

# Gourmet Gaming

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The reason for Roina's misconception was because she was not aware of the system's current inhibitions on Minhyuk.

As for Minhyuk, he was exercising diligently, and kept on swinging his sword with a focused look. He only stopped to take a rest when his arms started to become numb, by which he would lie down and start to do sit-ups.

Whenever his muscles started to scream in protest, he would then rest and look around his surroundings.

"Look at that player, he's exercising. Pfft... if he studied hard instead of exercising inside the game, he could go to a good university."

"That's right, if you studied hard in the game too, won't your mom stop scolding you?"

"Sh— shut up!"

The other players looked at him curiously but Minhyuk did not care.

'I have to exercise so I can eat!'

Roina watched him closely. Minhyuk didn't rest and kept on doing the same thing over and over.

'The look in his eyes... is different.'

Roina saw it clearly. Minhyuk had a different look in his eyes. He was not smiling nonchalantly like before, when he had stood in front of her.

'He looks like he's exercising... to live.'

'Has anybody ever heard of something like that?'

Well, for Minhyuk it was truly like that. He was doing it, to live.

It was a very somber reason. However, he was doing it so he could eat even more delicious things, not just currently, but also in the future to come.

He swung his sword without stopping. Then, he started to feel an extreme sense of hunger and it was like there was a voice talking in his head.

Eat, eat, eat, eat!

Even in reality, Minhyuk had always been exercising like crazy. He felt like the voice would disappear, even for a bit, when his body was being worked to the extremes.

It was the same with the current situation. He worked out fervently, moving with an intensity that everybody else did not have.

When the four hours were up...

[You have burnt all of your calories gained, your fullness has reached 0%]

[You are able to eat again.]

Minhyuk was able to complete it, as per usual.

"Oh yeah!"

Then he halted.

"...Oh yes, I want to eat."

Minhyuk patted his stomach as he started cooking chicken again.

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It was early in the morning when Lee Minhwa had just got up from her bed. Recently, she had been getting off work at the break of dawn, due to the never-ending meetings and plans for a new event to replace the golden chicken event.

She stretched her tired body as she dragged her feet to the kitchen. As she opened her refrigerator, all she could see were eggs and the sour kimchi she had gotten from her mother. Nnêw n0vel chapters are published on n0v/e/(lb)i(n.)co/m

'There's nothing to eat,' she thought.

She suddenly paused as she was about to slam the door of the refrigerator shut.

'Wait...!'

She took out the eggs and kimchi, before grabbing a frying pan and lit up the fire.

Sizzle!

The pan sizzled as she cracked an egg over it.

"Hehe..." Lee Minhwa grinned widely.

Just recently, Player Minhyuk ate some soy sauce egg rice.

When that happened, the only thing Lee Minhwa could do was stare at it blankly. It was as though she could taste Minhyuk's cooking herself when she watched him, and the light, savory taste of the egg seemed to linger in her mouth.

"Mix with your left hand~ mix with your right hand~" She started to sing Minhyuk's song unconsciously, before grimacing.

"Why am I singing this song..."

'That player really has a knack for this.'

Watching Minhyuk always brought a smile to her face. Even though she always had to work overtime because of him, strangely enough, she would also find herself laughing and smiling whenever she watched him.

'Does eating make him that happy?'

It was but a small part of her life, a daily necessity, but to Minhyuk, it looked as though he was very happy as long as he could eat.

Whenever he smiled, she could not help but smile as well.

'Am I cooking it correctly?'

Lee Minhwa wondered as she took a big bite of her soy sauce egg rice that was topped with sour kimchi.

'That player really enjoyed it.?I wonder if he would really exercise?'

'Will he do it just to eat?'

She proceeded to finish her meal in a flash, before making preparations and hurriedly left for the office.

Team Leader Park was already at work. He was currently looking at Minhyuk on Monitor 3.

"Good morning."

"Hey," Team Leader Park nodded and turned around to face her. "Employee Lee Minhwa, your hunch was right."

"Eh?"

"That player. He did it."

"...?"

"He really exercised for 4 hours?straight,?just to burn all the calories. This player's really amazing," Team Leader Park raised his arms and shrugged in defeat.

"Ah...!" A smile bloomed widely on Lee Minhwa's face.

Team Leader Park looked at her suspiciously, "Hmm? Why do you look so happy?"

"Ah, no."

These days, watching Minhyuk eat was like taking a sip from the Spring of Life to Lee Minhwa.

Team Leader Park was puzzled.

Five hours later, they watched Minhyuk as he began exercising again to burn calories. They also watched the number beside his fullness stat increase from /7 to /8.

Had Minhyuk stopped eating, the number beside the / would have continued to fall.

However, even after he burned the calories he consumed, the number had continued to increase.

'Tsk, he's getting closer to the God class.'

At that moment, a string of words floated up.

[Ardo's Roina recommended Player Minhyuk to learn the Bardy Swordsmanship.]

"....!"

Team Leader Park and Lee Minhwa's eyes went round in shock.

"Da... Day after day. This... Again... What the hell?!"

He had a defeated expression on his face while Lee Minhwa pulled up the screen monitoring Player Minhyuk.

Instructor Roina was in front of Minhyuk.

"Team Leader, aren't the skills given by NPCs much stronger than skills of the same rank?"

"Yeah. They are originally very rare, furthermore, their power is comparable to that of unique skills."

Even if the skills were of the same rank, there would be a huge difference in strength between learning from a skill book, and learning from someone personally.

"He has now received a good skill."

Team Leader Park and Lee Minhwa both smiled unconsciously.

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Minhyuk sported a weird expression as Roina approached him, her words extremely shocking.

"Would you like to learn swordsmanship from me?"

"Yes?"

[Instructor Roina has offered to teach you the Bardy Swordsmanship.]

[You can now travel freely between Ardo's Novice Hunting Training Grounds and Isbin Village.]

[You have gained 3 reputation points.]

[Accepting the offer will create a skill quest.]

"There's no special reason. I'm just a bit bored. Also, I saw you doing those sword swings repeatedly yesterday and today, why not turn that into training practice?"

Although her words flowed out smoothly, and the reasons seemed sound, it was what Roina truly felt.

'Why did Instructor Valen give him the Sword of Rebellion?'

'He's determined..., a person with a strong will..., he's resolute.'

'He's not arrogant, plus, his body knows how to move.'

That was what Roina thought when she observed Minhyuk.

'I want to help this person too.'

It was such a strange thought, however, Minhyuk always seemed to give off a good vibe.

Whenever she watched him, there was an urge to cheer him on and give him some sort of help.

'Was this why Instructor Valen approved of him?' She thought. She was sure of it. That was why Roina became determined to teach him swordsmanship.

"Hm..."

However, Minhyuk was stroking his chin in thought.

"All... All the other players are dying to learn from me, you know?!"

"Uh-huh..."

"It's true!"

"Really~?"

Minhyuk only had one cause of concern...

The training course that she would implement.

'Will the training course be as hard as the exercise I do?'

For him, who only exercised for the sake of eating more, he did not consider being strong to be a priority currently. Furthermore, if the training course could not reach the same level of intensity, he would still feel hunger.

"Will it be strenuous enough?"

"Please stop. Do you want to scream in pain?"

"Then, please teach me!"

'I've never seen a guy who likes working out this much!'

Minhyuk nodded at her, and the quest window appeared.

[Quest: Practice the Bardy Swordsmanship]

Rank: D

Limit: None

Rewards: Bardy Swordsmanship

Penalty for Failure: You will lose Roina's favor.

Description: Roina, who was hailed as the Sword Genius, personally offered to train you.

Fill the 'Training Progress' to 100% in a week and you will be able to use the Bardy Swordsmanship.

Minhyuk nodded.

There was a line on the upper-left hand corner that showed "Training Progress 0%."

'Quests truly appear in a lot of different ways.'

There were various factors, anomalies and existences in Athenae. It was entirely possible that all NPCs could give quests.

However, one thing was certain. In a way, a quest was a promise with the NPC.

In the case of the rewards, if the player who received the quest completed it, they would definitely be rewarded.

"Well then, let's start."

Shiiiiing!

Roina unsheathed her sword from her waist.

Riiip!

She stabbed at him with all her might, which caused the surrounding air to sound like it was being torn apart.

Minhyuk was amazed at the strength of the strike.

"Wow..."

"Follow me, Minhyuk."

"Yes!"

Minhyuk stabbed as hard as Roina did. This was the beginning of their training.

Two hours later...

"Please... stop!"

"...?"

Minhyuk did what Roina told him to do. He looked at her curiously.

"How can you train for two hours straight without even resting?! Let me take a break!"

"If I don't do this much, I'll definitely get hungry. Come on~ Instructor, don't talk about resting, let's continue! There's no time to rest!"

Roina gasped as she stared at Minhyuk.

'Is his determination this strong?!'

She had to admit that she was amazed at him.

'What level of comprehension is this, and... what kind of fighting spirit does he have?!'

Minhyuk did not forget any of the moves she taught him. In fact, his movements kept on improving. He was like a sponge absorbing every single drop of water available with the way he soaked up everything Roina taught.

And, the look in Minhyuk's eyes never wavered.

'Oyya, let's see who will suffer in defeat!'

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"Ho? Roina taught you the Bardy Swordsmanship?" Instructor Valen was surprised when he heard Minhyuk.

"That's right, Instructor."

Minhyuk had been sending Roina's letters to Instructor Valen for the past few days.

The Bardy Swordsmanship's training progress bar was already 90% filled, and Minhyuk would soon be able to complete it.

"Today, Instructor Roina wanted me to send you this letter, together with this rose, as usual."

Valen accepted what Minhyuk gave him.



'This guy...' was what Valen thought as he looked at the roses. He then checked the contents of the letter.

[Loyalty. This is Roina.

Do you remember the time when you saved my life?

I really wanted to treat you to a meal after that.

So, I'll send you fried chicken through Minhyuk.

And...

I like you, Instructor...!]

Instructor Valen shook his head and smiled a little after reading the letter.

"Boy, you're leaving now huh. I can tell from this letter."

Roina's confession. Valen looked calmer than expected when he read the confession.

"Yes. It's about time I go."

"Have you achieved your goals?"

"No. I haven't had fried chicken yet!"

"You'll probably make it tonight."

Valen laughed at him while Minhyuk was still clueless as to what it meant.

Minhyuk then returned to Roina and resumed training.

At some point...

Ring!

[You have achieved 100% in the training progress of Bardy Swordsmanship.]

[You can now use Bardy Swordsmanship.]

The skill's rating works the same as the item's rating. Minhyuk did not hesitate to read the information.

(Bardy Swordsmanship)

Active Skill

Rank: D

Level: 1? Training Progress: 0%

Mana Required: Depends on the phase

Cooldown: Depends on the phase

Effect:

>Phase 1 : Vital Strike

>Phase 2 : Two Consecutive Quick Assault

>Phase 3 : Bardy Swordsmanship

The Bardy Swordsmanship skill boasted different attacking methods, and the cooldown depended on which chapter was being used.

Minhyuk clicked on them one by one.

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(Vital Strike)

Active Skill

Genre: Bardy Swordsmanship

Mana Required: 20

Cooldown: 1 minute

Effects: Additional 15% ATK power for each successful strike

(Two Consecutive Quick Assault)

Active Skill

Genre: Bardy Swordsmanship

Mana Required: 30

Cooldown: 1 minute

Effects: Each sword swing will deal damage twice.

(Bardy Swordsmanship)

Active Skill

Genre: Bardy Swordsmanship

Mana Required: 50

Cooldown: 15 minutes

Effects: +7 to all 5 basic stats for 5 minutes once the skill is activated.

The last skill, Bardy Swordsmanship, was tantamount to a powerful buff, while the remaining skills, Vital Strike and Two Consecutive Quick Assault, did not sound too bad as well. The time taken to comprehend each of the skills would differ for individuals.

In fact, the Bardy Swordsmanship could be grasped in roughly a week. However, Minhyuk only needed 3 days to learn it.

"It's not too bad!"

After saying those words, Minhyuk swung his sword at Roina again.

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At night.

During the Bardy Swordsmanship training, Minhyuk had suggested to Roina that they should make a round trip through Isbin Village. He was not able to buy the ingredients in the village by himself, and he really wanted to finish his self-imposed quest to eat the most delicious chicken. Besides, Roina was clearly very nice to him, so he thought of repaying her kindness.

'Of course.'

'We'll eat fried chicken too. Huhuhu.'

Minhyuk and Roina proceed through town before going to her house, which was a lot nicer compared to Valen's house. Furthermore, there were plenty of other NPCs and players in the village, therefore, it did not look lonely.

"Well, let's start."

Craaaaack—

"Why do you look more serious now than when you're training?" Roina had remarked when saw the determination in his eyes.

Minhyuk only grinned at her in reply, and continued to carry the groceries with Roina beside him.

'He's crazy... Is he going to open a chicken restaurant?! Why did he buy so much?!'

However, Minhyuk just continued to bring in the groceries in silence.

Over the past few days, by hunting the chickens which dropped tiny amounts of gold drops each, and adding the 80,000 gold that dropped when he caught the golden chicken, he had amassed a small fortune. Now, he had enough money to buy more food and ingredients.

He also had his food storage inventory...

'Ah, it's so nice when I think about it!'

Finally, there was his secret weapon.

'Well, let's get started now.'

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Fried chicken.

It was indubitably a cuisine that men and women of all ages like. Young people nowadays often call this cooking style of chicken the 'almighty chicken'.?You would even be able to see comments all over SNS like?'Are you going to eat fried chicken today?!', etc.

That is how popular fried chicken is these days.

One would only need to order it, and hot, savory, fried chicken would be delivered straight to their doorsteps. Sometimes, people would get intoxicated with the smell if they happened to get in an elevator with a delivery man holding a bag of fried chicken.

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Minhyuk first went into the bathroom, and Roina watched him blankly as he brought out a large basin in his hands.

Glug glug~

He poured the milk he bought into the basin. Then, he started to put in the chicken that had been cleaned well previously.

'This is an excellent way to remove the odor of the meat.'

He did not have much time as he had a lot to prepare, so he pulled them out after 30 minutes. He then cut the chicken into pieces and scored it well; that way the soft and tender insides would be fried well.

He added a 1/2 spoon of salt, a 1/2 spoon of pepper, and 1 spoon of ginger juice per chicken.

'If ginger juice is not available, then you can use cooking wine, rice wine or soju, as alternatives'

He mixed it with his hands, then left it for another 30 minutes.

He then added 1 cup of basic starch and 2 eggs produced by the golden chicken to the well-seasoned chicken. Finally, he added a spoonful of curry powder to further enhance the smell, as well as to introduce the savory flavor of curry.

He proceeded to mix the batter carefully.

Now, the measurements were based on only one chicken. With that said, in total, Minhyuk had used almost a barrel and a half of salt. He also used the same amount of pepper.

He then used chopsticks to pick up the pieces of seasoned chicken meat, and dropped it into the frying pan filled with oil, one by one.

Sizzleeeee—

'Ah, it's very aggressive.'

'The frying sound is very strong!'

'The sound of chicken going into the oil.'

If Minhyuk was not certain that he would be finally able to eat fried chicken, the loud sound of the chicken frying was the confirmation!

The pieces of chicken danced in the oil. Minhyuk gulped as he watched them move.

Gulp—

"Hehe...."

He smiled as he saw the chicken slowly turning golden brown. Then, he took them out of the pan and tapped them on the kitchen towel to dry off the excess oil.

As he chewed on his hard bread, Minhyuk repeated the process again!

"I'm going out for a bit."

"Yes, Instructor."

Then, Roina disappeared for about 2 hours before she reappeared, with her hands full of things.

"I bought some soft bread for you."

As she entered the kitchen, she froze momentarily.

"Are... Are you in a cooking class.....?! What's this 150 servings for?! Are you preparing a meal for an entire squadron?!"

The kitchen was full of fried chicken.

"Oh, Instructor Valen had the same reaction. As expected of people in love, they really think alike."

Roina's cheeks turned red when she heard those words.

"I-is that so?"

'Huhuhuhu. I definitely have the gift of gab.'

Minhyuk carefully glossed over the absurd situation with his flattering words.

He had kept a portion of chicken for Instructor Valen as his share, together with the remaining in his food storage inventory, so that it would still be warm later.

Minhyuk stepped out happily.

"Wa, wait...!"

"Yes?"

"Don't eat?all?of the food," Roina chided.

Hyuk!

Minhyuk froze, that thought had actually crossed his mind.

“I understand.” Minhyuk chuckled awkwardly before hurrying over to Instructor Valen's place.

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Minhyuk passed a whole fried chicken to Instructor Valen.

“Oh, so this is the food called fried chicken? It smells really nice.”

“Yes! Hehe. Please try it. Come on.”

Minhyuk suddenly stopped talking as he recalled something. He then took something out of his food storage inventory and handed it over to Instructor Valen.

“This is my regards for you, Instructor.”

“Oh... Boy, that's great.”

Valen had a pleasant smile on his face as he received what Minhyuk gave him.

“Are you leaving so soon?”

Minhyuk nodded, “I was thinking to... However, I'll drop by before leaving tomorrow.”

For some reason, he felt that he should not stay with Valen today.

‘Instructor Valen, too...’

As Minhyuk thought about it... He had already turned around.

Valen looked down on the chicken silently. He returned to his house after his shift ended.

It went without saying that Minhyuk had delivered the chicken along with a letter.

[I'm very glad that I could have a meal with Squad Commander like this.]

Valen smiled lightly as he stood up and opened his drawer. There was a hair tie with red flowers in it. He took it out and stared at it blankly for a while, before sitting back down again.

Clink!

A light sound rang out as he popped open what Minhyuk gave him... a canned beer. He felt the cool liquid going down his throat as he slowly downed the canned beer.

Gulp, gulp—

“Kgghk.”

There was a time when he felt that it was a pity to have Roina as a squad member. She was a genius, but she never got along well with her comrades. However, she was extremely outstanding and that was the cause of her arrogance.

In the end, she nearly had an accident and Valen saved her. After that incident, he felt that the look in her eyes towards him had changed, but he did not pay heed.

One time, he witnessed her training alone. That was when he knew.

‘Ah, she wasn’t just a genius. She was someone who worked very hard.’

At that time, he felt a little something take root in his heart. Even though he did not express himself well while exchanging letters with Roina, he felt that the feeling grew day by day. The source of this content

He did not even know why he had bought a red hair tie for her while walking down the street. He began to write a letter, looking as if he had made up his mind.

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“Hoo! Hoo!” Minhyuk shouted excitedly.

The setting was just right. It was already night time and there was grass surrounding him everywhere.

Minhyuk laid down a mat. It felt like he had gone to meet his friends, whom he had not seen for a long time, along the Han River with some fried chicken he got from the delivery man. Minhyuk then placed the golden chicken that he fried, on top of the mat. It was very big so he sliced up quite a lot of meat. Then, he brought out his secret weapon.

Beer.

It was what he had given to Valen.

‘Beer definitely goes best with fried chicken.’

Fizz!

“Kgghk, what a sound. Oh, oh, where do you think you’re going?”

Sluurp—



Minhyuk spoke to the foam that was threatening to spill as he quickly drank it.

“Kyaaha!” As he exclaimed out in joy, he slowly lifted up a chicken leg.

Guulp—

His saliva started to drool like a waterfall...

“Aah~” He opened his mouth wide and took a big bite.

Crunch, crunch, crunch!

The first charm of fried chicken was the sound it made at the first bite.

Chew, chew.

The second charm was the crispy texture of the skin that one can feel when chewing.

And the third charm was...

The hidden, milky-white meat that one would come in contact with, once the fried outer skin was bitten through.

“I’m... I’m so happy...!”

Minhyuk smiled widely, his eyes closed.

Gulp, gulp—

‘Isn’t it just good manners to bring out plenty of foaming cold beer while eating chimaek?’

“Kyaha! This is how it should taste! This is it!!”

Fried chicken and beer. It was the best thing to eat after a hard day’s work at the office, or with friends at the park. One could even enjoy it alone at home while watching TV.

Minhyuk started to eat more with great relish. Suddenly, he looked up towards the sky. The moon was shining brightly tonight.

“Hmm~ I have delivered chicken that was filled with love.”

Minhyuk had already noticed that Valen did have Roina in his heart. That was what he thought as he started digging into the fried chicken again.

“Mhhmm, this is very,?very?delicious~”

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The next day, he was training to increase the proficiency of his skill. To increase the proficiency of a skill, a player could either utilize skill points, or use the skill frequently. However, another method to increase proficiency was via training.

In fact, Minhyuk noticed that training in Roina's Bardy Swordsmanship was a high-intensity workout that could lower his fullness stat. So, he kept on training in it and as a result, his skill proficiency increased. Without fail, he completed his four hours of exercise for the day as well.

[You have burnt all of your calories gained, your fullness has reached 0%]

[You are able to eat again.]

[You have lowered your fullness to 0% for a total of four times in the set time.]

[You have achieved the Secret Quest 'He Who Strives to Eat.']

[You have received +5 in all of your 5 basic stats.]

[Your Digestion Skill has leveled up.]

".....hmmm?!"

'A secret quest? I think I've heard about it before..'

Quests in Athenae were ranked from E~S. There had also been some rumors of special quests floating about. A hidden quest was literally a special quest, one where the player did not know they were undergoing. They would be rewarded once they completed the quest.

On the other hand, a legendary quest was one that either came from the legends, or from someone who offered a legendary quest.

"The hard work I did just so I could eat, was in fact a secret quest?"

Minhyuk grinned. He had only done his training in order to eat. However, what caught his attention more was the notification about his 'Digestion' skill leveling up. He checked the skill right away.

(Digestion)

Passive Skill

Rank: ?

Level: 2

Mana Required: 0

Cooldown: 0

Effects: Calorie consumption will be 2x faster.

Description: It lets you burn calories faster when you exercise. The term 'exercise' refers to the average time that the general public uses to work-out, which is 1 hour. If you continue to work out for 1 hour, it can help you burn 20,000 calories.

"...!"

Minhyuk's eyes widened. He felt more surprised than when he caught the golden chicken, or when he received Valen's sword.

It was clearly written in the description that he could consume his calories 2x faster.

Before, Minhyuk had to train for 4~5 hours just to lower his fullness to 0%, but now, it could be shortened to 2 hours only. That was more than enough.

Minhyuk did not know it then, but it was the system's reward for his efforts.

1. Fried chicken and beer

*Chapter 13: Chicken Filled with Love*

When Minhyuk went to Instructor Valen to give him his share of fried chicken, the latter gave him a letter, together with a red hair tie.

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"Instructor Valen wanted me to deliver this to you."

Roina saw what Minhyuk brought and slowly reached her hand out to grab it. She looked at the hair tie and hurriedly checked the contents of the letter.

I bought this because I thought it would look pretty on you.

I think it should be my turn to treat you to a meal. It would be nice if we could meet at the entrance of Isbin Village at 19:00, three days later.

Roina broke into a big smile. A man giving a woman a hair tie as a gift. This meant a lot to her, more than anybody could know.

'You like...'

She was beside herself with joy, as she pressed the letter close to her bosom and smiled sweetly.

Minhyuk watched her as he nibbled on his leftover fried chicken from last night.

'Now the two of you can handle the next step yourselves. Huhu.'

He looked quite pleased with how everything turned out.

Someone had appeared to fill the emptiness and the lonely life of Valen, and the other party had finally confirmed that the man she liked felt the same way too.

It was as though his own sister had found herself a good man. Anyway, Minhyuk was able to finally eat fried chicken and that was more than enough!

"Thanks, Minhyuk."

"Whamt?"

Minhyuk looked at her with his mouth full of chicken.

"It's all thanks to you."

'If it wasn't for you, perhaps, we would have kept our feelings to ourselves forever.'

Roina smiled at him softly. She then quietly pulled something out of her military backpack.

It was a black leather armor.

[You have received Sylph's Leather Armor.]

[You have gained 4 reputation points.]

"Thank you very much!"

Like the previous time, Minhyuk received it without any hesitation.

"Go on and check it out."

Roina grinned at him as she gathered her long, black hair and tied it tightly with the hair tie.

"Hehe... You look pretty."

"Ah, really... That mouth of yours!"

"Check!"

Minhyuk immediately checked his item before Roina could say anything else.

(Sylph's Leather Armor)

Class: Rare

Restriction: None

Durability: 3,000/3,000

Defensive Power: 314

Special Abilities:

> STR +2, AGI +6

> When worn, Bardy Swordsmanship's skill level increases by +1

Description: A leather armor that's blessed with the power of the Sylph. It was handed down from generation to generation in Instructor Roina's family.

The agility increase from the special abilities was quite high. There was even a +1 skill level for Bardy Swordsmanship when the armor was equipped.

Minhyuk thought that initially, it was because he had attained a certain level of favor from his interactions with Roina, that he received the Bardy Swordsmanship.

After which, he had gained even more favor, and received the Sylph's Leather Armor as a result.

He then checked the chapters of the Bardy Swordsmanship that had a +1 level increase.

(Vital Strike)

Active Skill

Type of Swordplay: Bardy Swordsmanship

Mana Required: 20

Cooldown: 1 minute

Effects: Additional 17% ATK power for each successful strike

(Two Consecutive Quick Assault)

Active Skill

Type of Swordplay: Bardy Swordsmanship

Mana Required: 30

Cooldown: 1 minute

Effects: Each sword swing will deal damage twice.

(Bardy Swordsmanship)

Active Skill

Type of Swordplay: Bardy Swordsmanship

Mana Required: 50

Cooldown: 30 minutes

Effects: +9 to all 5 basic stats for 5 minutes once skill is activated.

Aside from the Two Consecutive Quick Assault, all the other skills had increased in strength and were improved. The Vital Strike had an additional +2% in ATK power while the Bardy Swordsmanship had an additional increase of +2 to all of the 5 basic stats.

"I'll use it well, Instructor."

Roina smiled widely at Minhyuk's words.

"Make sure you come back to play agai..."

Before Roina could finish her words...

[The God of Athenae has entrusted you with a mission.]

[Please propose two quests to Player Minhyuk.]

".....!"

A notification rang in Roina's ears.

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All of the members of the Special Players Management Team were gathered together, as they zoomed in and looked at the monitor featuring Minhyuk with serious looks.

"The second trial will begin now."

All of the employees nodded at Team Leader Park's words.

Minhyuk had completed the unnotified trial yesterday when he achieved a /10 on his fullness.

'He's going to receive the second trial from the nearest NPC to him.'

The NPC had to propose the quest to him with no special conditions. No matter how close Roina was to Minhyuk, she would not be able to make it any less dangerous.

"Is there anyone who does not know about the second trial?"

"There's no one!"

Team Leader Park looked at Lee Minhwa as she replied with a grim expression.

"He would be given two quests to choose from for the second trial. One of the quests is a legendary quest called 'Invincible Character', while the other quest only has a '?' in both the contents and rewards section."

A legendary class was guaranteed as a reward for the first quest. Even up till now, all of the Legendary classes that had been released were special and none of them were weak. There were several Legendary class holders who were part of the current Rankers.

"Yes, that's right."

Lee Minhwa continued to explain as Team Leader Park signaled for her to continue.

"This trial is a challenge. You can either choose the one with a guaranteed Legendary class or get an uncertain class with the '?'. The '?' can even possibly result in a meaningless class. It's well known among the players."

"That's right." Team Leader Park nodded.

'Grin.'

"Furthermore, this is the surest way to get a Legendary class. So, if you're not an idiot, and you're a player who wants to get?really?strong, then you would pick the first option...!"

She clenched her fists tightly.

"Who wouldn't want to challenge a quest for a guaranteed Legendary class?!"

In fact, in many cases, the '?' had always been a failure so naturally, people would choose the stable option.

Unlike the Legendary class which was a challenge, the God class was often a gamble. It was said that they would either have an extremely strong God-like ability, or an extremely weird God-like ability.

"This time, that player should not betray our expectations. But..."

Team Leader Park swallowed, before continuing.

"It would be better for him to choose the Legendary class, berserker, than to become a?Food God."

"...a Food God." Lee Minhwa thought about those words.

'A fraudulent God class where you raise your stats just by eating. That's an ability that's truly in line with his character...'

She looked at Minhyuk through the monitor.

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[Please propose two quests.]

[The first quest. Go to Isbin Village, find Berserker Brachni and hunt the monsters that he identifies.]

[The second quest. Attack the Twilight Graveyard near Isbin Village.]

Roina looked at Minhyuk. He was smiling brightly while eating his chicken.

'I heard that this notification will only go off on very special occasions.'

Roina was not an idiot. She understood what it meant. It was a test; an absolute one.

As guardians, they had to obey the orders of the God of Athenae.



"Minhyuk. I'm going to issue you two quests."

"Quests?"

"Yeah. The first one is to go to Isbin Village and find Berserker Brachni. He will then give you a hunting quest."

Minhyuk nodded.

"As for the second quest, you have to take on the dungeon, Twilight Graveyard, near Isbin Village. You can only choose one of the two. Whichever you choose, you won't be able to attempt the other."

As Roina finished speaking, a quest window appeared and floated in front of Minhyuk.

[Quest: Find Brachni]

Rank: Legend

Limit: None

Rewards: Class change to Legendary Class, Berserker.

Penalty for Failure: None

Description: Your greatness starts now. Meet the Berserker, Brachni, in Isbin Village to start challenging this legendary class.

[Quest: Attack Twilight Graveyard.]

Rank: ?

Limit: ?

Rewards: ?

Penalty for Failure:?

Description: Attack Twilight Graveyard. You have no idea what will come and what you will get.

"...hmmm."

Minhyuk was very calm.

"I~~ see."

He nodded distractedly.

'I thought they would give me something delicious again.'

Minhyuk thought that this was a pointless task.

"Is... Is that the only reaction you have to a legendary quest?"

"No. I'm glad. I'm so happy that you can even see tears of joy in my eyes. Boohoo. Can you see it in my eyes, over here?"

"You're really a strange one, huh?"

"I'm really crying, Instructor."

"Don't yawn and squeeze it out!"

"Yes!"

Roina laughed in defeat.

'This bright, young lad. I really want to help this young man.'

She had a guess as to what he would choose.

'Minhyuk would definitely go to the Twilight Graveyard since the other quest clearly looks like a job that has no relation to food. This kid's greatest happiness is only in eating.'

'Would a kid who thinks like that choose to take on the berserker quest?'

'No, definitely not.'

Roina also knew what monster existed in the Twilight Graveyard. The graveyard was one of the easiest dungeons. She had heard from the conversations of the other players about what appeared at the end of the dungeon.

'Should I tell him about it?'

"When you go to Isbin Village, go and meet this old man named Allon."

"Allon?"

"Yeah, he gives out delicious red bean jelly if he's in a good mood."

"Red, red bean jelly...?!"

Roina nodded while Minhyuk's eyes grew to the size of saucers.

'As expected, he looks much more excited than when he received the legendary class quest!'

'Wi, will he just give me something to eat?'

'Red bean jelly is delicious too. It has that soft and sweet taste that gently melts in your mouth.'

His mouth was already watering.

"I have to go now, Instructor!"

"Okay, come back to play again."

"Yes!"

Minhyuk left quickly.

Roina watched his figure fading into the distance and burst out laughing.

"Ahahahahahaha. I'm willing to bet everything I have that he's definitely going to the Twilight Graveyard!" She remarked, as she reached out and stroked her hair tie.

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Just as Minhyuk was about to enter Isbin Village, he realized that four hours had already gone by. He immediately disconnected from the game.

"Here are your cherry tomatoes."

Everyone quickly approached him. Minhyuk reached out for the tightly sealed cherry tomatoes and slowly started to eat.

Oh Changwook was among those people who approached him.

"Have you left the Novice Zone?"

"I left just now, General, sir!"

"Woow..."

Changwook's fists trembled.

'Ack, if he wasn't the son of the chairman, I would have definitely given him a good punch!'

"You should thank me, Hyung."

"First and foremost, thank you. But, why?"

"I obtained a rare piece of armor and a weapon for you. I'm the only one who cares about you, right? You should be shedding tears because you're thankful, yeah?"

"You've already gotten a rare piece of armor and weapon?"

"Eh? Why are you so shocked, I really have them."

"How did you get a piece of rare armor and a weapon in the novice zone? It couldn't be a drop, right?"

"The NPCs gave it to me though?"

"...Huh?!"

Oh Changwook's eyes widened. The higher Ranker could not make out a sliver of common sense from the words he had just heard.

'I heard that this guy only ate inside so why would an NPC give him anything?'

Getting artifacts from NPCs was not an easy task. It was practically impossible. They would know if you were trying to get close to them.

'They were, in fact, very much like humans.'

That was the reason why the items given by the NPCs were not recorded nor well-known in the system.

"However, won't they be toys compared to the rare items that your hyung got by buying? Come, let's hear about the attacking and defending power."

"Uhm, Sword of Rebellion has 211 attack power with STR +4, AGI +3 and a skill called Dauntless Strike..."

"Wa.. wait. What did you say?! How much was the attacking power?!"

"The attacking power is 211."

"...That's impossible!"

Oh Changwook's eyes widened once more. Even the other people around, who were also playing Athenae, were in disbelief.

*Chapter 14: Chicken Filled With Love*

"How can a beginner use a sword with an attack power of 211, are there no requirements at all?! Wouldn't the game be broken then?"

Rare-like is not the same as rare.

The system had requirements on weapons with strong attack power; they could only be wielded depending on the level of the user.

However, it was definitely impossible for Minhyuk to be wielding a weapon with 211 attack power at his level. Even if assuming that a rare weapon truly existed in the novice zone, its attack power would only reach the upper range of 130.

That was why Minhyuk's declaration that the sword boasted an attack power of 211, was extremely overwhelming.

"The item has no requirements."

"..."

Oh Changwook's mouth straightened into a line.

"How, how about the armor?"

"Sylph's Leather Armor. I saw that it was also rare..."

Minhyuk tried to remember the stats.

"Defensive power is 314 with STR +2, AGI +6, and a +1 level increase on Bardy Swordsmanship."

"...Woooooowowow."

The women that were around immediately expressed their admiration. The same was true for the others.

"It... also has no requirements?"

"That's right, General!"

Changwook was left speechless. The usual rare items did not even exceed 150~180 defensive power.

"Sylph's Leather Armor? Anyway, it seems that whatever you do, you turn out to be the best. It's a pity you can't use the skill. Tsk... Since you haven't learned it yet."

"I've already learned it."

"You have already learned it? The skill is not available in the shop though?!"

"The hunting training instructor in the novice zone taught it to me?"

Minhyuk told them with an innocent expression as he continued to chew on his cherry tomatoes.

Changwook was speechless once again.

"What the hell are you even doing inside the game....?"

"I get to eat very well inside! It's truly the happiest time of my life!" Minhyuk exclaimed with a very wide smile.

Changwook raised both his hands in surrender.

Sitting comfortably on his chair, Minhyuk continued to chew on his cherry tomatoes while scrolling through his handphone with one hand.

"Ah, Hyung. I also received a legendary quest or something."

"A legendary quest? Are you sure?"

"Yes, it's true."

"How in the world..." Changwook was surprised once again. "What was the class? Ah, no, did you manage to see the reward yet?"

"It's the Berserker class."

"Be... Berserker... You're sure that the reward class was Berserker?"

"Yes."

There were cases where the class name was identified for the quest. This was usually the case for easy, Legendary-class quests, where the rewards were made known before the commencement.

"Wow... That's really great. Awesome."

"Is it good?"

"No one would pass on a Legendary class. Most of the popular top Rankers are holders of Legendary classes. There's even a saying: You're a blockhead if you don't get into the top 100,000 with a Legendary class."

"I want to eat bread with a block of butter."

"Are you listening to me?! You look like you don't even have a shred of interest in what I'm saying! Some people even hoard Legendary class quests, and they sell the information for hundreds of millions in cash!"

"Uh-huh, I see."

However, Minhyuk remained dispassionate about Changwook's words as he went back to the search on his handphone about Legendary class quests.

[Nims, I have received the legendary quest for Archmage, I can't believe a day like this has finally come to my life...!]

—AChunkOfLittlePoo: Oh... it will fail anyway. gj?.

—MingguJonStyle: Oh... Fail, 2222 hehehe

—Cacacass: Fail 33333

—KingPororo: I'm an Archmage?

—ghdgs432: I have a spear, frauds will be hit in a strike. Hehehehehehehehe

Minhyuk continued to search for more information related to legendary quests.

Sure enough, people online were very enthusiastic about the legendary quests. Some students even promised to study hard if they received a legendary quest.

He found the comments below.

—[CheolsuMommy: This kid. What did he just say now?

—CheolsuDaddy: Son, don't use studying as an excuse for playing games.

—CheolsuNoona: Cheolsu. Don't talk nonsense, go and make some ramyeon.

—CheolsuHyung: You can't do that~ You can't lie to me like that~

—CheolsuAunty: Our Cheolsu, let go of the pretty capsule.

—CheolsusAncestorfrom200YearsAgo: Ahem, I can't believe I have a descendant who uses studying as an excuse to play games, damn this bastard!]

'These people have really great chemistry. They even changed their nicknames to leave comments.'

Minhyuk giggled to himself, then stood up.

"Minhyuk, are you going to do the legendary quest?" Changwook asked.

Minhyuk tilted his head in response, "Why should I do that?"

"Why?! What do you mean by why?! Isn't it a guaranteed check for an easy game-play from here on out?!"

"But... I won't be able to eat delicious food while I'm doing that."

"You're just trying to eat in the game... Ah, right, you're playing to eat..." Changwook looked at him blankly.

'It's a legendary quest, though?'

'It's a damn legendary quest!!'

"They said that if I go and meet an old man, I would be able to get some red bean jelly. Hehe... That would be delicious."

"You're going to eat?red bean jelly?instead of doing the legendary quest?!"

"No, Hyung! They would give me red bean jelly! Wow, Hyung... I'm totally speechless. You're being really frustrating, don't you understand me at all? How can a legendary quest be more important than red bean jelly?!"

"..."

At that moment, Minhyuk was so convincing that Changwook rubbed his cheeks, almost doubting himself.

'Is..is that so? Am I the strange one? Yeah. It might be better to eat.'

Changwook had fallen for his words.

"Ah, right. I'll meet you later when you log in at the Central Plaza in Isbin Village. Got it?"

"Okey dokey yo!"



"Did you change your hair color?"

"I only changed my weight to something that's 100kg less."

"Is that so? Got it. Anyway, let's go exercise."

"Yes! General!"

"Ple...please. Stop calling me general. Even the lady at the restaurant calls me general now..."

"Uhm..."

Minhyuk groaned as he still had to continue to exercise in reality.

'You cannot be lazy both in-game and in real life.'

He was losing a bit of sleep these days, but it was alright since he was having a lot of fun.

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General went straight to the Warp Wizard as soon as he logged in the game.

"Where will you be going?"

"Isbin Village."

"It will cost 20,000 gold, is that fine?"

General nodded coolly. This was the suave aura of someone in the ranking!

[You will be warped from Austin to Isbin Village.]

[You will be charged a fee of 20,000 gold.]

His eyes closed instinctively as a bright light flashed. When General opened his eyes, he was already standing in front of the Warp Wizard in Isbin Village. He took a step out of the Warp Point and went towards the central plaza.

'He reduced his weight... I'm curious as to what he looks like.'

General grinned, as he had not seen Minhyuk when he was still slim. He walked slowly, deep in thought.

'If a person were to lose 100kg in weight, could the changes in their appearance be groundbreaking? Even losing 10kg can yield huge changes.'

After walking for a bit, General arrived in front of the central square.

"Looking for Level 5~10 party members to hunt in the Goblin Fields. Only one spot left!"

"ROYGBIV! Vio! Violet potion for sale! Buy ten, get one free!"

"Buff service! One for 1,000 gold!"

"Looking for an?Athenae?GF! I'm thirteen years old and I'm called Fire Fist Ace in school! I like the Nami-type!"

"Hey hey, Jintae, I got a new item!"

"What did you get?"

"It's a unique spear. Wanna see? It's very dope!"

It was very crowded. General's forehead wrinkled in annoyance as tons of people swarmed around him.

'Let's see, where's that guy? Should I send him a whisper?'

General turned on his whisper chat.

[General: Where are you?]

[Minhyuk: At the central plaza.]

[General: Plaza, which direction...]

As the two of them continued to send whispers...

Bang!

"Ah, I'm sorry."

He bumped into a man. General nodded his head in a bow. He then looked at the man's face.

'He, he's really handsome...!'

The man nodded his head in a bow too. He was 185cm tall and had a sharp nose, doe-like eyes, and a smooth jawline.

'Isn't this what Kang Dongwonbin looks like??Wow, I must be dreaming. Is this person a model in real life? Won't he be a total hit if he becomes a celebrity?'

Oh Changwook was originally a health trainer for famous celebrities and entertainers, so it was normal for him to be particular about appearances. He thought briefly about the man, before turning to reply his whispers.

Tap, tap.

"Uh, excuse me."

General turned to look at the person who tapped him. It was the handsome man from before.

Then...

"Loyalty. Salute to the General, sir!"

"Oh... oh my god..."

The man was holding a bag of bread and his voice... the playful voiced sounded all too familiar...

It was Minhyuk.

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When Minhyuk re-entered the game, he found himself standing in front of two guards at the entrance to Isbin Village. It was the same place where he logged out of.

"Hello! It's a good day to eat something delicious, right?"

"Oh, that's right! Are you a traveler?"

"Is that a new way of greeting?"

The two guards laughed as they watched Minhyuk enter Isbin Village while munching on the soft bread that Roina gave him. The soft bread she had given him was much more delicious than the hard one.

Eating something delicious every day, every step of the way, is a very happy thing. The source of this content n/o/v/(el)bi((n))

Minhyuk was able to see a huge drove of players the moment he arrived at the central plaza.

"Looking for Level 5~10 party members to go hunt in the Goblin Fields. Only one spot left!"

"ROYGBIV! Vio! Violet potion for sale! Buy ten, get one free!"

"Buff service! One for 1,000 gold!"

"Looking for an?Athenae?GF! I'm thirteen years old and I'm called Fire Fist Ace in school! I like the Nami-type!"

"Hey hey, Jintae, I got a new item!"

There were parties looking for members to go hunting and some players who seemed to be alchemists selling their potions. There were even people who came to meet their friends in the game.

"What did you get?"

"It's a unique spear. Wanna see? It's very dope!"

"Oh, frick. I'm so jealous!"

Isbin Village was full of life. Even the NPCs were selling their wares and goods on the streets.

"I've arrived."

Minhyuk weaved through the cracks in the sea of players while looking for General. However, he was not able to see him.

Just then, a message came up through a transparent hologram window.

[General: Where are you?]

To send a whisper, all the player needed to do was to think of the person they wanted to send it to. After which, they could just think or blurt out the message, and it would be entered into the hologram interface.

[Minhyuk: At the central plaza.]

When Minhyuk first learnt about the whispers function, he thought that it was quite amazing. As he was looking at some of the items for sale...

Bang!

He bumped into another person's shoulders.

"Ah, I'm sorry." The other party's reacted faster than him.

Minhyuk froze. He trembled slightly as the man kept on staring at him. He knew this voice and this face. It was Changwook, or General.

General took his eyes off of Minhyuk after a while and turned to go his own way.

Minhyuk watched General's retreating figure and saw the latter's unique walk. Changwook had been working out for a long time, that was why he walked slightly differently compared to other people.

'How do I put it... it's like he's walking with his chest puffed up?'

'It's Changwook-hyung, so why did he go?'

As he thought about this, Minhyuk quickly caught up to General and tapped on his shoulders.

'Hoo... I'm finally seeing the General.'

The man turned around to face him.

"Loyalty. Salute to the General, sir!"

"Oh... oh my god!"

"Huh?" Minhyuk tilted his head at the exclamation. General looked pretty surprised.

"Did... Did you really not change anything at all?"

"Change??Athenae?makes it impossible to change your face, you know."

"So... so this is really your face?"

"Yeah."

"Waaaaaah, Minhyuk, you rascal!"

General suddenly hugged him.

"There are a lot of gay people in town these days..."

"Did you know? There are rumors that the rough-looking ones sometimes take on the woman's role."

".....!"

They did not even notice that other players were slowly stepping away from them. However, General hugged Minhyuk for a while before running around excitedly. Right now, he was very happy to see him.

"Hey, Hyung, what's wrong with you?"

"Yah, you're really, ?really?handsome! Wahaha, Kang Minhyuk. You're really handsome!"

"I know."

"Amaaazing. You're like a scratch lottery ticket! Hahahahahahahahaha!"

Minhyuk laughed when he saw that Changwook was sincerely happy for him. After all, who would not be happy if they were praised for their looks?

'It's been so long. Were the others pointing at us?'

Actually, he was not afraid of them pointing at him or gossiping. Nobody would want to be born having this condition. He never asked for an eating disorder.

However, there was only one thing...

'Father.'

Including everyone who was like a father to him. It was quite obvious how they would react when they saw his potential.

'Father said...'

'Son, you are my pride. No matter how you look, you won't look bad to me. I would never be ashamed of you!'

However, back in the real world, it was not what Minhyuk felt like he could do. He just wanted to make his father proud of him.

'But I can't.'

It was only natural that he would not want to go out with how he looked. Yet now, his Hyung told him...

'You're really handsome. You're very very handsome.'

1. The raws actually used the word ?? (deungsin) which means idiot and ?? (deungsim) which means steak. I changed it here to reflect the word play.

2. gj = good job

*Chapter 15: Tasty Red Bean Jelly*

'All I really have to do is to lose weight.'

As he thought about it, the two of them slowly pushed their way out of the sea of players.

"I'm definitely not used to you looking like that."

"Me too, I'm not used to your face either. Wah... You really look like a general."

General was wearing crimson armor with a shiny sword on his waist.

'From what I've gathered, his class is known as the Golden Knight.'

It was a hidden class.

It was also said that the Golden Knight could activate a buff when fighting alongside Ordinary-Class warriors or soldiers. This was one of the reasons why General's name was quite well-known as the vice-master of his Guild.

"Do you need anything? I could give you gold and a full item set!"

"I am very happy with what I have."

Minhyuk looked at the items he was wearing. General was somewhat convinced as well.

"Well, at the rate you're progressing..."

Minhyuk's equipment couldn't be bought with money. There was also nothing like those he possessed: equipment with no limits nor requirements on power: on the market. Minhyuk could probably use it until his level increased to a much higher level.

"Then, do you need gold? You should have nothing right now, right? You're still a beginner so you shouldn't have earned much gold yet. I'll give you 2 million gold for now."

2 million gold. It was a huge sum of money, but General just silently stretched his hand out. A trade could be initiated with a handshake.

Minhyuk shook his head as he stared at General's hand.

"Ugh. I won't accept it."

"Eh? What?!"

"I wanted to eat something that I know I worked hard for."

"You can eat everything you want, right now, with 2 million gold. Isn't it your wish to eat everything you want?!"

Minhyuk smiled wryly.

"That's why I'm telling you, I can't do that."

"Why can't you do that?!"

"Hyung, even before... I know how important food is. Someone's daily meal might be quite precious for others. To those starving children in poor countries, food is something that they truly desire."

"..."

"A steak may not cost much for someone, but a student has to save his pocket money just to treat his girlfriend to a fancy meal."

"Yeah."

There were children in some countries who were dying of hunger. Money could be common to some, but for others, it was something that was out of reach.

Just like Minhyuk in real life.

"I don't want to eat precious food as though I'm in a buffet, just because I have the money. I want to eat delicious food properly. With my own power."

"...Is that so?" General smiled softly.

'How one wants to eat differs for everyone.'

It was Minhyuk's freedom and right to do what he wanted.

"I'll just tell you one thing," General grinned at him. "You fXcker, my brother, is really cool."

Minhyuk could have benefited from his parents but he had unlocked achievements by himself. He had not asked for a private tutor when he was studying, but he still obtained first place. It was the same even for exercising, he could have taken a rest any time he wanted, but he kept on doing it.



'He can do it all on his own.?This Minhyuk is a really cool rascal.'

"Ah, Hyung."

"Huh?"

"I have to get going."

Minhyuk was as restless as a puppy that needed to pee.

"I... I have to go eat red bean jelly!"

Minhyuk was back to his usual, mischievous self. He then turned around and headed off.

General grinned at his retreating back. Nnêw n0vel chapters are published on n0v/e/(lb)i(n.)co/m

"Someone's daily meal might be quite precious for others."

'It was a cool phrase.'

He murmured those words as he waved his hands at the running Minhyuk.

'You'll definitely do it. Your Hyung's cool too, so let's go and get some attention, my dongsaeng! Let's go!!'

General sincerely supported him.

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Minhyuk was able to find Allon after asking nearby players and NPCs. They said that Allon ran a red bean jelly store. It was very shabby and tiny.

When he was asking around, the other players told him...

"You're looking for Allon the NPC? I don't recommend that you go. He once caught hold of me and talked for two hours straight. He talks too much."

"Red bean jelly?! Why would you go and eat that?!"

"That person gave me a useless quest. You have to get chestnuts, then he will give you chestnut red bean jelly, or something like that. That was the quest."

The other players did not understand Minhyuk, who was quite excited about red bean jelly. People were definitely split in their preferences of red bean jelly.

However, it was a good memory for Minhyuk, one with his grandmother when she was still alive.

His grandmother was frugal, even when she had a successful son like Minhyuk's father. Whenever Minhyuk went to visit her, she would take out his favorite red bean jelly that she had saved, from her drawer and put it in his mouth. He could still remember the sweetness of the red beans and the way they melted in his mouth.

"Hehe..."

Minhyuk gulped and quickened his pace. Not long after, a small store appeared in his sight. It had a sign reading?'Tasty Red Bean Jelly'.

In?Athenae, many things were sold the same way they were sold in real life. It was one of the charms of playing the game. There was no one outside the shop, but the front was filled with well-packed red bean jellies.

"Excuse me~"

Minhyuk's heart fluttered with excitement. A middle-aged man came out from the inside of the store.

"You're not going to ask for directions, are you?"

"No."

"You're not a customer who's just expecting a hidden quest, right?"

"That's not it either!"

"Then, what?"

"I want to eat red bean jelly!"

".....!"

Allon's eyes widened.

There were a lot of delicious things to eat all over the world. However, to be honest, at this moment, the Tasty Red Bean Jelly store was so empty that Allon had the spare time to catch flies!

Allon slowly went in front of the stands.

"Is that so? Huhu, kids these days don't really like to eat food like these."

Allon grinned as he took out a piece of red bean jelly.

"Did you make it yourself?" Minhyuk enquired.

"Of course. I made everything by hand," Allon answered and cut the red bean jelly with his knife. "Here, have a taste. People don't even look at my red bean jelly at all. But, I'm very confident about it!"

He straightened his chest in confidence as he proclaimed, "You'll definitely be speechless once you have a taste of my handmade red bean jelly."

Minhyuk received his free red bean jelly. The red bean jelly was as firm and bouncy as acorn jelly. It was also black and shiny. He carefully placed it in his mouth before chewing on it slowly.

The flavor of the sweet red bean spread out as it softly melted in his mouth. As his tongue tasted the sweetness, a smile bloomed on his face.

'It has the same taste as what my grandmother usually gave me before. I can feel it,?Allon's red bean jelly is definitely delicious!'

"Wow...! It's really delicious!"

"Haha. Boy, you really eat well!"

[You have gained Allon's favor.]

Allon laughed as he watched Minhyuk eat with a smile. He then heard a notification.

[Player Minhyuk has tasted your red bean jelly.]

[E-rank Quest. Please propose that he collect 50 chestnuts.]

The truth was that the quest could only be triggered once the red bean jelly was tasted. Since there were not a lot of players who wanted to taste the red bean jelly, tasting it was in itself a requirement to trigger the quest.

Furthermore, the quest's rewards were not promising.

'I'll give him chestnut red bean jelly if he managed to collect 50 chestnuts.'

When they get notifications like this, the NPCs could then propose the quest at a suitable time. If they did not like the player, they could terminate the quest.

"Well, how many pieces of red bean jelly do you want?" Allon asked.

".....!"

Minhyuk gasped. This was probably what Roina said about the store owner giving free samples for the red bean jelly.

'But Instructor Roina already showed me the way to these delicious red bean jellies!'

Minhyuk smiled happily and asked, "How much is a piece?"

"One for 1,000 gold."

He felt that it was a bit expensive. In comparison, hard bread was 500 gold a piece.

'Maybe this is the reason why his business is a little underwhelming...'

However, Minhyuk still piped up, "Please give me 20,000 gold worth of red bean jelly!"

There was still some money left from when he caught the golden chicken after buying all the ingredients from before.

".....!"

Allon was very shocked when he heard Minhyuk.

'20 pieces... That's quite a lot.'

"Are you going to give them away?"

"Nope. I'm going to eat them all."

Allon smiled to himself before instructing, "The red bean jelly is handmade, so it's not good to store them for a long time. It's best to finish all 20 of them in a week."

"I'm going to eat them all today! It was very, very delicious, so I have to eat all I can today!"

"Is it really that delicious? Hahaha, since you said that, I am feeling very generous, so I will give you five more!"

"Thank you very much!"

'He's a person who really loves food. Is he really that happy with just this?'

[You have purchased 25 red bean jellys.]

[20,000 gold has been deducted.]

Minhyuk quickly ripped the wrapper off so he could start munching on the red bean jelly.

"Boy, it's quite difficult to see a young man like you. I can't believe that you're eating red bean jelly so happily...?mumble mumble mumble."

It seemed like the chatter-motor that the other players were talking about had been triggered. Minhyuk could have left but he did not. He thought that he could somehow buy more after he ate them all up.

"I used to be an alchemist, that's why I'm telling you... Back in the days...?Mumble, mumble....."

"I see!"

Minhyuk finished eating his red bean jelly as he listened to Allon's story. He would have found it annoying if he was not eating delicious red bean jelly, but he was enjoying himself, so he just let it go.

Minhyuk tilted his head as Allon continued to chatter.

"I used to go to Twilight Graveyard. I tagged along some soldiers who wanted to go there. As I was saying..."

'Twilight Graveyard?'

Hearing the words, Minhyuk recalled something.

'Isn't that where the ? quest was supposed to be done?'

"And, the boss monster there was a very unusual guy."

"Unusual?"

"Yeah. Don't be surprised." Allon raised a finger as if to build anticipation. "It was a pig."

".....Huh?"

'Wait.'

For a moment, Minhyuk thought he had heard wrongly.

"What did you say?"

"The boss is a pig."

"...!"

Minhyuk's hands trembled, and he almost dropped his red bean jelly. Knowing him, anyone would agree that Minhyuk was truly taken by surprise. The way that he almost lost his hold on his precious red bean jelly, that was a testament to the shock he was feeling.

"Tenderloin, sirloin, chuck roll, ribs! Pig as in...?samgyeopsal?!"

"Yeah, that pig. Boy, why are you so surprised?"

At that moment, Minhyuk was not listening to Allon already.

'Just imagining it is so awesome.'

The first thing that popped into his mind was?samgyeopsal, placed on a well-heated grill...

Sizzleeee—

As he listened to the sound of the meat grilling, he would order soybean stew and a bowl of rice. He would then cut the meat up after cooking it well. After which, he would place the?samgyeopsal?on top of a lettuce with a bit of rice.

Next he would place some garlic and ssamjang on it, then he would add either kimchi, seasoned scallions, or pickled garlic leaves in the wrap depending on his taste.

Finally, he would wrap it all out and stuff it into his mouth...

Guulp—

Minhyuk was so engrossed in his imagination that he unconsciously made the gesture as if he was going to eat a wrap. He was truly regretting that he did not have the wrap in his mouth.

'Kgghk... That's really awesome.'

There was not much waste to throw away from pigs, in fact, there were a lot of things that one could cook using pork.

'So, the pig is at the end of Twilight Graveyard?'

"Pork! Pork! Pork!"

It was at that moment that Minhyuk decided on his next destination. Just then, his train of thought stopped .

'No way... Did the Instructor help me so I could eat pork?'

At that moment, he felt very grateful towards Instructor Roina.

'Perhaps, Allon the chatterbox has always been talking about the Twilight Graveyard.'

Minhyuk smiled when he thought about that.

Allon looked at Minhyuk who was chanting 'pork, pork'?and asked, "Boy, are you going to Twilight Graveyard?just?so you could eat pork?"

"Yep."

"But, you do know that they sell a lot of pork at the butcher shops, right?"

"It just tastes different when it's something I worked hard for!"

Minhyuk smiled brightly while Allon was confused by his words.

"Boy, what's your level?"

"Level 1."

"Unfortunately, Level 1 players cannot enter Twilight Graveyard."

Crash—

Allon's words were a bolt out of the blue.

1. Grilled pork belly