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Chapter 81 New Face (3)

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As expected, the players who opened the door were Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong. It would be nice if I could turn my body and see them, but it was hard to do so. Shin Sang Yong seemed fine, but Jung Ha Yeon's face was miserable; it felt like she had suffered a great deal of pain. But still, it seemed like she wasn't down for the count, because her eyes were still alive and clear.

Jung Ha Yeon was a kind of player who had no difficulty to gather attention. It wasn't just her appearance. My experience of being in the Hall Plane for 10 years and my subjective eyes tell me that this woman is the real deal. It was a complicated feeling to explain; it was like I should catch her, literally.

But I couldn't reveal my inner thoughts. I stood up and greeted them with an absurd expression on my face.

"I heard you came in the afternoon."

"Yes, I heard that you and the members of the party went out of the city."

"It wasn't an expedition, but we were just out to build up combat experience. Anyway, sorry to make you walk again. Sorry."

"No. If you say it like that, we are the ones more sorry."

It was polite. She lowered herself but didn't lose her grace. It felt dignified, and I nodded my head at her answer. Quick with her actions, Yoo-Jung already dragged two more chairs. After a brief period of greetings with Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong, we all sat down.

For a while, Jung Ha Yeon and Vivian looked at each other. However, Vivian turned away her gaze soon. This slightly awkward atmosphere encouraged us to go back to our meal, but the two had already had their meal, so they refused to have it again.

"Have you settled down a bit?"

"Honestly, no. It's hard to sort things out because of the death of my sister. I'm still grieving, sad, and angry."

At that candid answer from Jung Ha Yeon, all the kids swallowed their breaths. Especially Vivian, she clenched her face.

At the unbelievable answer from Jung Ha Yeon, I went back to tasting. But this answer wasn't so bad. It would rather be disappointing if she had lied and hid her feelings. Shin Sang Yong pulled on her robe and spoke out with a small smile.

"After breaking up with you guys, we went into an Inn where I stayed the last time with sister. I went in, hugged Je-Yeon's robe and cried. I almost cried the whole day."

Now, Jung Ha Yeon's face was calm and straight. It was as if her crying was a lie. The kids all looked at Jung Ha Yeon with a sympathetic face, but I didn't. There was something that she hadn't spoke.

I also lost my brother in the first round. At that time, I entered into a murder spree, and it lasted for one week. After killing millions of enemy players and racing towards blood, I could barely sink my anger away. And as far as I can tell, Yoo-Hyun still cannot forget her brother Han So-Young.

Her attitude was in contrast with the present. If Jung had concealed the feelings within herself, she was definitely a scary person. But from the time they came in, I had triggered my third eye, and what she was saying seemed to be true.

I stared at Jung Ha Yeon's face with an impassive expression for a while. "How can I control my emotions like you do?" It almost came out of my tongue, but I barely managed to swallow it. She saw my gaze and turned her head away, towards Vivian.

"I, we killed your men, we killed your children. And you killed my sister and my party."

"... Yes."

"I don't feel uneasy for killing your children and men. And I'm not sorry at all. Because originally, humans are animals. But I still want you to acknowledge that you have done a bad thing to my sister, at the least, and apologize sincerely."

"....."

"I still can't understand. However, if Mr. Su-Hyun favors you, the words that he gave us are true, and if your mind had reverted to being a human, and not a monster, then prove it to me."

Jung Ha Yeon continued talking with a fierce expression. Shin Sang Yong was looking between and me and Ha Yeon's face restlessly. In a moment, in a soft, charismatic way, my mouth transformed into a thin line.

Simultaneously, Vivian bowed her head too easily compared to Jung Ha Yeon's serious statement.

"Sorry. I'm really sorry."

"I know and remember what I did when I was a monster. But I didn't have my will. However, if I were a human with the intelligence of a human, it would have never happened. At that time, I didn't know that you entered my dungeon and killed my men. I don't think I'm such a person now. But, for what I did to your party and your sister, I don't know if you'll forgive. Even so, I'm sorry. I know that this isn't enough, but I want you to know my inner feelings."

Vivian's face was different from the usual. Not a blank face that she wore daily, but a face looking for forgiveness. Yoo-Jung looked at Vivian with her mouth open. I also admired her for the first time, then I gazed at Jung Ha Yeon once again.

"..."

Jung Ha Yeon hadn't spoken a word at all. She opened her mouth once, but closed immediately. And then opened it, and closed it again. It seemed like she wanted to say something, but her throat seemed to be out of it. She eventually closed her eyes. It was as if she was putting effort to control her emotions.

A moment of awkward silence passed. But that silence didn't last that long. Jung Ha Yeon opened her eyes immediately, and she opened her mouth with a sudden voice. Vivian still held her head down.

"Please lift your head."

"Sorry. Sorry."

"I don't know what your real feelings are. At least your attitude makes me say nothing towards you. Please lift your head. And Mr. Su-Hyun, I'm sorry for troubling you and your party. Nevertheless...."

I lifted my hand and blocked her speech. When Jung Ha Yeon saw my signal, and I spoke in a soft manner.

"You don't have to say anything more. I'm thankful to Vivian right now, but I don't see her as a fine person. I fully sympathize with your situation and the heart of a player."

"... Thank you."

Jung Ha Yeon didn't even look at Vivian while speaking. However, I bowed my head and sighed deeply.

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After finishing up with the event, we came up to the room An Hyun and I use. The other players might misunderstand what might happen from now on. Near the room, as I opened the door with An Hyun, they saw a record of rolling maps with something written in them. Both Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong came in with our sign and their eyes were widened.

She asked me if she could look at the maps for a moment, and I just stared at her. For a moment, they watched it with interesting eyes. I laughed inside while watching Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong. The map that they are looking at now shows the process of finding a Research Institute where I found the ancient Alchemist's dungeon and the forest ruins.

They turned their heads towards me while wondering how much my capability to explore was.

"No, no, no way. Did you discover all this while you were searching for an ancient Alchemist's dungeon?"

"Basically, the approach was the same. Of course, I did have some luck."

"Wow, wow. This is awesome! No clues, no information, so close to the records, like this.... Wow."

Shin Sang Yong was shaking his fingers and stretched them. Shin Sang Yong possessed a slightly introverted personality, so he had been struggling to talk to people, but he seemed to be the type that expresses enthusiasm for his interests.

Jung Ha Yeon looked at the map with a lively face and then looked at me with an admired expression.

"This is great. Did you do this alone?"

"It's just idiot's luck."

"If you say it that badly. Do not underestimate your capabilities. This one, though. I think it is hard to put it into action."

"Unnie. Is what Su-Hyun oppa did a really great thing?"

Yoo-Jung clung onto Jung Ha Yeon. She was a little hesitant to talk with her previously. This was the first time for me to see Yoo-Jung trying to familiarize herself with the other person. Jung Ha Yeon had a slightly embarrassed face and looked at Yoo-Jung and laughed.

“Many players will call this finding a needle in the haystack, or picking a winning ticket in a lotto. But Mr. Su-Hyun has done such a good job in finding the needle or the winning ticket.”

Somewhat of a subtle praise. However, Yoo-Jung looked at me with a clear face and opened her mouth.

“Hey....”

“You asked me if it was great. Yes. It is great. Mr. Su-Hyun has done a lot of hard work here.”

The last words of Jung Ha Yeon contained strength in them. She looked at me after I stole a quick glance at her. The gaze that she used to see at the party, and the way she saw me now. Whenever I saw her, I felt familiar; she closely resembled Kim Han-Byul.

Of course, she wasn't identical to Kim Han-Byul and had characteristics that were different from her, too. But they were similar. However, Jung Ha Yeon had experienced this world far longer than Kim Han-Byul, and she was a prideful player. If Kim Han-Byul had experienced more, she was more likely to become like Jung Ha Yeon. Of course, it was only my words.

After looking at the records for a while, the two of them sat down together, forming a circle. It was a little ridiculous, but I did not have enough chairs to sit, and this wasn't such a good inn. So, I couldn't sit on the bed.

Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong nodded at each other, then looked at me.

“I came here looking for Vivian, but Mr. Su-Hyun asked me to come here, so here I am.”

“Yes...”

Jung Ha Yeon said so. Suddenly, I wondered why Shin Sang Yong raised his glasses. From now on, Shin Sang Yong, rather than Jung Ha Yeon, wanted to start talking.

“We, we have the grace of player Kim Su-Hyun. My life was rescued and... So....”

Jung Ha Yeon smiled bitterly as she watched Shin Sang Yong stuttering and sweating. I opened my mouth softly while maintaining my casual face.

“You may speak comfortably. And about what happened, anyone would have done the same.”

“Ah. T-thank you. Wow. When I'm nervous, I start stuttering. It is natural, kinda from my birth; it can't be fixed that easily. And....”

Sin Sang Yong had a sore throat for a while.

“Mr. Su-Hyun, you’re still in your 0th year, so you might not know it, but in any case, you don’t act like it. Well. Maybe you saved my life, but I cannot... It is a little embarrassing for the players to admit... but it is natural to take advantage of players’ desperate situations. Well... it could be a bit strange, but at least it is what Hall Plane is. That is why, we are so thankful.”

Of course. The reason they are thankful to me now is to say, “Thank you for saving my life.” If it were someone else, “Isn’t she pretty? Guys, this will be fun. Let’s taste her. Let’s touch her instead of saving her.” That wasn’t how I was.

If I was the me of the first time, I would’ve stripped them off of their weapons and never looked back. That’s for sure. If the kids didn’t have the eyes to see, and if they didn’t want to recruit Jung Ha Yeon, then the good might have been a bonus.

I liked the current status. He was pointing out that they were second years, and yet we could help them after having just 0 years of experience. He was carefully speaking, just like how a hyung teaches his younger ones on how to survive in this world. I recalled the third eye and waited for the following words from him.

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Shin Sang Yong seemed like he was a really introverted person. I started to feel a little frustrated as he was going around the same thing that he said for the past 5 minutes. I forced myself to listen as there were many eyes on me, but now, the kids were also putting up bored expressions.

“Mr. Player.”

When Jung Ha Yeon gave out a sign by asking in a loud voice, Shin Sang Yong shed an awkward laugh at this time. He took a deep breath and opened his mouth this time with his eyes shining.

“Have you come across the term The Magic Circle?”

The Magic Circle. I have heard of it, that was for sure. However, from now on, Shin Sang Yong will focus mostly on his own destiny than simple magic that he was trying to perform in the past. At the same time, I activated the third eye. I wonder what kinds of powers will come out.

< Player Status >

Name: Shin Sang Yong (2 years)

Class: Normal Mage Expert

Affiliated Nation: Barbara

Clan: –

Native . Nationality: Those who pursue true magic . Korea

Sex: Male (28)

Height . Weight: 183.7cm . 69.2kg

Alignment: Lawful . True

< Stats >

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

< Achievements (0)>

< Original Ability (1/1) >

The magic of Harmony (Rank: A Zero)

< Latent Abilities (3/4) >

Magic (Rank: C+)

Orthodox Magic (Rank: B)

Ancient Language decryption (Rank: D)

(Not yet bloomed)

“I don’t know how much I’ve improved at this moment. But I have one thing in common with the regular players. That’s... there was no special ability from the initiation of the Hall Plane. I didn’t have it from the beginning. It was a special case that evolved into a unique ability that wasn’t originally present.”

“That is....”

I just stared at him with curious eyes. He was speaking to me in a vague manner that I haven’t heard from him before.

“I’m sorry to say so. But these are my words. I don’t know how to study about it and my social life isn’t that great, and it isn’t the right thing to deceive others to help me.

Moreover, I want to disclose my player information to Mr. Su-Hyun from now on, even though this is unreasonable.”

“... That is a little burdensome.”

“You don’t have to feel like that. That’s what I just said.”

I sighed and nodded. To be honest, I didn’t have any special ability or inherent ability in the first place. It was rare sight to see in the first round (my first time in Hall Plane), but I remember seeing a few of those players. However, what caught my curiosity was the ability that he had, ‘magic of harmony’, a unique one.

Shin Sang Yong waited for my signal and then lifted both his hands immediately. Naturally, everyone’s gazes concentrated on Shin Sang Yong’s two hands. Except for one.

Jung Ha Yeon had been looking at Shin Sang Yong’s face from the moment he started to talk. Perhaps she felt that he was trying to make some judgment, trying to decide. I focused my attention on the two hands of Shin Sang Yong with a lot of concentration.

“From here, I’ll show you my unique ability.”

Hwark! Chchang!

After his speech, Shin Sang Yong started to sense magic around himself. Soon, there was a flame in one hand and ice in the other. He had two auras of mutuality. No way, that Magic of Harmony is....

Before my thoughts could be aligned, Shin Sang Yong’s both hands flared up. And now that the third eye had been activated, I was surprised to see that there were numerous magical particles between the palms of his hands. I was able to see that the eyes of Jung Ha Yeon were getting darker.

Shin Sang Yong had the aura of two different entities that couldn’t coexist with each other theoretically, ice and fire. He looked down at these auras with affectionate eyes, and he opened his mouth softly.

“Beautiful isn’t it....? This is my original ability. The name is Harmonious Magic.... Haha.”

Soon the fire and ice went away from his hands. It was definitely beautiful to see this here. Even if the exact extent of the power is unknown, the destruction it could cause for managing it improperly was very obvious.

I felt that the unique ability of the Harmonious Magic was crazy. If you can combine its aura with that of the Hwajung.... I thought for a moment, but I shook my head. I could

see the mark of Hwajung taking its toll on my body, and Hwajung was higher compared to the ranks and efficiency of this Harmonious Magic. Nevertheless, it was only a matter for holding Hwajung's power. If this harmonious magic were to be combined with my Hwajung, well, all hell will break loose.

Looking at the expression of the kids, Shin Sang Yong scratched the back of his head. He calmly continued, "It would be a little too much to say that I was its inventor. I was originally a worker at a research institute in Korea. I like to calculate, and I always had an interest in making things. And one of my favorite areas was magic."

The magic circle. A shape that arranges the natural number from 1 in a certain order, one by one, without overlapping or missing and keeps the numbers of each group in a constant manner/pattern.

"Nowadays, the principle of magic is to maintain 'harmony' and 'balance'. You might not know this, but there are a lot of examples that apply these theories and principles of magic into our real life."

The faces of the kids were getting stiff once again. Especially, An Hyun and Yoo-Jung who were right in front of me. They were literally turning that way. I saw them with a sorry look. Shin Sang Yong was feeling light, so he laughed and clapped his hands together.

"I came to the Hall Plane and got a job as a wizard. I wanted to be a priest, but the chief asked me and invited me to be a mage. Honestly, being a mage was right for me, but... I'm a little different from the regular mages."

That was for sure. They don't have such a special ability, but he did have a unique ability to possess such good things with him. Orthodox magic is what mages usually learn. What kind of decryption and other magic needed to be bloomed?

He did have the ability, and he also somehow managed to survive. But I was disappointed that he couldn't use it efficiently. If the rank of magic was high, it would be worth it, but both regular and authentic magic were at B Rank. I pretended to not know anything and waited for him to speak with a normal face.

"Learning to be involved in orthodox magic more than normal magic is quite an explanation in the Hall Plane. But still. Although it maybe the nature of this place, I was very interested in Alchemy. People around me didn't want to learn Pension magic, but I grew up learning because of my personal greed. Haha. Pathetic? It is a life that goes back and forth because the world has failed to face the reality, so I couldn't pursue my idea."

Yes. I was sorry. I wanted to say that. But I slowly shook my head.

“But I don’t regret it. If I hadn’t done alchemy for these two years, my original weak self would’ve been crazy.... This. The talk has become too long. Now, I will tell you the reason why I came here, Mr. Su-Hyun.”

Shin Sang Yong took a breath ‘hah’.

“Getting information from the ancient alchemist dungeon is the real deal. So I shared information with my noona Jung Ha Yeon and Jung Ji Yeon and packed up for a secret caravan. I didn’t recommend Golden Lion Clan because of their influence now. So, in my opinion, it was my responsibility. Had I not told them about this.... I still regret telling them.”

That is it. They didn’t just go in to the Dark Forest, but they even had the least information. I heard his voice quietly.

“There is a moral responsibility for what I did. But that is what I’m responsible for. And I’m responsible for everything. I was not reluctant to follow, but I decided it for myself. So...”

Jung Ha Yeon listened to the bitter speech, and Shin Sang Yong made a sad face. She didn’t want to hear this story anymore, so she decided to turn her head away.

“Even though we failed to get into the dungeon, we haven’t lost curiosity about ancient alchemy. I know that I’m acting like a jerk, but if it wasn’t for Mr. Su-Hyun, or if I was conscious, I might have entered the dungeon then itself. But that is no longer necessary because...”

After stopping for a while, Shin Sang Yong looked at Vivian with a distant face. He changed his sitting posture, brought his legs together and kneeled down. I couldn’t stop him; he was on the floor with both hands and remained there in a polite manner.

“I know that it is unreasonable to expect the dungeon’s reward and goods. And I don’t want those things to be secret. I couldn’t stay still when I heard that the alchemist still exists. Please accept me under her, so that she could teach me.”

“Shin Sang Yong. Get up.”

“No. I know you think that this request is too blatant. However, alchemy isn’t mainstream in Hall Plane. So, there is no way to get advice from a subordinate, no way to get advice at all. I only got through by self-learning... I still don’t know if I’m on the right track. What’s more, it has been a half-year-long feeling of being stuck. Maybe in this direction, I might....”

Shin Sang Yong was still speaking without lifting his head. And I was able to determine that he had tears in his eyes through his words. I closed my eyes, and a sudden memory came to my mind.

Now, I was more aware of the feelings of the player more than anyone else. I also didn't receive any teaching from others. I was a self taught swordsmith master, but when I was doing it, I still had emotions from that time.

It was like a huge wall was in front of me. I had to jump above that wall, but it was hard, and I couldn't make up my mind. The feeling of frustration at that time was out of desperation.

In particular, although it varies from person to person, it is safe to say that most of the stats are completely developed as they enter the second year. They don't grow up immediately anymore, but there was a need to put in enormous effort to change a single point or level. I opened my mouth with the softest voice I could.

"I read some old book, and I've seen something. The contents of the book are impressive, and I like them."

It seemed like Shin Sang Yong wasn't going to get up until he got the answer for his question. But I could see that he was concentrating on my words. However, as a second year user, it was true it was nice to see such a high level kneel down towards the zero year player. I continued speaking in a gentle tone.

"If you see a wall, you start worrying a lot that you have to jump. If you want to jump over your wall, it must be with your own strength. But somehow, if you jump over the wall with....."

I stopped talking for a while. After getting over the nervousness, I spoke again.

"The wall is a solid support, a support at the bottom of your feet."

"Ah...."

I opened my mouth as I watched Shin Sang Yong held his head as I opened my mouth. A request for a new service. I can't take him because I haven't judged him yet, because I didn't know that extent he could go, but still it was a good opportunity.

"I...."

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"Shin Sang Yong your suggestion is a little difficult."

Shin Sang Yong had the face that I expected. The kids were all looking at me with round eyes. However, accepting such suggestions was something a novice player did. I

know that this wasn't the person, still this was just a speculation and it could be defamatory for the group.

"We have a goal now. Taking Shin Sang Yong and his valuable talent as the student for Vivian will most likely cause a lot of trouble in achieving our goal."

"Of course. I understand. I also came with the intention to not hold discussion on this matter."

I gazed at Shin Sang Yong with diligent eyes.

"There is nothing more left for me because of the failure of this expedition. Of course, eating and living doesn't hurt, but that is all I do. Finally, I feel like I'm at my limit. I have lived my life out of luck till now, but I think it is hard to expect such kind of luck in the future. So.....I would like to be with the party of Mr. Kim Su-Hyun."

On the side, Jung Ha Yeon seemed to sigh. Clearly, Shin Sang Yong is a pure human. This was a very worrying but important thing. I turned around not knowing what to say. He is a person who spoke in a good way to the good people, and to the bad ones too.

When I hadn't given any answer, he hurriedly added.

"I think that I'm still comparable equally to the players of the same age. I am confident that I can help with just any one of the authentic spells. At least, I won't be a burden. And....."

He couldn't speak for a moment, and he was speaking in a spiteful tone as if he had decided on something.

"I will not ask for any benefits in the future. I would just be happy to get advice from Miss. Vivian and receive guidance from time to time. I will try my best to fulfill the goal of Mr. Su-Hyun and his party."

I can not afford to have this right now, it was like thinking about my future with my current ability as a collateral. I thought about the Chimera Alchemist book. At that moment, a lightning struck my head and I turned towards Vivian.

"Vivian."

"I'd do it for Su-Hyun."

Vivian immediately answered as I called out to her. It sounded peculiar, but that wasn't what I wanted to ask. I tried to ask what were the conditions to become a Chimera Alchemist, but this was how it had ended up to be.

The Harmony of Magic can certainly be seen as a tremendous inherent power. And if it is used well, it is quite compatible with the Chimera Alchemist. And this was my idea, but Shin Sang Yong might not be able to create his special ability once he becomes a Chimera Alchemist.

I'm just saying this, but it's rare for an ability to evolve into a secret class or rare class. There were a few different cases, but they are at least special cases, and the latent abilities that each class needs is different for each player.

General players can learn one special ability and four latent. Players with unique abilities lose one latent ability. I have a unique ability but I have preserved my special abilities and four latent by the achievement rewards.

But there could be cases like this. For example, you get a Summoner, then you must learn Summoning. Especially, if one already has a special, latent or unique ability, half of his job is already done. However, Shin Sang Yong's situation is different. He himself evolved a special ability for some unknown reason.

If one tries to upgrade to a rare class after having one latent, they may also be able to create special abilities with a low probability. Only if it is just.....

However, I can't just give him that book for the purpose of impressing him, and he would turn himself into a rare class. I think I can learn to trust him after watching a little more of him in action, and it won't be delayed much either.

Anyway, I thought that the proposal made by Shin Sang Yong was very appealing even though it put me in a thought for a moment. Players with good stats can be taken in freely under the condition of non-bias. As long as we had the book of Chimera Alchemist with us, it wasn't unreasonable for him to join in our party.

I turned my gaze and looked at Jung Ha Yeon. Originally, when Shin Sang Yong made the suggestion, he tried to put both of them together in his proposal, but now Jung Ha Yeon was not a priority. If I speak a bit more precisely, it was no longer needed to hold onto Jung Ha Yeon as a bait for the new members in s group. With Magic Harmony, Shin Sang Yong can be promoted to be a player with the same value of Jung Ha Yeon.

Of course, she was still an attractive worthy user. But there was no reason for me to hang onto her. By my standards, I'm still the best on the Hall Plane. I wouldn't have sent the Secret class Kim Han-Byul in the first place if I had been hanging by my neck.

It seemed that Jung Ha Yeon's worry on her face, deepened very much, as if she realized the intentions in my eyes.

A while back, Shin Sang Yong's words "I will do my job", and the Vivian's words "I'll do if Su-Hyun says", had lot of meaning. To tell the point, Shin Sang Yong declared that he

will follow my opinion entirely as a leader of this party if he was accepted, and I showed my position in the party through the response from Vivian.

He had a good reason to train in Alchemy, he was a minor. But that wasn't the case of Jung Ha Yeon.

To her capabilities, she could join another proven caravan or apply to join a clan. Of course, I don't think that there are any clans at the present, but I didn't know anything about them.

I activated the third eye while she was still in her concerns. I wanted to see her information in a little more detailed manner.

< Player Status >

1 Name: Jung Ha Yeon (2yrs)

2 Class: Normal Mage Expert

3 Affiliated Nation: Barbara

4 Clan: –

5 Native Nation: Water droplets on 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]

< Achievement (0) >

< Special Abilities (1/1) >

1. Number of Lakes (Rank: A Plus)

< Latent Abilities (4/4) >

1. Authentic Magic (Rank: A Zero)
2. Magic Current Application (Rank: B Plus)
3. Purification (Speed) Soul (Rank: B Plus)
4. Anti- Magic (Rank: B Zero)

I looked into the abilities of Jung Ha Yeon and I smiled in the inside. Latent abilities followed by the magic of a mage, and the lakes as her special ability. She will probably have something to do with the magic associated with water.

Especially, I like the fact that she learned the application of magic circuits and (疾速) spirits. If they were memorized in a good enough manner, they couldn't be used efficiently, but it said here that her rank is B+. This is wonderful for a player whom I met the small city of Mule.

Everyone saw me and Jung Ha Yeon looking at each other, and they had stiff faces. The children asked me to take in Jung Ha Yeon in the beginning, so it was sure that she guessed the treatment that Shin Sang Yong would get was because she was our first choice.

After a while, her lips opened slowly.

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“Good Morning.”

“Ah. Leader. Good Morning. Ha Ha.”

Opening the door Shin Sang Yong came down the stairs while yawning. When I greeted him in the morning, he greeted me with a lively smile. From his polite words, I opened my mouth with a small smile.

“You don't have to address me as leader. Every time I hear it, I get embarrassed.”

“But a leader is a leader. Did you wake up just now?”

“Yes. By the way, seems like you were up all night again.”

“I'm busy these days. It is time for me to practice, I'm not able to recreate what Master has taught me, and its time to go and practice for my personal training.”

Shin Sang Yong had a sincere face which was funny. I was a little envious seeing him being happy, but I just nodded my head.

“It is good to work hard, but please try to maintain your condition. Tomorrow morning we will go out and explore the city once again.”

“I think I'll go to sleep on time today. But when I hear these words from the leader, it makes me feel sad.”

Shin Sang Yong pointed out about my schedule, which is much tighter than his. I didn't have anything to say in return. So we just laughed at the same times. It was pleasant to laugh like that.

While he was talking, he was going out of his way to mingle with the members of the party. After Shin Sang Yong greeted me, he watched me go out the room as I opened the door, I turned away from him. Now a thought came in, what could this party of such gathered people be capable of.

When I walked into the lobby, I saw Go Yeon-Ju who was asleep on a table, but she opened her eyes. She was so tired that she wanted to sleep, so I just sat down in my place. And I just remembered the new ones Shin Sang Yong and Jung Ha Yeon.

In the end both of them came into our party, but in contrast to Shin Sang Yong, Jung Ha Yeon came in with a whole set of different conditions. She wanted to act for the party and stated the same as Shin Sang Yong. That she wouldn't take the advantages.

"I hope I will be let to leave freely in case I want to leave later on. This is my basic condition."

That was what she asked. We weren't formally a clan yet, and it wasn't so uncommon for the members of a caravan to leave it, so it was just on the normal footing. If Shin Sang Yong wasn't getting so friendly with the others, and since I didn't like him, I told him that he could also leave whenever he wanted to, he nodded his once or twice, but it seemed like he had no intention of leaving for a while.

Originally, as soon as they come out I thought of going out on an expedition but I changed my mind and decided to stay in the city for a few more days. Shin Sang Yong was in a state of wanting to learn, so he accepted my consideration.

Thanks to him, the most important person now was Vivian. Because Shin Sang Yong calls her as his teacher all the time, and most of all, the harassment of Yoo-Jung reduced greatly. That's why I was feeling a little delightful her liveliness in the dungeon came back.

The two of them, so far as I've seen are very, very good. And I was pleased. The past impression of these two wasn't present anymore, as every time I see them, they know what they are supposed to do even in my absence.

Shin Sang Yong and Jung Ha Yeon came in at the same time, but their behavior was the exact opposite.

Shin Sang Yong was living it really tight, everyday. He has already reached a certain level, and his profession is also different. But he raises early morning and begins meditation.

It could be seen from the way he was living. The behavior he's showing is either to impress me or to be faithful to his past. I saw this as a foolish thing, but at least it felt good to see this. He wasn't a genius, but he was struggling to rise somehow. I could understand how he felt.

On the other hand, Jung Ha Yeon was continuing her life normally. Frankly, she wasn't a human clock, nor was she tired of living on the schedule every second. She always went by time, the time to eat, fall asleep, and the personal time to practice. And the time to wake from meditation. She was showing concentration which was scary to see. However, she seemed to be flexible with her schedule and she changed it time and again.

In some ways, this could be because both of them have seen the Hall Plane. Even if one tries so hard, it was hard to be a top player. The kids also seemed to feel like that. I can see that they practice so hard, but these two always had the thought of being a top player and were living with that feeling from day to day.

I saw that the kids attitude changed a little by little after they came into the party, and it was in a positive manner. They do not lack desperation.

"It's time to go and see."

As soon as I was done talking with myself. I heard someone from the upstairs. The sound of walking again, at the same time. I smiled and then pulled the chair away very hardly. It seemed like it would better to wake up Go Yeon-Ju who was sleeping soundly.

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The party lost the colour from their faces as they watched the Institute reveal itself in front of their eyes. Especially Shin Sang Yong and Jung Ha Yeon, their lips were sealed. It seemed like it was a little difficult for them to accept their present situation as this was bit to soon.

"It..... it makes no sense. Even if it is beginners luck. This, this is....."

"Ha. I'm a I'm a little surprised."

Soon, Jung Ha Yeon who seemed to have got her composure back turned her sight towards An Sol. I laughed a little and went close to Sol by putting hands on my waist.

"Our Sol is really gangster."

Even though I got close to her, Sol hadn't shown any signs of rejection. She turned towards me and with a very innocent look and asked.

“I’m a gangster?”

“Hum. Yes. Our Sol is really the best.”

It was then Sol knew that I was complimenting her, and I saw a smile creep up onto her face. I lifted up Sol like the airplane and waved her in the air a few times up and down.

“Woah. Woah.”

Sol also waved her hands and shouted cheerfully. I put Sol on the floor and she turned again. On the third day after leaving Mule, we were able to find the ruins of laboratory.

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We finished the morning very simply and went out of the Inn. Everything was alright, except for the strange eyes of everyone and Go Yeon-Ju. The atmosphere of the party was very stable and the power of the party was further strengthened after the addition of two powerful wizards.

“But Unnie. I’m a bit worried.”

“About what?”

Yoo-Jung was following Jung Ha Yeon very well. The both of them had been talking with each other as if they were real sisters. I felt like a string of leashes were flying away from Yoo-Jung and holding onto Jung Ha Yeon.

Yoo-Jung looked at my face slightly and said to me.

“In the meantime, Su-Hyun oppa and we will hunt down the monsters on the outside, that is my guess. But Unnie and player Shin Sang Yong...”

When I listened to Yoo-Jung, I felt that my face was getting hot. And it got more hot when I heard the sound of Jung Ha Yeon laugh from behind. I wanted to look back at her, but it seemed better to just pretend as if I didn’t know anything.

So we passed the north gate and went in towards the north direction. If we went northwest we would see the Dark Forest, but north was just plain land. Well, it was beyond plain, it was a barren land, a barren land where end couldn’t be seen. This time we were going in this direction.

This time too I had a thought in my mind, and so I called Vivian in a quiet tone.

“Vivian.”

Vivian was in the midst of answering the questions from Shin Sang Yong. She smiled and answered his question, and was a little disgruntled when I called. She had been showing a little bit of rebellion these past few days. I lifted my hand a little, when I did that she smiled and she enjoyed it and laughed.

“Hmm. Su-Hyun. Called? He he.”

“Huh u. I’m sorry to call while you were in the midst of talking.”

“So be careful of the best..... ho ho ho. What did you want to say?”

I looked at Vivian who was sweating, and turned away with a smile. Currently Vivian is 24 years old, but she had lived as a spider for 100 years. I basically checked all the information, but still I had a feeling.

“In the past. Before you became a spider. Was there no laboratory in the north of Mule?”

“Laboratory? Huh. It was there.”

I heard the voice of Vivian responding me swiftly and felt that the steps of the party getting slow. I was quick and spoke with a little excitement.

“Then, do you know where it is?”

“For one thing, I don’t know the exact location of it is. I don’t remember anything much from that time. If we go all the way till the end in this direction, it will come. You didn’t know it?”

“.....”

As I listened to Vivian’s answer, which turned all my expectations into disappointments at once, I dropped my shoulders. But at least the information I had got about the place wasn’t wrong, so it wasn’t so disappointing.

The ruin lab is a place which was discovered when I wasn’t in Mule, so I don’t have a big memory of it. I just caught a glimpse of it from a newsletter when some other caravan succeeded in exploring the institute. Vivian went back to her original self with a frustrated face.

I could find it using the 3rd eye. However, that could get me into problems. It is obvious, that it did seem strange to find a dungeon once (alchemist dungeon) and this again, especially when the player wasn’t one years or two years, but has 0 years experience and a 0yrs player couldn’t have exploration ability.

Even if everyone was settled on clan, they weren't completely settled on the party yet. It would be nice to think like the philosophy of Shin Sang Yong's that 'everything is good', but I couldn't do it that way. At least not now, as the Jung Ha Yeon had her suspensions.

In the case of Jung Ha Yeon, she hesitated to join the clan and I found it a little offensive, I had no interest in recruiting people who had no intention in joining me. I firmly entrusted myself to the kids, that the book and other stuff will be revealed to the kids in the future, but that future was a problematic one.

I heard the voice of Sol, who saw me in distress and came to my side to comfort me.

"Oppa. It is okay."

I wanted to say that "What's fine.", but she would just breakdown in tears so I just smiled and turned away my head.

It was very long second day and after we walked, we were able to get out of the plain. The further we went from Mule. As we walked, we were stepping on the land that was gradually turning from greener to the rusty earthy colors.

After we entered the barren land, the party changed, from being friendly it became quiet. Not to mention, Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong were watching everywhere with their eyes similar to mine, if they could remember anything in the meantime.

In response to our expectation (?), the battle with the monsters happened immediately.

We couldn't just go on all day long, so we sat down for a break in the middle. We just sat down, drank water and chewed on the jerky, but a group of monsters approaching us caught my detection. One thing that was peculiar was the distance that was being reduced by the crowd was from underground.

"I think the monsters will come soon. Get ready for battle."

At my words, the kids were all puzzled. At that moment, suddenly, I saw something bubbling up from the surrounding land. I frowned and stood up.

"Wh, What? Earthquake?"

This is an earthquake. The voice was completely flustered, but the kids weren't still. An Hyun was ready bringing out his lance and Yoo-Jung was getting ready to enter the fight. I saw that Sol was already ready with her staff, and I opened my mouth.

"Not an earthquake. Land moles."

"Land moles?"

“Ground moles.”

I briefly answered them and simply I brought out the swords. The moles were here with a motive, and their instincts were based on hunting so they gathered around us. I was able to see them when I saw the rising bumpy land. So, now we were surrounded by them. At first glance, there were more than a dozen holes, but when I opened my detection, I could feel more numbers coming up from the bottom.

Soon the smooth ground was broken, and a rough and hard looking structure came up from it. Seeing the figure of those who were catching the ground, these were the land mole that I had expected.

The arms and legs were like that a human and the torso too. Seeing them I was about build a barrier.

It was then.

“ _____ Stream of Aqua!”

I couldn't understand it because it was spoken at a very high speed, but Jung Ha Yeon just finished her order with only three words, and immediately moved her staff forward. Soon the water came out of the staff and flew into the air and then it parted itself and flew towards the ten pits that were around us.

The speed of memorizing the order, the method of reaction against the monster, and the application of magic were all at full scale.

The land mole are those animals who live in the ground and feed on the flesh of humans. It is a miscalculation when people think that these moles are mischievous. It was stunning, rocky body, man like height and sharp toenails.

The bodies of theirs were hard and rough, so the attacks don't go well. This was a problem when it came to confronting them with a lot of magic or to stab them with overwhelming power. However, there was an easy way to get the land moles down.

It was to water the body. In other words, Jung Ha Yeon had the most appropriate response when opposing the monster, that land mole.

As soon as they pierced out the ground, they became drenched with the water. Sooner or later, they paused themselves, unlike charging themselves in the first moment.

Shin Sang Yong also stepped ahead this time.

“Miss An Sol. You should also prepare a magic spell from now. In case you don't know, well prepare a protective spell. Please cast the spell at the same time that I cast one on the land mole.”

“Yes, Yes?”

An Sol stammered when she heard that she was supposed to cast a protective spells on the land moles. However, hearing those from Jung Ha Yeon quickly cut off her magic power and began to memorize new orders.

“ _____ ”

Shin Sang Yong also cast it right away. For a while, the land moles were moving back seeing that a wizard was reciting the spell. It seemed like since we knew their weakness, they decided to run towards us faster than water. But our caravan had another wizard. She was someone who could destroy hundreds of the land moles, and it was the Chimera Alchemist.

“Come! ARANYA! The web of death that rules over the 32nd legion!”

Vivian also had been preparing her body and a metaphysical magic had been summoned. I could see that the spider came out and the magic circle grew in size. Unlike the common spider, Vivian had reinforced a chimericized spider Aranya.

“Aranya!”

At the cry from Vivina, Aranya had opened its lower jaw as she knew what Vivian meant.

“Shiahhhhhhhhh!”

The silver thread from the lower jaw of Aranya. Those threads were the webs of the spider. As if the living snakes danced, they spread out all over the place and caught all her companions.

“Kulik? Kulik?”

The land moles tried to break the thread with bloody sharp claws, but they weren't in a comfortable position. The land moles were just screaming out of their lungs as more and more threads were tightening their bodies.

Then Shin Sang Yong completed casting his spell and opened his mouth and moved his left hand.

“Miss An Sol. I'm going now. I will try to do it carefully, but I don't know if you can cast at the same time.”

“Eh? Yes, yes!”

“Chain Lighting!”

The words of Shin Sang Yong, ended the same time he spelled them, I could see a zigzag- shaped bolt bursting in series. The lightning, which went on for a long time, created a new sight when it reached the land mole on top of the head.

“Kyaahhhhhhhhh!”

“Kyuaahhhhhhhhh!”

“Keyahhhhhhhhh!”

A combination magic of water and lightning. However, Shin Sang Yong’s order wasn’t over. His left hand was still out, extended his remaining right hand. Did he want to do a double casting?

“Hold!”

Shin Sang Yong’s target wasn’t the land moles but the things that held them the webs, the rays that he shot. It was made so that there wasn’t any more diversion in them so the electricity would hit the land mole was soon as it was generated. And that was the timing of An Sol.

“Miss An Sol. Now!”

“Come on!”

An Sol was a little squeamish, but she managed to spell out her order after the urgent request of Shin Sang Yong.

“Protect!”

Even though it wasn’t all the land moles, some monsters could see the shield around them. And the pure voice of Jung Ha Yeon, rang everywhere.

“Reverse!”

“Ha.”

When Jung Ha Yeon’s voice was heard, Shin Sang Yong cut off the link that was connecting to his magic. Were they aiming for this, no way. I just looked at them with puzzled faces. And.....

With the protection around them and the reverse spell inside it, the land moles were literally turning into pieces. With the body that was caught in the webs, and the lightning that went out to them and hit them once again because of the protective spell around them, their body was getting badly beaten. Of course, every time the lightning hit, the

protective spell was cracking a little, but it was a good idea. An Sol was also stunned, as she didn't realize that the protective shield could be used in this manner.

The protective spell blocked the impact from coming outside, all the impact was on the inside. It would change the nature of reverse. Reverse is one of the high-end applied magic, and I thought it was great to use it so easily.

All the land moles inside the enchantment were terrible.

Those who were in the protective spell were already turned into pieces and were lying on the ground, and those who weren't were not much different. More than half of them were on the floor. And the others were panting on the floor, and I saw that they couldn't even cling onto their bodies with their strength. Now it was the turn to close this of.

"An Hyun. Yoo-Jung."

When I spoke in a quiet voice, the two looked at me and sighed.

"They are already disarmed. Lets go and have fun. I'll be the keeper here."

The two looked at each other and ran forward as if they were going into a battle. Similar to the form of burning fire. I smiled at them with my sword out and looked over at Jung Ha Yeon.

Jung Ha Yeon looked at me and grinned. It was like "This is my level, I'm good right?" I smiled at her face and she did the same.

And. I held onto the sword and ran in her direction.

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I charged toward Jung Ha Yeon and swung my sword with an immense force. My sword pierced the ground, and I pushed it even deeper and injected magic from my sword and into the ground. With a loud rumbling sound, the ground around my sword rumbled and crumbled open.

Jung Ha Yeon watched me with surprise, and she sighed in relief when she saw blood spurt out from the ground where my sword had pierced through.

"Pheew. Thank you."

"It was nothing."

I twisted the sword once and pulled it out of the ground. With a 'Shik' sound, I raised my sword up, and a small stream of blood leaked out of the hole. Shin Sang Yong was equally surprised and walked towards us with a gentle smile.

Meanwhile, An Hyun and Yoo-Jung were working hard, competing to see who could rack up more kills, and I didn't know who was currently leading in the massacre.

"I got twelve."

"I got fourteen, so I win."

"Shit."

I watched Ah Hyun thrust both his hands into the air and cheer loudly, while beads of sweat dripped down Yoo-Jung's face as she laughed.

This was a battle that was correct for the present count of the players in caravan. Of course, it was a little difficult to see the land moles because of barren land. At least in my point of view, Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong had a lot of hands-on experience and showed level headedness while battling.

In the meantime, these kids who always fought with their hands, were looking at them with shocked eyes, as they were unfamiliar with this style of battle. At the same time, I could see a burning feel inside the eyes of An Hyun. It was a dispute. I guessed why and patted him on the shoulders.

Other monsters refused to live here, and I could guess why. The only monsters that could thrive here were the ones that lived underground-the Land moles.

The biggest battle we faced was against 100 land moles in one go. We had been killing a couple of Land moles and will be killing more for some time because we were still in the middle of nowhere.

However, no player was aware of this, I also activated the detection continuously. As the day passed, it was getting dark, all the people, Jung Ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong included had difficulty because of it. I could handle it if I wanted to, I had to be careful because my vision is limited too.

In the meantime, my kids (.....) showed their strength. As a result, I didn't think that they were a player in the 0th year. They have demonstrated their outstanding abilities to combat, and to protect magicians and priests in a flash. Perhaps they were feeling inferior at what happened in the day.

Of course, with Chimera alchemist Vivian in the back, and Hyun and Yoo-Jung in the front, the range to defense was narrowed, but it was great. Wizards and priest were able to memorize the spells more comfortably as we progressed.

“It’s amazing. Are they really 0 years players?”

After the battle was over, Jung Ha Yeon was the first to say. she couldn’t understand, because it was difficult to see these kids as a players of 0 years. As for the title, which is that they had done a successful exploration with regard to their ability level and experience, they could be called as medium-level players.

“Great. It’s not an easy task to create and maintain a shield..... ”

And it seemed to have got a high score even though I built the vibration prevention in an instant, and connected effectively with each ones place. The compliments of Jung Ha Yeon seemed to lighten the kids. Especially, An Hyun was very gallant.

Still. Though they were a little compliments, I still felt pretty good. However, like the licorice in the drug store, Yoo-Jung came in and interrupted.

“Unnie. Our father taught us.”

“Huh? Father?”

Yoo-Jung looked at me quietly and soon turned around. Jung Ha Yeon looked at me with a gentle face and sighed and shook her head. But after that, I strangely caught unhappy look in her eyes.

“Why are you seeing like that?”

“..... you’ve been going fast.”

“.....”

“Ho ho. It was just a joke.”

We thought that it was unfortunate that we should sleep in the place that was filled with corpse. The kids were muttering that they couldn’t sleep there, but I forced them to, so that it would not interfere with their activities from tomorrow.

I slept behind Yoo-Jung who was lay her head on her hand and was nagging and crying about this place. When I went to bed, the sound of crying stopped soon and I heard the sound of a tongue click “shit.”

And the next day. So it was the third day. We had arrived to the place that I had a vague idea about. And of course, the laboratory of the ruins couldn’t be seen. I have activated the 3rd eye to see if there was some kind of ambiguity, but there wasn’t any illusion this time. If so, it meant that the place was still hiding and couldn’t be reached.

In the end I decided to go a little further, and I was thinking about where else I needed to go and the various roads that will be divided into the future.

“An Sol. Where to?”

Suddenly I heard the voice of Yoo-Jung , and saw Sol who was carry a backpack and moving. Sol was just moving ahead with a blank face, and turned her head with a face that lost its senses.

“Uh?”

“Uh? What uh? Uh?”

“Ah, ah. Hurts.”

“You’ll get lost this way. What will you do then?”

“Hao... It isn’t that.....”

When Yoo-Jung caught hold of Sol, that is when Sol opened her mouth with a tangled face. Sol’s words were very simple. In other words, she was moving without even knowing that she was.

Most people laughed at her words, but An Hyun and I didn’t. An Hyun turned towards me with euphoric eyes.

“Hyung.”

“Okay.”

Of course, I thought that it would be nice to move in the way that I felt was right. But I moved in the direction that Sol picked, because luck was one of her obvious stats. It is possible that she had already received the hunch. So it would be better to trust 100 points of luck than to follow my own discretion. At least, I thought that it would be good if I could get close to my target.

Fights went on frequently. But they weren’t tired with fights at all. It was not because they weren’t lacking in the supplies or taking rest in the middle. Most of all, after fighting with 100 land moles, it seemed like the kids abilities increased. Everyone was getting better and better.

We were getting out of the barren and entering the rusty ground. But this wasn’t something that I liked. In barrens in was only land mole, but here there could be other monsters too.

From here on now, it was literally an unexplored area. Of course, if you look up the map, the unexplored area are marked up even further, and traces that other players have come to the place where we are.

However, they seemed to have come but that was it, they only came, and land had no such specific marks either. It had only been two months since the Mule was pioneered, so it could be considered as the unexplored area.

Suddenly, Sol was walking in the same level with me. There wasn't a single sense of insecurity in her, but what was so unexpected was that Sol was handling this expedition very well. I set up Sol in front of me every time we encountered a diverging roads, and she used to point towards one direction.

Shin Sang Yong had a good expression and Jung Ha Yeon seemed a little uncertain. However, when An Hyun mentioned about the sense of An Sol and how she helped us, she looked at An Sol with a fresh eyes. Anyway, we had to be careful not to lose the road as this was an unexplored area, but it looked the same everywhere.

I didn't know that I would use Sol's ability for this purpose, but it was worth it if I found the lab in the ruins, then I could come up with any explanation. it wasn't me leading the road, it was Sol. Even if I didn't have high point of luck, it was a good excuse to move around with the luck of the novice player.

By the end, I could see the entrance to the forest. Honestly, it was a shame to call it a forest. Since, it was already a barren land, the surroundings were a little green. It was a sign of nature that this land wasn't in the hands of human beings of the modern time.

However, I felt a sense of discomfort at the entrance. Of course, there was a trail that was heading to another direction, but Sol continued to want to go inside the entrance. I saw it when I activated the 3rd eye and quickly got rid of the magic.

And at that moment I could see the identity of the feeling of discomfort felt at the entrance. The entrance to this forest was artificially created entrance, not a natural one. I walked in with excited colors.

The road showed up for a while. It wasn't rugged earth that we walked on before, but a trace of someone's hand was left. They were from the monkeys that we came across in the rite of passage. The kids were happy to see these monkeys after a long time, but took care of them in an instant.

Previously, we marched at a normal speed, but this time we kept the pace fast. And Sol who was in front of me held my hand and stopped my pace.

I just looked forward with silent eyes. And there it was, the ruined research institute that was sought after by many players. The old and rusty parts were covered by the bushes, but the building still maintained its structure even though these years have passed.

If the light was dull, it would take three days away from the small city Mule. I wonder why it has not been found for a long time. But I thought about the feeling that I felt at the entrance before, and it was great.

When I saw the entrance I thought that the research building couldn't possibly be here. Perhaps the entrance caused a miscommunication, or it was possible that we wouldn't enter or go away. If they built this kind of building in the woods, the ancient inhabitants were certainly great people.

"The laboratory of ruins had been found."

I opened my mouth to the party with a quiet voice.

The color of the faces of the people in the party was lost as they watched institute reveal its magnificent structure in front of them. Especially, Shin Sang Yong and Jung Ha Yeon. It seemed like it was difficult for them to accept the current situation so soon.

"It.... It makes no sense. Even if it is beginners luck. This, this....."

"Ha. Little..... I'm surprised."

Soon Jung Ha Yeon turned towards An Sol with a blank face. I laughed and approached Sol and put both hands on her waist.

"Our Sol is a gangster."

Even though my hands reached her, she didn't show any rejection. She turned towards me with a naïve look on her face.

"I'm a gangster?"

"Ah. Yes. Our Sol is really the best."

It was then she knew that I was complimenting and a smile crept on her face. I picked her up like a airplane by waving her up and down a few times.

"Wow. Wow."

She also shook her hands in excitement and shouted cheerfully. I put Sol on the floor for a while and turned around again. On the third day after leaving Mule, we were able to find the ruins of Laboratory.

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We would have probably entered the Ruins Of the Institute from the entrance. However, when we look around, it is hard to tell whether where were standing in front of the forest or the front of the institute.

It was a building that didn't damage much of the forest nature, it wasn't pushed much into the forest for the purpose of establishing the institute. So the ruins of the institute felt like a natural fortress.

A tightly closed iron gate could be seen forward. The party walked towards the iron door with stiff faces.

At first glance, the iron gate seemed to be heavy and I pushed it with my hand, a large number of rust pieces fell from the door. In addition, moonlight fell around us. I left it open, just enough for one person to enter, and I stepped inside.

And. The ones who followed me to the inside of the gate, stopped breathing at the sight of the institute.

“Light magic..... is still maintained?”

“It isn't perfect. And it seems like it is almost till the end of it. Mr. Su-Hyun.”

In the explanation from Jung Ha Yeon, I looked up at the front gate again. White, wide corridors which remind one of the hospital corridors. And light stones which still have faint light in them. but as the time passed, the whole building was severely worn out as it couldn't handle. The kids were so shocked that they hovered near it, further reducing the distance between them.

It was then.

“Hk..... Hk.....”

A small voice that I suddenly heard. It sounded like it came from far away, but I was clear that it was a voice from someone. The party was quiet and the hallway was still. The faces of everyone hardened as they heard it.

“Oppa. Is it like the last.....”

I shook my head at the uneasy voice from Yoo-Jung. It wasn't Ramik. Seeking forward in this direction, it was clear that it was in the form of a human. However, there was a subtle sign of heterogeneity.

I was worried for a while and decided to move forward. I couldn't stand here and I can see clearly if I go near. I felt the touch of someone holding my collar from the back, so I started to step back.

“hk.... Hk..... is it?”

The corridor was endlessly connected. It was literally a long corridor and an old rusty wall surrounding the corridor. As time went ahead, the weak voice could be heard much more clearly.

“Hk.....hk..... are you here?”

Hk. Here. I was able to understand that word a little when I narrowed the distance to some extent. A vigorous voice and the words came. However, the tone of the voice wasn't welcoming, rather it was an obvious enemy.

A little more. A little more.

Even though they didn't speak out, the whole party was nervous. I knew it because, they already took out their weapons and were guarding their front.

This was psychological fear. The psychological fear that stimulates the spirit of a person and not the physical fear that threatens his life in front of him. This was the same situation as someone who was watching a horror movie when they were on earth, they get into fear by not knowing.

Of course, I was expecting. In the 1st one, the experience of falling to the hell and fighting with the grotesque monster and ghosts seemed charming. The hell is really..... as I remembered the memories of that time, I crunched my face. And the uneasiness of the kids increased as they saw me. Although it seemed to be a misunderstanding, nevertheless I was trying to reduce the distance from the epicenter where I could clearly the voice.

Yet. We were finally able to see the shape of the voice, just vaguely. There was still a little distance left, but in front there was human spirit sitting on the ground emitting light. At the same time a hand touched me from behind.

“Sol?”

“Don't..... go.....”

“An Sol. Calm down.”

An Hyun felt weird when An Sol was constantly asking not to go, but An Sol's shaking didn't stop. No, rather, it was getting much worse. It wasn't a whimper. If left alone, it could pass for seizures. I hurriedly put my hand on top of Sol's head. And magic came.

“Ah.....”

Magic penetrated inside, I felt the power of Sol who was frozen. A little by little An Sol was turning warm. An Sol was constantly reacting to my movements.

I was a little relieved at that time. I haven't been able to get rid of the arm holding onto me. For a while her magic was flowing, and she opened her mouth with a stuttering voice.

"Very great evil..... so..... that blind side....."

All the kids who heard Sol's words frowned. Her words didn't make any sense to me. Sol wanted to speak something again, but she couldn't find the right words to express it. However, Jung Ha Yeon was an exception.

"I'm feeling the same thing. Wizards and priests are originally sensitive to souls and spirits. There is tremendous resentment coming from that human spirit, which looks dim in our eyes. Honestly, it feels like I'm about to get hurt."

As Jung Ha Yeon's explanation continued, Sol nodded her head quickly. Shin Sang Yong also did the same. An Hyun had a distant face, but he was hesitant to know whether he was supposed to be feeling worried or not. Looking at them, I spoke out in a loud voice.

"Yeah look there, it is a monster of the Hall Plane. There is nothing we can do but move on. Don't be scared. Let's just get closer."

"Oppa....."

"O, Oppa."

Yoo-Jung and Sol looked at me with pleading eyes. However, they read my decisive face and took out their weapon. After she let my arm go, I began to move forward. As the distance between us decreased, the voices and the clarity that was heard for the first time became clearer.

It was like a human being. All white but old, glowing gown. Then came the long hair, and was lying with her back upwards. In other words, we were in a situation of seeing the back of the head.

And when I approached to a certain extent, the sobbing that was ringing around the place broke like a lie. At the same time, a cool air fell between us and the human spirit.

The party stared at her back, and stopped their breath.

"Are you related to this institute?"

"....."

There was no answer. I laid a strong grip onto my sword and looked at the party. At the same time, the low voice of fluorescence came into my ears from the surrounding.

“How..... are you here?”

An annoyed voice before entering the battle. We were forced to stop. In the back, someone swallowed their saliva. I looked and answered with a gentle voice.

“I came across this by chance. Anyway, If you can talk. Please answer the questions from us. Who are you?”

“How..... are you here?”

“Once again, we will think of you as an obvious enemy and act accordingly. This is your last chance. How are you related to this institute?”

In my declaration the human spirit did not answer. A moment of silence passed. And the silence was bitter and uncomfortable. And....

“This place.”

“Bhadak!” with that sound the human spirits voice was heard.

“How.”

“Bhadak!” is the bone twisted? The neck of the human spirit was broken.

“did you come?”

Finally came the sound “woodukk!”. The human spirit’s neck was completely twisted. The body was sitting in front of you, but it only moved a 180 degrees. And we could see the face of the human spirit.

The nose and eyes were shrink to the inside, a mouth with its teeth were all loose. It was despicable to even call it as a ghost. The face of it couldn’t be hidden as worms were flowing out.

“Kyahhhhhhhh!”

In that scene, Sol didn’t was screaming. From behind I could see that Yoo-Jung shut her mouth. Also, the breathing of the members of the party was rough. Everyone was surprised. She enjoyed our response, the human spirit, slowly held its head and soon opened its mouth once more with a gentle voice.

“Hehehe! How did you get here? Hehehe! Hahaha!”

“Mr. Su-Hyun.”

Some people in the party panicked as they saw that human spirit smile and called out to me. They couldn't get over their psychological fear. Then the cry from Jung Ha Yeon was heard, the light from the light stone started to fade, and it was getting much worse.

The darkness, it is literally dark. And the light stones in the middle of the corridor with the human spirit was blinking. The movement of the human spirit matched with the flashing lights in the corridor. The light stones blink every time, the limbs were either raised or if moved back and forth. It was as if the pictures were being taken, like a flash in camera. It was a feeling like watching a slideshow.

Then soon I saw the big teeth in the front, so I spread out my right hand with sword. I saw something sharp, and it looked like a humans teeth or an animal's teeth. But I soon grabbed it out and held it into my hand.

“Keuk! Keahhhhh!”

“Light.”

At the end, the feeling of something being ripped of was delivered to me, and at the same time Jung Ha Yeon's light magic came to life. I sighed as I gazed at the clear vision. When I looked back I saw that all of the kids were taking their positions.

“This one. Was he a betrayer?”

Because of the eerie atmosphere around us we heard nothing but the sound of a reaction.

“Oh, oh! No, I'm sure he's a ghost.....”

An Hyun turned his head and looked at my hand and then gazed into my eyes. I laughed once and dropped it onto the floor. The human spirit took the teeth and held it like an infant would.

I watched as the people of the party were looking at me with blunt eyes. I shrugged my shoulders and squatted down. The human spirit was struggling with pain and wriggling. And the theme of this monster is that it tries to attract. It was supposed to be like this.

I had got a chance to look at him after I wiped his face with my hands as it was smeared red with blood, it was a bit grim, but it was much better than the hell guys.

“Shiyaaaaaaaa.....”

I heard the sound of the wind, but I didn't care. All I wanted was only one piece of information about this one. I pulled up the long hair. Looking at the face of this monster that had no power, I had a soft smile.

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As I grabbed its hair and lifted it up, its glance, no it glared at me. It was trying to scare me. I didn't like the sight of it, I wanted to blow this one up, but there were things that were needed to be done first.

As I don't know anything much about the Institute of Ruins and its laboratory, I needed to pick up the information that I could from this one. I immediately saw the thing in my hand and activated the 3rd eye.

[The monster in front of you can be classified as dead(亡者). But unlike the ordinary dead, these have bodies and emotions. By the time the ancient Hall Plane flourished, the inhabitants of the Oman thought of an experiment. That is, they started from the idea that they would play the role of the god and make a new human being....]

Then, I have read the information that has come up and I held the hair of the creature. Full. I looked up at the head of the man whose body was touching the floor and slowly lifted his foot.

"Vivian."

"Huh."

At my call, Vivian replied in a calm tone. Among the party, only Vivian was the one who kept her composure from the entrance. She had experienced her own life turning, so this job was nothing much of a surprise.

"Do you remember anything about this institute? I would like to know anything. Even the smallest details."

"Yes....."

With a concerned face Vivian saw the one in my hand and then she opened her mouth to speak.

"I don't remember that well. But people have been experimenting with some things?"

"Experimenting?"

At my single word question, she nodded her head. All of the people in there were concentrating on her words. The deceased who had overpowered them at the entrance, was pushed to the back of their mind.

“Hmm. In the past, there was a time when alchemy, as well as magic engineering, had been somewhat more prevalent than now. At that time, I think that they have established a research institute to create new kind of human being.”

“And?”

“Don’t know. It was closed down because, I don’t know, the project seemed to be buried. I don’t remember it that well. Probably, the person whom we see now was probably one of the person who was sacrificed at that time.”

“Is that so.”

Vivian finished her words very neatly. I took the foot that I lifted, the sound of skull popping could be heard, and the corridor was bloody instantly. I looked at him and bend my head.

The kids had a weird kind of expression. However, Jung ha Yeon and Shin Sang Yong looked at me first like they thought that I was stupid. I always behaved in a calm and quiet manner in such situations so acting this boldly was more of a surprise for them. I didn’t care about their reaction, and this time I turned towards Sol.

“An Sol.”

“Yes....”

Sol responded with a lousy voice. So I frowned and lifted my head. I knew that I was different from my usual self, but that was because I have been in this kind of field and have experience.

“The sacred spells you practiced for a while.”

“Bondage, protection and cure..... Oh.”

The voice of Sol who was talking was getting faded. If the Holy Striking order can be used, it could be of a nice one. I saw that turned once again. Sol still had something that she wanted to say and opened her mouth, but I couldn’t afford to give her the chance.

“Once more, we will go inside. Please prepare for a trap or surprise. The primary goal is to secure base and then explore the buildings based on the current pathway. And Jung Ha Yeon?”

“Yeah.”

“Is it possible to keep the light spell on continuously?”

“It is possible. However, I can’t double cast while doing this.”

Double casting (疾速) is important. As a wizard, this is the thing that is most needed to be learnt. However, there was only one. I shook my head and moved in the direction in front of me.

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“Come! Queritatus! The Ruler of the 14th legion of the screams of dead!”

“ ____ Cone of Aqua!”

The sound of screaming came rising up from a hole. This was Vivian’s first chimera call. At the same time, it seemed that the blood of the human spirit rose and went into a formed a cone shape of black. This cone was of Jung Ha Yeon casting.

The mysterious mages were shooting magic from my behind, and the others were disgusted. My defense was so dense that it covered all the members for the party. I immediately raised my voice.

“An Hyun. The dead are coming into this direction. An Sol, Shin Sang Yong. Prepare the circle.”

“Huh. Another? Huuh! What the hell are these guys?”

“Okay. Leader. _____”

As soon as I heard the shout of An Hyun wielding the lance like a crazy person and the calm answer from Shin Sang Yong, I immediately moved the sword to the side. A feel as if a solid muscle was cut through a blade, could be felt. It seemed like when I turned my head at that moment and it was surprised.

“Kyaaaaaaaaa!”

I was successful in piercing its shoulders. But he was persistent. Over half of them were buried with my sword, but the dead were continuously flocking towards me. Somehow, it looked like I had to crush their heads to kill them like the Deadman in Rite of Passage.

However, it was impossible for the kids to aim at the heads. These ones were slower than the Deadman, but the heads of these was not easy to hit. It demanded very high concentration to aim for the head, with many flocking and especially the was they moved was very troublesome.

The place where An Hyun and Yoo-Jung took was completely filled with them, but yet they stood still. This was because of the support Jung Ha Yeon, Shin Sang Yong, An Sol and Vivian those two could manage it. And, the greatest amount of things, we were dealing with a large number of dead men and doing this alone could be tough.

The swords were dancing. Each sword had the highest degree of unification, and each one contained an unusual intention. I just defended myself with the things in my hands from those who were attacking me. Before long, the hand produced the result beating the face of the dead men. I was marveled as I saw those two.

Each time a sword was wielded, two to three dead men lay on the floor, but the rest of them continued to push in. I already put down 30 of them by myself, and I was getting a bit annoyed as the number of them didn't go down at all. We battled with 100 land moles the other day and now we were fighting against these ones in the first floor of the research institute.

“_____ Shackles!”

I heard the sound of An Sol's order, I heard something crash on the left side. I turned my head as I wanted to see what kind of situation it was like, but first I put the sword into the throat of the deadman whose mouth was open wide and was pushing his teeth towards me.

“Heeing! Huuuhhhh!”

I could hear the groans of Yoo-Jung. I was thinking what it could be, but whenever she made such groans, it meant that she was performing satisfactorily and was reaching my expectations. Yoo-Jung was much better in these situations compared to An Hyun. She always rewarded my expectations, I also accelerated the speed of my sword and accompanied her rythme of the sword.

Shik. Shik. Shik. Shik.

Thung! Thung! Thung! Thung!

That was also for while. I was swinging my sword with a bored face. In that way, the neck of the dead falls from the air, and onto the ground. It was unavoidable. Now I have a very high level of swordsmanship and ability, so I could cut off anything.

In the second half of the day in the floor, I tried to live up to the moment. Even the little nervousness I previously had vanished, and I struggled with boredom. The battle that we are experiencing now is just a child's play.

I don't have to hide my skills anymore because I'm going to apply for the position as a formal clan right after the completion of this expedition. The fact that a 0 years were able to find two dungeons in less than two months will garner well worthy attention.

Immediately after the application, I will leave the city for the final exploration. I expect the clan to get approved while I go to the Cave of Scream. It didn't matter if the approval won't be finalized until then. There was little possibility before it, and if the Cave of Screams is added to the performance, the clan will be 100% approved.

It is literally stupid as well as foolish to hide my abilities this time. Whatever it is this time. Rather than hiding it, by revealing my skill, I know that a lot of talented people will feel curious about the clan.

"Uh...?"

While I was thinking all this, I felt the sword slashing through the air. When I saw the head, I saw the dead people who were running constantly towards us started to go backwards. These ones were emotional beings. It wasn't a problem that they were afraid, but suddenly.....?

That was when I said it. I was bored, I wasn't paying attention to my fencing and was thinking about the future plans. Originally, I didn't reveal the swordsmanship that I had learned, I was postponing the fight by controlling my ability. But while I was lost in my thoughts, my original fencing methods came to my body automatically.

So the body of the dead were piled up before me. The clean traces, without unevenness. I was thinking that this shouldn't have happened and tilted my head, but fortunately my worries were not needed.

"Hua. Thanks to Vivian, I lived."

"Huahhh...."

Yoo-jung and An Sol watched the still corridor wiping their cold sweat off. I saw them and our sights met, we moved our heads to the same direction. It was a fatal cry of the ruler of the 14th legion that was summoned by Vivian. It was the ruler of the 10th legion, it was a good thing to have her in the party.

Perhaps the people thought that the dead were terrified at the fatalities of the ruler of the legion, but most of the eyes were on me. It was all thanks to the good timing of Vivian, I also felt relieved and took a sigh of relief.

"Euk. Euk ah. So, Sol-ah. Cure me in this gap."

"Cure? Take the potion first."

As there was little difficulty in the match, An Hyun grabbed his ankle with a rough breath. Sol quickly handed the potion and began to recite the order.

The battle went into a pause for the moment. Although Jung Ha Yeon looked like she was okay for now, yet she seemed a little tired because she had to use a lot of energy for her magic spells. And of course, the Cone of Aqua took out the dead in a great deal but it had its toll on her.

I didn't see much of Shin Sang Yong's fighting, but he followed Yoo-Jung around because he was aware that we couldn't let her get hurt. What would have been the situation if these people weren't with us to look after the kids.. I laughed a little at my thoughts.

And Vivian saw me, while I was in my thoughts and opened her mouth.

"Su-Hyun. Su-Hyun."

"What."

"How was it?"

She raised her finger into the air. She is also a powerful human who could wipe out the dead. When I left the city on the first day, I gave her a speech in advance. Told her to be careful and not go out of the way, and to help the kids in building up some skills. And that it could be hard to make judgments, so I told her to exercise with her ability to do it.

And this time it seemed like her judgment was different from mine. I thought that a little more work needed to be done..... but she had to send him back as soon as the work was done, so I nodded my head in her approval. At my reply, Vivian's face became bright. Perhaps she could help us for a long term.

Before long, she commanded her pet, and her pet floated.

"What are you doing? Queritatus. Sweep them all away. Don't leave any of it."

As Vivian commanded, Queritatus spoke by creaming and moving its body. Soon, I watched Queritatus create fog around me, interesting. I was interested, much more than the battles in the first round. If she could grow well, and two chimera alchemist form a pair, then a powerful summon could be summoned.

While I was having these thoughts, mysterious screams spread all over the hall. Now the kids didn't mind the horrendous sights in front of them, they adjusted to it. An Hyun who was hostile at first, showed support for Vivian's pet.

And it took not less than two minutes for Queritatus to finish off all the remaining ones.

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After the battle was done, I decided to take a break. This wasn't too difficult, but this battle was a bit too much for the children's physical strength. At my decision, Yoo-Jung who was pale immediately lowered her butt, and then shouted out.

"Uh..... horrible."

At present, there were a lot of dead bodies around us. I was okay with it, but Sol and Yoo-Jung wanted to go to another place sooner or later. In response to their expectations, I moved into the room from where the dead came. This place was also a bit of a hassle, it could've been worse, but this was better than the place full of dead bodies.

I expected something to be a little similar to that of a lab, but my expectations missed when I saw the inside of the room. The interior space was narrower than I thought. I wondered how so many dead men could come out of this small space.

Old broken bed and bookshelves were visible. I couldn't miss any one of it. As the party took a break, I looked around the room and searched for a way to get some information in there.

The children sat quietly, and when I was looking around alone, Jung Ha Yeon who was still breathing ruggedly was participating in my actions. Shin Sang Yong also stood up and the kids also started to raising on their backs as they watched what was happening. But at that time, I had done most of the searching with my third eye.

"Leader. Have you got anything?"

Shin Sang Yong's eyes shined as he asked me. I came to see if anything was interesting, but it soon disappeared. I shook my head.

"No. I've looked through everything, but there is nothing to see."

After I finished speaking I showed 30 gold coins and an ancient script.

"Eh... only 30 gold? This is too much."

I could hear An Hyun's complaint. It seemed like he compared it to when we were in a battle against goblins when he got a good profit with it in the past. Lee Yoo-Jung also showed disappointment with her expressions as well. However, Shin Sang Yong was different.

"It's good. Explored one room and got 30 gold. Hahaha. Ah. Could you please show me the record for a while? I can decipher I've ancient understanding ability."

"Sure."

It is also useful. As I passed the record, he put his glasses and dusted the dust on it and held the record. His ability to decipher the ancient scripts was D-, but it was a good rank (as far as the average player is concerned.)

Is it a good time to drink a cup of tea? I was looking at him with a blank face, I put a beef jerky in my mouth and looked at it once again. I swallowed the jerky in my mouth and opened my mouth.

“Are there any facts that you found? Important information. ”

“Uhm. No. There is no such content. This decoded record is a diary type. The room we are in now seems to be used by one of the inhabitants at that time. There is no content. But..... Strangely, there is a lot of information about lances. ‘I didn’t train with my lance today’, ‘I made a failure with the lance’ and so on. But it is hard to find a connection with this institute.”

“A lance?”

If it is a failure. An Hyun raised his lance and asked, Shin Sang Yong nodded in his response. And when I heard his answer, I lifted my eyes as a thought came to my head. I thought that it could just be a story about the lance, but it might be a clue to the lance-man. Of course, there wasn’t anything definite yet. But even if it was a possibility, it was not too bad to search through the dungeons as the time came.

From the beginning of reading the records, Shin Sang Yong shared the stories about the institute. The rest of the people heard the story while they were resting, but Jung Ha Yeon was concentrating on Shin Sang Yong while he was saying. In any case, when it came to battle ability she was more advanced, but Shin Sang Yong was better when it came to dungeon exploration.

“I think so. From the exterior of the building, the lab will have to be at least 3 floors. And if you can’t guess how big the first floor is, it is likely to be extended in the four direction of north, south, east and west assuming that the hall is the centre. There will be a stairway going to the second floor somewhere along the way, except for the direction we have entered.”

“Yeah. Hmm. Anyway.... Rather than climbing stairs quickly, it is better to clear the first floor and then look at the 2nd floor.”

I didn’t know where the lance-man is sleeping. However, Shin Sang Yong, who didn’t know my thoughts like that, just nodded his head thinking that I wanted to go safely.

“Right choice. It will take a day to cover the 1st floor. It is bigger than I thought. And on the second floor, there will be more terrible guys than what we faced here on the first floor. Assuming the worst, it would be better to create a minimum safety zone and then go up.”

Shin sang Yong often spoke in an apologetic tone when he spoke. Those who speak unconsciously in such manner always assume the worst case when planning. They assume their own worst-case situations and prepare accordingly. It may have been a little frustrating for the others to see, but it was an habit to survive.

The children were saddened to hear that it was difficult to clear the institute in one day. And especially when they heard that they had to sleep here, An Sol shook her body. Shin Sang Yong, who noticed her, opened his mouth and spoke in a careful manner.

“Or we could clear the ground floor and go back to the city. The safe way is the best way to approach the second floor after maintenance. Of course, it will take a while...”

In his words, I shook my head firmly. With Vivian it would take only half day. In not more than six hours I was confident to take over this place. Shin Sang Yong thought it was useful and he didn't have a dissatisfied face.

Completely clear the next level. And even if we stayed a few days, we had to go back to the city after I finish it all at once. While the others members of the party were quietly listening, no one thought of the opposite. So I received a bottle of water from Jung Ha Yeon.

Originally the rest time was limited to 5 – 10 minutes, but this time it was a break. The earlier battle was intense that there was going to be some time needed for everyone to be recovered and to explore again. Everyone was silently eating their supplies. Jung Ha Yeon closed her eyes and stayed silently, and then she opened her eyes little by little. Her gaze diverted towards me. I also saw her and then exchanged our gazes.

While looking into her eyes deeply, Jung Ha Yeon opened her lips.

“Mr. Su-Hyun.”

“Yes.”

“I'm curious about something.”

“Yes.”

“Mr. Su-Hyun are you really a player of 0 years?”

“Yes.”

At my simple answers, a small ripple appeared on the face of Jung Ha Yeons. However, soon after she that she seemed to be in the mood, and with the same glance she looked down. Originally, it would have been annoying if someone gave that kind of look, but it was Jung Ha Yeon.

“Sorry. But I have something to say. I don’t know what you might think... I just can’t believe my eyes. The monsters that we faced before weren’t the ones that could be covered by the 0 level players.”

Her voice contained more of a surprise than doubt. However, I felt that I alone kept in mind the fact that I defended all the dead men in front of me. But this time, I didn’t think I would acting like the way I used to. I was going to reveal my skills gradually anyway, and if I stumbled around here, it was more likely that it could get suspicious.

“Is that so? It wasn’t so difficult.”

“How in the world did you fight?”

“It’s simple. the only advantage that they had was the numerical one. The way to be advantageous is that to be in joint. But we need to keep pushing in. In that case, just attack them, attack them. In other words, you can fight in a way that is dedicated to defense.”

“..... you make it sound easy. I don’t know. Have you learned the sword in modern times?”

In her question, I nodded my head.

“I have learned, but I don’t think it has anything to do with this. Just think of the situation in front of you and the best way to deal with it. Once you get into action, that’s all it takes.”

“Mr. Su-Hyun is a genius.”

“I don’t know. I never thought of myself as a genius. I just tried.”

“Hu Hu. Le, leader is very awesome. And Miss. Ha Yeon you should stop now. Leader is strong it isn’t a bad thing. And the 0yr player went to the Player Academy, and the people beside him are also there.”

At the intervention from Shin Sang Yong, Jung Ha Yeon face turned red, and she immediately put her head down.

“I’m sorry. It just tried to put out the obvious and used words to express them. I hope you don’t feel bad. That’s why I thought that ability of Mr. Su-Hyun was amazing.”

“The word genius is a bit too much for me. I will say this once more. But from this moment onwards. Please don’t criticize the results of my efforts based on your personal thoughts.”

At my words, Jung Ha Yeon bowed her head with a shameful expression. I knew what she was trying to say by putting out those words.

“Hmm Hmm.”

Nevertheless, the kids couldn't understand the deep conversation. Maybe they didn't understand. If Kim Han-Byul had been here, she would have surely understood the conversation. However, when I was being praised, it looked like the necks of the kids went stiff, Yoo-Jung's too, she straightened her waist. Why was I being praised?

Yoo-Jung opened her mouth with feeling great. When this was going on, Shin Sang Yong turned his face away with a feeling of embarrassment as this excitement was starting to take a new turn. Sometimes it was clear that I was a sympathizer when I saw him like this.

“Ho ho. My Oppa is awesome. Did you know that? Did you also do something like the Players Academy unnie?”

“That. That's was definite”

“Our Oppa was the 1st in that place. That too overall. Did you know how many clan-based officers tried to recruit him? Later, did you know that the quarters instructor changed into a female user? That too just to know who Oppa was, how funny is that?”

“Oh my. Is that so? That happened?”

Yoo-Jung left all these in an excited tone with pride, and Jung Ha Yeons eyes went wide with surprise. Apparently, being first title holder in the academy if a very worthy thing. An Sol who was next to me also, poured out some other words.

“Yes. The famous Golden Lion Clan offered their plan to oppa two times. Hm Hm.”

“The, Golden Lion? Even if players want they can't get into that clan especially the new players.”

“hehe. Our oppa is the best.”

Stop. It's embarrassing.

“But why did you refuse the offer from the golden lion clan? Ah. I'm really curious. I don't see any reason to avoid.”

Before Shin Sang Yong's admiration was done, Jung Ha Yeon's question came in. She asked me in a tone that she was convinced it could be the Golden Lion Clan, but couldn't understand why, again. But it wasn't me who answered this time. No. they gave me no chance to say.

“It is because of us. Hyung and we were together since the Rite of Passage, and we didn’t receive any offer from the clans, only hyung got the offer. No matter how one sees it, hyung didn’t join because of us. And we are sorry that we tangled onto his ankle.”

“No. No need to be sorry. You’re all doing a good job.”

“?”

Suddenly the eyes of Jung Ha Yeon, who spoke her mind without seeing the situation, attracted the attention from everyone. She became a little embarrassed, as if was a reflexively answering. An hyun just shook his head.

“Anyway, As we were all alone, he couldn’t think of leaving us. As Sol said, he refused the offer from the Golden Lion clan and came to us on the day of graduation.”

“I cried at that time. When I think about it, oppa has changed a lot from the time of the Rite of Passage.”

“Yes. If Su-Hyun hyung wasn’t with us at that time , we couldn’t have passed through it. Wow.”

At that time, Jung Ha Yeon looked at me with fresh eyes. An Hyun and Yoo-Jung looked at my face, but I heard a voice once or twice. When I didn’t see the end of their praise. I was embarrassed by it.

I decided to end it with a cough and the rest too. It was time to get off the break as the atmosphere relaxed. Because it was necessary to move in this institute as this was of certain big size.

After leaving the room, they all turned quiet. As we stepped on the debris, we entered to the north of it, and went a little more inside.

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I didn’t go straight into the 2nd floor, but decided to clear the 1st floor and then go up. It would be nice to go up in quick manner, but after Shin Sang Yong read out the ancient article there was a change in my thoughts. If I could find the lance-man that he said about, it wouldn’t be too much to even invest 2 – 3 months instead of 2 – 3 days.

Honestly, I heard some skeptical thoughts. Not much while ago, I wanted to find the chimera alchemist and it eventually come out. I’m not that greedy. And yet I was thinking about the secret, rare and the other classes.

Nevertheless, the reason for this strange anticipation is that I wanted to grow. This was how a normal human would have lived. And if one falls down in the first level, then he really does fall. Then that would be the lowest level that one had fallen into.

But. When I go down, I go down till the hell. When I go up like this, I climb up till the highest level. And now I was on a climb. At least I felt that way. I don't know how long this upward rising trend will continue. So I wanted to learn as much as I could possibly learn while I was still in a rising up.

At the centre of the hall, I activated the 3rd eye again. I used it again, indeed.

“Leader, in which direction are going to move first?”

To decide on which way we were going to go. With the 3rd eye, I began to detect and see the ways. As Shin Sang Yong said, the hall was in charge of the centre in the first floors structure. If so, then apart from the direction that we walked in, there were three other ways for us to move.

As it was research institute, there were a countless things in the middle. However, there are a few things that could be a space or a room to enter. Six in the west direction, one stairway, and four in the north direction. And one in the east direction. I could guess that the stairway was leading to the second floor.

“Let's move in this direction first.”

I turned my way to the west passage. It would be better to go through here first. I thought this would be better, because there were many rooms to be explored. If our bodies were the same as before we would have gone in the least number of one, but since their bodies physical strength was restored it was okay now.

Of course, I am the leader of this current party. The leader was originally the caravans captain and has a ranger, but I was standing there alone because I didn't have a ranger with me. I want an archer player for the next time that I lead the party.

The lead plays a very important role. Depending on how one prepares for the unexpected things to come and the direction that one would take, the leader will be able to ruin or excite the members of the caravan. We don't have a ranger, it would be alright for Shin Sang Yong or Jung Ha Yeon to stand, but wizards cannot stand at the forefront. They also have a better lead compared to the rangers, and they haven't complained to me when I took the forefront.

I walked along the passage without any hesitation. The walk got quick. At the first glance the institute seemed to have a complicated structure, but it turned out to be a fairly simple structure if one could distinguish between the room that could be entered and the room that shouldn't be entered. When I first entered, I couldn't feel anything in

the corridors, except for that one dead. It means there was going to be a need to be careful from the things that I could feel about a room or space.

Of course, there was no guarantee that the second and the third floor were going to be the same as the first floor, so these ideas were only applicable to the passages of the first floor.

After a while. We found the first area. It was a space that was on the outermost side of the western passage that I sensed. The room that I could see in the southern direction felt like a general hospital room, but this room had a different feeling.

A firmly closed iron gate and walls which still had black remnants which seemed like faint marks of blood. And in the inside..... the blood of something that was alive seemed to be flowing. What the hell? Something that was living and breathing for a long time. I stopped at the iron gate and turned towards the party.

“Before, when we visited the centre hall. Those things were surprised as we suddenly opened the gate and went in.”

When I stopped speaking Yoo-Jung looked at me and nodded her head as a sign of saying yes. Yoo-Jung bowed her head after mouthing the words “Huh? What is this?” I just looked at her and then I spoke.

“I don’t feel the presence of many in this room, right now. But it would be better to prepare for a battle like the one we did before, just in case, rather than to retreat. And the ones inside probably knows our situation, so once I open the door, don’t be careless.”

There was a nervous smile on the faces of the members of the party. After seeing them getting ready with their preparations, I approached the door.

“I’ll open the door. As soon as the door opens, we could be attacked immediately. Sol cast a bondage spell, and wizards should cast something to put a limit on his actions. And Hyun and Yoo-Jung it could be of huge size, so move forward slowly. I’m not sure, but I don’t think the other sides should be neglected.”

There was no answer. Everyone just nodded their heads. I added a few more words after that.

“We will have a good advantage if we fight close to the gate, whatsoever, so.....”

I took my hand and placed it on the handle of the iron door. I heard “I wish it is an empty room, without anyone”, from Yoo-Jung, and An Hyun “Hyung is with us.” But I chose not to mind them. The grip on it tightened and I put strength and more strength. Originally, it was a massive iron door, that couldn’t be opened with a single person, but this was nothing compared to my strength.

Cring...

It was a door that had been closed for a long time, so this sound came out as I had to force it open. With a little more power. I opened the door in that moment at once, something was cracking and wave of bad smell hit my body. and at the same time.

“Kyaaang!”

A huge fist came towards my body shockingly, but we didn't just stay still.

“Shackle!”

Sol's order went past me with a white light very quickly. The moment it went, I thought it was nice as the timing was awesome. But the sight that followed later wasn't so nice.

“Kuhu...ahah!”

The arm that was paused for a moment was wriggling itself and then broke past the bondage order of Sol and came towards me once again. Ha. It had the resistance power of magic over the 80 points? I was amazed, I brought the sword and defended myself.

“Mr. Su-Hyun it's dangerous.....!”

Phuak! Phewthagthangthan! Bang bang.

“Kerlik! Kerlik! Kerlik!”

Good strength? I didn't bring out all of my strength, but when attacked I had to take a step back because of it. But this time I pulled the sword to do the technique that I once presented to the boss monster in the Rite of Passage. my own technique based on the principle of obedience.(To use their strength against them after being cornered.)

I combine the impact of the monster that came into my body and with my own strength I revert it back to him. Then I saw his right hand fly back with bursting impact. The thing which fell back screamed in pain.

“..... a giant.”

“Gi, Giant... it's the first time that I've actually seen one.”

Holding onto his pained hand in the room was a giant. With a huge height of 5 meters which could be seen as a spectacular sight, it was hard to see it's face clearly. In the middle of the body were hanging various engine like devices and artifacts. It wouldn't be right to call this as a transplant either.

I was able to understand why Sol's order of bondage couldn't hold him back. The blood that flowed through the giants of the Hall Plane had a very high resistance towards magic. If in its original manner, it could do beyond than just resist, it could reflect. But this seemed weaker than the normal ones. The lifespan of this giant was slightly increased by the artifacts and organs, but as the time passed I could infer that the giant had weakened.

"Kuahang.... Khuang.... Huuk, huuk!"

"Everyone be alert. This is a giant, but it is in a weak state currently. But its magic resistance seems to be alive, so the wizards and Sol, step back for a while."

"Humm... Direct help would be difficult, but we can help indirectly, that is possible."

"I won't say it again. Yoo-Jung, An Hyun and Vivian get behind me."

"Hyung. Support?"

"Yes."

Not Yoo-Jung but An Hyun was the one who came running towards me. Vivian is an alchemist, but she understood why I called out to her and she came next to me. And I looked to the front where the people changed the formation in a flash. And the giant was standing there on the ground with his remaining arm.

The eyes of the giant met with mine. This giant could also be a victim of the inhabitants experiments. The enemy couldn't hide the fierceness in its eye. But that was all. I didn't feel sorry or guilty at it because it wasn't me that did the experiment on it.

The giants originally had a strong tribal characteristics. In fact, initially at the beginning, the giants were almost half-hearted. They were quite trustworthy to be the co-workers and were pure and innocent beings. However, I had no idea if the guy in front of me could be considered as a co-worker.

From my behind I could hear Vivian mumbling a spell. I saw that the appearance of the giants face turn stiffer.

Hmm. With that sound the left arm of the giant came flying towards me. There was a huge difference in the strikes from the giant, originally the giants had inherent strength. But. Nevertheless, the fist that it wielded contained a mighty force.

He put his head back and his fist cut through the air. I put the sword in my left hand and adjusted my sword so that it would touch its fist. And as I intended, I hit its fist and then I used magic. It was such a sight.

The following scene had happened like this. I studied fencing to complement the lack of strength and magic that the top players had. The essence of swordsmanship is based on Taeguk (太極) . It is based on tenderness and shedding rather than martial power.

The giant's hand was in such close contact with my face, but as I moved my sword, his arm was dragged. Of course, he couldn't manage the center of force and his body moved ruggedly. I moved him to the left and then to the right. It looked like a cat that was moving around following the thread ball. This was a moment when a 5 meter giant turned into my pet. And I didn't let this gap go.

“Haat!”

With energetic coherence, An Hyun moved with his long lance. As the giant's body shook, it seemed like he was heading towards the body with the intent of giving it a blow. However, I didn't know if the giant's instincts were still intact or not. While the giant was still shaking, An Hyun moved with precision and hit it with the end of the lance and cut his right arm off.

“Ah aht!”

With that power the body of An Hyun tilted towards a side. Although the sound of collision was big, the attack was a bit too straight. It would have been better to aim at its body.

At the same time, the giant used its hand and seemed like the magic I cast on its hand with the sword was ended. I lifted my eyes. There were no regrets. As Vivian was getting ready with the spell, I and An Hyun decided to take some time and play a little.

As a response to my expectations, Vivian's gentle spell sounded in the room.

“Come! Im Freeson! Ruler of 49th legion the redeemer of steel!”

Now the magic squares that we were familiar came up, and smoky flow into the room. Soon the magic circle began to glow brightly, responding to the summons of Vivian. The giant was rushing as he could feel something unbelievable, the giant instinctively opened up the distance between us.

While I was watching this scene ahead, I heard a pretty voice from Vivian calling from behind.

“Su-Hyun. Im Freeson, that I called this time will be your assistant. You and An Hyun give the giant a critical hit.”

“Do you intent to redeem him back? The giant has already lost enough blood.”

“Hmm. My bounty herself is a strengthened chimera athlete. Look at it. I’ll show you whose strength is more.”

“Will see.”

Vivian and I chatted with each other in peace. And she had smile on her face this time. Im Freeson. I was very excited as to what kind of ability I would see this time. I saw the first attack was a miss, I saw An Hyun who had his grip on the lance tighten and I also took the posture.

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Soon Im Freeson started to float over the magic circle. The appearance was unattractive. The spirits that were summoned by the summoners in the past were wonderful ones, but there were a lot of things that were pretty grim every time Vivian summoned. Of course, I appreciate the performance, and give the it great value.

Wrapped around the thin dry body of it was what looked like a chain, and saw an eyeball on the forehead. Without knowing why the triangle shape of hair that stood on its head got me disgusted. However, I decided to look cool at its sight.

Vivian, with proud eyes, saw her servant Im Freeson and gave him the order.

“Im Freeson? Bring the arms of the guy standing in front of you. Ruler of the 49th legion, show your greatness.”

“ _____ ”

The mouth of Im Freeson opened, but the words that flowed out couldn’t be understood. It could only assumed that at Vivian’s statement he just answered with obedience. The 49th legion, this dominates the legions, but a little less than 14th Army Quaritatus, who was summoned before.

Charing! Charing!

The chains wrapped around Im Freeson were released. Before long, the chains ran towards the giant with burning speed. The giant crouched looking at the chains which ran towards him, but it was a task of avoiding the chains in this large space.

At that moment I opened my mouth after seeing An Hyun.

“An Hyun.”

“Yes!”

I smiled grimly at the answer from An Hyun, which was pretty loud. I looked at his expression, I was afraid that he was disappointed because of the failure of his previous attack. I was more convinced that it was Yoo-Jung who had complaints on this, as she was chirping from far. I just spoke out in a clam tone.

“When Vivian’s Im Freeson finishes his redemption, I will move forward and block the giants’ moves. You will have to use your lance in that time gap, push it deeply on any side. You don’t have to stab it numerous times. Only once. Do you understand what I mean?”

“This time..... I will meet your expectations.”

An Hyun collected the mana at the tip of his lance, and looked at me to confirm his actions. Suddenly, the chains of Im Freeson were rolling itself onto the giants arm.

“Kuahhk! Kuahhk!”

The giant tried to resist the chains with the one hand remaining on his body, but he wasn’t able to take off the chain no matter what. Looking at the chains that wrapped itself around it perfectly, he cried out. And at that time, Vivian gave the signal and my time for hardships began.

If I go from below, it would be possible for the beast to kick me with its foot. So it is needed for me to be careful. So I got up in the air, I pulled my sword as back as I could, and the moment the giants body went descending down.

The giants arm was forcibly lifted to the back but it was trying to stay on foot by pushing its chest out. This was the work of Vivian. And I was desperate to give her support.

Phuk.

So I stretched out my sword and then pushed my sword in the middle of its chest. The giants skin was tough, but it couldn’t be compared with the power that an expert swordsman had. After I felt the sword go inside, I pushed it down more, as much as I could descend my sword into it. It felt like a rotten log when I was piercing it with my sword.

“Kuahahahaahaha!”

“An Hyun! End it!”

“Ahh!”

I was able to see the figure of An Hyun who pulled his lance back with very deathly posture. At the same time as my words went to him, An Hyun sprang to the neck of the giant with a battle cry. It was so full of mana that it tore apart the air in the room.

“Kuah! Keuh! Keuahah!”

It was trapped in the chains for a long time, but I was sick of the giant. This one was different from the others. However, this wasn't mine, it was An Hyun's, and I saw no mercy in his eyes. The end of the lance went swiftly and into the neck of the giants'.

“Kuk.... Kurrr....”

Phuk! Phakak!

The sound of crumbling. At the same time, the throat of the giants neck split open. No, I don't think it is broken. The giants neck started pouring out a lot of blood from his mouth, and slowly his body went loose on the floor. To be precise, this could literally be the last of the giants.

“Hahat. Good job. Im Freeson. You can go back now.”

Vivian smiled with an excited face after recalling Im Freeson back. I stroked her head gently. No matter what anyone says, the 1st lead in this battle was Vivian. If she didn't arrest the two arms of the giant, it would have sprung back. At my stroking Vivian moved her body and smiled widely.

Still. I didn't forget to praise An Hyun, because the last strike wasn't something that could be forgotten so easily.

“An Hyun. The last blow was good. Good work.”

“Phew..... My heart is still beating hard. Thank you.”

As soon as I praised, An Hyun left a huge sigh and smiled. Shin Sang Yong and Jung Ha Yeon had sorry faces as they couldn't help much. Sol was relieved that no one was hurt. Yoo-Jung looked at An Hyun, and then ignored him. Next time, I would give the opportunity to Yoo-Jung.

I needed to move quickly, because I was going to look at the whole of 1st floor by today. I tried to search the room thoroughly, but there wasn't even a single item this time. So we went to visit the cold corpse of the giant.

“Uh uh. This big thing is completely destroyed. What is this institute!”

Yoo-Jung's groaning could be heard, and An Sol frowned a little, but I was satisfied. At last they were beginning to understand the kind of place this Hall Plane is. “Still life is important, you shouldn't kill it”, if the kids would've said things like this, maybe I would've dropped them. But the kids were slowly changing. Now, even if the life was going away in front of them, they weren't surprised anymore.

“Well.... At that moment, the giant was strong, it was difficult.”

I mumbled to myself for a moment and then moved. An Hyun’s breathing was still rough, as if he was still lingering about the battle.

“Then. I will try again.”

After I spoke that out loud with everyone, I walked into the shadows where the light was blinking. There were still five rooms left to explore.

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“Huh. Five times in a row. It’s really depressing.”

“Come on. Even then this is a relief. Although it is not worth less than 20 gold....”

In the back, Yoo-Jung’s complaint could be heard and for that Jung Ha Yeon replied. But realizing that even she was down she lost strength to continue. Since I didn’t understand her feelings, I just walked forward silently.

There is a fun in exploration. Discovering a lot of gold coins and exploring the various magical arsenals and other things. Such explorations were fun ones to do. And when doing those explorations it turns into “What more will come next?”.

But our situation now was opposite. The more I tired, I less I was able to get any items. Of course, we got the reward. It was a small amount of gold coins obtained by searching the room. Compared to the battle so far, it is literally way too less.

To tell in a little more detail, I opened five more rooms including the room where the giant was, but the result that we obtained was zero or could be nil. Rather, there were only monsters in four of the five rooms, and all off them gruesome ones.

The 1st room was a giant, the 2nd one were the dead men, the 3rd room was mud golem, and the 4th was empty and then the 5th room the dead men came out again. The battle was a big battle, but the gold coins that we got were only 10. Of course, as long as we have Vivian, we couldn’t have a hard time in the battle but it was inevitable for her to lose her strength.

And now we were in the 6th room, the last one in the west. Unlike the previous rooms, this room had doors made of wood, not iron. The difference from the preceding rooms were not only the doors. In front of the other visits, there was a pouring out cold air, and this room was just plain.

“This looks like some kind of cleaning to.....”

An Hyun opened his mouth. He also seemed to have discontentment in his voice. Even more than that was Vivian, who spoke in a sharp voice before An Hyun could finish his thoughts.

“Shit. If you look at it, it just looks like a warehouse. Su-Hyun. Lets open this quickly and go to some other place.”

I looked around for a while. The faces of the kids were extremely tired. In the meantime, their bodies were exhausted as they had to battle repeatedly. I looked at Sol and she looked at me quietly. I was thinking of taking a break in the last room, but we had to cover this room first.

“Everyone get yourselves together. It could be in front of the door..... Hold your positions..... What are you all doing now?”

An Hyun and Vivian, who were grumbled and stepped back with stiff face. Oh my gosh. No matter what the result it, there was a door ahead. If I open it without any measures, and it pops out, what would they do then?

The parties watched the front and listened as they all took out their weapons as if a ready sign. I just a sighed and kicked the wooden gate. Unlike the iron gates, the wooden door opened freely.

Fortunately, I couldn't feel what I felt when we came across the giant in the 1st room. After trying to sense the room and realizing that there was no reaction, I opened my mouth.

“Hmm. There are no guys in there. But it is too dark.”

“___ light!”

Jung Ha Yeon immediately cast the light spell. Soon, I could see the brightly shaped sphere that was created and moved into the room. I put my head in a looked inside more closely.

“Uhhh.....?”

The light sphere went in and revealed the inside of the room. I grabbed my sword and put it in the back. As I walked into the room, I stopped as I saw a few footprints. And I felt that the people of the party came in a hurry from behind me. And.

“Wah...!”

“Wo~w”

“Ohoh! Awe, awesome!”

The shock of everyone in the party could be heard at the same time. The people who followed me were suddenly taken aback because of all the things that were visible to them.

This room was definitely called the warehouse. There were 20 furniture items in one single room. But what was the most surprising was that all the members of the party were distracted by the floor. It seemed like there were gold coins and jewels as well as the mid-sparkly things. I was able to see the expression on the faces of the kids change instantly and I opened my mouth and spoke in a calm tone.

“This seems like a warehouse where weapons were gathered for occasions.”

“It seems like it. Aren’t there the weapons that were made in the ancient times? If these are really ancient weapons.....”

Jung Ha Yeon also had an exhilarating smile and could not hide her excitement. Certainly, the ancient weapons of the time were not only helping with the efficiency of the mana generation but they were also direct. For example, there is a high possibility of raising the stats with the help of these. Such things were rare but here they were.

“O....Oppa.”

Yoo-Jung called me out, and her tone was more like pleading. I turned my head as she held my hand, and looked at her. I responded to her expectations by nodding my head.

“Lets gather some of the useful things. If you are not sure, then one person keep a lookout near door.”

“Eh...”

As I was done speaking, I was able to see that each member was looking at me. No one wanted to miss this. I noticed the thoughts of the kids and laughed. So I thought that I should do it, so I moved towards the door.

“Ah. That, I will do it. Leader please stop.”

I turned my gaze towards Shin Sang Yong and looked at him, he stopped me with his hand and smiled brightly..

“It is alright. I see that there is some stuff related to magic over there.”

“Oh. No. I’m not going to receive the benefits of the exploration anyway. So it is alright with me. I will ke, keep the look out.”

Soon afterwards, Shin Sang Yong moved towards the front door, even though I said it was alright. But I was able to guess his intention. He seemed to like the atmosphere of

our party. He didn't want to spoil the atmosphere of the party, I could understand people like him.

Of course, he would have want to participate. Nevertheless, he went away with a pleasant face. I was thinking of it for a moment and looked at him as he stood out the door. If he was going to do something like this always, I wanted to take care of a few things.

After gazing at him for a moment, I turned my attention to the floor again. All the people except for Shin Sang Yong were suddenly treasure hunters.