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Chapter 261 The Turtle And A Fraud

"What?!", Adhara shouted in shock.

She doubted Edward just a moment ago, but right in front of her eyes, Edward blocked a direct attack from Fergus which she can't manage to do before.

It's simply an eye-opener as Edward stands fiercely under the cracking lightning.

Other slaves that are now already running to the corner away from the fight were also shocked, in their eyes, Edward who is a normal person surprisingly managed to block Fergus's attack.

Fergus looks down and saw Edward's same slight smile, "I-Impossible!"

Instead of clashing with Fergus' long sword or even dodging, Edward runs closer instead and blocked Fergus' arms which minimizes the impact he received.

Edward blocks Fergus' swinging arm with both hands,

Although it's a technique that minimizes the amount of force received, it's still powerful.

Without wasting a second, Fergus jumped back to create distance as his emotions are still being shaken by what he just saw.

"Fergus? Are you playing around?", Dito asked from the side.

He approached Fergus and pull his shoulder but soon stopped when he saw Fergus' expression, there are no trace of joking around in his face.

Just pure shock as he too can't believe what just happened.

After blocking Fergus' attack, Edward straightens his spine while flicking his hand.

"That really hurt, you're a quite strong big guy!", Edward said nonchalantly, and this makes Fergus and Dito cautious even further.

Fergus holds the hilt of his longsword with both hands as his expression turns serious.

Although he's not an Awakened from Ratmawati City, he lives his life fighting mutated animals and even fighting rogue Awakened.

Based on his experience, he can tell that Edward is radiating a terrifying combat ability.

Swoosh!

Edward takes off the ring on his fingers before his body started emitting black fire.

The fire is heatless and seems hollow from a glance, but Fergus didn't underestimate the fire as he also readies himself with a lightning aura.

Dito on the side saw this before he frowns in concern, "So they're using items to hide their aura"

"If that's the case, then doesn't that mean that guy is an Awakened too?", Dito mumbles in concern while looking at Rex who is sanding beside Adhara idly.

No aura can be felt from Rex, but somehow Dito's senses are telling otherwise.

It's like there's something about Rex that screamed danger, and his gut is telling him to run right now before it's too late.

"Let's go!"

SWOOSH!

Edward dashes towards Fergus as his body is enveloped with black fire.

Days after his element changes, Edward focuses on taming this new element of his and he somehow manages to do it.

It's not perfect control but it's enough,

While readying himself for Edward's attack, Fergus' eyes landed on Rex who is looking from the side before Rex's eyes suddenly flashes.

"What the...", Fergus mumbles as his long sword becomes heavier.

BAM!

Getting distracted by Rex, Edward manages to land a fiery roundhouse kick right on Fergus's chin making his brain trembles.

"Raarggh!", Fergus shouted as he slashed his long sword downwards.

BOOM!!

The ground cracked as powerful lightning shockwaves splashed to the surrounding, but Adhara blocks most of it from harming the slaves who are on her back.

Edward manages to dodge the attack but Fergus is not finished.

"Lightning Boost!"

BLITZ!

Snake-like lightning exploded from Fergus' body as his physical prowess increased,

After getting his power boosted by the spell he just used, Fergus smiles maniacally as he slashes horizontally but manages to be evaded by Edward.

But when Edward thought that it's his turn, Fergus kept spinning with his long sword.

"Lightning Bladestorm!"

BLITZ!

Fergus kept spinning until he turned into a bladestorm that sucked the surrounding, and the lightning also splashes to the surrounding chaotically trying to zap Edward.

"Oh no, Edward will get sucked into it!", Adhara shouted in concern.

The lightning bladestorm creates a pulling force that pulls Edward towards it, and it can be clearly seen that Edward started to get pulled to it slowly.

Looking at this, Dito smiles, "He can't dodge this one now"

But instead of trying to not get sucked, Edward readies himself instead to prepare for the clash.

His body started emitting an even more powerful black fire, the veins under his skin started to turn black because of the black fire as he chanted,

"Fire Titan Art, Unbreakable Body!"

BAM!!

Edward enters the lightning bladestorm, but Fergus's spinning momentum suddenly got stopped on its track.

"W-What?!", Fergus widened his eyes in shock.

In all of his years of being an Awakened, not once that someone in his realm manages to stop his lightning Bladestorm, not even close.

To think that someone below his realm manage to stop it just completely blew his mind.

Edward stopped Fergus's momentum by blocking Fergus's arms and stepping on his knee, this creates a powerful shockwave but Edward manages to stop him.

With a slight smirk on his face, Edward retracts his fist back.

Black Fire started to swirl around his fist as Edward retracts his fist back, and after black fire blaze on his hand powerfully, "Colossal Punch"

BAM!

The fist landed right on Fergus' chin again making his vision blurry as he stumbles around.

Edward's attack looks very effective as Fergus started to feel dizzy,

Adhara is watching this with eyes wide open, she still can't believe that Edward manage to fight a peak fifth rank Awakened and manage to come out on top.

His close combat ability is horrifyingly powerful,

"He's known for his defense for a reason, even I find it difficult to fight him if he decided to turtle against me", Rex said with a slight smile.

Adhara's mouth was opened creating an O shape as she still trying to grasp the situation.

While Rex is one of the strongest offensive close combat fighters, Edward is known as the best defensive fighter that gives him the nickname Turtle.

It's not easy for them to penetrate Edward's defense, much less an unknown Awakened.

BAM!

Edward punched Fergus's chin again making his body rock left and right, his eyes are already weak and his legs were about to give up as he will not stand for much longer.

Seeing this, Edward smiles brutally, "Let's end this"

He takes out his daggers as he gets into his battle stance, and with a glister of his eyes, "Fire Titan Art! Colossal Tear!!"

STAB!!

Edward dashes in front with his daggers in front of him turning into a black fire arrow,

A black fiery titan figure materializes as he chanted the spell, and like butter, the daggers pierced Fergus' chest cleanly creating a gaping hole on his chest.

"Uhaakgk!!", Fergus spat a mouthful of blood as his eyes turns lifeless.

Edward pulls his daggers from Fergus's chest before Fergus fall to the ground engulfed in black fire, his body slowly turns into black ash as the fire eats his corpse.

Silence covered the surroundings as Edward sheathed his daggers back.

Many still find it unbelievable that Edward manage to pull through as the victor, especially Adhara who thought that this is impossible.

After killing Fergus, Edward walks back to the others.

"See? Aim for their vital part, the chin works fine to stage a finishing blow", Edward said.

Adhara is still in a daze as she saw Edward walking back unharmed, only a few cuts around his body can be seen from that impossible fight.

Hearing this, Rex chuckles, "You haven't turned rusty because of getting sick, I'm surprised"

"What are you talking about, instincts can't turn rusty even if I'm in bed for years", Edward replied pridefully before he raise up his hand.

Rex frowns upon seeing this,

But this makes Edward's smile grow wider, "Come on, I deserve it"

"Huh, Fine", Rex replied before he too raised his hand up and give Edward a high five.

Clap!

After giving Edward his well deserved high five, He then said, "It's your turn now, don't worry if your fight won't be as spectacular as me"

"I don't think there will be another fight", Rex said while looking at Dito.

Dito is now trembling in fear as he saw his comrade fall once more, he didn't have the time to help Fergus because he's too shocked.

There should be no Awakened that can skip realms like Edward,

Even when he's still in Ratmawati City, his top ranker can only fight a small gap between them but Edward fight an opponent that is a realm more powerful.

"You! Buy me some time to escape!", Dito commanded while pointing at Yosef.

Hearing this, Yosef stumbles back in fright, "But Dito, they're too strong and that man that is walking over here hasn't shown his skill yet"

"I DON'T CARE!", Dito shouted as he grab Yosef before tossing him towards Rex.

While walking slowly towards them, Rex saw how Dito tossed Yosef as a shield before his body blitzed with lightning wanting to escape.

This scene portrait how Dito's personality really is, and it's disgusting.

After tossing Yosef towards Rex, Dito faced Kyran on his side before saying, "Sir, you must be strong too so can you help me beat them?"

"I will share 50% of the stones that I got to you as a reward", he added.

Hearing this, Kyran smirk mockingly, "But I'm not a lightning Elementalist, why would I want Lightning Stone?"

"You can sell it, I assure you that you will be rich", Dito proposed with a trembling smile.

But instead of thinking about the offer, Kyran's smirk turns devious.

Seeing this, Dito's anger swells from within as his face turns red in anger, "I accept you as our guest!! We honor you as a Dark Elementalist so WHY?!"

Lightning started to crack powerfully around Dito's body as he clenched his fist.

The rune that spread from his arms to his chest glows with lightning mana as he was about to burst in anger, but Ari stepped forward and gives him a glance that startled Dito greatly.

"I hope you don't try anything stupid", Ari said coldly.

Seeing this, Dito retracts back his aura as he realized that Ari is a sixth rank Awakened who he can't beat even if there are five more of him.

Kyran then said, "You don't understand, the lightning stones there are not yours anymore"

Dito frowns as he glances back to see Rex is looking at him coldly while walking slowly, it brought a chill to his body knowing that Rex is dangerous.

"And that man over there, you can say he's my leader. My Alpha", Kyran said with a smirk.

Hearing this, the soul on Dito's body shivers in fright.

Knowing that Rex is the leader of these Awakened here makes his heart jump, and seeing Ari's strength means that Rex can easily kill him.

"SHIT!"

SWOOSH!

Dito leaped away trying to flee from the scene,

But before he can get far, Rex suddenly appears beside him mid-air before he smacks him down.

BOOM!

Dito got slammed to the ground with a flick of Rex's hand, his internal organs shook as his body got smashed to the ground.

With quite a struggle, Dito stands up slowly.

He gritted his teeth before seeing Rex land right in front of him,

"Which university did you come from?", Rex asked coldly without a hint of expression on his face.

Dito looks around trying to find a way to escape to no avail, he's surrounded by Rex and the others like a sheep amidst a pack of wolves.

He then shouted, "Why do you care?!"

Rex looks at him coldly without minding Dito's answer, and his cold look is very piercing.

Under Rex's look, Dito's mouth trembles as he struggles to answer.

Looking at this, Rex frown as his expression darkened, "You... You're not from Ratmawati City, are you?", Rex asks slowly.

After getting caught lying, Dito gritted his teeth in anger.

"I'M NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT!"

BLITZ!!

Lightning mana exploded from Dito's body as a white steaming hue surrounded his body, it's the same as the white hue on Delta.

"RAARGHH!!", Dito roared as he dashed towards Rex.

All of his energy concentrated on his fist, his muscles contracted alongside his veins before he punched Rex with all his might.

BAM!!

A powerful lightning shockwave exploded from their collision as the wind push everyone on the surrounding back, from what it seems, Dito is certainly stronger than Fergus.

But it's too bad that he meets Rex,

Rex stands straight like an arrow as he catches the fist with his hand.

He caught Dito's punch without even struggling as if he's catching a baby's punch, there is a yellow steaming hue coming out of Rex's hand that suppressed Dito's white hue.

Upon seeing this, Dito's face drains from all colors, "Y-Yellow Force..."

"Comprehending white force shows your dedication, you might even be praised if you manage to get into Ratmawati City", Rex praised.

BLITZ!!

Rex's body suddenly burst with black lightning that suppressed Dito's element heavily.

"G-Great Element too?!", Dito mumbles as he saw the black lightning easily fend off the attack of his lightning and even dissipate his lightning entirely.

But then, Rex's expression turns savage, "But too bad aside from your physical strength, your Awakened power comes from stomping on civilians, and disgracing Ratmawati City's name. Your punishment will be death!"

Hearing this, Dito's body weakened as Rex's eyes flashes red.

Rex's bearing becomes as big as a huge monster draining him from his powers.

"I-I'm S-Sor-", Dito tries to plead.

But Rex didn't have the courtesy to let him beg for mercy, his fist glowed with a steaming yellow hue as he punched Dito's face.

BAM!

The punch destroyed Dito's head like a watermelon as a notification appeared,

<Killed Lountain City Awakened 2/3>

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<Killed Lountain City Awakened 2/3>

The notification from the system rang in front of Rex's vision as he killed Dito with a punch.

From the start, Rex is not worried because he knows these Awakened that rules over Lountain City are not a problem for him.

They even manage to teach Adhara about anger control and close combat ability.

Based on Edward's display of terrifying close combat ability, Adhara certainly realized the importance of close combat ability in a fight.

Many of the high-rank Supernatural are experts at close combat ability.

Their body are humanoid so fighting high-rank Supernatural is almost the same as fighting Awakened, but of course, there are some differences such as their natural stronger body or even their superior senses.

Rex read the system notification before he frowns,

'Wait, Didn't we already kill 3 of them? Why is it still 2?', Rex thought in confusion.

He then looks at Fergus' corpse before his eyes widen in realization, 'Edward's kill doesn't count?! I totally forgot about that', Rex thought.

Since Edward is not his pack member, the system didn't count his kill.

After sighing for his carelessness, Rex glance at the last Awakened, Yosef.

Yosef is currently on the ground as his legs gave out,

Rex's display of power brought him on his butt as he saw how Rex killed Dito, the strongest Awakened here like killing a nobody.

If Dito is no match for Rex, what can a measly early fourth rank like him can do.

Yosef's body started to sweat as he saw Rex walking closer to him, there is no expression on Rex's face just his neutral cold, and scary look.

Rex stopped in front of Yosef as his eyes looks down on him,

"Are you also going to fight me?", Rex asks coldly as his hand dripped with fresh blood.

The scene of three corpses behind him that are soaked by the rain already creates pools of blood that make Yosef's teeth start to shiver, but it's not from the cold, but from fear instead.

Yosef wanted to say something but his breathing becomes stagnant as he gasp for air.

It seems that the pressure coming from Rex and the others are too much,

Rex stretches out his hand towards Yosef making Yosef close his eyes in fright, but then, Rex tapped his shoulder and said, "Don't worry, I'm not going to kill you"

Hearing this, Yosef opened his eyes in confusion, "Eh?"

Without explaining to Yosef, Rex stands up before Kyran approached him from the back.

"Should we kill him too?", he asks with a devious smile.

This makes Yosef startled as Kyran looks at him disturbingly as if he was about to eat him whole, this scares him again.

Rex saw Kyran's weird evil smile and shakes his head, "No, we're not going to kill him"

After saying that, Rex called for Edward.

"Go down to the village and tell them to return to the city, the deed is done and they can go live here again", Rex instructed before Edward dashes away without answering.

Right after Edward left, Adhara stopped beside Rex while looking at Edward leaving.

"How was the show? Do you learn anything from them?", Rex asks.

Adhara sigh lightly before she replied, "I got angry when I fight that's my first mistake, by looking at Edward's fight I learn that I'm still lacking in my close combat ability"

"As for your fight, I got absolutely nothing from it", Adhara added with a slight chuckle.

The fight between Rex and Dito is not much of a contest of skill, but rather, an overwhelming defeat of Dito that can't do anything against Rex.

Rex also chuckles lightly because he too knows that he didn't do anything fancy.

After they both have their laughs, silence covered both of them as the sound of the rains fills their background subtly.

"You really need to make him one of your pack", Adhara suddenly said.

Her words break the silence as Rex looks at her in surprise, his expression then turns into a frown before he shakes his head, "I just can't bring myself to tell him"

"Come on, Edward will certainly understand, and also he will be a huge addition to the pack", Adhara rebutted harshly.

But Rex is still not convinced, "I'll think about it", Rex finally said.

Adhara looks at him weirdly, her expression changes for a moment before she turns her face away looking in the direction where Edward disappeared to.

Not long after that, the villagers came with Edward leading them.

Lountain City that has just been saved from slavery rejoices as some of them reunited with their abandoned parents, the city becomes whole again.

Even the guards are happy about these changes, it seems they're forced by the Awakened before.

While looking at the celebrating people from the side, Rex and the others smile lightly knowing that they did the right thing.

'Is this what happened to many cities outside of Ratmawati City?', Rex thought with a frown.



From the two meetings, he had with other Awakened in cities outside of Ratmawati City, Rex found both meetings are displeasing.

The first one Rex met is the group of mad Awakened.

Instead of fighting for the city from the Orcs siege, the Awakened drains the city resources instead feeling that their situation is hopeless and it's better to enjoy their last moments.

Rex killed them all without mercy, and he didn't regret it.

Now the second one was worst,

In pursuit of power, these Awakened in Lountain City rule over the city like a tyrant and use the people to mine the caves filled with Lightning Stones.

They didn't care about the weak ones and tossed them out of the city.

Even the orphans that should be looked after got tossed aside without any sympathy.

'Is this how an Awakened act without the supervision of UWO or the FAA?', Rex thought as his expression darkened.

Because of this, he had a change of view regarding the Awakened.

While he's thinking, a voice suddenly called out to him, "You really manage to do it..."

Rex glance to his front and saw the village head,

The woman is looking at him with teary eyes as she can't believe Rex manage to do it, it's like a dream come true for her.

"I told you, they're not gods", Rex replied with a slight smile.

But then suddenly, the woman ran in Rex's direction and gives him a big hug.

This caught Rex off guard as his eyes widen in surprise, he hugs the woman lightly before feeling a glare from the side coming from Adhara.

It makes Rex smile wryly before he pushes the woman lightly.

"I-I'm sorry", the woman said with a slight blush while fidgeting with her fingers.

Rex looks at her before he said awkwardly, "It's nothing, you're simply excited that's all"

After Rex said that, Adhara approached him from the side before she pinched Rex's side hard with a grumpy expression.

But Rex only glance at her with a smirk, "You know that won't hurt me right?"

Swoosh!

"Alright, alright I get it!", Rex wail in pain as Adhara imbued her purple fire to her pinch that burns Rex's side.

Looking at this, the woman averted her gaze shyly.

But then, Rex suddenly remembers something, "You! Come here!", Rex points at Yosef before signaling for him to come here.

"Y-Yes?", Yosef approached and said fearfully.

After Yosef arrive beside him, Rex glance at the woman and said, "You will have to become the city's major and regulate the city"

"What?!", the woman asks in shock.

With the Awakened deaths, the city has to pick someone to become their leader.

Rex didn't want Yosef to govern the city because he just stood there and let Dito and the others do their crime, so he thinks that the woman is suitable for the position.

"Think about it, nobody cares for the city and its people more than you", Rex said.

Hearing this, the woman frowns as she thinks about the proposal.

Seeing that the woman is still hesitant, Rex then added, "With me saving the city, I can back your claim and no one will complain you stepping as the mayor of the city"

After a brief moment, the woman finally nodded her head.

"Yosef will be the head of the city guard and also your guard", Rex said with an authoritative tone that doesn't want to be rebuked.

But upon hearing this, Yosef said meekly, "B-But why?"

"Why you say? This woman beside you is the reason I spare your lives", Rex said harshly.

With him not killing Yosef, Rex is also abandoning the quests.

This makes Rex quite in a bad mood but he already agreed to the woman, and backing out from his word makes him feel bad about himself.

Hearing this, Yosef widen her eyes before his eyes landed on the woman who is avoiding his surprised gaze.

But while they're talking, a sweet little voice suddenly called out.

"Mister!", a little girl ran towards Rex while still holding the same teddy bear and the pouch that he gave her before.

Rex went to his knee as the little girl approaches,

"Mister, Is this all you?", the little girl asks while pointing at the surrounding people that are still celebrating with happiness.

Hearing this, Rex smiles, "Of course, Aren't I cool?"

"Mister is super cool!", the little girl said while giving Rex two thumbs up.

Looking at this, Rex's expression turns tender as he caressed the little girl's head, "Now you can live in the city again, nobody's going to hurt you"

The little girl nodded her head sweetly,

But then suddenly, "Mister, What is that?", the little girl points at a small object on the ground.

Rex look at the round object before he realized that it's one of Dito's eyes, he quickly stands up and kick the eye away.

"Nothing", Rex said with a wry smile.

After briefly playing with the little girl, Rex stands up once more as the little girl runs back to a group of little kids that are waiting for her.

Before he speaks with the woman again, Rex can feel Adhara looking at him from the side.

"You're surprisingly kind to kids, I'm surprised!", Adhara said teasingly.

But Adhara can't hide the tender gaze he gave Rex upon seeing Rex play with the little girl, the scene shows her a different side of Rex.

Rex looks at the running little girl before he mumbles, "They remind me of myself"

"What did you just say?", Adhara asks in confusion as she didn't quite hear what Rex said.

Without answering Adhara, Rex's attention went back to the woman again before he said, "Make sure to take care of the orphans too, they're still just a kid"

The woman nodded her head with a smile.

"And also, Yosef!", Rex called out before his eyes landed on Yosef.

Hearing his name is called, Yosef's body jolted, "Yes sir!"

"I have a favor to ask from you", Rex said as he points with his eyes at the little girl that he just talked to before who is playing with the other kids right now.

Both the woman and Yosef can hear what Rex said as their eyes widen.

Meanwhile,

While Rex is talking with the woman and Yosef, Edward approach Kyran who is standing beside Ari waiting for Rex to finish addressing the matters.

"Kyran!", Edward called attracting both of their attention.

Edward approached them before he too stands beside them, "How did you get inside the city without them attacking you?"

"I showed them that I'm a Dark Elementalist, and there's also Ari", Kyran replied.

Hearing this, Edward nodded his head.

But then, Edward suddenly asks, "Oh yeah, I heard that there's an assassin that manage to infiltrate Rex's room. What happened to that assassin?"

"I killed her of course", Kyran replied nonchalantly.

Edward frowns upon hearing Kyran's nonchalant behavior, but his eyes soon landed on Ari.

"Didn't you are tasked to guard the room? Where were you when this assassin infiltrate Rex's room?", Edward asks Ari with an innocent look.

Ari frowns for a brief moment before he replied, "It seems the assassin use a concealing item"

"Oh really? That must be it", Edward said with a smile.

He then looks to the front where Rex and Adhara are talking with the woman and Yosef, but Edward then mumbles, "It's just weird for an assassin to infiltrate Rex's room easily with you guarding it, it's as if you let the assassin through"

Edward's mumbles are loud enough for Ari to hear, and it seems intended.

"Isn't it weird Kyran?", Edward asks with a hint of sarcasm in his tone.

Upon hearing what Edward said, Kyran also frowns.

Although they didn't exchange words after that, Edward can feel a slight tension in the air that came from Ari.

## Chapter 263 Not The Strongest

Rex and the others are currently standing behind the woman and Yosef.

They're currently in the middle of the city with the citizen of Lountain City surrounding them in a circle as the woman gave her speech,

"The nightmare that we have suffered has come to an end"

"We have now united once again without any discrimination of any kind, our city has been blessed by the help of the angels from Ratmawati City-"

Her speech riled up the crowd as she also didn't forget to thank Rex and the others.

Without their help, Lountain City will be still under the rule of the tyrant that is hungry for power until each one of them died.

After the woman gave out her speech, she suddenly turns in Rex's direction.

Even the citizens surrounding him are looking at him with a weird expression, until suddenly, "The citizens of Lountain City have agreed to give you the mined Lightning Stones as our gratitude for helping us freed ourselves from the evil Awakened"

Rex didn't expect the city to give him the lightning stones.

All Rex wanted are for the evil Awakened to be punished severely, he didn't once think about taking the lightning stones.

"You don't have to, the Lightning Stones can be traded for the city's improvement", Rex replied.

Rex already scans the Lightning Stones and finds out that the Lightning Stones are mid-grade, and some of them are high-grade which is valuable.

If Lountain City sells it to other cities, they might even be able to improve the city drastically.

With many mutated animals around this place, Yosef can't fend them off alone and equipments are necessary for the city.

There are more urgent things than giving them to Rex.

Hearing this, the woman smiles lightly before three men came forward from the crowd of people bringing three huge wagons full of Lightning Stones.

"We insist", the woman said,

Then she continues upon seeing Rex's hesitant expression, "The cave is deep, even after years of digging we only manage to take 20% of the cave's content. Mutated animals rarely came this high, So you don't need to worry about us"

Under the woman's assurance, Rex finally accepts the offer.

After Rex received the gift from the city, the event ended as Rex and the others prepared to leave the city at once.

"Can't we just rest for a day here?", Adhara asks tiredly.

Their road here is very tiring especially after they got attacked and chased by Vashag, then she also fights the Awakened and she felt tired.

But knowing her capabilities as a Werewolf, Rex shakes his head.

"We need to move to the next location as soon as possible", Rex replied calmly.

Hearing this, Adhara sighs as she knows that she will not be able to convince Rex to stay here for long with that kind of expression.

Rex glance at Edward before he said, "Did the villagers find the Banyan Tree?"

"They found two of them around the foot of the mountain, What do you want me to do?", Edward explained, before picking up the villagers, the woman told Edward about their findings.

After thinking for a moment, Rex then said, "This is a Little Ambrosia Cloud"

He takes the Little Ambrosia Cloud from his inventory and gives it to Edward, he then continues, "Go to the Banyan Tree and get another Little Ambrosia Cloud using this and merge them. You simply just need to put both Little Ambrosia Cloud close"

Rex gives Edward an elixir before he takes out the Grisly Mist Bear's Heart,

"After merging the Little Ambrosia Cloud, take it and this heart to Evelyn", Rex instructed.

Hearing this, "Evelyn? Which Evelyn?", Edward asks in confusion.

"Evelyn Luc of course, I make a deal with her. She asks for these items in exchange", Rex replied nonchalantly, but his conversation pulls Adhara's attention to them.

But before Edward was about to leave, Rex stopped him.

"Oh yeah, tell her to prepare because once I get back I will go straight to her room", Rex added.

Upon hearing this, Adhara widened her eyes in shock before she suddenly pulls Rex's shoulder and glare at him, "What do you mean by prepare? and since when did going to her room normal?"

"I mean prepare the information that I asked", Rex replied with a wry smile.

From her angry expression, it's clear that Adhara misunderstands what he just said.

And when Rex thinks about it, the sentence that he said is indeed misleading but he didn't intend to say it like that.

Adhara squints her eyes, "Did you make a deal in her room too?"

"Uh... Yes?", Rex replied hesitantly, but upon seeing Adhara was about to burst in anger, Rex hurriedly added, "Nothing happened, there are her guards in front of the room"

"You're saying that if her guards are not there then something would happen?", Adhara asks sharply making Rex gulp harshly.

Looking at Adhara interrogating Rex makes Edward laugh.

"Stop your quarreling love birds, Rex probably didn't do anything because he didn't have the balls to do anything", Edward joked.

Hearing this, "What did you say?!", Rex asks angrily but Edward manages to slip past him.

But before Edward left, he suddenly stopped and said, "Oh yeah, It'll be better if someone can accompany me back"

"Ari can accompany me back", Edward added while giving a glance at Ari.

Rex was confused, but since Edward asks for a company then he will let him, "Fine. Ari, you go back to the university with Edward"

Ari nodded his head before he glance at Edward.

Both of Edward and Ari's eyes met for a moment as they stare at each other intensely.

After giving Ari a slight smirk, Edward dashes away before Ari follows him from the back as both of them disappeared inside the mist.

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Scarlet Banes Kingdom, Werewolf Territory.

A menacing Werewolf walks along the castle hall with heavy steps, the Werewolf wears armor that covered his entire body but he didn't wear a helmet exposing his face.

The black furs match the full black armor with a tint of gold on the armor's edges.

Aside from the fancy-looking armor that the Werewolf wears, the red cape on his back that falls down to the floor differentiates him from other Werewolves wearing armor along the hall.

The Werewolf walks slowly until he arrived in front of a huge door.

With his big muscular thick hand, the Werewolf pushes the door open before he strides in.

Inside the room stands a hooded Werewolf wearing a red robe,

This Werewolf is shorter than the average Werewolf, and the way this hooded Werewolf stands is hunchback signifying that this Werewolf is quite old.

In front of the hooded Werewolf lies a black pot that looks regular from a glance.

If Rex was here, he will instantly feel the moonlight energy gathering towards the hooded Werewolf as he sits in a meditative position with his eyes shut closed.

"Hallac...", The armored Werewolf called lightly with his gruff voice.

But the hooded Werewolf didn't respond as the armored Werewolf approaches closer, "Hallac, the King is asking for the progress"

Even after the second time, the hooded Werewolf didn't answer.

The armored Werewolf frown, he stretches out his hand wanting to snap the hooded Werewolf out of his meditation but then,

Swoosh...

A subtle air infiltrates the room from the opened windows.

Moonlight energy suddenly swirls around the hooded Werewolf as his head snaps left and right, "Origin... Yes... Guide this lost one..."

The armored Werewolf steps back as he saw this phenomenon.

And when he heard the hooded Werewolf mention the origin, the armored Werewolf goes onto his knees fearing that he might upset the origin by disturbing this phenomenon.

"I see... I see...", the hooded Werewolf mumbled.

This phenomenon went on for a couple of minutes before the hooded Werewolf opened his eyes suddenly as he gasp for air.

Looking at this, the armored Werewolf approached him hurriedly.

"What happened? What did you see?", the armored Werewolf asks curiously.

Hearing this, the hooded Werewolf glance at the armored Werewolf before his eyes spark, "The Origin, he just showed me the way..."

While saying this, the hooded Werewolf's hand stretches towards the black pot in front of him.

He mumbles unclear words, only the word Origin can be heard clearly amongst his mumble as the black pot in front of him suddenly glows red.

It was clear that the hooded Werewolf is enlightened by the so-called Origin.

"\*#@\*#@\*#@\*#@\*", the hooded Werewolf started chanting unknown words as the moonlight energy that swirls around him gathers to the black pot.

Swoosh!

The black pot insides are starting to get filled with moonlight energy.

Whilst this is all happening, the armored Werewolf steps back as he saw this unknown phenomenon happening in front of him.

ROAR!!

A powerful roar resounded inside the room as a dark red figure materializes above the pot.

Looking at this, both the armored and the hooded Werewolves went to their knees as they marvels at the scene in front of them.

"It's...It's the Origin! We are blessed to see your figure", the hooded Werewolf shouted in joy.

After the dark red figure materializes into a Werewolf figure, the figure then glances down at the hooded Werewolf as the moonlight energy becomes chaotic inside the pot.

Crack!

The black pot started cracking under the pressure,

Upon seeing this, the hooded Werewolf panicked, "We need to contain the energy!"

But then, the hooded Werewolf saw a shiny necklace on the armored Werewolf's neck before he strides towards the kneeling armored Werewolf and grabbed the necklace harshly.

"Hallac! What are you doing!", the armored Werewolf shouted.

After getting the shiny necklace, the hooded Werewolf throws the necklace into the black pot before he started chanting aggressively, "@#&@#!&@"

It goes on for minutes until suddenly,

ROARR!

Another loud roar resounded as the dark red figure and the moonlight energy went straight into the pendant of the necklace.

Swoosh!!

All of the chaotic dark red energy went into the necklace until suddenly,

BOOM!!

The black pot alongside the energy and the necklace exploded powerfully sending the hooded and the armored Werewolf crashing into the wall.

Pieces of the wall fall to the ground as they crashed to wall.

After both of them recovered from the explosion, what lies in front of them makes their movement stop as their eyes marvels at the scene.

In front of them is a floating necklace with a glowing pendant on it.

From the energy the necklace emitted, both of them can feel the same energy as the dark red figure that appeared before.

"Incredible...", the hooded Werewolf said as he inched towards the necklace.

He then stretches out both of his trembling hands to take the floating necklace,

This necklace was created by a remnant of what they called the Origin, and thus they feel low under its presence as the necklace gives off a divine presence.

Upon touching the necklace, the hooded Werewolf's body jolted.

But when he wanted to inspect it, the sound of footsteps approaching the room can be heard.

Not long after the footsteps, a group of Werewolves came inside the room hurriedly lead by a powerful Werewolf that emits a kingly aura.

King Baralt came inside the room and look at the surrounding.



His eyes then landed on the armored Werewolf before the armored Werewolf kneel on the ground and greeted, "My King..."

"What happened here Ruston?", King Baralt asks.

Ruston stands back up before he replied, "The Origin has blessed us my King"

He then points at the necklace that Hallac is holding that gives off a divine presence, it almost makes even King Baralt tremble in his feet but the red light already dimmed.

"My King...", Hallac greeted as he brought the necklace to King Baralt.

Looking at the necklace, King Baralt then asks, "What is this Hallac? What does Ruston mean by the Origin has blessed us?"

"The Origin gave me a vision, and with this, we can do the forbidden Ritual", Hallac replied.

Hearing this, King Baralt takes the glowing red necklace from Hallac's hands before he inspects the necklace, "How can we do the forbidden ritual?"

"Before we do the forbidden ritual, we need to activate this necklace first", Hallac said.

King Baralt glance at Hallac in a questioning look before Hallac then continues, "The sacred necklace can only be activated by the strongest Werewolf, and there is none other Werewolves that are more powerful and purer than you, my King..."

King Baralt smiles viciously as he looks at the necklace in awe,

After hearing what Hallac said, King Baralt puffed out his chest before he instantly bites his left hand as blood burst out.

He then instantly grabs the necklace's pendant with his left hand.

Blood covered the whole pendant as King Baralt closes his eyes.

The divine blessing from the Origin, he wanted to feel it in his hand expecting the necklace will slowly be activated with his blood.

But even after a minute passed, nothing happened.

King Baralt opens his eyes in confusion before he looks at the necklace soaked in his blood.

Seeing that the necklace hasn't been activated yet, King Baralt looks at Hallac in confusion making Hallac's body jolt.

"What is the meaning of this Hallac?", King Baralt asks in anger.

Hallac was at a loss for words because he doesn't know what happened, "I-It's supposed to work, the Origin himself gave me the vision"

Hearing this, King Baralt grabbed Hallac's neck and slammed him to the wall.

**BAM!!**

"What is the meaning of this?!", King Baralt shouted in anger as a blue moon mark appeared on his forehead that makes his aura even more pressuring.

Under King Baralt's heavy aura, Hallac then struggles to say, "I-It's n-not you"

"What?!", King Baralt asks again fiercely.

Ruston then steps forward before he said, "The Origin didn't lie, then this only mean that you my King is not the strongest"

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"RAARGH!!"

BAM!

King Baralt throws Hallac's body crashing to the wall in anger, the blue energy that is coming out of his body started to make the air vibrates as he glares at Hallac furiously.

"It's not possible!", King Baralt growl as he strides heavily toward the coughing Hallac.

Seeing that the King is angry, Ruston steps back with a darkened face as King Baralt stopped in front of Hallac and grabs him by the throat once more.

King Baralt lifts Hallac off of the ground as he glares angrily at Hallac ready with his claws.

Hallac struggles to breathe as his throat got choked by King Baralt.

His old frail body doesn't look strong anymore, it's a miracle he can take on such beatings.

"I am the only Werewolf that is accepted by one of the full moons! I am blessed by the Origin, and you're telling me that I'm not the strongest?!", King Baralt growls as the blue moon energy choked Hallac.

With a huge struggle, Hallac replied chokingly, "I- I also didn't think this was possible"

Hearing this, King Baralt slammed Hallac to the ground roughly.

BAM!

The ground cracked under King Baralt's might, but when King Baralt wanted to step on Hallac ruthlessly a moonlight barrier appeared and block his stomp.

Looking at this, King Baralt becomes even angrier.

By clenching his fingers together, King Baralt stabs the moonlight barrier with his claws and instantly shatters it into a million pieces.

After breaking the moonlight barrier, King Baralt then stomps Hallac's chest.

BAM!

Crack!

"Rrghh!", Hallac grunted lightly in pain.

The ground beneath Hallac cracked as King Baralt steps on him condescendingly.

But even with the pain in his chest, Hallac stares blankly at the necklace in King Baralt's hand without any obvious expression.

"LOOK AT ME!!", King Baralt roared heavily.

While feeling his chest pressured to the ground heavily, Hallac raises his gaze to King Baralt's face before King Baralt continues, "This is the Mark of Kings!", King Baralt points at the blue mark on his forehead.

"This means I AM THE STRONGEST!! I am the King, and I am the strongest!", King Baralt roared again while putting more power into his stomp.

With a slight scoff, King Baralt then said, "This must be a trick! What magic do you use?!"

But before King Baralt can get any further,

"My King... You have to calm down", Ruston suddenly called from the back.

Hearing this, King Baralt glances at Ruston fiercely making Ruston lower his gaze before King Baralt scoffs, "No Werewolves is stronger than me"

"Bring Hallac to the torture chamber", King Baralt ordered ruthlessly.

Ruston widened his eyes in shock upon hearing this, the other Werewolf guards stridden forward before taking Hallac who is hurt by what King Baralt did.

He then said hurriedly, "My King, Hallac is one of the few Enchanter left"

"It will be bad if you tortured or even manage to cripple him, his power is needed in the war", Ruston added trying to convince King Baralt to not torture Hallac.

But King Baralt is already engulfed with anger, "I don't care", he said coldly.

Right before Hallac got brought out of the room, He glance at King Baralt before he said, "The Origin never lies..."

Hearing this, King Baralt waves his hand angrily.

The Werewolves' guards take Hallac away to the torture chamber under Ruston's gaze.

After Hallac has been taken away, Ruston glance back at King Baralt who is looking at the necklace in his hand with clear anger.

"Bring me the other Enchanter to the throne room right now!", King Baralt commanded.

He then clenched the necklace in his hand before walking past Ruston,

Ruston kneels on the ground as King Baralt left with still the clear anger in his expression, "I will immediately call the other Enchanter my King", Ruston said politely.

After King Baralt's footsteps went further away, Ruston stands up.

He glances at the broken black pot remembering the powerful dark figure that appeared, and deep down he believes that the Origin was present here in this room.

It was such a miraculous event, and he is blessed to be present in front of the Origin.

The door room is opened wide as Ruston stands inside the room in awe,

A moment passed, and Ruston suddenly glance at the door with a darkened look before he mumbles, "This is ridiculous, the King is weak"

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Meanwhile in Lountain City,

'Around 2,000 Mid-Grade Lightning Stones, and 600ish High-Grade Lightning Stones', Rex thought after he counted the content of the three huge wagons.

After checking the content, Rex then falls into thoughts on how he will bring this all with him.

But then, "Just use your item already", Adhara suddenly said.

Hearing this, Rex frowns as he glances at Adhara in confusion, "What do you mean my items? I don't get it"

"You expect me to not notice?", Adhara replied with a chuckle.

She then continues, "I know that you have an item to somehow transport or even store other items. After being with you for so long, I just can't help to notice it"

Rex was quite surprised upon hearing this, 'Is the system's inventory too obvious?'

With a slight smile, Rex touched the three huge wagons one at a time before the three of them vanished from thin air and got put into Rex's inventory.

After doing that, Kyran and Adhara look at him.

"So? Where are we going to now?", Adhara asks as she pats Delta's head.

Before answering Adhara's question, Rex glanced at Kyran before he remembered something, "Is the maid still inside your room?", Rex asks.

"No, she slipped past and killed herself", Kyran replied with a sigh.

Hearing this, Rex frowns before he asks again, "Did you manage to extract information from her?"

Upon hearing what Rex asks, Kyran's expression changes.

His eyes then briefly glance at Adhara signaling to Rex something.

Rex frowns before he understands what Kyran is trying to signal to him, "Adhara, Can you ask the mayor if she knew about a way to Wedron City"

"It's our destination and it's quite far if we only rely on Delta", Rex added.

Adhara nodded her head, "Okay, Wait for a moment", she replied before leaving Rex and Kyran alone oblivious to Kyran's signal.

After Adhara left, Rex glanced at Kyran with a questioning look.

"What did you find? Why can't Adhara hear this too?", Rex asks, no matter how serious the matter is, he just can't get why Adhara can't hear what Kyran was about to say.

Kyran glanced at where Adhara left before he sigh.

He then said, "I found out that the maid is from the Atkins Family"

Hearing this, Rex frowns, "So my gut is right, the situation hasn't calmed down yet and the Atkins is still trying to probe me"

"That's not the point", Kyran intervenes.

Rex looks at Kyran in confusion before Kyran explains, "While I was torturing her, I asked her what is her purpose in infiltrating your room. Her answer is why Adhara can't hear this"

After a brief silence as Rex listens to Kyran's explanation.

"The maid wanted to tell Adhara that you and Rosie had sex in the train, and the reason Rosie managed to get into Faraday University is that you feel some type of way for her", Kyran added making Rex's eyes widen the further Kyran explained.

This caught Rex off guard because he didn't expect them to know, 'I didn't have sex though'

He looked at Kyran in shock trying to see if Kyran is lying through his expression.

But Kyran nodded his head confirming that he was not lying, the maid really told him about that and this also shocked Kyran at first.

'So that's why she's trying to get inside my room', Rex thought in realization.

The first time that he met with the maid was when he got back to his room in the middle of the night, and there he caught the maid trying to get inside his room where Adhara is in.

With Clarice there, she manages to escape Rex's interrogation.

'If I hadn't come at that exact time, then Adhara would know about my mistake', Rex thought.

Now that he thinks about it calmly trying to not panic, Kyran wouldn't be lying because how would he know if he's not even on the train with him.

'There are many people on that train, they must've known it from them. Damn Violet Moon!', Rex cursed inside his head regretting what he did that night.

But even if he can turn back time, he didn't know if he can reject Rosie.

The effect of the Violet Moon is too strong for him to handle, especially since he never had any sexual relationship with anyone except for a couple of kisses with Adhara.

"Don't tell Adhara about this yet", Rex said to Kyran.

Kyran nodded his head in understanding,

Although Rex and Adhara's relationship is vague as they hardly talk about it.

Sleeping in the same bed together and Adhara's behavior towards Rex shows that they both have something going on between them, and Kyran knows it.

But then suddenly, "Don't tell me what?", a voice suddenly creeps from their backs.

Kyran's body jolted as he looks at Adhara who appeared behind them, their minds are in another place and they were caught off guard by her appearance.

While Rex on the other hand tries to act normal,

He didn't get surprised by Adhara even though he is surprised deep down as he turns his body slowly towards her.

"Nothing", Kyran replied hurriedly.

Adhara looks at him suspiciously before Rex brainstorms for an excuse.

He then added with a smile, "Kyran here just thought that your fight before is amazing, and he got some insight from your fight but he is shy to tell you about it"

Hearing this, Adhara smiles before she pinched Kyran's cheek.

"Really? You don't need to be shy about it", Adhara said while chuckling lightly.

While Adhara is teasing Kyran for a brief moment, Rex looks at Adhara with a slight hint of guilt, 'Should I just get rid of Rosie?', Rex thought before he shakes his head.

Rex shrugged his thoughts off before he said, "So? What did the mayor say?"

"She said that we can go in this direction until we arrived at Slila City, a second-level city that has a transport train that can take us to Wedron City", Adhara explains as she points at a map.

Rex looks at the map before he nods his head, "Okay, then let's get going"

The three of them jumped on Delta's back as Delta stretches her limbs,

After Rex pat Delta's back a couple of times, Delta howls loudly attracting Lountain City's citizens' attention before she gallops away leaving the city.

The citizens wave goodbye as Rex and the others also waves their hands.

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Somewhere outside of Ratmawati City,

There is a city bustling with people wearing fancy clothes, not one of them wears ordinary clothes making the place look golden and fancy.

Many buildings around this city are connected to each other,

People from all walks of life, young to old walks around the city happily as the city offers many entertainments from shopping malls, arcades, to cinema.

It's a typical metropolitan city, and by the looks of it, the city is probably a level two city.

There is a bus train that can take them to all corners of the city.

Orange street lamps light the city bright, the street is full of vehicles, and even if it's already night the city is still bustling with people.

Around the left-most corner of the city, there is a UWO branch office.

Because the UWO is an international scale organization that spans throughout the Elpida Alliance, all of the city's existence that is acknowledged by the UWO has a branch office.

This city has one branch office which means this city is acknowledged and developed.

The UWO branch office in this city spans 10 acres on the left-most corner of the city, it's so big and heavily guarded by FAA officers.

All of them are Awakened, and this should not be the case for the city's caliber.

Usually, groups of Awakened guard a UWO branch office in a level two city like this, and it will increase the more developed the city.

But this city should only have a group of Awakened.

Countless FAA officers guard the outside and the inside of the UWO branch office.

Hard steeled fences surround the entire land of the UWO branch office, and the fences are imbued with runes to enhance them even more.

It's basically a fortress at this point, not the usual UWO branch office.

Because of the isolated place,

People of the city rarely walk in front of this UWO branch office making the entrance of the branch office isolated.

There is a rectangle-shaped huge building beside the UWO branch office.

The FAA officers are guarding this building too, and eight of them who are guarding the entrance went alert when they suddenly saw a figure on the end of the vision standing outside the fences.

It came out of nowhere, and the darkness help the figure shroud its body.

"What is that?", one of the FAA officers asked.

The figure is like a shadow covered by the darkness of the night, the FAA officers can't see the figure clearly.

One of them walks closer to the figure and was shocked upon seeing the figure closer.

The figure is a hooded skulled creature that emits a bad omen that makes the FAA officers feel uneasy, it's like the embodiment of an evil being standing inf front of them.

All of them ready their element as one FAA officer rings the alarm.

The alarm sounded heavily as many FAA officers outside surrounded the creature.

Even with the alarm sounding and the countless FAA officers surrounding the hooded figure, the figure didn't move from its spot.

The figure glance at the rectangle-shaped building as the building emits faint demonic energy.

Vroom!!

A couple of military vehicles parked ready with their newest weapons are aimed at the hooded figure, but the figure's hollow eyes stare straight at the rectangle-shaped building.

Not long after the FAA officers surrounded the figure,

BOOM!

A man landed near the figure that has red lightning hovering around his body.

The man is Sebrof who sensed some weird energy near the branch office, and he instantly went outside to check it out.

Looking at the skulled figure, Sebrof frowns.

"That creature's aura is not that of a Supernatural", Sebrof mumbles.

The hooded figure then slowly points at the square-shaped building before one of the FAA officers shouted instantly, "FIRE!!"

TATATATATA!!

BOOM!

Hundreds of rounds of bullets shot toward the hooded figure.

But each of the bullets that hit the hooded figure got engulfed by a weird aura, none of the bullets manage to hit the hooded figure.

"Stop!", Sebrof shouted halting the rounds of bullets.

After Sebrof stopped the FAA officers from wasting more bullets, the figure stares at Sebrof.

The hooded figure points at the square-shaped building as its hollow eyes fixated on Sebrof, with a slight crackling sound the hooded figure then said, "The Witch asks for Frokoa"

"Fulfill the Witch's demand, innocent one", the hooded figure added with its astral voice.

Hearing this, Sebrof frowns, "Frokoa? What do you mean by that?", he asks back in confusion.

The bad omen coming out of the hooded figure makes Sebrof cautious, it's clear that whatever this thing is, it's not from humanity's or Supernatural's side.

Without answering Sebrof's question, the hooded figure slowly turns into black smoke.

It came and go like a ghost, it dissipated under Sebrof's gaze.

"What the heck is that thing", Sebrof mumbles after the hooded figure disappears.

Chapter 265 Pack Inspection Feature

Rex and the others ride Delta as they follow the road path that circles the mountain,

The place hasn't stopped raining heavily from the moment they enter this place, and even until they were about to leave the place.

Night and day are hardly different in this place.

The road path down the mountain is slippery, but Delta has the ability to use the white force to stab the ground with every step she takes making it impossible for her to slip.

After following the road path for almost half an hour, they meet a dead end.

"A Dead end? The map didn't show anything about a dead end", Rex said with a frown, he's looking at the map and it clearly didn't state any dead end.

Looking at this, Adhara then looks around, "The mayor said something about this"

"She said that there's a hidden path around here, and it's marked by three red lines", Adhara added before her eyes landed on a big boulder beside them.

Adhara get off Delta and approach the boulder,

The bolder is easily two or three times Delta's body, and it looks unmovable.

Rex and Kyran look at Adhara who is probing the boulder with her hands, and it didn't take long before the ground rumbles as Adhara found the three red lines on the boulder.

In front of their eyes, the boulder moved slightly exposing a tiny gap.



Rex and Kyran get down from Delta too after the boulder moved,

Adhara looks at the gap before she frowns, "I think Delta can't fit through this gap", she said.

Hearing this, Delta growls lightly towards Rex.

Rex looks at Delta trying to communicate with him before he suddenly said, "Are you sure? We are still very high on the mountain"

But Delta then nodded her head assuringly as if she understand Rex.

With a sigh, Rex then finally rubs Delta's head before he walks inside the tiny gap.

Looking at this, Adhara and Kyran look at each other in confusion, "Are we going to leave Delta here? Shouldn't we find another way?"

"Don't worry, she will be fine", Rex replied nonchalantly.

When Adhara was about to rebut,

Crack!

A cracking sound suddenly can be heard from their backs, and when Adhara glances to the back she saw Delta jumping off the mountain making her eyes widen.

Both Adhara and Kyran runs to the cliff and looks down,

They saw Delta falling before she gripped the mountain wall as she slowly climbs down, it shocks Kyran and Adhara because of how firm her claws grip is and how fast she is.

"Come on! Delta will reach down first if we don't hurry", Rex shouted from inside the gap.

After confirming that Delta will be okay, Adhara and Kyran runs into the gap before the ground rumbles again as the boulder moves and closed the gap.

Inside the gap is a dark cave,

Rex and the others are not worried because they can see in the dark, and they also didn't sense any mutated animals in here so they're walking calmly.

Because this cave is used to go down, the cave is equipped with a glowing guide.

On the cave walls are arrows made of some sort of liquid that glows in the dark, and it guides them to where they should head to.

While walking, Kyran then said, "I remember you said you can understand Delta"

"You mean my Predator Instinct? Yes, I can understand her", Rex replied with a slight chuckle, he only said that to tease Kyran.

In fact, Rex didn't really know how he can understand Delta.

He always sort of hear a subtle voice that somehow translates Delta, and it's obviously working.

Adhara who is hearing this from the side said with a chuckle, "Predator Instinct? Is that how I also can somehow understand Delta?"

Hearing this, Kyran's expression turns weld, "You have it too Adhara?"

Looking at Kyran's cute expression, Adhara laughs sweetly before Rex added, "I told you, you'll have a Predator Instinct too someday"

"That's not fair! I'm also a Werewolf!", Kyran rebutted with a sigh as the others laughs.

The way down through the cave is somewhat challenging,

At the start of entering the cave, Rex and the others only need to walk a straight line but are slightly leaning downwards.

But the more they get deeper, the harder the road becomes.

They even found a literal cliff that they need to go down by hanging onto the little fringes on the cliff wall, but thankfully Rex can use his claws but it's different for Adhara and Kyran.

Both of them struggle to go down as Rex needs to constantly catch them falling.

But nevertheless, with only about another half an hour they manage to reach the end of the cave which is on the foot of the mountain.

This surprised Rex quite a bit, "It's really fast, I can't believe we climb down that high"

While Rex is saying that, he looks at the tall mountain behind him as he didn't feel that he climb down that high.

Adhara and Kyran on the other hand have scratches on their fingers.

The climb down proves to be hard for them, and their fingers suffer from it.

'Now that I think about it, it's been quite a long time since Adhara evolve. I wonder how long would she evolve into High Werewolf', Rex thought.

Upon reaching High Werewolf, Adhara or Kyran should be able to grow their claws just like him.

<Do the user want to buy Pack Member Inspection Feature for 1,000 Gold?>

Reading this, Rex was quite surprised.

'I can buy the system's feature in the shop?', Rex thought in surprise.

He instantly open the shop before searching for features, but he didn't find any features that he can buy through the shop.

'It seems the system can only recommend it', Rex thought in defeat.

After buying the Pack Member Inspection Feature,

A notification about Adhara and Kyran's description of their evolving process can be seen beside them, this shows how much further they are from their evolution.

'41% and 30%?', Rex thought as he look at their evolution process.

Adhara is currently in 41% while Kyran is 30%, this makes Rex frown because Adhara turned into a Werewolf longer than Kyran did.

But after thinking for a moment, 'It's probably because of the Yule Moon accident'

'There's also their Sanity and Berserk stats', Rex thought as he look at the description below the evolution bar.

The Sanity and Berserk stats should work the same way as his.

Rex frowns when he something weird on Kyran's Berserk stats, there is a plus 30% Berserk stat besides the actual berserk stat.

This makes Rex confused because he can't figure out where that plus 30% comes from.

But Rex puts his thoughts aside as they need to start moving.

After inspecting both of their evolution processes, Rex closed their description before he looks around and sensing Delta is not far from them.

"Are you guys done? We'll start moving", Rex said while looking at Adhara and Kyran.

Both of them are tired from the climb down, but the scratches on their fingers are already healed but the fatigue is still there.

Adhara stands up with heavy breaths, "Let's go", followed by Kyran standing up.

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Meanwhile,

**SWOOSH!!**

Edward and Ari already left the misty area as they dash through a desolate plain, the ground is cracked and ruined but there is a city at the end of their vision.

It's currently night, and both Edward and Ari have been dashing non-stop since they leave Lountain City.

They are heading to that city to find transport back to Ratmawati City.

Silence covered both of them because of their exchanges before, and Edward already knows that something is up with Ari.

Or who Ari represents, the Reed Family.

Tap!

Edward suddenly stopped as they near the city,

Looking at Edward stopping, Ari also stops on his track while looking at Edward in confusion.

"You might as well be open to me right now", Edward suddenly said.

Hearing this, Ari frowns as he didn't expect Edward to confront him head-on especially since they are alone with no Rex around.

Edward slowly turns around before he added, "Did you let the maid through?"

Ari's expression didn't change even a bit,

He only stares at Edward with a stoic expression as if he's not bothered as they both lock eye contact for quite a while.

"I'm not inclined to answer that question", Ari replied calmly.

But Edward smirk as he says, "Doesn't that already answer my question?"

"Then, Why did the protector from the Reed Family feel a need to let that maid through?", Edward asks again without minding Ari's stoic expression.

Ari didn't answer this time, his mouth was closed shut without a sign of opening.

Looking at this, Edward then added after thinking about the whole situation, "Even though I know that you let the maid through, you didn't try to silence me"

"Are you not afraid of Rex knowing this?", Edward asks while squinting his eyes.

No matter how strong the Reed Family currently is, they must've recognized Rex's strength, and getting into his bad side would just be a hassle for them.

It may even spell their doom if they're not careful with the backing of Vargas.

But even so, Ari still looks stoic as if he and the Reed Family are clearly not afraid of letting Rex know that they breached the contract.

Rex can simply report the illegal Great Spells to Vargas and it will spell their doom.

Edward frowns as he looks at Ari, "Just what are they thinking", he mumbles in confusion.

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Rex and the others arrived at Slila City after Delta gallop for a few hours.

With the strength that Delta has, it was not a big deal for her to keep running for hours or even days without resting.

'System, Can I help Delta reach a higher rank?', Rex asks while he looks at Delta.

<Yes, Rare Mutated Plants or Mutated Animals are required for Delta to achieve a breakthrough. The shop contains such items, and Delta can be benefitted from them>

Hearing this, Rex pats Delta with a smile as he will help Delta break through.

Delta strides slowly as they enter the city,

All eyes landed on them as they enters the city, as usual, a Zeragon just attracts attention no matter where they go.

Slila City is quite different compared to the other cities Rex visited.

Because this is a level two city which means nearer to Ratmawati City, the city is developed with thousands of people crowding the entrance.

The City's defense is also plausible as the wall is tall and sturdy.

By just walking into the city for a moment, Rex can already feel other Awakened living in this place that shows just how developed this city is.

These Awakened nodded to Rex and the others as a sign of respect.

After looking around the city, Rex asked the people around regarding the transport while Adhara and Kyran rest in a cafe.

It seems they're a little too tired for a journey.

Rex came back after twenty minutes or so after getting the answer he wants.

From the people of the city, Rex found that the UWO branch here has just finished constructing teleportation formation in counter for the Supernatural strongholds.

It will be faster for them to use this instead of a transport train.

Because of how sudden the Supernatural attack was, the UWO decided to build this formation.

This will allow the substantial cities to get back up faster through the formation, and this will then continue to strengthen humanity's defense.

The reason they didn't make this sooner was because of the number of resources needed.

With the Supernatural just around the corner, the UWO was forced to collect more ransoms from the cities with an Elemental Stones mine to make this project happen.

"We can use the formation, but I don't think it's open for the public", Rex said.

Hearing this, Adhara frowns before she replied, "You're quite famous, I'm sure they will let you use the formation"

"It requires huge resources per person, I don't think it will be that easy", Rex added.

While both of them discuss the matters, Kyran went out when he saw many people start taking photos of Delta.

Delta can be seen bothered, so Kyran is worried.

Rex and Adhara saw this but they left the matter to Kyran.

"Let's just visit the formation first and ask how much resources are needed to travel to Wedron City, With the gifts from Lountain City, there may be a chance that we can afford it", Rex said.

After deciding that, both Adhara and Rex stand up and leave the cafe.

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Leaving the cafe, Rex and Adhara saw Delta is gathering a crowd.

"Isn't that the Rex's tamed mutated wolf?"

"Now that you said it, that's definitely Rex's wolf"

"Oh my god! Can someone take a picture of me with the wolf? I want to post it in my social"

The crowd is excited as they saw Delta standing in front of the cafe, Kyran is trying to make the crowd disperse but his voice got engulfed by the crowd.

"Stop it! Can't you see she didn't like it?!", Kyran shouted desperately.

But the longer the crowd gathered around Delta, the more people joins in as they ignore Kyran and started taking pictures of Delta.

Grrr..!!

Delta growls menacingly but the crowd didn't seem to mind it as they keep taking photos.

Looking at the crowd of people gathering and keep taking photos of her, a white steaming hue started to come out of Delta's body.

It's clear that she felt threatened by the flashes of light,

Feeling the change of energy, Kyran panicked as he can feel Delta was about to do something.

"I SAID STOP!!"

BOOM!!

Kyran's body exploded with dark energy as it startled and pushes the crowd back, he didn't try to harm them though so the energy just pushed the crowd back.

"An Awakened?!", one of the people from the crowd shouted.

Another Awakened that was around the place saw this happening before he approach the crowd.

The Awakened slips past the crowd of people that got pushed back before he finally reaches the front and saw Kyran's body engulfed in a dark element.

Looking at this, the Awakened frown, "Hey kid!", he called out from the side.

Hearing someone call him, Kyran glanced around before his eyes fall onto the Awakened.

The Awakened is a man around six-foot height, blue crystal aura is hovering around the man as he walks towards Kyran slowly.

"You shouldn't attack normal people", the man warns coldly.

After hearing what the man said, the crowd then started to rebut back,

"Yeah! You can't do that!"

"We're just taking photos, what's wrong with that!"

"Who is this kid anyway? Get out of the way!"

Kyran frowns upon hearing this, a bubble of anger sparks inside but he exhales lightly trying to ignore the people before he turns around to calm Delta down.

Grrr!!

Delta looks around cautiously as Kyran taps rub her furs lightly.

Feeling annoyed that Kyran ignored him, the man walks forward before gripping Kyran's shoulder offensively, "Didn't you hear them? Get out of their way"

Upon getting his shoulder gripped, Kyran's expression darkened.

He glances at the man with a hint of bloodlust making the man steps back in fright, not expecting that kind of reaction from Kyran.

The man doesn't want to back down and get humiliated as a water blade appears.

A water blade appears in his hand almost in an instant, without waiting any longer the man swings the water blade towards Kyran's back.

Slash!

But before the water blade can hit Kyran, the water blade stopped on its track.

Rex appeared alongside Adhara out of thin air making the man stop his attack,

His eyes are glowing red as he stares at the man while holding the water blade with his bare hand, it startled the man as his face turns pale.

"What are you doing?", Rex asks coldly.

The behavior of the Awakened that he met is very displeasing, and that includes this one.

Hearing this, the man wanted to pull the water blade back but found that Rex's grip is too strong for him to pull the water blade back.

"Bullying a kid? That doesn't sound cool at all", Rex said with a smirk.

After pausing for a few seconds that felt like an eternity, Rex let go of the water blade as the man dissolves the water blade while clearing his throat.

The man then replied, "That kid attacked civilians, that's not acceptable"

"Did you look at the wolf behind me?", Rex asks while pointing at Delta on his back.

Seeing the growling Delta on Rex's back, the man frowns before Rex added, "If the kid didn't do something to stop this crowd, then that wolf will attack the civilians"

"Observe before you act, now get lost", Rex added coldly.

The crowds also heard what Rex said and they realized that Kyran saved them.

Because of the constant flashes from their phones, Delta felt dizzy and thought that she's getting attacked which makes her feel threatened.

If Kyran didn't do anything, Delta might just attack the people.

Aside from realizing their mistakes, they also recognized Rex and felt an overwhelming pressure coming from Rex's being.

Without anyone rebutting, one by one the crowd started to disperse.

They all know who Rex Silverstar is, the rising star of humanity.

Some of them just didn't see Kyran walking with Rex, so they thought Kyran is just a nobody that gets into their way of taking pictures.

Feeling embarrassed, the man then bowed lightly before he quickly left.

After the crowd disperse, Rex turns to Kyran before he praised, "You did the right thing, good job in controlling your anger"

"Good job", Adhara also added while rubbing Kyran's head.

Kyran's expression turns normal again as the situation calms down,

But then suddenly, Delta approaches Kyran from the side before she licks Kyran's face repeatedly as a sign of appreciation from her.

This makes Kyran smile,

'Did he try to control his anger? He paid attention to Adhara's fight huh", Rex thought.

What Kyran did becomes, even more, impressive since Rex now knows that something amplified Kyran's anger, the plus 30% on his berserk stat says it all.

'Just what amplifies his anger', Rex thought as he look at Kyran.

They all then leave the place and head towards the formation.

After asking around about the formation, they finally arrived at their designated place that is guarded by the city guards.

The formation s inside a circle building that just finished being built.

Rex looks at the building before he steps forward wanting to enter the building.

Tap!

The two guards holding submachine guns step in front of Rex blocking his way, one of them then said, "You can't enter without the mayor's approval"

"Are you sure?", Rex stares at them directly.

Realizing the man that they just blocked, the two guards hesitated but were still unmoving from their spots even though they recognize Rex.

One of the guards then said, "I'm sorry Sir, but you still need the mayor's approval"

Hearing this, Rex frowns as he didn't expect them to block him this early.

"Fine, guide me to the mayor", Rex finally said before one of the guards nodded his head and started guiding Rex and the others.

After walking for a couple of minutes, they arrived at a huge office.

The guard then said, "This is the mayor's office, you can go straight in and ask the receptionist to meet with the mayor"

Rex nodded his head before he talked entered the building.

Because of Delta's huge body, she can't enter the office so Rex assigns Kyran and Adhara to accompany her lest something like before happen again.

With people recognizing him, the receptionist guide Rex to the mayor.

He and the receptionist went to the lift and go up to the sixth floor,

They then arrived in front of a door with a secretary desk on its side, the place is quite modern with the fancy white walls and the marble floor.

"You must be Sir Rex Silverstar, We heard of your arrival", the secretary greeted.

Hearing this, Rex nodded his head not surprised about the secretary knowing his arrival, "I want to meet with the mayor, is he here?"

"Yes, but can you wait a moment because there is another guest in the room", replied the secretary before signaling to Rex to sit on a sofa in front of the secretary's desk.



Although Rex is unwilling, he's not, particularly in a rush.

So he decided to just wait it out,

While he's waiting outside of the mayor's room, Rex can hear subtly the conversation inside the room because of his sharp sense.

It seems the mayor's room is not imbued with any rune or the rune is just too weak.

Rex can hear a man complains to who he thought to be the mayor, he's talking about mutated cows but Rex can't quite hear the rest of the conversation as the secretary approach him.

"Do you want something to drink Sir?", the secretary asks politely.

Hearing this, Rex shakes his head declining the offer as he wants to hear the conversation.

But when he was about to eavesdrop again, the mayor's room door suddenly open as a man came outside of the room with an annoyed expression.

The mayor also comes out to guide the guest out of the room.

Rex looks at the man before the man also looks at him,

Different from Rex's nonchalant look, the man widened his eyes in surprise upon seeing Rex before he turns around to look at the mayor.

The mayor waves his hand as he nodded his head before the man leaves.

"Rex Silverstar, It's a pleasure", the mayor strides towards Rex before he stretches out his hand for a handshake that Rex accepts politely.

Rex smiles lightly while shaking the mayor's hand.

After a moment, the mayor then signals for Rex to get inside the room.

Entering the room, the room looks like a normal work office with a huge window behind the mayor's desk that shows the city's view.

'Everyone likes to have huge windows huh', Rex thought.

The mayor sits on his seat before Rex sit in front of him,

"So, What is the purpose of your visit to my humble office?", the mayor asks straight away.

Rex likes the direct talk of the mayor before he replied, "I wanted to go to Wedron City, and I heard you have a transport train to go there"

"Yes we do have it, but you won't be here if you wanted to go by transport train", the mayor said realizing what Rex wanted by coming to his office.

After the mayor realizes, Rex then said, "Yes, I want to go by the new formation"

"The guards won't let me in, they said that I need to get your approval to use the formation", Rex added stating clearly what he wanted.

Hearin this, the mayor laid back on his seat.

He then said, "I could give you my approval, but it's expensive to use the formation"

"I'm aware of that. So how much to teleport me, my friends, and a mutated beast to Wedron City?", Rex asks while studying the mayor's expression.

The mayor went silent for a moment before he replied, "400 High-Grade Elemental Stones per person or beast"

Rex was taken aback upon hearing this,

With the gifts from Lountain City, Rex thought that he have plenty to use the formation for him and the others.

But turns out, he didn't have enough.

He currently has 600ish High-Grade Lightning Stones and more than 2000 Mid-Grade Lightning Stones just from Lountain City.

The leftovers of what he possesses after assimilating with Devo can hardly reach 100.

If Rex calculates the stones and converts them all into high-grade, he only possesses around 900 High-Grade lightning stones which are still far from what he requires.

"That's a bit expensive", Rex mumbles in thought.

But then suddenly, Rex widened his eyes as he suddenly got an idea before he lift the suppression off of Devo.

[What is it now? I know you want something from me], Devo said feeling annoyed.

Rex didn't fulfill his promise as he suppress Devo after he got out of Vashag's sight, and this clearly annoyed Devo judging from his tone.

'Can you search for a location that is weirdly abundant in mana?', Rex asks.

Hearing this, Devo sigh in defeat as he replied, [Probably]

'Great! Then we can work with that', Rex replied but before he can say anything, the mayor intervene in his train of thoughts.

"You don't exactly need to pay for the formation", the mayor said hinting something.

Rex frowns, he studied the mayor's expression before he replied while squinting his eyes, "What do you exactly propose here?"

"I mean I got problems too, and with your power, you can solve one of them", the mayor replied.

Upon hearing this, Rex realizes something.

He points to his back recalling the man that just left before he said, "Does this involve the guy that was just here before me?"

"Exactly!", the mayor replied with a smile.

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"Exactly!", the mayor said excitedly.

Rex smiles wryly upon realizing what the look back of the man before means, it seems that the man is signaling to the mayor to ask him to help.

He then laid back to his chair before he asks, "What can I help you with?"

The high-grade Lightning Stones that Lountain City has are too precious to just be used to pay for their transport, doing something in return is preferable for Rex.

Besides paying for the transport, Rex can also get Exp if it's a mutated animal problem.

"Have you heard about Acidic Bronze Armadilloes?", the mayor asks.

Hearing this, Rex frowns as he never heard of these armadilloes.

Looking at Rex's confused expression, the mayor then explains, "Acidic Bronze Armadilloes is a peak fourth rank mutated animal, some even reaches the fifth rank. They are docile to humans as their diet doesn't consist of humans, but they have a trait that is very interesting"

"They consider digging elemental stones sport, and they really like doing it", the mayor added.

After hearing the mayor's explanation, Rex still didn't know which direction this will go.

But then, the mayor said, "That man that was just here is Max, he bred the Armadilloes. He's a very important figure because by using his Armadilloes the city becomes 2 times more efficient in digging elemental stones"

"The part where you need my help is?", Rex asks impatiently.

All he wanted was to quickly move to Wedron City and finish the Carabidis Quest, he also doesn't know about when the banquet will be held and other things that he must do.

So although he's not in a rush, the sooner he gets back the better.

Feeling Rex's becoming impatient, the mayor skipped his explanation and said, "That man just reported that his Armadilloes are missing, and this morning he saw a giant bird just swoop one of his fat Armadilloes"

"Out of 45 Armadilloes that he owned, 8 have been killed by this bird. It's a huge loss for us, so I'm asking you to get rid of this bird", the mayor finally said.

Hearing this, Rex frowns, "That's it?"

"Yes, we don't exactly have Awakenedpower currently. With the Supernatural attacking, many of our finest Awakened scouts the area watching if any Supernatural is going to attack", the mayor replied with a sigh.

After knowing the situation, Rex finally nodded his head.

<Sudden Quest!>

<Save the Acidic Bronze Armadilloes!>

The mayor of Slila City is asking for the user's help to get rid of whatever beast that has been eating the Armadilloes, fulfill the mayor's request to get immediate access to the formation to head to Wedron City!

Quest Reward: 10,000,000 Exp, 10 Skill Upgrade, 5x Bronze Shell

Reading this, Rex then stands up before he asks, "What does the bird look like?"

"From what the man said, the bird has reddish skin with thin brown furs covering its body. It's huge, and he also said that the bird should be a mutated raven", the mayor replied.

The mayor then added, "It's quite powerful I'm afraid"

Hearin this, Rex nodded his head as he estimates that the bird should be peak rank five.

If the raven has sixth rank power, Rex probably manages to take it on but if the raven turns out to be a peak sixth rank then they will instantly leave.

'I doubt the mayor will be that calm if it's a very powerful raven', Rex thought.

After getting his answers, the mayor gives him the location before Rex left the room.

But before Rex walks out of the door, he turns to his back as the mayor looks at him questioningly, "Do you have any sword?"

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"Rex is back", Adhara said after seeing Rex walking up to them.

Kyran and Adhara look at Rex weirdly when they saw a sword sheathed on Rex's waist.

"What's with the sword?", Adhara asks in confusion.

Normally Rex prefers to use his battle gloves, so it's weird to see him with a sword.

Rex approach Adhara and the others before he replied, "The mayor asks us to get rid of a mutated raven in exchange for a free ride using the formation"

"Raven? Can't we just pay the mayor?", Kyran asks back.

But Rex shakes his head with a sigh, "The resources required per person is 400 high-grade elemental stones, we don't have anywhere near that number"

"That's too expensive...", Adhara mumbles wryly.

With that being said, the three of them gets on Delta before Delta leaped away.

The three of them went outside of the city while riding Delta, they left through a different entrance from when they enter the city.

Even with the sky still covered with blackness, Delta's movement didn't get hindered as they arrive at their destination after 20 minutes.

Delta is very reliable, and Rex was glad to meet her that night.

They arrive in front of a huge cave with many people working in front of it, the people are mainly miners except for a couple that doesn't wear mining uniforms.

Woods covered the surrounding, the trees around this place are all giants and they make Rex and the others look tiny in comparison.

Aside from the working people, Rex saw the Acidic Bronze Armadilloes in the surrounding.

Rex scans the place before his eyes landed on a man,

He recognized the man to be the man that was talking with the mayor before him.

The man was frowning for a moment before he saw a big white wolf arrive at this place, his eyes lit up upon seeing the three people riding it.

"Hai! The mayor must've sent you here", the man asks after running towards them.

Rex and the others get down from Delta's back before Rex steps forward, "You must be Max, the one who owns these Armadilloes", he said while looking at the surrounding Armadilloes.

The Armadilloes have brown skin, but their shell is a glistening bronze in color.

Upon seeing them closer, Rex was quite surprised because these Armadilloes that he thought would be medium-sized at best turns out to be almost as big as Delta.

They are fat and round like a ball, and their movements are quite slow.

"Yes, Nice to meet the rising star Rex Silverstar!", Max replied excitedly.

Looking at Max that seems to be Rex's fan, Kyran and Adhara chuckle before Rex clears his throat, "So, Can you show me where you last saw the bird?"

"Ah yes, about that", Max said before he glance at his back.

Wreaau!

Wreeaau!

A high-pitched whimper can be heard from the side,

Rex follows Max's eyes direction before he saw an Armadillo lying to its side, its hard glossy bronze shell has a nasty wound that tears through the shell as blood leaked out of it.

It was evident that the bird just attacked them, and Rex is too late.

"What happened?", Adhara asks as she saw the Armadillo whimpers in pain.

Max sighs lightly before he replied, "That damned raven attacked us again, it snatched one Armadillo with its claws and also brutally wounded that one"

"Where did that bird go? We might still catch up to it", Rex asks hurriedly.

With the attack just happened, Rex and the others might catch up to the raven.

Kyran also added, "I can sense a few Awakened here? How did the raven snatch one Armadillo easily with these Awakened guarding?"

Hearing this, Max shakes his head dejectedly, "That bird is already long gone. Although the attack is just about ten minutes ago, the raven must be far because it's quite fast and cunning"

"Before that raven attacked, it announced its arrival and flew vertically through the crowd of Armadilloes that we already gathered so we can guard them easily and this split the Armadilloes. After doing that, that raven roared making the Armadilloes panic as they scattered to the surrounding", Max explained.

He then continues, "The Awakened tries to attack the raven, but its body is very hard and the raven easily snatched one isolated Armadillo and brutally injured another in the process before it went inside the cave"

Rex frowns while he hears Max's story, "It went inside the cave?", he asks in confusion.

"Yes, the cave is pretty huge and deep so I don't know where its nest lies", Max replied before suddenly a man approaches them from the side.

"Sir! One of our men find the raven", the man reported.

Hearing this, Rex's eyes lit up before he said, "Guide us to the raven"

Looking at Rex and the others, the man frown in confusion before Max added, "They're here to take out the raven, give them your full support"

"Yes Sir! Please follow me", the man said before Rex and the others followed him.

Upon entering the cave, Rex can feel the air become damp as the ground is watery, and also droplets of water drip from the cave's ceiling making a clicking sound.

Max didn't come with them because he's only a third rank Awakened.

A dozen Awakened come with them inside the cave, and they all have at least fourth rank power with a mid-fifth rank as the strongest.

All of them brings a gun with them as they will be fighting flying mutated animals,

With all of them being Awakened, they must be able to imbue their elemental mana to their bullets and effectively increase the impact of the bullet.

'With its nest inside a cave, I doubt that the raven can fly freely. But just in case', Rex thought.

Rex takes two guns and gave them to Adhara and Kyran.

Although they never trained with a gun before, it should be like imbuing elemental mana to a weapon so the only problem is their aim.

The gun they used varies,

Rex takes a small sniper rifle while Kyran and Adhara hold a pistol each.

"Have you used a gun before?", Rex asks while glancing at Adhara and Kyran.

Hearing this, Adhara and Kyran look at Rex with a confused expression before both of them shake their heads in a union.

Rex sigh seeing this,

He takes their pistols before he loaded them to make the pistols ready to fire.

After doing that, Rex then holds the pistols with his arms straight to his front as he explains, "Try to keep your form like this, aim for the target and just pull the trigger"

Adhara and Kyran take their pistols back before they try to copy Rex's form.

"The raven is unlikely to fly freely, but there's a chance its nest is high. If the nest is high I will try to bait it to the ground, so get used to the pistols", Rex added.

Right after they enter the cave, a faint sound of flowing water can be heard from afar,

Rex and the others can see small sparkling elemental stones in the cave's wall, and they make this place full of mana especially water and some wind elemental stones.

After walking deeper into the cave, Rex and the others met the source of the flowing water.

Turns out there is a narrow river flowing with freshwater,

"Over here", the man leading whispers as they take the right way after meeting two holes that separated their path.

The man started walking slowly after eight minutes of walking.

Rex looks at Kyran before Kyran nodded his head, "I can feel its presence, this raven is a powerful one and it seems to be as strong as you", he whispers to Rex.

Hearing this, Adhara widened her eyes as she was quite surprised.

Because of their journey, she met Vashag that is on par with Rex and can almost beat Rex.

Now when they wanted to go to Wedron City, they need to fight this raven that Kyran told might be as strong as Rex.

This journey seems to be full of powerful beasts.

It's like they came out of nowhere, and this further makes Adhara feel weak again.

Not long after they tip-toed, the man leading signaled for them to stop as they saw an open place in front of them that is still had many elemental stones that haven't been mined yet.

Rex steps forward silently as the man nodded his head.

After getting the signal from the man, Rex poked out his head to see the surroundings but find nothing even after he scans the place.

But Rex saw a high wall on his left that almost touched the cave's ceiling.

As he raises his gaze, he can see that there is a gap between the high wall and the cave's ceiling that might fit the raven to make its nest.

"The raven must be up there", Rex mumbles.

He then signals for Delta to come closer before he gets on her, "I'm going to bait the raven first, fire at will after I got the raven's attention"

Adhara, Kyran, and the Awakened nodded their heads.

After everyone understands what the plan is, Rex gives his gun to Adhara, "Let's go!", he said as Delta jumped towards the cave walls.

Her physical strength is powerful enough to crawl on the wall.

With Delta's claws that are imbued with white force, she easily gripped the cave's wall as they slowly make their way up to the gap.

"Don't be too loud, we need to see what the raven is doing first", Rex whispers.

But right after he said this,

Roar!!

Delta wails in pain as she felt some stinging pain on her right paw, she slipped because of this but soon stabs the wall with her claws again stopping them from falling.

"What happened?", Rex asks while hanging onto Delta's back.

He then looks at Delta's paw before he saw Delta's paw is sizzling, there is a red liquid on the walls that seem to corrode Delta's paw.

Crack!

Feeling the painful sizzle, Delta growl slightly as her paw turns black because of the red liquid.

Realizing the loud sound they're making, Rex glance into the gap.

ROAR!!!

A loud reverberating roar came from the gap as a winged creature appeared from the gap, its roar makes the cave trembles as the creature spread its wings menacingly.

"Great...", Rex mumbles wryly.

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"Great..."

ROAR!!

Rex looks at the roaring winged creature and finds that the creature is what he's looking for, its hulking body, and its red skin matches the mayor's description.

But upon meeting it in real life, the raven has many thorns around its body.

The raven spread its wings menacingly that almost as wide as the cave's width completely intimidating the Awakened that saw this scene.

Roar!!

Delta also roared back without any sign of fear even under the raven's pressure.

While holding onto Delta's back, Rex scans the raven as the system shows that the raven in front of him is a sixth-rank mutated animal.

<Crimson Thorn Raven>

Race: Mutated Corvidae

Power: Sixth Rank (Early)

Mental: 200

Strength: 343

Agility: 429

Endurance: 671

Intelligence: 0

'Although it's only an early sixth rank mutated animal, its stats almost comparable to that of a mid-sixth rank', Rex thought as he glance at the liquid that hurt Delta.

It was completely unexpected, Rex didn't expect the liquid to be corrosive.

The liquid is red in color almost peach color, and when Rex looks around he noticed something.



There are several spots of this red liquid scattered on the cave wall, but the weird thing is that Rex can't find where this liquid came from.

For such a corrosive liquid to appear, there must be a source.

Caves don't usually have corrosive substances in them, in fact, Rex never knew any cave have one and Rex can only conclude that it's from the raven.

Before the raven can make its first move, Rex decided to attack it first to test the raven.

"Delta let's jump!", Rex whispers as Delta's body glows with a white hue.

With her powerful hind legs, Delta jumps up to reach the roaring mutated raven as Rex takes out his sword from his waist.

The sword started to blitz with black lightning as Rex imbued mana into the sword.

After the momentum subsided as Delta's body started to fall, Rex uses Delta's back to jump toward the raven because he was not quite there yet.

Everyone on the ground saw this as they marvel at Rex's power.

One can feel that Rex's element makes their own element feel weak, it's simply overbearing.

The raven saw Rex leaped towards it,

Feeling the intense black lightning coming from the sword, the raven closed its wings which are full of thorns and wrapped them around its body to block Rex's attack that felt threatening.

Using Delta as a stepping stone,

Rex manages to reach the gap level and saw a glimpse behind the raven's back.

Behind the raven turns out to be its nest with a set of eggs on it, the eggs are red in color, and the Armadillo that the raven caught is on the nest dead.

It seems the raven just makes this cave its home and feeds on the Armadillos.

'Some of them are already hatched', Rex thought as he saw some shell leftovers around the nest which proves his point.

Rex's arms muscles bulge as he swings the sword with everything he got.

**SWOOSH!**

The sword creates a spark of black electricity, an arc of black lightning is created as Rex swings his sword down with all his might.

By the enormous mana that is gathered on the sword, it's clear that Rex is not playing around.

**CLANG!!**

A loud vibrating sound was created as Rex's sword vibrates.

Instead of slashing through the raven's wings, Rex's sword got stopped and vibrates uncontrollably instead upon connecting with the raven's wings.

"What?!", Rex gritted his teeth as the vibration makes his arm go numb.

The skin of the raven shocked him very much,

Although the sword that he used is only a fourth-rank sword, it's still very sharp.

For the raven to block this sword that Rex swing powerfully is a shocking deed, the red skin of the raven is as tough as steel.

'I can penetrate it', Rex thought as he try to stop the sword's vibration.

After blocking Rex's attack, the raven peeks from behind its wings as its yellow eyes glisten before it flapped its wings creating a powerful wind that pushes Rex away.

SWOOSH!

Rex started falling down because of the wind, but then suddenly his eyes widened.

He saw the bird's mouth dripped with red saliva, the same red liquid that corrodes Delta's paw on the wall before.

'That red liquid is the raven's saliva?! Did it purposefully put its saliva around to defend its nest?!', Rex thought in surprise before Delta catch him falling and went down to the others.

"FIRE!"

POW!

BAM!

The others started firing at the raven with their weapons.

Colorful bullets that are imbued with different kinds of mana rain down upon the raven, they all hit the raven cleanly proving these Awakened to be trained Awakened.

Adhara and Kyran also fire their gun toward the raven, but theirs are not as good as the others.

ROAR!!

The raven roars once again as the bullets bounce off of its body like a toy bullet, its furs and skin are as hard as steel and the bullets can only hurt it a little.

Even Rex's attack before got blocked, but Rex can see a slight cut on its wing.

'Firing at its eyes is too hard in this distance, let's aim at that cut', Rex thought.

Rex takes the sniper rifle before he aims for the slight cut on its wing, he exhales lightly before the black lightning imbued the bullet before he pulls the trigger.

BAM!

ROAR!

Bullseye, the slight cut on the raven's wing got shot directly by Rex making it ripped wider.

After getting the raven's attention, the Awakened started marching forward while keep emptying the bullets in their gun.

"What should we do?", Adhara asks hurriedly.

Hearing this, Rex thought for a moment before he wanted to try something.

But then suddenly,

**SWOOSH!**

The raven flew down like an aerial jet aiming toward the group of Awakened.

Its hulking body certainly weighs more than a few tons, and getting hit by the raven will certainly kill Slila's City Awakened.

Without wasting any time, the ground suddenly turns black.

Rex activates his Black Field Orko spell before the black lightning tentacle grabs the Awakened and flung them to the side avoiding the raven's crash.

**BOOM!!**

The ground cracked as debris flew around like bullets.

Because of Rex's quick decision, the Awakened survived the raven's crash.

While they are all recovering from the crash,

**KAAW!**

**KAAW!!**

A couple of cawing sounds can be heard, Rex looks up and saw fledglings flying weirdly.

Not long after the cawing sound, "Arrghh!"

**BAM! BAM!**

"Get this thing away from me!"

Wails and screams of the Awakened can be heard as little versions of the raven that they fought appear, it's the fledgling that just hatched.

They look similar to the mother raven except for their size.

All of them can already fly on their own, and they started pecking and biting the Awakened.

More than a dozen of fledglings appear out of nowhere and started pecking the Awakened, but one shot from the Awakened killed these fledglings.

Realizing that its fledglings are getting killed, the raven roared angrily.

**ROAR!!!**

After the loud roar, the raven glare at the group of Awakened as it flaps its wings towards the Awakened with murderous intent.

"S-Someone help!", one of the Awakened shouted as he saw the murderous glare.

In a blink of an eye, the angered raven already arrived in front of the Awakened with its beak opened wide but then suddenly,

**BAM!!**

Rex came from the side and tackled the raven with his sword.

Both of them crashed onto the cave's wall but the raven immediately flicks Rex to the side angrily before going back at the Awakened again.

By now, there are only a couple of fledglings left.

The Awakened already killed most of them easily as they're still only but fledglings.

Although they inherit the raven's thick hard red skin, their skin hardness can't be compared to the raven as they seem to be just a couple of days old.

Seeing the approaching raven, the Awakened started firing at it.

Different colors of barriers appear around them as they fire at the angry raven, their bullets manage to land a few cuts on the raven's body.

It's clear that the raven is at a disadvantage fighting on the ground.

But seeing its little fledglings pecking at the Awakened before getting killed, no mother would just let them be even for an animal.

SWOOSH!

"Waarrrgh!"

"Raaghrrh"

The Awakened got hit by the raven's body as all of their barriers broke.

Out of more than a dozen of Awakened, half of them got heavily injured after getting hit by the raven's body that is full of thorns.

The thorn around the raven's body is very sharp, and this cuts the Awakened's skin easily.

All of them started to walk in pain as they feel their skin that got cut sizzle, their skin slowly turns black because of the cut.

ROAR!!

The raven roared as it saw the last of its fledglings wails on the ground, the fledgling wailed for a bite as the gunshot wound on its chest started to bleed.

It didn't take long before the last fledglings died.

After the last of its fledglings died, the raven slowly glare at its back.

Rex and the others stepped back subconsciously after feeling the change of vibe, the place becomes really choking in an instant.

Adhara and Kyran went to the Awakened and started pulling them away.

The raven's aura changed, and its eyes turns bloodlust as he glared at the Awakened that killed its precious fledglings.

Rex saw the raven cover its body with its wings again,

<The enemy is using a skill>

<Analyzing the enemy's skill...>

Reading the system's notification, Rex widened his eyes, "Get Down!!"

SWOOSH!!

Dozens of thorns burst from the raven's body like a bullet as it flew to the surrounding, these sharp little thorns are very sharp and deadly and covered with red liquid.

Rex manages to activate his yellow barrier in a nick of time,

On the other side, Adhara also manages to block the thorns by creating purple fire around her body that manage to reflect the thorns.

Other unfortunate Awakened got stabs in various parts of their bodies.

Some of them got stabbed by a long thorn and died instantly, their skin then turns black.

The more than a dozen Awakened were left with a handful, and all of the surviving Awakened got injured heavily as their barrier broke first before the raven attacked with its torn.

'The thorn has the red liquid too', Rex thought with a frown.

<Skill Analysis Complete!>

<Incompatible!>

<Altering the skill...>

<Completed>

<Thousand Lightning Thorn skill can be used>

After getting the system's notification, Rex looks around trying to find Kyran.

Rex sigh in relief when he saw Kyran is okay,

Out of the three of them, Kyran doesn't have a good defensive spell that he can use especially since he just becomes an Awakened for not too long.

It makes him relieved when he saw Kyran hiding amongst the rocks.

Just after he sigh in relief, Rex suddenly felt the raven approach him from the back fast.

Without even looking back, Rex jumped to his front to create some distance before he turns around and saw the raven's murderous eyes.

Rex's eyes glow red but then,

<The target's mental stats are too high!>

'Tch! I can't weaken its stats', Rex thought before he readies his sword.

CLANG!!

Rex's sword collided again with the raven's beak, it creates a loud clanging sound as Rex got pushed back a couple of meters.

By fighting inside a cave, Rex can't use his Sky Rupture spell.

And his sword can hardly penetrate the raven's thick skin, this is a hard fight.

"Adhara! Delta! Let's aim for that cut on its wing", Rex shouted as he points at the cut he made on the raven's wings.

Hearing this, Adhara's body glows with purple fire as Delta's body emits white force.

Both of them dash after Rex dashes in,

The attack from the raven is too strong for Kyran to handle, it's not his time yet to join in so Rex signals for him to help the surviving Awakened.

ROAR!!

Rex, Adhara, and Delta started a brawl with the raven.

The three of them attack from different sides,

Adhara takes out her daggers, Rex uses his sword, and Delta uses her claws.

Rex leaped towards the raven's front with his sword ready and blitzing with black lightning, but he got swatted away by the raven's wing.

But then, the raven roared as its wings got stabbed by something.

Adhara and Delta take a turn in attacking the cut on the raven's wing as Rex distracts it.

Out of the three of them, Rex is the one who can take the hit from the raven the most so he will be the one to distract it.

"Aim for the soft spot of its body too!", Rex shouted.

The belly side of the raven's body has numerous wounds from the gunfire of the Awakened, and the raven also likes to cover its belly side with its wings to defend it.

Rex figures that the belly is a soft spot, and it seems he's right.

SLASH!

Adhara manages to slide dodging the raven swinging its wings, the thorns around its body disappear after the attack from before.

But Rex saw that the thorns started to appear again,

The purple fire manages to slash a nasty wound on the raven's belly.

Feeling that it's at a disadvantage, the raven flaps its wings intending to fly but Rex intercepts it by appearing above the raven like a streak of lightning before he pounds the raven with his sword.

BAM!

CRASH!

The raven falls to the ground again crashing to the ground.

Rex then mount the raven and started to choke the raven by squeezing the raven's neck between his body and his sword that he put in front of the raven's neck.

While this is all happening, Kyran is watching from the side and feels his blood boils.

Unable to contain sitting on the side, Kyran wanted to join in,

He stretches out his hand and activates his element, the dark mana went into the wounds on the raven's body before amplifying the pain.

After the dark mana invades the raven's body, the raven widened its eyes,

ROAR!!

The raven roars as it glares at Kyran, it can feel that the pain is caused by Kyran.

Looking at this, Rex shouted hurriedly, "Kyran get back!! Don't interfere in this fight!"

He's still trying to choke the raven out with his sword.

Right after he shouted that Rex saw the same notification from the system as the raven wanted to blast another round of thorns.

Rex jumped away as he creates the same yellow barrier.

Adhara is also already ready with her purple fire surrounding her, while Delta leaped towards Kyran to push him out of the way but it's too late.

SWOOSH!!

"Kyran!", Rex shouted in shock as he saw a thick long thorn fly past him.

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SWOOSH!!

"Kyran!!", Rex glance back at Kyran in panic.

The long sharp thorn flew past him as it went straight towards Kyran, its movement is fast and even Delta who is just beside Kyran won't be able to reach him first before the thorn.

Upon hearing Rex's shout, Kyran looks in front before his breathing stopped.

He saw a bone-like thorn flying towards him, the thorn was lightning fast as even he can only manage to raise his hands slightly in response.

But then, something whispers to him.

Kyran widened his eyes as the dark mana inside of him moved on its own.

With the thorn going at him with fast movement, the dark mana moves even faster as it gathers on Kyran's hand.

The dark mana reaches Kyran's hands at the same time as the thorn arrives.

Black energy envelopes Kyran's hands as the tip of the thorn arrives in between his hands, the dark mana then slightly stretches towards the thorn and engulfs it.

Kyran himself can only see the dark mana for a fraction of a second before suddenly,

STAB!!

BOOM!

The thorn penetrates his left chest sending him crashing away with the momentum before stabbing him on the cave wall behind him.

From Rex and Adhara's perspective,

They saw Delta leaped trying to reach Kyran but even with the white force enhancement the thorn reaches Kyran first and stabbed him.

ROAR!!

"Adhara! Go to Kyran first!", Rex shouted hurriedly.

After shouting that to Adhara, Rex turns towards the raven who is now also looking at him menacingly with immense bloodlust.

Its eyes have a spark of hatred as the raven moves left and right like a prowling predator.

The blood around its body makes the raven looks much menacing than before.

Rex looks at the raven's strong front without any change in expression, he can feel that the raven is already started to weaken because of the loss of blood.

He then waves his sword before he went into his battle stance.

Although Rex's yellow barrier manages to block most of the thorns, some of them manage to slip through as one thorn stabbed Rex's left shoulder.

But that is not enough to stop Rex, "I had enough!"

BOOM!!

Black lightning exploded from Rex's body as the moonlight energy gathered to him.

<Activating Pure Brace of Moonlight>

<The user's stats increased by 25%>

Rex also activates his yellow force again as his stats increased once more, the overwhelming aura that radiates from his body makes the raven flinch.

"Now die for me!"

SWOOSH!

With a small chant, Rex turns into a streak of lightning.

The raven flaps its wings after finding that it can't see Rex's movement clearly, the raven is clearly threatened by Rex a lot.

But before the raven can get high enough,

Rex already appeared below the raven as he leaped towards the raven with his sword.

CLANG!

The raven manages to block Rex's attack but this time, the raven is the one that got pushed back instead of Rex.

After clashing with the raven, Rex bounces from the cave walls to the cave wall.

His movement left black lightning sparks as he bounced from wall to wall, this makes the raven dizzy because of how fast Rex's movement was.



While bouncing from wall to wall, Rex strikes the raven with his sword.

Clang!

Slash!

Clang!

Sparks were created every time Rex's sword clashes with the raven, blood also splattered into the surrounding as the raven's body becomes even bloodier and bloodier the more they clash.

Roar!

The raven roars weakly as Rex manages to land a cut on its belly.

A gruesome open-cut wound was left as Rex slashes the raven's belly with his sword, with that charred wound the raven started to stumble to the narrow wall.

With its huge frame and very big wings, it's hard for the raven to fly properly in this cave.

From the looks of it, the raven won't be able to fly anymore.

Seeing this opportunity, Rex landed on the ground as he imbued even more mana into his sword and also enveloped the sword with his yellow force as the ground cracked with black lightning.

Powerful shockwaves charged into the sword creating a slight tremor.

After imbuing the sword with an enormous amount of mana, the sword started cracking as it can't handle Rex's powerful mana.

Knowing that the sword can't handle much more, Rex's legs muscle bulge.

BOOM!

Rex jumped up towards the raven that has started to fly away feeling the danger of Rex's sword, it flaps its wings weirdly as it bumped into the walls but still desperately keeps on flying away.

The raven tries to flee towards the entrance to this open place,

Feeling the intense lightning from behind, the raven fires another round of thorns while keeps on flapping its wings to flee the place.

But then suddenly,

"Black Field Orko!"

Grip!

Four black lightning tentacles sprouted from the black ground as it caught the raven mid-air, the black tentacles hold the raven still as it tries to break free.

With a wave of his black sparking sword, none of the thorns manage to stop Rex.

Rex arrives at the raven's back before he puts his sword cracking with black lightning forward and thrusts powerfully.

STAB!!

ROAR!!

The sword pierced through the raven's back as it roars in pain,

Black lightning started to invade the raven's insides as it electrocutes the raven's body paralyzing its wings, 'Finally, it's over', Rex thought as he drives the sword deeper.

But to his surprise,

With the last bit of the raven's strength, the raven swings its wing.

The black tentacles got destroyed as Rex loses his focus after assuming that the raven will fall, but turns out there is more into the raven than he thought.

Rex widened his eyes as the raven turns its body around.

After fiercely glaring at Rex trying to print Rex's face to its brain, the raven opens its beak wide as it bites Rex with every last bit of strength.

"RAARGHH!", Rex shouted as the raven bites him.

The raven bites right on Rex's traps all the way clamping on Rex's chest.

Both of them fall to the ground making the ground tremble as Rex tries to punch the raven off of him to no avail.

It stubbornly kept its bite as Rex shouted in pain.

The raven's saliva corrodes Rex's skin slowly, the pain is unbearable as his skin turns black.

"You damn bird!", Rex shouted as he grabs the raven's neck with both arms.

SQUEEZE!

Without backing down from the fight, Rex wrapped his arms around the raven's neck as he squeezed it powerfully trying to break the raven's neck.

Both of them were put in a lock as the raven also can't move much.

Roar!

Delta comes from the side as she started to bite and scratch the raven's body, but even then, the raven ignores the pain and keeps putting all of its strength into the bite.

Even after its belly area got sliced open by Delta, the raven kept biting.

Rex's body makes a cracking sound as his bone cracked under the bite force of the raven.

Seeing that her attempt is futile, Delta also bites the raven's neck trying to make the raven let go of Rex that has a portion of his skin slowly turning black.

The muscle on Rex's body contract crazily as Rex squeezed with all his might.

Blitz! Blitz!

Black lightning also hovers around Rex's body as he kept squeezing,

"JUST DIE YOU LOUSY BIRD!! RARGHH!!", Rex shouted as he squeezed with everything he had one last time before suddenly,

CRACK!!

A very loud cracking sound was heard as Rex feel the raven's neck snap.

<Killed an Early Sixth Rank Mutated Animal, Obtained 4,000,000 Exp>

The system notification appears in front of Rex before Rex finally lets go of the raven's neck, he gasped for air as he pushed the raven's head off of him.

But to his surprise, the raven's muscle is still tense as the bite still lingers on.

"Help me get out!", Rex said before Delta tries to open the raven's beak with all her might.

With quite a bit of struggle, the tense muscle of the raven's beak loosened before Rex crawls back before holding his chest in horror.

Thud!

The raven's head then falls to the ground creating a thudding sound.

A portion of his skin around his chest and traps area turns black.

Rex felt numb in that black area, but it didn't take long before the black area emits a white steamy smoke as it started to heal.

His powerful regenerative ability started to kick in.

But even with his powerful regenerative ability, it will not be quick to heal the black skin.

If any normal sixth rank Awakened got bit by the raven, their bones will certainly be crushed as even Rex's hard bone cracked because of it.

Delta whimpers beside Rex as she nudges its muzzle at Rex,

Rex only smiles lightly before he rubs Delta's head weakly, "Thank you for helping me", he said before he lies on the ground for a moment.

After a few minutes, Rex catches a bit of his breath before he stands up.

'Kyran?!', Rex thought remembering the thick thorn that pierced Kyran as he leans on the cave's wall with his hand and glance in Kyran's direction.

There he saw Kyran sitting against the wall with the thick thorn still in him.

Adhara is also there helping Kyran the best she could, but it's not much considering she's not a healer or any of that sort.

Rex approaches them while stumbling on his walks.

But Delta helped him walk by letting Rex hold onto her with his left hand as they strode towards Kyran and Adhara.

"How's he?", Rex asks before he falls onto his knees.

Adhara glance at Rex and saw the black skin around his chest, "Are you okay?!", she asks in surprise, the black skin looks gruesome and painful.

"I'm fine", Rex replied while looking at Kyran.

He then added, "We need to get rid of the thorn, it has the same liquid as the raven's saliva that can corrode things and seems to have some venom too", Rex groans slightly while looking at his black skin.

Hearing this, Kyran chuckles before he coughs blood.

"Don't worry, I'm alright", he said weakly with a smile.

Seeing this, Rex looks at him in confusion, "What do you mean? Look at them, their skins turn black because of it", he said while pointing at the Awakened corpses.

All of them that got stabbed by the thorn have their skin turned black.

Even the scratches on Adhara's body also turn black because of the thorn.

Kyran then ripped his shirt area where he got stabbed by the thick thorn before he said, "See? I told it's okay"

"How did you do that?", Rex asks in surprise.

The skin part where Kyran got stabbed doesn't turn black as the others did, it's weird considering that even Rex and the others got affected by it.

Kyran then replied, "My dark mana consumes them in the nick of time"

Hearing this, Rex and Adhara were quite surprised as they didn't expect this to be possible.

"The dark energy moves on its own, and before the thorn stabbed me the dark energy consumes the red liquid that covers the tho Kyran explained further.

Even he, himself can't believe what just happened.

Adhara glances at the subtle dark mana around Kyran's hand before she mumbles, "Dark element falls into the special element, it's certainly not without a reason"

"Let's bring him outside, the moonlight should speed up our healing ability", Rex finally said.

After saying that, Adhara helped Kyran and Rex get on Delta's back.

Adhara then also puts another two Awakened that survived on Delta's back, she's the only one that is not hurt badly like the others.

"Are you okay girl?", Rex asks while patting Delta's back.

There are two little thorns stabbed on Delta's body and a couple of scratches, so Rex is a little concerned by her well-being too.

But Delta growls lightly signaling to Rex that it's nothing.

Rex chuckles lightly as he pats Delta to start walking with Adhara walking beside them.

They walked past the raven's carcass that has its neck snapped, Rex sigh after seeing the raven's carcass feeling glad that it's over.

Although he didn't want to admit it, fighting that raven is very hard without his Werewolf form.

"Adhara, go cut off the raven's head as proof", Rex instructed after tossing his sword.

Purple flames engulf the sword with immense heat as Adhara holds the sword.

Adhara swings the sword down to the raven's neck, the purple flame scorches the raven's skin but to her surprise, the sword didn't cut.

Looking at this, Rex is flag battered as the raven is still a pain even in its death.

Adhara needs to swing the sword a dozen times with all her might before finally, the raven's head got cut off from its body.

It makes her exhale harshly because of how hard it is.

Out of all the people that enter the cave to tackle the raven, only six of them survived the endeavor including Rex and the others.

After walking out of the cave, Max immediately approaches them.

"What happened?!", Max asks when he saw only five coming out of the cave with gruesome injuries all over their bodies.

Hearing this, Adhara tossed the head that she's holding.

Max was surprised by the huge head in front of him before Adhara replied, "That happened, bring these Awakened to the hospital"

Adhara brings the two dying Awakened down before a few men brought them away.

"What about you guys?", Max asks in concern, the wounds all over Rex and the others' bodies are very concerning.

Even Kyran has a thorn stabbing his body, it's natural for Max to be worried.

He can't even believe that Rex and the others can still talk and act normally with those wounds.

Rex then signal for Delta to walk away before he replied while riding past Max, "No need to worry about us, we can handle ourselves"

Chapter 270 Unwelcomed Awakened

Hey readers! Alpha Author here!

Sorry for the late Christmas Present guys, so I'm going to give you an early New Year's present instead hope you guys embrace the new year with an open mind!

I know many of you have had a rough year, but I hope there's still something good that happened to you guys this year.

And with that being said, I hope this gift from me can be added to the good things that happened this year.

May you all be blessed with a great new year!

Happy New Year!

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Rex and the others roam around the place trying to find a spot that is exposed to the moonlight.

The giant trees are very lush, their leaves and trunks covered the sky. It's very hard to find the perfect spot to recuperate.

After searching for five minutes, they luckily find one.

There is a gap between the trees that lets the moonlight shine through, the gap is quite big for the four of them to be exposed to moonlight at the same time.

Adhara helped Rex gets down from Delta before she carry Kyran.

Kyran lies on the rough ground just under the moonlight as his body started to emit a faint blue aura upon shone by moonlight, the moonlight makes Kyran feel relaxed and rejuvenated.

Seeing this, Rex then said, "Pull the thorn out, it's okay now"

With a swift pull, Adhara pulls the thorn out of Kyran's chest as blood spurted out.

"Rrghh!", Kyran grunted as the pain overwhelms him.

Although he's now a Werewolf, he's not used to getting hurt like this because he rarely gets this injured even during his training.

The gaping hole on his chest makes beads of cold sweat appear on Kyran's forehead.

His eyes averted to see the gaping wound on his chest, getting injured and injuring someone are two different things.

"Don't worry, that kind of injury is not going to kill you", Rex said assuringly, but Kyran still feels sick even though he knows that he will be alright.

Rex can see him struggling to not look at the wound on his chest.

Adhara also becomes uncomfortable because of Kyran's gaping wound.

Looking at both of them panicking, Rex sigh as he forgot that both of them came from different backgrounds than him.

After a slight whimper from Kyran, Adhara suddenly said while glancing at Rex, "You have been in a more painful state than this"

Her words attract Rex's attention making him glance at her.

"H-How can you be so calm even when you're injured badly", she added in curious.

Adhara then said in awe, "It's like your pain tolerance is very high, and I just can't help to wonder how you reach such a state"

But the stutter and her trembling voice show that she's uncomfortable, especially upon seeing Kyran who can only look up at the moonlight avoiding seeing his gaping wound.

Rex smiles lightly before he replied, "I didn't always as calm as now, I'm trained"

"How did you exactly got trained?", Kyran suddenly asks while keep looking at the moonlight.

Hearing this, Rex remembered the time that he got put into that rigorous training before he said, "I got into prison when I was still a part of the military"

Both Adhara and Kyran were quite surprised to hear this statement.

Rex thought for a moment before he corrected, "I should've gone to prison but a friend of mine from the military help me, and thus I got transferred to the SRU instead"

"There I got trained with Edward and my other friend, Kyle", Rex added.

But Adhara and Kyran can hear a slight pain when Rex said the name Kyle, but they didn't intervene as Rex seem to feel sad remembering this Kyle.

Rex then continues, "There's a room we called the red room there, it's more like a torture room. If we do any mistakes, they will put us there for a day to remind us to not make mistakes.

Upon hearing this red room, Adhara and Kyran's skin got goosebumps.

Seeing their scared reaction, Rex chuckles before he continues, "It's not what you think. Yes, we got tortured a lot there but most of the times we will be conditioned there"

Adhara and Kyran listen to Rex's story attentively feeling curious.

Rex thought for a moment before he frowns, "My mentor always said to clear my mind, every time I got tortured he kept repeating those words"

"Now that all of that is in my past, I realized what my mentor means"

After saying that, Rex looks at Kyran before he said, "The key in increasing your pain tolerance is not just getting used to the pain, but also your mind. Your mind is a powerful thing that you can harness, and this will greatly increase the maximum pain you can tolerate"

"If you're panicking or nervous upon getting injured, the pain will be amplified"

Hearing this, Kyran scrunch his forehead in thought before he closes his eyes and tries to steady his breathing for a moment.

Adhara also nodded her head mentally writing what Rex said.

In just a moment, Kyran's breathing becomes even more steady and he feels the stabbing pain on his chest start to decrease as he tries to mimic what Rex said and calm himself down.

Although it's hard to calm himself down, Kyran manages to do so by thinking positive thoughts.

While this is all happening, Adhara glance at Kyran.

Then, her eyes widened before she look at Rex in surprise, "It actually worked! I can't believe it!"

Rex smiles in reply before he leans on Delta behind him.

Silenced cover them again, but now Kyran already opened his eyes and not as tense anymore.

Delta is already sleeping behind Rex as the wound on her body also started to heal, it's surprising that the moonlight somehow also takes effect on Delta.

After a moment, Adhara glance at Kyran before breaking the silence.

"Wedron City huh? We met you there on our way, it's basically your home", Adhara said.

Hearing this, Kyran remembered the harsh times that he went through trying to just live day by day after both of his sister's death.

It's not a good memory, but he won't be here if he didn't struggle there.

"Yeah, I kind of want to visit my sisters' grave", Kyran said meekly.

Adhara looks in Rex's direction before he said, "We don't have the time right now, we can visit and even transfer your sister's grave next time"

Kyran was a little bit down upon hearing this, but he didn't mind.

But then suddenly, Kyran asks, "What about you Rex? Where is your hometown?"

Upon hearing what Kyran said, Rex's body froze for a moment. The bitter memory flash past his brain again as his expression changed slightly.

"What do you mean? Of course, it's Ratmawati City, his mom and dad are there", Adhara added.

Kyran scratches the back of his head, he forgot about that.

While the both of them are chuckling and laughing lightly, Rex raises his gaze to the glowing crescent moon in the sky before closing his eyes.

'It's been a while since I visit Dupok City', Rex thought.

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Meanwhile, 100 miles west of Eqosa City.

The sun is shining bright in the sky reflecting the weapons and armors of an army of humans that marched through an abandoned city, all of them are Awakened.

**From a glance, there are about a hundred to two hundred of Awakened.**

All of them are wearing full-plate armor that is made of very sturdy materials, and they all have their weapons sharp and ready for the upcoming battle.

The army of Awakened seems to be heading to Eqosa City that is under siege.

Every step that they take makes the same armor thudding sound, their movements are synchronized and arranged, boasting that they're a well-trained army.

A long grey-haired man can be seen leading the army.

The deep-sea blue uniform hugged the man's body tightly, his shoulders are covered with shoulder pads with the command cap on his head.

All of them match the deep-sea blue uniform, and the sword on his waist is also not ordinary.

While the grey-haired man leads the army through the abandoned city, they finally see another city on the far horizon they will meet after crossing the bridge in front of them.

After walking on foot for half an hour more, they're already close to the city.

The city is already a mile away from them, and it won't be long for them to arrive.

"Captain, one of our stationed men already prepared hundreds of mutated horses that we will use to go north where Eqosa City lies", an Awakened beside the grey-haired man said.

Hearing this the captain then shouted, "PICK UP THE PACE MEN! EQOSA CITY NEEDS US!"

The Awakened picked up their pace as they strode forward powerfully, it didn't take long for them to arrive at the entrance of the city.



But the captain frowns when he saw the people of the city evacuate inside after seeing them.

The frown on the captain's face becomes even more evident when he saw the gate closed as they near the city, it's clear for him that something is wrong.

"What is the meaning of this?", the captain asks while glancing at the Awakened beside him.

The Awakened beside him also frown upon seeing this,

Out of all the possible reactions of the city, this is the least he expected.

Arriving in front of the city gate, the captain looks up to the guards on the city wall before he shouted, "OPEN THE GATE! WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO REINFORCE EQOSA CITY!"

The city guard on the city wall didn't respond to him.

"WE'RE ONLY PASSING THROUGH THE CITY! LET US THROUGH", the captain added.

But even after shouting for the second time, the city guard didn't respond to the captain.

At this point, the captain is starting to get angry but the Awakened beside him calmed him down as she strides forward, "WE DON'T MEAN ANY HARM! PLEASE LET US THROUGH!"

After shouting this, the captain and the Awakened beside him see two people wearing different uniforms appear on the walls.

The woman wears a skin-tight grey dress with a grey-furred cape covering her body.

While the man that is walking by her side has a black tattoo on his arm that makes the captain and the Awakened frown.

Black crow tattoo...

"I'm the mayor of the city! We do not welcome Awakened in our city!", the woman beside the black hand shouted coldly.

Hearing this, the captain gritted his teeth in anger.

He then shouted back, "EQOSA CITY IS ATTACKED BY SUPERNATURALS! WHY ARE YOU BLOCKING US FROM REINFORCING THE CITY!"

After shouting that, the captain points at the black hand.

"STOP PLAYING PETTY TRICKS! LET US THROUGH AND I CONSIDER THIS NEVER HAPPENED!", the captain added with veins bulging on his neck.

The black hand chuckles lightly, "You're mistaken!"

"Unlike the UWO and their Awakened, we the black hand doesn't govern the cities but instead only protect the city! The mayor's decision is her independent will!", the black hand mocked.

The captain's face turns red, "BULLSHIT!"

Seeing that the captain is fuming in anger, the mayor's expression turns colder.

"If you want to reinforce Eqosa City, then go ahead! But don't go through our city!", The mayor shouted before she turns around and leave.

After seeing the mayor leave, the captain grinds his teeth.

BOOM!

Fire element burst forth from the captain's body as he glares at the city guards on the wall.

Eqosa City is going to crumble the longer their movement is delayed, the Supernatural is going out of control if they left them to conquer Eqosa City.

Every second counts and then these people appear and oblivious to such logic.

It pisses the captains off, this is not a small matter.

Looking at this, the black hand on top of the wall smiles in ridicule while taunting the captain by signaling for him to come attack.

This makes the captain's fire even more blazing.

Before the captain can make any rash decision, the Awakened beside him holds his shoulder.

The captain glared at the Awakened beside him before she shakes her head signaling that what the captain was about to do is a bad idea.

From the look of the black hand, it's clear that they're hoping for them to attack.

"How long if we make a detour around this city?", the captain asks in defeat, forcing a fight against the city will only pummel down the UWO's reputation even further.

The Awakened beside him look at the map for a moment.

After analyzing the map, the Awakened then said, "The east of the city is a forest filled with mutated beasts, while the west of the city is a rocky valley. If we take either one, it will take a day or slightly more to go around the city"

"And the addition of going to Eqosa Cit by walking, it will take half a day if we use the mutated horse. But by walking, it will take approximately 2 days if we power through and didn't stop to rest", the Awakened replied.

But this makes the captain feel worse, "Damn you Black Hand!", the captain cursed angrily.