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It was only after 30 minutes that I barely managed to walk with the kids once again. Though it was over 30 minutes, it seemed as if the battle with the Rengas took place just now. The dreary atmosphere that we had after seeing the dead body of the user pervaded once again. But in my mind, I was smiling softly while walking at a slower pace.

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Beyond the open space where the Rengas were, there was another passage. This tunnel was on the other side from the tunnel that we entered. And we didn't face any disturbance while going deeper. I can't assure that the same atmosphere will continue to persist as we head deeper into the tunnel, but till now, depending on what we are currently experiencing, it seemed pretty simple.

Honestly speaking, if the dungeon of the ancient alchemist Vivian is only of this level of difficulty, then it is rather on the easier side. Suddenly, my mind started to reminisce about my experience as a new user and about the first time I came here; I remembered the days of exploring this maze. Even the most experienced players might end up entering into places that they had never entered. As a result, it was great that I chose a dungeon that I've had previous experience with.

Remembering those memories of the past, I am laughing a little now. I couldn't even imagine that it was me then. At that time, it felt like walking on a stone bridge; even when I used to just take a single step, I used to analyze it thoroughly for any traps and check the path for any monsters. However now, that cautious attitude felt good and rather interesting.

The kind of way I work, well, I basically prefer to relax and work cautiously. To eat rice hurriedly is a flaw; even if it is a little slow, being sure and going forward is the best thing to do. However, I don't have the frustration to be able to do it in the same way as in the past, because I have the ability and style as well as the experience. No matter how I see, I have enough time, no, more than enough time, so I need to progress a little quickly but prudently.

This seemed like a small city dungeon, that much was sure, because this is much less difficult than a city or large city expedition level. Even then, I was little nervous about the unexplored zones and the traps that are set here and the possibility that a monster could jump out from behind. Consequently, cautiousness started to creep into my body.

Thinking that I was in the cave of scream, I did not want to do anything else unless it was 'that guy' as the last one. 'That guy' is probably the last one that left the Carabans half-dead. Thinking about this, goosebumps started to rise throughout my whole body. Whatever it was, without being careless, I made sure that the basic boundary kept moving.

It seemed like the Crabans made it this far. If that is right, they would have entered the vacant area and would have met a new group of Rengas present there. This dungeon monster has a certain level of intelligence, after all.

While I was thinking about this and that, a new passage, attached to another opening, came into our view. If I were to compare this opening with that of the one where we encountered the Rengas, it was very small, not even half of the previous one's area.

It was a small place into which even fifty people couldn't fit into, and the front seemed to be forming some kind of cliff as the space was gradually narrowing. Under the ground, four holes could be seen. It was impossible to move forward anymore unless it was through the hole. Which meant, one had to pick a hole and travel wherever it lead to.

As I went near the holes, I stopped walking at a certain point, and the kids following me also stopped. There was no need to be worried about where we were heading to. I immediately activated the third eye and detected all potential routes through the hole at the same moment. Once I clearly saw through the first of the four holes, I shook my head and started to move towards the second hole.

I looked over at Sol who was staring at my eyes with a blank face. Feeling my gaze, she turned her head and slightly tilted it. These kind of actions from Sol were very cute, making me go a little crazy to the extent of desiring to bite her. However, An Hyun, who's in front, wouldn't tolerate that.

Yoo-Jung, the representative runner of the group, came to his side while I was looking from one place to other. I turned around immediately to avoid talking about any kind of nuisance, but Yoo-Jung followed the direction that I turned. That girl seemed to be feeling so bored that she started to turn round and round and finally opened her lips.

"Oppa. Are you worrying about going in?"

"...."

After thinking something positive, Yoo-Jung looked at me with a smile and spoke.

"I have a nice idea."

"What shit did you think again...."

“Aw!! You’re always like this towards me. Just trust me this time. Hmm? Oppa, you just stay silent this time. I have a very good idea.”

Though we all collectively had serious expressions on our faces, her tongue slightly went up her lip with a hint of mischief. Even though I slumped my shoulders, Yoo-Jung ignored it and looked away. I tried to check via detection, but there was nothing caught in it.

I first left Yoo-Jung to do what she wanted. Often, Yoo-Jung had many sharp thoughts and characteristics that I could not predict. She was also willing to accumulate experience. I bit on my lip, and Yoo-Jung had a lucid face. That girl spoke to An Hyun while turning the lance.

“Hyun ah~?”

“Crazy.”

“This.... Ho ho ho. It isn’t like that. I just want to check one thing.”

At this action of Yoo-Jung, An Hyun started to swear under his breath. At that moment, I could see a blood vessel pop out on Yoo-Jung’s flat forehead. Although I could confirm the reputation of this old lady in the past, Yoo-Jung was still able to speak in a harmonious tone. But I couldn’t feel the softness in her voice.

“.... What.”

“The last time when we were on the Rite Of Passage. Remember what I talked about?”

“I spoke about a couple of things.”

“In that city. Didn’t you say that Sol’s sense is pretty good?”

At that moment, Sol, who was busy watching us, looked with great fervor. Whatever it was, it seemed like this story had grabbed her interest. Does she really believe herself to be that cute? This wasn’t the first time I had to pinch myself for her cuteness... No. What am I thinking about that girl....

While I was imagining such things inside my mind, Hyun’s face suddenly exhibited tremendous passion. In a second, the younger sister put her arms around him.

“Ah, I said that. Ha. Yes I did. The kid’s senses are that good....”

“Ah ah. I understand. I’ll listen to the story later. Is it really reliable?”

“Yes, it is! A hundred percent!”

Nice timing. Seeing Yoo-Jung raise voice about a nice thing at the right moment, I gave her a thumbs up in my mind. I heaved a sigh of relief, but I couldn't get rid of this strange sensation. An Hyun also nodded his head in response. Sensing something dangerous, he immediately shook his head. But it was late. Seeing Yoo-Jung portraying nasty smirk on her face, An Hyun's eyes grew bigger and he continued.

"Yes, but why suddenly..... ah. Just a minute. Lee Yoo-Jung. Yah!"

Though Hyun urgently called her, but by then, Yoo-Jung, without intending to listen to him, started to walk towards Sol. Hearing the conversation between these two, Sol looked at her inquisitively. However, Sol was not a person to stay still. That moment was very eye catching, if not 100 points of luck, she probably had a premonition, and she rushed to hide behind me. An Hyun's action of taking a deep breath could be heard and Yoo-Jung frowned. However, Yoo-Jung started to speak with a gentle expression.

"Su-Hyun Oppa. If you can listen to me about Sol just this once, could you take her to the entrance at the far left?"

I was hearing the conversation between An Hyun and An Sol. I was feeling nauseous on the inside. However, I decided to leave this matter to Yoo-Jung for now, and Sol got herself up. Sol held onto my collar very firmly, and I shook my head while looking at her action. I had a question mark over my head, and Sol had a selfless face which said believe me. Seeing this, I felt very sorry for her.

If it was like the other day, she would have freaked out or wept by this time but didn't do it anymore. She was thinking 'Will my Oppa do something that's harmful for me,' and gazed at me with a pale and pitiful face. I was thinking that, I am a man who has been recognized by the woman who will be a priest of brilliance in the future and took Sol to the far left side. Just for guidance, the entrance was the kind that was not supposed to be entered, and Yoo-Jung was waiting for the next move.

"Hyu, Hyung?"

Though I heard An Hyun flustered from behind, without caring about it, I stroked Sol's head and took a step front. Sol was still feeling intimidated, and she looked at me with a blank face that had no clue what was happening. Seeing what was happening, Yoo-Jung had a smile on her face. Seeing Sol like this, even I felt as if I was harassing her. I felt very bad on the inside.

An Hyun couldn't say anything more to her and just blankly looked at her. Yoo-Jung's lips opened slightly, approached her ear, and whispered quietly into it. I heard the conversation between the two.

"Okay, Sol ah. Go inside and see. Go."

"Sorry? Inside?"

“Hmm. Alone.”

“Me? All alone? I should go alone? What about Unnie and Oppas?”

“Yes. Oppas and Unnie will wait outside for you, so you should go into the passage first and see if it is dangerous or not. Even Su Hyun Oppa has allowed this. Don't you think this is a good thing?”

Yoo-Jung chided her with great subtlety. Upon hearing that, Sol mumbled back to her in a small voice. An Hyun couldn't help but notice the exchange of voices between them and remained standing still.

Sol is such a pure person that I retreated into my mind and fell into a deep thought. Without making eye contact, Yoo-Jung was playing with her fingers while talking to her. Sol was still thinking over it. After a while, she opened her lips.

“But... There might be dangerous things inside... If I go there all alone... Su Hyun oppa wouldn't allow it....”

“No. You have a very important role. You're a bait. Bait. Get it? Things like this come in the movies. Based on your sacrifice, we get to avoid the dangerous places, and we get take back the Lulurlara treasure back to the city. How's that?”

Hearing that she is going to be the bait from Yoo-Jung, Sol turned her eyes towards me with a faint face. No way, it seemed like she thought that I wouldn't agree to this kind of thing. Her gaze was so persistent that I just shrugged it off as an answer. And then, Sol looked at me with the same gaze and opened her mouth.

“Oppa.”

“...Yes?”

“Should I really do it?”

“Wh, what?”

In reality, no permission left out of my mouth. The sound of stuttering changed and Sol's eyes began to well up immediately. She pouted her lips and held on tightly to my hand. With that sad face, An Sol opened her lips once again.

“I'm crying?”

I avoided her gaze at that time. Sol avoided my gaze, and I wasn't feeling like seeing Sol when she was crying. I turned my head slightly and saw that Sol was feeling upset. But now, knowing that I was avoiding her gaze, she opened her mouth big. And I immediately looked at her.

“Euahhhhhhang!”

Sol plopped down where she was and began to cry out loud. Yoo-Jung, not knowing if she was really crying, stood there with a blank face. An Hyun stared at Yoo-Jung with a fierce expression. Yoo-Jung pointed with her finger towards the fuss. What was I supposed to do?

“Euah! Euah! Euah! Euahhhhg!”

Seeing this, An Hyun came running towards me.

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“Don’t say words that you’ll be sorry for. Even I can’t do this.”

“This isn’t crazy.”

“Did you trust me till now? Really trusted me?”

“If you believe me..., then I will believe in this. Please.”

“Dea.... Death?”

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“Eog... eung....”

Tears were flowing down An Sol’s face as she lay there in my arms. An Hyun rushed towards us and gazed at Yoo-Jung with a face filled with anger. If I weren’t here, there was a chance that he might’ve even hit her. An Hyun want to say something to her, but he couldn’t and within a short time he spoke.

“Sol ah. Oppa is sorry. I’m very wrong. Right. You are correct. Now, stop crying.”

“Hui... hui... Oppa... Me... a bait....” (Did Oppa really want to use me as a bait?)

As Sol was a little slow as she couldn’t fully comprehend the words, but she understood the words that he wanted to deliver. I immediately shook my head and answered that I didn’t know. Honestly, I did notice it, but Yoo-Jung didn’t say anything about it to me.

Sol was relieved after she heard my answer and stopped blubbering. Surely, the hiccups were still there. Though I wanted it to be like this, I stopped stroking her hair and pulled her away from my body. And then, embracing her again, I stroked her head. Her face was wet with tears, so she wiped her face slowly.

Yoo-Jung was on her knees in front of Sol with her hands together. She wasn't even smiling anymore, she was just thinking that the girl opposite her was whimsical. I also felt that the atmosphere just went out of control. However, An Hyun's anger was so high that I don't know how to mitigate the situation.

Yoo-Jung's eyes were crestfallen and her head was bent down. Both An Hyun's and my face were uncomfortable due to the heavy atmosphere. Normally, it is supposed to be filled with fun, but in this case, the eyes were not like that of a gentle cat.

"Then. Give me the excuse."

At the stiff words from An Hyun, Yoo-Jung slightly pushed out her lips and pouted again. Yoo-Jung looked at Sol once and with a hesitant tone, she opened her lips.

"That... why I did that was...."

"Ahphuuuu....."

I looked at Sol who was unable to hold her tears. Seeing this, Yoo-Jung's eyes got fiery red. Realizing that she was guilty and had made a mistake, she opened her mouth once again to speak.

"That... since Sol's senses are good, if she went into the passage... In... that passage she could know if it was dangerous or safe... that was why..."

The said excuse is the exact reason why she was sending her in. Hmm. As I listened to the reason impatiently, I instinctively shook my head. In that moment, the pacified Sol came out a little clumsily, and I immediately patted her back. What am I really doing now?

Luck is a field where not much research has been done. That was the truth that I knew; the only fact known was that it had huge impact on the magic skills rather than on any kind of physical power. In addition, there were just a few more minor things, and they were completely baseless.

An Hyun's face had nothing but indifference. After he shook his head at her excuse, he hit Yoo-Jung's head. It would be a little unpleasant, but she didn't display a repulsive face.

"Well, that's it. Bait, you said! Bait!. There is something I have to say, something that I definitely need to say. Hyung, hyung, you should do something about Yoo-Jung, too. Hyung, you are always saying it's okay whenever Yoo-Jung does things like this just because she is beautiful. You're not supposed to be like this."

"Sor... Sorry... What?"

As An Hyun finished talking, both Yoo-Jung and my face turned awful. What gibberish is he spouting about me? Even Yoo-Jung was very uncomfortable with this and just tilted her head. Even then, firstly, he was completely wrong about the Yoo-Jung thing, and Sol also looked at me with some kind of aspiring young eyes, making me feel a bit embarrassed.

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After a period of time after the turmoil, we barely managed to move forward. Bright and lively Sol, grouchy Yoo-Jung, and silent An Hyun. Seeing this, I spit out my voice. I wanted things to be lively at the moment, because it became like the road of Amithabul.

“Oh. Something feels alright.”

We were at the entrance of the second passage as a result. Firstly, after seeing the entrance of the passage, Sol stood there confidently, so the result was very clear. First, shake the body near the passage; second, subtly shake the head near the passage; third, put up an unpleasant face in front of the passage; fourth, try to escape from that passage immediately.

With my third eye, I could see the situation at the place, and I couldn't help but be surprised with it. Although the Priests' strength is the most important, I was lost in thought how she had only one point – a lot of luck. Though she has 100 points of luck, with my third eye, it was the same. I felt like something was pulling me in.

I saw that Sol's waist started to turn stiff the more we walked ahead. To be honest, it was very funny. We continued to advance on a white, narrow way.

With that, I slowly moved and sensed my surroundings. Walking around like this, there was still a remote chance for a monster to jump and attack us. Soon, it felt like something was there in the way we were walking at. When I stopped walking, the kids looked at me with a weird face. It's natural to get skittish when one suddenly stops without saying anything.

“From here on, start treading with caution.”

As I said that with a strange face and slow voice, the kids' faces became flustered. If we continue ahead, we will encounter two kinds of monsters, and there were only three in total. One was a living being, and the other two were statues. The kids were in confusion as they guessed that I understood something, and they wanted to know about it. We started to walk again, and I looked at Sol. With a caring voice, I opened my mouth to speak.

“Sol ah.”

“Yes.”

As I called out to her, Sol answered me with a clear voice. I looked at Sol who brought a smile to her face, when I was going to speak in the moment.

“Save me! Help me!”

I frowned upon hearing a voice that was around the air. I was about to get into the explanation that this was from the left over players. As expected, when they heard the voice from the inside, An Hyun’s and Yoo-Jung’s face turned pale.

“Hyung, it seems like it isn’t from the player that we met earlier. It’s from a different player.”

“Whatever it is, there is an abduction....”

“Stop. I’ll talk about it.”

I cut off Yoo-Jung’s stiff voice. All the kids closed their mouth at once. The kids’ nervous body language and dissatisfied expressions asked why we weren’t going to rescue. I moved my tongue to speak.

“Is no one there! I’m begging you! Please help me!”

“...”

This was definitely a smart guy. And I was getting annoyed by it. Truthfully, when we were in front of the passage wasting a lot of time a little while ago, I had a little hunch about this. And it was a sensitive topic for the kids. However, I couldn’t tolerate this anymore, so I plan on going out of my way.

I took the sword, threw the sword to the front, and retrieved it later. Not being able to comprehend it, I swung the sword again to detect it secretly. If this one is really intelligent, then he will sense this and close his mouth as a signal.

“Save me... khyaaaaa!”

I knew that the sword lightly grazed the right arm, and once I confirmed it, I took out a cotton swab. The kids were completely dumbstruck. This was a high level of control that they couldn’t notice, and there was probably something weird because of the loud noise at the second half.

“Hmm, hmm. Once again. Sol ah, what do you know about the monster Ramik?”

“Ha... Ramik? Uhhh.”

Seeing such a thoughtful Sol, my appetite for her expressions was satiated. Surely, the monster seemed a little difficult because it reminded me of something that was

indistinguishable. And the answer came from the wrong direction. Yoo-Jung, who had a greasy face, answered very cautiously.

“Oppa. Ramik is... a doppelganger, right?”

“Hmm?”

Due to her unexpected answer, I looked at Yoo-Jung. As I continued to look at her, Yoo-Jung mustered up her courage and after gulping, she spoke again.

“Perfect like a doppelganger; though it can’t change its appearance for a long time, it can use the copied person’s voice constantly. Its physical abilities are not much exceptional, but it is necessary for the players to be very careful at all times. In particular, it traps the players using their emotions; there have been many cases for this one....”

“... Correct. But how did you know? And you don’t need to treat Ramik this seriously.”

“Just by chance.”

Yoo-Jung put out her tongue after answering, and I just stared at her with a stiff look. An Sol also muttered through her lips “Even I knew that...”. An Hyun looked at me with a peculiar face and opened his mouth.

“Hyung! So the voice that we heard earlier was from the monster, Ramik?”

“Yes. It devoured an intruding player and is utilizing their voice now.”

Though his head was hurting, it is necessary for An Hyun to evaluate the situation. If he could only add a little knowledge to the mood, this would have been a wonderful day. Feeling a little upset with this, I diverted my eyes towards Yoo-Jung. For a moment, without my knowledge, some sparks flew right before my eyes.

Jakang!

Bingle! Pohsuk!

An Hyun took the sword from my hand lightning fast and let go of his lance. And in the same time, he took a rough turn and fled to one corner. It happened so quick that all the kids’ mouths were wide open.

It seemed that An Hyun was the one with the greatest shock. After he saw me once, he mumbled through his lips.

“Hyung, hyung, I was just kidding....”

“Kidding.”

“That... I was suspicious if Yoo-Jung surely knew about the Ramik.”

It wouldn't have been like this normally due to existence of my momentum, but this time, Yoo-Jung was also unable to shout as I was pushed away. From the beginning of the Dark Forest, there wasn't anything so tantalizing, and finally, I was hit by it. And. It is traumatic to be aimed by a lancer in the middle of an alley without knowing whether it was intentional or not. This was one thing that I hated the most.

“An Hyun, An Sol, Lee Yoo-Jung. You guys seem to have a lot of playful spirit. Will you keep doing this? You want to do this?”

“...”

At my question, the kids turned dumb. But I didn't stop there, I continued to shoot at them.

“This is plain nice, nice, should I laugh and play sweet? You just do it whenever you want to do. And An Hyun. Kidding? Why don't you do that with Yoo-Jung? How long are you going to do this?”

“Ah no, Oppa. I also did that to Sol. It's alright. It won't happen. So, let it go~? Oppa~ah~.”

“Hyung. I'm sorry.”

With a charm that wasn't even working, Yoo-Jung was trying to talk me down when Hyun suddenly apologized. But my anger didn't recede. It was nice that they were playing, but it was only fun to a certain extent. Near the Rengas, their attitudes changed in a short span, too. The more we go deeper, the more nervous we are supposed to be. How are these kids still being like this? I'm not sure.

These people have followed me into the Dark Forest, and I know how actively they follow my directions. In this world, not much Carabans possess this kind teamwork. Even I don't understand how this is possible. In a small voice, I talked with An Hyun.

“Joking around with Sol is serious. I was in a position that I had to do it, and I could tolerate it to an extent. But. But now, we are in the dungeon. No other stuff, we are in for some serious action. Pointing your weapon at your ally? Isn't that a little out of sanity? And kidding? What if I did something like this as a joke?”

This time, when I spoke from the inside, An Hyun covered his upset face with his hands. It was the self-reflection of a child who understood what I'm saying.

Though it was silent for a moment, he coolly lifted his face. An Hyun had a fluffy face and carefulness started to become visible on it. Seeing this series of events unfold, Sol became stiff, and I grabbed her staff.

I looked at all three of them as if looking at something outrageous. After that, I released a big sigh, swung the staff, and opened my mouth.

“This is the last warning I’ll give you guys. Next time, I won’t even care about doing any of this stuff. Remember this, I won’t be repeating this again.”

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“Just. Huh, Don’t.”

“Just whatever happens.” I was intending this kind of thing to be my last words, but I just swallowed it. I had intended to have a much more serious attitude, but the situation wasn’t that severe. And also from that moment, without my realization, it seemed like the kids’ attitude changed a little.

A kind of sharpness that I had in my body previously, returned a while ago. The kids started to shrug. I didn’t just do this to stop their play. It’s because we have ended up wasting a bountiful amount of time in this dungeon. I’m not sure if they understand, but I want to reclaim the lost time.

The kids took a breath and looked at me with ruffled faces. The heartbroken look in their eyes and the lack of their colorful voices made me feel bad instantly. I spoke once again with a strong voice.

“The voice that you heard earlier is that of a Ramik. The explanation Yoo-Jung gave earlier is more than enough. But, on the left and right are two stone statues. Those are the immediate traps we need to disable before they activate.”

I don’t want them to play around and allow them to slowly gather experience; I want them to adopt the most effective method. Once I was done talking, I began to walk immediately. The kids started to walk behind me without making much noise. Without an inkling of hesitation, I moved faster.

As I started to walk fast, the ones behind me also changed their way of walking. With eagerness, I drew my sword. ‘Chang.’ A pleasant sound came out. At the same time, the lights dispersed. From now on, I decided that I was going to be a little more aggressive.

We were moving forward silently and all our eyes were focused to the front. As expected, there was one player lying on the floor with a broken right arm. The sword that I threw hit this one.

“He... Help me.....eugh!”

Without giving the kids any instructions, I just cut off the Ramik’s head. Beside the Ramik’s beheaded body, stood two stone statues. They weren’t Gargoyles, but statues that resembled a Kappa.

Things didn’t end with just the death of the Ramik, so I moved my sword towards the stone statue. With cracking noises, the stone statues began moving their legs, while light shone from all visible cracks along the statue’s body. And that’s it. My sword penetrated its centre cleanly and smashed its core. After that it didn’t move anymore.

“Hyat!”

An Hyun was not silent about this either. The statue slowly, quietly, emitted energy around itself, displaying the shape of the metal armor that firmly wrapped around its body. An Hyun took out his lance and passed behind me, heading towards the last statue. Without feeling any pressure, he broke the stone and went in. The stone made a cracking sound as the lance penetrated the centre of the stone statue, leaving behind a huge hole.

“Next. Let’s go immediately.”

This time, there wasn’t much physical damage and I immediately moved from that position. While An Hyun was walking behind me, both Yoo-Jung and Sol looked on with blank faces. Those girls were silently watching the fight unfold from the battle against the Ramik until the stone statues. As we moved farther, they ran towards us.

“Next... It could be goblins. All of you, get into formation. This time, let’s do it the same way we did with the Rengas.”

The next obstacle would be goblins. There are also Hobgoblins which are just as strong. If other players were to encounter goblins, they might have had a hard time, but it wasn’t going to be the same for me.

I immediately peeked into the passage and saw a horde of goblins including a goblin ruler and several hobgoblins. The other goblins present were just bait to lure in unprepared players. Although there were quite a few goblins, I had experience dealing with such difficult monsters when I was with the Black Scorpion in the past That experience will be useful right now. Moreover, goblins who lose their leaders are to easy to slay.

After the battle was initiated, we all cursed under our breaths after Hyun was poisoned. An Sol left formation to cure An Hyun, while Yoo-Jung circled around and rummaged through the goblin corpses. Since these guys loved shiny objects, there was a high possibility of finding interesting things. The armor worn by goblins are worthless to me, but they would surely be profitable.

The kids sat down, which set the atmosphere. After bringing down the deceitful goblins, they went through the stuff that the goblins found. We couldn't find more than 30 gold coins and a few jewels. An Opal was found amongst the jewels along with a goblin cane.

I picked up the Opal and opened my lips.

“See, see. Though little is know about Opals, this is a fascinating thing. By selling this one jewel, you can get around 20 gold. If it's two, you can get 40 gold. This thick red sapphire can get us around 70 gold? It usually ranges from 30 gold to 140 gold. Combining our four members' coins from the time in the Player Academy, it is just a little over 10 gold. With just this one incident, we could get over fourteen times more.”

“If we go further in....”

“Yes. There could be more valuable things than this. How about that? Now, how much does this make you feel about going on an expedition?”

Seeing this, Yoo-Jung's eyes shined. An Hyun was so surprised with my revelations that he just nodded his head. All their eyes were dazzling so much that nothing apart from that went into their minds; they weren't into my words anymore. Seeing the kids like this, I laughed a little on the inside. It came into my head that they did come here by placing their trust on me. So, since the atmosphere now is very lively, I'll let this continue and dismantle the severe atmosphere from before.

Renga, Ramik, Goblins; I watched them fight these monsters without saying anything. An Hyun had been cured, so he got up immediately. The kids haven't complained until now. Because of the huge direct revenue that we acquired some time ago, they were eagerly anticipating about the things that they would acquire in the future.

Another passage came afterwards. What came next was a den of spiders. They had hairy bodies and spit out black ink – these spiders were very different creatures. They leave slimy yellow liquid when they run around.

Although this is hard to deal with, by my calculations, I felt that I would arrive at the destination soon. I have seen quite a lot of dungeons in the past and I can still feel them. The long awaited alchemist. As soon as I entered the dungeon, I wanted to clear it very quickly.

Thud! Threek!

“Buia!”

Suddenly, a bead falling from the ceiling, brushed past Sol’s head. Hearing that cute shriek from Sol, I went into a state of frenzy. While I intended to just rush through, I looked up. And....

“Euh...”

“That, that.... what’s...”

Out of reflex, the kids also lifted their heads, their faces filled with surprise and shock. I don’t know how long they stood there with their mouths covered by their hands, while no other words were spoken for a short duration.

The body of a female player was hanging on the ceiling. Both arms were tied together with a white thread that looked like it came from a spider’s web. The problem being the female player’s stomach was inflated abnormally.

Seeing this situation and after confirming it, I frowned. But there was nothing that I could do at the moment other than just look at it. I could bring her down, but I don’t know how to unwrap her while she was still hanging in the air. This place was probably occupied....

Without waiting for very long, I activated my 3rd eye. The body seemed to be in good shape and still human-like, so it was possible to retrieve the player’s information. I went through her stats thoroughly.

<Player Status>

Name: Jung Jiyeon (2 years)

Class: Normal Mage Runner

Nation: Babara

Clan: –

Affiliated Nation: Korea

Sex: Female (20)

Height . Weight: 161.3cm . 54.5 kg

Alignment: (True: neutral)

[Strength 45]

[Resistance 26(-12)]

[Agility 34]

[Vitality 17(-12)]

[Magic 28(-49)] [Luck 58]

This is the condition of someone who's been made the target of a joke. Resistance and vitality have reduced a lot.

The main body has mutated at the perineum. It's in a forced conception state.

From the body of this female player, there is a chance for spiders to be born into this world.

“ Eh... ah... euah... ah...”

As I heard those sounds from Jiyeon, my face had an unreadable expression. After the girl woke up from her daze, she was scared upon realizing that she was hanging. The eggs were falling down onto the floor, and the long-legged creatures emerged out from behind. Seeing this sequence of events, the kids who couldn't say anything at first, now started to have a breakdown. It's the influence of inclination.

Jung Jiyeon's something was falling from the air, no, the spiders eggs were. The kids also saw where these eggs were falling from. I was thinking whether I should leave this place or not. Seeing a female player who was the same as Yoo-Jung or Sol suffering so much made my stomach churn uncontrollably.

Even I was feeling pity. Surely, she still has a 20 percent chance to live, but the cries from her weren't regretful sounds of a beautiful woman who had the time of her life. She had been here for two years, so dying now wasn't such a bad thing. Moreover, in our party, we still needed a mage. In addition to the lost stats that I saw, I don't know how she could survive until now, but her growth is quite good.

However, these were things of the past. Now, I need to be aware of the spider monsters. I first thought to use an elixir, but I dropped the idea. It would be a waste to use it now in this scenario. Then for all that she had went through, I thought of giving her a quick death.

Surely, there was no other way no matter how hard I tried to think about it. Honestly speaking, this is the most reasonable way. However, she was still pretty healthy and didn't have many bites, so I couldn't, in my heart, decide to do it. I didn't want to give the precious elixir to a player whom I wasn't confident will make it. I felt like going back to the city after finishing the dungeon. I was genuinely wishing for it in my heart.

“Hyung.”

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As An Hyun called out to me, I came out of my thoughts. The kids looked at me with blank faces as I regained my composure. It was a situation where spiders were popping

out from our surroundings. I had secured a path to retreat, but what I forgot was that these were the hardest monsters to go past.

The kids had fussy expressions on their faces. It seems even the kids have felt something different about these monsters. If one shows fear in the middle of the battle, they'll just amplify the monsters' strength. To calm down, I quickly adjusted my face. And I opened my mouth and spoke in a calm voice.

"For starters, let's deal with the spiders."

"Then, the female player....."

Sol did ask me about it with a sad voice but I shook my head in excitement. There was no hope left and more than anything, our survival was the most important thing. An Hyun and Yoo-Jung were holding onto their weapons. Seeing this, a sound left my mouth.

"Forget about the player that is hanging from the ceiling. The dungeon's owner seems to be plotting something. From now on, our goal is not to rescue other players, but dungeon exploration and recreation are our top priorities. It's coming. Everyone get into position."

This time, getting through this is good enough. Thinking that this beastly dungeon will also come to an end, I drew my sword. When I meet the alchemist, it will be right to say that I'll beat him. Thinking this, I continued giving my orders.

"Stay in a square formation while securing the exit. The spiders number quite a lot, but they don't have the ability to run. They can dig as well as produce venom in their bodies. I'll cover you guys from the ones behind. All of you just concentrate on the ones that are right in front of you."

Sisist! Sisisuusist!

As soon I was done talking, the sound from the spiders started to close in and we all turned our head. The more they approached, the more I realized that I was a little out of shape, and I held the sword high. While I was feeling like that, Sol and Yoo-Jung weren't even talking. The more closer they came, the more likely I seemed like I was going to faint, but their faces changed. Suddenly, I saw green beads that were falling down from the top. It seemed quite angry at the fact that the same female user was hit.

And before long, white webs started to emanate from the spiders. It signalled the beginning of the battle over the ridge of the dungeon expedition.

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"Cure!"

A white light came from Sol's hand and a breath of energy rushed back to our bodies. Though it was nice, I was stuck getting treated, and there was no way to stop it.

"Guys. You can stop now. I feel alright."

"Even then...."

"Hurry. You should take some rest too."

The events unravelled as follows. We continued to put up a fight and barely managed to win the battle. Sure, it was possible because of the coordination that was exhibited in the battlefield through my orders. Until the end, I was trying to destroy the vulgar spiders, and at the same time, poisons were spit out from their mouths.

I pushed away the kids, resulting in the poison splashing on my back. As long as I am in possession of the Hwajung, I can burn off any kind of poison, and the spider poison didn't do much damage. The kids forced me to rest and made a huge fuss about it. Surely, in that moment, I should've played out the role by acting a little.

After I almost yelled out at them, the kids took a break from me and got a little farther away, and I turned around and lay down on the floor. Yoo-Jung was just looking at the ceiling and lying on the floor. An Hyun also crossed both his legs and was looking at the ceiling. I took a small gasp to understand the kids, and I thought why it was this hard to deal with this player.

I looked up to the female player. Though the stomach was still bulging, there weren't anymore spiders around here. Sometimes, just to tell us that she was alive, she groaned and sighed; that was it. What. From the players' point of view, she wouldn't make it.

"It's... unbelievable. For us to take care of these many spiders...."

An Hyun looked around himself and moved his mouth in excitement. Entire bodies of the spiders that were buried into the ground started to get removed, but we had to lay down in this place, though it was a nuisance to see that happening. His whole body was stiff; smiling at the dead spiders, he seemed a little tired.

Yoo-Jung's body was riddled with minor injuries. And the clothes that she wore were also split and torn. Yoo-Jung was looking with blank eyes, and suddenly, with her torn clothes, she turned toward me and winked in a provocative manner. And I saw her with a sloppy look and shook my head. I just coughed.

I sat in the same position for a while. When the kids looked toward me with concern, I waved my hand showing them that I was alright. Now, if I was trying to pass over the kids in a forcible manner, they will create a ruckus and start to rebel. Instinctively, when

Yoo-Jung lay on the floor, her tensed body started to relax and her body's sensation started to recover little by little.

"Eueu.... I feel like my body is addicted, An Sol. Recite the spell for Unnie, too."

"Yes... Just a moment...."

"Girl. You do it to Su Hyun oppa immediately. Is this discrimination?"

At the direct statement from Yoo-Jung, Sol was blushing hard and started to shake her hands.

"It isn't like that... I just do it based on the exhaustion state...."

The state of exhaustion could be discerned with the power of magic. Being convinced, Yoo-Jung nodded her head and once again went back to the floor. At that moment, An Hyun, who was looking at the ceiling with frustration, looked at me with a tired face and asked.

"Hey.... hyung."

"What?"

"That female player.... What are we going to do?"

"....."

I didn't speak for a while. An Hyun, it's toxic. Before the beginning of the battle itself, he was concerned about the female player. I wasn't sure as to why he was concerning himself with that. Because there was a reason. Even though he does it, he does it in a pretty way.... but there was a need for An Hyun to open up.

"What are your thoughts?"

"I want to save her."

Seeing An Hyun answering that without even the slightest sign of hesitation, I smiled faintly. An Hyun's first tendencies were TRUTH and NEUTRALITY. Even then, if he just wants to save her without expecting anything in return, he might end up joining an order in the future. I want to answer to your expectations, but it's a pity, I don't want to give you false hope.

"Lets see. Seeing the stomach, it's definite that the conception was done by the spiders. In other words, it is highly likely that the state of conception was forced. Like that, if the mutation occurs inside her body, then, honestly speaking, there is nothing we can do. Of course, we can bring her down, but is there a senior player who has come out for the

female user like the one in the Hall Plane? No. See. You can stay and live. And the reality that the user will face in the coming future will be literal hell. I'm not sure but maybe we will be helping her if we let her die."

"The.... Is it?... I guess so."

"What. Then let's ask the doctor. First, I need to break the line that is hanging."

I added that and looked at the guy whose face darkened immediately. An Hyun closed his eyes on his tired face and nodded his head. Firstly, it wasn't a nice thing to see her hanging there. I didn't take the chance to look at the naked body of the female. Thinking that I'm going to see the body fall, I began to raise my body.

"Yohohoho!"

A frivolous laugh filled the vacant lot. At this sound that came out of nowhere, all the kids were shocked. From the top, finally the Master of the dungeon revealed himself. I signaled to the kids to keep calm and drew my sword.

"Two~ men. Hoo! Women~ they aren't. Anyway they are two. Boo!"

Seeing that the tone of the voice was high, it was possible for it to be a woman. Yoo-Jung stood up and asked the one who was cheering for men and booing the women.

"Who is this!"

"Who is this, I say~?"

"Where are you talking from! Don't speak while hiding, come out if you can, okay?"

"I'll go now~!"

Sasak! Sasasak!

When I heightened the power of my auditory senses with the use of magic, I was able to catch the noise of a single object that was definitely coming down from the ceiling. The object that seemed to be coming down didn't come to rest just yet and headed toward Yoo-Jung who was biting down her lip.

"Oh? A human female? I hate human females. However, I do like them, too. There are females who are perfect for being mothers. Like the human on the ceiling. Hehehehe!"

Hearing about the abuse once again, and about being a mother, Yoo-Jung's face turned pale. It seemed as if her body knew what it meant to be a mother and her faced turned ugly due to it. My appetite to hunt rose due to the momentum gathered from killing those

monsters earlier. If I were to compare, this was like the boss monster from the Rite of Passage.

The physical condition of the kids was good, so maybe this was going to be a good thing. Compared to yesterday, everyone's bodies were in a different state to their actual limit. I took a breath and got up from my place. However, I seem to have found the answer.

"Everyone get up. This seems to be like the boss monster of the dungeon."

"That's the correct answer!"

A voice accompanied the sound of something approaching from the ceiling. I saw a spider circling the female player in the ceiling as I lifted my head. It was huge, but the most surprising thing was that its top half was that of a human who had a man's face with big eyebrows. A human spider.

The kids were still surprised as that spider slid down to the floor with a "dududu" sound. It seemed like it was sitting then landed on the floor with a "*khung*". In a breath it rose. The dungeon monster of the Ancient Alchemist Vivian was this monster. Vivian, who looked at us, put up a bright smile.

"It's a pleasure to meet you, the new preys."

"Prey, you say. Rude from the beginning itself."

"Welcome to my dungeon, humans. Ah. But the human females aren't welcomed."

"Crazy man."

As Yoo-Jung opened her mouth, the spider hissed. Immediately, the kids recognized the spider. The female player on the ceiling, Jung Jiyeon looked like the spider, too. Everyone stood up with shaking legs, but looked at the spider with the blankest expression that anyone could possibly have. The human spider looked at us, shrugged, and bit its lips before talking.

"Come on. I greeted with a welcome. Receive it as you wish. Why are the others looking like this?"

"Stupid man. You think we want to greet a shit like you?"

With the words crazy man and stupid man coming from Yoo-Jung, the spider had a wounded expression on his face. And that (?) lady answered in a grumbling tone.

"Sheesh. I hate you. I welcomed. Ah. You're a human woman, so you weren't welcomed. I like that. I agree to it, too. Well, I welcome you."

“Put it away. It is just plain disgusting, to accept your greetings.”

“You! You are really mean. Why do you hate me like this?”

“What did you say?”

Yoo-Jung’s face turned awful after she saw the spider ask her about her response with an innocent face. And she pointed to the ceiling and gave out a shout.

“Don’t you see the female player? You made her like that; how can you do that?”

Yoo-Jung looked at the spider for a while and shook her head and answered.

“That is definite for sure. Those guys entered into my den with weapons. You destroyed my precious people, children, and evaded my space. Brought me here, when I was just staying still, then doing that is a definite thing.”

“What, what?”

“Even you guys are the same. No. You guys have destroyed even more. You made a mess with the spiders. My. See. See. The bodies of my children. Ohmo, ohmo. You even stepped on the ones that weren’t even born yet. How sorry it is... un gung.”

I scratched. Seeing the spider wiping his tears with its hairy legs made me laugh a lot. Yoo-Jung’s facial expression became empty after seeing this and was just pouting her lips.

Well. First, I ask for your understanding as this is an announcement and not a joke.

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Today. I received the obligation from my relatives that I mentioned previously.

After my father arrived, he woke up once and said he couldn’t get up again.

As the doctor says, I think it’s okay. It’s unbelievable.

My father says that I’m leaving out the tasks.

The soulful words continue to pierce my heart.

Inevitably, from February 2 (Saturday) to February 3(Sunday), we will do the cancellation.

Thank you for your understanding, I’m really sorry.

Sincerely,

Ro Yujin

Translator Notice – This isn't a chapter concerning the novel but a notice given by the author. The reason for translating this chapter is so that it wouldn't cause a problem when numbering.

- **MEMORIZE**

- **Chapter 66**

An Hyun looked at the spiders with a fierce expression. An Sol hadn't spoken a word and tightly held onto her staff, while Yoo-Jung held the daggers as if her life depended on it. Looking at their faces, these were the faces that seemed like they would run away immediately.

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On the contrary, the human spider, no, Vivian's face was overflowing with confidence. She smiled as she watched her younger brother's fervor and laughed. She opened her lips and spoke in a lively manner. Words started rushing out from her mouth.

"Laughing? You're laughing! Even you think like that? Like the human male?"

"From your point of view, it makes sense, female spider."

"Yoohohoho! Not a female spider. Khal, khal, khal. You've got to be kidding me for real. You are also something different. Nice! I've been patient for a long time. You won't die... um... I've decided to capture you."

Vivian really had a rigid and expressionless face. He listened to the voice from the two-legged human and felt it was funny. It felt great to hear those noises, too. The kids weren't laughing. Though we were within a dungeon, sounds of swishing winds were audible.

Whatever, seeing from my point of view, it was a fairly pleasant monster. I also brought up a light smile and spoke in a mischievous manner.

"I've something I'm curious about. Do you think you can handle it?"

Understanding what I meant, Vivian rolled his eyes.

"I can. What, what? You want the other kids to live, too?"

"Not that. I saw two player bodies while coming here.... Did you kill those two?"

At my question, without any hesitation, he nodded his head.

“Hmm. I did it. But why?”

“But you’re an alchemist. Do you not use the bodies for experiments? I don’t understand why it was left alone, Vivian.”

“Ae~h. I’ve torn that shrill.... Ohing? But how did you know that I was the alchemist, Vivian?”

After seeing Vivian’s reaction, I put a smile on my face and managed a gentle expression. It was refreshing and I was being intelligent. But that was all. There seemed to be no higher intelligence that could be noticed in the old Alchemist. Once I saw the response, I couldn’t get any closer.

I had a bright face and was pleased that Vivian knew that I was aware of him. (I’m afraid that the ground will shake every time I make a move, but what I’m worried is that the dungeon will collapse.) Though it may be my guess, Vivian probably used a body modification or an intentional infection with the desire to live more. In this case, I could see it as the words of an Alchemist who was not good enough to be rich. I don’t know if I’m satisfied. This was a rare case, anyway.

“For the first time, other human females came in. There are still a few people who are on the lower grades. I lost a lot of useful people, too. So, did you pass the vacant lot with the Goblins? They weren’t originally here. I had to fill it forcibly as the originals were wiped out.... Eight! It’s hot!”

Vivian grew so upset that she was getting really angry. She poured a poisonous liquid into her mouth, which proved her anger. She was breathing restlessly and speaking in a high voice.

“Do I have to see it? I couldn’t leave it that way. But it was like a museum. Exactly. I only used a little bit, but one of them was about to run away? The one holding the bow! The other humans were abandoned, and yet he was running away alone to live, and I was overwhelmed. The man. What. But thanks to him, the rest of them lost their lives.”

“And so?”

“Honestly, I wanted to kill him at first. But, I couldn’t let the humans leave. Especially the male priest, I liked him, but I started killing first, and then continued to kill. I grabbed the other kids and ran away. Then, I returned and pierced my leg into priest’s waist and tore it into half. Um. But then, I suddenly thought of something and realized that I had forgot to chase the first runaway male. I didn’t check. Is he dead?”

Vivian narrated the whole story in a quick manner. I wanted him to be a person who talks a lot. While I talked with Vivian without any hesitation, the kids were all watching

my face. An Hyun suddenly went from a glance to a stare as soon as I changed my serious face with an awkward one. Perhaps was I misunderstood as trying to regain as much as possible while taking the time to talk. I was just curious....

Even then, having such a misunderstanding isn't a bad thing, so I accepted the brief explanation from Vivian.

"Hmm. He's dead. So the archer user was finally hit by you?"

"Hoho. It feels good to have a conversation after a long time. Yep! You know, you know. Honestly, those guys weren't as good as me. I went till the end. Scratched his throat and he screamed. Was I good? Whoaaa!"

Vivian's face was completely filled with joy. She closed her eyes as if she was recalling what she did and displayed a pleasing expression. Meanwhile, An Hyun was breathing slowly. He doesn't have any answer unless it was about Sol; this guy was really a spoilsport. It was like push and pull; my heart came and went.

Soon, he shook his face and pointed to the air with his face.

"Hey! Hey, ask me more! I'm so delighted to talk with you, strangely ~ heihi."

"Okay. What happens to the female player hanging on the ceiling?"

When asked that question with a normal, nice voice, the spider twisted its body and opened its mouth. A voice from the back "That woman....", was spat from Yoo-Jung. Yoo-Jung ah. Are you jealous of the monster right now?

"Khya! The female hanging on the.... yes. I haven't liked her from the first time I saw her. I was annoyed as she looked down on me with those eyes. After all, it is supposed to happen like it needed to. I don't like it, don't like it."

"Even if you didn't like it... That is a bit much."

As if talking with a friend, Vivian laughed and closed his eyes again. And seemed like he was recalling once again. I've had a quite a few opportunities to do it. However, I didn't intend to attack as it was fun listening to it, because he made it look like a tasty meal. Of course, even then I had other ideas that kept pouring into my mind.

"Hehe. Wouldn't it have been fun to see it with you? At first, I tied them up and tried to sharpen myself. I really wanted to break them down. And so, they were surrounded. The Rengas received~, the goblins received, and the Ramik got the first one who ran away; once they were totally done, the spiders' duty was to just clean it up!! That girl was so proud in the beginning, yet when the archer saw the plight of his team against the monsters, he ran away. That's how one's supposed to cry.... that face was so funny, I was staring at her and smirking, then I forgave her. Eventually, she lost herself as she

conceived and gave birth to an egg. Heihe! Hehe! Stupid girl. I wish I would've done it earlier. Then, I could have kept them alive like the other males and females.”

“... Then, there are players that are still alive.”

“Uh. I had a good conversation with you. They are alive for the time being. But, I'm worried about where they are. I'd love to have kids.... or make Chimeras using them. Hmm. The latter one is more of bullsh*t.”

All the kids' breathing slowed down and was now stable. Thinking that I needed to end the conversation, I peeked down at my sword and listened to it. Looking at me and my sword, Vivian muttered with a sad face.

“Aeh... you want to fight? Let's not do anything troublesome ~ huh? I won't make you feel too bad.”

“It's annoying. But, I think I should knock you down first. It looks like the kids don't like you.”

“Ha, cha! Something good. He dares to punish me. But I won't be killing you just because I like to do it.... Hey. Again insincere. And lives with a cute male beside him.”

An Hyun's face changed oddly. However, the atmosphere of the open space and myself changed subtly, while Yoo-Jung and Sol's emotions were getting more and more intense. After wiping my sweat, I gulped and talked.

“The other two?”

“Uh.... Honestly, maternity seems to be a good time. The mana is also seeming to be abundant. But I guess I'll take a little time to do it. These kids before turning into mother they'll be treated like kings who will commit suicide. I'll be looking into them next year.”

“Crazy bastard.”

“Hmm... It's right, I'm crazy.”

“Sounds like you have a dick.”

“I've a dick?”

With the affirmative response of Vivian, Yoo-Jung shouted, speaking in a language that could not be understood. Vivian, who listened to it, laughed at Yoo-Jung, and soon began to look serious. Every time I talked with him, I saw a spider who changed the atmosphere and was sneaky. It wasn't a spider with regular characteristics.

As soon Yoo-Jung was done talking, Vivian felt her emotions and began to bite her lips. I saw the children with serious expressions on their faces and raised my strength. However, something was telling me that it was a little unreasonable to leave it to the children entirely. This time, I thought of going out even if the other ones were coming out of their boxes. The moment I made my mind, I took a step forward. The spider who was analyzing us had its lower jaw opened, and threads started pouring out like a waterfall.

“If you get caught, I won’t hurt you. I plan to catch all you at once. Hahaha.”

With the heinous laughter of the spider, a silver thread ejected from its lower mouth. It was something to be proud about as this web was not comparable with those of the other spiders. It poured out the thread onto the floor and were scattered like the shape of the umbrellas, and soon, they came toward us like arrows.

It came toward us at a very fast pace. I realized it in the moment the thread of the spider touched our bodies. Soon, the threads were beginning to enter our bodies. But, I didn’t just stay still and accept the results. For a moment, a thought flashed over my head. If there was no threat to life in this situation, it would be nice if I could enter his secret place and make it back.

“You were surprised, right? He he het!”

I didn’t resist much, but the kids were desperate. But, it was at a rate that I couldn’t react. An Hyun was late, swinging his lance and trying to pull out the thread, but it was in vain. The problem wasn’t because of its thickness and viscosity, but because it was heavy with slime. Even if An Hyun managed, Yoo-Jung and Sol couldn’t. Nonetheless, the boy kept on struggling, and Vivian laughed with a shrill voice and a huge smile.

“Hehehe.. It’s just vain. I didn’t make the yarn weak enough to be cut by men. Do not underestimate me. Just accept reality like the males in front of you. The eyes, ears, and mouth will be blocked, but at least I’ll spare your nose.”

....hmm?

“Ah. Just a minute. It’s all blocked except for the nose?”

“What? Oh, Yeah.”

My face was half pale as I opened my mouth; Vivian just moved his eyes and stuttered. After confirming it, I turned my head back. The speed at which the thread was closing the body was so fast that the kids were already completely surrounded with threads, wrapping their entire bodies like pupae.

I bent downwards and saw the yarn winding itself around my body. The five senses were blocked. That being said, the kids inside could neither see nor hear what I saw. I

thought that it wouldn't be necessary to go to the secret place if I were going to be inside the yarn.

As I set my mind, I immediately awoke Hwajung that was sleeping inside my body.

Translator Note – In the beginning, the author changed the terminology between 'he', 'she' and 'it' whenever he dealt with Vivian from the MC's perspective to show that our hero didn't perfectly grasp what she truly was. But in the later chapters, Vivian's true gender is revealed. So, no it isn't a translation mistake when you read Vivian being mentioned with both he and she.

Hwajung (火正). It can be interpreted as the pure flame of the god-in-charge of Hall Plane. It contains the power to incinerate everything. It is because of the aforementioned power that Seraph objected to my decision to take it into my body.

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Hwajung is a mythic class item that can literally burn everything that exists. Not only is it above S-class, it is also the highest class of fire that exists in nature. Humans don't have the capability to handle it. Seraph says its similar, but from a pure (destruction) perspective. If the ancient record I studied is true, it seems that Palestine's last wife, Muga was a coward who took a step back when she encountered the same scenario as me.

Above all, by combining the power of a swordsmith expert who can cut everything with the power of Hwajung, it simply results in the fact < everything in the world can be divided and burned >. The problem is that Hwajung is mythical class, so it includes quite a lot of attributes. If I could raise its power now, I could possibly have the ability to kill Seraph. (Of course, it's not like the angels are so gullible; it's only a theoretical possibility.)

Anyway, the destruction of hell due to it could simply be a fallacy that was spread, but at best, the spider's thread is incapable of stopping Hwajung's flame. After all, the kids were turned into cocoons and were hanging in the air the last time I confirmed. So, I immediately employed the magic.

Hak!

"Oh... Oh?"

A light scarlet mana started to bloom. Soon, the threads wrapping around me disappeared instantly like an ice cream that began to melt. Becoming flustered, Vivian shot the threads again, but the result was still the same. The web threads from her mouth became thinner, so she suddenly opened her mouth wide. It looked like she was spitting out poison.

“Cheeky!”

The infuriated Vivian spurted out poison, and the poison from her mouth hit me immediately. I continued facing the poison nonchalantly with a smile. The poisonous liquid that came into contact with my skin just oxidized into the air without leaving any scars.

“Hehehehe. How’s that possible? You’re not dying. I’m getting very angry!”

“I’m not dead.”

After I responded to her lightly and as she saw me walk toward her, Vivian’s face crumpled as if she was looking at a monster and screamed loudly. Ah, it’s unfair. You’re the monster and I’m the human, but why am I being treated like a monster? Anyway. I stroked my smooth skin and moved slowly. Whether the poison penetrated or just touched the body, it was only matter of a few seconds before I borrowed Hwajung’s power and burnt it away.

“This... This doesn’t make sense.”

“What doesn’t make sense? What?”

“Just... just a human, how....”

“Just... Just a spider, how....”

As I imitated her, the spider frowned and grasped both her legs. I wanted to shoot down, but by borrowing Hwajung’s power, I was showing more of it and it was showing on the body. Hence, I held the sword and slashed it once. It would be just a normal slash for the others who see, but the waves my power was creating can’t be ignored.

Before long, my magic slash hit the spider’s raised legs.

“Khyaaaaaaaaaaaaa!”

I cut it in a flash. This whole process took place in just a single second. She was hit and yet didn’t fall down. Vivian screamed and screamed, took a step back immediately, and spewed out venom and thread as rapidly as possible. I felt that it was an attack that seemed to come out as an instinctual defensive maneuver due to my attack.

I believed that my body would be alright, but still I swiftly swung the sword to get away from Vivian’s attack range. My defense is really simple. The thread and the poisonous liquid were simply separated using a simple Taeguk (太極) attack that I learned in High School.

Consequently, the opposition was tasting death. I am attacking with all my strength and did not intend to stop. Without stopping, I move forward. The yarn was sparkling everywhere and looked like it was dancing beautifully. The spilt threads fell down to the floor, and the poisonous liquid that it spit passed over me.

As I stepped closer, Vivian stepped back in fear. I opened my mouth with a very ridiculous facial expression.

“Your name contains the term Alchemist. Isn’t the attack too monotonous for an Alchemist? The ancient Alchemists will probably cry. Vivian? Answer me. Hahaha.”

Vivian’s expression became stiff. Due to my taunts, she was sweating as if she couldn’t handle it anymore. However, I could see that even though her face was turning pale, she continued using both threads and poisons. She wanted to spew out a large amount of threads, but only a few thin threads came out.

“Khe...! Khuk....! Khukeke....!”

Vivian was stuttering with her voice; she looked up at the ceiling and rushed up the wall. I suddenly saw the spider going onto the ceiling through the wall, and I also started to run towards the wall.

“Let’s go together.”

Already on the wall, Vivian watched me narrow the distance between us and faltered back to the floor. Oh my gosh. A spider falling from the ceiling. Why do I look so surprised?

“Euh euh....”

Suddenly, I heard groaning sounds from the spider, and I stood up hanging upside down. Unfortunately, as the spider fell, the female player also fell down. First, the female player turned into a cushion for the spider, and then her stomach was hollowed. On the floor, the green beads seemed to roll over. It seemed that the spider had unintentionally dropped the beads by pressing down on the female player’s stomach. I frowned as it was not a good sight to watch.

With an annoying face, Vivian pushed Jung Jiyeon away and crossed her legs and lifted her face as if pondering for a good idea. Something good came into my mind. Yet, I waited patiently for her words. It was a good time to hear what she was up to. When I lowered myself and landed lightly, Vivian lifted up her legs and I remained in wait.

“He... you, you’re also a human, right?”

“Yes.”

“If you come any closer, I’m going to kill this female player.”

“... Phew.”

I heaved a sigh. Watching my reaction, Vivian licked her lips and a flood of relief came to her face. I looked at the face of the player who was distorted by the pain. Jung Jiyeon’s eyes were gazing into mine’s with a hint of plea.

“He...he. Will you let go of your sword?”

“I will.”

I released my sword onto the floor. The dubious Vivian checked my actions and then painted a thin smile on his face. Regardless of what happened, I further reduced the distance between the spider and me. Whenever I set my foot forward, Vivian shuddered a little but soon extended her legs to the front. Almost enough to come close to me.... a fool.

Jung Jiyeon’s and my eyes exchanged glances with one another. There was no guilt. I didn’t want to kill the player anyway. However, I bowed my head toward to apologize, and I reached out to the white neck of the female user.

“Didn’t I say I was going to do it...?”

I caught the woman’s thin neck with my hands.

“Ha... hand...?”

Great!

“Khuuk!....ack....”

Twisted it as it is. Because my muscle strength is at 94 points, it is easy to twist the throat of the female player. The feeling of the neck bone crumbling was transmitted to my hand. I quickly pulled out my hand and watched her die. I was amazed by Vivian’s expression of disbelief. While I was enjoying it, she jumped to the ground and sprung to the side of the face. I gently stroked the head. Vivian just had a blank expression. I opened my mouth.

“You idiot.... You have to catch those kids who are with me. What good is it to catch the humans who have no utility for me.”

“Ha... but it’s the same human... Why....”

“It’s annoying and disturbing. And this has nothing related to me. The death thing.”

“E, even then! You killed someone so badly! Are you really a human?”

“Something feels awkward whenever you say that. Ah. And the legs stretching out to the kids aren’t going to work. Do I have to rip them off?”

I laughed and warned her. Vivian pulled back her legs with a grim expression on her face. Based on her sweaty face, it seems I’m now getting on her nerves.

My hands were radiating with a soft scarlet light. It was the magical power that was in the flame, Hwajung. It was a good choice to choose her as the boss monster. I am quite excited to take down this monster. But, how am I going to kill it?

Vivian, who exchanged gazes with me, twisted her head right away. It was the feeling of difference between my existence and my price. Vivian, who was worried about me and my confidence, put up a desperate look. It seemed like she still wanted to live. Every time I stroked her hair, a disgusting tremor rippled through her body.

By the way, I only used a portion of my strength just now. Frankly, I was somewhat surprised. I was confident that I would win, but I never imagined that it would be this easy. When I was in town, it was all about the dungeon monsters and the boss monster. So, this is how it feels like to have power.

“Uhh..!”

Vivian’s face suddenly frowned as I released my strength unconsciously. She kept looking at me and gulped. At last, she opened her lips.

“Do it.”

“Hmm...”

“Let me live.”

“?”

This sounds like a dumb request. I scratched my head once or twice and then replied with a not-so-sure face.

“No....”

“Why. Spare me. Hmm? Let me live.”

“... But you’re the dungeon’s owner, the boss monster. Don’t you have any pride?”

“What is that? Being alive is the most important thing to me. Let me live. Please.”

“...”

I was able to speak like this because I could see Vivian, who changed her face and opened her eyes wide upon seeing Hwajung, begging for her life. As long as Hall Plane wasn't a game, it will end as soon as all the humans or the creatures in it die. Furthermore, it is normal for intelligent people to have the desire to live.

“It is too weird to be so easily begging for your life. Hmm hmm. Let's fight a little more and decide.... You might possibly win, you know....”

“I hate it. For some reason, since then, I have noticed that I can't rebel against you. I feel terrible on thinking that I would die. I'll give you one good thing. So, please spare me, huh?”

I felt good. In fact, I was about to kill Vivian in the next few moments. But after the female player came down, I couldn't feel any life from her. If I were going to feel emotional, would I end up being submissive? I was glad that Vivian ended by saying something good.

“Like it?”

“Mhm hmmm. Anyway, the reason that I came here... there could be other reasons, too. Nevertheless, I'm here to get my treasure.”

“Hmmm.”

Vivian quickly fell flat on the floor and was struggling. It was as if a puppy was looking at the owner and wagging the tail. For once, I decided to listen to the finer things that Vivian could spew out.

“What are you giving me? You do know that the price of a life is expensive, right?”

“Well... I'll give it all. Let's go to my place once... Once you see it, if it appeases you, then spare me. The place is right in front of the passage.”

“Well, sure. But, the way the kids are... Are they fine for the time being?”

“I don't care.... Huh. Don't worry about it. In fact, there are a couple of people already alive inside. I got them yesterday, but they are still alive.”

When I saw the three inside the cocoon made of yarn, I felt a little sorry. But, when I turned to the right, the spider turned and quickly revealed the path with a hint of relief in her face. But, my body was still burning.

As Vivian said, it didn't take much time to reach the desired destination. After leaving the aisle, we entered another passage. Beyond that, I saw yet another passage. It was

quite different from any other passage that I've ever seen. After passing through the passage, we were able to see the workshop of the Alchemist.

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There were a lot of attractions in the studio. There were documents and records scattered around, monster carcasses, and liquids in glass bottles which were emitting unusual smoke. In one corner, there were two cocoons that were nicked by the white thread. It seemed like these were the two players who were caught the other day.

Vivian asked me to wait for a moment and then let me down on the floor. Vivian was careful with her every action after she begged me for her life. Soon after, Vivian seemed to move busily, leaving me to gaze at the studio.

I wanted to look around for a while, but Vivian started to build something in front of me. Just looking at it, it looked like she was working really hard. Finally, I saw Vivian tugging a box that was old and square. I was seriously worried if this was what she planned to give in exchange for sparing her.

Vivian, who wiped the sweat off her face by lifting up her hairy legs, soon glanced at me and opened her mouth. In the meantime, it seemed like the monster turned out to be in a good mood, so I don't know when she'll come with her teeth to bite me. After I was done thinking of my boundaries, I listened to her.

"Phew~ ew. I pulled it all out. There are more, but there isn't anything unique like this. Anyway, I pulled out everything I thought would be useful based on human needs. I hope you like it."

Looking at her smile like that, I just shook my head. But once, she used to be a famous alchemist; how in the world did her intelligence deteriorate? But, before I saw the relationship between me and the monster, I was completely evangelized. If you thought about it, it looked like he was nothing more than an intruder.

There is no burden before the desire to live. After I convinced myself of this awkward situation, I picked up a large leather pouch on the far left. It seemed to be full of pills and the pockets were surrounded with spikes. The amount was humongous. I just unpacked the pouch and looked inside it... This is....

"Jewelry... That's it?"

"Yo ho ho ho. Huh. Humans usually like jewels, right? I also had a time when I used to be a human, and I liked these sparkling things very much. Anyway, they are all good stuff. You don't have to worry about buying anything for a while. What do you think.... Do you like it?"

"Euhum."

Vivian was intently staring at my face. Anxiety was building upon her face. I slowly looked up at her, glanced at the jewels, and then I pouted. Surely. There was nothing wrong with Vivian. The value of the jewels was certainly great.

I swallowed my saliva, and then turned back slowly. Inside the pouch was a jewel that was emanating a bright color. At first glance, amethysts, aquamarines, diamonds, emeralds, rubies, opals, topaz, and so on seem to be present. It was clear that the best quality ones were those that glistened.

Inside Hall Plane, jewelry was also popular for simple ornaments, but was more popular among the mages because they provided help for a variety of jobs the mages perform. Gem Wizard, a Secret Class. Kim Han Byul's face came into my mind. It would have been really helpful to show this pouch to a wizard who consumed jewelry.

But, I just erased the memories of that one from my head. In the end, she kicked away her own blessings. Of course, I do understand her feelings, but the future doesn't change, and dismantling the Golden Lion clan was a prejudiced action.

When I was satisfied, I faintly smiled. Seeing this, Vivian's face brightened visibly.

"Good... I'm supposed it will do."

"Hehehe. What? Nothing is more valuable than life. And I do not need these jewelry anyway."

There was a lot of obsession with her life. Anyway, I put the pouch containing jewels aside and picked up another pouch lying next to it. It seemed like gold coins, because when I lifted it, the sound of things clanking to one another was audible. I could also see the gold color faintly emitting out. At the same time, the boasting started, too.

"Hmm. It's gold. It has 200 gold coins. Is this the only gold?"

I touched the leather pouch repeatedly and then threw it away. I was unable to keep my composure at this moment. I can't say that it was small, but the precious gems were so abundant that I felt disappointed when I saw those things. Vivian clutched her leg and portrayed a grim face. Soon, she opened her mouth with a low voice.

"So... sorry. It's exactly 204 gold, 27 silver, and 306 bronze.... I wasn't greedy about the gold coins. I only scraped and threw them... black. That's all... Sorry. I'm really sorry. If I knew it, I'd have kept them safely.... Forgive me."

Vivian started to cry as she spoke, and her tears were flowing down. I was surprised, and I hastily spoke to the spider in front of my eyes to pacify her.

"No, no. its okay. Come on, now. Don't cry and look up."

The attacker who came to explore the dungeon was comforting the owner of the dungeon and asking for forgiveness. No matter what, this was a rare sight in Hall Plane.

I was the bad guy who was ripping everything off from Vivian and yet, I was comforting her.

To my back, Vivian put her head down and was wiping tears with her legs.... Ah. No matter how I see it, I can't adapt to this situation. With a pouch nested with the gems, Vivian pointed to the next pouch with a determined face. The gem pouch was almost three times larger than the gold pouch.

"Tha, that! That one will really please you!"

"Oh, oh. Okay okay. I'll see it. Thank you, really."

"Yes. See it quickly. Hehe."

Vivian, who had seen me pick the pouch, used her legs to push it closer to me. I simply opened the pocket that was sent and checked its contents. I was a little confident and curious about its contents at the same time.

There were glass bottles containing a lot of colored liquid inside. Perhaps it was her self-manufactured potion. I immediately activated the third eye to see the neatly arranged potions. I screamed out.

"Ahem. See those potions? Hmmm! Know what kind they are?"

"There are some advanced treatments... Hmm. There are no superlatives. That's too bad. There are also ones for mana regeneration... Detox potion – this is good to use. Well. If there is any poison, there ought to be detox. Five? This is an awesome potion, isn't it? This is fine and... eh? Then, this drug?"

I muttered the information I'd seen with the third eye. Vivian's voice broke down in the middle. Soon, I looked up with a doubtful face and saw the spider looking at me with an awkward expression on her face. Why are you gazing at me like that? My heart was quite irritated, yet good things came out. I spoke to her in a caring voice.

"How?"

"Are you an Alchemist? Isn't this a test?"

"Huh? Huh. I'm not an Alchemist... Why did you ask?"

"Uh? Oh, no. So... no. Huh, it's nothing...."

I looked down at her, and she closed her eyes. Ah. Perhaps... I was too proud of myself while explaining it, but I wanted to let it play like that. I was sorry for the sickness that I possessed. After I tapped her leg to make her look up, I counted the three pouches I had received.

Gold coins weren't that meaningful anyway. I already have 1000 gold that I've spared after buying the necessary items. The pouches of jewelry and potions could be considered to be a bit valuable. After taking the jewelry pouch, I could use it later for any one of the talented wizards that I might recruit or build several weapons using them. Potions don't need any words. If you are in Hall Plane, you would have to use a lot of these things. I was willing to reach out to the old box that was left out. This time, I was excited about the fact that it was a box and not a pouch like before.

As I pulled the box closer, her eyes shone brightly. I was a little uneasy with it, but since I could feel the emotions, the one that was present inside her brain this time was pride. After exchanging a gaze with her for a moment, I opened the box immediately. And. There was an old book in there. This....

[Congratulations... Found a rare job (Rare Class). After reading this book, you can become a Chimera Alchemist.]

One message comes up in the air, but before I read it, another message came up again.

[The Chimera Alchemist can be seen as a superior family of wizards. You can create your own chimera, but if you associate with a summoned gin, you can summon the beings that exist in other dimensions. If you're a magic wizard or a summoner, I recommend taking this class.]

[Currently, Kim Su Hyun has the Secret Class of Sword Specialist. You can acquire books, but your own special and potential abilities can not be reduced to less than 70%. However, it is possible to recover 2% of the decrease by diverting 96 points to magic ability. I don't recommend learning.]

"Oh...."

"The book is from the time when I was an Alchemist and in the process of learning it. Anyway, I concentrated on the essence of the alchemy that I have learned until now and produced this book. Maybe the witches will sneak up on you for this now?"

"....."

"Uhm.... don't like it?"

When I gazed into the air, Vivian spoke out in a ever diminishing voice. I shook my head and retained the book with trembling hands. Right in the first episode, rare and secret

classes came out like this. Something is absurd, but my whole body felt overwhelmed with emotions.

Chimera alchemist didn't appear in the first playthrough. I remember that they had missed the master of the dungeon and people suspected that Vivian was carrying this book. I knew for sure that after learning this book, I should see its effects for myself; I mean, this is a rare class, after all. I felt the whole annoyance at hardships disappearing like snow and I opened my mouth with a normal tone.

"No, I like it. I like this book better than the jewelry and the potions. A book that contains the essence of an Alchemist. This can be really useful."

"Re.... really? Hehe. You're a weird human. To like such a thing."

In the meantime, before I could appreciate the way she put out her achievement, Vivian took an abnormal expression and was kissing her legs. I picked up the book. Even if I throw away the rest of the things, I'm going to carry this book unconditionally. Of course, I do not want to throw the other things away. Seeing my weird expression, Vivian spoke out.

"Anyway.. So, satisfied? Are you going to spare me?"

I tried to answer 'Yes'. Honestly, I didn't feel like killing her now. This was enough, but I thought that there was something more to extract. I was thinking about something for a while. Suddenly, something popped up in my mind. It was perfect! I ran my fingers and made a sound. I wanted something more to devour and I would take one.

Vivian had to transform from a human to a spider. Body modification or infection is necessary to go through the transformation process which essentially requires a catalyst called <nucleus>. The nucleus can be any material fused with mana, but the most recommended one is the Mana Stone. One might think that it would be a Mana Stone in Vivian's case, but it wasn't so.

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Mana Stone inside the body transforms into a nucleus over time. In human beings, it can be seen as the backbone of heart and magic. This was the place where magic was stored and from which magical power flowed through. After a long period of time, the Mana Stone would turn into a nucleus and one's nature changes depending on the nature of the mana.

Of course, it isn't really comparable to the spiritual mind, but this was something that I knew. Knowing something is better than being in the dark. I was worried.

"Well. This is not enough."

“EH? Aeh~ Just look at them. Really not enough?”

“Really?”

“Yeah, yeah. Really, really.”

“You really mean it?”

Vivian put up an unfair face and asked me again, no, she yelled at me.

“Aish! This is so frustrating. I told you, really! If you don’t believe me, then look at it yourself.”

“I would want to.”

I slowly lifted my finger and pointed it in the direction of that girl’s body. Vivian saw my finger and moved her head straight along that direction. Vivian saw her body in that direction, put her head down, and then looked up at me and opened her mouth.

“Human male. I’m curious about something. You really have a unique disposition, don’t you?”

“Disposition?”

“Huh. Well, for example, to get past a spider....”

“Shut up.”

“Yikes. I’m sorry!”

I just cut her words off. I didn’t have the time to listen to her stories. Vivian shivered, and her eyes were moving fast. I watched her for a while and oscillated my sword up and down. The trembling intensity seemed to increase. Somehow, when I saw that kind of reaction, I felt like I wanted to harass her a little more. I opened my mouth slowly.

“I didn’t mean that I wanted to have sex with you. I want to have something from inside you.”

“Inside me....? There is nothing useful inside me. I can pull out threads.”

“No, no. That’s alright. I didn’t mean that. You were originally human, right?”

“Hmm.”

Vivian nodded her head earnestly. I felt more sorry for her. But I kept my composure and continued to speak.

"If I were to turn into a spider, then there ought to be a substance that would act as a catalyst."

"Then... The thing I felt before... Wait a minute. Are you talking about nucleus?"

"Yes, that's it."

"Now, you're asking for my nucleus? Are you crazy?"

Does she remember it or did she know that it was a part of her research by directly inducing it into the body? Vivian rolled her eyes and asked. I gazed back with a decisive face. After realizing my determination, her face turned pale. But she seemed to have set her mind.

"Ah... a joke?"

"This isn't a joke."

"He~y. It is a joke, right? Ho... hoho."

"I said no. Bring out the nucleus quickly. I'll save you if you give it to me. Come on. I promise."

When I tapped my little finger, Vivian's face became distorted. She went back and shouted in a loud voice.

"You're crazy! Why should I give that!"

"Don't worry. You won't die by taking it out."

"Even I know that! Can one just tear out their heart and its arteries? Do what you said you would!"

"Of course, I wouldn't. Give that to me anyway."

"What bullshit! I hate it!"

"Give it."

"Die! I'll just die! I'd rather die than give it you! If I give you this, I'll... huh."

"Okay. This such a sad thing."

I took out the sword and stepped forward. When she saw this actions from me, Vivian clutched her hands and quickly retreated. But it wasn't the studio. In the back, she was

waving her palms. Seeing the passage behind me, Vivian quickly opened her mouth in a desperate tone.

“Wait a minute. Wait a second! First. Put that sword inside. Let us talk. Converse. Hey! Don’t come closer!”

I accepted her request properly because I’m a good person. After I stopped, I once again spoke with a stiff voice.

“I’ll say it again. Now give me the nucleus in your body. Just give it, it’ll be a life saver.”

“But that doesn’t make any sense.”

“No negotiations.”

In the end, Vivian broke down and stared towards me as I said there weren’t any negotiations.

“Ah ah ah ah!!!! You’re a b*stard who doesn’t have any blood or tears!!”

“I am. You are revealing your true colors now. Also... This is so annoying. I should rather kill you and pull it out. I can just dissect your body slowly and....”

As I moved forward with a fast pace accompanied with a hum, Vivian became stunned. Desire to curse. Disruptive. Fear. Her face was overflowing with so much negative emotions, she looked like she would cry any moment. Why am I doing this? Is this really that weird?

I eliminated all the distractions and concentrated. My sword turned bright along with a change in my facial expression. Vivian read the change in my facial expression and found a way to breakout from here. But, it was in vain. The studio was completely covered by me.

Yet, she couldn’t give up hope and the spider tried to run away on the wall. I noticed it and approached with lightning speed, wielding my sword. It felt like cutting tofu, as one of Vivian’s legs fell to the floor. Without hesitation, I brandished the sword above her head.

“Good bye. By the way, you were a pretty nice girl.”

“Euhhhhhhhhhhhh! Wait. Wait a minute!”

“Huh? What? I’ll listen to you for the last time.”

Vivian just squeezed her eyes when she saw the sword and shook her head. She sighed in relief when I stopped, but I could see that she was still shuddering slightly when she realized the situation she was in. Oh oh. Finally, luck.... D*mn!

Anyway, when she saw my eyes, she realized how serious I was. Her tiny lips opened.

“... I’ll give.”

“What? Say it loudly.”

“I’ll give it! Since I’ll give it to you, so don’t kill me! You bastard!!!!!! Euahhhhh euah!”

In the end, I smiled a little while Vivian burst into tears. Glancing at her face, I realized that she was very beautiful. I’m curious about her human appearance. I laughed at this thought and put down the sword.

“You’ve thought well. Ha ha.”

“Euahhhhhh! Aigoo. Aigoo.. Euahhh! Euah euah!”

I did the work of lifting the spider, all by myself. She accepted my hand, but the crying did not cease. Rather, I was scratching my head as I watched Vivian crying. I did treat her very badly. I felt a little sad when I saw the spider constantly crying. Also, I was sorry to see the legs which weren’t cut off properly.

“Euahhhhhh! Euahhhhhhhh! Euahngggg!”

“Ah! Noisy.”

My words just came out. Even then, Vivian couldn’t stop crying and her face was tinged with red. But I couldn’t stop her from weeping endlessly. I tried to go towards her legs (expecting it to be a shoulder) and her running nose. In the meantime, Vivian was hesitantly asking “really?”, “Really going to take it?”. I was waiting for the right moment and then opened my mouth.

“Are you done stalling? If you’re going to give it to me, give it fast. Ah. You can do it comfortably.”

“I get it, f*ck you! I wonder if I can give... Euah!”

I couldn’t bear the sadness, but my determination remained unwavering. Vivian wailed again and made her belly bulge. It was shaped to push out the from the inner side to the centre. Once, twice, and thrice. Vivian made her stomach go bumpy and then looked at me with a desperate face for the last time. But, she heard the whizzing sword at this otherwise silent place.

“I’ll just give it to you! F*ck! This is crazy! You bitch! Euah!!”

I responded to Vivian’s curses with a shrug. In the end, out of Vivian’s mouth, which was showing the signs of being forcefully pushed out, came a black and round sphere which was almost the size of a palm. I checked the information.

[Obtained the nucleus from Alchemist Vivian.]

In the end, Vivian, who just puked it out from the inside, fell down with a frowning face. It was a form of energy. Vivian’s tears fell down her face. I stretched out my hand towards the ball with satisfaction. After that, Vivian spoke with a small voice in my ear.

“Black.... It’s poisonous. If you pick it up then also, well, it’s a blackjack! You die!”

In the meantime, she remained anxious. This was really funny. I laughed and grabbed for it into my hand. Upon that action, Vivian’s face turned awkward and looked at me half-worried. I shouted at her to hand it over quickly and took it, as I wanted to tease her more.

“Urgh! By touching it, poison could enter. Ouch! Die!”

“What, what? Hey! So... I... Ah... This isn’t. Oh yeah! It’s nice.”

My desires rose along with my slightly raised hand. It was the desire to remove the fumes from its body. Soon, the color inside started to change. Gradually, magic power started to emanate in my hand. At first, it was pitch black, but it was gradually returning into its original color, blue.

This was the merit of the mythical class. If it was an S class, it would end up burning it unconditionally. But the mythical class was able to control it with the help of the player. Vivian looked at the process with a strange face. Soon after I finished the process, I looked at it with a distant face and put the nucleus in my arms.

I laughed and said, “Actually, this was crazy.”

Then, she touched her mouth and started to wail again. I giggled at that sight.

After this period of disturbance, Vivian just plopped down with a fretful face. I spoke to her. Of course, in the meantime, Vivian had packed up the pouches.

“Congratulations. You will live as I promised. Haha. Don’t think badly. I’ll give you a piece of information just for reference.... You better leave the dungeon as soon as possible. In the near future, the dungeon’s information will be revealed and the city inspector will investigate.”

“Don’t care!!”

“Even if you die in here?”

“I lost a lot of my power the moment the nucleus was confiscated. It’ll be the same even if I go out. I’ll just die there too... Huh.”

With a painful face, Vivian said this. Her body became unstable after losing the major source of her energy.

“Ah... Kuk... Hu... Hurts!”

Vivian looked at me and tried to say that it hurt, but I had nothing that I could do. If she were daring enough, I would’ve killed her. I naturally pointed to the sword with my face. Vivian just turned away her head, feeling a sense of betrayal.

“Bastar... ah... You took my body and mind... euk... kuk... ahhhhhhhhhk!”

“What bullsh*t.”

I watched Vivian very closely. And seeing this kind of situation play out in front of me, I was a little surprised. Her body was twisting and her legs began to fall off one by one. It just looked like a robot that was being disassembled part by part – this phenomenon caught my eyes. By any chance, is this phenomenon....

I have been watching Vivian’s body show for a while and was getting less interested in it. I wasn’t myself, but the thing in my hands – that was more interesting. I just robbed it from Vivian. I was willing to do anything if I could raise my stats. So, I rubbed my hands with a sense of excitement. I was going to confirm and explore the information of the nucleus with the help of the third eye.

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“Huk.... Kuk! Euk!”

She was still screaming with pain. She was twisting her body and trying to appeal towards me by showing her pain. My heart was so upset with what was happening, but I decided to turn away from Vivian. Soon, I made my heart strong and attended to the necessary matter, which was the ball in my hand.

It was unlikely that this prototype was a Mana Stone, but this wasn’t something that I was certain about. To transform into a spider, it was definite that the girl had to go through a lot of processes. Expecting some kind of achievement, I activated the third eye.

[The nucleus of ancient Alchemist Vivian]

After reading all the information thoroughly, I opened my eyes. Vivian watched me and swallowed her spit. I didn't answer immediately and went silent. Frustrated, she moved her mouth weirdly. I turned my head away and avoided her gaze.

"I think it isn't possible. I think I said something wrong. Let's just skip it."

"Yah. Where is it? If I can get the words out more, humanly."

"... Don't like it."

The way to acquire Vivian was simple. In the city, you could use one or two elixirs from the user-specific warehouse. But, I didn't prepare two bottles. It had to be the elixirs of the masters. If they could really be helpful in her restoration, honestly, I wouldn't end up feeling that bad.

Eventually, when I turned, Vivian grabbed me again and pleaded. But I kicked her away and then walked into the pathway silently. Then, I heard a voice burst out in the back.

"I want to live... I want to live...! You! Human! How can you be so cruel? Think of all the things that you did to me... I... I....."

"Twisting the players' necks, removing their waists, ganging up on the others. You never did think about what you did, though."

"I am the owner of this place. I have the right to defend myself and punish the intruders who break into my house. In addition, I can even slaughter my people."

I sighed at this kind of appearance of Vivian; I licked my shivering lips. In fact, she wasn't wrong, but humans are truly selfish animals. There wasn't time to quarrel. For some reason, the back of my head felt sore and I turned around once again.

I wasn't going to play around anymore, but I was seriously considering Vivian's treatment now. At that moment, Vivian, who received my gaze, bowed her head.

"I'm, I'm sorry. My words were very harsh. I'm at fault."

I could still see Vivian saying sorry. Honestly, she isn't in a position to be angry. I thought of her as an enemy previously, but now she has the possibility of changing into an < Ally >.

After a short period of awkward silence, I started speaking with an almost inaudible voice.

"Be quiet."

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As soon as I'd said that, Vivian bit down on her lip. She still looked at me with eagerness in her eyes, as though she hadn't lost all hope yet. Suddenly, I recalled something from the vacant place; I recalled the memory of Jung Ji Yeon. She also hoped for something; please save me... kill me. That was something only she would know. However, Vivian was different. She was sure about what she wanted.

From what I saw in the detailed information that I had obtained previously, the rare classes and abilities were adhered. Magic to 92 points. It was a really good ability to use later in the future. And the other stats were also good for a mage. Although it wasn't enough to get a user into the < Top 10 > or the top players, it had been issued gratis.

The problem was that one bottle of elixir had already been consumed. I couldn't buy it again using GP; after all, I had already paid 77,777 GP and purchased the hidden items. Since there was no way to save it again, I won't use it again, and it wasn't a necessity.

I know how to get two more bottles of elixir in the future. I can not go now, but I definitely remember it. And Yoo Hyun left two bottles of Elixir for his brother and Han Soo Young, but they were to be used in the worst kind of situations. I don't want to use them in the first place.

I took a look at Vivian's abilities post-recovery. [Strength 48] [Durability 50] [Dexterity 56] [Stamina 45] [Power 92] [Luck 74]. If she was lucky she can get one or more points for power. It was obvious that this kind of talent would be helpful for our party if she joined from the beginning. She could fill the empty slot of the wizard in our group.

The possibility that there could be two rare classes was the best thing. If I used the book that Vivian had given me, it could prove useful for two jobs. And Vivian, who had learned a lot about its uses and how effective it was, would be a good mentor for the future players.

I felt my thoughts leaning towards a side. As a player, the encumbrance of death wasn't little, so I wasn't going to hold back on the demands I had planned for her. After calculating various possibilities, I turned to Vivian with a soft smile.

"Vivian."

"Yes?"

She nodded, as I donned a nonchalant expression. As I gazed at her, I couldn't help but admire her beauty, especially when I had seen her naked. Her hair was long and dark; her eyes were silver-colored, and her white skin had no cracks or freckles. I felt her shrink as my gaze lingered on her glowing body. She seemed really nervous.

"If you are an Alchemist, you'll know about the law of equivalent exchange.

“That... one. Exchanging things of equal value...”

“Yes. You have given what you could, so I decided to spare you. That was an equivalent exchange. Now, on the other hand, if I am to give you your old life back, what can you offer?”

“But... But.”

“I’m sorry if I wasn’t clear enough. I can heal you, and I probably can restore your lost power. Not as the spider, but a genuine opportunity to return to your human form.”

“Ho-How?”

Upon hearing my words, Vivian’s pupils trembled visibly. I was rather surprised that she seemed to express regret that she became a spider without knowing it. Once the first button was done, I whispered in her ear with a more subtle voice. I grasped her head with one hand and her back with the other. Her body got worse with every action I took.

“You’ll understand when you see it. If I give you your life back; help you regain your lost power, and return you back to the human you once were, you would have to pay the equivalent price.

“-What do you want? You do understand that, right now, I have nothing to give to you...”

“No, there’s still one more left.”

I poked my finger into her back and her stomach. Her skin split, but I paid no mind; after all, I could fix that with a bottle of Elixir, anyway. Although Vivian was sad, she understood my words. Now was the time to choose.

A moment of silence ensued. However, I could tell that Vivian had a passion for life, and I smiled in satisfaction when Vivian weakly nodded her head.

“Listen to my words very clearly from now on. Okay?”

“...okay.”

Vivian didn’t know why I sounded so dangerous, so she could only answer me with a low voice.

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I picked the two cocoons which had users within it and went to the vacant lot alongside Vivian. There were four cocoons in the lot, and I swiftly severed the threads wrapped around the cocoons, releasing the kids. Upon their release, each kid would look at me and jump out of the cocoon in excitement.

After a short break, the kids began showing interest in the remaining two cocoons and Vivian, Their interest in Vivian was a pressing problem, so I was a bit worried; however, Vivian behaved much better than I had imagined.

“So, you’re saying a bad wizard turned you into a spider a long time ago?”

“Huh. That’s right. The man put the nucleus inside my body, turning me into a spider.”

“But... even if you turned into a spider, you must remember.... killing players, and creating dungeons, right?”

“Once I had turned into a spider, I could reverse the transformation, so I just hunt anyone I see. The transformation also caused by intelligence to deteriorate. This was further worsened due to the adverse effect of the monster nucleus. I have a clear memory, but my view was clouded. If i were human, I would have never done those things.”

“Hmm...”

Yoo-Jung glanced at with a suspicious gaze, before turning towards me. I immediately offered some explanation.

“Her words are true. If it wasn’t for Vivian, I’d be dead too. If we hadn’t managed to stop her from exhibiting the spider’s behavior, we would already be dead.”

Upon hearing my revelation, distress clouded Yoo-Jung’s and An Sol’s faces. As i watched Vivian who had been behaving really well, I couldn’t help but smile. I had deceived the kids with a speech that contained both lies and some truth. If i wanted to add Vivian to the party, some things she had done must remain hidden.

“But, the things you’ve done; it doesn’t change.”

“That’s right. I don’t want to avoid it, either.”

“But what about your body? I think your shoulders and your back is a little cracked.....”

An Hyun asked Vivian right before Yoo-Jung could ask a question. She gazed at me and answered immediately.

“Actually, my body is in a very dangerous condition right now. The body did return after the nucleus was extracted, but the burden it had on my body is highly troublesome.”

“Then, are you going to die soon?”

“Looks like it.”

“Oh...”

As soon as she mentioned that she may die, the complexion of both kids became complicated. They were confused which was just as I expected. I took a step forward. First, I needed to prevent any more questions.

“First, we need to think about Vivan’s condition.”

As soon as I spoke up, the kids instantly turned to face me. An Hyun looked surprised, but Yoo-Jung and An Sol both had frowns on their faces. But the kids hadn’t gone against my decision since I entered the Hall Plane, and I’ve no thoughts of going back.

Although recruiting good prospects was always a welcome development, we still needed to move things faster. It was more sensible to hire a player or resident who could power-up immediately, rather than a player who needed a lot of time to grow. Therefore, if Vivian was recruited into our group, the time needed to carry out my plans will reduce by one third.

“Vivian also has a lot of conflicted feelings that she’s had to deal with. If one had a chance to live, it should be a life of atonement. Although what she has done so far isn’t right, there is still room for reflection, and I really can see signs of deep reflection in her. So, let’s go to the city and look for a cure. If we act together, we may succeed. If not, then I can’t do anything. Can this be done?”

An Hyun had a look of understanding, but I was worried about Yoo-Jung and Sol, who still had dull looks on their faces. Although it did seem like they had been debating amongst themselves, they had a good nature, and they did save me. Vivian soon said, “I might die soon...” I saw them eventually nod, although they seemed barely convinced.

I heaved a sigh of relief, as though I had just solved a huge problem. Although their suspicions hadn’t fully rescinded, I still had to get her into the party; I had almost succeeded that time.

It was the first two players caught by Vivian. I sighed again and diverted the attention of the kids to the lot where the other players lay. In the empty lot, both cocoons contained a male and a female; they were both lying down flat within the cocoons. These were the first players caught by Vivian.

To be honest, it was so much fun to tease Vivian, forbidding her mere existence. Honestly, I had a lot of fun teasing Vivian, forbidding her mere existence. *Maybe if I did not have the voice of Vivian telling me to step out of the aisle, I might have..*

Their breathing indicated that they were still alive, but their faces were quite pale. Two of them wore wizard robes, so their physical abilities probably weren’t high. Yoo-Jung looked at them and asked with worry.

“Oppa, these two people haven’t died yet, right?”

“They’re not dead, but it would be nice to get back to the City as soon as possible.”

“I know the shortcut.”

As Vivian lifted her hand and offered, Yoo-Jung just sighed

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“Hmm. You speak well, but they are only like this because of you.”

“.....”

Vivian’s face turned red, but she bit down on her lip and endured the anger. I was a little relieved to see that she still obeyed my instructions faithfully. However, I couldn’t help but cast my mind back to the period when she was unrestrained with her actions. I couldn’t help it.

I turned to face the unconscious players once again because I wanted to check their player information. Just as I was about to activate the 3rd eye, I shivered. I shook my head, trying to dispel my blurred vision. A few seconds later, the feeling had disappeared, and I was able to focus again. However, the others had noticed and were concerned.

“Oppa, what’s wrong?”

Sol looked at me as if I was about to die and came closer. why were they like this?

Hyun, Yoo-Jung, and Vivian also came to my side when they noticed how strange I had acted. I waited for a moment before assuring them that I was alright. Afterward, I tried to activate the 3rd eye again.

“Oh...”

“Hyung!”

“Oppa!”

I felt the power leave my body, and the sight in front of my eyes change. I was experiencing burning sensations, and at that moment, the words that Seraph had spoken flashed across my mind.

< Player Kim Soo Hyun. The power that Hwajung possess is beyond the level of humans’ comprehension. It is not unreasonable to seek power, but controlling that

power is another matter altogether. If you do not use force properly, you must exceed 101 points. No at least over 90...>

I didn't push it to the maximum. This way..... The surroundings got darker, and I knew that my eyes were closing.

[Potential Ability: I can't fall (Rank: A+)]

At that moment, a message popped up in midair, and the will to resist my fall grew.

During my brief moment of dizziness, the kids came closer and tried to shake me awake, completing forgetting about the two unconscious players laying there. Fortunately, Vivian was able to pull the worried kids off me. Although I hadn't completely recovered, I couldn't help but glance at Vivian, who I was convinced was deliberating trying to avoid my gaze.

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“Oppa, is your body okay?”

“Yes. It's alright. Don't worry much.”

“But...”

I walked out of the dungeon and through the forest with an uneasy face. I didn't take my eyes off the road before me. I was pleased with the concern the girls showed me. However, I was confused about the correlation between the power of Hwajung and my stamina; both had exceeded my expectations.

An Sol continued to ask if I was ok, and I shook my head in affirmation as I picked up one of the unconscious players. Yoo-Jung, who was walking beside An Sol and me, came up and offered to help.

“Oppa, if it's tough for you, I'll take over. If it's like the last time... with the mana, It'll be bad.”

“It's alright. Right now, the most important thing is that you and I have another player here to take care off. I'll be surprised if you don't want to leave this place.”

“Shit... Why would you think that? It's only because I'm worried about you.”

“The surroundings are safe. It's a shortcut to the city, so we should reach there tomorrow,” Vivian suddenly spoke up.

When Vivian butted in, Yoo-Jung shot her a glance and turned her head away. I wanted to explore the surroundings, but my head still throbbed pretty bad to even attempt it.

Immediately after using forcing myself to move, I was exhausted. The accompanying pain was so intense, It made me feel dizzy again.

If this happened in the future, it wouldn't any less painful than it did today, Although there were still some ability points left over, I still had strength, ability, and magic to develop.

The journey continued in silence. I noticed An Hyun walking beside me, and he seemed lost in his thoughts; that was unlike his behavior the day before. Still, I pulled my gaze away from him and began considering my options.

However, no matter the angle I considered it from, the number of ability points I required was beyond my current capability. I knew that I wouldn't hit the required threshold. According to my calculations, even if I invested my current points, and probably those I'd get in the future, I could maybe reach a base of 90 stats on all. But, that was it. The lure of achieving 101 in all stats was great and hard to give up.

After thinking about it for a while, I shook my head, not bothering about it anymore, for now. After all, It wasn't something that I could solve now, so I decided to turn my attention back towards the present situation. The most important things to me right now were; the goods in the dungeon, the two rescued players, and returning to the city to get Vivian some treatment. We took a short break, and after that, we were ready to explore the ruins. Although the exploration was something I still had time for, It didn't change the fact that my responsibilities piled as high as a mountain. It was easy for one to lose everything at once in the Hall Plane, which was only the first level.

I decided to take a day off and relax when I reach the city.

I shoved my thoughts aside and looked at the kids with an indifferent expression, Suddenly, I heard the voice of a woman. It was only then I realized that I craved to taste the warm pleasure that the flesh of the opposite sex brought about, which I hadn't done in a long time.

She had an angular shaped face and a petite body. Beneath those supple chin were bulging breasts, which were partially covered by her hair. However, her hair wasn't so long; I found the long ones really nice. Suddenly, I was gazing at the beautiful face of Sol, her white thin neck, and small dark lips, My gaze shifted to Vivian... but, at that moment, I was able to forcefully jolt myself from those amorous thoughts. Why did I even think about them in the first place?

Just how much sexual desire did I have backed up? Although I couldn't help but want to relieve myself of the pent-up amorous desires, I still considered my thoughts pathetic. I sighed and looked at the unconscious players, who we had carried out of the dungeon. I still didn't know who they were, yet.

I hadn't paid them any mind since we left the dungeon because I had been too concerned about my hunches and my stats. However, since I couldn't come up with any solutions, I didn't want to waste any more time worrying about them. I decided to activate the 3rd again since I could tell decipher their identities just by looking.

This time, my head didn't hurt. This was probably because I took a little rest and was treated well.

< Player Status >

1 Name : Shin Sang yong (2 yrs)

2 Class : Normal Mage Expert

3 Nation : Barbara

4 Clan : –

5 Affiliated Nationality : Those who pursue the truth of magic. Korea

6 Sex : Male (28)

7 Height . Weight : 183.7cm . 69.2kg

8 Alignment : Lawful . True

[Strength 40] [Resistance 42] [Agility 45] [Vitality 40] [Magic 85] [Luck 60]

< Player Status >

1 Name : Jung Ha Yeon (2 yrs)

2 Class : Normal Mage Expert

3 Nation : Barbara

4 Clan : –

5 Affiliated Nation : Water droplets on the Lake . Korea

6 Sex : Female (26)

7 Height . Weight: 166.5cm . 42.8 kg

8 Alignment : Lawful . Good

[Strength 34] [Resistance 38] [Agility 40] [Vitality 32] [Magic 87]

[Luck 80]

Hmm? They were both wizards, and they were in their second year. Okay, at first, I wanted to go into a dark forest, but after seeing their stats, I could try and understand.

Suddenly, I decided that it would be a good idea to take them along; after all, my abilities would still be active there. Even if it was a location where my abilities wouldn't be active, I'd still be interested in exploring. I needed an expert, regardless of where their expertise lay. Also, The additional income would be welcome. I glanced at Sol and noticed her sour expression and wondered, *Did the players' luck give anything to do with her mood?*

I could feel the heat emanating off them, and that made me worried about their health. If they were unconscious, they could offer some stable aid. I suddenly revelled in the feeling of being powerful. Although, for them, the second year was considered the first time for one to reach their limit, they hadn't gotten close to theirs yet, even though they were already in the 2nd year.

It is at the 4th and 5th year that it'll be certain what their abilities are, but regardless, they was still a lot of room for them to develop.

Good stats and a good inclination. I'll think more about it later, but I felt that they would be good candidates.

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Since I left the dungeon, I had been walking for a full day. After a few nights of hard work, I felt exhausted. However, as soon as it was time for my physical training academy, I was able to do things with a spring in my step. The route that Vivian had mentioned was a shortcut, and it wasn't strange for her to know this, as she had been living in this forest for more than 100 years. Actually, the kids had a different look in their eyes whenever they saw Vivian.

Since we had been walking for a day, It was now almost late in the afternoon. When I looked up ahead, I could see the land up ahead, so I heaved a sigh of relief. We had returned in time for the sunset. Even the kids pinched themselves to make sure it was real.

The remaining part of the journey was completed in silence. No one was talking, but everyone seemed to be lost in their thoughts. I looked at An Hyun and realized that he had been carrying that player since we left, and that made me sigh; his strength had doubled. Sol and Yoo-Jung were still irritated by the sight of Vivian. The quiet atmosphere wasn't that bad, but it sure was uncomfortable.

We left the lush forest behind and hurried onto the plain road.

As we walked along the road, I saw a lot of players around; this was probably because of the time. The crowd grew thicker as walked further, and It was almost night. It seemed quite a lot of people felt the same way I did about venturing outside at night. It seemed to me that were more people here than in the Barbara region.

Having not seen any players in a long time, the kids didn't know where to look, so I opened my mouth to voice my thoughts.

"We aren't like those players. I really don't want to be like those beginner players who'd just done their first expeditions.

I still had to urge the kids on because they were tired, especially Vivian who couldn't look away from the players around. My words jolted her from her staring, and she put her head down. Suddenly, I noticed that stares were being directed at us. Vivian, who initially had been naked, only wore underwear and a robe that was taken from someone that died.

She just stood there being half pale. Vivian was taller than Jung Ji Yeon, so she had to pull down her robe. It was a little embarrassing. Her beautiful face and voluptuous body caused some of the male players to gaze at her, drooling. I sighed and glanced at Vivian.

"Hey. Not done?"

"Bro, don't you see how hard you are now?"

What the hell were the guys doing? Looking at the two female users with gazes full of lust. Vivian continued to look down, and An Hyun, who noticed this, shook his head, sighed and said:

"Lee Yoo-Jung, An Sol. What is wrong with you guys? This is embarrassing, and I might not fully understand why, but once hyung moves anywhere, don't go too far from him. I really feel sorry for you."

After An Hyun had spoken, the girls' grew even more jealous. An Hyun continued on like he didn't notice. Vivian glanced at An Hyun and laughed. His comments were akin to pouring oil into the fire. But, she had considered it a pleasant comment. This way, she would remain close by Yoo-Jung and An Sol.

The surroundings were abuzz with activity, and I was hungry. Although everyone felt tired, they were still talking. There were some players who came back with depressed expressions; they may have lost a colleague in their expedition.

The duck came down, and the wall of the Mule, which could be seen from a distance, was getting close. The guards who had greeted us at the beginning were still there, in the same place, and we watched them salute the players. We also slowly entered the door.

Finally, after the very first exploration, we had come back to the Mule.

Once we left the Mule and entered inside, everyone's face glowed brightly. We entered the North Gate that we had left. No one said anything, they just looked at me with eager expressions. I sat down, took out a small pouch and tossed it over to An Hyun, who was still carrying a player. He was flustered and didn't react on time, but fortunately, Yoo-Jung succeeded in catching the pouch.

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“Good.”

“Don't give me praises; give me the reward.”

“Here.”

I dropped the player that I was carrying and handed him over to Yoo-Jung. She grumbled a bit but still carried the player properly. I looked at her for a moment and spoke in a gentle but powerful voice.

“You know where the lady's inn is, right? I have enough for two rooms to last a week. Go and have dinner first. You can eat anything that you want. And once you're done eating, go in and rest first.”

“And Oppa?”

“I need to clear something with Vivian, and we have to report it.”

“We can go together...”

“It'll be more comfortable to go alone. It's alright, go and rest.”

Yoo-Jung didn't like it, but she reluctantly nodded her head. However, regardless of that, I still wanted to go to that rustic inn and take a break, first. Honestly, it was frustrating, but this was something that I had to do.

After I sent the kids first, I stayed there with Vivian. Vivian stared at me before sighing heavily.

“They really don't know about it.”

“What?”

“The kids... about you.”

I raised a brow and inched closer to Vivian, silently hinting her to tell me why she had asked that question. It seemed that Vivian had grown more stubborn and had begun to vocalize her thoughts.

“The kids aren’t newly born babies. Although they look up to you, it also seems like they’re scared of you. You’re not much different, either. I know it’s very difficult to explain it to the kids, and I don’t even want to see time like that coming. Why? Because I’m nervous.”

“About what happened in the dungeon?”

“Yes? Then I’ll just go ahead and do it.”

I raised my hand, silencing her. Vivian looked away and sighed again. Just as she was about to say something more, I moved my hand to her head.

“Body...”

“Oh, what?”

“Your body seems alright.”

To my surprise, Vivian was embarrassed. She rolled her eyes and stuttered. Then she slowly lifted her face and spoke carefully.

“It’s... good for now. I can endure it. But this hand...”

It was bothersome, so I turned around and faced the other way. I could feel her staring at me from behind, and she seemed a little hesitant, but she soon took the initiative and came behind me on her own. She needed to start trusting more and giving as much to the team as she possibly could, in order to get the maximum amount of monetary reward.

The streets of Mule were definitely more crowded than the morning we left. Most of the players were headed to the shrine to submit the reports from their recent expeditions, just like me, but there were a bunch of explorers outside, who were gearing up for their expedition. I noticed a player who had just submitted their own exploratory reports and asked a few questions.

Before I went to the shrine, I decided to stop by the user’s warehouse, first. If the shrine and the user’s warehouse were in opposite directions, it would have been a bother.

Fortunately, they were in the same direction. I could see the Shrine from where I was, and it wasn't like Barbara's, but there were a number of players in there.

Once again, everyone around looked at Vivian. She felt insecure and put her head down, moving closer to me. Although I was in a good mood, I still felt a hint of jealousy.

In the streets of the continental shelf, these kinds of clothes could send a completely different message: "I wore this type of outfit because I want to be eaten by you. So by all means, and without any restraints-eat me." This wasn't an appropriate image to create, but that didn't get me worried. As soon as Vivian regained her full ability as an alchemist, she'd make a great impact in the party, wielding a power that no player can possess.

As soon as I arrived at the players-only warehouse, I immediately brought out an elixir and some gold coins. The gold coins that I brought out exceeded 1200 gold. If I sold the jewelry and the other stuff that I had, I'll gain an amount that was too huge for new players. However, the more money one had, the easier it was to plan ahead. Since I decided to use it already, I brought out a heavy pouch.

"What's that?"

Vivian asked curiously and leaned in for a closer look. There were bottles inside the pouch filled with bright-yellow elixir. I noticed her leaning even closer, so I simply answered.

"Elixir."

Vivian couldn't take her eyes off them, and as if it was her first time of seeing an elixir, she could respond with an "ah". She slowly turned away from them and looked at me instead, *where is this person from?*

"Wow."

"Never seen an elixir before?"

"Idiot. Alchemists make these stuff. Elixirs are what they're best known for. First, Give it here."

"Come and see for yourself."

Upon hearing my words, Vivian grumbled and brought her head even closer. As she stared at the Elixirs, her gaze seemed to grow even stranger. I stretched out my hand, bringing the pouch even closer to her. Vivian's gaze was serious; It was obvious that the Alchemists who had made this batch had a certain level of skill.

"It's-its weird. Wait just a moment. Don't take it away."

“There is something I need to do. Here, you can drink this.”

It wasn't in my personality to do things like this, but I was set on handing it to her. I immediately opened the sealing lid on an elixir and handed it over to her. It was a small vial of elixir. Vivian quickly took the vial, sniffed it for a moment, inhaled it deeply a few moments after that, before drinking a mouthful of it. I took the vial back.

“Umm...”

“How was it?”

“Just...oh? ah-Ah?”

Vivian, who only drank only a mouthful, smacked her lips and enjoyed the taste for a while. When her lips parted in incredulity, I realized that something was happening to her body, so I immediately activated the 3rd eye. This time, I had planned to get her information very quickly.

< Native Status >

Converting resident information into Player information

1 Name : Vivian La Clarydas

2 Class : Rare . Chimera Alchemist Master

3 Nation : Espinion (a fallen city.)

4 Clan : –

5 Affiliated Nation : Ancient Alchemist . Black Hunting Spider . Hall Plane

6 Sex : Female (28 . 128 [?])

7 Height . Weight : 165.5cm . 48.8 kg

8 Alignment : Chaos . Neutral

< Stats >

[Strength 48] [Resistance 50] [Ability 56] [Vitality 45] [Magic 92]

[Luck 74]

Body recovered after drinking a small quantity of elixir. If there are no additional intakes, body will return to its original state.

< Achievement (3) >

< Special Abilities (1/1) >

66 ruler of the legion of athletes. (Rank: A +++)

< Latent Ability (4/4) >

Pension Magic (Rank: A Zero)

Authentic Magic (Rank: C Plus)

Building a Magical place (Rank: A ++)

Making Potion (Rank: B Plus)

< Ability Comparison. >

Kim Su Hyun: 540

(There are 12 ability points)

[Strength 94] [Resistance 92] [Ability 98] [Vitality 72] [Magic 96] [Luck 88]

Vivian La Clarydas

(No ability points.)

[Strength 48] [Resistance 50] [Ability 56] [Vitality 45] [Magic 92] [Luck 74]

Are these Vivian abilities at full power? As all her powers had just been restored, I glanced at her beautiful face again. A high stat in magic was a necessity for players who were mages and priests. If a player had 90 magic and an average of 30 in their other abilities, they would be quickly taken in by any of the other clans. In the Hall plane, the mages had that much value.

I wondered what the ability of the < 66 Master of the legion athletes >, who was awarded the A+++ rank, would be. The rare classes couldn't be compared to the secret classes, but they certainly differed from the regular classes. Naturally, those with regular classes could also grow really strong if they were nurtured properly, but only those with rare classes could maximize the efficiency of team battles. They were also very powerful. **So, the two classes that every player hopes.**

I put my thoughts aside and raised my head. Right in front of me was Vivian, who looked flustered yet serious. It was evident from her eyes that she was deep in thought.

There was a moment of silence, but the quiet period was only momentary. Vivian suddenly jumped on me.

“Give them to meeeeeeeeeee!”

“Good Luck.”

I used my hand to push her face back, but she was waving her arms wildly, trying to snatch the pouch from my grasp. It wasn't enough, but she was getting more restless by the second. Afterward, she resorted to use her words to get the elixir from me.

“Give! Give! Give!!!!!!”

“I can't give it to you right away. How did it taste?”

“I won't say. Really. So, give it to me!”

I tried hard to push her back, but Vivian kept struggling. I sighed and extended my hand again, but this time, my hand wasn't aimed at her head; it was aimed at her chest. As soon as Vivian rushed toward me, I felt my right hand grab a fistful of supple flesh. Het! It felt good.

“Kyyaaaaaaa!”

“Hmm. Nice.”

“Ha? Khat? Eauh?”

When I stretched out my right hand at the incoming chest, I was able to grab the supple breasts of a woman; a pleasant feeling that I hadn't enjoyed in a long time. Vivian pulled back and rushed toward the pouch of bottles again. In her rush, she didn't remember to protect her chest and this time, her breasts were welcomed by my outstretched hand... both of them.

“What are you doing?! Get your hands off! This idiot!”

“Stupid, who runs like that?”

She forcibly pushed my hands away and went back to charging at the elixir. Although I felt bad for her, I still admired her tenacity. It was getting harder to hold her back. She began taking aim at my chest, no – my heart. When I retreated beyond her reach, Vivian began to cry.

“Uk! uk... How could you... you dirty...”

“I have only one heart, so should I stand idle and let you hit me?”

I laughed so much that my throat got sore. However, Vivian just nodded. I laughed some more, as I had planned to give her another elixir, anyway.

“I’ve decided anyway, so wait a moment. “We can at least make a promise.”

“I remember everything that you said in the dungeon.”

“You don’t even know what I’m going to do.”

Vivian couldn’t refute my reply. She hadn’t yet recovered her Alchemist’s state of mind, and she was in a state of urgency. This was the moment that I had been waiting for. There was nothing more precious than an elixir to her, right now, and she knew that she wouldn’t get it if she was uncooperative or tried to flee. So, I needed to make some preparations.

“Then what am I supposed to do..”

“Hm... Let’s make a contract.”

“A contract?”

I nodded at Vivian and spoke in a serious tone.

“Yes. Contract. Let’s go to the shrine at once. I’ll have to report about the expedition and then write a contract.”

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“Welcome to... Ohh... The first player I’ve seen in Mule today.

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A male player who wore a suit welcomed me with a brilliant smile.

“There may a number of players who visit here, but you’re the first customer we’ve had today.

“Ahaha. Yes, do come in. It’s my pleasure to welcome you since most of the players nowadays are more attracted to Barbara and Kahn. So, how can I help you today?”

“Although this is a shrine, doesn’t it seem like there is something missing here? Anyway, I’d like to report about my expedition and make a contract.”

As soon as I mentioned the contract, the man’s face lit up with glee. He probably had imagined that a lot of money was about to roll in. He asked us to wait a moment before running into the Burinake.

Vivian was fidgety and seemed reluctant to stand still. She wanted to look around the shrine, but I released a little of my mana which prompted her to hold still. When she sensed my mana, I noticed that her nerves were taut with the desire to have more of that Elixir that was in my hand. I smiled softly at Vivian's obedience and waited for the priest to come out.

Soon, "udang -tang" sounds reverberated from the second-floor stairway. It was the sound of someone rushing down the steps. The temple was a few blocks away from the area where the residents and players met up, so both had learned to co-exist and were on equal footing in most matters. Generally, the residents were in positions to communicate with anyone, and everything else was handled by the players. However, most of the work done by the players interfered with the residents.

A female player rushed out from the stairwell, panting really hard. A male priest came down right after she did, with a bitter expression on his face. *Do shrines have this much need for money nowadays?*

"Oh, Come on in. You came to issue a contract, right?"

"Yes. And about the expedition..."

"The shrines are very busy these days, so we have no one to take any expedition reports, right now, so there is no need for you to do that. Now, what kind of contract are we talking about?"

You don't want me to make a report on the expedition? I frowned. It seemed that they had been influenced by the Golden Lion Clan, so no matter how I tried to report the expedition, I wouldn't be able to get the report approved. And here I thought I was going to skip a great deal of work. I looked at her and replied.

"Human to Human. To be precise, it will be a contract between a player and a resident."

The lady priest looked at me for a while before she nodded.

Hmm... Well, generally, players and residents can establish contracts between themselves. Have you thought about the terms contained in the contract?"

"If you hand me the contract now, I can write in the details right away."

"That's nice. Min Chol, give him the contract, now."

Min Chol, the male priest, immediately handed me a piece of paper and a pen. I pondered for a while before writing. The content of the contract was simple but effective. I had planned to draft a slave contract. When I was done writing, I reviewed the content, giving it a thorough once-over.

- 1) The player Kim Su Hyun will pay a price to Vivian, who needs it. Thereafter, Vivian will verify and acknowledge that the payment received is in accordance with the terms agreed in this contract.
- 2) The resident Vivian will have to listen to player Kim Su Hyun. Naturally, she maintains her free will, but she will still have to obey the requests of player Kim Su Hyun.
- 3) The resident Vivian will aid the player Kim Su Hyun and his party members, An Hyun, An Sol, and Lee Yoo-Jung-and will display any form of hostility towards any of them.

Although it was a rough draft, when I read it, my lips curled upwards into a dangerous smile. I showed the contract to Vivian who read the contents and nodded. She proceeded to sign the contract and handed it back to me. I took the paper, signed it and handed it to the female priest. The piece of paper almost seemed to glow.

When the female priest received the contract, she read it for a moment and raised a hand to cover her mouth, trying to stifle a laugh. She failed and chuckled for a bit before facing me. I found her expression really funny and couldn't help grinning.

"Hoho. Do you really want to do this?"

"Hahahahaha. I want you to get this over with as soon as you can."

"That's not up to me."

I smiled at the female priest who grinned broadly back at me. She chuckled and faced Vivian, asking:

"Are you really fine with this?"

"Yea? Ah, Yes. I just need to listen to him and help them. There's no need to be so suspicious. Does it take this long to complete a contract? Please, finalize it as soon as possible."

The female priest's expression turned stern, however, Vivian stared right back at her, not backing down in the slightest. The female priest, who had spent a long time glaring at Vivian, finally opened her mouth and declared solemnly:

"As of this moment, I have read the contents of this contract and will sign it, confirming that I played witness to the agreement between both parties."

Immediately after her declaration, the paper crumpled and began to glow resplendently. Popping sounds, like a fire-crackers, rippled through the air as I watched the glowing paper hovering in the air. The contract had been approved. *It sure is a spectacular*

sight. Vivian regained her composure quickly, but the two priests still watched it in fascination. I could clearly hear their hushed whispers.

“Min Hee Noon-nim, isn’t this too much? It’s like popping corn with lightning.”

“I don’t care. I’ll soon be rolling in enough money to last a long time; after all, a contract is the highest level of agreement.”

“But, still...”

“The resident herself is fine with it. Therefore, I no longer have any need to worry.

Although those two were talking in hushed whispers, my sensitive ears could pick up every word, clearly. I decided not to butt into their conversation and continued watching the contract, which was currently in the process of being finalized, with a smile. In the future, I could get Vivian to cook, roast, and... hehe – do anything.

Soon afterward, the light turned dim, and the crumpled contract fell down from the air. “It takes a while for a contract to get finalized,” Lee Min Hee said to me as though she had read my thoughts. I laughed and replied:

“Do not worry, as you can see, she’s not a whore.

I then whispered to Vivian: “The priest in charge of approving players’ contracts has been granted a special authority to do so. Naturally, this authority would disappear as soon as she wishes to quit.”

I watched as she picked up the contract, and placed the paper on a scale. The weight of the paper would determine how much I was to pay. Only moments after the contract was placed on the scale, the result came out, and it brought Lee Min Hee and Min Chol great joy.

As I had expected, the weight of the contract was enormous. As soon as the contract was placed atop the scale, a wheel began turning, and soon it was two wheels... three wheels, and finally, 8 wheels were all turning slowly, at the same time. I was not surprised, after all, the result had fallen within the range I had expected. However, Vivian looked worried. I didn’t share her fear. Although I knew I would have to fork over a little more than I’d like, I didn’t think too much about it. After Lee Min Hee looked at the scale for a while, she approached with a satisfied smile and whispered:

“Player Kim Su Hyun, do you know of the effect of a contract between the player and a resident?”

“Roughly. Contracts between players are limited, but the residents are not affected by the < configuration >... huh.”

“Indeed. Residents are not affected by < configuration >, so contracts with them are much more effective. Even their conscience are bounded with the owners, so they’re very cooperative. Anyway, congratulations on acquiring such a good slave. She is pretty, and I’m sure you’ll enjoy going to bed with her in the future,” Lee Min Hee said as she handed me the contract.

“Haha. She isn’t for that purpose. Please don’t misunderstand.”

“Ah... I only said that because of the clothes which she has on. Anyway, the bill is 789 gold, 417 silver, and 216 bronze. Yo do know that you can’t pay in installments in a shrine, right?

I nodded and paid. 800 gold wasn’t too much money to pay for a valuable member of the party. But Vivian, who had stared at the fairly large amount of money, turned to look at me in surprise. She was rather impressed that I had taken out so much money without any hesitation. However, from that moment, the contract became fully effective. Naturally, I still had to pay the price stipulated in the contract.

After saying goodbye to Lee Min Hee and Min Chol, I placed the contract into a box and left the shrine. The female priest watched me fixedly from the moment the contract was finalized till I left the shrine, but I walked away unflustered by her staring.

“Is it done? Is it really done?”

Vivian rushed towards me. I nodded and brought her to a place with few people around, and handed her the elixir outrightly. She sniffed the vial and stared at it in excitement.

“Phew, phew.”

Vivian began taking in really deep breaths. It seemed to me that she had been under a lot of stress since she was changed from a human into a spider. She was someone who had a strong will to live, and although her intellect wasn’t that high, I was still looking forward to seeing how much she would change in the future. Those with skills such as hers were few, even amongst residents.

I didn’t know if Seraph would accept this, but the deed had been done. Vivian was a boss monster that I was tasked to capture, but I had turned her into my companion by exploiting the loopholes. However, it was only possible because it had been carried out with the consent of the other party.

Vivian watched the elixir with conflicting emotions, but her hesitation was short-lived.

Bung! She uncorked the vial.

“Hmm. It’s black.”

She downed the contents of the vial in one. A cool and refreshing feeling permeated her body. I walked up to her and examined her carefully. I could see that the lacerated part of her skin had begun healing slowly.

Not only that. The skin itself underwent a change; it became more tender and soft. Her hair turned glossy and regained its black color. Her pale face regained its color, and her cold body began to regain its warmth, as light-peach blood began to flow within,

One of the best properties of the elixir was its ability to begin healing the body immediately after it's consumed, rather than after a long time. As its proving its effectiveness, I could feel the powerful mana emanating from the mage who had fully recovered in front of me.

But the person who could fully feel it wasn't me. Vivian looked down at her two hands and body with an unbelievable face, and soon it became a face with joy and made a fist. How does it feel when you regain lost strength? Is the feeling of falling into the hell and then climbing back to the world? But, the person who could completely feel the changes wasn't me. It was Vivian. She looked down at her hands and her body with an astonished gaze. Her look of incredulity soon turned to Joy, and she squeezed her hands into fists. *How does one feel when they regain their lost strength, I wondered. Does it feel like falling into hell and then managing to climb back out, and into the world, later?*

Vivian revelled in the pleasant feeling for a while before turning to face me with gentle eyes. Although her face was still bruised, it seemed different than it was before. Before, her pupils were dull, revealing her deteriorating will to live. But now, her pupils were lively and filled with confidence. Her lips parted slightly.

"... Su Hyun."

"What?"

"So your name is Su Hyun. Kim Su Hyun."

"Yes, why do you ask?"

"Kim Su Hyun. Kim Su Hyun. Kim Su Hyun. Kim Su Hyun."

I scratched my head and watched Vivian repeat my name over and over. The contract in the box seemed to burn hotter. It was showtime. I decided to test its effects with an experiment, and my lips curled up into an evil smile. And at that moment, silver eyes gazed at a brilliant hair. As I gazed at her, I thought, *She is an idiot, but she somehow moves me. She's pretty...no... beautiful.* Under the pretext of testing out the contract, I called her.

"Vivian."

“...Su Hyun. Kim Su Hyun.”

“Come here... Huh?”

I was just about to say “hold me”, but my words were cut short as Vivian suddenly charged at me and buried herself in my arms, tears dripping down her eyes. Her face was buried in my chest.

Although I felt embarrassed at the sudden development, I patted her back, trying to calm her down as much as I could. I understood her feelings without needing her to tell me. Although the atmosphere was good, I decided to shelve my perverted plans.

I wanted to curse as I hate..... so, I just wanted to test the contents of the contract and the compulsion. I cursed under my breath. I had only intended to test out the effects of the contract, especially the strength of its coercion.

Vivian, who didn't know what evil thoughts I had in my head, kept on calling my name and thanking me.

“Thank you... thank you... thank you so much.”

“It's not a problem. Anyway, about the contract... Hey... wait a minute... you're almost naked, right now... this is-”

“I don't know what I would have to do if I couldn't return back to being human again... huh... Ok, its okay if I'm with you. I'll listen to you in the future. I will listen really well.”

I mean, this development was ok. Her attitude suddenly turning positive left me feeling embarrassed, so I tried to lightly push her off me; however, the harder I tried, the tighter her arms around me became. Her arms and legs were wrapped around me-maybe a spider's instinct. *So this is how good you feel...*

It was difficult to face Vivian who was poking my arm like a crazy version of An Sol, but she didn't care about the surrounding and hugged me tightly. This was the body of a woman, who was naked. I sighed and just let her have at it. Today, I guess I have a girl for myself.

The moment I raised my head to look at Vivian with a lust-filled gaze, I suddenly recalled a memory. The recollection was so sudden, it left me completely started. The shock made me realize what I was feeling, so I tried to pull myself together.

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This is... no. This isn't what I want to be feeling right now.

I turned away from Vivian and repressed the sexual urges that threatened to overwhelm me. Even if it was just lust, if I let it overwhelm me, I'd turn into an insatiable beast. Although I had brought Vivian to this quiet spot, so that I could enjoy some alone time with her, it now seemed like the wrong thing to do. I took a deep breath to calm myself.

I wasn't gay, neither was I someone who didn't like women. *I am a healthy young man with a healthy interest in women. But, right now, I have a different view on embracing Vivian here.* I'm not an ugly animal who takes advantage of every female that it sees, just because it wants to. I never saw myself as someone like that, neither would I act in that manner.

First, take a deep breath.

Such a situation, I was able to analyze it this thoroughly. I really had become more thoughtful these days, and I was behaving pretty well. Without realizing it, I had recovered my lost humanity, but the sharpness of the blade I once was was gradually fading.

But, naturally, that didn't mean I thought that having a girl was bad. Even now, I was confident that I'd been able to take Vivian right here. But, I had decided to curb my self-desire and abstain from any amorous activities. *Do I really have a girl all to myself, today?* Thinking about it made me feel embarrassed. If I brought a girl back, I may too ashamed to look at Seraph again in the future.

"Su Hyun? What's wrong? Are you alright?"

"....."

I calmed my thoughts and opened my eyes. Vivian looked worried. When I didn't reply her question, Vivian grew cautious and voiced her thoughts.

"No. It's just a feeling. I felt like I was looking at someone else..."

"... Yes?"

"Hmm. Don't make that face again. It gave me the creeps...eh"

Vivian wrapped her arms around me again, but I quickly took them off me with a soft smile. She chuckled and stood beside me. I held her hands and walked to the inn. I heard a voice say "Heyiing" from behind, but I paid it no mind.

"Su Hyun. Su Hyun."

"What?"

Vivian, who was walking in ahead of me, suddenly stopped, causing me to bump into her. She turned to gaze at me with glowing eyes, but I responded with an indifferent look. I saw her pout her lips at my response.

“So, I’ll work together with you guys in the future, right?”

“That’s what it seems.”

“Oh ho. So, I have a problem... Ahk!”

Vivian tried to take a step back, lost her footing, and fell backward. As she fell, her robe slipped open, exposing her body in the process. Vivian rubbed the back of her head and quickly closed her robe, and her face turned ashen.

“Pervert.”

“Why am I a pervert...”

“Don’t lie. You saw.”

“I did see, but I haven’t lied about anything. It’s not like I intended to do so in the first place. Are you telling that your body got exposed because you knocked yourself over? I don’t think you’re a disciplined person.”

I said matter-of-factly, in a calm tone. Vivian averted her eyes, hiding her panicked expression, and nodded swiftly.

“Oh, huh? Yes, sorry. But you didn’t have to say it like that.”

Upon seeing Vivian admit her wrongdoing innocently, I warned, “Be careful from now on. Sometimes, you tend to be too careless.” She took my outstretched hand and got up. When she got up, I asked:

“Anyway, what were those concerns just then?”

“Hmm... anyway, we’ll be together in the future.”

“That’s what I said. It’s a big deal.”

“Yoo-Jung and An Sol... they don’t seem to like me very much.”

“Hmm. That’s right.”

When I nodded immediately, Vivian sighed. It was true that the kids hated Vivian. It was better if she was aware of the situation, that way she would be mindful of her attitude in the future and not flip out.

“But, these kids have a good nature. As long as you remain yourself, and put some effort to look a little better, you’ll do better around them.”

“Really?”

“Of course. I also talk to the kids separately, so don’t worry too much about it.”

“Thank you, but I have another concern...”

Just when I thought I would speak, Vivian quickly added in a small voice, after hesitating for a few moments.

“My clothes...”

Jung Ji Yeon’s robe was extremely small. Upon seeing Vivian tugging the robe down and rubbing her thighs together, I knew I couldn’t put it off any longer and rushed to a store without delay.

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After we had stopped at the store and bought some mage robes, we went to the old inn. When I returned to the Mule, there was so much work just waiting to be done. Most of them were related to the kids, so I didn’t want to rush them. I had to get some rest first; that would be much better for me.

As soon as we reached the wooden door of the inn, it opened. As the night went on, there seemed to be more people on the streets, discussing amongst themselves. As I had been out doing a lot, I needed to rest and came back to the inn. Just when we were close to it, both I and Vivian heard the door open.

“Hello, Player Kim Su Hyun. You’ve arrived much later than the other kids did.”

She gracefully greeted me with a warm smile. I responded in kind and asked her if the kids were up yet. Instead of answering me, she pointed towards a corner of the in. The kids were at that corner, with sullen faces. In front of them were stacks of food, and the kids already had their chopsticks in their hands.

“I suddenly felt the urge to spit, but the smile never left Go Yeon-Ju’s face as she looked at the kids with a peculiar gaze.

“It seems like they were waiting for you, Mr. Su Hyun. This is a scene that is so rare to witness these days.

“Hmm. Thank you.”

“No, thank you. I’m getting paid. But, I see you’re with someone whom I haven’t seen before...”

Go Yeon-Ju’s big eyes gazed at Vivian who stood beside me. I pulled her forward and introduced her to Go Yeon-Ju.

“This person has just joined the party.”

“Based on her looks, she seems to be a wizard, and an effective one, too.”

“Well... I guess you’re busy.”

“Ah. Don’t mind me. See you later.”

Although Go Yeon-Ju seemed like wanted to talk with me a little more, I had already introduced Vivian as a resident and spoke with a tone of finality, so she understood my intentions and stepped back, but she still slyly implied with a “See you later” that we’d be talking again in the future. Since it was included in the recruiting target, there was no reason to reject her, that’s if I am not busy when the time comes.

The kids also waved at me with bright faces as they found me. I quickly moved to the seat where the children sat and then sat in the chair and I opened my mouth. When the kids saw me, they waved at me with happy expressions. I quickly moved to where the kids were and sat with them.

“You all should have eaten first, before going to rest. There was no need to wait.”

“Hyung, you went out alone with Vivian and that had us worried.”

“Yes. Anyways, let’s eat. The food would have gotten cold already.”

An Hyun said with a smile. If I had decided to have sex with Vivian when we had the chance, the kids would have had to wait longer than they did. I wasn’t comfortable with the kids waiting this long, so I asked them to eat. As the sound of cutlery echoed around, Vivian stared at the table; she was unfamiliar with the cutlery on the table.

“You guys ordered a lot.”

“We were hungry. Hehe. Oppa, sorry. I ordered a lot.”

I found Yoo-Jung’s honesty charming, and I liked her attitude.

“Well, although money’s no problem, it wouldn’t be good to waste too much of it. But, this much is okay.”

“Yep. But is the job done?”

“Ah... Come to think of it... Hyung, the shrine...”

An Hyun was more hungry than tired. An Sol ate her food with the cutlery, and Vivian ate voraciously, as though she hadn't eaten anything for a long time. I also tore out some bread, dipped the piece into the sauce and stuffed it into my mouth. It tasted delicious and made my mouth feel warm.

“I went to the shrine first and stopped by the shop later on; Vivian needed new clothes.”

“I also felt embarrassed when I saw her clothes, so it's good that you bought a dress. However, didn't you go to the shrine because you needed to submit a report about the expedition?”

“It was a respectable affair. However, these days, they are quite busy, so they don't receive any expedition reports. I cured Vivian and made a contract with her. It was nothing much.”

“Contract?”

Filled with curiosity, the kids all looked at me; their faces stuffed with food. I briefly narrated what happened and showed them the contract. Vivian gazed at me, and I felt the need to say a little more.

“As you can see, Vivian is now one of us. She will help us, and she won't be hostile towards us. Naturally, I'd like to say more, but there are a lot of uninvited eyes and ears who are trying to listen in on us...”

I paused and looked around. Some players currently in the inn kept sneakily gazing at us. They were sneaking glances at An Sol, Yoo-Jung, and Vivian. It was also easy to guess the thoughts hidden behind their gazes.

Once they looked away, I continued talking.

“So, we're going to be working together in the future. She's a pretty talented wizard. I'll tell you more about this tomorrow. I know what you guys think, but I don't want you guys to sell her short and see her only as a bad person. After all, she has turned back into a human... do you understand me?”

An Hyun nodded. It seemed like what he experienced in the dungeon was still on his mind. An Sol pouted her lips for a bit and reluctantly nodded. Naturally, it did seem like it would take a little more time for her to accept Vivian. After thinking about that for a few moments, I turned toward Yoo-Jung. She had a sinister smile on her face.

“Hohoho. So, she won't be hostile and help us... you say? Hohoho.”

She poured over the contract with a sinister expression. Soon, she returned the contract to me and glanced at Vivian, her eyes shining. Vivian laughed awkwardly. After watching Yoo-Jung's reaction silently, An Hyun assured me with a whisper:

"Hyung, don't worry about it too much. I'll keep an eye on her."

"... okay. Thank you."

"Don't you have anything to ask us?"

An Hyun still managed to stuff a piece of meat into his mouth, even after eating so much already. I knew what he was implying and inquired the question that was in line with his expectation.

"Yes... No... I need to ask. How are the players that we brought back?"

"They are still unconscious. I'm sure the man's still alive because he's still breathing. I moved him to Hyung's room, and the woman was taken to Sol's room. The rooms are now a little bigger than they used to be."

"Well done."

"What are we going to do?"

I pondered for a while. They both had good stats, and I didn't see anything wrong in their information. We would have to discuss with them when they wake up. However, everyone knew that Vivian, who we had just taken in, was a Dungeon Master.

Even if we made offers, would the players accept them? **I opened my mouth after hit the table as habit.** Everytime I solved an issue, another one cropped up instantly.

"Wait until tomorrow. If nothing happens, we'll stop by the shrine again. We can't wait any longer."

"Yes, Hyung."

When An Hyun had said his bit, he turned his attention back to his plate. The food was delicious and of good quality. I could have eaten more, but the raw meat on my plate was a turn off; however; since it was the only thing available, I stuffed 2 spoonfuls of it into my mouth. Sol looked relieved when she saw the large amount of meat that I was eating.

"Oppa, you don't look so good. You need to get a lot of rest"

I was surprised to see Sol looking at me with a bright glow in her eyes when she heard me drop my spoon. I finally felt relaxed when I came back to the city. It felt good to loosen up. I turned and looked out the window of the inn.

At this time, the sun had completely set, and the duck sat on the ground. One day, I'll get to sleep all through without a single worry.