

Magic System in a Parallel World

Chapter 111: Elder's Trial

"Did you find anything?" Leo asked Nina once they met back up at the black altar.

"No, nothing. There doesn't seem to be an exit, either."

"So we're trapped in here...?" Leo sighed.

"I knew it... That Otherworlder had tricked us. That was probably his way of revenge against the world that denied him— by luring people like us into a death trap that cannot be escaped." Nina rubbed her eyes in a stressed manner.

"..." Leo didn't say anything because he wasn't paying attention to Nina. Instead, he focused on the black altar.

"Let's try activating the magic circle," he suddenly said.

"Huh? What if it's a trap and kills us?" Nina raised an eyebrow.

"I mean, we're already trapped down here. If we don't do anything, we will still die down here, so we might as well try it."

Nina pondered for a moment before nodding her small head, "Alright. Let's do it."

"Good, because I already have an idea on how it'll activate."

Leo used Feather Step on himself to increase his agility before jumping to the top of the altar, where an artifact and a white envelope rested.

The artifact was a small orb the size of a baseball, and it had a chain attached to it. The orb appeared to have some kind of red liquid inside, and it emanated an unfathomable aura.

"What grade do you think this artifact is?" Leo asked Lilith.

"At least A-Grade, most likely," she said.

Leo turned his focus to the envelope that was resting right beside the artifact, and after pondering for a moment, he picked it up and opened it.

"What did you find, Leo?" Nina asked him from the bottom.

"There's an artifact and an envelope up here," he said.

"An artifact?! What kind?"

"I don't know. I'll bring it down for you to see later. Let me see what's inside this envelope first."

He pulled out a piece of paper from inside the envelope and read it out loud.

"My name is Edgar Darkmore, also known as the 'Elder'. I am an Otherworlder. If you wish to seek my legacy, pick up the 'Elder's Orb of Restraints' to activate the trial."

"Trial...?" Nina mumbled in a low voice after hearing this word.

Leo picked up the artifact on the altar and said, "He must be talking about this artifact."

He jumped down from the altar and showed Nina the artifact.

"T-This thing contains an overwhelming amount of mana!" Nina was so shocked by what she saw with her Spiritual Eyes that she fell backwards and landed on her buttocks.

"Do you know what kind of artifact it is?" Leo asked her.

"N-No... But it's definitely an S-Rank artifact," she said in a trembling voice.

"Hmm..." Leo stared at the artifact with a pondering face.

Dong!

The entire chamber suddenly shook for a few seconds startling Leo and Nina.

"Leo! Look at the altar!" Nina suddenly pointed at the altar behind him and exclaimed.

He turned around to see the black altar had suddenly become bright red.

Then, a familiar voice resounded in the chamber, "The Elder's Trial will begin now. Defeat all of the monsters to clear it. There are no restrictions for this trial."

"That's the Elder's voice!" Leo immediately recognized his voice.

"Leo, get ready to fight! They're coming!" Nina exclaimed as over a hundred magic circles suddenly appeared all over the chamber.

Over the next several moments, over a hundred monsters were summoned into the chamber.

These monsters looked like the Desert Stalker without its camouflage. They all had an extremely skinny figure and stood on two legs, and in their grasp were magic staffs and magic wands.

Nina immediately chugged a mana potion before summoning 200 skeleton warriors and 20 skeleton mages.

"Be careful, Leo! I don't recognize these monsters!" Nina said to him as she commanded her skeletons to attack these unknown monsters.

However, when the skeleton warriors attacked these monsters, their weapons were deflected from the monster's body, almost as though there was an invisible barrier protecting these monsters.

"What?!" Nina was shocked to see that her skeleton warriors were ineffective against these monsters.

"Let me try!" Leo approached the nearest monster and swung his sword at it.

Whoosh!

The sword had managed to penetrate the monster, but it wasn't easy, and it felt like he was chopping wood with a dull axe. It was a weird sensation that he was feeling for the first time.

"These monsters are incredibly tough! Even I am having trouble cutting them down!"

"Then let me try magic!" Nina commanded her skeleton mages to attack the monsters.

The ground shook slightly afterward.

However, when the dust settled and Nina saw the results, she was dumbfounded, as the monsters remained unharmed by the attack.

"Leo, these are Obsidian Ghouls! They're A-Rank monsters with ridiculous defensive capabilities!" Lilith said to him when she finally recognized these monsters.

"Do they have any weaknesses?" Leo asked her.

"They don't!"

"Shit..." Leo gritted his teeth.

Suddenly, these Obsidian Ghouls that had been standing still like a statue began moving simultaneously, raising their staffs and wands towards Leo and Nina's direction.

"They're going to attack!" Lilith shouted in a panicked voice.

Sure enough, magic circles filled the room the next moment.

Seeing their situation, Nina sighed inwardly, 'Is this the end for us? It was fun while it lasted, I guess...'

Leo's brain scrambled for a solution. Then he recalled the artifact he was holding.

"I don't know what this artifact does, but let's hope it can save us from this situation!" Leo exclaimed as he poured his mana into the artifact in his grasp.

The orb suddenly radiated a crimson light that filled the whole chamber.

The Obsidian Ghouls trembled when they were basked with this red light, and their movements froze.

Then, semi-transparent crimson chains began appearing on their body.

Leo and Nina stared at the scene before them with wide eyes, almost as if they couldn't believe what they were seeing.

"What are you doing, Leo?! Hurry up and kill them while they can't move!" Lilith shouted at him, snapping him out of his daze.

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"Nina! Attack them while they cannot move!" Leo said to her as he swung his sword at the Obsidian Ghouls.

"B-But my attacks don't work on them!" She said.

Whoosh!

Leo's sword cleanly severed the Obsidian Ghoul's body in half, but there was something different about the sensation when he cut it down. It felt a lot easier to cut the Obsidian Ghoul this time.

'This is... don't tell me...!'

Leo quickly realized what was going on, but he needed to confirm it, so he swung his sword at another Obsidian Ghoul.

'I knew it! It's a lot easier cutting them now that they're restrained! Is this an additional effect of the artifact, or do Obsidian Ghouls become weaker when they are restrained? Either way, this is great for us!'

He then shared his findings with Nina, "Nina! I don't know why, but their defenses are a lot weaker now! Maybe you can kill them in their current state! Hurry up! My mana won't last long with how much mana this artifact consumes!"

After hearing his words, Nina immediately commanded her skeleton warriors to attack the Obsidian Ghouls, and sure enough, their attacks were no longer deflected. With that being said, the skeleton warriors were still not strong enough to completely cut down the Obsidian Ghouls with a single strike like Leo.

However, that didn't matter to her.

Nina proceeded to spread out her skeleton army, putting three skeleton warriors on each Obsidian Ghoul.

Over the next minute, Leo and Nina would hastily cut down all of the Obsidian Ghouls in the chamber while they all stood there helplessly and frozen, almost as though time had stopped for them.

"Haaa... haaa... haaa..." Leo collapsed on the floor after killing the final Obsidian Ghoul, as he'd just ran out of mana and was currently experiencing mana fatigue.

"Here, drink this mana potion..." Nina helped him drink the mana potion by pouring the liquid inside his mouth.

"If it weren't for the artifact, we would've probably died just now." Leo sighed.

"But we survived, and that's all it matters." Nina said.

A few moments later, Edgar Darkmore's voice resounded in the chamber, "Congratulations on passing the trial. You probably used the Elder's Orb of Restraints in order to do so, which is completely fine because that was my intention in the first place.

How did you like it— my creation? The Elder's Orb of Restraints is an S-Rank artifact that can seal the movements of all nearby enemies and even decrease their defenses significantly. However, what you've witnessed is just the tip of my prowess— a small taste of what you can acquire if you have my legacy! If you were impressed by it, you will definitely be shocked by what else I have in store for you... implying that you are willing to accept my legacy!"

Leo swallowed nervously after hearing the Elder's words.

The Elder's Orb of Restraints is already an overpowered artifact, yet the Elder claims to have even more powerful artifacts? If he could get his hands on these artifacts, he won't have to worry about being bullied by the strong!

"If you wish to find my legacy, I have left a clue in the Elder's Orb of Restraints that will lead you to the location of the next trial. If not... then you are going to miss out on some of the most powerful artifacts in this world."

"This is all for now. Until next time, Worthy One."

"H-Hey! How do we get out of here?!" Leo quickly shouted.

But alas, there was no response.

"Now what...?" Nina mumbled in a dazed voice.

"I don't—"

Before Leo could even finish his sentence, the altar beside them suddenly radiated with a blue light, and a massive magic circle that covered the entire chamber suddenly appeared.

Leo and Nina disappeared from the chamber shortly afterward.

After being teleported out of the chamber, Leo and Nina found themselves outside the cave.

"Huh? This looks like the entrance to the cave." Leo mumbled.

The ground suddenly started shaking, and right before their very eyes, the cave entrance collapsed on itself.

"..."

"I hope there's nobody in there..." Leo swallowed nervously.

Ding!

<You have completed a Special Quest>

[+300,000 Magic Experience, 1,500 Magic Points]

[Magic Experience: 614,200/1,000,000]

[Magic Points: 5,554]

"What an experience that was..." Nina suddenly sat on the ground with a look of disbelief on her face.

"I'll set up the tent so we can rest." Leo said to her before setting up the tent right in front of the collapsed cave entrance.

The two of them would proceed to wash their bodies and eat some food without uttering a single word to each other.

Once she finished her food, Nina looked at Leo and stared at him in silence.

"If you have something to say, say it." He said.

"What are you going to do now? Are you going to continue looking for his legacy?" She asked him.

"..."

After pondering for a moment, he nodded, "Yes, I am going to accept his challenge."

"I figured..." Nina sighed out loud.

"Are you against it?"

"I'm still suspicious of the Elder's true intentions, but I won't stop you if you want to look for his legacy. I'm sure that most people would do the same if they knew that they could acquire artifacts like the Elder's Orb of Restraints by doing so. I will also keep this a secret, so you don't need to worry about that."

"Thank you, Nina." Leo smiled at her, who immediately blushed a little.

Sometime later, Leo subconsciously looked at his watch.

[Points: 35,213,000]

His eyes widened with shock, "T-Thirty million points?!"

"What?!" Nina immediately looked at her watch, and sure enough, they had over 35 million points.

"How did we get so many points? We barely had 3 million points the last time I saw it!"

"It's probably due to those monsters during the trial. I think they were A-Rank monsters." Leo said.

"That makes sense... but with this much points, we should be—"

[Rank: 1]

"Yup, we're rank 1 now." Leo said with a smile.

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"Rank 1... I really didn't think it was possible, but you've proved me wrong." Nina mumbled in a dazed voice as her gaze was fixated on her watch.

After snapping out of her daze, she spoke, "With that being said, even if we are rank 1 right now, there are still two and a half weeks left in the Wilderness Training Course, which means there are plenty of opportunities for the others to catch up."

"I know, but now that our new hunting location is sealed, where are we supposed to train?" Leo then asked.

Nina pondered for a moment before speaking, "Since we can fight A-Rank monsters— at least the weaker ones, we can start hunting them instead of B-Ranks."

"I'm pretty sure there's an area near our current location that has mostly A-Rank monsters. Let me look it up real quick."

Nina retrieved her phone and started fiddling with it.

A few moments later, she showed Leo the phone, "This area has A-Rank monsters, and according to the information here, they are Exploding Corpses and Silver Phantoms. It's about 12 hours away. Do you want to go?"

"Wow, where did you go to look up that map? And sure, we can go there."

"This map can be accessed by anyone. It has all sorts of information from hunting locations, the type of monsters you can find there, monster nests, and even active Labyrinths. Furthermore, you can contribute to the map as well, and if you do it enough, you can receive decent rewards."

"How neat." Leo looked up the map on his own phone.

"Anyways, we can go there after we rest a little. I still need some time to digest everything that has happened today." He said.

"Okay."

Meanwhile, somewhere in the Wilderness, a group of students had just finished killing an A-Rank monster, adding 150,000 points to their millions of points.

"H-Hey! Look at our rank!" One of them suddenly said.

"What about it?"

[Rank: 2]

"What! We've been surpassed?! That's impossible! We came straight to this place and have been hunting A-Rank monsters without rest this entire time! Who could have possibly surpassed us and our 17 million points?!"

"It's probably the Crimson Witch's group."

"You think so, Valery?"

"They're the only ones strong enough to rival our prowess." Valery nodded.

"Actually, there's someone else who could rival us— if he'd recovered his original strength, that is." A bulky figure said with a teasing smile on his face.

"Leo, right? I doubt it. I heard that he'd partnered up with one person— Nina Wraith." Another person there said.

"What?! Is that true?! Leo partnered up with the Witch of Necromancy?!" Another female student beside Valery exclaimed.

She turned to look at Valery and chuckled, "So his new girlfriend is that little girl... Who knew he had such a taste."

Valery's facial expression remained nonchalant despite the topic, but that was only on the outside. In her heart, she was burning with anger.

'Leo... with that little girl...'

"Ignore them, Valery. They're purposely messing with you." A handsome young man approached her and said.

"I am well aware of that, John. Anyways, if we have enough time to chit chat, let's use it to get back rank 1." Valery said.

"Ouh!"

"Yeah!"

Their group continued to hunt A-Rank monsters.

Twelve hours after Leo and Nina started their rest, they packed up the tent and began making their way towards their next location.

While they traveled on their hoverboard, Leo opened up his character status with the artifact slots to see if he could re-equip his Bamboo Sword that he'd replaced with the Void Staff.

'Shit... I can't find the Bamboo Sword anywhere. Does this mean it's lost forever? That these artifacts are for one-time use only?' Leo cried inwardly when he realized this.

If he'd known this beforehand, he wouldn't have purchased the Void Staff.

With that being said, he was also lucky to have realized it this soon and only lost an E-Rank artifact, as it would've been disastrous if he'd lost an S-Rank or even A-Rank artifact.

After getting over the loss of 350 Magic Points, Leo proceeded to ponder what he should buy from the Magic Shop now that he acquired some more points.

'The last time I purchased a D-Rank passive skill, I acquired a really powerful passive skill. Maybe I should gamble again and test my luck.'

After pondering for a moment, he decided to spend 1,000 Magic Points on another D-Rank passive skill, as the previous result was just too good for him to ignore.

Ding!

<You have acquired the Passive Skill: Analyze>

[Description: Allows you to see information of artifacts and treasures]

'Oh? This is actually an amazing passive skill! Now I can tell what an artifact does just by looking at it!'

Leo immediately retrieved the Elder's Orb of Restraints and focused his eyes on it until a screen appeared on top of it.

[Elder's Orb of Restraints]

[Grade: S]

[Description: Restrain the movements of all monsters within a 50 meter radius and decrease their defense by 50%. 600 seconds cooldown.]

'No wonder why the Obsidian Ghouls became easier to kill after their movements were restricted. To think this artifact not only seals their movements but also lowers their defenses, making them more vulnerable... I cannot imagine what other powerful artifacts the Elder had left behind!' Leo smiled as his imaginations ran wild.

Many hours later, they arrived at their new hunting spot, but the atmosphere there made Leo shiver.

"This place... a graveyard?"

Although the place was badly damaged, there was no doubt that it used to be a graveyard, as there were still coffins and tombstones lying all over the place.

"I should've guessed that this would be the case after hearing the names of the monsters. Exploding Corpses and Silver Phantoms? Sounds like something that would only show up in graveyards." He sighed.

"Do you want to go to another place?" Nina asked him.

"No, this place is fine."

"Okay."

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"Exploding Corpses, according to the information here, will explode if they sustain too much magic damage, and they can use explosion magic. When they use explosion magic, a magic circle will appear around you, so make sure you dodge them."

"As for Phantom Ghosts, they are immune to physical attacks, so we'll have to use magic if we want to damage them, and they can use wind magic, specifically Wind Blades, Wind Bullets, and Wind Barrage. Also, they can silent cast Wind Bullet, so we need to keep an eye out for that."

They began wandering the destroyed graveyard shortly after preparing themselves.

Minutes later, they encountered their first monster, the Exploding Corpse.

The Exploding Corpse had a round figure and looked like a fat zombie that appeared to be on the verge of exploding.

When the Exploding Corpse noticed Leo and Nina, it pointed at them and mumbled some inaudible words.

The following moment—

"Leo! Below you! Get away from the magic circle!" Nina suddenly shouted as she jumped away from him, as there was a medium-sized magic circle right below Leo.

Leo immediately used Void Step and appeared a few meters away.

BOOM!

The magic circle exploded two seconds later, causing the place to shake a little.

"You bastard!" Leo tightly gripped his sword before running at the Exploding Corpse.

Once he was close enough, he swung the sword, decapitating the Exploding Corpse.

"Run away, Leo! Their bodies will also explode three seconds after dying!" Nina warned him.

Leo used Void Step again to avoid the explosion.

"Are you okay?" Nina ran to him afterward.

"Yes... But that was close. I think we should avoid this area. The monsters here are too dangerous and annoying. Although I can deal with these Exploding Corpses with ease, I cannot do so without using magic, and I prefer fighting monsters that I can defeat with just my sword. After all, I would like to record us fighting some A-Rank monsters. This way, the other students and teachers won't be as suspicious when we show them our points."

"I thought you didn't care about that?" Nina raised her eyebrow.

"I don't, but it would be troublesome if they ask us too many questions. I want to keep what happened at the cave a secret from the academy. After all, if news got out that an Otherworlder had left behind his legacy, the whole world would go crazy, and I will become the world's number one target because I have the Elder's Orb of Restraints, which will lead us to the legacy."

"Speaking of the clue... I tried looking for it but I didn't find anything."

Nina pondered for a moment before speaking, "Perhaps it will guide you to the next trial whenever you're near the place, but who knows."

They left the graveyard shortly after and began looking for another location.

"How about this place? These monsters should be doable even if you're just using a sword." Nina showed him the next location.

"Mountain Cyclops and Vengeful Treants, huh. Alright, let's go there. How far is it from this place?"

"Four days."

"Four days..." Leo was speechless.

"At this rate, we'll spend more time traveling than fighting..." He sighed a moment later.

"There's nothing we can do. We don't have a vehicle, and hoverboards aren't fast enough." Nina shrugged.

"Forget it. Let's go."

"Okay."

They retrieved their hoverboards and began speeding into the distance.

Over the course of the next four days, Leo and Nina would encounter many other students during their journey, and most of them were found in the D-Rank and C-Rank areas, especially the students that cannot use magic.

"A lot of the students we passed seemed exhausted, and all of them had injuries on their bodies. One of them was even missing an arm. Why are they trying so hard?" Leo sighed, as he could not understand their feelings.

"To most students, the Wilderness Training Course is an opportunity to be recognized and a chance to be promoted to an Elite Student."

"Huh? Ordinary students who cannot use magic can become an elite student too?" Leo asked.

"Yes, but they're not in the same circle as the magic student's elite. Knights and magic students have their own elite students. You are also an elite student—you just don't remember it."

"I see..."

Sometime later, Nina said, "We're almost there."

"Alright." Leo nodded and looked at his phone to go through the information about the monsters again.

'Mountain Cyclops. They're giants with immense strength. Their skin is so thick that most ordinary weapons cannot penetrate them. As for magic... one will need at least 20,000 magic power to deal any meaningful damage to them.'

'20,000 magic power... that's a lot, especially when 5,000 is already enough to destroy buildings... I wonder what my current magic power is.'

'Vengeful Treants, they're tree monsters that can use earth magic. They are weak to fire magic. Be wary of their roots that they hide in the ground. Sounds troublesome.'

About an hour later, Leo could see the beginning of a mountain valley in the distance.

"Giant's Valley is right up there." Nina said.

"Alright."

As they got closer to the Giant's Valley, Leo could see a figure standing outside the entrance of the valley.

'That person is...!' A smile appeared on Leo's face when he saw this person.

"Miss Camille!" He waved at her once they were close enough.

"Leo? What are you doing all the way out here? If you didn't know, A-Rank monsters roam this area. Now get out of here before you get hurt." Camille shooed him away.

Leo chuckled at her reaction and said, "I know. That's why I am here— to hunt these monsters."

Camille frowned upon hearing his words.

"What ridiculous thing are you saying? If you think you are strong enough to fight A-Rank monsters just because you are having an easy time with B-Rank monsters, I will let you know that—"

"A-Rank monsters are far stronger than B-Rank monsters, right? I know. I have already fought several of them before coming here." Leo smiled at her.

Camille proceeded to stare at Leo in silence and with a pondering gaze.

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"Let me see your watch." Camille said to him after a moment of silence.

"Here you go." Leo showed off his watch to her with his chest puffed out and a prideful look on his face.

"T-Thirty five million points?! That's impossible! There's no way the two of you could've acquired this much points in such a short time! I really hope you didn't mess with the watch..." Camille was in disbelief after seeing their points.

"What? Why would we do something like that? Do you not trust me, Miss Camille? We earned these points fair and square!" Leo frowned.

"...Where did you guys train before coming here? And why would you come here when you could get more points over there? Nobody would leave such a good farming spot without being forced to."

"That's exactly why we had to find a new location, Miss Camille. Our old location collapsed on itself, so we cannot go there anymore." Leo sighed.

"Collapsed...? Don't tell me... You went inside a Labyrinth?" Camille narrowed her eyes at him.

"It's a long story. I will tell you all about it at the end of the training course. Anyways, what are you doing here, Miss Camille?" Leo asked her.

"You better tell me everything. And I am here to watch over a certain group of students."

"Huh? So you're being their guardian? Who are these lucky students?"

"I'm not really being their guardian. The closer I am to them the faster I can heal them if they encounter any accidents. This is the Headmistress' desire. As for the students... They're elite students— the best in our school. And with the tournament coming up, we cannot afford to lose any of these students."

"Elite students, huh. No wonder they're getting this special treatment. Anyways, I will see you later, Miss Camille. Our points have barely increased for the past few days. If we don't return to grinding soon, we'll lose our lead. Let's go, Nina." Leo said.

"..."

"Wait." Camille suddenly stopped him.

"Please don't stop us, Miss Camille. We'll be fine— really."

"Leo is right, Miss Camille. We can handle ourselves just fine."

Camille rubbed her eyes and sighed, "I'm not trying to stop you."

She proceeded to retrieve a red sword from her Spatial Ring before offering it to Leo.

"You're still using your training sword, right? This is a B-Grade artifact. It'll assist you in the Giant's Valley."

"Are you sure you can do this, Miss Camille? This feels a little cheaty." Leo swallowed nervously when he saw the beautiful sword with a red blade in her grasp.

"This wasn't my idea. The Headmistress was the one who told me to hand this to you if I see you."

"I see... If the Headmistress is behind this, I guess I can take it. Thank you, Miss Camille." Leo accepted the red sword.

"Then I will see you later." Leo waved at her as he entered the Giant's Valley with Nina.

'Just how much stronger has he gotten since the start of the training course? To think he's already fighting A-Rank monsters when he'd only recently become a C-Rank Adventurer...' Camille sighed inwardly.

After leaving Camille's side, Leo inspected the red sword in his grasp with Analyze.

[Blood Sword]

[Grade: B+]

[Description: Increases the power of your sword attacks by 150%. Restores energy by 10% of the damage you inflict with this weapon]

'Wow, this is a very good weapon! If I continue inflicting damage with this sword, I can theoretically have unlimited energy!'

"Leo, are you sure that we'll be fine? There are other students in this place, so it'll be risky for you to use magic. The only reason we defeated the Black Wyvern was due to your overpowered magic." Nina suddenly said to him.

"Yes, I'll be fine, especially now that I have this baby with me." Leo showed her the Blood Sword.

"Furthermore, we also have the Elder's Orb of Restraints. As long as we have that, all monsters will be rendered useless before us! The only downside is that it has a cooldown. After using it, we will have to wait for 10 whole minutes before we can use it again."

"If you say so." Nina nodded.

Sometime later, they encountered their first monster— the Mountain Cyclops.

The Mountain Cyclops was 30 meters tall, had arms that were thicker than an adult human body, and muscles that resembled mountains on its arms. The cyclops also had a grayish complexion and a pair of purple eyes.

All in all, the Mountain Cyclops was a frightening entity with a terrorizing aura.

"I'll distract it with my servants!" Nina said as she summoned about 50 skeleton warriors and 10 skeleton mages.

Once the Mountain Cyclops was fully focused on the skeletons, Leo leaped at it from its blind spot and swung his sword directly at the monster's Achilles tendon, causing the monster to release a painful roar as it fell to its knees.

"Haaaa!"

Leo proceeded to unleash a flurry of sword attacks on the monster, quickly covering its body with sharp sword marks.

"That wasn't so bad. It's countless times easier than fighting the Exploding Corpses, that's for sure." Leo said afterward.

"..." Nina stared at him with a dazed look on her face.

'My skeleton warriors weren't able to put a scratch on the Mountain Cyclops skin, yet he... Is this the difference between using an ordinary sword and an artifact for him? If he had that sword back at the cave, he would've been able to defeat the Black Wyverns and those weird monsters without using magic.'

After harvesting the monster core, they continued going deeper into the Giant's Valley.

And for the next several days, they would kill dozens of A-Rank monsters, increasing their total points to slightly above 39 million.

Right as the Wilderness Training Course entered its third week, Leo and Nina crossed paths with a group of individuals in the Giant's Valley, all of them wearing the Four Witches Academy's uniform.

When these two groups saw each other, their eyes widened with surprise.

"Leo..." Valery mumbled in a dazed voice as she stared at his handsome face.

'Valery and John... So they're the elite students that Miss Camille had mentioned...' Leo thought to himself.

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"Look, it's your girlfriend, Leo." Lilith chuckled out loud in a teasing voice when they coincidentally crossed paths in the Giants' Valley.

"Shut up. I never had a girlfriend in my life." He rebuked.

"That in itself is quite embarrassing... If you want, I will be your girlfriend." Lilith continued to tease him with a wide smile on her face.

"This isn't the time for jokes." He sighed.

Meanwhile—

"Leo! What are you doing here? You know this place has A-Rank monsters, right? Did you already recover from your strength? Or did you wander here by accident?" The bulky young man from Valery's team was the first to break the silence.

'Kevin Stoner, he was the basketball team's captain... ' Leo recognized this bulky student, as he was one of the most popular students in his old world.

"Never mind that! Are you going out with Nina now?! I cannot imagine any other reason why the two of you would partner up!" The other female student in the group beside Valery quickly interrupted.

'Jennifer White... She was Valery's best friend in my world and also the archery club's ace... This group is filled with popular students.' Leo sighed inwardly.

"What's wrong with me being here? And I am well aware of the A-Rank monsters here." Leo said to Kevin before turning to look at Jennifer and continuing, "Why do we have to be going out to be partners? We're just friends."

"..."

Valery and her team stared at Leo with slightly wide eyes.

"Even if you have recovered your strength, isn't it a little reckless to fight A-Rank monsters with just the two of you? You may be slightly stronger than us individually, but you won't be able to defeat the six of us together, and we require a whole team to handle one A-Rank monster." Kevin said a moment later.

"He's right. If you don't want to lose your memories for a second time, you should get out of here— if you're lucky to survive a second time, that is." The fifth member of Valery's team suddenly said with a look of disdain on his face.

Leo turned to look at the person who just spoke. He was a skinny young man with short red hair, and he was wearing a long hat with a pointy tip— what one would recognize as a wizard's hat.

'Who is this guy? I don't recognize him.' Leo thought to himself.

"Thank you for your consideration, but we can handle ourselves just fine." Leo said a moment later in a sarcastic voice.

"Hmph. You seem to have gotten a bit cocky since your disappearance." The red-haired student sneered.

"And you seem nicer than before— not that I remember anything." Leo smiled at him.

"You bas—!"

"Erik!" Valery suddenly shouted when the red-haired student took a step forward.

"Che." Erik sucked his teeth and proceeded to ignore Leo, pretending that nothing had happened just now.

"Leo..." Valery looked at him with an unfathomable gaze.

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Just as Valery opened her mouth, Nina suddenly shouted, "Leo! Monster!"

BOOM!

The following moment, a Mountain Cyclops had suddenly fallen from the sky and landed right beside Leo and Valery's group.

Leo proceeded to ignore Valery and her team and rushed at the Mountain Cyclops without any hesitation.

"What the hell is he doing?!" Kevin exclaimed after seeing Leo's actions.

"He's charging at the Mountain Cyclops by himself?! Is he insane?!" Erik muttered in a dazed voice.

'This guy...' John stared at Leo with wide eyes.

When the Mountain Cyclops noticed Leo running at it, a mocking grin appeared on its face as it raised its large sword into the air.

However, right as it prepared to swing its sword, its body stiffened, and it felt itself becoming weaker and more vulnerable for some reason.

"W-What are those red chains?!" Jennifer pointed at the red chains that had suddenly materialized around the Mountain Cyclops and shouted.

Unbeknownst to them, Leo had secretly activated the Elder's Orb of Restraints, sealing the cyclops' movement for a brief moment until he arrived behind its feet.

Once Leo was behind the giant, he swung his sword at its Achilles tendon, cutting down its movement on one leg and forcing the cyclops to kneel on the ground.

Immediately after, Leo rushed to its other leg and slashed that leg's Achilles tendon as well.

"Arrrrgh!" The Mountain Cyclops released a deafening roar that stunned Valery and the others.

This normally wouldn't happen, but they were too surprised by Leo's actions to put up any defenses.

Once the Mountain Cyclops was on the ground, Leo jumped high into the air before plunging himself at the monster's head.

Whoosh!

The tip of his sword penetrated the cyclops' tough skin with ease before its blade dug deep into its head.

However, his sword was too short to reach the cyclops' brain, so he infused his sword with mana before shooting it out like a magic bullet.

The mana bullet that was as sharp as the sword easily penetrated the cyclops' thick skull and reached its brain.

But Leo wasn't satisfied yet, so he continued to stab the cyclops' head with his sword until the monster stopped moving completely.

Afterward, he carved a large hole in the cyclops head and dug out its mana core.

Once all of that was done, he casually returned to Nina's side and said to her, "Thanks for the warning."

"L-Leo... You..." The sixth member of Valery's team muttered in a dazed voice. He was a short kid that could be easily mistaken as a child with blonde hair just like John.

Of course, Leo didn't recognize him either.

"Hm? You guys are still here? Sorry, but I'm busy. If you have anything to say, tell me once we get back to the academy." Leo said to them.

"Let's go, Nina." He said to her before turning around and walking away without looking back even once.

Nina quietly followed him, and as she passed Valery and her team, she turned to look at them with a mocking smile on her face.

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"T-That little bitch! Did you guys see that?! There was a smug look on her face! She was looking down on us!" Erik exclaimed in a frustrated voice as Nina's back disappeared from their view.

"Forget about her. That Leo... Although his movements weren't as nimble and quick as before, his prowess seemed to have increased since the last time we fought." Kevin said with a pondering look on his face.

"Those red chains... It seemed to have completely sealed the Mountain Cyclops' movements. I have never seen anything like that before. Was that caused by an artifact, or magic?" Jennifer mumbled out loud.

"It's gotta be an artifact. In case you forgot, Leo can't use magic."

"Speaking of artifacts, why isn't he using his sword? That red sword he was using doesn't look as strong as his original one." The short student asked.

"Didn't he lose his sword when he disappeared?" Erik said.

"No, the academy had managed to recover the sword. Apparently it was found by someone, who then sold it to a merchant. When the academy found out, they purchased it back from the merchant." Jennifer said.

"Do you think the academy will keep his sword, or will they give it back to him? That sword is pretty valuable, so I wouldn't be surprised if they kept it for themselves." Erik pondered out loud.

"I doubt they would keep it for themselves and offend Leo. They have already lost him once— they won't want to lose him for a second time." Kevin said.

"Hmm? He-Hey! Valery, where are you going?" John suddenly spoke, causing everyone to turn to look at him, who was looking at Valery, who was walking towards the direction that Leo and Nina had just disappeared to.

"Valery?" Jennifer suddenly followed her and asked, "Are you going to follow Leo?"

"There's something about Leo that's been bothering me," she said in a calm voice.

"Leo? What about him?"

"I don't know, that's what I want to find out."

"Eh? You're kidding! What about the training course? We're still ranked 2 in case you forgot! We don't have the luxury for this nonsense!" Jennifer reminded her.

"..."

Valery stopped walking and gritted her teeth.

"You're right. I wasn't thinking straight just now, sorry."

"That's not new! You're always like this whenever Leo is involved!" Jennifer chuckled.

After returning to her team, Valery said to them, "Let's hurry up and get back to being first place."

"Alright!"

"Let's do this!"

"Are you okay, Valery?" John asked her a few minutes later.

"Yes, I am. Thanks for your concern."

Meanwhile, somewhere in the Wilderness, another group beside Leo's team and Valery's team was hunting A-Rank monsters.

"Sister Helia, we're still ranked 3..." A brown-haired girl said to the red-haired beauty before her.

This red-haired beauty was Helia Barnett, who was also known as the Crimson Witch. Not only does she have the highest Fire Magic Affinity in the entire academy, but she's also the second strongest fire magic user in the whole city, being only behind Headmistress Eve.

"I'm sorry for being a burden, Sister Helia. If only I'm not dragging you down, we wouldn't be ranked so low..." One of her teammates suddenly sighed out loud.

"Me too. You're the strongest magic student in the academy, yet you're being bogged down by us..."

In Helia's team, everyone was female, and they were all magic students, but none of them were elite students, unlike Valery's team that was stacked with the top magic students in the whole academy.

If Helia had one or two other elite students with her, their team would've been second place now with Valery's team being third.

Helia showed the girls a gentle smile and said, "Stop that nonsense. I was the one who wanted you girls in my team."

"Sister Helia...!" The girls stared at her with a great sense of reverence, almost as though they were before their god.

They continued to hunt A-Rank monsters shortly after with Helia being at the front while the other five supported her from the back.

Several days later...

"John! Watch out!" Valery shouted when the Vengeful Treant, a large tree monster, suddenly attacked John from behind with its sharp roots.

"What?!" John reacted a little too late because he was too focused on attacking the monster before him.

"Holy Shield!" The short student quickly created a barrier around John, protecting him from the attack.

"Hah!" John dealt the final blow to the monster the next moment.

"T-Thanks, Conan. I wasn't paying attention just now." John said to the short student afterward.

Valery narrowed her eyes at John and said, "We're taking a break."

"Huh? But we can still continue." Kevin said with a raised eyebrow.

"I know, but John's mind is clearly elsewhere right now— he's been like that for the last several fights. If we continue like this, he will surely make a grave mistake and get himself killed." Valery said.

"S-Sorry, Valery... everyone..." John sighed.

The other members looked at each other. Even without saying a word, they knew what was distracting John.

'It's definitely because of Leo.' Jennifer thought to herself.

'That Leo's still causing us trouble even though he's not here!' Erik snickered inwardly.

Sometime later, they set up a tent and began their rest.

"I'm sorry, Valery. I'm just—"

"You don't need to say anything, nor do you need to worry about Leo. He may not be dead, but he's not 'back'. I also have no more feelings or attachments for him, so you can relax." Valery said to him with a gentle smile on her face.

John's facial expressions immediately brightened after hearing her words, "Thank you, Valery."

A few miles away from Valery's team, Leo and Nina were also resting inside a tent.

"Looks like we're still first place with 42 million points." Leo said as he laid inside his sleeping bag.

"Looks like it," she calmly said.

"..."

After a moment of silence, Nina suddenly asked, "Hey, Leo. I know this is none of my business, but are you really okay with Valery being with John? She's your girlfriend, right?"

"Huh?" Leo sat up on his sleeping bag and turned to look at her with raised eyebrows.

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"Why are you asking such questions so suddenly?" Leo asked with raised eyebrows.

"Y-You don't have to answer if you don't want to..." Nina quickly said after seeing Leo's reaction.

"I don't mind. After all, I really don't care about her relationship with others. What happened between us in the past doesn't matter, because I am no longer the same person." Leo calmly said.

"But that's because of your amnesia, right? You will eventually remember your past, and when you do... You might regret it." Nina said.

Leo smiled and said, "Thank you for your concern, but trust me, even if I remember my past, nothing will change. Things between me and Valery are over. We might as well be strangers now."

"Is that so... Sorry for being nosy."

"Don't worry about it, I am nosy at times, too." Leo smiled before lying back down in his sleeping bag and closing his eyes, quickly falling asleep.

After waking up several hours later, Leo and Nina ate some food before cleaning up the tent and returning to their grind.

"I have been wondering this for a while now, but do monsters spawn endlessly?" Leo suddenly asked.

"You want to get rid of all monsters in this world, right? How is that possible if monsters keep spawning no matter how many times we kill them?"

Nina pondered for a moment before speaking, "Actually, there is a limit. However, in order to reach this limit, we must kill the boss that is hidden in the area."

"Huh? A boss? Like the ones in Labyrinths? This is my first time hearing about this." Leo said, looking quite surprised by this new information.

"That's right. However, they're not always available and must be spawned first. In order to spawn the boss, we must continue to kill the monsters in that area until the boss spawns. It may take 100 kills, 1,000 kills, or even 10,000 kills, but the boss will eventually appear. Once we kill the boss, the monsters will no longer respawn."

"Is that so... Then is there any way to know if a boss spawn is near?"

"Not without specialized magic equipment. However, if I use my spiritual eyes, perhaps I can tell if there are any major changes in the mana in the air, as that could potentially tell us if a boss will be spawning soon."

"I'll be counting on you then." Leo nodded.

And for the next few days, they would continue to hunt the A-Rank monsters in Giants' Valley without much break.

They would also cross paths with Valery's team a second time, but they didn't say anything to each other and acted as though they never saw each other.

"That Leo... He's completely ignoring us now." Jennifer gritted her teeth in frustration.

"Forget about him. It'll only give you a headache." Erik said.

"Speaking of Leo, what rank do you think he's currently in?" Kevin suddenly asked.

"Since there's only two of them, I doubt they're that high up in the ranks." Erik sneered.

"I wouldn't be so sure about that." Conan said, and he continued, "While their team consists of only two people, did you not see how Leo was able to easily defeat that Mountain Cyclops all by himself and with relative ease?"

"Furthermore, Nina is rumored to wield Spiritual Eyes, which will allow them to find monsters more easily. Honestly, I wouldn't be surprised if they are currently ranked first."

"Rank one? Surely, you must be joking." Jennifer did not want to believe that a two-man team would be able to defeat their full team of six elite students.

"Anyways, we have a little over a week left in the training course. Let's stop wasting time and get back our rank." John suddenly said to them.

"Yes, yes."

A few days later marked the end of the third week of the training course, which meant the students only had another week left in the Wilderness.

"One week left... This is getting nerve wracking..." Leo said as he looked at his watch for the 24th time in the last hour.

"If you have time to keep looking at your watch, might as well spend that energy hunting monsters." Lilith said to him.

"That's Nina's job." He shrugged.

Ever since they entered the Giants' Valley, Nina's role has become more of a support than anything. She would use her Spiritual Eyes to find monsters for him, and he would defeat them. He could kill Mountain Cyclops with ease with the help of the Elder's Orb of Restraints, but since it had a 10 minute cooldown after every use, it wasn't always available for every fight, but even without the artifact, he didn't have much trouble with the cyclops.

However, the Vengeful Treants were a pain in the ass for him, and he needed both the Elder's Orb of Restraints as well as Nina's help in order to deal with them, so they wouldn't fight them unless the artifact was off cooldown.

Sometime later, Nina stopped walking and started staring in a certain direction with a pondering expression.

"What's wrong?" Leo asked her.

She pointed in the direction she was looking at and spoke, "There's a powerful mana disturbance coming from behind that mountain; it's stronger than anything I have ever seen before..."

"Could it be a boss spawn?" Leo asked.

She nodded, "I have never seen one before, but that is highly likely to be the case."

"Do you think we can defeat it...?" Leo then asked.

"Since this is an A-Rank area, there's a small chance for the boss to be S-Rank in difficulty. If it turns out to be an S-Rank boss monster, we won't be able to defeat it even if we use everything in our arsenal." Nina said.

"But there's no harm in checking, right? If we cannot beat it, we will just leave it alone." Leo said.

"Yes."

"Then let's go! I want to see what a boss in the Wilderness is like and how they compare to the ones in the Labyrinth!" Leo said as he started moving towards the powerful mana disturbance.

Chapter 119: Boss Spawn

Diiii... Diiii... Diiii...

Camille reached into her pocket and retrieved her ringing phone.

"Leo? Did something happen to him?" She frowned when she saw the caller id.

"Hello? What's wrong?"

"Ah, Miss Camille, there's nothing wrong, but I wanted to let you know that there might be a boss spawn happening soon in the Giants' Valley, and I am going to investigate it with Nina." Leo said to her through the phone.

"What?! Boss spawn?! You idiot! Stay away from it! If it's an S-Rank monster, you'll be killed!" Camille quickly exclaimed.

"Don't worry, we're not going to confront it unless we're certain that we can defeat it—"

The connection suddenly cut off.

"Hello?! Leo!" Camille looked at her phone to see that the call had ended.

"Damn it!"

Camille quickly retrieved her Adventurer's equipment from her Spatial Ring and wore them before flying into the Giants' Valley to look for Leo.

Meanwhile, inside the Giants' Valley.

"Why did the connection suddenly close?" Leo looked at his phone with raised eyebrows.

"Huh? It's not working? D-Don't tell me that it's broken! What the fuck! That was my first call since I got the phone! Durable, my ass! I was scammed!" He began panicking when he realized that his phone had stopped functioning, and his heart began bleeding from pain, as he'd spent half a million on this phone.

"Umm... I don't think your phone is broken. I think it's because of the mana disturbance. If the mana disturbance is too strong, it can cause electronics to become unresponsive and even block their signals, almost like a natural jammer." Nina said to him.

"I hope that's the case, or I've just wasted half a million dollars..." He sighed.

"With the amount of money you'll make from selling the mana cores you've collected throughout the training course, half a million might as well become spare change." Lilith chuckled.

"Even if I have a billion dollars, 500 thousand dollars is still 500 thousand dollars— its value won't change." He shook his head.

Sometime later, they arrived at the location of the mana disturbance, which was an open field. However, Leo and Nina were not the first ones there.

"Look over there! What are they doing?" Leo pointed at the dozens of monsters that were gathered in the center of this open field, almost like they were doing some kind of ritual.

"I think they're anticipating the boss spawn," said Nina.

"So it's really going to be a boss..." Leo swallowed nervously.

Sometime later, Leo asked, "How long does it usually take for the boss to spawn? We've been here for an hour already."

"Who knows. This is my first time seeing a boss spawn." Nina said.

"It usually takes a few hours, but it can take several days as well if the boss is extremely powerful." Lilith said.

"So the quicker the boss spawns, the weaker it is?" He asked.

"Something like that."

Leo and Nina continued to wait for the boss to spawn while more and more monsters gathered in the area.

Four hours later, Nina suddenly said, "Leo! Something's happening!"

She nudged him, who had fallen asleep from waiting, awake.

After waking up, Leo narrowed his eyes at the scene, but he didn't see anything different.

However, a few more minutes later, Leo and Nina watched as a massive red portal suddenly appeared above where the monsters were gathered.

The monsters began roaring in excitement when they saw the portal.

What transpired the following moments left Leo and Nina speechless.

From within the red portal appeared a massive red leg that was around 15 meters tall, followed by a muscular red arm, then a large head with a fierce face and two black horns.

Once this red-skinned monster was fully out of the portal and standing straight, it was at least three times as big as the Mountain Cyclops. Furthermore, this monster had two large cleavers strapped to its back like it's some kind of warrior.

"What kind of monster is that?" Leo asked Nina.

"I don't know... but its mana is overwhelming— even stronger than those entities we fought during the Elder's trial... much stronger!"

"Much stronger...? So it's an S-Rank monster?" Leo mumbled.

"No, it's not." Lilith suddenly said.

He looked at her and asked, "Do you know what kind of monster that is?"

She nodded, "It's a Fiend Warrior. They're not S-Rank monsters, but they're at the top of A-Rank monsters, probably top 100 in terms of prowess."

"Do you think we have a chance to defeat it?" Leo then asked.

Lilith pondered for a moment before speaking, "If you're thinking about fighting it without magic, then you won't have a chance. However, if you use magic... I think it's doable."

"Magic, huh? That's a little risky, considering that Valery and her team are also in this place. There could also be others that are watching in secret." Leo mumbled to himself.

"Leo, I don't think we should fight it." Nina suddenly said.

"It's too powerful. Even if you use magic, there's a good chance that we won't be able to defeat it."

Leo narrowed his eyes at the Fiend Warrior.

After a few moments of silence, he nodded and said, "Let's get out of here. There's no point risking our lives fighting it. I may be stubborn at times, but I am not stupid. We gain nothing from fighting that dangerous thing."

Furthermore, they were still in first place. With that being said, even if they were not first, they had no reason to fight a monster that exceeded their capabilities; it simply doesn't make any sense.

As Leo and Nina left the scene as quietly as possible, Leo subconsciously turned around to look at the Fiend Warrior again, and what he saw made his eyes widen with shock.

"N-Nina! Look!" He called out to her.

"What is it?" Nina turned to look at the direction he was pointing.

Her eyes also widened when she saw the scene Leo was watching.

"What the hell is going on...?" she mumbled in a dazed voice.

Chapter 120: Fiend Warrior

"What the hell is going on...? Why... Why is the boss suddenly attacking the other monsters?" Nina mumbled in a dazed voice as she watched the Fiend Warrior butcher the Mountain Cyclops and the Vengeful Treants with its large cleavers.

However, even weirder about the situation was how the monsters didn't appear to be resisting, as they all just stood there, silently waiting for their turn to be killed by Fiend Warrior, almost as if they were offering themselves to it.

Leo and Nina were so puzzled by its actions that they subconsciously decided to remain a little longer to see how the whole thing plays out.

Suddenly—

"Leo! Nina!"

A familiar voice called out to them.

Leo turned around to see Miss Camille descending from the sky like a goddess.

"Miss Camille? What are you doing here?" Leo subconsciously muttered.

"I'm here to stop you, you idiot! How can you do something so reckless?! A boss in the Wilderness isn't something you can mess around with! That's how you get yourself killed!" She lectured him the moment she landed.

"Actually, we had no intention of fighting the boss and were just leaving. However, when the boss suddenly decided to start slaughtering its own kind, we had to stop and watch

a little longer." Leo said while pointing at the Fiend Warrior that was still killing the other monsters.

Miss Camille turned to look at the red monster in the distance.

"Fiend Warrior!" She immediately recognized it.

And she continued, "Fiend Warriors have a natural modifier called 'Bloodlust', which allows them to get stronger the more it kills, and it doesn't matter if it's humans or other monsters."

"So it's killing the other monsters because it's trying to get stronger? Why are the other monsters allowing this though?" Leo asked.

"That's just their nature. A boss monster is akin to a god in the location they were spawned in. Anyways, this is bad for us. If the Fiend Warrior isn't dealt with quickly and we allow it to grow stronger, it could potentially grow into an S-Rank monster. However, I won't be able to deal with it by myself, and it might be too late by the time reinforcements arrive..." Camille frowned.

"You want to deal with the Fiend Warrior now?" Leo asked.

"That would be ideal. You have no idea what an S-Rank monster is capable of..."

Leo then said without any hesitation in his voice, "What if we help you take down the Fiend Warrior?"

She looked at him with a frown and said, "I'm not putting either of you in danger. It may only be an A-Rank monster, but it's far stronger than any normal A-Rank monsters out there. Not even 100 Mountain Cyclops would be able to defeat it."

"But we're only going to support you. Nina and I can summon skeletons to distract the Fiend Warrior. I also have a powerful artifact that can restrict its movements and lower its defenses." Leo said.

"A powerful artifact that can restrict the movements of an A-Rank boss monster?" Camille's eyes widened, as that sounded like only something an S-Grade artifact could achieve.

"Let me see this artifact," she urged.

"Here you go." Leo handed her the Elder's Orb of Restraints.

"T-This is..." Camille swallowed nervously when she sensed the overwhelming aura from it, and the aura felt oddly familiar for some reason, almost like her Elder's Ring of Regeneration and Elder's Ring of Empowerment but even stronger.

"Where in god's name did you acquire this treasure?" She asked him after snapping out of her daze.

"Not long ago inside a cave. I will explain everything to you when we return to the academy." Leo said.

After pondering for a moment, Camille looked at him with a serious expression and asked, "Are you sure this artifact can restrict the Fiend Warrior's movements?"

He nodded, "I'm fairly positive."

"Alright, then we'll do it. Listen, this is what we're going to do..." Camille proceeded to tell them her plan.

A few minutes later, Nina summoned her skeleton servants and had them distract the Fiend Warrior.

Leo decided to not waste his mana and to use it to solely restrict the Fiend Warrior's movements.

When the Fiend Warrior noticed the army of skeleton warriors and mages, it immediately diverted its attention from the other monsters to these unknown intruders.

Meanwhile, Camille hovered above the battlefield and quietly prepared her most powerful magic spell.

The Fiend Warrior quickly shreds through the skeleton warriors' numbers. Every time it swung its cleavers, over a dozen skeleton warriors would perish.

However, Nina continued to summon them, so the army of skeleton warriors didn't diminish. As for the skeleton mages, they were bombarding the Fiend Warrior from a distance, not that it did any damage. In fact, the Fiend Warrior completely ignored their attacks.

Soon, the other monsters there started assisting the Fiend Warrior, destroying the skeleton army at an even quicker pace.

Nina's mana was being drained at an insanely fast rate because she needed to keep summoning new skeleton warriors. If it weren't for the high-quality mana potion that Camille had given her beforehand, she would've run out of mana by now.

"I-I can't anymore! Leo! It's up to you now!" Nina said to him as her mana was exhausted.

The moment Nina ran out of mana, all of her skeleton warriors and mages collapsed.

This puzzled the Fiend Warrior and the other monsters.

It was at this moment they noticed the mana disturbance coming from above, causing them to look up, and that's when they finally noticed Camille, who was only halfway done with her magic spell despite many minutes of preparation.

However, before the monsters could disturb her, Leo drank a high-quality mana potion and activated the Elder's Orb of Restraints, sealing the movement of the monsters, including the Fiend Warrior.

'Shit! My mana is being drained much quicker than when I used it for the trial even though there are fewer monsters here! Is this because it needs more mana to restrict the Fiend Warrior?!' Leo gritted his teeth and silently hoped that his mana would last long enough to let Camille finish her spell.