

## Gourmet 101

### Chapter 101: Poisonous Toad King

The smoke was a sign of corrosion. However, Minhyuk's frying pan was a legendary artifact, and would not corrode that easily. With the poison easily blocked by his frying pan, Minhyuk hurriedly turned the frying pan to catch the poison that was going to fall on the ground before quickly reaching out to his Food Storage Inventory.

"Do you have any secret weapons for something unexpected like this?" Rován asked anxiously as he looked at the Poisonous Toad King while Minhyuk searched through his inventory. Minhyuk nodded solemnly as he finally pulled out what he was looking for.

"Fi...fish cake...?" Rován stuttered in confusion.

What Minhyuk pulled out of his inventory was not just some fish cake, but steaming hot fish cake! This was something that Minhyuk had prepared and kept in his Food Storage Inventory just in case he got hungry and had no time to cook something. Minhyuk swiftly placed the fish cake on the frying pan that was filled with soy sauce before cutting it in half and placing it in his mouth. The Poisonous Soy Sauce wrapped gently around the fish cake. It tasted divine in Minhyuk's mouth! It was so delicious that his eyes widened imperceptibly! It was salty, yet extremely savory and deep.

[You have eaten the poison from the Poisonous Toad King.]

[Your HP is decreasing rapidly.]

[You have temporarily fallen into a Hallucination.]

[The Eccentric Food God skill has been triggered. The food penalty has been ignored.]

"....Hey. How can you eat something like that?!" Rován asked. He was completely flabbergasted. He thought that Minhyuk just pulled out some fish cake since he was hungry due to their continuous battles. To think that Minhyuk had dipped it in poison! As it turned out, Minhyuk was completely fine.

[You have eaten the poison from the Poisonous Toad King.]

[You have gained 4 SP.]

"Chew, chew, chew. Ah! Delicious!"

Completely oblivious to Rován's concerns, Minhyuk was in awe of the tasty poison. He happily ate the fish cake dipped in Poisonous Soy Sauce. Then, he made eye contact with the Poisonous Toad King.

Pause!

The Poisonous Toad King paused and took a step back. When Rován saw this scene, he could not help but feel for the Poisonous Toad King. It seemed like he understood what it was feeling at this moment. He thought, 'You have never seen someone like that before, right? Me too...'

Shaken with fear, the Poisonous Toad King hurriedly spewed out poison to try and get rid of the man who gave it such a strange, ominous feeling.

Puhaaaaaaaaaa!

The pores in its body suddenly opened widely as small poisonous beads shot out from it! The poisonous beads flew to where Minhyuk and Rován were.

Puhaaaaaaaaaack!

[Rampant Sword.]

[A flurry of rampant swords with additional 30% attack power will be created for 5 seconds.]

The flurry of swords clashed with the poisonous beads in the air, stopping them in their tracks as Minhyuk hurriedly opened his mouth to catch the poison that was falling on the ground.

“Slurp!? Oh! This is not too salty, so it’s delicious even if you eat it alone!”

Minhyuk’s antics were quite a sight to see. He was dashing forward and drinking the poison that flew towards his face as he slapped the poisonous beads away, while continuously narrowing the distance between him and the Poisonous Toad King. The Poisonous Toad King’s expression was suddenly filled with dread and fear. It started to slowly back away. It seemed like it felt that Minhyuk wanted to catch it alive to extract poison from it.

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Rován looked at the Poisonous Toad King with pity. When it appeared in front of them, it was filled with pride and dignity. It felt like it was telling them...

I am the Great Mage Arfield’s Poisonous Toad King! I am the boss monster at the end of the Trial of the Seven Deadly Sins’ Gluttony!

However, right now, the Poisonous Toad King was in danger of being reduced to a soy sauce extraction tool. The moment Minhyuk captured the Poisonous Toad King, he tied it with a rope and had been catching the poison that it spewed out of its mouth into his frying pan ever since. On top of that, in front of the pitiful monster, Minhyuk happily sang, “Hey toad, hey toad. I’ll give you a punch, you give me soy sauce. Hey toad, hey toad. I’ll give you a punch, you give me soy sauce.”

“Puhaaaaaaak!”

“Ooooooooooh. Thanks!”

Minhyuk quickly repeated the action of stopping the poison that was spewed out and quickly catching the falling poison with his frying pan. As time went by, Rován could see that the body of the Poisonous Toad King was slowly getting smaller and smaller. Originally, the monster was about the size of a two-ton truck but now, it was already half the size of that!

‘Huh...?’

At some point, the body of the Poisonous Toad King drooped lifelessly. Then, notifications began to ring in Minhyuk and Rován’s heads.

[You have leveled up.]

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[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[...leveled up.]

Minhyuk heard around ten leveling up notifications. It did not end there.

[Class Quest: You have unsealed the Food God's Legacy Quest.]

Minhyuk quickly clicked on the quest to check all of the information from the quest.

[Class Quest: Food God's Legacy]

Rank: ?

Requirements: Level 150

Rewards: 100,000 EXP

Penalty for Failure: -100 on all of your stats

Description: During his lifetime, the Food God traveled all over Athenae and encountered plenty of myths, legends and strong people. He also left some of his most delicious and magnificent dishes during the process for his descendants to find. The Food God has named these dishes: God's Dishes. There are five God's Dishes in total. Only the tower master of the Chef Tower, Boroto, knows the location of the first dish. Meet him and confirm the whereabouts of the first God's Dish.

‘Wow...’

The mere mention of the name made his heart flutter in excitement. It seemed like the Food God had as much appetite as Minhyuk. And that person had personally made and selected five dishes for his descendants! Minhyuk nodded as he recalled something else. He thought, ‘Ah, the Golden Land's map!’

This map was something that dropped from the players that ambushed him when he was in the Goblin Subjugation Force. At that time, it was also sealed due to Minhyuk's low level. However, his level had long passed the required level and he could easily check it now.

(Golden Land's Treasure Map)

Requirements: Level 130

Description: Once you tear the map, you will be warped to the Golden Land. You will be able to see the location of the treasure during your warp.

Minhyuk nodded. The Golden Land! Once he logged out and returned to reality, he would go and investigate this matter properly.

[Party: You have acquired 1,510,230,000 gold.]

[Party: Minhyuk has acquired Great Mage Arfield's Cape.]

[Party: Rován has acquired Great Mage Arfield's Staff.]

Minhyuk immediately checked the item that he acquired.

(Great Mage Arfield's Cape)

Rank: Epic

Requirements: Level 250

Durability: 2,500 / 2,500

Defense: 60

Special Abilities:

?Skill: Invisibility

?Magical Defense+50

?Ignore all status abnormalities

It was another epic artifact! ?Minhyuk had not yet reached the level threshold so he would not be able to wear it immediately. However, the attached skill was something really incredible. It was the Invisibility skill. What was more surprising was that the player could attack for two seconds under the state of invisibility. Furthermore, the 'ignore all status abnormalities' meant that he would be able to ignore all abnormal states once he wore the artifact. Poison, brainwashing, magic, and everything else! It was a very good reward. The same was true for the staff that Rovan had received.

"It, it's an epic artifact! Wow! It's even an informational artifact!"

The informational artifact that Rovan mentioned referred to an artifact that one could check and verify even if it was sealed. Minhyuk's Ellie's Kitchen Knife could be regarded as an informational artifact. In other words, if one did not reach the level, then they would not be able to read the information about that part.

'I'll use the SP so I can master the Intermediate Bandaging...!'?Minhyuk thought as he used all the SP that he gained from eating the Poisonous Soy Sauce from the Poisonous Toad King on his Intermediate Bandaging skill.

[Bandaging Skill has leveled up.]

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[Bandaging Skill...]

[You have mastered the Intermediate Level Bandaging Skill.]

[You have gained 30 REP.]

[Intermediate Bandaging Skill has evolved to Advanced Bandaging Skill.]

[You have unsealed the Bandaging Skill's Intermediate Level Special Privilege.]

[You have acquired the skill: Material Restoration.]

[You have gained 100 DEX for acquiring the Intermediate Special Privilege.]

[Your special privilege for achieving 1,100 DEX has been released.]

[A Special Privilege will be generated for a random skill picked out from your skills and abilities related to DEX. Skills and abilities related to your Food God class will be excluded from the random picking.]

[The skill Intermediate Blacksmithing has been randomly selected.]

[You can now view the sealed special privilege.]

Minhyuk first checked Material Restoration.

(Material Restoration)

Active Skill

Level: Master

Mana Required: Depends on the material or ingredient.

Cooldown: None

Effects:

?Material Restoration

?Restoration Recipe

Minhyuk clicked on the two effects to read their detailed information.

[Material Restoration. Food that has been kept at room temperature for quite a long time, including milk and meat, can be restored to its freshest state.]

[Restoration Recipe. Not all of the food can be restored to its freshest state. The restoration recipe can help you restore very, very, very old ingredients and materials. You can also use the restoration recipe to check whether you can restore the old ingredient or material to its freshest state.]

Minhyuk smiled happily as he continued to check his Intermediate Blacksmithing skill. The notifications said that a special privilege was created just like the Bandaging skill's special privilege. Minhyuk cheered happily after seeing the special privilege.

‘Cooking Ingredients Appraisal.’

Minhyuk heard that there were only a few of the superior blacksmiths who had the Appraisal skill. This skill could be said to be something similar to that. He said, “Detailed description of Cooking Ingredients Appraisal.”

[Cooking Ingredients Appraisal. It can show and boost the hidden abilities and effects that are hidden in the ingredients.]

Although Minhyuk still needed to spend some time to completely master the Intermediate Blacksmithing skill, he still thought that this ability would be worth it. And finally, he also confirmed the Advanced Bandaging skill.

(Advanced Bandaging)

Passive Skill

Level: 1

Effects:

?Wound and injury recovery +11% +11%

?+100% acceleration on the wound's quick recovery pace.

Minhyuk would be able to recover 22% with his bandaging skill alone. If he added that on top of his Absorption Conversion skill, then Minhyuk would be able to recover 60% of his HP at one go. The only disadvantage with his bandaging skill was the fact that he would not be able to wrap it quickly, especially if he was in the middle of the fight. However, that was only a problem if he was alone. If he was with someone, then he would be able to use it immediately.

“Rovan, you got hurt earlier, right?” Minhyuk asked as he reached out for Rovan. ? Even though Rovan could easily recover with his Berserker skill, he would still need to wait for the cooldown to end before he could recover completely. So, Minhyuk used the bandaging skill on Rovan's arm.

“Bandage!”

[The bandage has been wrapped perfectly.]

[You have received an additional 5% injury recovery.]

[The recovery time has become faster.]

Before, when he achieved the best bandage wrap, there was only a 2% increase in wound recovery, but it had now increased by another 3% for a total of a 5% increase. In other words, the person would recover 27% of their HP once they received his bandage. Rovan could only blink blankly when he saw his HP increase by 27% after the bandage was wrapped on his arm.

“How is it? Does it feel okay?” Minhyuk asked, grinning at his silly look. At that moment...

[You have successfully hunted the Boss Monster.]

[You can now leave the field.]

[Would you like to leave now?]

The two of them disappeared after they answered ‘yes’ at the same time. Minhyuk confirmed that they came back to the path where the Ares Guild had chased them once he opened his eyes.

Soon, Rovan removed the bandage that was wrapped on his wounds. It was already completely recovered. He looked confused as he moved his arm to test it out. After confirming that he had truly recovered, he looked straight at Minhyuk and spoke out, “Minhyuk. I have a request.”

“A request?”

When Rovan mentioned a request, Minhyuk thought that he would want to ask him for Arfield's Cape. If that was the case, then Minhyuk was prepared to give him a good deal. After all, he gave Minhyuk the Thousand-Year-Old Tuber Fleeceflower before. However, when he heard his request, Minhyuk thought that it was quite surprising.

“Please fight with me. Just one time.”

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Ztube was a worldwide video uploading site, and Somin was an active uploader on Ztube. Her main content was centered around Athena, a topic that was famous and well-known in the world. She was in her mid-20s, but she had small bones so she did not look like she was old. She was also able to garner high views with her content about Athena before. Just as she finished her business in the bathroom, she received a phone call from her friend.

[Somin-ah. Go to Athena's official website and check out this interesting video.]

An interesting video? Somin wondered. Watching other people's videos was also something meaningful for her. She would be able to follow the current trend if she knew the content that the other people made and found interesting. Obviously, the current trend these days was all about Athena players. In addition, if the owner of the video was someone that was a handsome or beautiful person, then it was like icing on the cake. Somin hurriedly accessed Athena's official website at the urging of her friend.

[Number 1. Frying Pan Killer.]

She was quite taken aback by the number one on the real-time search keyword list. She asked, "Frying Pan Killer?"

[You'll definitely thank me for that.]

Somin clicked on the video curiously. The video showed a man with a frying pan on his back fighting against a mini troll. She thought, "Wow... He's really handsome. How long has it been since my eyes were cleansed like this?"

Somin freely admired the handsome features of the frying pan player. At the same time, the mini troll sent out a magic attack towards the player. Then...

[Clang!]

...The magic attack that was sent out was reflected back towards the mini troll.

'Magical reflection...?!' Somin thought in shock. As far as she knew, magical reflection was an ability inherent to mages. This was exclusive for mages that lack HP and high-leveled mages that were above the 6th class. However, to think that the frying pan was capable of something like that? Moreover, the mini troll that was hit by the reflected attack could not come back to its senses.

Somin thought that the video had checked all of the three things that a video needed to become a hit. Fresh content. A unique character. On top of that, a face that could attract a crowd. As she continued to watch the video, Somin was shocked to the point that she even let out gas.

Fwoooooosh—

"That's Suicidal Roan, right?"

[How was it? Aren't you thankful?]

"Hey. I'm busy!"

[Kim So...]

Somin ended the call before her friend could scold and nag at her. Versal's Rován. He was called the Mad Devil, the Crazy Hunter. She had posted plenty of videos about him and had personally watched all of his raid videos. He was an extremely famous player. Anyone who played Versal would know who Rován was. He even fought the demon, Valental, alone! At the time when he hunted Valental, he was also given another name. Suicidal Rován. He was a genius in combat.

‘He’s a player that has been recognized by the country’s gaming experts. He’s one of the few genius gamers with high physical, combat prowess and sense of humor!’

Now, he appeared in the virtual reality gaming scene once again. Somin was quite happy about this fact, but the thing that made her happier was the fact that she was somewhere near Shrieking Hills. She quickly accessed and logged in to the game.

Her nickname in Athenae was Joo-Ah. She had the hidden class Talented Exclusive, and her special ability was ‘Ignoring Restrictions’. With her special ability, she could override and ignore all the restrictions and conditions needed before entering a dungeon or a field. However, even if she used her special ability, she would not be able to attack or acquire any items inside the dungeon. Still, it was entirely possible to take videos and photos inside the dungeons and fields. This was the best ability for a Ztuber! She rushed to find Rován.

‘Maybe I will even be able to see the suicidal battle again...!’

Of course, even if it was not a 1:1 battle against a boss, there should be a fight against plenty of monsters. Then...

‘Found him!’

Joo-Ah was extremely delighted when she saw the backs of Rován and the frying pan player. They were facing each other. She thought, ‘What’s this? Why does it look like they’re going to fight...?’

The moment she thought that they would be starting a fight, Joo-Ah knew that it would garner a high number of views. Her heart fluttered excitedly as she started to stream a live broadcast.

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Rován did not only enjoy hunting, but he also quite enjoyed fighting against other players. Since he was extremely skilled, he even challenged the demons in Versal. They had been creatures that no one in the country had ever raided successfully. That was when the nickname suicidal was thrown at him. He really wanted to fight with Minhyuk with everything that he got.

“You want us to fight?”

“Yes. I really want to fight you, Minhyuk, at least once, with everything that I’ve got. This is my request.”

“...I understand. I won’t hold back then.”

“Yep,” Rován answered, grinning. He was glad that Minhyuk readily accepted his request. He decided to use one of the abilities of the legendary class Berserker.

[You have used Berserker’s Madness.]



[Your basic stats will temporarily increase by 50% for 10 minutes.]

[You can use Blood Manipulation.]

[You can turn blood into weapons and attack any enemy within a 5-meter radius.]

[You can use the restricted 3rd~5th chapter of the Greatsword's Swordsmanship.]

[The penalty for Berserker's Madness has been applied.]

[Even if you keep on hunting monsters, you won't be able to increase your EXP for 3 days.]

[5 points will be permanently removed from your basic stats.]

Berserker's Madness was a skill that would temporarily increase all five of his basic stats by 50%. He would also be able to use the Berserker skills and abilities that were still currently sealed for him. However, the penalty was equally painful. Nevertheless, he had a reason as to why he used it.

'If I don't use this power, then I will never have the chance to defeat Minhyuk,' Rován thought. In fact, he was quite sure of this.

Minhyuk quickly stepped back. He had a few ideas as to why Rován requested this from him. When strong people came together, there would always be a person who would avoid fights and a person who would want to compete in every way possible. Rován clearly belonged to the latter. Minhyuk used all of the buffs that he could use. Then, Rován narrowed the distance between them.

Swoooooosh!

'He got faster.'

Minhyuk noticed that his speed had become faster than what he had used before. In just a blink of an eye, Rován had already approached him and swung his sword at him. Minhyuk twisted his body and dodged the attack while Rován chased after him and swung his sword at him sideways. Minhyuk quickly defended himself from the attack.

Baaaaang!

When the swords met, instead of hearing the sound of grating swords, they heard the sound of something smashing. Minhyuk almost reeled back from the force of the attack. He quickly took his stance and launched an attack back at Rován.

[Sword of Fury.]

[Additional 50% attack power for strong lunges and stabs, if a vital strike is successful, it will be 80%.]

Minhyuk's stabbing sword was quickly parried by Rován and the skill was canceled.

Bang!

Minhyuk was a bit surprised. This was the first time that he saw someone cancel a skill in this way. At that moment, Rován had already narrowed the distance between them once again, as he used the skill that he had prepared earlier.

[Greatsword's Destruction]

[The power to destroy everything in one strike.]

[Additional bleeding will be incurred if the hit is successful. players within a 3-meter radius will be affected.]

Rovan's sword glowed a bright red, shaking as if it was going to explode.

Bang, bang, bang, bang!

When Minhyuk blocked the Greatsword's Destruction, a heavy force exploded and swallowed his body. The aftermath of the explosion was scorched ground, along with a dense cloud of dust. Rovan inhaled sharply as he prepared for the next attack.

[Greatsword's Disaster.]

[Powerful flames will engulf all of your enemies at once.]

Crackle, crackle, crackle!

A powerful flame surged out from Rovan's sword. The flame was so strong that it blew the dense cloud of dust away.

Baaaam!

Crackle, crackle, crackle!

A huge pillar of flame rose and swept the dust away. However, Rovan still did not let his guard down. Then...

Shwaaaaaaaaaaaaa!

Rovan saw Minhyuk rushing towards him. He swung his sword at him. However, Minhyuk moved so fast that he only left an afterimage behind.

[Step.]

[You can instantly travel a distance of one meter twice allowing you to quickly narrow or widen your distance from your target.]

Rovan hurriedly turned around to block Minhyuk behind him. Minhyuk once again disappeared from behind him leaving only an afterimage behind. The moment Minhyuk disappeared, Rovan quickly sensed danger.

[Rampant Sword.]

[A flurry of rampant swords with additional 30% attack power will be created for 6 seconds.]

The number of swords that Minhyuk used to attack had increased by the dozens. Rovan could feel a huge amount of pressure with all the swords surrounding him.

Clang, clang, clang, clang!

For Rovan to be able to parry the flurry of swords and counter Rampant Sword by himself was a testament to how great his abilities and skills were. However, one of the swords was still able to penetrate through his defense and slash at his sides.

Slaaash!

[You have received a critical strike.]

Rovan saw his HP plummet in an instant. A large chunk of his HP was gone with just one attack.

Spurt!

Spurt!

Blood spurted out all over his body. In an instant, his HP had dropped to less than 40%. The falling blood slowly rose and became sharp weapons. Rovan's eyes glittered sharply.

[Blood Manipulation]

[Any blood within a 5-meter radius can be turned into weapons that can be used to attack the enemies.]

The drops of blood coagulated and quickly turned into the shape of a weapon. It quickly enlarged and attacked and parried Minhyuk's Rampant Sword.

Clang!

Clang!

Clang!

Then, from the clashing weapons in the air, a spear brushed past Minhyuk's sides.

Spurt!

[You have recovered 2% of your HP.]

[HP absorption has failed.]

[You have recovered 1% of your HP.]

[You have recovered 4% of your HP.]

[HP absorption has failed.]

Minhyuk's blood turned into beads that were sucked and absorbed by Rovan, making his wounds start to recover at a rapid pace. After the duration of the Rampant Sword ended, Minhyuk took a step back. At the same time, Rovan also took a step back with his sword. Minhyuk hurriedly took out some food and ate.

Fwoooooosh!

Minhyuk's wounds also began to recover at a rapid pace.

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Joo-Ah blinked blankly at the incredible sight that was happening in front of her. She was not the only one who could not believe what was happening. Real-time comments had started to pour in and appear on her live broadcast.

[hsfdf44: OMG... That's Versal's Rovan over there right, the suicidal hunter. Scary.]

[VeryAmazing!: Where did that come from? It looks like he's whistling leisurely.]

[adadl3: I don't think he's whistling... Rovan looks like he's in a rush. It seems like he's using all of his strength.]

They did not know the exact details of the skills or Rován's class, but they were surprised nonetheless. They could see that Rován would lose the moment his Berserker's Madness' duration ended. The viewers continued to argue with each other.

[gadadl579: Who do you think will win?]

[Kyaakak: Rován. I think he's just taking care of him. Yepyp.]

[Yuri: 222222]

[Carman: 3333333]

[gfdq7461: How can Rován have plenty of fanboys and fangirls when he looks like a dog? Rován's out of breath. Just look at him.]

[Hororong: Where did you see it...? Hey, you look like shit...]

[gfdq7461: My mom says that I'm the most handsome in the world. Hahahaha.]

The viewers were arguing intensely when rankers suddenly appeared.

[Chaos: I'm?player Chaos, currently at Level 398.]

[Carman: Oh. It's Ghostblade Chaos!]

[Yuri: OMG... Chaos! I'm your White Chaos! We're with you Chaos!]

[Chaos: Thank you. Hehe;; To get to the point, a video of the Frying Pan Killer in Shrieking Hills was posted before. If you think about it then they're supposed to be in there and that's a hunting ground that Level 100~120 players usually frequent.]

[Hororong: yepyp. That's right.]

[VeryAmazing!: But why are you mentioning this?]

[Chaos: I don't think you're aware of this but let me say that again just to emphasize. Right now, they're at around Level 100~120.]

Chaos was surprised about their combat prowess, however, he was not aware that Minhyuk and Rován just undergone an insane increase in levels before. The level restrictions in the dungeon or field would not work if they leveled up inside. They would not be restricted even if they logged out as long as they did not leave the dungeon. However, once they used the return scroll, then the restrictions would be imposed on them.

[Koro: Are you saying that they're only between Level 100 to Level 120? That's crazy...]

It was just a lowkey comment from one of the players but the comment sections had become flooded after this comment. Joo-Ah murmured to herself as she looked at the chaotic comments. She said, "I thought the two of them were both over Level 200..."

Of course, she knew that Shrieking Hills was a Level 100 hunting ground even before she came here. However, when she saw the battle between the two of them, she thought that they were over Level 200 and had somehow ignored those restrictions. Who knew? Their levels were actually far below that. Joo-ah continued to film quietly, watching the two of them clash without letting up. She mumbled, "Damn, so amazing..."

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The second round of their fight had started. Rován quickly dashed towards Minhyuk, who was currently using his Absorption Conversion to recover from his injuries. Rován thought, 'I don't have time.'

Rován's MP was running out. While Minhyuk looked like he had a freakishly high level of MP, that was not the case for himself at all. Once the cooldown for Minhyuk's skills had reset to zero, Rován knew he would definitely have no chance of winning.

'The only thing I can rely on right now is Greatsword's Violent Assault,' Rován thought, his eyes narrowing sharply as he swung his greatsword.

[Step.]

[You can instantly travel a distance of one meter twice allowing you to quickly narrow or widen your distance from your target.]

'Again...!'

One step widened the distance between Minhyuk and Rován and another step narrowed the distance between them. This was the most difficult skill that Minhyuk had in his arsenal, and it was tricky to deal with. Quickly moving in two steps. It was even fast enough to leave afterimages that could confuse the enemies. The only problem that he had was that there would be a gap if he tried to step back to dodge and move forward to attack.

[Two Consecutive Quick Assault]

[Your attacks will deal damage twice.]

Minhyuk stabbed his sword towards Rován's stomach. However, Rován was able to block the attack. Their weapons both flew back in the air from the collision. However, Minhyuk was suddenly able to stab his sword once again. It left Rován confused, how could Minhyuk stab him again when both their swords clearly flew up in the air.

Stab!

"Ugh!" Rován groaned as he took a step back. Just as Minhyuk was about to pull his sword out, Rován's greatsword suddenly glowed bright red. The light was the most brilliant light that Minhyuk had ever seen Rován's sword emit. Then, the red light slipped out of the sword and turned into a snake. It was a snake made out of blood. The snake quickly flew towards Minhyuk.

[Greatsword's Violent Assault]

[The blood snake will deal twelve consecutive explosions upon collision with the target.]

This attack that could create a series of explosions was Rován's most powerful offensive skill. Rován quickly grabbed his sword and narrowed the distance between them as the blood snake finally collided with Minhyuk.

"Kiiieeeeeeee!"

Bang!

Minhyuk took a step back, but the snake had already started to explode despite only colliding once with him.

Bang!

Minhyuk felt something strange when he realized that there was another explosion. In the third explosion, Minhyuk was sent flying backwards. Unfortunately, the explosions did not end there.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!

The blood snake shattered like fragile glass after all of the explosions ended. As if to emphasize the damage that it caused to its opponent, the blood that formed the snake splattered everywhere.

[The effect of the skill: Berserker's Madness will now disappear.]

Rovan felt the powerful strength that filled his body just earlier suddenly ebb away. He sighed, "Phew."

He won. Unfortunately, it seemed like Minhyuk had been forced to log out. However, Rovan could not do anything about it. It was quite hard for him to control his strength, especially in such a taxing fight. Rovan thought, 'If I cared about that, I'd never win. Once Minhyuk logs in again, I'll pay him as much as the penalty he received.'

However, a man had appeared in front of him once the dust had settled.

'Crazy...! What kind of reflexes does he have?! Isn't this impossible?!'

Rovan quickly backed off. He saw Minhyuk covered with bandages and dust from the explosion.

"He's really a monster..." Rovan muttered. He stumbled as he fell down on his butt.

Minhyuk realized that their match was finally over. He could see that the mysterious power that surrounded Rovan's body had long disappeared. On the other hand, he was still standing strong.

The only reason why he was able to bandage himself after experiencing all of the explosion was because of Ellie's Kitchen Knife's attached skill, He Who Overcomes. Minhyuk was notified that his HP had hit rock bottom on the eighth explosion. The skill had tremendous power considering that his enormously high HP was reduced to zero. Thankfully, a notification rang in his head right at that very moment.

[He Who Overcomes.]

[Your HP has increased to 1. You are now invincible for 3 seconds.]

[All of your abilities will increase by 30% for 3 seconds.]

Minhyuk took advantage of that three-second time frame and quickly increased his HP by bandaging all of his wounds. This was the reason why Minhyuk still had 27% on his HP bar.

'I lost...?' Rovan thought. He felt that everything he did was futile. He had no choice but to finally admit defeat.

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Joo-Ah watched the number of viewers increase as she murmured to herself, "It's over..."

The Frying Pan Killer had won. She also had a hunch. She thought, 'Plenty of stations and guilds would send an olive branch to that player once they watched this broadcast!'

Right now, the comments were literally flooding all over her live broadcast screen.

[Caro: Wow, f\*ck. How did he withstand that?!]

[Holos: Is that really the bandaging skill that I know...? But it doesn't even make sense that he withstood that just by using the bandaging skill. The bandaging skill can only recover 10% of his HP. In the first place, I think that his HP is extremely high.]

[Cardeal: Do you know that helmet that he's using right now? Maybe?that helmet?is a legendary artifact?]

[Chaos: What's important is how high his HP is, the rest is not important.]

The entire screen turned silent the moment the ranker named Chaos appeared in the comments. Even Joo-Ah also gathered her senses and waited for his words.

[Chaos: In the past, our country was called the gamer powerhouse but now we're named as the ruined gamers. This was the case even if our country is the one that launched the game Athenae.]

Joo-Ah nodded, this was something really sad and pitiful. The people of their country were called the Gods of Hard Work but they were regressing in the virtual gaming scene.

[Chaos: Just in time, Versal's most famous player the Crazy and Suicidal Hunter, Rován, came back.]

Joo-Ah felt that her heart was thumping fiercely. She could feel her blood boiling. Rován's growth, his ferocity! He would definitely show the world! Then, Chaos added...

[Chaos: And now another player with a better physical and combat sense that could beat such a good fighter has appeared.]

"Wow...!" Joo-Ah exclaimed, fists clenching tightly to cheer for her country. After their fight, she saw the two people talking. The two looked like they were having a heartwarming conversation.

'What are they talking about?'

Joo-Ah thought, running towards them for an interview.

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Rován turned to look at the conflicted Minhyuk after the match. Rován thought, 'Does he feel sorry for me? Or does he feel happy to win?'

Rován was sure that Minhyuk was someone that had a power that could exceed his own level. To be honest, Rován could tell this because he was also stronger than Lucia.

Then... Minhyuk slowly opened his mouth and said, "I'm hungry..."

"..."

Indeed. Minhyuk did not have any complicated thoughts like what Rován assumed. The only thought in his head was that he was hungry. He took out some red bean buns from his inventory as Rován turned to him and said, "Minhyuk, do you want to join my guild? It would be really nice if you join us."

Rován thought that Minhyuk would join him. However, contrary to his expectations, Minhyuk shook his head. He even shook it while he had bread in his mouth. Minhyuk said, "Thank you for your offer, but I'm fine."

"...Is there a guild that's holding you back?"

"That's not it..." Minhyuk said, smiling bitterly.

Minhyuk still had those friends that he hung out with back in middle school. He was sure that they made a guild in?Athenae?too. Minhyuk was only playing this game to have fun and eat something delicious. For him, hanging out with them was also something fun. So he decided that once he met them, he would definitely join their guild.

“There’s a place that I wanted to go to.”

“I envy that guild. A guild that Minhyuk wanted to go to. Ah, by the way... would you like to go and hunt with me some more?”

The guild recommendation was a bust. It was a bit regrettable but Rován still believed that they could still hunt together and bomb their way through their levels. However, Minhyuk looked through the distance and said, “There are still so many things in the world that I want to eat. And I have to be alone to be able to do that. Pizza, chicken, braised pig trotters,?bossam, spicy korean stir-fried pork, sushi, grilled eel, shabu-shabu...?sigh...”

Minhyuk’s expression was filled with nostalgia. He was gazing at the distant mountains as if he was recalling an old lover who died.

“Uhm...”

Rován thought that he really was someone that was so peculiar. Then, he asked, “Then, let’s add each other as friends?”

“That’s good,” Minhyuk agreed. He was also quite fond of Rován so he readily accepted his request to add him as a friend.

[Rován is asking to add you as a friend.]

[Yes?/?No]

“Yes,” Minhyuk said, nodding as Rován’s information appeared in his friend’s window.

[Rován / 161]

As expected, Rován’s class was also set to private and hidden from view.

“I’m so tired so I’m going to log out now. I did a lot of things today too,” Rován said. He looked exhausted.

The timing after the end of their match was just nice for Minhyuk to log out as well. After all, he had to log out once every four hours to exercise and eat. He was not that different from others when playing the game, but he had to maintain this timing perfectly. So, he said, “See you next time.”

“Yes. See you next time.”

Rován was the first one to log out. Then, Minhyuk followed suit. Both of them disappeared in an instant. Joo-Ah arrived after running frantically, only to witness the two of them disappear. She was panting as she looked at the spot where the two of them disappeared from. She said, “Ugh. What a waste...!”

She looked so sullen and sad for missing the opportunity to interview them.

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Yoon Chan, or Rován, fell down on his bed after logging out of the bed.

“Yaaawn...”

Another strong person had appeared, furthermore, he was someone that was unique. Yoon Chan grinned as he closed his eyes. Sleep took over him the moment his vision turned dark and without realizing it, he slept for quite a long time. When he woke up, he finally remembered his mobile phone that he had previously thrown haphazardly on the bed.

“Why is it turned off?” Yoon Chan asked dumbly as he pulled out his charger and plugged his phone. Then, his phone began to ring non-stop the moment he opened it.

[Genie: Why can't I contact you through the guild chat or whisper? Please answer my call ????]

[Genie: If you don't answer right now, I'm going to kick you out of the guild. Don't test me?! Do you really want me to do it?!]

[Genie: (photo)]

[Genie: (video)]

[Genie: Haaa... I can't believe you got caught in pictures and videos... Are you still online...?]

“...?”

Yoon Chan felt that something unusual had happened. The GM was usually a calm and serious person. He looked through the text messages that he received with a curious look on his face. He quickly jumped out of bed.

“OMG...?”

[Genie: Are you with the Frying Pan Killer right now? He's my friend! ????]

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This was back when Rován informed Genie that the Ares Guild was trying to declare war against them.

[Genie: What kind of player are you with?]

Genie thought that it would be helpful if the player that Rován was with was someone stronger than their level. She thought, ‘There's nothing we could do to help him right now...’

It was unfortunate but that was the reality. The Shrieking Hills had level restrictions and the other guild members were either too high-leveled or too low-leveled to enter the field. However, if Rován was forced to log out, she would protect him and put some pressure on Ares Guild.

However, ever since Rován sent his last message in the guild chat, he had not answered nor sent them any message for an hour or two. It was fortunate that they had not heard any forced logout notifications. This meant that he was not dead yet.

[Khan: Genie. Go to Athenae's official website right now and click on the video about the Frying Pan Killer!]

‘Frying Pan Killer?’

Genie looked at the words curiously. There must have been something important in the video for Khan to be extremely excited over his whisper. She entered the official homepage and clicked on the ‘Frying Pan Killer’. It was the first on the real-time search list.

As she watched the video, she could not help but jump up in surprise. She said, “It...it’s Minhyuk!”

The Frying Pan Killer was none other than her best friend. And that was not all. The person that was standing next to him was none other than Rován.

“Th...the person hunting together with Rován...”

Genie had tried to contact Rován ever since then. However, it looked like both his guild chat and whisper had been turned off. She could not reach him at all. She thought, ‘He must have turned it off before his fight against the Ares Guild...’

Whenever a message came in the guild chat or whisper, it would twinkle brightly in the corner of their eyes. This was especially irritating to a person who was in battle. For Rován, it was something that was extremely detestable. This was not the first or second time that she had lost contact with Rován. The other guild members did not care much since they knew that he was focusing on the battle. However, there was no noise whatsoever, and he could not be contacted for quite a long time now.

Genie could not sit still. So, she went to the cafe and met with her friends. She was currently sitting with the bandit-like Jisoo and the handsome Seoktae. None of them had touched their food.

“You still can’t contact Rován right now?”

“Yeah. I don’t think I’ll be able to contact him until the attack is over...”

“...We’ve been out of touch for years but now we learn that he’s the Frying Pan Killer?”

Seoktae smiled as he turned to look at Jisoo. He asked, “Why do you look like you don’t care?”

“To be honest, I think that bastard is just too much!”

Jisoo frowned and said, “He just went under the radar for so many years, and didn’t even contact us at all. To think that we have to find out about him in this way? Did we lend him some money for him to hide like that? What are we, loan sharks?”

Seoktae fell silent when he heard his words. He looked over to see what Jihye thought of it.

‘This senseless bastard...’

In a way, what he said was correct. However, Seoktae also knew something. Minhyuk was the reason why Jihye lost weight. She was 100 kilograms before, but because of him, she decided to lose weight. He was Jihye’s first love.

#### Chapter 104: Poisonous Toad King

Jihye looked like she was deep in thought. Her initial thought was also that Minhyuk’s behavior was too much. However, everything was currently one-sided. Then, Jihye said, “There may be some circumstances that we don’t know. Maybe he wanted to meet us but he couldn’t.”

“...I don’t know about that,” Jisoo answered, shaking his head. He really did not know anything about Minhyuk’s circumstances. Jisoo looked down at his phone to avoid the eyes of his friends. However, as he scrolled through his phone, his eyes widened. He found a video on the internet. The title was... ‘The Return of Suicidal Rován.’

“Huh...? What’s this? Why is Rován here?” Jisoo asked loudly. He confirmed that this was Rován, the very person that they lost contact with after he told them that he was fighting against the Ares Guild. So, why was he in the video?

“The person who’s wearing the helmet...”

The person was wearing a helmet with horns on top of it, making his features unidentifiable. However, they knew that this person was none other than Minhyuk. It was proven by the fact that there was a frying pan on his back. Then, Minhyuk and Rován clashed together. The three of them watched the video together in a daze. Then, Minhyuk looked at Rován sharply as he stood up and appeared from the cloud of dust, his body covered with bandages.

“...He, he has a good sense for battle...” Seoktae said. He was Khan, the King of Fist. This was his nickname, but he was good enough to not shame the name.

“Rován used the Berserker’s Madness, right?”

“It looks like it. Rován told me before that he would be as strong as someone at Level 200 if he uses that skill. But the penalty will be extremely huge for him...”

All of them were shocked. Then, how strong was Minhyuk exactly?

“Wow. How did that game noob become so strong?”

When the four of them hung out together, Minhyuk was the worst among them at playing games. Playing games with him was often enough to get them shaking. However, the reality was, the three of them were so good that Minhyuk thought that he could not do it at all! It was an unfair comparison to begin with.

“Aside from that, I thought of a way to contact Minhyuk.”

“What is it?” Seoktae asked as he turned to Jihye.

“We could just find him with that helmet and frying pan, right?”

“Oh! Then if someone found him and told you his location then you will reward them. Like that?”

“That’s right!”

Meanwhile, Jisoo who was quietly looking at his phone whispered, “...We can’t find him like that.”

“Why?”

Jisoo showed them the content that he was just reading on his phone.

[Blacksmith Guild Happy Meal:~Thanks to the enthusiastic support of our fans, 300,000 of our frying pans and helmets have been sold out. ^\_^]

“...?”

“...?”

Jihye and Seoktae tilted their heads in confusion, making Jisoo sigh deeply. He scrolled through his phone and showed them another article.

[Why am I seeing people wearing a frying pan and a helmet all over the streets today...]

[IKR... It's like when you see a lot of people wearing the same brand of padded jacket as yourself every time you walk outside because it is so popular.... Hehehehe.]

[Even the Happy Meal Guild is swamped with orders... They're expecting to sell 500,000 pieces today... Even the other guilds are jumping into the frying pan business.]

The two of them were left speechless. Then, right at that moment, they received a call from Yoon Chan. Jihye talked to him for quite some time. She said, “Yes, yes. We went to school together. Really. I'll tell the whole story to you later. Please send a whisper to him first. Yes.”

Jihye ended the call. Not long after, a call came in from Yoon Chan again.

“Wh...what did you say? You sent the whisper?”

However, the words that Yoon Chan said were like a bolt out of the blue.

[I think his whisper is off...?]

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Minhyuk woke up in a daze. He said, “I'm hungry.”

He always started his morning with the correct words to kick off the day. Then, he went out to the kitchen and saw Changwook standing up from his seat and greeting him, “Yo, Frying Pan Killer.”

“Hyung. How did you know that name?”

“You topped the real-time search on the~Athenae~official website yesterday. And, there's also a live broadcast video of you winning a fight with Rován. You're really amazing.”

Did he get famous on the official website? Minhyuk only thought about one thing when he realized this. He said, “Shit. Then it would be difficult to eat! So annoying.”

When Changwook heard Minhyuk's words, somehow he felt envious. Anyone who played a game would want to be a strong person or even be a Ranker. However, Minhyuk, on the other hand, looked extremely annoyed that he was considered to be a strong person.

“Ah, that's right. Why was your whisper off yesterday, Minhyuk?”

“Ah. It was because Lucia kept on sending whispers to me. She said that she wanted to eat ramen. She said that she couldn't forget the taste of the ramyeon that I made before.”

“...Is that the Lucia that I think you’re talking about?”

“Yes.”

“Is...isn’t that a good thing?”

“Hyung. It’s bad! My god. She wants to steal ramyeon from me!”

“R...really? I don’t think that’s the case though?”

“No. It’s because Hyung don’t know her well. She’s a glutton, she even wanted to take two potato pancakes from me.”

However, Changwook thought differently, ‘Did Lucia really send whispers to Minhyuk just because she wanted to eat ramyeon??She is much more daring than what I thought.’

Everyone liked to eat ramyeon. Asking someone ‘Do you like to eat ramyeon with me?’ was basically an expression of interest. For some, it was a symbol for ‘mutual understanding’. However, Minhyuk just saw Lucia as the villain who was trying to steal his ramen.

‘He’s really a blockhead and a dating noob,’ Changwook thought. As a fellow dating noob, he was quite delighted with this turn of events. After all, he was sure that he would get a bad stomachache if Minhyuk and Lucia’s relationship went well! Then, just as fast as his delight came, he suddenly felt sullen.

‘But why am I...’

Why was no one interested in him! Changwook’s shoulders drooped as he sullenly trudged back to his room.

“Hyung. Why did you suddenly look like you’re tired?”

“Don’t talk to me... You enviable... no, bad punk.”

Minhyuk was taken aback. He turned around and continued to eat his cherry tomatoes and salad to his heart's content.

‘God’s Dishes.’

There were five dishes hailed as God’s Dishes. Minhyuk was already looking forward to it. He had to go and find Boroto, the former tower master of the Chef’s tower, to find out where the first dish was. He was told that Boroto was currently staying in the Chef’s Village, Raven. Excited, Minhyuk accessed Athena.

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Minhyuk was plunged into confusion the moment he arrived at Raven. He thought, ‘Since earlier, really...’

There were a lot of people wearing a helmet and holding a frying pan just like him. He even saw them swinging the pan while exclaiming, “Korea number one!”

“...?”

Meanwhile, the people on his other side were saying, “We Love Frying Pan club is recruiting guild members for the FPK club. We won’t accept anyone with less than 50 on their frying pan’s attack power!”

Minhyuk thought that there really were a lot of strange people as he continued to walk to where Boroto, the former tower master of the Chef’s Tower, was.

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The person in question, Boroto, had been drinking heavily despite it being early in the day. He thought, ‘In the end, no one came to succeed Food God...’

No one here believed in Boroto or the amazing legends of the Food God! Everyone just snorted in contempt when they heard the legends of the Food God.

‘No. There’s no one crazy like that in the world, Boroto!’

‘Boroto, why do you believe in such nonsense? Isn’t that just like believing in traditional fairy tales?’

That was right, it was how everyone looked at the legends of the Food God. A traditional fairy tale to promote a child’s innocence! His legends really were something like that. The legends of the Food God were filled with so much crazy nonsense that everyone believed it to be something that was only made up. However, as a child, it was what Boroto had heard from his father...

‘He’ll come one day.’

Whenever Boroto’s father served food, he would always tell him the stories of the Food God. Since he grew up with those stories, Boroto had always dreamed of meeting him. In the end, no one came to him as the descendant of the Food God. Time had come and gone, and he was now the former tower master of the Chef’s Tower. Nothing was left of him, but a senile old man. Boroto once again drank from his bottle of alcohol. Then...

Knock, knock—

“Hello, anybody there??Chomp?”

Someone knocked on his door. Boroto tilted his head curiously as he walked to open the door. When he opened the door, he saw a young man standing right in front of him. The man hurriedly wiped the grease off of his mouth. He looked like he just finished eating a piece of the smoked duck meat that he was holding in his other hand. The smoked duck meat was ridiculously large, it was even as large as a man’s head.

“...Boy, who are you?”

“I’m here to find the Food God’s Legacy!”

“...!”

When he heard his words, Boroto was startled. Then he asked him, “Boy, what would you do if the world was going to end tomorrow?”

“I’ll go and eat something delicious?”

“What would you ask for if the Dragon Lord wanted to give you a present?”

“I’ll ask him to give me a small part of his tail. I wonder what a dragon’s tail tastes like?!”

“Boy, what do you think of as soon as you wake up?”

“I just woke up so I’m hungry...”

‘My goodness...! This guy is a total food freak!’ Boroto nodded. However, he still needed the final proof. Boroto quickly rushed inside. Back when his father was alive, he left a dish behind. This dish was sealed by the Food God himself with his own powers. This was a dish that only the Food God could eat! Since it was sealed by the Food God himself, only the people who were related to him would be able to eat it.

Then, he opened a box. As soon as Minhyuk saw the dish in the box, he looked at it, before turning back to Boroto in surprise. He could not stop alternating his gaze between Boroto and the dish.

Boroto carefully handed him a pair of chopsticks and said, “Boy, would you like to try and pick some food from this dish?”

If the person was not the Food God or his descendant, then they would not be able to even reach it with their chopsticks. Even Boroto could not touch it. However, Minhyuk shook his head and said, “There’s still something that you need before you eat this dish.”

Minhyuk looked at Boroto with a solemn expression on his face.

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“There’s still something that you need before you eat this dish.”

Minhyuk had a rare solemn expression on his face! He hurriedly pulled some rice out of his food storage inventory. The dish that the former Chef tower’s tower master, Boroto, showed him was none other than a soy braised quail egg!

The soy braised quail egg was one of the best rice thieves ever! Whenever Minhyuk opened the refrigerator, he would be so happy if he saw a soy braised quail egg that his mother prepared the night before. Minhyuk quickly slipped his chopsticks at the soy braised quail egg. His chopsticks easily picked a quail egg that was browned by the soy sauce.

“Gasp!” Boroto gasped. He looked at Minhyuk with awe and admiration. He handed him the dish as he slowly backed away and bowed down only to exclaim, “All hail the Food God!”

However, Minhyuk did not look at him at all. He sat down in his place as he scooped up a spoonful of the steaming hot rice. Then, he placed the quail egg on top of it before placing it all in his mouth.

“Chomp!”

The moment Minhyuk chewed, he could taste the salty and light flavor of the braised egg and the rice. He was completely in awe. He said, “W...what’s this? It’s extremely delicious?!”

Minhyuk was truly in shock. The taste was different from all of the soy braised quail eggs that he had eaten in the past. The flavor was extremely deep and savory. As for the egg white and yolk, they were in complete harmony in every bite.

“Of course. That is a dish that was made by the Food God himself. The egg is not actually a quail egg though.”

If it was not a quail egg, then what was it? The size was definitely the size of a quail egg. Then, a shocking fact came out of Boroto’s mouth, “It’s a phoenix’s egg.”

Chapter 105: Hungry Monsters

“...Phoenix eggs?”

“Yes. The phoenix is considered to be a noble monster in Athena. My father said that the Food God suddenly brought in these phoenix eggs one day. Then, he suddenly started to cook it on the spot.”

“Ho.”

“Then, he made this soy braised phoenix egg. He said that his descendants will one day come to eat this.”

Minhyuk looked down at the soy braised phoenix egg in his hands. The taste was definitely superb. ‘It’s so yummy that I can’t even describe its taste.’ He thought, ‘Did the Food God only eat food as delicious as this?’

Minhyuk was suddenly filled with a great sense of jealousy. However, he still quipped, “The phoenix eggs already taste this good, I wonder how much tastier the actual phoenix is?”

“Y...you really are the Food God.”

Any ordinary person would have screamed? ‘No?! I ate the eggs of a legendary monster?!’ once they learned of the truth, but the only thing that Minhyuk thought of, was that it was delicious!

Nevertheless, Boroto continued to tell his stories. He said, “I’ll tell you about the Food God’s legacy. The Food God had countless subordinates that followed him.”

The Food God’s subordinates! Minhyuk listened to him carefully while he continued to eat since this was an important story.

“They were all important friends of the Food God, however, they were also his loyal subordinates. Most of them were considered to be legendary figures that have dominated and reigned supreme in the entirety of the Asgan Continent. Some could order a million troops to move in a single command, there were also heroes who have fought and won against the Demon Army, there were also plenty of kings and emperors who ruled their own races. The Food God had entrusted some of them with the God's Dishes, some were even entrusted with clues on how to find cooking ingredients. All of them were entrusted with these, just so they could give these and inform the Food God’s future descendants.”



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Minhyuk listened attentively as he ate.

“These dishes allow the Food God’s descendants exert incredible powers the moment they’re eaten. Also, from what I heard, the loyal friends and subordinates of the Food God also sealed their powers on these dishes upon his death. This was their way of expressing their longing for the Food God. And the first dish among the five God’s Dishes...”

Boroto looked at Minhyuk. Then, he continued to say, “...the only thing I know about that is that these Phoenix eggs are related to the first God’s Dish.”

“Related to the first dish?”

“Yes. I don’t know which subordinate sealed their power in the first dish though. But, if you eat God’s Dishes, you will be able to fill in the abilities that you lack from being a Food God.”

“Abilities that I lack...”

Something flashed through Minhyuk’s head. He thought, ‘Don’t tell me...?!’

The Food God’s Cooking and Ingredient Tracking skill had not been able to move past the ‘not yet leveled up’ category. Was that the hint?

“Please go to Salov Land located in front of here. You will be able to find the hint for the first dish if you go there.”

[Class Quest: Go to the Salov Land.]

Rank: ?

Requirements: Level 150

Rewards: 300,000 EXP

Penalty for Failure: Unable to progress further in the Food God’s Legacy.

Description: That was all of what Boroto knew. You must go to the Salov Land to find the hint!

Minhyuk was somewhat confused. He thought, ‘What do I need to find? If I go there without knowing anything, can I even find the hint?’

It was quite vague and mysterious but Minhyuk still nodded and accepted the quest. Then, Boroto raised his doubts. He said, “But, Food God.”

“Yes?”

Just before Minhyuk ate his last spoonful, Boroto asked, “Where is your apostle?”

“Apostle?”

“...?”

Boroto tilted his head in confusion. According to the legends, the Food God had the best chef under his command and he would always take him along through his journeys. And this man, the apostle, was also a man with great power. Boroto tried to remember the words that his father told him before. He said, "It's the Twilight Chef."

"...?"

Minhyuk was confused. This was the first time that he heard about this. He asked, "What kind of work does the apostle do?"

"He did a lot of different things from the Food God. He's good at everything. He could use his farming skills to grow new crops, dig up minerals in the mines and even track ingredients."

As Minhyuk continued to listen, he thought that these things were strangely familiar. He asked, "Is that what the legends say?"

When he thought about it, Len did not give him any quest. However, he was still able to master abilities related to dexterity and even receive an artifact. Was that supposed to be originally for that guy?

"I already have all those abilities. And, I prefer not having any apostles."

"H...how come? The apostle is like your right hand man. He's the one that should take care of all of your troubles."

Minhyuk clarified his stance indignantly. He said, "I'm already short on food to eat and you still expect me to take in another mouth to feed?"

"..."

"...?"

Boroto thought that there was no other person that was suited to be the Food God except for this person in front of him. After Minhyuk ate the last spoonful of the soy braised phoenix egg, he heard some notifications.

[You have eaten a dish made by the Food God.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[Your Fire Resistance has increased by 30%.]

[Your affinity with the Fire Elemental Spirits has sharply increased.]

"Huh...?"

Minhyuk was shocked. His EXP increased just by eating something. When he thought about it, he realized that this was the first time that he had eaten a dish that was made by the Food God. Perhaps his EXP would increase every time he ate a dish that the Food God made personally. Minhyuk also received a huge boost in his power, with an additional 30% in his fire resistance. This was the same as saying that he would be able to reduce the damage he took from fire-attribute monsters by 30%.

Minhyuk's affinity with the fire elemental spirits had also increased. This was a great boost considering that Minhyuk already had a high increase in his spirit affinity from the legendary frying pan. It meant that he already had a high degree of friendship with any spirit, and now, especially with fire elemental spirits. After he finished chatting and talking with Boroto, Minhyuk quickly went to the Salov Land.

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After chatting with Boroto, Minhyuk went out and continued to eat his smoked duck. This smoked duck was none other than the Golden Duck that he hunted with Rovin in Shrieking Hills. Once he finished all of the smoked duck, he heard these notifications.

[Food God's True Worth.]

[You can acquire a random skill from the Golden Duck.]

[Would you like to acquire it?]

The golden duck was an epic monster that had plenty of magical skills in its arsenal. Minhyuk tried to randomly acquire a skill.

[You are attempting to randomly acquire a skill.]

[Acquisition rate 11%... 22%..... 36%... 68%... 0%...]

[You have failed to acquire a skill.]

Minhyuk was quite disappointed that he failed to acquire a skill from the Golden Duck.

Before realizing it, he had arrived at the Salov Land whilst sporting a face full of regret. The monsters that resided in the Salov Land could easily be described as... Giant spiders! From what Minhyuk read, the monsters in Salov were Level 200 monsters. If anyone compared his level to those of the monsters, they would know that there was an extremely huge gap between them. Minhyuk surveyed his surroundings and saw that the Salov Land was teeming with cliffs.

'This hunting ground is really bad...?'Minhyuk thought. It was because Minhyuk did not want to eat spiders!

Click, click—

Click, click, click, click—

Minhyuk turned to where the sound was coming from and saw a giant spider crawling down from one of the cliffs that surrounded Salov. The Salov Spider's eyes were glinting sharply as it quickly approached Minhyuk.

[Ellie's Swordsmanship.]

[All stats will have a 17% increase for 6 minutes.]

[Your Evasion Rate has increased by +30%.]

[Your Critical Hit Rate has increased by +30%.]

The effect of the title Battlefield's Ruler was no longer available to Minhyuk. After all, it was an effect that could only be used when the player was below Level 150. After triggering his skill,

Minhyuk narrowed the distance between him and the spider. Seeing this, the Salov Spider quickly spewed out a dense amount of threads from its body.

[Salov's Spiderweb.]

[Robust spiderwebs that would not break easily.]

Minhyuk used Step to quickly dodge the spiderwebs aiming for him.

[Step.]

[You can instantly travel a distance of one meter twice allowing you to quickly narrow or widen your distance from your target.]

Minhyuk easily evaded the attack. He took a side step and rushed to stab the side of the Salov Spider that was as big as a one-ton truck.

[Sword of Fury]

[Additional 53% attack power for strong lunges and stabs, if a vital strike is successful, it will be 83%.]

Spurt!

Green blood spurted out of the Salov Spider's body the moment Minhyuk pulled his sword out. He quickly used Step again and dodged the incoming attacks, as he dashed in front of the spider.

Stab!

Bang!

Seeds suddenly fell down after Minhyuk successfully hunted the huge Salov Spider that tried to ambush him.

‘Huh? What are these seeds?’ Minhyuk thought, tilting his head as he acquired the drops.

[You have acquired 1,034 gold.]

[You have acquired Unknown Seeds.]

(Unknown Seeds)

Material Grade: ?

Special Abilities: ?

Description: An unidentified seed.

Minhyuk placed the seeds in the inventory despite his confusion. He quickly analyzed his situation. Since the Salov Spiders were easy to deal with, he wanted to hunt them immediately. So, he used Gryphon's Cry.

Bbiiiiiiiiiii!

[Gryphon's Cry]

[You have a 70~80% chance of attracting the attention of all the monsters within a 20-meter radius.]

Salov Spiders started to flock to where Minhyuk was. They came from all over the place, some came from the cracks of the cliffs, some from under rocks, and some from other places. The number that he was able to attract was by no means small. Only one thing was on Minhyuk's mind. If he reached Level 200, then he would be able to go to the beach. So, he thought that it was not too bad to level up while he tried to find a hint about the first God's Dish.

[Rampant Sword.]

[A flurry of rampant swords with additional 30% attack power will be created for 6 seconds.]

Minhyuk used his Rampant Sword against the swarm of Salov Spiders.

[You have dealt a critical strike.]

Spuuuuurt!

“Kkiiiiiiiiieeeee!”

[You have dealt a critical strike.]

Spurt!

“Kkiiii!”

[You have successfully evaded.]

[You have leveled up.]

There were times when the attacks of the Salov Spiders would hit Minhyuk. However, whenever he used Ellie's Swordsmanship, he could ignore an attack once or twice depending on his evasion rate. Whenever he killed a Salov Spider, a fountain of green blood would always spurt out! Additionally, there would always be seeds falling as drops.

[You have acquired 1,011 gold.]

[You have acquired Unknown Seeds.]

[You have acquired 1,514 gold.]

[You have acquired Unknown Seeds.]

[You have acquired Salov's Spiderweb]

“Hmm...” Minhyuk hummed. He still could not make heads or tails about the seeds. So, he decided to check Athena's official website. Unlike other virtual reality games, information was readily available in Athena in the form of their official website. The website could easily be accessed once any battle was done, or when the player was idle.

[Salov. Unknown Seeds.]

[No content found.]

“...Uhm?”

Minhyuk was quite taken aback. This was the first time that his search had resulted in nothing. The website simply showed that there was no content related to this search word. This meant that the unknown seeds were items that would generally not appear. To put it simply, there was a high possibility that this was an item that was related to his quest. Minhyuk thought that he could find out more about it once he hunted a few more of the spiders.

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Puhaaaaa!

Six hours had already passed! Minhyuk had acquired 200 Unknown Seeds after continuously hunting Salov Spiders. During the process, Minhyuk was able to increase his level by ten. After all, he was a Level 150 player hunting monsters that were 50 levels higher than him. It was only natural that his speed would rise at an overwhelming speed. Then...

“Huh?”

...An enticing smell tickled Minhyuk’s nose. A sweet and savory smell was floating around from somewhere. Minhyuk’s nose twitched as he moved to follow the tasty smell. The smell guided Minhyuk towards a cave somewhere behind one of the cliffs.

“A delicious smell...!”

The smell was like... like the smell of chicken when one was in an elevator! Nevertheless, it was a smell that was rousing Minhyuk’s appetite, even if he could not pinpoint exactly what it was. The moment Minhyuk entered the cave, he felt that there was something wrong. The smell immediately disappeared when he stepped inside the cave. He was also able to discover a light that was gleaming lightly at the opposite end of the entrance of the cave.

“...What?”

The smell suddenly disappeared. It was as though it was guiding him towards this place.

‘Perhaps the hint is in here?’

He slowly moved towards the light, one step at a time. Once he reached that place, a shocking sight unfolded in front of him.

“Th, this is...?” Minhyuk said in shock. A vast expanse of land was laid out before him. And on this land were monsters with nothing but bones on them.

Piiiiiiiiiiiiiii!

At that moment, a loud shriek came from somewhere. Minhyuk turned his head towards the direction where the sound came from. He saw a huge bird. It was a giant firebird with a body that was covered with blazing flames! It was a phoenix!

[Named monster.]

[You are the first to discover a legendary monster, the Phoenix Lord.]

[You have gained 30 REP.]

It was not just an ordinary phoenix, it was the king of phoenixes! The phoenix gently and unhurriedly sat in front of Minhyuk. Then, it looked at him closely. ?This was the legendary monster, the Phoenix Lord. Just as it looked at Minhyuk curiously, he was also looking at it closely. Then, he slowly opened his mouth and said, "Yummy..."

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"..."

The phoenix looked at Minhyuk blankly. Meanwhile, Minhyuk despaired as he realized an unfortunate fact. He thought, ?Why can't I see any black light?!

The phoenix did not shine with any color at all. Minhyuk would not be able to eat it if it did not shine a black light. ?What was worse was that the phoenix's condition was almost as bad as the monsters lying around. It was so thin that it looked like only its bones were left. She looked like she was about to collapse any time soon.

"Are you the descendant of Allen, the Food God?"

The name of the Food God that existed in the past! It seemed like he was named Allen. Minhyuk nodded in answer.

"I see," the phoenix said as she stared at him quietly. She saw the frying pan on Minhyuk's back and the choco pie in his hand. Even if he was in front of it, he was still nibbling on something.

"I'm Chronicle, the Phoenix Lord, the protector of this Monster Paradise."

Monster Paradise... However, looking at the state it was in right now, it did not seem like it was a paradise at all. Perhaps it was a paradise for the hungry.

"By any chance, is Miss Chronicle the subordinate of the Food God?"

Chronicle shook her head when she heard Minhyuk's question. She said, "I am not worthy to be compared with him. The Food God's subordinate is my king. Also, he has now entered his eternal rest."

"Eh?" Minhyuk asked dumbly. He could not help but wonder what she meant by 'eternal rest'. He was quite sure that the presence standing above Chronicle would have known the whereabouts of God's Dishes. ?But now, Minhyuk had been told that he was dead.

"However, there's still a way to awaken him. My king is still waiting for the day that the descendant of his close friend, the Food God, would come. My king left me with the power to wake him up," Chronicle said, looking at Minhyuk's eager eyes.

"This land was once a paradise for monsters. Monsters originally could not socialize and live with the other races. However, there's a law here that prevents us from eating and attacking each other. In addition, we could get food from the seeds so we could easily get along with each other and even socialize with the weak outside this land. The Food God and his apostle were the ones that managed this place. The apostle planted the seeds and nurtured them to bear fruits. Through the nutrients from the cliffs, they once again bore seeds. The Food God would then cook us a dish. The dish was named 'Wouldn't Get Hungry for 50 Years' and gave us the power to not get hungry for 50 years. However, not long ago, that power had run out. And just like that, four months have passed. Somehow, just before we die of hunger, you've arrived."

Minhyuk nodded.

‘A dish that won't let you get hungry for 50 years! What a great dish.’

However, the Food God and his apostle had long left this world. In his place, Minhyuk had now appeared as the new Food God. A notification rang.

[Class Quest: You have completed the quest: Go to Salov Land.]

[You have gained 300,000 EXP.]

Ring!

Along with the completion of the previous quest, his quest window refreshed and popped out once more.

[Class Quest: Feed the Hungry Field Monsters Until They Are Full.]

Rank: ?

Requirements: Level 150

Rewards: Monster egg. A meeting with the Food God's subordinate who knows the location of the God's dish.

Penalty for Failure: Unable to progress further for the Food God's Legacy.

Description: The monsters are trapped in the field! They are left with nothing but bones from their terrible hunger. Feed the monsters in the place of the previous Food God!

Minhyuk was completely shocked when what he expected really came true. There was only one reason for his shock...

"I'm already so busy eating to the point of death..."

Right on cue, as if Chronicle expected this answer, she said, "The Food God said... 'I'm sure he'll tell you that he's so busy eating to the point of dying'."

"As expected, he's the only one who understands me," Minhyuk said. He was extremely excited to find that someone understood and sympathized with him.

"However, the Food God not only loved to be full and satiated, but he also loved the feeling of cooking delicious food for others. And now, you have the chance to feel that joy. Right? If you feed us, you will also get something that will extremely satisfy you."

"Satisfy me?"

Chronicle only answered Minhyuk with silence.

At this time, Minhyuk noticed, "It seems like there will be cooking ingredients!"

Then, Chronicle spoke again. She said, "My king told me that he had one big fight with the Food God in his lifetime. Not long after that, he learned of the sad news about the Food God's passing. He was extremely sad and despondent."

"The two of them must have been extremely close, huh? So, why did the two of them fight?"



Suddenly, Chronicle's face was filled with undisputed anger. Her body which was too weak to move was suddenly covered with blazing flames!

Crackle, crackle, crackle!

"The Food God stole my eggs."

Minhyuk tilted his head at her.

‘Huh?’

"And when my king asked him in a fit of rage he said... 'Oh, I made it into soy-braised phoenix eggs and ate it. It was delicious!'. If I ever meet the Food God in hell, I will not let him go!"

Minhyuk felt cold sweat dripping from his forehead. He coughed awkwardly, "Ha, ha, haha. H... how can he do that? How can he make your eggs into soy-braised phoenix eggs... Th...that... Bad person!"

"Boy, I'm glad that you understand us too. Oh my god. Boy, you look much better than that crazy bastard who took my eggs and made them into soy-braised phoenix eggs."

"He...hehe," Minhyuk laughed awkwardly. He had no choice but to laugh at her words. The moment he said something wrong, he would be forced to log out by Chronicle! After all, Phoenix Lord Chronicle was a monster estimated to be at Level 450. That was not even the main point. The Phoenix Lord was a legendary monster. It was a monster that had never been discovered by any other player in the country.

"As you can see, there are a lot of monsters that are starving to death. I can only give you two weeks. Keep in mind that if you're not able to fill their fullness stat to 50%, you will fail this quest. You can only obtain the food supplies and the seeds to feed the monsters from Salov Land that is connected to this place," Chronicle said as Minhyuk nodded in understanding. Then, she continued to say, "You should tell your apostle where we are and save the monsters from this hunger."

"I don't have an apostle," Minhyuk said. He shook his head as he told her the same thing he told Boroto.

Chronicle looked shocked and in disbelief from his words. She said, "Y...you don't have an apostle? What are you saying..."

Chronicle was completely shocked. In the past, the Food God and his apostle were always together when they came to this paradise. The apostle would gather the ingredients while the Food God would cook for them. There was not enough time even if the two of them moved together.

To think the person in front of her was saying that he had no apostle? The apostle was a man of great abilities and could easily obtain the ingredients, right? Did it mean that the Food God would collect the necessary materials and ingredients by himself? Even if the apostle was with Minhyuk right now, it would already be a hard feat to feed all of these monsters. In fact, Chronicle would already be grateful if he was able to fill 50% of their fullness stat. It seemed like the apostle and the Food God were not mature enough. Especially the apostle.

Just then, Minhyuk said, "I have the abilities and power of the apostle, so you don't have to worry."

"Th...the apostle's power? How did you...?"

The apostle was clearly a brilliant and talented man. Yet, the current Food God was saying that he has the power of the apostle? Chronicle said, "Boy, don't tell me...?"

"That's right. I can do it all..."

"Did you eat your apostle?"

"I won't eat a person!" Minhyuk shouted at her in a fit of rage, but Chronicle still looked at him with disbelief.

"You'll be doing the work that's supposed to be done by two people... No matter how capable you are, this is still..."

Chronicle thought that they would starve to death. She soon curled up her huge body to preserve her powers. She said, "I'm hungry. Please don't talk to me at the moment."

"Yes. I understand," Minhyuk said with a nod as he turned around to move.

Chronicle watched Minhyuk's back, stomach growling from hunger.

Groooooowl!

Legendary monsters were also weak in front of their boundless hunger. Chronicle soon fell asleep. This was also a way to forget her hunger.

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Jihye, Seoktae and Jisoo were sitting together in a cafe.

Seoktae sighed and said, "We can't find him like this. Almost every single person in Athenae is wearing a horned helmet and a frying pan on their backs."

Jihye and Jisoo both nodded in agreement. Meanwhile, Jihye was quite excited since Yoon Chan said that he would arrive here soon. She thought, 'Rovan was the only person who had been in contact with Minhyuk until recently...'

Perhaps they would be able to know why Minhyuk disappeared and did not contact them for so long through Rovan? Just as they were thinking of these things, the door to the cafe opened.

Clack—

Yoon Chan entered the cafe and greeted them, "Hello."

"Welcome. Rovan."

The three of them warmly welcomed Yoon Chan. They had often seen each other in real life and were quite familiar with each other. Yoon Chan ordered a drink before sitting down with them. Jisoo picked his mobile phone up, as if he was not interested in whatever conversation that they were going to have. Seoktae looked at him fiercely but soon sighed in defeat. It was not worth it. If it were not for Jihye's sake, he also would have cut off anything related to Minhyuk after what he had done to them.

"It's quite shocking to me. Minhyuk is friends with our guild's executives..."

These people were Versal's legends! They were gathered here right now and he still did not know what kind of legend they would be making in Athenae.

“What about Minhyuk? Is he doing well?”

Yoon Chan folded his arms. Jisoo silently placed his phone down and looked at Yoon Chan too, despite pretending to be uninterested.

“I don’t want to say this but...”

The three people stared at him seriously.

“I don’t think he’s like a human at all...”

“Hmm?”

“Huh?”

“Yes?”

The three of them were taken aback by his words.

“You see, we were hunting together?in a?party. Suddenly, he said that he was thirsty so he quickly pulled out four Gatorades. Then he bottomed up the drinks and said?’Ah, my throat is finally moistened.’.”

“Four cans?”

“No. It’s the 1.5 liters bottles.”

“...?”

When they finally registered what he said, they all stared blankly at Yoon Chan.

“No, isn’t that something impossible?” Seoktae asked as Yoon Chan nodded.

“He even said that he wanted to go to Shrieking Hills because he wanted to eat ducks...”

“...?”

“You know the Magic Duck right? We killed 40 of those ducks and he cooked them into spicy stir-fried duck bulgogi and even made fried rice. Then, just when I wanted to get another spoonful, he said?’You’re supposed to let go of your spoon once you’re full. It’s not good to overeat.’.”

“Urk...?”

The three of them were shocked and in disbelief. Minhyuk had been quite gluttonous even when they were young, but it was not to such a degree.

‘What happened to him?’

Jihye wanted to know the answer to this question.

“Minhyuk is very polite and has a good personality. So I wanted to invite him to our guild but...”

His words made Jihye’s heart thump faster. However, Yoon Chan shook his head in disappointment. He said, “He said that it was good for him to be alone right now since there’s still a lot of food in the world that he wanted to eat.”

“His whisper is still off?”

“Yes.”

Yoon Chan nodded as the three of them sighed together in unison. Jisoo looked like he was interested now. Even though he pretended that he did not care, he still wanted to see him again.

“What in the world happened to that punk...” Seoktae mumbled to himself as the four of them fell into silence. Then...

“Huh? Jihye, look at the guild chat.”

“The guild chat? Why?” Jihye asked, quickly opening her phone and checking their guild chat at Jisoo’s prompt.

|“Huh?”

Everyone suddenly became interested. Legend Guild wanted to send their first signal to the world by successfully clearing and breaking that dungeon and uploading their videos on Ztube. Right now, Abel, their guild member with the legendary class ‘Informant’, told them that he found a way for them to clear the dungeon.

[Guild Master Genie: Is that true?]

[Guild Master Genie: (Patting on the back) How do we do it?]

The reason why they needed to have an excellent buffed dish was that the dungeon only allowed a three-people-party to go in at a time. If anyone from the three-people-party were to fall because they did not have enough buffed dishes, then the dungeon would be extremely hard to attack.

[Guild Master Genie: Of course. We have to upload a video of the three of us clearing it so that the people that watch it can cheer in awe even more.]

The lesser people that would clear the dungeon, the more amazed the viewers would be. Doing it this way meant that they would not be able to push ahead and clear it with numbers.

[Guild Master Genie: Isn't it called Chef's town?]

Much better than the buffed dish made by the Twilight Chef with A-ranked ingredients? Of course this might be just a reward from a hidden quest, but it was something that was perfect for them.

[Guild Master Genie: Who is giving the quest?]

Jihye looked at the guild chat in anticipation.

## Chapter 107: The Birth of the Fast Eater Religion

Before preparing to feed the hungry monsters, Minhyuk first checked the fullness bar at the upper right corner of his vision. The current fullness was at 0%. There was also an egg floating in the middle of the hidden paradise. Minhyuk assumed that this was the egg that he was supposed to receive as a reward so he quickly checked its information.

(Monster Egg)

Rank: ???

Race: Pet

Description: The fullness of the monsters has not been filled yet so the egg's rank is yet to be decided.

Minhyuk nodded as he thought, 'If I raise their fullness to a high percentage, I should be able to get a good monster. Then, I'll crack that monster egg and fry it!'

The thought made Minhyuk chuckle. Then, he looked around the field. There were plenty of monsters in this place. There were orcs, ogres and owl bears. There was also a flying wyvern and a giant snake called Valax's Anaconda. There were truly a lot of them. What was more important was that there were bosses among them. There was even the Orc Chieftain that he had hunted before! There was also the boss of all ogres, the Twin-Headed Ogre!

Minhyuk gazed at this vast and barren land and said, "Shall we start?"

He changed the shape of Ellie's Sword into a pickaxe. Since this was the first time in a long while that he had used Intermediate Farming, he went ahead and checked the information.

(Intermediate Farming)

Passive Skill

Level: 1

Effects:

?You will be 60(+60)% faster whenever you gather and dig for materials and ingredients.

?You have a 30(+30)% chance of obtaining better materials and ingredients.

?You have a 2(+2)% chance of obtaining special materials.

?You can grow a variety of things just by planting seeds.

Minhyuk had three skills related to DEX, his bandaging, blacksmithing and farming skills. Among the three, his farming skill had the lowest level. It was hard to increase the skill level and proficiency in farming, and it was only through quests like this that he was able to do so. That was why Minhyuk felt that this was a very good opportunity to increase his proficiency.

Chronicle might have been disappointed when she heard that Minhyuk did not have his apostle with him, but Minhyuk was in fact one of the best farmers in ?Athenae.?Even though his Intermediate Farming skill was only at Level 1, he could exert twice its power. The most conclusive factor was Minhyuk's DEX that was already beyond 1,000 points. This was still a game, just like when he dug sweet potatoes, DEX would still play a huge role in his skills. Whether it was seeding, planting or cultivating plants and trees, his DEX would allow him to grow them at an astonishing pace compared to reality.

However, this was the first time Minhyuk would ever plant something by himself. So, he still was not sure how much strength and power he needed to exert in order to plow the ground. The very first thing that he needed to do was to plow the fields. He said, "Feeding these monsters will give me ingredients!"

That thought alone fueled Minhyuk's enthusiasm. He quickly used his pickaxe transformed from Ellie's Sword. When he looked at the ground, he could see a red spot. Then, he slammed his pickaxe hard on the spot.

Bang!

The ground was easily tilled. Just like that, Minhyuk continued to swing his pickaxe.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Surprisingly, the ground was tilled and evenly divided.

"Phew," Minhyuk let out a breath as he admired his work. Then, he continued to plow the field in earnest. He plowed the field for one or two hours without stopping. Minhyuk was unaware, but novice farmers would usually take around ten minutes to plow the field and create a place to plant a seed. However, Minhyuk could do it five times faster than that.

Thud!

Thud!

Thud!

"Ah, I want to eat snacks!" Minhyuk said as he continued to plow the fields. He imagined the ladies and old women with trays on their heads while shouting, ?Here's your snacks!?'to the farmers just like in the movies. How good would it be if he could sit by the shade of the tree, drink some makgeolli, and eat some snacks?

"Aah!"

Minhyuk continued to plow the fields as he imagined an amazing sight.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

As Minhyuk continued to plow the field, he finally heard the welcoming notification sound.

[You have gained 1 DEX.]

[You have gained 1 Will.]

Minhyuk's lips naturally curled up in a satisfied smile.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Then, another set of notifications came up!

[You have triggered the skill: Will.]

[All of your skills and abilities related to DEX will temporarily increase by 27%.]

Minhyuk's pace quickened.

Bang!

Bang!

Minhyuk's probability of successfully digging and plowing the soil had increased. He used to successfully dig every 4-5 strikes but now, he was able to successfully dig every 3-4 strikes of his pickaxe. Chronicle's only concern was that it would take at least two people to be able to fill the fullness stat of every monster in this place. It was because she believed that two pairs of hands would always be better than one. However, Chronicle did not know that Minhyuk's DEX was extremely high and that he would display a huge amount of concentration and enthusiasm whenever something related to 'food and something to eat' was on the line.

Bang!

Bang!

No matter how fast Minhyuk's speed was at making room for a seed, he would still not be able to finish it in one single go. Chronicle had told him that he could travel freely to and from the Salov Land. This meant that the 200 seeds in Minhyuk's inventory might not be enough to finish the quest. He could also see that there was quite a large number of monsters in this place. He estimated that he needed at least 500 seeds to be able to fill all of the space that he had tilled.

Bang!

Bang!

Then, another notification came in.

[You have acquired the Apostle's Rewards.]

[Your Intermediate Farming's Proficiency Acquisition Rate has doubled.]

"Ho?!"

That was right. This place might be a place for the Food God's class quest, but it seemed like it was also the place for the apostle's class quest. However, since the power of the apostle had become Minhyuk's, it was only natural that the apostle's rewards would also be his. As it turned out unexpectedly, he was able to increase his intermediate farming at double the speed!

Bang!

[Your Intermediate Farming has leveled up.]

[You have gained 1 DEX.]

Minhyuk continued to dig and plow the land without taking any rest. He thought, 'I wonder what ingredients will appear every time I feed them?'

The reason why he was so absorbed and into this task was because he wanted to feed the monsters quickly and eat the delicious rewards! Time continued to flow. Five hours, six hours, seven hours had passed, but Minhyuk was not tired at all. He was even able to make room for 500 seeds in one go. Then, he went ahead and planted the 200 seeds that he had acquired earlier. He also took some water from the nearby river and sprinkled it evenly on the newly planted seeds. His work did not look very refined since he was only one person doing the work for two people. Still, Minhyuk carefully watered the seeds despite his lack of sleep and fatigued state. He also made sure to chant a spell while doing so. He said, "Grow seeds! Sprout!"

After Minhyuk finished watering all 200 of the seeds, he went straight to the cliffs. If he mined the cliffs, he would be able to get nutritional supplements. Once he arrived at the cliffs, he could see red marks! Minhyuk accurately struck these red marks.

Bang!

Bang!

Just like when Minhyuk was mining for iron ore, he could easily acquire the nutritional supplements in just one or two swings.

[You have acquired Nutritional Supplements.]

Minhyuk checked the information about the nutritional supplement.

(Nutritional Supplement)

Material Grade: C

Special Abilities: Promote growth of seeds.

Description: A nutrient that can help the seeds grow healthier and faster. One nutrient can help promote the growth of ten seeds. The effect can be stacked.

"Ho?"

The effect could be stacked! This meant that the seeds could grow faster and healthier as long as Minhyuk applied plenty of nutritional supplements on it. However, it seemed that Minhyuk still



had too much to do and everything seemed too difficult. Minhyuk collected twenty nutritional supplements and used it on the seeds immediately.

[You have used a Nutritional Supplement.]

[The seeds will grow faster.]

Minhyuk did not take a break and immediately went back to the cliffs to dig for more.

Bang!

Bang!

[Your skill Intermediate Blacksmithing has leveled up.]

[You can now smelt minerals.]

As he listened to the notifications and continued to dig for nutritional supplements, Minhyuk cleared his throat and began to sing. It was not just simple singing. Back in the Barras Kingdom, he also went and learned? 'Novice Singing'. He had not been able to use it since there was not any need for it. In fact, the Novice Singing skill had some connections with farming. Whenever a song was sung, seeds would be able to grow faster. Minhyuk began to sing as he dug for nutritional supplements on the cliffs.

"Bingsu~ patbingsu! I love you, I love you!"

[You have sung the perfect tune.]

[The seeds will grow faster as they listen to your singing.]

[You have gained 1 DEX.]

In fact, Minhyuk was not really that good at singing. However, the power of 1,100 DEX was far reaching and was even able to take care of his singing! So, he kept on singing happily.

[You have gained 1 DEX.]

[You have acquired a Nutritional Supplement.]

Minhyuk's DEX was increasing at an extremely fast rate as he continued to sing and mine for nutritional supplements.

"I like milk, I like milk, please give me milk. Please give me more!"

"Dead~ drunk~ huh? I want to eat?gondure?rice..."

Minhyuk hesitated for a second! But he never stopped digging on the cliff. Meanwhile, the Orc Chieftain continued to lean weakly on the wall and struggled against his hunger. He watched Minhyuk and mumbled, "Chwiiiiik... H, he's a strange human... Chwiiiiik, all of his songs starts with food and ends with food. Chwiiiiik..."

The orc tribe leader shook its head weakly.

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Chronicle slowly woke up from her light slumber. As soon as she came to her senses, her worries flared up and she fidgeted in distress.

This place was once truly a happy paradise for monsters. Monsters that usually would not get along would get along and coexist happily here. The wyverns would even sometimes play with the orcs on their backs. The strong and ferocious ogres would even lend their hands whenever the orcs were lifting something heavy. This was such a happy paradise, and it was all thanks to the previous Food God and his apostle. However, the descendant of the Food God right now was far more immature and weaker than the previous Food God when he came here. He did not even have his apostle with him..

'I just wish he could save half of us but...'

It was not an easy task. The Food God's descendant had to do so much work alone. Furthermore, he only had two weeks to finish them all.

'Did I sleep for a day?'" Chronicle thought. Phoenixes were originally lazy and sleepy monsters that was why they could sleep for quite a long time.

Chronicle slowly opened her eyes and thought, 'I would be glad if he's already done with plowing...'

Chronicle stretched out her curled body and looked down with her majestic head.

"This...?"

An expression of disbelief was painted across her face. There were 500 seeds planted on the plowed land before her. That was not all, these were all well-grown seeds that looked like they were bound to bear fruit any time soon. In addition, the Food God was currently near the cliffs and was still digging up nutritional supplements.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Every time his pickaxe hit the cliffs, a nutritional supplement would drop.

"M, my goodness...!" Chronicle exclaimed in shock. She had seen the previous apostle before, but the current Food God was much more skilled and had better mining capabilities than the previous apostle. Even the seeds grew so much in a day! Perhaps it was because of the Food God's abilities? No. That was impossible.

The Food God was drenched with sweat. He looked like he was extremely exhausted but he still did not stop swinging his pickaxe. He was even singing happily. Chronicle watched him and said, "D... don't tell me...!"

Chronicle wondered if he felt pity for those little starving monsters. Perhaps that was the reason why the Food God did not sleep or take a rest. He must have wanted to save those monsters! She was very, very grateful! Then, at that moment...

...a growing seed finally bore fruit.

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[You have gained Chronicle's favor.]

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"...Huh?"

Let's just quickly feed the monsters and get something delicious!? This was the thought that ran in Minhyuk's head. That was why he was taken aback when he heard the sudden influx of notifications. He said, "I see, there's a bug again. Hmm..."

Minhyuk wondered why he suddenly received these notifications when he was just digging in the cliffs and thinking of delicious food to eat. Just then, Minhyuk heard another notification.

[Your Unknown Seed has borne fruit.]

[You can now harvest the fruit.]

"Ho?"

Minhyuk turned his head and looked back at the fields. When he turned back, he was shocked.

"Gasp?!"

Something came out from the seed that grew into a plant. The fruit hang from the long stem of the plant and cried, "Hwiiiiiiiiiiik!"

The fruit was none other than a pig.

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[Your Unknown Seed has borne fruit.]

[You can now harvest the fruit.]

Another seed had borne some fruits. This time, instead of a pig, it turned out to be another animal. It was none other than a cow.

"Mooooooooooooo!"

[Your Unknown Seed...]

[...harvest...]

The unknown seeds continued to bear fruit one after another.

"Cluck, cluck!"

"Meeeeeeee, meeeee!"

The next things that appeared were chickens and sheep.

"Wow... I want to take those seeds home with me..." Minhyuk said in awe. How could these seeds be so groundbreaking, right? Minhyuk quickly stopped digging in the cliffs as he rushed towards the field.

"Heave-ho!"

Minhyuk reached his hands out towards the pig that was hanging from the stem of the plant that grew out of the seed. The plant surprisingly reached an outstanding height of two meters.

[You have harvested a pig.]

[You have acquired all parts of the pig.]

“Ho?”

The system was very convenient. Then, Minhyuk reached out for the cow that was hanging next to him.

[You have harvested a special cow.]

[You have acquired all parts of the cow.]

“Special cow? Ah...!”

Minhyuk remembered that his intermediate farming skill would give him a chance to pick something special whenever he picks or harvests things. However, it did not seem to have much of an effect when he was digging. In other words, this was just something that would have an effect on crops and plants. He quickly checked the details about the ribeye steak that he had just harvested.

(Special Ribeye)

Material Grade: D

Special Abilities: It is much more delicious than regular ribeye steak.

Description: This is the ribeye steak that was harvested from the special cow grown from the Unknown Seed. It is very delicious, but no one else can eat it, except for the monsters.

“...OMG,” Minhyuk said in shock. He looked like he was about to burst into tears at the awful truth. He could not believe that he would not be able to taste the things that he carefully raised, and nurtured! It felt like he bought some ox bone soup but he could not eat them! What was the difference between this and sorrow, right?!

“Ah, life...” Minhyuk mumbled as he stared off into the distance. However, he quickly shook his head and dispelled those sad thoughts. Once he fed the monsters he would definitely get precious ingredients! He quickly harvested the things that grew out of the seeds. Then, he prowled around to look for the first monster to feed. Then, a target entered his vision.

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The Orc Chieftain was leaning weakly against the wall when a crazy person suddenly appeared in front of him. Then, the human began to grill pork and picked a piece of meat. However, surprisingly enough, the human tried to stop his own hand that was holding the chopsticks. The human said, “Ugh! There’s nothing I can do. Right hand! It’s part of the process so I can eat God’s Dishes. Ugh. Ever since I was born, I never knew that the day would come when I would feed others with my own hands...!”

The Orc Chieftain watched him as tears welled up from his eyes. It was as if he was filled with deep sorrow. He thought, 'Chwiiiik. He, he's really a crazy guy...'

Minhyuk looked extremely sad and regretful as he reached out and placed the well-grilled pork near the Orc Chieftain's mouth. The Orc Chieftain quickly snapped at the dangling meat in front of it. However, the Orc Chieftain did not eat it and..

"..."

The meat slowly fell on the floor! The madman quickly drew his sword out and said, "How dare you throw away meat! Apologize to Porky!"

The Orc Chieftain was completely taken aback when he saw the man almost chop his head off with the sword in his hands. He quickly said, "Chwiiiik!? Crazy hu... No. Handsome human...!? Chwiiik, us orcs, chwiiiik, we don't eat cooked meat...!"

The madman tilted his head in confusion when he heard his words.

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"Huh?" Minhyuk asked dumbly in confusion. Only after a moment did he understand what the Orc Chieftain meant. He thought, 'No one would find it strange for a mantis to eat a grasshopper here.'

Every living being has a different preference for the food that they would eat. Just like himself. The ruler of the jungle, the elephant, despite its huge body, was still a herbivore.

'Ah. Maybe I was too quick jumping to conclusions, stupid me!'

Minhyuk came to a strange realization and pondered deeply over this matter. Then, he asked, "So, you only eat raw meat?"

"Chwiiiik.?Y, yeah. Handsome human... I also want to eat so badly. It was my mistake that the meat fell, chwiiiik?I'm sorry!"

"Hmmm..." Minhyuk hummed and nodded. His mind was already flying as he tried to think of a meal that he could feed the Orc Chieftain with.

'The rump...'

The rump was a part of the meat that could be eaten raw, it was just like the part that he ate before when he ate beef sashimi. Minhyuk quickly pulled out the whole rump and proceeded to season it as he made meat sashimi. He prepared the sauce and the rump separately and handed it over to the Orc Chieftain.

"Chwiiik, chwiiik.?I'm going to eat.?Chwiiik, chwiiik."

Minhyuk had high expectations for this dish. He thought, 'Delicious meat sashimi...!'

Although Minhyuk did not cut it well for the orc, it would still definitely taste good. The Orc Chieftain hurriedly bit on the meat with its yellowed teeth then it quickly tore off the meat as he mumbled, "Chwiiiik, delicious.?Chwiiik...!"

Then, Minhyuk said, "Try dipping it in this sauce."

“Chwiiiiik? O, okay...”

Minhyuk had a strange sense of vicarious satisfaction as he watched the orc eat. If it were him, then he would definitely dip it in the sauce prepared for the meat sashimi! The Orc Chieftain carefully dipped the meat in the sauce that Minhyuk made.

“Chew, chew!”

The Orc Chieftain tasted the savory flavor of the sesame oil. Then, once he chewed on it more, he tasted the sweet and spicy flavor spreading in his mouth followed by the chewy and soft texture of the rump. Shocked, the Orc Chieftain looked at Minhyuk and the rump in its hands alternatively. He couldn't believe that there was a taste as heavenly as this. He said, “De... delicious... Human, chwiiiiik... I, I have never eaten anything this delicious in my whole life...!”

“I knew you'd like it!”

If the orcs could not eat cooked food, then all he had to do was feed them with the raw dishes. The Orc Chieftain chomped on the meat with satisfaction plastered on its face. Then, a series of notifications rang.

[You have fed the Orc Chieftain.]

[You will be able to obtain better EXP, gold and items whenever you hunt the Orc Chieftain. This notification will not be repeated.]

[The Orc Chieftain is really satisfied with the meal. You will receive better rewards.]

[You have acquired 232,134 gold.]

[You have acquired the Orc Chieftain's Greatsword.]

This was a special reward. Whenever Minhyuk hunted an Orc Chieftain in the future, he would be able to gain more EXP, gold and item drops. Also, the reward rate for this quest would increase as the monster's satisfaction increased. When he hunted the Orc Chieftain before, the reward was about 170,000 gold, so his reward increased by 30% this time around. The same was also true for the EXP acquisition rate. However, no matter how high these rewards were, Minhyuk was still disappointed. He said, “W...what's this?! Why aren't there any ingredients coming out?!?Sob!”

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[W, what's this?! Why aren't there any ingredients coming out?! Sob!]

Player Minhyuk looked utterly disappointed! Team Leader Park and Lee Minhwa of the Special Players Management Team looked at his figure bitterly.

“There's such a huge amount of rewards that will appear in his future journeys but he is so disappointed because no ingredients were rewarded...”

“That player, doesn't he know what those rewards meant?”

“No. He knows. That player is extremely smart, you know?”

The rewards that Minhyuk had received would have been shocking for the other players if they ever caught wind of this. The Monster's Paradise housed monsters ranging from Level 30 orcs to Level

350 wyverns. They were monsters that were completely beyond any player's normal common sense. Player Minhyuk had only reached Level 160 but the EXP that he would get could already rival players at around Level 300. This was a huge increase in EXP.

"And that's not all. There's still the item drops."

Even the item drops were amazing. The Monster's Paradise was a place teeming with named monsters. And whenever players hunted rare monsters, rare items would randomly drop, there was even a rare chance that the player would receive a unique item. The same was true for unique monsters, players would randomly get unique items and they would be able to get epic artifacts at a very low probability.

Team Leader Park continued to watch the monitor and murmured, "There's even a legendary monster in there."

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Minhyuk shook his head and tried to dispel the sadness in his sore heart. He thought, 'No, I only fed one.'

He believed that the more he fed, the more chances he would get to receive an ingredient! Minhyuk desperately tried to comfort himself as he continued to prepare the rump and meat sashimi sauce. After preparing, Minhyuk proceeded to distribute it to the orcs.

"Chwiiik, chwiiik. It's really delicious.?Chwiiiik!"

"Chwiiik. Why is it so delicious??Chwiiik. This is my first time eating something like this!"

"Chwiiik. You're crying now??Chwiik!"

Minhyuk's lips curled into a fatherly smile as he watched the orcs enjoy their delicious meat. Then... he stopped in shock. He thought, 'N...no. I'm not the one that's eating so why am I smiling like this?!'

Perhaps this was what the previous Food God felt before? For some reason, Minhyuk felt that his heart was comfortable and happy that he even wanted to give them another spoonful.

'Anyway, eating is still the best for me!'

Minhyuk did not feel depressed anymore but he still thought that eating was the best thing for him.

[You have fed an Orc.]

[The Orc is really satisfied with the meal. You will receive better rewards.]

[You have acquired 805 gold.]

[You have acquired the Orc's Axe.]

[You have fed an Orc.]

[The Orc is really satisfied.....]

[You have leveled up.]

The rewards were quickly reaped and harvested! In just a blink of an eye, the bony orcs became plump and chubby! They had originally eaten the ‘Wouldn’t Get Hungry for 50 Years’ meal that the previous Food God had made for them before. However, the effects had worn out so they were all skin and bones and starving to death. Thanks to Minhyuk’s food though, they were able to relieve that hunger and be free from starvation. At that moment, Minhyuk heard a different set of notifications.

[You have acquired the ingredient Salted Mackerel.]

“Oh...!” Minhyuk exclaimed in happiness. It seemed like the ingredient reward would only be given depending on the ‘fullness’ of the monsters. He quickly checked the information of the mackerel.

(Salted Mackerel)

Material Grade: C

Special Abilities: Really delicious.

Description: A mackerel that was personally salted by the Food God. The Food God was very proud of this ingredient when he left it. There would be no other mackerel in the world that would be as delicious as this. However, you can only eat it after you have collected all of the Fantastic Home Cooking Ingredients.

Salted Mackerel: 1/1

Soybean Paste Stew: 0/1

Roasted Seaweed: 0/1

Steamed Eggs: 0/1

Seasoned Spinach: 0/1

Seasoned Bean Sprouts: 0/1

“Wow...!”

Minhyuk was completely surprised. Was this the salted mackerel that was salted with the hundred-year-old salt? Just thinking about it was making his mouth water. A well-done and sizzling salted mackerel that was fresh from the grill. He could tear apart the plump and crispy salted mackerel with his chopsticks. Then he could pick its white flesh and dip it in soy sauce with wasabi before taking a bite.

“Chew, chew!”

Minhyuk chewed as if he really placed a bite in his mouth. Once he placed it in his mouth, he would be able to taste the juicy and salty flavor of the plump mackerel. If he dipped the mackerel in soy sauce with wasabi, he would definitely be able to savor the amazing harmony of flavors. He would definitely be able to finish 100 bowls of rice in a blink of an eye. The ingredients of a home cooked meal, just like what Minhyuk’s mom had made for him! That menu would definitely keep the rice going in his stomach!



‘As expected of the Food God, he really knows how to eat...!’?Minhyuk thought in amazement. He thought that he really should quickly fill their fullness stat as quickly as possible. Then, the Orc Chieftain approached him.

“Chwiiiik.?Handsome human...! It’s really delicious.?Chwiik, chwiik...!”

“Chwiiiik,?human! I enjoyed it a lot!”

The orcs greeted Minhyuk energetically. In a way, these monsters were no different from humans. If it’s delicious then they would like the person who gave it to them.

“Chwiiiik. I’d like to give you something in return, but we don’t have anything that we could give.?Chwiiiik.?All we could say is our thanks!.?Chwiiiiik!”

Perhaps they did not know that Minhyuk was able to receive rewards by feeding them. Then... A brilliant idea flashed through Minhyuk’s head. He thought,?‘Hmm... Perhaps I will be able to fill their fullness with this?’

It was at this moment that Minhyuk’s sly eating antenna suddenly activated.

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“Then, how about this?”

“Chwiiiik, what is it?” The Orc Chieftain asked as he looked at Minhyuk curiously.

“You should help me farm!”

“Chwiiiik, chwiik??Ah... Suddenly, I feel that my body is aching.?Chwiiiik...”

“Chwiiiik. I suddenly feel dizzy...?Chwiiiik. I’m actually anemic.”

‘...Wow,?’Minhyuk thought.

Lazy orcs! All of them suddenly pretended that they were sick and goofed around after happily eating their meals. They were just all too lazy to move. It seemed like they were telling Minhyuk:? We’re naturally too lazy to move after we’ve eaten!

However, Minhyuk had expected this to happen to some extent so he shrugged, “Ha... It can’t be helped then. I was thinking of making something for you again after I have finished feeding all the other monsters. This time, I even wanted to let you taste something that’s more delicious than that beef, but...”

“Chwiiiik...? I, I’m suddenly filled with energy. Human.....!”

“Chwiiiik? My dizzy head suddenly cleared up. My anemia is gone!”

“Chwiiiik, chwiik!”

Minhyuk chuckled at their antics. They had already eaten Minhyuk’s food and were not feeling hungry at all. However, just because they were full and did not need to eat for quite some time, it did not mean that they would not want to eat something delicious. Furthermore, once Minhyuk left this dungeon, there was a possibility that the orcs would never be able to eat his dishes anymore.

‘We may not be able to eat delicious food again until we die!’

This was also the reason why they wanted to eat even more delicious food while they could

“Chwiiiiiiiiik. What should we do? Human!”

“Hmmm... Let me see... You should fetch some water and water the seeds!”

Minhyuk was aware that orcs were not that bright! So, Minhyuk planned to let them handle the simplest task: watering the plants.

“Chwiiik, but human,?chwiiik. We,?chwiiik, don’t have any bucket to use.”

“...”

Minhyuk was silent. He truly felt that he had run into some trouble.

“Chwiik, we haven’t used the buckets since 50 years ago, so they’re all rusty and broken.”

“Oh! So you guys have buckets? What about pickaxes and hoes?”

“Chwiiik, we have them.”

“Bring all of them here!”

“Chwiiik? Okay.”

The Orc Chieftain and the orcs moved quickly as they thought,?‘Chwiiik. He said that he had to feed all the other monsters before he would feed us. Chwiiik. I want to eat... Chwiiik. Delicious food!’

All of them rushed to bring a variety of things, including buckets, hoes and pickaxes. Then, Minhyuk triggered his repair skill on a bucket in front of him.

“Repair!”

[You have perfectly repaired the bucket.]

[The artifact’s durability has greatly increased.]

[The artifact won’t rust easily.]

[The bucket can now hold more water.]

“Repair!”

[You have perfectly repaired the bucket.]

[The artifact’s durability has greatly increased.]

[The artifact won’t rust easily.]

[The bucket can now hold more water.]

[You have gained 1 DEX.]

Minhyuk was hitting two birds with one stone! He was able to get the orcs to help him and he even increased his blacksmithing proficiency and DEX. He said, “Get some water now. We need to finish quickly so we can eat faster. Those who don’t work won’t get anything to eat!”

“Chwiiiik.?Let’s go!!?Chwiiiik, chwiiiik!”

The orcs began to move to gather water and sprinkle it on the plants.

‘Fufufufu. Alright. We can collect the ingredients faster this way.’

Minhyuk was doing something that no one else had ever thought of. Doing a quest alone? No, what was more amazing was getting help from those special monsters! ?With their help, his speed would definitely increase and his workload would be a bit lighter. Just then, a notification rang.

[You have gained 1 CHA.]

‘Oh?’

Charisma (CHA) was actually a stat that could only be increased by high-leveled players. This was because CHA was related to command, leadership and influence. To be honest, it was very difficult to raise this stat at Minhyuk’s level. High CHA would allow a player to garner loyalty and would increase the chances of the player summoning monsters, soldiers or other people in the future.

Just like that, Minhyuk repaired everything in front of him. “Repair!”

[You have perfectly repaired the pickaxe.]

[The artifact’s durability has greatly increased.]

[The artifact won’t rust easily.]

[...perfectly repaired the pickaxe.]

After finishing the repairs, Minhyuk prowled to look for his next targets. This time, it was the ogres! Just when he was about to move, an orc fell over after running excitedly. Minhyuk quickly reached out towards its knees and wrapped it with bandages.

“Bandage!”

[The bandage has been wrapped perfectly.]

[You have received an additional 5% injury recovery.]

[The recovery time has become faster.]

“Ch, chwiiiik. H, human...” The orc said, overcome with emotions.

Minhyuk placed his hand on the orc’s shoulder as he thought,?‘Hurry up and finish your work so I can eat my food. This orc bastard!’

However, what came out of his mouth was something completely different. Minhyuk smiled gently, “Come on, let’s finish our work quickly so we can eat something delicious!”

Pat, pat—

Minhyuk patted the orc as he stood up to continue on his way. He was truly someone that was shameless and cunning.

“Chwiiiik. I’ll work hard! Chwiiiik!” The orc said emotionally, as it ran back with two buckets in its hands!

[You have gained 1 CHA.]

“Teehee,” Minhyuk giggled as he approached the ogres. He went to the leader of the ogres, the Twin-Headed Ogre to ask about their preferences! That was when he learned that ogres were omnivorous, completely unlike the orcs. Anyway, it was better to feed them properly. Right? So, Minhyuk grilled beef on his pan.

Sizzle!

The wonderful and rhythmic sizzling came from his pan. Not long after, a beautifully done ribeye steak and chuck flap was done! The Twin-Headed Ogre looked curiously at the food that he had never seen before.

“Grrr. I’m hungry. Grrr...”

“Grrr. Is that delicious?”

The Twin-Headed Ogre’s eyes were transfixed on the beef that was lying quietly on the pan!

“Beef won’t taste good if it’s overcooked. Here, try it!” Minhyuk said as he dipped the beef in salt and held it out for the Twin-Headed Ogre to taste. One of the ogre’s heads hesitated but still decided to put it in its mouth since it could not resist its growling stomach any longer. Then...

The ogre looked at the pan. Then, at Minhyuk. Then at the pan again. And at Minhyuk again. It kept on looking at Minhyuk and the pan alternately before saying, “Grr... It’s really delicious. Grrr!”

The Twin-Headed Ogre was in awe.

“Beef is always right! Do you agree?”

“I agree! Delicious, chew, chew!” The Twin-Headed Ogre said as he quickly took over the pan and chomped on the beef that was on it! Then, notifications rang for Minhyuk to hear.

[You have fed the Twin-Headed Ogre.]

[The Twin-Headed Ogre is really satisfied with the meal. You will receive better rewards.]

[You have acquired 1,823,151 gold.]

[You have acquired Twin-Headed Ogre’s Gauntlets.]

[You have acquired Twin-Headed Ogre’s Blood.]

[You have acquired Twin-Headed Ogre’s Hard Leather.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[...leveled up.]

Minhyuk's level had increased by 15! And just like he had expected, his rewards were also better. Minhyuk quickly checked the Twin-Headed Ogre's gauntlets.

(Twin-Headed Ogre's Gauntlets)

Class: Epic

Requirements: Hand-to-hand combat, 700 STR, 500 STM

Durability: 10,000 / 10,000

Attack Power: 266

Special Abilities:

?20% increase in STR.

?Skill: Ogre's Rage

It was another epic artifact! However, it was an artifact that Minhyuk could not equip, so he decided that he would just sell it and buy delicious food with the money that he would get from it.

'There's a lot of miscellaneous items!?'Minhyuk thought. He had collected plenty of artifacts over the course of his stay in the game and the only thing that he could think about what he should do with them was to...?sell, sell, sell!? Then, Minhyuk looked at the Twin-Headed Ogre's Blood! This was an artifact material that could only be gathered from the Twin-Headed Ogre. The probability of ever getting this item as a drop was completely abysmal. Minhyuk quickly fed the rest of the ogres. He sat them in front of the fire and gave them meat to eat! It was a sight to behold.

[You have fed an ogre.]

[The ogre is really satisfied with the meal. You will receive better rewards.]

[You have acquired 5,141 gold.]

[You have acquired Ogre's Energy Belt.]

[You have acquired Ogre's Blood.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have acquired the ingredient: Soybean Stew.]

‘As expected!’

When the percentage of the fullness stat increased, another ingredient was acquired. Minhyuk looked at the satisfied smiles on the ogres' faces. He asked, “By any chance, can you help me dig in the cliffs and get some nutritional supplements?”

“Grrr! You want us to do that?”

“We are ogres! Ogres!” The Twin-Headed Ogre said, snorting unhappily. They were far more arrogant than the orcs earlier. It seemed that they were truly unwilling to do crude work like digging up the cliffs.

“How can we dig the cliffs with pickaxes on our hands?!”

Then, Minhyuk sighed, “I wanted to give you another meat party after I finished feeding all the other monsters... And this time, the meat would be more delicious... but...”

“Grrr?!”

“Grrgrr?!?A much tastier part of the meat?!”

The Twin-Headed Ogre along with the rest of the ogres reacted excitedly.

“But, it hurts our pride to do crude work and dig up the cliffs,?grr!”

“Grrr. That’s right!”

It seemed that they were still sensitive about their pride. For a moment, Minhyuk did not know what he would do with them. He decided to take a chance, “Sigh... The truth is, this is not just about feeding you delicious food, but saving your monster friends in Monster Paradise.”

The ogres were extremely conflicted! He had said it as a shot in the dark. Then, they said, “We would do anything to help them!”

“Grrr.?Of course we would help them, it’s not because we wanted to eat meat!”

“This is not because we wanted to eat meat!”

The ogres quickly made an excuse for themselves.

[You have gained 1 CHA.]

Then, the ogres quickly took the pickaxes and went to the cliffs to start digging.

Bang!

Baang!

After all, this was a game. A game would definitely be based on a system. The ogres that had no mining skills or DEX were much slower than Minhyuk. However, even if it were ordinary, they were still bound to mine something as long as they kept at it. What more if it were powerful ogres? Adding on the fact that there were 30 of those ogres? It would not matter if they did not have the

stat or the skill, they would still be able to mine quickly. They would definitely be faster than Minhyuk who was doing it alone!

Just like that, Minhyuk continued to go around and seduce the monsters into labor by feeding them.

“Let’s cheer up a little more. We’ll be able to eat delicious food soon!”

“Chwiiiiik.?I will eat...!?Chwiiik.?Delicious food!”

“Eat! Eat! Eat!”

Everyone became a slave for food and moved under the command of Minhyuk. Minhyuk had more than four things to do alone. He had to water the plants, dig the cliffs, plow the fields, plant the seeds, cook the food, and so on. With all of those things being handled by the monsters, the time it took to finish those jobs was bound to be shorter. He was able to focus on filling the fullness quickly.

Minhyuk secretly checked the information about the monster egg.

(Monster Egg)

Rank: Unique

Race: Pet

Description: According to the fullness, the monster egg is now ranked Unique.

The monster egg had become unique-ranked! The most common named monsters in the field were rare monsters. The ones above that were unique monsters! However, unique monsters could exert a huge amount of strength. What would happen if Minhyuk cooked that unique monster egg in his frying pan?

‘Kyaa!’

Minhyuk, who even thought of eating a pet, was the true epitome of a foodie! Meanwhile, he finally realized that he was running out of the seeds that he initially brought. He thought, ‘There’s a way to get a lot of seeds in a short period of time. Hoho.’

Chronicle mentioned that the monsters residing in the Monster Paradise would not be able to get out of this place. However, that did not mean that other monsters would not be able to come inside this place.

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Remy, along with three other party members, were currently in Salov’s Land. At the moment, she was casting heal on their warrior party member named Corco. She called out, “Holy power, please lend me your strength!”

[Heal.]

[Restores 25% ?HP of your specified target.]

The wounds and injuries that littered all over Corco’s body started to heal. He shouted, “Ugh! These damned spiderwebs!”

The spiderwebs of the Salov Spiders were extremely tough. This was one of the reasons why they were extremely hard to fight against. Then, the archer player quickly used his skill to fend off the monster's attacks.

[Triple Shot.]

[Fires three consecutive arrows.]

Thwap!

Thwap!

Thwap!

The arrows struck the body of the Salov Spider! Corco took the opportunity to cut down the body of the exhausted Salov Spider with his ax.

Slam!

“Kkiiiiieeee!”

Slam!

The Salov Spider died not long after.

“Phew. That was really tough,” Corco said as he sighed deeply.

Remy’s party members were all at Level 200. If the four of them were taking on two Salov Spiders, they would probably still be fighting against them. It was tough fighting against the Salov Spiders that were on the same level as them, because of their tough webs. The moment any of them got caught in those webs, they would be trapped. Remy had the ability to remove the webs but it cost her a lot of MP and she would not be able to keep up with the rest of the party.

However, the EXP and rewards were extremely satisfying, so much so that they still hunted those spiders in excitement. Even if they felt that they were walking on a tightrope every time they did so, they had willingly entered this place. Then...

“Bbiiiiiiiiiiii!”

“A bird’s cry?”

The sound was not jarring or uncomfortable but it was so sudden that they could not help but tilt their heads to follow the direction of the sound. What they saw made them gasp in shock. The cliffs had now turned black.

“Why did the cliffs suddenly become black?”

The archer player used his skills to look in the distance.

[Hawk’s Eye.]

[Your vision will temporarily be better than your normal vision.]

“Gasp...?!” The archer player gasped as he stepped back in fear.

“What’s wrong?”



The archer's lips were quivering as he contemplated what to say. He stuttered, "It's... no... bla..."

"Yes?"

"The cliffs did not become black! Those are all Salov Spiders!"

"...Gasp?!"

"Kyaa!"

Each and every one of them was taken by surprise. The cliffs. The black thing that filled the cliffs were all Salov Spiders?! It looked like the number of the monsters were in the hundreds. Then, at that moment, they caught sight of a man running through the cliffs. The man was wearing a frying pan on his back together with a horned helmet on his head.

"...Cosplay?"

This was what they thought of since a lot of people were wearing the same thing.

"D, don't tell me that he took all of those aggro?"

"Crazy... That's impossible."

"Wait a minute! I think that player is the?real?Frying Pan Killer?!"

"What?" Remy asked as she looked back at Corco.

"In the video of the Frying Pan Killer, he made a strange bird cry and drew the aggro of the surrounding monsters. Just like right now..."

"Wow. I'm going to take a screenshot! But, what the hell is that bird cry? How can it draw aggro like that?"

It was truly an amazing aggro ability that was enough to defy common sense. What was more amazing was the fact that the man could easily slice through the spiderwebs with his sword, even while being chased by a huge number of Salov Spiders. He did not even let a single attack lay on him.

"But, what's wrong with those mobs? Why are they so naive..."

In all honesty, it did not make sense to draw the aggro of such a huge number of mobs. Meanwhile, the Frying Pan Killer went inside a cave.

"Ah. Maybe...!" Corco said. He looked as if he finally realized what the Frying Pan Killer was trying to do.

"Maybe there's a small space in the cave where only one Salov Spider can only get in?"

"A small space?"

“Yes. The player will first enter that small space. Then, a Salov Spider will definitely follow him inside. Once a Salov Spider enters that small space then the player will hunt it. And if it dies, another Salov Spider will fill in the gap.”

“Oho. Then the time to look for mobs will definitely be reduced? Huh? But, isn't it impossible because of the mob's body?”

“He can use Livis' Corpse Disposal to make sure that the body will disappear right away for a one hour duration.”

Livis' Corpse Disposal was a scroll that players use when they hunt especially if they did not want to see any dead bodies littered around the place.

“Aha!”

“Huh? Come to think of it...”

Corco was astonished. He said, “I can't believe that he's trying to kite hundreds of them in one go... When you think about it, it doesn't make sense either... Doesn't that person get tired? His HP won't be able to hold out either.”

It might be possible to hunt Salov Spiders one by one in such a small space, but it was only possible if there were around 5~10 Salov Spiders. However, the strange Frying Pan Killer was actually hunting hundreds of Salov Spiders just like that?

“It doesn't even make sense for a single person to hunt hundreds of those monsters one by one...”

They all turned to look at the cave. All of them were wondering whether it was still possible for more to enter the cave. There were even still a lot of the Salov Spiders stuck near the entrance. However, something more amazing happened.

“Gasp...?”

The Salov Spiders that were stuck in the entrance suddenly began to move inside again!

‘That means that there's an empty space so he can keep on hunting!’

After some time, all of the Salov Spiders had finally entered the cave. The party looked at the cave entrance as they took their rest. Then, the Frying Pan Killer came out of the cave again. Then, he stretched his body before going back inside again.

“...OMG?!”

“I, impossible. He hunted hundreds of those within twenty minutes?!”

That was impossible!

“Shall we go and take a look over there? It's a good chance to go and get some screenshots too,” Corco said as he looked at the Frying Pan Killer with admiration and surprise.

“That’s right!”

Just as they were about to move, a shadow was suddenly cast above them. All of them felt extremely uneasy beneath that shadow. Then...

Puhaaa!

Puhaaa!

...Spiderwebs wound their body up. They looked behind them and saw four Salov Spiders. The four Salov Spiders took advantage of their blindspot and inattentiveness to sneak up on them and bind them with their spiderwebs! They were all forced to log out!

“Ah, I’m so annoyed! It’s a relief that my level did not drop.”

Remy, or Hyuna, came out of the capsule and ruffled her hair in annoyance. Then, she suddenly thought, “Ah, I still got the screenshot. Right?”

They were not able to get a glimpse of the events in the cave, but there were still plenty of players who were dying to get a look at the Frying Pan Killer! What was more important was that the picture that she took was the picture of the Frying Pan Killer running with hundreds of Salovs after him. She hurriedly posted the screenshot she took and shared it with the world.

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Minhyuk smiled in satisfaction after checking his level. He was now almost at Level 200. He just went outside to draw the monsters inside so he could get the seeds that he needed. The moment the Salov Spiders entered the cave, the Twin-Headed Ogre, Red Troll and Wyvern all hunted them down. The Twin-Headed Ogre was over Level 300 so it could deal with dozens of Salov Spiders without breaking any sweat. There were still other stronger monsters so the hundreds of Salovs were no match for them at all. In addition, since Minhyuk was the one who drew the aggro of the monsters he could still be considered to have made contributions to the hunt. That was why he was also able to get 10~20% of EXP. He was even able to quickly level up just with that 10~20% EXP. The cherry on top was the EXP given when he fed the monsters, allowing him to bomb his way up in his levels.

At the current moment.

[You have acquired Roasted Seaweed.]

[You have collected all of the ingredients and dishes in the Fantastic Home Cooked Dishes.]

“Yayy!” Minhyuk shouted in happiness. He could now stop feeling haggard and slow down his speed in feeding the monsters.

Now was finally the time for him to eat! He quickly prepared the dishes using the ingredients that he had just acquired. He first boiled the soybean stew in an earthen pot. Then he cooked the deliciously seasoned spinach and bean sprouts. He prepared the garlic, sesame oil, salt, and sesame seeds. These ingredients were essential to making a deliciously seasoned vegetable dish. The sesame oil would tweak the bland taste of the vegetables and add a savory flavor while the crushed garlic would accompany and catch the soft taste of the vegetables and harmonize with the rest of the

flavors of the dish. The salt would provide that salty flavor while the sesame seeds would emphasize the flavor of the sesame.

After he finished preparing the seasoned vegetables, he saw that the soybean stew was now boiling. Then he took his spoon, scooped out a spoonful, blew on it to lower the temperature, and sipped it all in one gulp.

“Slurp!?Kya!?This slightly spicy and savory flavor is the best!” Minhyuk said. He liked his soybean stew on the spicier side. His soybean stew was more savory since he had a mix of half soybean paste and half extra fermented soybean paste in the soup. Then, he began to grill the salted mackerel.

Sizzle!

Minhyuk might be in big trouble if he grilled the salted mackerel wrongly. The main point of this dish was to cook the meat inside well while making sure that the outside was crisp. That was the best of the best! After he finished cooking the salted mackerel, Minhyuk looked at the table that he had set. There were salted mackerel, seasoned spinach, seasoned bean sprouts, dried seaweed with nothing on it, roasted seaweed, and steamed eggs in an earthen pot.

“Kyaa!” Minhyuk exclaimed in admiration as he opened the lid of the earthen pot that boiled the soybean stew.

Shwaaaaa!

Steam rose up from the pot. Just the steam alone was enough for Minhyuk to know how delicious it was. Then, he took a spoonful and tasted the soup. He said, “Kghhk! Good, it tastes excellent!”

This was the taste that called for rice. The taste of savory and spicy soybean stew! Then he scooped heaps of the soybean stew with tofu, zucchini, enoki mushroom and much more, before adding some rice and mixing them all together. Minhyuk then grabbed a spoonful of rice, tofu, and zucchini and placed it in his mouth.

“Chew, chew. Good. It’s really good!” He mumbled to himself happily.

Then, he placed a seaweed on top of his rice and easily folded it in half. He quickly dipped it in soy sauce before placing it in his mouth. The crispy texture of the seaweed and the salty flavor of the soy sauce was truly excellent! Minhyuk could not help but chuckle at the taste.

Minhyuk stretched his spoon towards the soft steamed egg next. He blew softly at the yellow steamed egg as he placed it in his mouth. Once he placed it in his mouth, he could taste the green onion from the soft and chewy steamed egg.

“Wow. Isn’t this too awesome?”

Still reeling from the taste of the steamed egg, Minhyuk reached his chopsticks out and tore a piece of meat from the salted mackerel to eat with his rice. The piping hot rice and the steaming mackerel entered his mouth in one go!

“Chomp!”

The savory taste of the salted mackerel made the taste of the rice infinitely better. Then, he dipped it in soy sauce with wasabi and took another bite.

“Wow! It’s a rice thief! A rice thief, I say!”

That was not the end. Minhyuk added some steamed egg to his rice and mixed it well before placing the delicious combo in his mouth. The slightly salty steamed egg and the piping hot rice combined to create an extremely pleasant taste. The Food God’s home-cooked set meal was extremely delicious! He was filled with an overwhelming admiration for the man who left it for him. After Minhyuk finished eating everything, the notifications rang in his head.

[You have eaten a dish made by the Food God.]

[You have leveled up.]

Minhyuk nodded. The level up might not have been much but it seemed like the rewards for this dish were focused on EXP and items gained from feeding the monsters as well as the monster egg. However, Minhyuk still felt the best reward was the dish that the Food God had made. As he finished his food, Minhyuk felt that he might have forgotten something.

“It’s still a bit disappointing,” Minhyuk said. He wanted to have something that was more delicious. Then, he looked around and saw the sleeping Chronicle!

When he asked the other monsters, the other monsters said that Chronicle tended to sleep a lot. When she fell asleep, sometimes it would take a week before she woke up. So, Minhyuk quietly crept up towards the sleeping Chronicle.

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Chronicle slowly woke up from her sleep. When she saw that Minhyuk was plowing the fields vigorously to try and save the monsters, she looked at him fondly and fell asleep without any worries. She had been sleeping more deeply because she was hungry. No noise could even rouse her from her sleep.

Chronicle, who was on the verge of waking up, heard a sound near her. The voice said, “Right, right. Good job, well done... The wyverns should come closer.”

‘What are they doing?’ Chronicle thought. She listened in a daze as they worked somewhere in her vicinity. Then she heard the sound of something ripping.

“Keuhaha! The hot bar that’s heated with fire is really delicious!”

The voice was whispering, but his tone and joy were truly contagious.

“Let’s grill it one more time. Yes, yes. Be careful not to wake...”

Then, Chronicle woke up completely. Now fully awake, Chronicle could see Minhyuk holding a skewer with five hot bars on it while riding on a wyvern and roasting it on her own fire.

“...?”

“...”

“...?”

“ ... ”

Minhyuk made eye contact with Chronicle. Both of them remained speechless.