

The Herb King

Chapter 5: Leric's Plan

"Dear, what's happening on the battlefield?" Mrs. Lassiter glanced at her husband with a hint of worry. Earlier, she saw that his clothes was a tattered mess and the reason for that must be something related to the ongoings of the battlefield.

Mr. Lassiter's expression turned solemn for a brief moment, and he gently placed Leric to his side. He patted his small head with a weak smile before he turned to glance at his wife.

"Everything that is happening on the battlefield is strictly confidential, so I cannot divulge it. However, I can tell you that the enemy has the advantage at the moment. Many of my brothers have died in battle, but I can't do anything about it. The enemy has the support of a mysterious Level 3 Esper and even General Gavin is helpless against him." Mr. Lassiter said in a grave tone. His eyes also turned red when he mentioned about his fallen brothers. It can be seen how he was so affected by their deaths.

Mrs. Lassiter's expression fell upon hearing her husband's words. From what he said, she could already guess that the battlefield was currently a mess. Thinking about it, she could not help but shakily hold her husband's hands. "Dear..."

Looking at her sad expression, Mr. Lassiter forced out a smile as he gently caressed his wife's hand. "Don't worry about me. Your husband is a company commander and a Level 2 Esper. If the situation becomes dire, I can still retreat safely." He said

Leric whom the couple thought was unaware of their conversation was listening attentively. His big bright eyes flashed intensely and it was unknown what he was thinking.

"Mom, Dad, I'm done eating. I want to go back to my room to read more books." Leric said as he glanced at his parents.

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Hearing their child's words, the couple smiled at him and nodded their heads gently.

"Go on, sweetie. Just return the books to the shelves after reading them, okay?" Mrs. Lassiter said as she affectionately rubbed her child's head.

"Yes, mom." Leric nodded his head before he sprinted towards his room.

Looking at him enter his room, the couple's smiling expression vanished.

Inside his room, Leric locked the door and swiftly took a book that was lying on his bed. The book's title was 'Herbs and Plants Compendium'.

Leric furrowed his eyebrows as he flipped through the pages of the book. "Where is it?" He muttered.

Suddenly, his movements stopped when he stared at a certain page of the book. "This is it!" He said with a smile.

"The Blue Cloud Hyacinth is a rare herb that can be found on top of mountains rich in world essence. Because of the high concentration of energy in these essence-rich mountains, the Blue Cloud Hyacinth is filled with pure world essence, making it useful in making medicines."

"Green Moonlight Lily is a flower that...."

"Scarlet Origin Orchid..."

"With these herbs and flowers, I can make a pill for my father, but I'm still uncertain whether it can help him increase the essence in his body to promote his breakthrough to Level 3 Esper. Hmm... I must visit mom's clinic and check these herbs in person. I might discover something more if I take a look at it." Leric muttered to himself. He was a famous herbalist in his past life and although there was a vast difference between the plants in this world and his old world, he was confident that he can identify the usage of any plants after a little bit of research. Aside from his identity as an herbalist, he also dabbled in pill making and medicine. With his knowledge, it was not a problem for him to create pills and medicine as long as he has the ingredients.

"I hope mom's clinic has all the herbs I need. Without enough ingredients, I cannot create that pill for dad. Nothing must happen to him!" Leric clenched his small fists as he uttered those words. After living with the Lassiter couple for more than three years, he had already fully accepted them as his family. Although his parents might grow suspicious if they learn about this, he did not want to see his father die before him.

"For now, I must make a few preparations. After all, pill making in this world doesn't work similarly to my old world. Only Level 2 Espers are able to create pills.

With that in mind, Leric who was uninterested in becoming an Esper suddenly had the urge to train. He willed his thoughts and summoned his status.

Leric Lassiter

Talents:

Level 1 [Esper]

Level 1 [Botanist]

Level 1 [Doctor]

Skills:

Level 1 [Observation]

“Since you can show my abilities, I will call you ‘Status Screen’. According to this Status Screen, I am now a Level 1 Esper. From the book I’ve read about Espers, a Level 1 Esper has a sturdier physical body and their internal organs are also more resilient than the average humans. When one is a Level 2 Esper, they can control the world essence in their bodies which they use as a weapon or to further enhance their physique.” Leric was diligent in his studies and he knew the basics about Espers.

According to the book he read, when one becomes a Level 2 Esper, they can control the energy in their bodies to create a ‘Pill Fire’. This Pill Fire is the number one requirement to become a Pill Maker. However, creating a Pill Fire requires a refined control in handling world essence, so only a few talented individuals managed to become Pill Makers.

And now, Leric was actually thinking about reaching Level 2 Esper in a single day! And he even casually spoke about creating pills. If someone was here and heard his words, they would have treated him as a foolish kid. After all, becoming a Level 2 Esper was difficult and one would need to absorb large amounts of world essence and integrate it into their bodies. However, doing this was easier said than done. Without years of effort and resources, one could only dream about becoming a Level 2 Esper.

Chapter 6: Wind Control

“I must become a Level 2 Esper and manifest a Pill Fire! Only that way can I create that pill for father. However, I have not yet thoroughly researched the plants and herbs of this world. I have to go to mom’s clinic as soon as possible and check out these herbs myself. With the knowledge from the books, I am only 40% certain that I can make that pill, but before that, I must cultivate first! Without becoming a Level 2 Esper, how can I even refine a pill!” Leric took a deep breath as he patted his fat cheeks. He then clenched his plump hands as he stared at the window.

Leric was 3 years old and he was very short at the moment. He tried to jump and reach for the window only to stumble and fall face-first on the wooden floor.

Thud!

Ouch!

Leric grimaced as he grabbed his burning cheeks. His cute face contorted in pain, but he did not dare emit a cry. It would only worry his parents and they would surely make him rest if they find out about it. If that happens, it would be harder for him to sneak out of their house.

Knock! Knock! Knock!

“Leric, what happened?” His mother’s worried voice came behind his locked door.

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“Don’t worry, mom! I just dropped the book I was reading on the floor!” Leric answered hastily while rubbing his cheeks. It still felt painful, but for an old man like him, it was not unbearable.

“Alright. Be careful and don’t jump around, okay?” His mom said before she walked back to the dining room.

“Yes, mom!” Leric replied. He then carefully opened the door and checked if his mother was still outside. When he noticed that no one was there, Leric closed the door and grabbed a chair. He then placed it facing the window.

Leric lifted his plump legs and climbed the chair. He opened the window and gazed at the scenery outside.

A place filled with tall trees and rich arable land that extends far away. There were also dozens of houses scattered within this land. This was the territory under the jurisdiction of his father who was a Level 2 Esper. It was located in the periphery of the city of Barden, the fourth largest city of the Leone Empire.

After relishing the beautiful sight, Leric glanced below. His room was on the second floor of their two-story house. This height made the short Leric a bit scared, but when he recalled that he was already a Level 1 Esper, he slowly calmed himself.

“I can do this. I’m already a Level 1 Esper! My body should be stronger than a normal 3-year-old. It should be comparable to a teenage boy’s body. So how do I get down from here? Do I jump? Hmm...” Leric gulped hard as he sat on the opened window. His eyes were shaking as he stared at the ground below.

“Control the energy of the world and make my fall light. I should be able to do that with my current level, but how?” Leric muttered as he focused his mind. His clothes fluttered as a gust of wind enveloped his body.

You have acquired the skill ‘Wind Control’.

Hm?

Leric was surprised when he discovered the new details added to his Status Screen.

“Did I just learn a new skill?” He muttered in surprise as he read the description of his new skill.

Skill [Wind Control] Level 1

– You have the ability to summon the wind. The power of the wind that you can summon depends on your level and mastery of the skill.

Looking at the skill description on his Status Screen, Leric smiled widely, but his cheeks suddenly burned with pain, making him groan silently.

“Now, how do I use this skill? Maybe I have to say the skill’s name like those novels in my past life? I’ll try it. Hehe.” Leric stood on the window and whispered.

“Wind Control.”

“Huh? Nothing’s happening... It looks like I have to use my mind to control the power of the wind.” He closed his eyes and tried to feel the wind around him. He then used the unknown energy inside him to control the wind.

Swoosh!

Leric opened his eyes and a wide smile broke into his face as he said. “So that’s how it is done.”

He then jumped without hesitation and controlled the power of the wind to jump from the second floor down to the ground noiselessly.

“I did it!” The little boy exclaimed joyfully with his fists raised in midair. He stared smilingly at their house before sprinting away silently.

“My mother’s clinic is just three houses away from our home. I’ve been there before, I just hope that it’s not locked.”

Leric carefully trod the stone pathway and avoided the people walking outside. He was like a sneaky cat that was planning to steal someone’s food.

After less than a few minutes, he stopped in front of a two-story building. It wasn’t built as great as the clinics in his past life, but the place was clean.

“I will begin cultivating inside. No one should be here now since my mom is still resting.” Leric said as he pushed the door.

