

# MEMORIZE

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- Chapter 71

“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 there 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 meeeeeeeee!”

“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.

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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.

When I opened my eyes, I noticed the warm rays of sunlight in the room, but the air was still cold. I massaged my temples for a while, touched my body and got up from the bed. The resplendent rays of the sun shone in the room through the window. In the past, I would have complained about fatigue; however, since my resistance and magic were both high, a few injuries and fatigue were healed through self-recovery.

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I shook my head once and looked around the room. I turned my gaze to my body and took care of the bruising. An Hyun was so tired that he was still asleep, as though he didn’t care what happened to the world. The other man, Shin Sang Yong, lay next to him. His eyes were still shut tight. His unconsciousness was probably due to the anesthesia which was injected by the spider. But, its effects were likely to disappear within a day. I cracked my knuckles and stretched my hands.

When I looked out the window, I saw that the sun had already risen brilliantly into the sky, brightening up the entire world. It was a sunny day, would be a nice day for a picnic. I opened the door to the next room and heard the sound of four people breathing out. I put my arms in the pocket and then went out of the room. It was a sunny day, which would be nice for a picnic. I came out of my room and opened the door to the adjacent room, and I heard the sound of four people breathing softly. I stuffed my hands into my pockets and went out of the room.

When I went down the creaky wooden stairs, I saw the lobby of the rustic inn. There wasn't a single player visible. The movement will deepen as the Golden Lion Clan will go to the expedition to the Steel Ranges. Those idiots. I spoke out and sat down.

Go Yeon-Ju was sleeping while sitting in a chair in the kitchen. I saw her lift her head slightly when she heard me sit down. *If you're a user who has already been in the 10th level, It is useless to pretend to be asleep when it is so obvious that you heard me coming down the stairs.*

**\*\*It wasn't that\*\***. Go Yeon-Ju's swollen eyes were still closed. There were indeed a lot of players at the inn yesterday. If she really had enough strength, she wouldn't be this tired. *What happened?* Although I was curious, curiosity wasn't a part of my job description, so I just settled for a light greeting.

"Good Morning."

"Yes... Good... Morning..."

She placed her hand over her mouth and yawned while replying my greeting. Her peculiar attire and smooth legs caught my ear, but I turned my face to the menu with a grim feeling. I wanted a simple breakfast, so I immediately placed an order.

"Today, I want a simple A course..."

"Ah, hmm... hmm. Sure, it'll take some time to prepare it."

"I don't know what's going on. Anyway, just give me what you made yesterday."

"Love you..."

Although, in her favor, her expression of relief on her face seemed heartfelt, the additional words at the end were too audible.

"You must have had a lot to do yesterday," I mentioned.

"Don't remind me. It was hectic yesterday and today will be no different. This place was crowded from dusk till dawn. There were also a couple of drunk guys who were making a racket, so I kicked them out one after another; I took their money and took back the food, too, so I'm really tired, and my body is really stiff.

As she spoke, she rested her ass firmly on the chair opposite me, seemingly waiting for me to continue the conversation. I laughed. This is a price I had to pay. I suddenly felt immense respect for the players who were in here yesterday. *Please, lower body... don't cause me any trouble...*

But why on earth did she sit across from me? I wish I could get my meal soon. Nevertheless, she remained right in front of me, and soon, many players will start coming in-some, with the intention to flirt.

No. If she didn't want all that attention, she wouldn't wear clothes like these. Her chest was already exposed, and her robe only seemed content covering up the places before the upper part of her thighs. Did she enjoy being such a tease? I couldn't get the image out of my head, and the question almost came out of my mouth, but I swallowed my curiosity back down, in the end. I didn't say anything else, shrugged my shoulders and took out a cigar.

When Go Yeon-Ju saw my nonchalant reaction, she narrowed her eyes, pouted her lips and spoke in a disgruntled tone.

"Oh. Acting like that... don't you want to talk to me?"

"Huh? I have been talking to you, haven't I? I just thought I heard something."

"I good at reading the mood. Do you want me to quickly go and bring your food?"

"Ah, no."

When she heard my answer, Go Yeon-Ju got up from her chair, bickering. Although the kind smile remained on my face as I watched her stand up, beads of sweat dripped down my forehead.

"Yesterday, you were equally as cold. Hmm. Do you think I'd do this with just anyone?"

"Yesterday, I was a little tired..."

Her face grew sullen and her nostrils flared. I really had nothing else to say to her.

"That bad, huh? Fine. The innkeeper will bring your meal soon."

"Don't misunderstand. But please warm the food a little."

"That's wonderful. It looks like you've waited to a lot for it."

She mumbled, hoping that I'd hear, and turned away swiftly. She started walking to the kitchen in a teasing manner; 1st step, a little pause; 2nd step, a longer pause; 3rd step, 4th step... I watched her back silently and recalled everything that happened since the start of the year. Soon, a pleasant fragrance seemed to waft from the innkeeper who was swaggered with every step.

I didn't fall for it and looked away. She smiled at that and watched me smoke my cigar.



“Mr. Su Hyun, don’t you see a lot of things that don’t seem right?”

“Yeah?”

“If a woman says those exact words, wouldn’t you consider it a little sketchy?”

“...Let’s start with the food.”

That response betrayed her expectations, causing her to roll her eyes. With a few quick strides, she narrowed the distance between us. I wasn’t ready to succumb to her wishes, but I was ready to repel all her advances. Suddenly, she reached for my cigar.

“Aht.”

“The Decent-Lady Inn is a no smoking area, customer.”

“That’s not what I saw when I came in yesterday. Almost everyone I saw was smoking.”

She smiled at my rebuttal.

“It’s smoking in the morning that isn’t allowed, Mr customer.”

“... this is too much.”

I let out a sigh and removed the cigar from my mouth. When I looked at her, she shrugged. When I looked away, her attitude changed and her smile turned sly.

“Mhmm. This is the owner’s wish. Good luck, Mr. customer.”

She let out a seductive breath on my cheek and swaggered into the kitchen. As I watched her strut towards the kitchen, I pulled out another cigar. However, she didn’t stop me this time.

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Bread, soup and meat stew. A simple A course. It is literally simple. What else would anyone want to eat in the morning? Although it was simple, it was just right for this time of the day. I stuffed a spoonful of the meat stew into my mouth and chewed. The delicious taste of the meat made me smile. Yesterday, all I could think about was getting some rest, but today was a new day.

Go Yeon-Ju rested her head on her hand and tapped her cheek with her forefinger. I looked over and saw her reading something with intense concentration. I looked away. I wasn’t proud that I didn’t know much about her, but I did realize that she loved challenging me; I was her favorite opponent. *Then again, did I ever say that I liked it?* I always felt better when I knew a lot more about someone.

“Chik Chik....”

Suddenly, as I read the day’s newsletter, I heard the sound of a tongue clicking. \*\*She also seemed to be reading the news reported about the Gold Lion Clan. In other words, she shared the same thoughts that I did. As I drank the Kimchi soup, I bowed my head in thought, thinking that recruitment into the clan might begin soon. At that moment, sounds of footsteps echoed from the staircase.

Tak. Tak. Tak. Tak.

It was the sound of someone coming down the stairs. Usually, when An Hyun and Yoo-Jung came down the stairs, they don’t make such sounds. And the sound of An Sol coming down the stairs is a little more cautious than this; uneasy but modest and graceful steps. The sounds players made while coming down the stairs differed, especially wizards.

As I listened to the footsteps, it suddenly ceased. I waited for the owner to come down the stairs, and when they did, I gestured at them with my left hand to come over. She hesitated for a moment, but she noticed my gesture, she came over straight away.

I felt her approach and stand just behind me, before greeting with a subtle tone.

“You are awake. Is your body alright?”

“... I don’t have much strength but it’s okay. Then...”

“Hmm. My party and I rescued you from the dungeon.”

The voice I heard was pure. Naturally, this was the female wizard who we rescued from the dungeon. I pointed at a chair in front of me, and she sat down on the designated chair with her head bowed.

“Thank you for saving me. I am Jung Ha Yeon, a second-year player. I have a regular wizard job.”

She settled for thanking me first, before revealing her name and her job. That was unlike the normal greeting etiquette; however, my first impression of her wasn’t bad, and I gazed at her for a few moments.

The beauty stared back at me with a blank expression. Honestly, although An Sol, Yoo-Jung and Kim Han Byul were all very pretty and charming, Jung Ha Yeon wasn’t only a beauty, she also had a unique charm about her.

Piercing, Innocent deep-set eyes, and a short hair which didn’t reach her shoulder. She looked intelligent and exuded elegance. She was exactly like Kim Han Byul, but also

had a bit of An Sol and Yoo-Jung in her. If I were to take her to the University OT, she would be voted the number 1 beauty amongst the seniors.

“I’m Kim So Hyun, and I’ve been a player for 0 years. Inspection class.”

Upon hearing my introduction, Jung Ha Yeon’s eyes widened. However, she recovered briefly and nodded, waiting for me to lead the conversation.

The more we conversed the more her confidence grew until she was had a soft smile on her face. We both had questions for each other. But, I decided to go ahead and answer her un-asked question, first, in a calm voice; it was the first piece of information that she needed to know.

“Yesterday, our party rescued you from the dungeon and brought you here. If we didn’t, it would have taken 2 to 3 days for you to recover. I’m sure you will feel even better once you’ve had something to eat.”

“You’re nice. Thank you... Thank you.”

I called Go Yeon Jun over and ordered another A course meal. This one took a little more time than the previous meal, which took even less than five minutes, to get served. It shouldn’t have taken long, after all, it was the food left over from yesterday. I smiled slightly when her meal was served.

When I started to eat again, she also picked up her spoon. She hesitated for a while, but her hunger took over, and she quickly gobbled up some soup from her bowl and a bottle of water.

“I’m sorry... May I ask what happened to the others?”

“Well, of course. I’ll tell you everything, but after you finish eating....”

I deliberately turned around, feeling sorry. Once she had eaten a bit of her meal, I revealed to her that the archers and priests were all turned to pieces. Her younger sister, Jung Ji Yeon, became the mother of the monsters. She was pregnant and tired. I only made the revelations out of a keen consideration for her. It was a shocking news to deliver, especially while she was eating.

It wouldn’t have been hard for her to piece together what had happened, after all, she had been in the Hall Plane for two years already. Her face turned ashen and tears flowed down her face. I tried to comfort her.

“Don’t cry. The monster was destroyed, and there is still one person who made it, albeit still unconscious...”

I was barely able to say that as I was aware of the real situation. Jung Ha Yeon nodded and wiped her tears.

I gazed at her with a sad expression and shook my head. She silently listened to everything else I said without anymore outbursts, but distraught was visible in her eyes.

For a while, there was silence at our table. Jung Ha Yeon had stopped eating as if she wasn't hungry or her appetite had vanished. She just stared at the dish in silence. She kept her head down, and I gazed at her, deciding it was time to speak.

I didn't tell her much, only the details that were necessary for her to know. I told her how I entered the dungeon, but I skimmed over the part about finding a player's corpse, for now. Jung Ha Yeon listened with rapt attention while holding her spoon. It wasn't easy for her to take it all in, yet she still listened with full concentration. Her reaction made me feel a little apprehensive about her wellbeing.

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My narration included finding the male priest, then going to an empty lot. After my encounter with the spiders, I found a female player in that lot. When I mentioned the female player, Jung Ha Yeon's eyes suddenly lit up.

"That's Ji Yeon... ah.. She's my sister."

"I'm sorry..."

"N-No way..."

I summarized this part as slowly and as cautiously as I could. She had been hung in the air, and spiders were being born from her. She spawned those spider eggs after being raped by the monster. However, I didn't narrate these details. This was a world where ignorance was bliss. After all, this recollection wasn't a kind one.

"... so I killed her. I could have left her alive, but I was saddened to see a human in that situation. She also seemed like she wanted to die."

When I admitted to killing her, I stopped for a while.

An uncomfortable silence ensued between Jung Ha Yeon and I. As I had expected, she was staring at me with an expression of utter shock. I didn't avoid her gaze because I never intended to hide that information from her. I needed to reveal everything to her if I was to have any hope of recruiting her. Naturally, I didn't state my intentions, but I did speak very carefully, with the intent of being as honest as possible about the demise of her sister.

Another reason why I disclosed that fact, that I had killed Jung Ji Yeon, was to make Jung Ha Yeon aware that the situation couldn't be helped, at all. If she really thought about it, she'd understand that Jung Ji Yeon was better off dead than being constantly abused by the monsters, birthing more of them. Additionally, she wished for death.

After Jung Ha Yeon stared at me for a while, her lips parted, and she spoke with a shaky voice.

"Not at all. She couldn't be have been birthing those things..."

"Honestly, this is difficult for me to recount as well. If you want, I can describe it in more detail, but I wouldn't recommend that. Every time she gazed at me, her face was filled with hope, so I did what I thought was best. At least, I can tell you that she passed away without any pain. I'm sorry."

"Ha... I guess. She was strong and filled with confidence. I hated being hit by the monsters... If she was pregnant... it must be... "

Jung Ha Yeon's voice trembled so much, that, at the moment, she burst into tears. I closed my eyes sadly. Her gaze didn't falter; she continued staring at me-even in tears. The inn was completely silent, except for the sobbing sounds.

But, at that time, the only person who knew how horrible the experience had been was Jung Ji Yeon, who experienced it for herself. The outcome would have remained the same even if I had saved her then, so I had to kill her.

Jung Ha Yeon wiped her tears, but her shoulders still trembled for a while. I watched her dry her tears and try to sound stronger. Although most mages were adept at controlling their emotions, it was intriguing to see her do in person. It was obvious that she had anger boiling on the inside, but she didn't reveal any visible signs of it.

"What happened to the monster? By any chance, did you kill him?"

"Yes, I eradicated it."

"How did you manage that? It would have been very difficult for many experienced players to even flee."

"It's complicated."

Just as I had recounted the previous night's events to the kids, I proceeded to recount them to Jung Ha Yeon; a recollection even less truthful than the one I told the kids. I told her that my team were on the verge of going extinct, when Vivian saved our lives. I also told her that I had restored Vivian's body and had now placed restrictions on her via a contract.

Since the worst parts had been said, I just told her everything that happened afterwards. Jung Ha Yeon nodded slowly all through my story and stared at me with blank eyes when I was done. I sighed. She seemed lost in her thoughts for a few moments before asking me a question.

“So, the spider turned back into a human and is now in this Inn?”

“Yes. She is recovering, but now that’s she’s become human again, her regrets are deep and great. Once the wizard was turned into a spider, her ability to reason deteriorated into nothing. She was no longer able to think and feel like humans do. She also wasn’t in control of her actions, and it is still hard to see her as a pure human.”

“I understand all that. You’ve said that you will travel and act alongside her. I think that’s dangerous.”

“If it wasn’t for her, I also would have also in that place. It may be laughable, but I choose to trust her because she saved my life.”

“Hm...”

Jung Ha Yeon donned a complicated expression, making evident what she felt in her heart. I continued softly.

“Back then, the spider instinctively viewed the players as intruders who had invaded her home, and it was angry with them for laying waste to her subordinates. I know that you’re upset, but she’s human now; there’s no need to seek revenge. There are also other players who do not see her in a good light. This party isn’t like Meuna Gouna.”

“..... I don’t know. Honestly, I want to go and get revenge right now. I don’t think I can understand your, Kim Su Hyun’s, feelings. Hmm... I don’t know. I need to think about this a little.”

“That’s up to you and your heart, then. As soon as the other player wakes up, I will give you both back your equipment and every other item that we found on you at the time.”

At my words, Jung Ha Yeon nodded and smiled.

“Thank you, but it’s alright. We failed to get into that dungeon and should have died if not for your help. Therefore, all our items and equipment should belong to you, Mr. Su Hyun from the Hall Plane. We are just satisfied with our lives.”

“We got souvenir items from other players, thus, we have received enough rewards from the dungeon.”

At my words, Jung Ha Yeon’s face stiffened. She then gazed at me with a different expression.

“... you’re a 0-year player?”

“Yes.”

“I was once at that level as well and remembering my experiences bring me a warm feeling. Thank you. I really appreciate your courtesy. Honestly, when you admitted to killing Ji Yeon... I could only feel hate for you. About now... I don’t have any more to say in regarding that. I’m sorry.”

“You’re welcome. If there had been a way to save Jung Ji Yeon, I would’ve done that by all the means. I’m just satisfied that you understand.”

“This is the Hall Plane, after all. I will never forget this grace that you’ve showed me.”

Her face couldn’t conceal her bitterness. But, for some reason, I suddenly felt like laughing. She was a good liar, but that was her character. Jung Ha Yeon was only human; she felt confused with everything that she had heard regarding her sister’s death. It was up to her to decide if she was going to believe me.

I still had 500 gold, a jewelry pouch, a bag of potions, and a book that could be used to advance to a rare class. Thus, the value of their items and equipment paled in comparison with the harvest my team and I earned from the dungeon. Keeping their items and equipment for myself would only serve to heighten her suspicions, causing her to be cautious around me.

With this, the hard part was done. It was now time to figure out how to recruit these players in the future. If I were to have a good relationship with them in the future, I’d need to start building it up now.

I urged Jung Ha Yeon to finish her meal, and she nodded and bowed her head, but her hand, which held her spoon, couldn’t stop trembling.

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Afterward, the kids came down one by one, followed by Vivian and the second player who was rescued from the dungeon. He had an innocent and good natured face, which was ridiculous; after all, the Hall Plane wasn’t meant for these kinds of people. Jung Ha Yeon went on to recount my narration to the male player, Shin Sang Yong, and he expressed his gratitude to me with a bow so low, it was almost a kowtow. He was almost crying when I gave them back their items.

“Tha-tha-tha-thank you! Thank you so much! All by your grace! I’ll never forget you!”

When I asked Jung Ha Yeon what she planned to do in the future, she shook her head sideways. I realized that I may have popped the question a bit too soon; after all, they

needed time to think. However, it did seem like they planned to stay in the city until they could sort themselves out and decide what to do.

As I had promised, I gave them back all the items that belonged to them. Jung Ha Yeon pulled out Ji Yeon's robe, looked at Vivian and spoke.

"When I think about it, I realize it wasn't right that you got turned into a spider. There are some who will blame you for your actions and others who will not. Although I sympathize with your plight and understand the circumstances, I am not convinced. You are to blame for being impudent; after all, humans are selfish by nature. But when I look at Mr. Su Hyun and remember the grace he has shown us, I try to look at you without any hard feelings, but that is impossible for me right now.

Vivian remained silent and kept her head low. Finally, Jung Ha Yeon and Sin San Yong walked out the door. Shin San Yong seemed like he wanted to ask us a bit more question, but after recognizing the situation and seeing Jun Ha Yeon's attitude, he decided not to.

Before they left, Jung Ha Yeon said goodbye respectfully, and I told her that I would like to meet again and she nodded. I wanted them both to quickly find a place to stay, so they can return to us. I really did hope that the time would come faster than expected.

We watched them leave in silence, and the first person to break the surrounding quiet was Yoo-Jung.

"The Unnie is great. If it were me, I'd probably have been swinging my dagger around already."

"Well, she is indeed."

When Yoo-Jung expressed her admiration, An Hyun nodded in agreement. An Sol watched her leave with an unhappy expression. After watching them leave, I spoke up.

"That's it, then. I'm surprised that are players with that much self-discipline. If she doesn't discard it along the time, in time, her name will become famous."

There were no lies in my words. Despite learning of her younger sister's death, Jung Ha Yeon still showed extreme self-discipline. I once lost a teammate, and my reaction to the cruel reality was the exact opposite of Jung Ha Yeon's calm demeanor. Maybe I could build a rapport, and eventually – relationship, with this player who could control her emotions just as well as experienced players in the 10th year.

"Huh. It is not easy to be in the 10th. I also know that."

"Huh? What are you talking about?"



I shook my head to set aside those thoughts. Jung Ha Yeon had left a deep impression on me with the attitude she displayed during our conversation. I continued with a calm voice.

“Nothing. How about your bodies?”

“No problem. I thought I was going to die from exhaustion yesterday, but today, I feel fine.”

“I’m still a little tired.”

An Hyun nodded and turned; he was fine. Yoo-Jung seemed a little sick. I turned and saw An Sol and Vivian nod their heads; they were fine as well. But at that moment, I noticed that Vivian had tears in her eyes. This left me speechless.

“The break ended yesterday. I’m starting work and practice from today, so I will be out of town often-but only for practice. The next expedition will be smoother than the last one.”

Previously, they turned green at the mention of another expedition; however, this time, their faces were filled with determination. The previous expedition had made their shortcomings clear to them and given them an idea of what areas to focus on during practice.

I had to sort out items from the expedition, but new equipment for the kids. And as Vivian was our new addition, she also had to practice. The most important thing was that in the way we found the ancient alchemist Vivian, we also needed to find the records from the ruins. I had to sort out items from the expedition, and get some new equipment for the kids. Vivian, our newest member, also had to practice. It was of great importance that we find the records from the ruin, just as we found the ancient Alchemist, Vivian.

*First, I’ll let the kids practice.* I had other things to do in Mule. I needed to move and find more information on our next destination, the Ruins Of Institute.

The success we obtained from our dungeon expedition didn’t get me too excited. I was already trying to get back to my normal life, as soon as I could. The kids strived to be more devoted than excited towards their responsibilities.

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Naturally, it was normal for successful expeditions to spread throughout the city and stir up the attention of many curious players. I had initially considered that happening, but ironically, our successful expedition remained a secret amongst our team as the shrine hadn’t permitted us to report it for the time being.

At the moment, I could only see this as a good thing; it allowed me to take some time off. Obviously, I didn't believe our dungeon expedition results to remain a secret for very long; discovering the dungeon of the ancient Alchemist Vivian could only be categorized as an excellent performance. Later, when I decide to create a clan, this achievement will come in handy.

The kids' daily routine was the same. As soon as they woke up every morning, they began their mana training, and I would guide them through it individually. In the afternoons, I would do go out of the city for a rigorous practice session, only returning back to the inn before dinner. I would take the remainder of the day off as my personal time.

After dinner, the kids also get some personal time off which they used to relax or train. However, in my personal time after dinner, I train even harder than I did in the afternoon. Nevertheless, I still had a lot of work on my hands that I needed to do; organizing and managing our spoils from the dungeon, while rummaging through to the records I found about the ruins.

The matters of sorting through the spoils of battle that we gained from the dungeon and worrying about new equipment for the children took more of my time. Since I was in charge of assigning roles to the kids based on where they'd fit into, I would sometimes interview the kids individually in order to access their strengths and weaknesses.

Naturally, the kids were also called upon whenever I needed them to practice or show me the results of their training, and not even one of them got annoyed. They knew how busy I was, and how I also strove to get enough time to rest and sleep.

When I was done with all I had to do for the day, I didn't go to bed immediately. Instead, I would do my personal training till dawn. This particular training session didn't involve any swordsmanship practice, meditation, or physical training, rather, it was a routine geared towards stabilizing one's current strength, and maintaining it for longer periods, during battles.

On the other hand, my life was nothing more than a paradise. Every time I finished this training session, I would only get one or two hours of sleep before I got up and began my daily routine; sometimes I don't even get to sleep for an hour. The kids would always look at me with worry in their eyes, but I would brush off their concerns by saying "You guys will soon be able to help me out." Honestly, I didn't find this daily routine exhausting. Back when I fell into the forest of hell, I had to push past my limits every day. Compared to that, this life was quite easy going for me; it was nothing more than paradise.

I gradually increased the intensity of the kids' workout sessions. They were now more intense than they were the day we arrived at Mule, but the kids hadn't complained at all – not even once. On the contrary, they all joined me in my training sessions that carried on after dinner until dawn. I always had to send An Hyun back myself. Although the

physical exertion had no effect on me, the kids were still growing, so they needed enough sufficient time to relax and sleep.

However, it can be said that the attitude of the kids changed. It was a kind of adventure as well as a gamble when we went into the Dark Forest. Of course, the victorious joker Su Hyun intervened in the gamble even when there were a lot of dangerous situation that we had to face. In the past, there was no compulsion to follow, but now a days, I was willed to learn a lot. And, gradually, the kids' attitude changed over time. Our journey into the Dark Forest was, naturally, an adventure, but at the same time, a gamble. The comic of our team, Su Hyun, lightened the atmosphere with her jokes-even when we were faced with some dangerous situations. In the past, there had been no need for me tag alone, but nowadays, I came with them because I wanted to.

I realized that I was better at teaching An Hyun and Yoo-Jung, so Vivian oversaw An Sol's training; she was more suitable than I was, anyway. Although this development upset An Sol, she accepted my decision. An Sol and Vivian were both mana users, so I wanted them to train together and hoped they'd get to know each other more.

I kept the items we gained from the dungeon, especially the jewelry, potions and books which I decided to keep in the general storehouse. I didn't want to sell the jewelry because they were too high quality. *Maybe, we'll find some use for them later.*

Everything else was sold off. The spoils from the goblins and other monsters were sold. I was able to make a profit of 150 gold from the sales. Additionally, we can activate the practice monsters only by paying 50 silver and 1 gold. The practice monsters could be easily handled by novice players.

However, naturally, whenever there was an inflow of money, there would also be an outflow.

The expenses that I prioritized were the ones that would be incurred from upgrading the kids' current equipment. It wasn't necessary to change all their equipment, just upgrading a few would suffice. The money I had made from the dungeon was 700 gold, so I boldly decided to invest 100 gold each into equipment for An Hyun, An Sol, Yoo-Jung, and Vivian.

Vivian's equipment wasn't that bad, so I had no needed to spend more on her than I spent on the kids, so, for her, I bought a magic robe (27 done) and a cane (63 gold), which would increase the circulation of magic in her body and keep her warm.

Sol didn't need much equipment as well, so I bought her a scarf armor (38 gold), which should wear on the inside, and priestly robes (46 gold), which would increase the efficiency of her sacred spells. I initially intended to change her staff, but when I asked her to hand it over, she replied, "Over my dead body."

"Uh uh uh. I don't want a replacement. I'll use this... this is a good one..."

“Why? I’ll change it to something much better. That isn’t a bad thing…”

“I don’t… No, uh. This is the first thing Oppa bought… Uhuh.”

“…………”

No matter how I tried to persuade her, Sol refused to let me change her staff. When I tried just taking it, she burst into tears, so I quickly surrendered and gave up. However, I was able to stick a gem onto it, effectively upgrading it. The gem cost 61 gold, and it had the effect of aiding mana activity within the body. Waving the gem around, while struggling to stick it onto the staff, made me feel like a woman. I did return the staff back to An Sol after the upgrade.

An Hyun and Yoo-Jung leaned towards offense more, so I had to focus my attention on their armor. Investing more money than I originally planned on them was inevitable.

Especially An Hyun. He specialized in close combat, so it was vital that I got him a pair of gloves much better than the other kids’. I wanted to get armor for his head as well, but I realized that it would cost 900 gold just to get him a full set of items. I had to make do with buying each item from the set one by one.

The first item I bought for An Hyun was a chainmail (124 gold), and afterwards, a chest shield (48 gold) and a leg protector (39 gold), which had been imbued with lightning magic. I ended up spending a lot more than I initially planned, purchasing the new equipment. . And after I had splurged a lot of money on him, he called me “father” by accident, inciting a small laugh from me.

Yoo-Jung was the dealer. Additionally, she had a special ability which required unrestrained movement in order to be more effective, so I couldn’t get any heavy equipment for her, which would restrict her movement. I bought her a thin and light ring mail (92 gold), which could be worn on the inside, and a monster leather armor (71 gold).

The leather cost 50 gold by itself, but one had to pay an additional 20 gold to strengthen its defense and reduce its weight.

Yoo-Jung’s one was too expensive, but it was okay, I just bought it immediately. Even though I didn’t like it on the outside, I was hoping that it was good inside.

The total expenses amounted to 520 gold. Over 500 gold was gone in an instant, and only 100 gold was left over. I didn’t bother me because the kids liked their upgraded equipment. I was pleased with my choices, but at the same time, I felt hungry.

Everyone donned their new armor, and I was able to admire their new looks. Although, I didn’t look like an expert myself, I still own my own equipment set of armor and gloves. I

smiled at the kids with a gaze brimming with warmth. Yoo-Jung came forward and examined my face.

“Oppa, You aren’t going to cry?”

“Why would I cry?”

“Why. Parents cry when they see their kids wear their uniform for the first time. Ha.. our kids are so grown. Sobbing. I’m so moved.” “Why? Parents cry when they see their kids wear their uniforms for the first time. Ha!” Yoo-Jung chuckled, “Shouldn’t you be saying ‘The kids are so grown up now. Sob, sob. I’m so moved.’?”

“I see,” I replied

Thak!

“Ouch! Ah... aish.”

I watched Yoo-Jung vigorously rub her forehead and signed. Frankly, I did feel good doing that.

Yoo-Jung was a starter when she first came to Mule. She was dressed in the player academy outfit and had a high status. Currently, she had already shown the disposition of an excellent player. She was so excited about the new equipment that she waved her dagger around, in front of me. Her smile made me feel warm and got me thinking, *Is this how parents feel when they watch their children grow?*

There were many gazes directed our way; some were brimming with kindness, while others brimmed with envy and greed. The equipment that the kids had on weren’t much different from most, but some players there didn’t own any weapons, and they only donned the players’ academy clothes which they had gotten for free.

It was so far for them to fit in to new equipment. They were like the players who aren’t busy worrying about their tomorrow and were eating comfortably today. It was the reality of the players who couldn’t enter the clan. I didn’t go to the clan, but within a month it was a miracle to buy the equipment. New equipment was a luxury they couldn’t afford. These sort of players didn’t worry about their futures and instead chose to eat comfortably today. This was the norm for players who couldn’t get into any clans. Although I didn’t join any clans, I raised the money to buy my equipment, and that could be considered a miracle.

I decided to upgrade my gloves when I left the Mule later on. With that, I had sorted out the equipment problem – which had been an exhausting task – so I heaved a sigh of relief.

Although the new equipment weren't of good quality – according to my standards, it improved the efficiency and speed of the kids' training routines, and they showed remarkable improvement afterward. This helped boost their motivation – which was worth I had hoped for.

The team's motivation was at an all-time high. The kids were so fired up, they wanted to go exploring again, but I refused their request. Even for explorers at a high level, immediately venturing out for another expedition just a short while after re-organizing from the previous expedition was not advisable. Teams were supposed to take a step back and try to make up for the previous expedition's shortcomings.

Objectively, the team was in short supply of personnel, equipment, experience, and ability. Especially, in terms of experience and ability. It just wasn't possible to venture out for another expedition so soon. One had to identify their own problems and fixed them, just like the process in Baduk. When one solves a problem, the level of the entire group rises. I had decided not to take that risk again-not until I had solved the problems we faced in the previous expedition.

As the days went by, we persisted with our daily routines. The kids were gradually maturing, and their growth was visible to the eyes.

Vivian was now a proper member of our party; at least, for now. The contract and her good behavior combined to make the kids relate a little better with her, but that was it. These kids had been with each other since the Rite of Passage, so they felt completely at ease around themselves. The same couldn't be said for their interactions with Vivian.

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Sometimes I wondered, *Are the kids being harassed with all this training?* Sometimes, when the kids start their early morning mana training routine, I'd see a female silhouette crouching in a corner, sobbing silently. Whenever I try to approach her, she would wipe her tears and retreat whilst shivering, and that made me feel really bad.

It was easy for me to guess why this happened often, but I thought it was best not to interfere. After all, in this world, some issues suffered by ladies could only be understood and dealt with by other ladies, so I didn't interfere; however, I knew it would be worse for the kids, seeing Vivian like that.

However, unbeknownst to Vivian, whenever she ran off, An Sol would gaze at her retreating figure with sympathy, while at the same time, Yoo-Jung would glance at her with a complex gaze. It was comforting to see that the kids weren't completely blind to her plight.

Sometimes, even An Hyun would express concern about the situation while I tutored him. Yoo-Jung was really smart, and not many things could elude her eyes. She was easy going and full of life, even when she was alone with An Sol and Vivian. Yoo-Jung

played the role of an elder sister, especially towards Vivian. She was always easy prey for Yoo-Jung's scolding. This made me laugh because I knew that Vivian was only being subtle because of the contract.

However, I didn't forget to caution Yoo-Jung.

"You'd better be careful."

"Huh? About what, oppa?" Yoo-Jung denied.

"I didn't do it. I don't know anything" said Yoo-Jung with an innocent expression, upgrading her denial. I smirked and replied.

"Vivian is a very strong wizard. This can only happen now that she hasn't gathered her thoughts together. When that happens, what will you do?"

"We have a contract."

She spoke with uncertainty, closing her mouth right after. I laughed a little and gave her a piece of advice.

"The current Vivian is like an angel. It is possible for a new personality to form afterward, depending on the situations. Although she is under a contract, change is inevitable; after all, the content of the contract is a little vague, and don't forget that Vivian has her own free will. Therefore, later, when she recovers her self-esteem fully..."

"Ho ho. Oppa, enough. You make it sound like I'm a bad person. It is necessary for her to undergo this process."

"Who said anything about you being bad? I'm just worried about what you say to her. Anyway, stay strong."

I patted Yoo-Jung's shoulder and walked away. She watched with go with bright eyes, but her heart had long since sunk and her mouth was shut tight. Perhaps, she had now grasped the profundity of my advice. I knew Yoo-Jung was a clever kid, *she will definitely consider my warning carefully.*

And, unfortunately, sometime later, when we finally went out to battle some monsters, Vivian proved my point. As soon as she entered the forest, she encountered goblins and had a hard time dealing with them, using her skills. Yoo-Jung, who was also present at the scene, had already activated her special ability and began to tease Vivian.

"Come on. I've killed around 32 spiders already!"

Although I had assigned a role to Vivian, I was rather curious about the power of her 66 rulers of legion ability. I had hoped that she would perform it and she did.

<Come on! Agnis! The ruler of the 24th legion of Chloride.>

Just like the secret class summoner that I had seen back in the first round. Back then, in the war between Atlanta against the hell, an entire army had been summoned. Although there was a clear disparity in power between rare classes and secret classes, the Chimera Alchemist was just as adept at summoning as it was at alchemy and could summon even summon chimeras and athletes from other worlds. The power of the Chimera Alchemist was definitely great.

Yoo-Jung teased Vivian so much that she began to feel stressed and irritated. However, Vivian's summoning instantly eradicated the monster, leaving Yoo-Jung stunned stiff. As soon as she was done, Vivian turned around and smiled at Yoo-Jung.

As I watched the magic circle created by Vivian, which was also a part of the magic she had invoked, I was impressed by her summoning prowess although I didn't understand how it worked.

The only problem worth worrying about here was her magic. It had even less points than her strength. I was also worried because magic wasn't so useful for attacking during battles. Although Vivian was a made proficient at summoning-and each of the 66 rulers who she could summon, was as strong as a legion by itself-her skills were only centered around magic.

From that point onwards, Yoo-Jung's teasing decreased. The kid was much clever than she looked. She began to engage Vivian in conversations more often, and Vivian who didn't understand the reason behind the sudden change could only nod enthusiastically.

The kids were progressing every day, so I strove to improve as well. As far as I was concerned, the safety of everyone on the team was my responsibility. As the kids and Vivian followed me and believed in me, It was important for me to improve my strength and exceed my limits.

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Early in the evening, after battling the monsters, the kids were exhausted and returned back to the inn. Once the spoils gained from the monsters were stored, everyone went to cleanse the blood from the bodies. When we came back down, the lobby on the first floor was packed with other players.

"Ah. Annoying."

Yoo-Jung pouted and put her head on the table as she waited for the food she ordered a long time ago



“What’s so annoying?” An Hyun asked.

Yoo-Jung frowned and pointed at some tables around them.

“We aren’t celebrity entertainers, yet they keep looking at us. It’s annoying. If they have something to say, they should just come out and say it.”

An Hyun smiled and replied

“Hmm.. surely, they must have seen how pretty my An Sol is.”

“I know. Oppa knows too, so don’t say such things.”

An Sol replied shyly, twiddling her thumbs. An Hyun smiled at her cute reaction, but Yoo-Jung sighed and closed her eyes. This kind of scenes wasn’t new to her.

I looked away from the scene and noticed that our table really was getting a lot of attention, and I didn’t consider it a good sign. Until a while ago, we would wear the academy uniforms, but In the past few days, we began to seem much better off than we once were. It was a lot of change for such a short period.

Some of these players may already suspect us of hitting a jackpot in one of our previous expeditions. 80% of the gazes directed at us brimmed with envy and greed, while the other 20% were just lust filled gazes focused on Yoo-Jung, An Sol, and Vivian. After all, they were very beautiful ladies with their own unique charms.

“You’ve suffered. Here’s the food you ordered.”

After we had waited for a fairly long time, Go Yeon-Ju walked over to serve our food. As Go Yeon-Ju approached us, An Hyun quickly straightened his posture on the chair, and Go Yeon-Ju chuckled when she noticed because she thought it was cute. Her current attitude had changed from what it used to be in the past.

“It is hard today, too.”

“Well, from the innkeeper’s perspective, it’s good for the business. However, the times of the day that these players choose to come here are a bit... huh?”

She was startled. An Hyun, who had been listening in on our conversation, suddenly got up at this point and boldly said.

“I will help.”

With a firm expression, Ah Hyun quickly rose from his seat and gathered the plates, which were used to cover the served me to maintain their heat, and took them back to

the kitchen. Go Yeon-Ju glanced at me, but I shrugged my soldiers. She sighed and turned back to An Hyun.

“You’re really a gentleman. Thank you.”

“Hm,hm. What? Someone helping is only natural.”

“It would be nice if everyone learned to do this...”

But that was my idea in the least. I pretended not to hear her words – which I knew were directed at me – took out a cigar and lit it. Since the kids were with me, paying rapt attention to everything, I chose not to play with the innkeeper; there will enough time for that another day. And yet, she still chuckled at me with a mischievous look in her eye. That gesture reminded me that there were other things I didn’t want to get caught up in.

As I shook my head and sighed at the thought, Go Yeon-Ju turned to face me with a grim smile. I frowned as she approached me until she was standing right in front of me. I couldn’t pretend to look elsewhere.

“.....”

Without minding that the kids were watching with full concentration, she leaned in until our faces were merely inches apart, gripped the sides of my chair and slowly sat on my thighs. If my pants were pulled down, everyone watching would think that we were getting it on right there, She leaned in even closer until our cheeks brushed, bringing her rosy lips to my ear before she whispered.

“Two people came in this afternoon.” She didn’t see to come that the kids were watching. Then she leaned

“... yeah?”

“They were searching for Player Kim Su Hyun, and when they discovered that you were out, they said they would return this evening. They were wizards. Does anyone come to mind?”

“Excuse me. What are you doing? Oppa, what is happening?”

When Yoo-Jung spoke up, I sighed and shook my head. Go Yeon-Ju smiled softly and with a sly expression in her eyes, she spread her legs even wider and my heart lurched, but in the next moment, she leaned back and got up from my thighs. An Hyun watched the development with a look of envy, and the girls were looking at me with dumbfounded expressions. I took a deep breath and spoke to Go Yeon-Ju with a casual tone.

“It would have been better if you informed me normally.”

“Oh, it has been so stressful that I had to sit down for a while. Were you imagining something strange?”

“You’ve said what you wanted to say, so I’ll get back to my meal.”

Go Yeon-Ju smiled at my answer and returned to the kitchen. As she walked away, Yoo-Jung scoffed, “What is with that person? I can’t handle it. Oppa! Are you like that? It’s not alright!”. Vivian slowly nodded in agreement.

Soon, everyone’s focus went back to the food. Since Go Yeon-Ju was a skilled cook and Vivian was hungry, she picked up her fork and dove her a meal, but the fork was swapped from her hand swiftly, followed by a scolding from Yoo-Jung.

“What did I tell you about meals?”

“Umm...”

“You shouldn’t eat until Oppa takes his first bite.”

“I-I’m sorry. I was so hungry...”

“An excuse? Great... Were you wrong or not?”

“I was in the wrong. Huk, huk.”

“Ugh. Crying again and again. Fine, I’ll let it off this time, but don’t do it again next time.”

Watching the scene unfolding – and realizing how hungry Vivian must be – I swiftly picked up a spoon and tasted the food. Yoo-Jung nodded; a gesture to Vivian indicating that she was now allowed to eat. Vivian carefully picked up her fork again. I sighed and scooped up a juicy piece of meat from my plate and placed it on Vivian’s plate. She innocently raised her head to look at me.

“Vivian, you’ve worked hard today. Let’s keep the good work up tomorrow, too, so eat a lot.”

Upon hearing my warm compliment, Vivian’s face brightened, and she nodded in elation.

“Yes!”

“Vivian?”

Yoo-Jung glanced at her with a brow raised.

“Oh. Thank You...”

Sol watched the scene enviously and An Hyun, who had been watching her, took some food from his plate and calmly put it in her's. That gestured brightened An Sol up immediately.

An Hyun turned to look at me, but I only shrugged my shoulders.

"There are just some things you should let go, especially during meals. Why is that so hard for you to understand?"

"Huh.. Oppa doesn't know anything. Sol is is pretty everyday~ pretty. This time it is Vivian who is good~good." "Hmm. Oppa doesn't know anything. Sol impresses everyday, but Vivian only impressed today."

I glanced at Yoo-Jung, who seemed mad at me for some reason, and at Vivian, who was happily eating the meat I gifted her, before sighing deeply.

When everyone started eating again, An Hyun raised his head from his food and shot at a gloomy glance at the kitchen, hoping to see Go Yeon-Ju. When he gave up, he turned to me and asked.

"Hyung. Hyung."

"What?"

"Earlier, you seemed a little friendly with the modest lady innkeeper. What were you talking about?"

The modest lady innkeeper... When An Hyun used that expression, which didn't exactly fit her, I laughed. I quietly told him that some players had come in searching for me and they seemed unfriendly. However, when I finished talking, I noticed that the table had long since gone quiet. *Why are these people so curious? Don't they know that curiosity killed the cat?*

These days, the kids were my highest priority. In the past, I hadn't tolerated any mistakes, but my attitude changed when I came back to the city. So, whenever I left the city to practice, no one would question my decisions in my absence.

"I'll come back again like today. I like that Unnie that we saved from the dungeon, but I don't like that man; he seemed too innocent."

"You look like an Unnie."

"What?"

Yoo-Jung laughed as she made fun of An Hyun. An Sol laughed as well and Vivian unexpectedly smiled.

I was just about to continue my meal when An Hyun called out to me.

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“Hyung, I have something that I want to ask.”

“Hmm?”

“By any chance, is hyung... waiting for those players?”

At the end of those words from An Hyun, everyone stopped moving. Yoo-Jung looked like she wanted to know what An Hyun was asking about. Vivian was sitting next to An Hyun and was just watching this scenario like a statue as if she was stuck there because of a spell. I could only hear everyone’s breathing, and their eyes were all on me.

I thought ‘Look at this guy?’ when seeing An Hyun’s eyes. And his eyes were completely lively and filled with politeness.

In the past, the kids asked me about venturing out and exploring, but I just looked at them in a bewildered manner. Since then, I have been implicitly resting and training. But this time, An Hyun turned back and asked me, and the main thing that he asked me now was ‘Are you waiting for the players to come? Are we not exploring yet?’

After gazing at An Hyun, I directed my gaze toward the other kids who were looking at me dazedly. I opened my mouth with a calm voice.

“Yes. Right now, I’m waiting for those two.”

“Ah....”

As soon as An Hyun replied by stretching that word, I scrutinized the kids to see their reactions. An Hyun and Yoo-Jung were just looking at me; Sol’s face was complicated, but Vivian’s face turned dark.

“So you’re going to add another one to our party?”

At the question from Yoo-Jung, I dropped my spoon into the plate and tapped my finger. Putting my face on my hand, I started replying to her question.

“I was going to talk about this someday, but maybe it’s better to talk right now.”

“Are you talking about getting more people in the future?”

“That too, and about the clan that we are going to make.”

I put my hand on the other arm and interlocked them. The surrounding area was very noisy. Players who spoke nonsense, players who were farting, players who were trying to kick the butts of other players, and people having serious conversations among their friends. I lit the tobacco and put it in my mouth.

“But will they come? We still have 0 years; it is still very little experience.”

An Sol ended her words, and the other kids displayed a sympathetic face towards Sol's words. There was nothing wrong with her words, but there was one thing that she overlooked. That thing was Vivian.

“That said, at the current level of our wizard, we don't need a caravan.”

“Eh? Aren't we the players who are still lacking?”

“Not anymore. There's Vivian.”

The kids sight turned towards Vivian in that moment. And finally, Vivian, who was stuffing a full spoon of noodles into her mouth, stopped breathing, and her face turned tight. A few moments passed, and a few strands of noodles were hanging out of Vivian's mouth, hanging mid-air. I opened my mouth after seeing her reaction.

“You can eat, Vivian. It is alright. You guys too, listen while eating.”

But the kids didn't even take a bite. Vivian had a smiley face, ate the noodles, and put down her cutlery. I stretched out my hand and wiped the food that was stuck on her mouth. Vivian showed a little rejection as she hesitated. Soon Yoo-Jung's breathing became rough, so I immediately took back my hand.

“You might have seen it before, but Vivian is a great wizard. The other day, at the Rite of Passage, we came across wizards in the square. Like Yubin.”

“The same year whom Park Hyun-Woo followed?”

“Yes. She is also a prestigious mage in Barbara, but even with two mages of her calibre, they won't be able to defeat Vivian.”

An Sol and An Hyun looked at Vivian with shining eyes. Vivian stopped for a moment and straightened herself. Yoo-Jung had a poor face, and she didn't utter a single word.

“Three for offence, one wizard, and one priest. Maybe the caravan rate is exact right now. Nevertheless, waiting for those two wizards... I think they are suitable recruitment candidates for the clan.”

I stopped talking for a while; I inhaled the tobacco and let out the smoke. I smiled with satisfaction as I looked at the ones in front of me. The kids were waiting for my next words without a single word.

“I want to create a clan with two noticeable characteristics. One small group of elites and one with a nature of mercenaries.”

“A group of elite and... mercenaries?”

An Hyun seemed to understand. The kids all looked up. To be honest, the mercenary clan was a little difficult to understand and explain, too. However, I decided to explain it in simple terms for them.

A few them were literal things. If you create a clan, you'll need to do a few things in the future. I didn't mean to create a clan that receives hordes of people just like that, but I want top-level players or someone with qualities and potential to be a top-level player.

This was only possible for me. To see the top-level players and grasp their achievements – it wasn't an easy task to grasp their abilities without having the third eye, like I do. Of course, there are some users who possess great stats from the very beginning, but there were also some players who needed a little molding. But, there's an ability to measure the abilities and stats of the players. I remember some of the prospects of the new players. It becomes very advantageous for recruitment in the future. But.

“And to do that, our clan should have a good reputation. If the clan that we create appears to be small, it is likely to be rejected as a clan even if we could recruit others. So, I want to make a clan with mercenary characters.”

Vivian and Sol were listening to this intently. However, the faces of Yoo-Jung and An Hyun had frowns on them. Their brain wasn't that bad, they could process it well, but they couldn't understand it for some reason. I had to give the kids some time to think about this.

The first person who spoke the words, as if in an emergency, was Yoo-Jung.

“Oppa! I don't understand. What do we have to do with building a clan with mercenaries?”

“The mercenaries are those who receive money and carry out referrals. There isn't one clan that is similar to this concept. Everyone is doing the tasks that is assigned by Barbara and their corresponding roles in the city. If there was a clan with these characters of mercenary in the middle, everyone will surely get interested.”

“Still... I don't think it will be easy that way... I wonder if the already present clans would accept this.”

I smiled faintly. By the time we left Mule, I was going to tell them that I was a swordsmith and that Vivian was a Chimera Alchemist. In addition, we can make another chimera alchemist, and if luck follows, I can mould An Hyun as a maker too. Could someone ignore a clan with three rare classes?

The answer was a no. There would be a few who would entrust us in the first place, but conversely, some of them would try to merge with us. We would continue to grow gradually while maintaining the neutrality.

When I was thinking about this, I heard from An Sol who was quiet until now.

“Oppa. Then, are you thinking about free mercenaries?”

“Yes.”

Indeed an honor student, An Sol immediately knew what I was thinking. She smiled for a while and then continued.

“I was curious as to why you did not register as a citizen of the Northern Continent, so you were thinking about this. I heard that if a player registered himself as a free mercenary, I heard that he and the clan suffered from disadvantages compared to the clans who were registered as ordinary citizens.”

“It is hard to consider that as a disadvantage. They just don’t get preferential treatment. You can think of this as keeping our lives the same as now. And if we join them, your life will be torn down by their preferences. You won’t have a chance.”

Free mercenary registration. Free mercenary clan. In other words, it was said that there would be no need to be tied down to any city in the North. As long as a clan resides in the Northern Continent, the normal players can give them duties according to their wish in any situation or in emergency.

However, free mercenaries are different. It can be said that they have been liberated from all such responsibilities and duties. As such, Sol does not receive any preferential treatment, but there are funny things, that is, if you look at this in a special way.

For a registered clan, if you earn money later on, you will be exempted from buying a clan house or a private house or guild. Or, you can choose to protect the people. In a large number of expeditions, general players who are registered will be selected first. Or if you hit hard at an exploration, you will have more than a certain amount of support at the city level, help you in recovery, and so on...

At first glance, there are many clauses that will be drawn, but if you look at it in detail, everyone will have a good light on them. As I went to the second half, it was nothing like this Hall Plane. Of course, there will be more provisions, but they will eventually get



worn out. In the future, the value of a free mercenary status is much higher than that of an affiliated clan's privileges.

That future is not that far. It had been over a month since we arrived in Mule, so there will be a steel lane expedition like the one by the Golden Lion Clan that will depart two months later. If you're mindful of the coming civil war, all of the above provisions are nothing more than idle sculptures. And at that time, there will come a time when the identity of freedom will shine, and the power of justifying freedom would come into existence.

It isn't bound to a continent nor is it bound to a city. Such power and cause can keep neutrality in the action.

But I couldn't say all these things to them, not now at least. The kids still lacked the ability to judge what was right or wrong. As for a simple battle, their eyes have opened a little, but that was it. It was a little unreasonable to demand kids in the Hall Plane to respond on the sensitive flow of this world. However, if we don't go through that flow, we will be abandoned.

The table was silent for a while. The surrounding noises were also very small. I looked at Vivian who had a thankful face while looking at us. I saw that Vivian's eyes twinkled. I decided to see these as important things, so I would have to shield my mouth and prevent the leakage of more words. I just responded to her with a bright smile.

"I'll do it. Honestly, it was the same as when I left Barbara. But, hyung succeeded soon. I don't know much about this yet, but for now, I'll just believe and follow him."

An Hyun calmed his breath and declared his decision. I nodded my head in response.

"Yes, Since there is still time on your hands, think slowly. There will surely come a time for the free mercenaries to shine. That is what I think."

Yoo-Jung just nodded with a face that didn't understand this yet. I couldn't imagine Sol rebelling against me in the first place, and Vivian was following my lead because I wrote the contract. Rather, An Hyun seemed a little excited as it was going to be a small group of elite people.

"Hmm.... Then do you think that Unnie has the qualities to be the top user?"

"Right. That player and you guys, too."

"Ha... But who was he? Was he called Shin Sang Yong? I don't know that guy much."

I listened to the words of Yoo-Jung, and I immediately reviewed Shin Sang Yong's information.

< Player Status >

Name: Shin Sang Yong ( 2 years )

Class: Normal Mage Expert

Affiliated Nation: Barbara

Clan: –

Nature . Nationality: Those who seek the truth of magic . Korea

Sex: Male ( 28 )

Height . Weight: 183.7cm . 69.2kg

Alignment: Lawful. True

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

Again, the wizard has sufficient magic ability. It would be real nice if the strength, durability, and agility weren't so low. Though only those conditions were met, but he was still a mage. This was why I'm currently putting Jung Ha Yeon on top of Shin Sang Yong.

Of course, the magic was high and the other abilities were good too, but this was like a scheme. Just like mine.

Given that this was the ability of Shin Sang Yong in just his second year, it could be observed that he has the quality to become a top player. But, I have yet to form an impression of him. In truth, I was setting the standards for assessing his final worth.

'Those who seek the truth of magic,' it was hard to assess that as this was the first time that I was seeing it. But, it was a bit depressing after I looked at the special abilities and the latent abilities.

It was then.

"Mr. Kim Su-Hyun."

I heard a voice calling me, and I felt door of the Inn open behind me. Soon, familiar footsteps could be detected. The people did tell that they would come back again today.