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At that moment when Lucy heard Delia, she really felt like killing her or ripping her to shreds . The damn goddess didn't speak earlier when she clearly stated that they needed those money bills but here she is now telling her that .

Lucy had some suspicions that Delia is just lying to get out of here hastily and she didn't fully trust the Holy Goddess, what's more, is that there is already a buyer in front of her, so what's there to lose except a few useless diamonds?

"Can I have a look at the diamonds?"

Whilst stretching her bony and old hand, Lady Sinsu asked Lucy, her tone was neither arrogant nor domineering, it was a bit hoarse and low, clearly indicating the age of the speaker without having too look at him.

Lucy didn't mind and with a wave of her hand, small nail-sized diamonds floated and gently landed on the outstretched hand of the old woman which made her even more surprised.

'Are they one of them?'

The first thought of Sinyu is that Lucy is one of those people who gained special abilities as the diamonds clearly appeared out of nowhere so it must be one of those magical items that are found in the dungeons .

Lady Sinyu didn't think much about it at first, as whoever Lucy was, it has nothing to do with her, their relationship was not that deep or strong for her to ask that . They were just a buyer and a seller who met at the right place and at the right time .

A couple of minutes quickly passed, Sinyu was totally immersed in checking the diamonds and from the second her eyes landed on those precious diamonds in her hands, she couldn't or didn't want to let go of them, she was even reluctant to stop gazing at them luster.

Unlike the old lady, Lucy was not going to wait the whole day, neither was the bored Delia who acted out of her own way and used a bit of magic to move the little diamonds from the clutched hand of Sinyu and made them float back to Lucy but what surprised her is that the old lady quickly closed her hand and caught them back with an anxious look .

After making sure she still held them, Lady Sinyu gazed at Lucy with cheerful eyes and said happily

"State your price, I'll buy all of them . If you have more I'll still buy all!"

There was no bit of hesitation in her tone, it didn't seem like she was going to buy a couple of diamonds but more like a dedicated soldier who is prepared to immediately hand over his life to protect his honor and country. Such an expectant look would make anyone uneasy or uncomfortable but Lucy.

In return for the passionate and excited gaze of the old woman, Lucy just kept an expressionless face and stared back at the other party with a somewhat cold look. It wasn't intentional but with the

techniques, she's practicing, her Yin body and personality, such a look is to be expected. To anyone but her friends, especially Saly or Arthur, she would unintentionally have that cold demeanor around her.

Since she had to give a price, Lucy decided on that price based on the diamond's price on Astria and just said that but just replaced Gold Coins with whatever money is used here, however, that was the first and biggest mistake she did as Gold and Money bills are completely different.

One Gold Coin may not be a lot but a million gold coins are not equal to a million dollars, not in the slightest. On Earth, the price of the gold is based on its purity and weight, so imagine a chunk of gold made from a million gold coins, it would literally be priceless, it could be said that 1% of that chunk is a million dollars if not more.

"I'll sell them all for a million . "

Even after hearing the price, Sinyu didn't seem to mind and instantly replied

"A million won? Or dollar?"

Lucy thought for a second before adding

" . . . Dollar . "

For Lucy, these diamonds combined are not worth a million gold coins but on Earth, it's worth much more but since she's still new to the world, it can't be helped.

Very soon, Lady Sinyu took out a small paper which seemed to be a stack of checks and took one then wrote 1,000,000 and circled the 'Dollar' option on the right corner of it then she handed the paper to Lucy and continued playing and feeling the diamonds .

As for Lucy, no matter how much she learned from this world, there are countless things she never saw or heard of, such as this check. The first thing she thought is that she was scammed or made a fool of. Fortunately, she didn't erupt immediately, instead, her look became colder and a chilling aura was emitted from her two beautiful but sharp blood red eyes.

".... What's this?"

Lucy chilling aura coupled with her question snapped the old woman from her fantasies and plans for her new diamonds . She lifted her head and couldn't help but tremble for a second from the look she was getting .

"I, It's a check . "

No matter how much Sinyu thought, she couldn't understand why would Lucy give her that look and ask that weird question . Even if she came from a poor family, the concept of checks is still known albeit not used by poor people .

".... And what's a check?"

The more Sinyu listened the more confused she became, for a second, she thought that Lucy wanted more money or the diamonds back, she was afraid, however, she still remained calm and went back to

her composed look after a few seconds passed . While calmly putting the diamonds away, she stared back at the somewhat angry Lucy and explained .

"A check is to facilitate money trading. No one can travel around with a million-dollar every day, so checks are used, you can take it to a bank and they'll give you the cash."

Lucy was still suspicious but she calmed down after hearing that and nodded, after all, it made sense since no one had a storage ring in here . Some wore rings but none of them were magical rings that had storages, if Arthur was here, he would surely mock her and say 'Ahh, it's a shame all those points wasted on the intelligence stats' Then he'll get ditched by her for some time of course .

Just like the diamonds appeared out of nowhere earlier, the check vanished into thin air in front of the confused Sinyu which made her ascertain her previous suspicions about Lucy being one of 'them'.

The car finally parked followed by Lady Linyu speaking

"Pleased to meet you . If you have more, don't hesitate to contact me . "

As she said that, she gave a small card to Lucy who accepted it and gazed at it . All there was on the card is a telephone number and an address .

'So it's a business card .'

Such cards were commonly used by merchants in Astria so she recognized it immediately, it was a bit different though . On Astria, there was no telephone number but the name of the merchant and the cities he'll be traveling to coupled with where exactly he'll do the trades .

Lucy didn't add another word and prepared to get off the car with Delia but the hesitant Sinyu couldn't remain silent anymore and spoke again

"Excuse me, could you be a Hero?"

People with special abilities were called either a Hero or an adventurer, there were some exceptions of course, like the flame emperor who earned his special title but those were too sparse.

'A Hero?' Better than a Hero, it would suit Lucy more if she is called a demon lord or demon king as she is literally a demon .

Lucy understood the lady's question but she didn't speak, she merely shook his head and left the car with Delia but the old woman was quite persistent when she received such answer, she became even more excited than before and added

"Since that's the case, are you interested in joining my team?"

There were a lot of people who didn't join the IHO (International Hero Company) and prefer working alone or under sponsors who pay them even if they don't come back with any magical items or do any progress . Lady Sinyu's was had one of those teams under her, she was their sponsor but they were still registered into IHO . Finding one or two rogue Heroes would benefit her a lot, even if they are not willing to do much, just their presence is enough .

"I want to hear the details . "

Lucy wanted to find such proposal, she sought fame for now but she didn't want to do it too suddenly, after all, it would be easy for her to just go destroy a city and be famous all over the world as a bad person . No, she wanted to slowly gain fame and climb all the way til she reaches the same place as Claudia, then she would gain her trust and just stay still whilst patiently waiting for her dear husband to come back .

"Currently I have something to do, how about tomorrow morning at my place?"

Lucy replied with a nod and the two soon parted ways. The lady's car went to the opposite side, as for Lucy and Delia, the teleported near the closest bank to exchange the check for cash.

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A million dollar is not a meager amount of money, if it's converted to cash, it'll take at least a thousand money bills, especially if it's Korean money bills.

After going to the bank and exchanging the check with cash, Lucy put the black bag full of money stacks into her storage ring and teleported back where Miya, Saly, and Randiun were .

The two-headed lizard made of bones would make anyone freeze with fear and terror but it was surprisingly friendly with Saly and would often play with her or go hunt with her, after just a week from their first meeting, the two of them became almost inseparable.

Randiun had a special invisibility skill so no human can see him if he wishes to so there was no fear of being spotted by a human . Well, technically, the lizard doesn't fear a thing as he is a summoned create from the book and belongs to the dead, what the creature fears is Lucy and only Lucy .

He follows her orders to the details and doesn't dare to disobey for some reason, maybe because Arthur ordered him to do so or because he felt fear from her albeit him being higher than her in Realm .

In the past week, Lucy wanted to test his strength so they fought many times and he would literally be behalf-dead with many of his broken bones either freezing or melting by her attacks but he didn't lose immediately .

He was quite tough and agile, what's, more is that he can produce 'Amaterasu' from his burning tale . It's also a special kind of flames that have only one purpose, burning something until that thing is dead . Lucy was hit in her left hand by the flames and even Delia couldn't get rid of it, so Lucy could only cut off her hand and waste one of the precious potions that recover a lost limb .

Unlike Arthur, she won't recover a limb if it's cut unless she drinks that potion, she still has a lot of them but they are not endless so they must be used with caution and should never be wasted .

Once she saw his black flames, Lucy was relieved to let him go with Saly as he had the power to protect her from any danger, at least on Earth as the strongest person right now is merely Lv43, it's increasing day by day but it's still too weak.

Heck! The five-year-old Saly is Lv118 and her stats have been strengthened by dungeon cores, mysterious techniques or miraculous potions . If she is to be compared to all the humans on Earth, she would be the strongest by a huge margin .

She may be only Lv118 but her power is unbelievable, she relies on martial arts coupled with the Earth Attribute while sometimes adding a few support techniques relying on the Wind Attribute .

What's more is that Randiun is next to her day and night, there is literally no one amongst those humans or those puny dungeons that can hurt her.

Delia told her that all dungeons are weak, the strongest dungeon is a High-level Dungeon which has a Lv250 boss, but even that is considered weak, with some effort, Saly can probably beat it .

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The night soon passed and by the next day, around 8 AM, Lucy and Delia headed for Lady Sinyu's house, or to be more precise, to her mansion .

The old woman lived in a big mansion with a wide garden, an artificial fountain and some sculptors made from simple grass, all of them were diamond shaped for some reason .

Even the fountain had some small sized green diamonds, god knows if they are real or fake but they most likely were fake because who would be stupid enough to put real ones. A thief wouldn't need to go to the mansion to steal, he just has to take some from the fountain, that is if he can get past the hundreds of guards all around the mansion's perimeter.

Lucy saw the countless black-clothed guards with sunglasses and big build and was annoyed, she wasn't bothered by them but by the fact that she'll probably be stopped then questioned by them . They'll ask her many useless questions like 'who are you', 'how did you get here', 'why are you here' and so on .

It is a piece of cake for both of them to enter unnoticed so they just did it like that, quick and easy with no time to waste .

Lady Sinyu was laying on a comfortable chair in a big room in the second floor of the mansion, she was sipping from a cup of tea while looking at several small-size diamonds put on a small boxes just in front of her . A maid was standing behind her and holding a tea pot, there were also several people sitting on the opposite side of her .

"So you're saying, some woman who knows who is going to join our team?"

One of the two men present spoke with an irritated voice, he sounded like he was reprimanding her for something she did, he was totally unhappy and against what Lady Sinyu just said.

Lady Sinyu didn't seem to care, she glared back at him with an emotionless face and retorted

"Gulan, I make the decisions, not you . You just have to do your job properly . "

The old woman right now was miles apart from the excited one from yesterday, even Lucy was a bit taken aback by her current attitude, it's like she's a serious person but yesterday she was clearly blinded by the diamonds and her attitude was way different.

Gulan was a man with a normal build, a bit muscular with a long brown hair and fancy clothes . There was a tall man sitting next to him, he was both tall and burly with bulging muscles all around his body .

The remaining two were both women, one appeared to be a teenager, probably 16 or 17-year-old high-school student and the last one was a middle-aged woman with makeup on her face and expensive red lipstick, she was by no means ugly, in fact, she's the prettiest woman in the room, if we exclude Lucy and Delia of course .

Gulan banged his fist on the table from anger but he didn't speak further, he was very angry but he didn't dare utter a single word after Sinyu said that, she was, after all, the one who found him and recruited him, if not for her taking care of him and the other three, they wouldn't have the money to register in the IHO and rise in fame.

They were still C-class Heroes but they weren't bad, in fact, they came back with a few unique magical items from the Korean dungeon and managed to gain some popularity.

D and E class Heroes are everywhere but from C-class and above, they became rare and idolized . Some D-class heroes may be stronger than an A-class Hero but he prefers to remain hidden .

After a few seconds, Lady Sinyu sighed and took another sip before speaking again .

"Anyways, the guest will be arriving shortly and when they come, you guys better not show any hostility, after all, their identity is mysterious and I highly think they are from a secret organization. Well, for me that doesn't matter as long as they are willing to join the team."

As Sinyu said that, she turned to look at the maid and ordered

"Go instruct the guards and everyone to not cause trouble if two ladies show-up, they have to immediately bring them here and treat them with respect . "

Just as she finished her sentence, not even a second passed when all of a sudden, Lucy's cold voice rang out in the big room

"No need, we are already here . "

From the point of view of others, the two women appeared out of nowhere, they were already standing not far away from Lady Sinyu and both had a cold demeanor, especially Lucy.

"W, Who are you? Guards!"

The first to speak was the tall and burly man next to Gulan, he stood up and shouted to the guards while taking a fighting stance, other than him, the rest just stared dumbfoundedly at Lucy and Delia, who in return remained silent and awaited an answer.

Lucy wanted to show up suddenly to not bother with the guards but most importantly to show off a bit, if they underestimated her and tried to a play useless trick, it would only waste more time and she didn't want that . Of course, she won't show off too much, but as long as she doesn't surpass that limit, it's alright .

It took Sinyu a couple of seconds to react to the sudden appearance of Lucy and Delia, she wasn't angry because they sneaked in or trespassed, she was just shocked. She had many guards and some of them were even E-class heroes so this only added to her approval for both of them.

"Welcome to my home, I still didn't ask for your names . "

"I'm Lucy Moonstar and this is Delia . "

Lucy only did a simple introduction and didn't state where she came from or anything else . Her last name is obviously not her or Arthur's real last name but they decided on it a long time ago, even their sect has this name, it's a simple but good name that will shatter skies or shake mountains if it's heard but that is something in the long future .

"So it's miss Lucy and misses Delia, I'm very pleased to meet you . I'm also happy to see that you showed up . "

Lady Sinyu pointed at the empty sofa near the four-man team and gestured for Delia and Lucy to sit . She used a special etiquette as she stood up and performed a low bow to show her respect and politeness .

Of course, Lucy and Delia didn't just remain standing and simply sat up. When all of them sat up and relaxed, silent ruled the room for sometime before Lucy finally spoke. As for the tall burly man, he just remained standing up with his mouth wide open as he stared at Delia with yearning and hopeful eyes, he either was thinking a lewd thing or was mesmerized by her beauty and still didn't snap out of it.

"I would like to hear the details about what you proposed yesterday . "

Lady Sinyu had long since turned from anger to ecstasy when Lucy showed up and when she heard this, she became even happier.

"Does that mean that miss Lucy agrees to join my team?"

"Not after I hear the full details, then I'll think about it . "

Lady Sinyu nodded and started explaining or at least tried to explain

"If you join my team . You'll become an official hero sponsored by me, you'll get a monthly income and if you bring items from the dungeon, you'll get even more mon . . "

Lucy interrupted her right away and said

"Spare me the money talk, I want to hear more about the ranks, how to rank up, how to join up the International Hero Organization . "

The old woman didn't expect to hear such a thing, she thought that Lucy wanted more money as yesterday she came selling diamonds but it didn't appear to be the case . She nodded back to Lucy resumed speaking

"Hero ranks are from E to S with E being the lowest . If you want to rank up from E-class to D-class for example, you have to either clear a floor, kill a unique boss, bring a unique magical item and so on, there is many things you could do but the most used is bringing magical items and giving them to the IHO . As for how to join the IHO, you have to pay up a fee at first then get tested by their members, your first rank is based on your Status Window . "

"Status Window?"

"It's a blue window that has numbers in it, there are specific stats for specific things and the higher the numbers, the higher the rank you'll get . There are some cases of rare or inborn skills but I've only heard rumors . "

All these things were old things for Lucy as she uses a Status Window too but is it the same as the one used here? And how can they see the Status Window of others, even in Astria there isn't something like that .

"Alright, I'll join your team . "

There is a lot of questions in her mind but it's not too urgent, Lucy wanted to rank up faster and gain fame then her questions will be answered on their own .

Lady Sinyu clapped her hands in happiness and was about to reply when Gulan repeated the same action he did earlier and shouted

"You want to join our team? Dream on! If joining professional teams like ours is as easy as saying two or three words then everyone would be a hero! To begin with, we don't even know if you have a special ability or high stats, you have to be tested first!"

Gulan launched a bombardment of words at Lucy whilst sounding unhappy with what's happening . He was surprised by their beautiful appearance but since he became a hero, he enjoyed all sorts of beautiful women, albeit them being uglier than Lucy, they were enough and for him . He didn't like the fact that a woman showed out of nowhere and was going to join his team while he suffered to become like this and reach this position .

"Gulan! Didn't I tell you to shut up? Wasn't the previous display enough for you?"

Sinyu snapped again at him but he seemed like he became deaf and kept glaring at Lucy and shouting

"Plus, you didn't even say what your role is, are you a support? A mage? Or are you just good at wearing clothes?"

This was just straight out insulting and mocking but Lucy didn't even spare him a glance, as for Delia, she wasn't as calm as her. A god-like her being disgraced wasn't something she was used to, Arthur mocking her was alright as he was extremely strong and had some backings behind his words but this was just a mere mortal who can only run his mouth non-stop.

"Hmpf! And what makes you think you are qualified to talk to us?"

Delia displayed an arrogant pose as both of her hands were on her hips and her face turned toward Gulan who didn't expect the ever so silent Delia to finally utter a word of retort.

"I, I'm only speaking facts, you have to follow the rules and show us what you got, either show your Status Window, special ability or whatever you got, don't just say you join us and think it's enough!"

In response to him, Delia looked at him as if he was an annoying fly, she just waved her head dismissively and coldly said

"Piss off."

This time, Gulan, Lady Sinyu and all the rest except Lucy were momentarily stunned, they didn't expect such words from a figure like Delia, with her appearance, attire and so on, she didn't seem like a person with a rotten mouth but the sad truth is that she is, since she became Arthur's slave, she could no longer bear it and would curse whenever she's annoyed. Sure it didn't suit her who had a status of a Holy Goddess but that was not important in such situations.

"W,W--What did you say?"

"I said Piss off . Such low-life, disgusting, annoying person who can only run his mouth, you want us to be tested? Alright, you're clearly one of the team, so go get your weapon and fight me come on, go get it, I'm waiting . "

Gulan's usually handsome face turned red from anger, he was insulted and mocked this much but he didn't reply, he furiously got up and was ready to go get his blade from the other room but suddenly, his body flew up in the air and was roughly smashed into the air.

It didn't deal much damage but his mouth and nose were hurt, blood came out of his nostrils and he lost a teeth . Such unusual thing was obviously done by the Delia who looked at him with contempt and had an evil smile hanging on her face

"You!!!! So shameless . "

Delia shrugged her shoulders and waved her hand, making Gulan's body float and crush again on the floor, then she retorted

"Shameless? Is that what you're going to say to a monster in the dungeon when he attacks when you're without a weapon? Just because you don't have your weapon you are crying and calling the other party shameless, now now, who from both of us is so shameless as to do that?"

Delia then smashed him yet again, making more teeth fall out and spoke again

"Such weak and frail body, with such strength you are bold enough to talk about testing us? I can beat you without lifting a finger and I'm just a support class, truly pathetic, why don't you get out of my sight "

As she said that, Gulan was literally thrown from the windows and fell from the second floor, you could only hear his cry . All the other team members were dumbstruck by what just happened, as for Lady Sinyu, she looked at Delia with sparkling eyes and thought

'B-class? No definitely A-class, yes yes, it's A, surely an A!'

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At the sight of their comrades being thrown off the window by something mysterious or rather strange, they all knew who the one who did it is but none dared to voice out any word of complaint or blame.

Even the dazing burly man was awakened from the shattering of the window glass, he tilted his face for a second by after a few more seconds, his eyes shone, even more, it's like what happened now made him even more attracted to Delia.

Seconds passed but all that was heard was the guards and maids from outside yelling around to nurse Gulan, some black-clothed guards barged in the room and raised their weapons and stared at the two strangers with hostility.

If not for Lady Sinyu raising her hand and gesturing them to back off and resume their usual job, they would have attacked at any second .

"Please excuse the previous behavior of Gulan, he's still a beginner and a bit impulsive . "

"A bit impulsive? He was straight out bad mouthing us, he al--"

The ranting Delia was quickly Lucy who coldly said

"Enough! Lady Sinyu, we'll join your team but you'll have to kick that useless Guban or whatever his name is . As for the test, I don't think we need it anymore, or do we? "

Lady Sinyu hesitated for a second, as she was pondering on whether kick Gulan or not, she remembered the fact that Delia was only a support class yet she did that, even if she was a mage or an attack-oriented class, it was enough to accept as they seemed to be reclusive people with abilities.

'It must be something like telekinesis but much stronger that's at least B-class even if it's normal telekinesis it's jackpot!'

"O, Of course, you two are accepted to the team . It's a C-class team and named 'Diamond Jades', I can guarantee that you'll never see Gulan when you're working . "

The first part was what Lucy wanted but once she heard the last part, she frowned and retorted immediately

"I don't like to repeat the same thing . Kick him and we'll join, he stays, we can always choose another team, after all, it's not like there is a shortage of them . "

Lady Sinyu tried to persuade them without having to resort to that, Gulan is a person she took since the beginning and despite his rotten attitude, he's a good person but between him and them, she didn't know who to choose.

After being stuck in such a dilemma for some time, her strong desire to earn more precious diamonds and after the previous display, she couldn't hold back her urges anymore. With a resolute look, she looked at Lucy and nodded confirming her approval.

"You to deal with some minor paperwork but it'll end shortly, please wait for a bit until my subordinate brings what's needed . "

Lady Sinyu explained then she dialed a person with her phone, the call didn't last a long time and after sending out some orders, the old lady resumed speaking to Lucy and answered all the questions that were asked .

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About half an hour later, a maid came in with a stack of papers in her hands . From her look, she seemed to be rushing for some time and when she handed the papers to Lady Sinyu, she felt extreme relief .

Lucy came to know that to join a team, she can be tested by the IHO then join that specific team or just get tested and remain a solo-Hero. A solo-Hero, of course, can join temporary parties to raid the dungeons but they are usually not that effective as the party won't have too much coordination.

There is also an alternate method to enter a team and that's only if the person doesn't want to have any ties to the IHO, they can be tested by the leader of the team they to join in . As for the Rank, it depends on the result of the God Knowledge Stone, or so it was named by the citizens of Earth .

The God Knowledge Stone is a highly looted stone of one-time use, it can test people and see their Status Window and check if they have any special skills, bloodline or anything similar.

The drop rate of this stone is extremely high but that doesn't mean it should be wasted and that is precisely why that to get tested by the IHO, you have to pay a 50,000 dollar fee and even if you're a normal human without any powers, you'll not get the money back.

The basic of the Status Window is just like Astria except that the average power of normal people here is lower than the ones in Astria, their growth rate is also very limited .

On Astria, with sufficient training, people can reach high levels and stats ranging in the tens of thousands but Humans on Earth couldn't.

Lucy didn't probe much into it and only asked about the average strength and so on and it seems it's only 20 with the ones using the gym or the muscular having their Strength in the 30 or 35.

Leveling gave people special points that can be added to one of the stats the user desires but it's still not much . Lucy refused to get tested because if the people saw her stats, they would literally freeze from fear or awe . They were in the millions and it'll bring trouble instead of fame, even if it brings fame, it's not the kind of fame she's seeking .

"Miss Lucy, these are the papers needed, you just have to sign on the top left corner of this main one . "

Lady Sinyu pointed at a specific position in the paper full of words, Lucy wasn't in the mood to read the whole thing and even if she could understand most of the words, she was sure that the old woman wouldn't take advantage of her more than she already is .

Lucy didn't actually sign but she just wrote a blood symbol which had the two character MS referring to 'MoonStar'. As for Delia, she just put a seal with Holy Light, the seal shined a bit and had a unique luster. The two signs were magical and impressive which left the spectators yet again dumbfounded but Lady Sinyu had just received too many surprises so this one only left her speechless for a moment.

After confirming the signs, the old lady smiled and added

"The last thing to do is choose your codename, every Hero has a good name, you can also choose your own name but it's highly advised not to do that . Speaking of codenames, the other team members also have codenames . "

A simple glance from Sinyu urged the three remaining people to finally speak and introduce themselves .

"I'm Saku also known as Snow Peaks . "

Lucy's coincidentally landed on the two mountains peaks in her chest area, they were about to bulge from the clothes, even a simple movement makes them jiggle non-stop.

'Snow peaks huh?'

Lucy then looked at Delia's perfect and rounded boobs and this made her more depressed, she subconsciously glanced at her chest, it was developed and not too bad but they were far off from Delia or Saku.

"I, I'm Alin, m-my codename is 'Legendary Shooter' . "

"Hahaha and I'm Guan Gi, they usually call me 'Silver Tank' . "

The three members introduced themselves but Guan, the burly and tall man was too enthusiastic as he almost leaped next to Delia and shook her hand but he restrained himself for fear of being played with like Gulan then thrown like trash.

"I want my codename to be Holy Goddess!"

The concept of codenames pleased Delia, without restraint she voiced her thoughts and the codename was noted by a maid on the side . The last one was Lucy, who spoke after a short silence

"Loval Wife . "

"Eeeh?"

No one reacted for some time until Saku covered her mouth and exclaimed . Even Lady Sinyu didn't expect such a codename, each person would try to choose a domineering nickname but she chooses a rather simple and plain one . It's not like it mattered, everyone had the freedom to choose a codename as long as it's not offending .

Very soon, the paperwork was done and the atmosphere calmed down a bit .

"So, you said that to rank up we have to clear dungeon floor or bring magical items . I want to go now . "

Lucy said that with a deadpan face, she didn't want to waste time and start ranking up immediately but it didn't appear to be this east as Lady Sinyu frowned and said

"Unfortunately, today is impossible . The team has to prepare equipment, bandages and also be ready mentally . "

"Isn't it fine if I go by myself or with Delia?"

Sinyu didn't expect such a request and that made her startled.

'Solo a dungeon? Even A-class Heroes don't dare to go alone . The first floors would be easy but when the traps, bosses and such start to appear, it'll be like suicide . '

She wanted to say that out loud but after seeing Lucy's attitude, it didn't seem like it'll change her opinion so she could only say

"Just wait until tomorrow morning, it's not much, right?"

Lucy could only sigh and nod, by the next second, she disappeared into thin air with Delia without adding a single extra word .

Lady Sinyu's hands shook as she clutched a diamond, her thoughts were in disarray.

'First special telekinesis then invisibility?'

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Later that day, Lady Sinyu spoke privately with Gulan but that only ended in him banging the table and crushing it, he was so furious earlier but this time, he could no longer endure it and shouted ferociously

"Fine! Fucking bitch, after all, I did for you and your shitty business you dare kick me out of my own team? And just for two sluts? You'll regret it greatly when you see me rise and gain more fame in another team, hmpf! We'll see!"

After he finished saying what he wanted to say and vented some of his rage, Gulan angrily left the mansion while fuming in anger .

It was around 11 PM and the streets were bustling, he didn't head home but circled in a few deserted alleys before stopping at a narrow one . He picked up his phone and called a friend, it rang for a few seconds before someone picked up .

"Gulan, what is it?"

"Raki! You previously invited me to your team right? I'll join, I'm sick of mine they are a bunch of twats! Also, you have a wide circle of friends and connections, I want you to find me where two women live and everything about them . "

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"whoo whoo! Gulan! Calm down! You're speaking too fast and want too many things at once . Why do you want to investigate two women? You're usually calm and reserved but it sounds like you're exploding from anger . . "

"IT DOESN'T MATTER OKAY? JUST FIND THEM! One is a silver-haired and the other is a blonde, the first one is named Lucy apparently and the second is Delia . "

Just as he finished speaking, Gulan felt chills down his spines and felt the atmosphere around him drop by tens of degrees at once . His phone instantly froze and he felt like he was suffocating from an invisible pressure .

He was going to turn his head but it was too late as purple flames engulfed him and before he could scream he already turned into black ashes .

A gust of wind dispersed the ashes and within seconds, the alley returned to its usual calmness as if nothing happened, the only thing that was heard was the cold and emotionless voice of Lucy .

"Always get rid of a future trouble, no matter how insignificant it is, isn't that right, Arthur? "

Chapter 124

After killing the scum that needed to be finished, Lucy returned to a private residence that Delia bought earlier . They didn't waste the whole day after talking to Sinyu instead Delia was ordered to buy a house to live in .

Although the price was high, they still managed to buy a modest apartment which contained 3 rooms . They were only four people and a beast so it was more than enough for them even if each one took a room .

The one-million-dollar they earned yesterday was almost gone, only a hundred thousand was left but it's not like it mattered to Lucy. Having a house to live in is more than enough. As for the furniture and such, it was needless to waste money on them since she had a couple of beds and such in her storages.

The apartment was in the center of Séoul which is precisely why the price was sky-high . The advanced technology and the new machines strongly attracted the young Saly who was mesmerized, each time she discovered a new thing, she would either stare at it for a long time or ask permission from Lucy to inspect it .

She wasn't a thoughtless kid, not like those from Earth who were too ignorant. True, she's not fully developed, mentally and physically but that didn't mean she's brain-dead and does whatever comes to her mind. Even with Randiun next to her constantly, she didn't dare to act or do things without permission as it would bother Lucy.

When Lucy arrived, she found Miya and Saly watching the TV, they were still ignorant about how to use it but somehow, the calm Miya spent some time and grasped the basics on how to switch channels.

They both had wide eyes as they listened to the high-quality audio and amazing visuals . The TV wasn't something Lucy bought but instead, it was Delia . The Holy Goddess had a miraculous ability to produce the money bills, in just an hour, she created millions of dollars and that's only done in a leisurely and slow way .

She stacked money endlessly and created it for 4 long hours before stopping and giving most of it to Lucy whilst keeping some for her . She grew a bit fond of this lowly yet amusing world . Unlike Lucy, she didn't want to gain fame but merely enjoy the delicious delicacies and the advanced technology like the TV, computers and even the clothes .

Lucy was surprised to see her wear a different dress model from this morning, usually she would change a bit of her normal Holy Goddess clothes but right now, she copied a dress she liked and was now wearing it, from Delia's perspective, she's already a resident of this world so at least she had to enjoy it.

Delia was sitting in a seductive pose on a nearby chair in the veranda and drank some of the 'Red Wine' she happened to stumble upon earlier. She wasn't as courteous as Lucy and simply flicked her fingers and the Red Wine teleported from the shop to her hands. She only used the money she created to buy the TV as Lucy prohibited her to take them away without paying, that's why the secret of the Red Wine must be kept hidden for EVER.

Once Lucy's presence was felt by the small Salyn, the little girl jumped from the sofa and leaped into her mother's embrace. For Saly, the best place to sleep in is either Lucy or Arthur's arms, it was the most comfortable and warm, it was also the safest.

"Mom!"

"Ha! I'm back . Did you behave?"

"En!! Aunt Delia brought this weird but amazing treasure, look look! It displays a lot of funny things!"

While being held by Lucy, Saly pointed at the TV, coincidentally it was displaying a comedy show . The poor Delia almost choked on her wine when she heard "Aunt" . She was not even that old .

'Tch! I'm still so young! Only a few hundred centuries or maybe a couple of thousand years? Am I really an old woman?'

Delia began to question herself as she felt her face with both her hands and only breathed sigh of relief when she confirmed that there were no wrinkles or anything indicating that she's old .

Individuals in the God Realm can pass thousands of years without aging but that depending on their constitution and the laws or techniques they are cultivating . Since she uses the Holy Magic, she should be fine until she reaches ten thousand years or so .

Lucy took Saly and sat next to Miya who was still immersed in the TV . Surprisingly, this young and calm maiden didn't complain about what happened and obeyed Lucy's orders to the letter, she knew that these people who abducted her weren't bad people and them arriving on Earth is but a mistake, she had no right to blame them so the best thing to do is coexist and help each other .

What's more is that Saly is friendly and cute, in no time, both of them became very close, she would even accompany the small girl in the forest for fear of her safety albeit the presence of Randiun, a creature who could kill her easily .

Delia and Miya witnessed the fight between Lucy and Randiun, they couldn't help but shiver unconsciously when they saw the inextinguishable black flames that he could manipulate and use . Amaterasu is a skill that cannot be countered if you're touched you're dead . It was fortunate that Randiun held back and Lucy was strong or else she would have lost more than just a hand .

"Mom Mom! I heard from Aunt Delia that there are many dungeons here, I wanna go, pleaaaaase, Miya agreed to go with me, also . . . e-em Randiun is going too pleaaase . "

As they were relaxing on the sofa, Saly voiced her thoughts, Delia told her of the existence of the low-dungeons and since she cleared the private dungeon of the Ma Clan many times, such weak dungeons are nothing to her .

Astrith was with her when she went last time but this time, not one but two peak Immortals are coming with her with one of them having the power of a God .

Lucy combed the little girl's hair as she was lost in thought, hearing Saly speak she instantly snapped of her deep thought and looked down on Saly who used the puppy eyes trump card while clenching her small fists.

Lucy could only sigh and shake her head as a soft smile hang on her face, from the very beginning she was planning on letting Saly try them, it's just that it's too soon for her to go, especially because she's strong compared to the weak humans of Earth and her appearance would attract too many attention.

If she appeared and Saly appeared at the same time, it would not be a favorable thing for her plan.

"Alright, I'll let you go but you have to wait some time . "

Seeing that her pleading was successful, Saly giggled and nodded toward Miya who nodded back at her and smiled . She was fond of this girl and loved taking care of her, it was a shame that her parents and her grandmother started on the wrong foot .

Very soon, the excitement and happiness from having her request accepted slowly died down, Saly soundlessly fell asleep in Lucy's arms after spending half an hour or so watching the TV.

When the little girl fell asleep, Lucy grasped this opportunity to talk with Miya

"Since you are going with Saly, you have to properly watch over her, is that clear?"

Although her tone did not contain the usual coldness or any kind of threat, Miya did not dare to stutter or ignore what was said, she nodded and said

"Yes Madame, I can guarantee her safety . "

Seeing the serious Miya, Lucy lightly smiled and waved her hand to gesture to Miya to sit down as the maiden has got up from the sofa and faced Lucy while bowing, it was too uncomfortable.

"No need to be so serious, I just needed to remind you . Remember, no matter who or what, if Saly's life is threatened then you must kill it without hesitation or escape if you are unable to finish the opponent . Do you clearly understand?"

Her speech was not directed to Miya but Randiun who was dazing off to the size, his size was a bit big but since the room was wide enough, he didn't take much space . Hearing the strict voice of Lucy, the lizard stood and repeatedly nodded non-stop .

"Alright, since you understand then I'll start explaining the plan "

Although a bit tense, Miya listened to Lucy's every sentence and focused to not miss a single word . Just from her serious demeanor, it was obvious that she was instructing her with an important plan .

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The night passed in the blink of an eye, Delia finished 4 whole bottles of Red Wine while enjoying the view in front of her. Miya spent the whole night watching the TV and switching channels until she stumbled upon a golden channel that aired an action movie that got her hooked.

As for Lucy, she put Saly on the bed and sat cross-legged next to her. Nether Energy was non-existent on Earth, Delia said that there was an extremely meager amount in some volcanos South of Korea, in Australia precisely but apart from that place, there were no Nether Energy.

With the absence of Nether Energy, her progress slowed down by a lot but that didn't mean she couldn't advance in Grade or in stats . Mana was present on Earth surprisingly, and with its help, she could practice her techniques . It may take her ten times the time to advance a single Grade but it's better than doing nothing .

The sun has long since risen and the sky turned from dark to blue. The weather was nice and enjoyable. By the time Lucy finished another training session, she exhaled a breath of frost air from her mouth which slowly diminished and disappeared.

It was a good thing that she had a special body as it appeared that her Yin Body was good at absorbing any kind of Energy at a very fast speed.

Nether Energy was stronger and an upgraded version of such energies like Mana, Qi and such but Lucy felt a mysterious yet comfortable feeling when absorbing Mana, she felt it was purer than Nether Energy, or perhaps more efficient? In term of advancing speed in cultivation speed or strength, Nether Energy was almost without equal but whilst absorbing Mana for a few hours, she had an indescribable feeling surging inside of her .

It was almost time for the meet-up, Lucy got up from the bed and spoke with Miya, instructing her about some things then she headed to the meeting place with Delia who was still reluctant to get up from the chair and part up with a wine .

She literally became a wine addict in a single night, to call her a Holy Goddess is a disgrace to every existent God on this universe .

"Ughh! Can't we just achieve whatever you want to achieve with my Godly Powers? It's too annoying to go with this whole slow and irritating process, I want to enjoy my wine . "

Delia floated behind Lucy and kept complaining, unfortunately for her, Lucy turned a deaf to her and ignored her existence and she could not be bothered anymore. As they flying to the destination, Delia managed to secretly 'borrow' more than ten wine bottles from several shops. She covered a small area from Séoul with her Godly Sense and took what she liked, of course, it was all free.

Her mood rose a bit as she tried to imagine the taste of the wine and how she was going to enjoy it later at night . Since both of them were unimaginably fast, what was supposed to be a one hour trip by car was done in less than a minute .

The two ladies appeared in an alley near the dungeon entrance. There were many parties preparing themselves and such, surprisingly, there were government guards standing on the two sides of the entrance and each party that entered had to pay some kind of a fee.

Once Lucy spotted the rest of their team waiting near the dungeon, she headed towards them with Delia .

Saku was chatting with Alin, as for Guan Gi, his eyes were looking left and right trying to spot any presence of Delia. When his eyes landed on the voluptuous and breathtaking figure of the dressed Delia, his eyes nearly popped out of their own sockets, the burly man even forgot to greet them as he dazed whilst looking at her.

"A,Ah Miss Lucy, M-mmmiss Delia, good morning . "

Alin became shy and a bit reserved when she noticed their presence, she bowed to show her respect and greeted them politely, Saku followed right after but unlike the girl, she didn't bow and merely greeted .

Lucy nodded back to them without speaking but Delia was feeling chatty right now after looting the wine so she didn't hold back and spoke

"Ah, it's Snow Peaks and Legendary Shooter right? Nice seeing you again . "

God knows why she became this friendly, it was weirding the hell out of Lucy who knew Delia, one second she's complaining and the other she's friendly. Perhaps the slave thingy brainwashed her or her mind simply high wired?

Alin was still feeling a bit awkward after the display of Delia yesterday, as for Saku, she was calmer and started chatting with Delia .

"Oh oh! Good morning Miss Del . . . "

The excited Guan Gi wasn't able to finish his sentence before the four other disappeared from his sight and entered the dungeon . Snow Peaks gave some card to one of the guards standing at the entrance but Lucy didn't pay any heed to that .

"W-Waittt!!!! We still didn't discuss the formation "

Guan Gi chased after them with a round silver shield behind his back and a Steel Sword sheathed on his waist . He was expecting them to wait and seriously discuss what to do or how they should proceed but Lucy only replied with

"Just stay back and watch . "

Even Alin and Saku were surprised by such reply, it's true that strong Heroes would find it easy to get rid of the monsters on the first floor or the even second one by they were a C-class team, no matter how confident they were, they didn't dare barge in mindlessly.

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"This . . . . Miss Lucy . . . "
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Snow Peaks wanted to speak but Delia just shook her head while smiling and said

"Talking won't matter much, just watch . "

Alin also wanted to speak but she couldn't muster the courage to do so, she only looked at Delia then Lucy with tearful eyes as if she is about to burst out crying at any second . She already took out a wooden bow with some red lines on it and prepared herself for the fight .

Saku also retrieved a short scepter followed by Guan Gi who dashed in front of the ladies and proudly said

"Fear no more my ladies for Silver Tank would shield you!"

As he said that, he emitted used an encouraging skill named [Warrior's Triumph] which boosted the attack of the party by 5% then he rushed toward the swarm of small lizard a dozen of meters ahead of the team .

He imagined himself to be regarded as a brave and strong person from the point of view of Lucy and especially Delia but what he received when he sneakily looked back was the emotionless and cold face of Lucy and the smirking of Delia .

The smirk wasn't of happiness or admiration but it's as if she was mocking him.

The monsters on the first floor are lizard which uses fire-attribute attacks, they mainly bite or spit fireballs, they are strong but too slow so it's easy to dodge.

Guan Gi braced himself for the impact and raised his shield to the front but what he expected didn't happen, instead, from behind the shield he saw a purple light and when he shifted the position of the shield just a bit so he could see what's happening, he was met with nothing, literally nothing.

All that could be seen is a small speck of purple fire that was extinguished the second he looked . . . there was no sign of the dozen or lizards that were coming at him . No wails, screeching or anything was heard . After a silence of several seconds, a notification popped in front of the stunned Guan Gi waking him up from his daze .

Fire Lizard Lv2 was killed! +147 Experience

Fire Lizard Lv1 was killed! +120 Experience

Fire Lizard Lv2 was killed! +140 Experience

Fire Lizard Lv1 was killed! +118 Experience

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For Guan Gi, the surprise was way less than Saku and Alin, who witnessed everything that happened a second ago .

The battle was too one-sided, if it's called a battle that is, to be more precise, it was a complete annihilation . One second the lizards were charging at them and the next they were engulfed in purple flames and were burned into ashes . The process didn't even take a second, no sound came out of the suffering monsters, they couldn't even react before dying miserably .

"What in the "

Saku was in total disbelief from the previous display, she even muttered those words unconsciously . The high-school girl Alin hid behind her friend Snow Peaks for fear of being struck by the purple flames which appeared too suddenly .

As for the last one, Guan Gi, his head moved between the place where the lizards perished and Lucy, who was standing in front of the other three .

He wasn't sure but his gut told him that she's the one who did that, unlike his admiration for Delia, fear grew inside of him as just the heat from the flames made him suffocate.

Guan Gi walked next to the black ashes scattered everywhere and saw no signs of lizard corpses, just ashes and nothing else . They didn't drop anything too but that's to be expected since they are too low-leveled and only on the first floor .

Amidst the confusion and astonishment of the three team members, Delia giggled and said

"Hehehe, told you to just stay back and watch . Don't try to be heroic and waste our time, it'll be best to stand behind me and enjoy the show . "

As she said that, Delia winked at Guan Gi. Being the simpleton he was, he totally forgot about what happened just a second ago and happily walked next to her instead of standing behind her, his eyes were glued to her which was pretty uncomfortable.

Lucy ignored all of them and proceeded deeper into the dungeon . Obviously, the rest of them followed after her but not before questioning Delia on what the hell just happened .

"Emm, Delia, could it be Miss Lucy who did . . . that?"

Although they only met earlier, after chatting for some time, Delia became friends with Saku who was not as shy and reserved as Alin who remained silent .

Delia took out a wine bottle from out of nowhere, a cup floated next to the bottle and with her telekinesis, or so thought the others, she poured the wine in the cup and casually replied to Snow Peaks

"Who else would it be beside her? I'm but a support-type and she's the one who'll take care of everything . . . ok enough about this boring stuff, how about you tell me from where you bought that robe?"

Delia actions seemed too natural as if she was not in a dangerous dungeon but in her own house. After some thought, Delia decided to enjoy the wine now as she had nothing to do except following Lucy, she doesn't need to heal or attack as all of that would be handled by her boss.

The first floor was rather big, usually, to pass to the second floor, it takes about two hours or one hour if the team is strong. The problem is the huge number of lizards, individually they are weak but if it's a big number then they can pose a threat even to A-class team.

What was supposed to be a two-hour trip was finished in a mere 20 minutes . Not once did they stop walking, every single lizard that charged at them was instantly obliterated by the purple flames . No monster managed to get close to them .

It's like walking into a museum and enjoying the artwork but instead of that, it's a dark cave filled with creepy looking monsters .

The three newbies calmed down after witnessing the process several times but they were still in awe of such powerful ability .

The silent Alin managed to finally muster some courage and talk to Lucy as she admired such a powerful figure, she always looked up to people like the flame Emperor and the Holy Knight so seeing someone so strong, she couldn't keep silent and miss this opportunity.

"Emm, Miss Lucy, why are the flames purple?"

Talking was not her strongest suit, she had many other questions but she was curious on why the flames had that specific color, however, unfortunately for her, Lucy only replied to her with a simple and unsatisfying answer.

"They just are . "

It took Alin a lot of determination to ask that but she asked the wrong question.

Seeing the sad look of Alin and her strong desire to know, Delia, who was enjoying her wine and feeling a bit chatty, started her lecture .

"Flames are separated into three color, orange, blue and purple with orange being the weakest and purple the strongest . "

As she said that, Delia raised her hand and created a blue flame spark. They looked at the produced blue flame as if it was some kind of rare treasure, they never heard of flame ranks. Even the flame Emperor who is known to be the strongest flame user on Earth can only use normal flames.

"Does that mean you can use the second strongest flames despite being a support-class?"

After being able to ask the first question, Alin didn't stop asking Delia until she was satisfied .

As for Lucy, she burned every lizard in their way and even after arriving on the second floor, they continued with the same pace .

Starting from the second floor, there were minor traps but Lucy didn't pay them any heed, she didn't even shift the direction and purposely stepped on some of them but they were all nullified thanks to Delia's permanent Holy Barrier.

A meager trap of such a lowly-dungeon could never shatter her barrier, not even an attack from a peak divine Realm can crack it much less destroy it .

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One hour later, the team finally entered the fourth floor, although Lucy could literally destroy the whole dungeon if she wanted to, she would rather do it slowly with witnesses around .

4th Floor and so on is a place for expert Heroes and not a C-class team. Only A-class Heroes are here, what's good is that the probability of finding some treasure on the fourth floor is extremely high.

When they were clearing the first three floors, nothing dropped which confused the newbies but it's totally natural since Lucy killed them .

She's over level 1000, killing such weak monsters gives no experience and the probability to drop an item is decreased by an enormous margin .

'Kiiiiiiiir' 'kiiiiiiiiir'

A group of gnomes equipped with shields and weapons charged at the group of 5 while emitting strange sounds. Lucy didn't even need to raise her hand, with but a thought, the poor gnomes were turned into black ashes before they could react.

"I can't believe it even the Lvl10 gnomes are killed so easily "

Saku covered her mouth and gazed at the black ashes in surprise, she thought it'll become harder so she finally took her weapon but it didn't appear to be the case.

What's more is that Lucy didn't look tired, there were no signs of fatigue in her face, it was as emotionless and cold as ever, it's like she was killing ants and not dangerous monsters.

The pace never slowed and albeit being on the fourth floor, the monsters died one after another . From the beginning, there never was a serious battle and the three newbies had long since relaxed and stopped feeling anxious .

Alin asked questions endlessly but since Delia was feeling like it, she patiently replied whilst enjoying her wine . Over the course of the last hour, god knows how many wine bottles she took from all over the world .

She literally whatever she liked, be it Franca, Italy or the U . S, her sense easily covered the whole planet and nothing escaped from her . She didn't bother with any person and only focused on wine .

Being a person not from Astria, Delia couldn't use the system and couldn't see it or else she would have been given a special title related to wine, definitely

Half an hour after arriving on the fourth floor, which by the way was way bigger than all the previous floor, the team finally stumbled upon a treasure chest.

Guan Gi was as mesmerized as ever, he tried talking to Delia but except a few short answers, she didn't bother with him so he merely stared at her and imagined things that are better not said .

"Ahhh! Finally a treasure chest!!"

The one who was the most excited was Saku, who ran up to the chest to open it and see what's inside. Midway to the chest, something unexpected occurred.

A man appeared from the wall behind the chest and grabbed it, he was just as excited as Saku as he held the chest as if his life depended on it .

His eyes were greedily inspecting the chest and after a few seconds, he opened the chest and took a brown book with a flame mark on it .

"Ah!! It's a skill book, Luckyyyyy!!"

The man waved the book to the side, where a group of 7 appeared out of nowhere . It was an 8-man team and each had a unique attire .

"Rony! What did that chest have? Quick quick, show us!" (Person A)

"Hahahaha! My super duper [Lucky Hands] skill is indeed godlike! I found a magic skill book!" (Rony: the person who opened the chest)

"Hahahaha! This day couldn't be any better, this is the 4th chest we found today!" (Person B)

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As they were enjoying the time and reading what the book was about, Saku stood there for a second before snapping at them

"Hey! We found this chest first so the loot belongs to our team!"

Obviously, the 8 of them all heard her and turned their gaze towards her, none of them seemed to take her seriously, instead, the one who looted the chest advanced forward and said

"Hmm? Who is this babe?"

"It doesn't matter who it is! What does matter is her appearance, maaaan! Look at those boobs!! I wanna squeeze them . "

Another person from Rony's party marched toward Saku and made a grabbing motion, his hands were big and dirty, coupled with his ugly appearance, the sight could only be described as disgusting.

Saku unconsciously covered her chest and spoke again, not willing to abandon the book that easily.

"Stop messing around and give us the book! The rules say first come first served!"

Seeing her being so persistent and her pretty appearance, all of the 8 men started slowly circling around her and looking at her with perverted eyes . Some of them even saw Delia and Lucy and this only made them drool further .

"No need to bother with that, let's not waste our time and go . "

Lucy finally spoke, she ignored their existence and started walking again after directing her sentence to Saku, who was very reluctant to let go of the treasure .

After seeing her party continue advancing and the men closing in, Saku could only back away and join her team . As for Rony's team, they were not dumb enough to attempt anything, they just wanted to tease her, even if the government couldn't see what happens inside the dungeon, it doesn't mean they should try anything, after all, to reach the fourth floor, that team cannot be weak .

"No need to be so depressed! Is that book so important? It's just a book "

Delia shook her head as she saw the disappointed and sad look of Saku, it was apparent that she didn't want to let them have it but being the naive god she was, she didn't find the book worth the trouble.

"What do you mean it's just a book! It was a magic skill book so it's worth at least a million dollar and that's only if it's a bad one!"

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"Arghh! Those bastards . . . so shameless and greedy our skill book . *sigh* It was priceless yet we just let it go . . . "

As Saku complained, her eyes glanced at Lucy as she was confused about why this powerful person didn't move a finger and just let that party get away .

She and the other two were feeling bitter about what happened earlier as for them, a skill book is very rare and a magical one at that is more so . Feeling bitter and sad, Saku and Guan Gi blamed Lucy for not acting but none of them dared speak loudly as they do not have any right to do so . As for Alin, she was a bit sad but she didn't fret about it and could never blame Lucy, instead, she admired her so much that it almost turned into worship .

After witnessing Lucy's greatness for more than two hours, none of the three newbies doubted her ability to take the book back from the 8-man team with ease but for some odd reason, she simply let them have the book and continued doing her own thing.

What they didn't know is that Lucy had almost an infinite number of skill books, be it melee or magical skill books, she had them all . Since she met Arthur, she didn't stop collecting them, although it was useless she still enjoyed having more . Some of them were given to Saly as they were just a bit useful but as time passes, it'll become useless for little Saly too .

Skill books are only useful for weak mortals and people below Lv1000. Once you enter the Spirit Realm, those skill books become irrelevant and needless because any person would be able to create an upgraded version of those skills without having to resort to them.

Let's take for example a simple yet strong such as [Flame Tornado], Lucy, who is an expert in Fire Attribute can create a Flame Tornado much bigger and stronger than the one the book provides without needing to use the skill itself, just the Flame Mastery is enough.

Saku continued ranting and complaining for some time before she realized it was futile as Delia resumed enjoying her wine and Lucy obliterated every Gnome that charged at them.

They thought the fourth floor would be harder, even by a little bit, however it didn't appear to be the case. The pace never slowed instead it accelerated by a fair bit. The fourth floor was bigger than the previous ones and Lucy picked up the pace as she thought it was too slow.

To be honest, she could finish the whole dungeon with one attack and if she can solo raid it, it would take less than a minute, more like a couple of seconds as the monsters were just too weak.

Weak to the point that Saly could solo it, the boss may be a bit difficult to beat but it's not an impossible task .

'Kiiiiiiiir' 'kiiiiiiir'

Another group of Gnomes was burned to ashes before they managed to get close to Lucy and co. A radius of thirty meters around the team was a barrier laid to protect them from any traps and any monster that entered the barrier would be burned instantly.

Lucy made it this way so she doesn't have to personally deal with every monster, the barrier would do its job properly with no problems since the monsters are too weak to break it .

It's supposed to be a defensive skill and the collateral damage of the flames is not supposed to kill the enemies but since Lucy's intelligence is sky-high and the Gnomes are only Lv10, it's no wonder they died instantly.

Even if it was a lv100 monster, it'll meet the same fate.

By the end of the fourth floor, the team was lucky again and found another treasure chest in a secluded corner .

Like a crazy mother who just found her lost kid, Saku charged at the treasure and embraced it tightly . With lightning speed, she took it and dashed back next to Lucy for fear of anyone appearing out of nowhere like last time .

Once she ascertained that Lucy is nearby and the chest was in her arms, Saku breathed a sigh of relief and finally expressed her joy although it was a late reaction .

"The Gods have not forgotten about us at least!"

"Quickly open it! Quickly!"

Guan Gi was also excited, he walked next to Saku and eagerly waited for her to open it . He couldn't forcefully take it from her as she would literally jump at him like an angry cat .

After hugging the chest for a couple of seconds and being urged repeatedly by Guan Gi, Saku threw a piercing glare at him then opened the chest .

With excited and shaking hands, Saku took out a curved brown saber. There was a sliver of disappointment flashing in her eyes for a split seconds before diminishing and going back to their usual happiness.

Curved Bone Saber: +15 Strength / +10 Agility

Effect: If the user lands a critical hit, he'll gain 10% increased defense for 15 seconds.

Cooldown: 1 minute.

Description: A saber made from Gnomes bones, it is frequently used by Gnomes Chiefs.

Level requirement: 5

"Woaaaaah! It's a saber! Gimme gimme!"

Guan Gi snatched the saber from Saku's hands before she could celebrate, unlike what she was thinking, Guan Gi wanted to use this saber instead of his weak Steel Sword. He always wished for a stronger weapon and this one fitted his criteria as it added a lot of stats.

"You brainless fool! This saber does not belong to you! You didn't even contribute! We're going to sell it and share the money, this kind of weapon can easily fetch us 100k!"

Saku put both her hands on her waist and glared angrily at him, making the poor burly man back away and reluctantly look at the saber before letting go of it.

He was too excited to the point that he forgot the fact that he literally did nothing since they entered the dungeon, he just was watched from the side and Lucy did all the work . Hopefully, Lucy would be kind enough to share the money with them .

"Whatever, you can take that saber, use it or sell it . . . "

Delia waved her hand nonchalantly whilst saying that . It was only one sentence but it made Saku and Guan Gi flying from happiness .

Since Delia said that then there was no need to hold back, Guan Gi made a deal with Saku, he'll use it for now and sell it when they go back, however he forgot that he will not use it as long as Lucy leads the team for she won't let him the time to even charge at the Gnomes or even see them .

Alin didn't argue with them about the saber, she was still young and even a thousand dollar is a great amount for her. Every time she went hunting with her time, Lady Sinyu would give money and for someone as young and naive as her, it was more than enough for her to enjoy her life, buy clothes and so on.

What she sought was a strength like Lucy's, every time her eyes saw the purple flames, they would shine with admiration .

"M,Miss Delia . . . e-emmm, is there a way to obtain purple flames like Miss L,Lucy?"

With flushed face and a stuttering tone, Alin asked Delia and waited to hear the answer that'll either crush her dreams or give her some hope .

"I don't think it's possible for you if you don't have Fire affinity . . . "

As if struck by lightning, Alin stopped walking for a second and a dropped her head, she clenched her small fists and nodded her head with a sad expression hanging on it .

"Hahaha, I said if you don't have an affinity, no need to feel sad immediately kids these days get depressed very fast . Hahaha . "

"I'm not a kid! I'm already 16-years old! A fully grown adult!"

. . .

Just like that, the team arrived on the fifth floor after spending a bit more than half an hour on the fourth one . The furthest floor any team explored in this dungeon is the 10th floor and it was only done by the S-class teams of Korea .

The fifth floor had fewer traps but more monsters, their LvI increased to 15 . The monsters on this floor were called 'Bomb Huggers', they are just like the name states . A slimy humanoid creature with a height of one meter . They can only run up to the enemy and cling to them tightly then they would self-explode, dealing a lot of damage and in almost all cases, if you're hugged by one, you'll die or become paralyzed .

On the first floor of the dungeon, where the small lizards lived . The 8-man team that took the magical skill book were still celebrating the treasures they looted today .

They were an A-team and had decent strength. They managed to arrive at the 6th floor but no further than that. Coupled with the skill book they found in the treasure chest, they found 2 chest armors, one dagger, and rare boots. Their revenue of this hunt had long since exceeded 2 million dollars.

"Brooooo! This book is amazing! Why don't you let me use it, after all, I'm the only spell caster on the team . "

One skinny guy patted Rony's shoulders and attempted to get his hands on the book . They were a team but each one of them was greedy and thought only of his own benefit, a team like that wouldn't usually last long but they surprisingly managed to climb the ladder all the way to A-Class .

"Fuck off, will you? This book will be sold at millions of dollars and you want it to be wasted on you? Get the fuck out of here and find someone else to mess with!"

Rony and the others snapped at the skinny guy and insulted him several times to the point of making him drop his head and remain silent .

The entrance to the dungeon was close and there were no more lizards, the team relaxed as they chatted about what they are going to do with the money .

Being an A-class team, each member was filthy rich but not to the point of having millions of dollars in their bank account . A team can be A-class or S-class without being rich as it all depended on what they looted . Clearing a new floor would automatically give you a million dollar and the team will gain fame but only S-class teams managed to do that .

"H,Hey! I SAID HEY!"

One of the main tanks of the team shouted hysterically, interrupting the laughter and happiness of the rest of the team . They switched their attention to him, who unconsciously pointed his finger to the front .

When the seven of them looked up front, they were dumbstruck to see a horrifying flame beast standing there and baring its fangs at them .

It had a height of two meters and a length of three meters, it was absolutely huge and terrifying to look at . What's scarier is that it was a flame beast made from purple flames . The beast growled and roared loudly, scaring the hell out of the eight men .

All of them without exception had disgusting and smelly yellow liquid coming out of their crotch, some of them fell on their buts from fear .

They were used to fighting small creatures like lizard and gnomes but such huge beasts like this one can be considered their nightmare . They did it for the money and not for the thrill or excitement of hunting

The only outcome when a bunch of dimwits and cowards meet with the real danger is complete annihilation . The skinny dude from earlier mustered some of his leftover courage and cast a fireball spell .

A fist sized orange fireball launched itself at the beast but in no time, the fireball was literally eaten by the beast as if it was a snack, the beast even burped .

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"W,what's this? I----iiiiisn't thisss the first f-floor?"

Rony talked with a trembling voice, his body was trembling and he didn't have the strength to raise his sword and charge at the beast .

No one of his teammates answered him, it was only after a coupled of seconds did a cold and chilling voice ring in their ears simultaneously .

"The weak don't get to choose how they die . "

After that was said, the beast growled one last time before leaping at the team and beginning the bloody massacre .

"Noooooooooooo!!!!!!!"

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The massacre didn't even last a minute before the flame beast killed the whole team . There was no resistance whatsoever as they were just too weak to handle even a single strike from such a monstrosity

The flame beast was obviously the doing of Lucy, on the outside she let them go but she was never that kind of person, especially toward men, her hatred never lessened.

For greedy men like those, death is their only escape, there was no way in hell she would let them leave the dungeon safe and sound .

Creating a flame beast is a simple thing for someone in her Realm. It was not efficient in a fight between Immortals but it could deal with any individual under Lv400. Compared to Randiun, it was far off as the double-headed lizard was literally a God of its own.

The fifth floor was as easy as the other floor and Lucy was beginning to feel bored. Her goal today was to break the record and clear one extra floor, she could clear them all but none of the public would believe her, one step at the time is the way to do it.

"I,I can't believe it an S-class hero, definitely "

Saku covered her mouth as she watched the Bomb Huggers get burned instantly, just like any other previous monster. Lucy didn't even break a sweat and was as calm and composed as ever. If she was not an S-class then what else could she be?

Only an S-class can deal with the fifth-floor monsters this easily. An A-class Hero, even if he was decently strong, he would need to move or do something but Lucy was not lifting a finger.

"Y,Yeah! Miss Lucy may even rival the Flame Emperor!"

Alin agreed with Saku as she looked around and found no trace of the thirty or so Bomb Huggers that were running toward them a second ago .

Delia rolled her eyes when she heard that and thought to herself.

'Ha! Rival the Flame Emperor? This woman is crazier than whatever Emperor bastard that you have! She would burn down the whole planet if she's angry .'

Delia shivered unconsciously when she remembered how Lucy tortured Lissandra the other day, it was a terrifying sight to behold, even for Holy Goddess.

'My soul was tainted that day and my purity was stolen . . . *sniff*'

The poor Goddess reminisced about old times as she took a sip from the famous red wine named 'Domaine de la Romance-Conti' . It's one of the treasures she borrowed, never to be given back ever again .

'Explode Explode Explode'

The Bomb Huggers repeated the same words as their chest had a thumping red color resembling a timed bomb. They were very fast and had short legs.

Another big group of BH (Bomb Huggers) was annihilated by the purple flames and finally, a cloth armor was dropped by one of them . Saku crazily ran towards it and inspected it then started jumping around while waving it around .

Seeing her happiness, Guan Gi was pleased too but not for the same reason, he was pleased with the jiggling pair of boobs that went up and down every time Saku jumped . They were bouncing nonstop and the sight was heavenly for any men to look at .

Unfortunately for the burly man, Saku discovered his lecherous eyes and sent a piercing glare that made him stop staring and cough awkwardly. It was a usual thing for him to be this perverted, at the very least he had a good heart and only used his eyes and nothing else.

The fifth floor was almost done and when Lucy was going to tell them that she's going to pick up the pace, a humanoid creepy looking monster appeared.

Obviously, the first thought that came to everyone's mind is that it's a boss, as it was the only plausible explanation .

The thing that appeared was very similar to a scarecrow, it had a long cane with a black crow in its tip and its mouth was strangely big.

A name and a Lvl appeared above the scarecrow's head.

Fiddle, The Deceitful ScareCrow: Lv350

"W,What?"

Guan Gi rubbed his eyes continuously but he still saw the number 350 hovering above the monster's head . He couldn't believe they were so unlucky to the point of encountering a boss .

At this point, they thought it was the dungeon's boss.

"Chi chi chi! Annoying Humans disrupting my nap! I had to personally interfere chi chi chi!"

With a weird clicking sound, Fiddle spoke, his voice was weird and uncomfortable to listen to . Lucy knew this was the boss and she sensed him the first she explored the dungeon, she didn't kill it and let it but for some reason, the boss came out of his way to stop them or fight them?

"Ara Ara! This is one ugly boss! My eyes are hurting "

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While playing with her glass of wine, Delia whined and mocked the boss, she wasn't tense like the other three. Alin was even scared to the point of hiding behind her, she couldn't look straight at the boss for fear of being targeted. It was too much to handle for a 16-year-old girl.

"That's a b,boss isn't it? "

Saku was the most courageous one, she stood next to Delia and raised her cane, ready to fight. She was surprised and afraid, however, she was not going to let Lucy fight the boss alone, it was suicidal and she was not that kind of person.

"Why did you decide to come out?"

Lucy finally talked, her tone was as cold as usual and it even contained a bit of killing intent.

Fiddle, being totally oblivious to what Lucy said, laughed maniacally and waved his cane and attacked .

A green crow appeared from the tip of his long cane and flew toward the team with slow speed but it expanded in size for every meter it flew until it was the size of a normal human .

Unfortunately for the boss, he appeared at the wrong time, the green crow couldn't even scratch the barrier laid by Lucy and it was burned by the flames . It took a bit more time for it to die unlike the BH or Gnomes, nevertheless, it died .

"Chi chi chi! Such desperate means won't work against the one and only lord Fiddle!"

The hand of the scarecrow blurred and by the next second, countless green crows appeared from behind him and charged at the barrier with lightning speed. Each Crow was fist-sized and emitted the same 'Chi chi' sound as Fiddle.

'Creeeeek' 'Creeeeeeek'

'Creeeeeeek'

. . .

One crow after another fell on the ground, writhing from pain and transforming into black ashes after a couple of seconds . The barrier was like an unpenetrable fortress, even the boss was left dazed and could only react when all the crows perished .

"Why did you come out now? I'm not going to repeat my question, this would the last time I ask that and the last chance I give you . "

Seeing that his attack was futile and adding the fact that he can't see Lucy and Delia's Lvls, Fiddle was starting to have some doubts and suspicions.

'To hell with it!'

Resolutely, Fiddle let go of his cane which floated in front of his chest and expanded in size until it was the size of an elephant . The long and big cane then transformed into a gigantic green crow that had two glittering red eyes .

Fiddle jumped on the crow's back and laughed

"Chi chi chi! This will be your end!"

Seeing the boss ready to do his ultimate attack, Lucy turned around and told the rest to get back . When all of them retreated a dozen meters, she canceled her barrier and let Delia take care of their safety .

The gigantic crow didn't wait for Lucy to get ready and rushed toward her while screeching loudly to the point of shaking the whole floor . Fiddle used the same attack again and summoned countless green crows which followed the big one .

"Bow to down to the one and only Lord Fiddle and KNOW how weak you are!"

As he was celebrating his victory which was not going to happen, Lucy raised her hand for a split second and in that extremely short moment 'Whooooooooooooooo'. The gigantic green crow, fiddle and all the other crows were instantly frozen with ice.

From the ground to the high roof, everything around or behind Fiddle was frozen to ice.

"Boomm!"

The green crow which turned into a big ice statue fell from the air and crashed into countless pieces . The small crows turned into beautiful ice sparkles that fell from the air and created a breathtaking sight . Only Fiddle wasn't broken into pieces, with his frozen state Fiddle fell on the ground and rolled all the way to Lucy's feet .

Since he was frozen, he couldn't react or emit any sound or move . What could be seen through the ice is only his wide-open eyes which were ugly and uncomfortable to look at . His body was made from some leather cloth and his head was a round black flesh that seemed rotten .

With but a thought, the ice around Fiddle's head melted and within seconds, the boss was able to move his neck and see what's in front of him.

What laid in front of his sight was the cold and emotionless Lucy who stared at him with so much killing intent that he was suffocating and unable to utter a word.

Only after she withheld some of her killing intent was he able to speak and express his shock .

"W,What did you do? Using such trickery to fool the one and only Lord Fiddle?"

Seeing that he still didn't get what kind of situation he was in, Lucy didn't hold back and began her sweet plan .

'Crack!'

A chunk of ice was taken out of the still frozen body of Fiddle, his left and thin leg was taken out from the whole body .

A screeching sound came out of Fiddle's big mouth, his wails were loud and as annoying as his behavior . After cutting off his leg, Lucy stared back at him to make him understand but the boss was still feeling the pain .

When he finally recognized he was in a difficult or rather desperate situation, Fiddle started looking left and right for help but he soon realized he was the boss of the Dungeon and no one was strong enough to save him.

If he wasn't able to save himself then he's doomed . After coming to this conclusion, Fiddle looked at Lucy and suspiciously said

"Who are you?"

. . . . Still no response from Lucy

"I'm the boss of this dungeon, why did you attack me?"

"Arghhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! Why are you doing this?"

"I surrender I surrender, just stop doing this! STOP!"

. . .

This process continued for half an hour before Fiddle finally calmed down . Alin, who was watching from the back felt some pity and wanted to speak up and tell Lucy to spare him as he appeared to be suffering

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The more they witnessed Lucy torture Fiddle the more they discovered about her cruel and cold side, not one of them did wish or even imagine to be her enemy or else their fate would be the same, especially if they don't cooperate.

"CHIIIII-- A, Alright! I'll answer *cough* just s-sstop!"

With three of his limbs going and the agonizing pain, Fiddle could no longer handle it and finally decided to spill the beans because if he didn't, only endless torture would await him. Lucy was by far the cruelest person he even encountered since he was born, she's become his nightmare.

While gasping for air and looking at Lucy with fearful eyes, he paused for a coupled of second before he resumed talking

"Look! I don't know any details! All I know is that I was told to come here and kill you . "

Lucy remained silent as she heard that but Delia didn't like the fact that someone is plotting behind their backs so she retorted to Fiddle with a rather icy tone, different from usual friendly one.

"By whom?"

Fiddle didn't seem to be fearful of Delia and ignored her question, his whole attention was focused on Lucy's expression. What the poor scarecrow didn't expect was that Delia was not the easygoing type, in fact, she's the total opposite, she would be triggered and angered easily, just try calling her an old hag and you'll see . . .

"An ugly piece of shit dares ignore me?"

Delia snapped at him and waved her hand making the frozen statue containing Fiddle body shatter and instantly, Holy chains wrapped around him and just like Gulan, he was swung high in the air and then struck the ground .

Delia used him like a toy and kept smashing him again and again until she felt satisfied . She then stood there with a proud expression and mockingly said

"And now . . . are you going to answer or do you need a bit more exercise?"

Scarecrows can't cry but Fiddle did, the poor boss was treated like a toy and played with, he felt pain in every inch of his body and he was at death's door.

"Miss! Please stop! Miss is the most beautiful and kind person in the world, this foolish one was hurt in the ears so he wasn't able to hear you, please excuse this lowly fool, MISS!"

'Crash!'

Delia threw him on the ground yet again as his ass-licking skills weren't pleasing to hear, coupled with his voice, it only made the compliments sound too forceful, which they obviously were but it's better not to mess with an illogical and irrational person such as the one and only Delia.

"*Huff* *Huff* chii chii chiii I, I don't know who sent me the message, I truly don't! Miss, please believe me! Please stop the violence . . . chii chii . "

Fiddle was now more afraid of Delia than Lucy, at least Lucy was reasonable but Delia could attack even if you did nothing, fearing the unpredictable is what anyone would do .

"Violence? I'm just playing around . . . how could you could you accuse me of being violent such a foul mouth . Ha! You need punishment . "

"No-"

Before the poor bastard could scream, his body floated a couple of meters above ground and 'BANG' he heavily crashed on it creating another small crater but that wasn't the end, it was merely the start of the hellish roller coaster Fiddle was going to experience.

'BANG' 'BANG' 'BANG'

"ARGHH! MISSS PLEA-'BANG' . . SE IT WA--'BANG' THE SYSTEM 'BANG' 'BANG' 'BANG' BANG' BANG' BANG'

only when Fiddle only had a sliver of Health remaining did Delia stop and sarcastically apologize

"Oh . . my bad my bad! I didn't hear your answer, I was too busy practicing my handling you see "

Fiddle was still able to talk even after such a beating and a hellish torture, he's surely one tough bastard . He kept emitting that clicking sound and breathing heavily .

The Health bar above his head had only a tiny line that was decreasing bit by bit . Seeing that he's going to die too early than expected, Delia cast a simple heal, regenerating about 10% of his Health and stopping him from dying .

"Why don't you explain in details?"

Lucy still remained silent since Delia picked up the interrogation . She just waited for the answers but she was not very patient, if he wouldn't answer, it wouldn't matter because after all, if someone wants them killed, sooner or later he'll come personally and at that time, she wouldn't mind sending him to join Fiddle in Hell!

"Chii chii chii! I don't know either! I,I j-jjust received a message from the system that told me to kill you, that's it!"

Delia didn't know much about the system, neither did Lucy but it could be said that Lucy had a bit more knowledge than the goddess as many frequent weird situations occurred with the system, especially when that narcissistic annoying little girl replaced Arthur's system, it was truly annoying!

"Why did you blindly do what the system said?"

When he heard that, Fiddle stopped whining and seriously looked at Delia while replying

"You guys may not know, but we, the dungeon bosses were locked in a prison and it's the prison that teleported us here to this low-Realm and provided us with a private home, it's like our savior, the only condition that was set is that we have to follow it orders when we receive them normally, I'm not supposed to say th--"

Before he could finish, Fiddle's head burst and he died instantly before finishing his sentence. At least he managed to say something before he died but what's strange is how he died. Delia's Godly Sense covered the whole Earth but she couldn't find the thing which killed Fiddle.

"W,What happened?"

Guan Gi walked close to Fiddle and inspected him with cautions, he wasn't disgusted with the sight, instead, after hearing everything, he was wondering if there is any loot.

To his surprise, Fiddle actually dropped 3 items, one skill book, a staff and a ring. Before he could take a look at them, a black shadow dashed past him and looted the three of them with lightning speed.

Saku, with her professional looting hands, managed to get her hands on all of them .

Symbol Of Loyalty Ring ®: +40 Intelligence / +40 Wisdom

Effect: The user gains 20% Mana reduction when using skills.

Fallen Crow Staff®: +95 Intelligence / +40 Vitality

Effect: Can use the skill (Crowstorm); A storm of crows rage around the target and deal constant damage per second for 8 seconds .

Description: Once belonged to the one and only, Fiddle the deceitful scarecrow. Created from the black wood of an infected tree and copy feather of the ancient "All seeing Eye Crow".

Skill Book(Magic): [Zap]: The user sends a streak of basic lightning toward the target and causes the effect 'daze' for 1 second. Deals 120% of the user's Magic Attack.

Cost: 40 MP.

Cooldown: 1 minute.

With a dumbfounded and funny look, Saku gazed at the three items in a daze . She just couldn't bring herself to believe what laid before her eyes, it was too good to be true .

Guan Gi couldn't stand it anymore and snatched the items from her arms. His action woke her up but surprisingly, she wasn't angry but happy, she acted like a little girl and jumped around from joy.

Next one to be embraced by happiness is Guan Gi, who had wide eyes and half-open mouth when he inspected the items .

Alin didn't join the fray and merely thought about how Lucy instantly froze Fiddle and how easily it was done. Her admiration had long since turned into total worship and by any means, she wanted to become Lucy's disciple.

"R2150 requests help . Receive . "

A mechanic voice rang in some kind of machine and after a couple of seconds, a voice with same exact tone rang out from the other side of the machine .

"To R2150, requiring further explanation . . . "

"Unknown specimen disturbing the plan . "

"To R2150, execute the security system."

"Unable to execute the security system . . . unknown specimen: 1 Sovereign, 2 Gods, 2 Immortals . "

"To R2150, send Snory . Ending Call "

'Beeep' 'Beep'

The only sound remaining was a constant beeping sound that was emitted from the strange machine.

In Séoul, precisely in the alley where Gulan was killed. Raki, the one Gulan was talking to before dying was currently standing there and inspecting the surroundings.

He was a good friend of Gulan and his sudden disappearance was too strange. He traced back the call all the way to here but nothing was found, literally nothing, the man vanished into thin air.

"Sir! There is nothing, no fingerprint, torn clothes or any signs of recent fights . "

Raki sighed as he looked at the empty alley and shook his head.

"He said something about two women Lucy and Delia . . . is it?"

Raki turned toward his subordinate and said

"Go find the whereabouts of two women, Lucy and Delia . Apparently, they are easy to spot as one is blond and the other has silver-hair . When you find them, thoroughly investigate their origins, I want full details!"

"Sir Yes Sir"

The subordinate bowed and left the alley to do what he was ordered to do . As for Raki, he took a cigarette from his pocket and started fuming it whilst looking around for a final time but it was still futile

Whilst Saku and Guan Gi were enjoying the loots, Lucy brought Delia to the corner and coldly said

"Go back now and check the whole Earth, every corner and see if you missed anything "

Delia snorted in response and retorted

"Hmpf! How can I miss anyone with my Godly Sense? . . . "

"Just go back and do another check!"

Delia could only drop her shoulders and angrily teleport away, obviously, her teleporting would surprise the other three but since they saw her trash a boss, it's normal to teleport, or at least that's what Lucy thought.

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Just after Delia teleported, the other three were worried about her sudden disappearance and thought that something happened to her .

It was only when Lucy explained that Delia went back did they breathe a sigh of relief. No one doubted Delia's prowess as it is clearly on par with Lucy so getting out of the dungeon is no big deal.

Delia went on to do her job and Lucy was not planning to stop mid-way, she just was going to pick up the pace . The others had already seen what she's capable of .

"What happened here should remain here, I hope no one would be dumb enough to talk about it . "

Their relationship improved since the first time they met but Lucy didn't trust them yet . To make them gain her trust required more than this .

A simple warning from Lucy made them nod their heads continuously .

"W, What about Lady Sinyu?"

The shy Alin wasn't a talkative person but women like Saku usually like to brag so she could unconsciously blurt out unnecessary things.

"I'm not going to repeat myself . "

Lucy's demeanor added with her chilling voice made everything she says sound like a threat .

"Remember, what's about happen and what happened should never be revealed and if it is \dots "

"We got it we got it "

Guan Gi waved his hands proving his sincerity. To begin with, this was a favorable thing for them, she does everything and the loot goes to them as she didn't appear to have the slightest interest in it.

Just as the three were going to follow Lucy who went on ahead, they were suddenly enveloped in some sort of transparent ice-blue sphere and their vision turned blurry for at least 10 seconds .

When they finally could see again, their surroundings completely changed from the boss room to another gloomy room filled with torches on the side .

"W, What happened? W--WWhere are we?"

Saku was terrified as she looked around, she heard about teleportation traps but those are usually on higher floors . As if to bring her more despair, Lucy replied to her with an answer she never wanted to hear

"The 11th floor."

Seeing the dumbfounded looks of the three, Lucy sighed and resumed talking, explaining a bit of the situation .

"The boss that was killed was the whole dungeon's boss . Since you already witnessed me and Delia's power, there is no need to act and do it slowly . "

"Act? Slowly?"

Since they are part of her team, Lucy needed to explain her plan, of course, she won't go into the details but some basic stuff about it won't hurt.

"Yes, from today onwards, we'll clear a floor every 3 days . Of course, you'll share the loot amongst yourselves as I have no need for it, you can even take me and Delia's share of the money . Give and take, it's simple, all you have to do is remain silent . "

"Deal!"

With a happy and straight face, Saku agreed on behalf of all the three, money is all she sought, just like Guan Gi. She just has to keep Lucy's strength a secret, not a big deal.

"Alright then, just stay behind me and do as usual . "

As Lucy said that, a flame barrier just like the last one was created around them and the team resumed the clearing .

The monsters on this floor were wooden puppets. The height of a normal human and a body made of wood, they had no face and wielded weapons ranging from wooden shields to steel swords.

Since the wood's weakness is fire, the poor puppets were killed even faster than the monsters on the first floor . The clearing didn't even take 10 minutes before all the monsters on this floor were killed . Lucy used the barrier she created to make the other three move at a fast pace and that accelerated the process by a lot .

"Ah ah! It's another skill book! We looted 4 already! We're rich!"

Saku waved around the skill book and showed it to Guan Gi who hit his chest proudly because he was the one who opened the chest . But if they have to give credit to someone, it has to be Lucy .

"The floor is cleared, that should automatically raise our rank by one, right?"

Lucy wasn't too sure about the rules of ranking up so she asked them.

"Yes, and if we show them what we looted, I'm sure we'll jump straight to A-rank!"

"Mmm . . . let's head back then "

Before the other three could react, their vision blurred and after a couple of seconds, they found themselves back on the first floor, just a small distance away from the dungeon's entrance.

. . .

As they passed by the guards standing at the entrance, whilst he was checking them, he frowned and said

"Wasn't there another person on your team?"

Saku was smart enough to realize that he was talking about Delia and he won't let them off before they report her disappearance or death so she pondered for a second before saying

"She's still here but under the Stealth skill since her clothes were ripped by those damned lizards *sigh* I never knew animals could be perverted too "

Taken aback but he just heard, the guard coughed awkwardly then backed up without speaking further. The team didn't waste time there and went back to Lady Sinyu's mansion to report what happened, their achievements and show their loots.

Lucy preferred going back immediately to her house so she didn't accompany them and only warned them one last time to remain silent about what happened .

Ever since leaving the dungeon, Lucy noticed a hooded-person following her closely but it was a pity he chose the wrong person . She wasn't in the mood to question another idiot because a certain person is interested in her or wants to investigate her . She turned to an alley and when the person followed after her, he found no trace, she vanished into thin air .

After looking around hoping to find a clue the hooded-man turned around and left without making any noise. It was apparent he was an expert as he didn't emit any noise and his presence was barely sensed by mortals. If Lucy was not such a godly individual and instead just a Lv20 human, she would never have felt his presence.

. . . .

When Lucy returned to the apartment, she found little Saly watching the TV, Miya was at the side sitting cross-legged and trying to cultivate for a bit and as usual, Delia was on the balcony enjoying whatever wine she 'borrowed'.

Seeing Saly's eyes glued to the TV, Lucy couldn't help but feel a bit intrigued so she shifted her attention to the TV to check what made her daughter like that .

"It's been 5 years! 5 years since the legendary VRMMO Hell Gate was launched and as of now, it has more than 4 Billion active players and it keeps increasing day by day. What's more is that Lobisoft

announced the release of a new game capsule that would increase the realism of the game and make it more immersive "

'It's just a game . . . '

Saly couldn't understand what was said but she could see what was displayed . A world full of action and magic, similar to Astria but much more fun as there were events and such . For Saly, fighting and becoming strong like Lucy and Arthur is her dream so seeing something like this ignited her desires and strengthened her determination .

"Mom mom! What's this?"*

"It's just a game "

"A game?"

For Saly, games were never like this, on Astria the concept of games is very rare as only rich or nobles would have the luxury to play games and even if they do, it'll only be simple ones.

"Yes . It's a game, do you want to play it?"

Lucy had more than enough money and Saly's happiness mattered most so she obviously would try to spoil the girl as much as she could, after all, the little girl had gone through so much hardship, from her evil master to being kidnapped. A trauma like that cannot be easily forgotten.

Hearing this, Saly was very ecstatic, she jumped in Lucy's arms and shook her head while smiling . She was happy that her mother was willing to do anything for her and she wasn't that stupid to not have realized that .

"No it's fine . . . plus you promised to let me go and have fun in the dungeons . . . he he he . "

Seeing that Saly still didn't forget about that matter, Lucy shook her head and rubbed the fluffy ears of Saly while smiling

"You're becoming more and more clever aren't you *sigh* where did my naive little Saly go "

"Moooooooom I'm not naive I have more than 3,000 Intelligence, hehehe, Dad told me it's higher than you when you were at my age . "

"Did he now? I will make sure to properly educate him when he's back, hehehe "

Lucy codly laughed but if Arthur heard her, he would be soaking of cold sweat . Wives are really scary sometimes .

"WHAT! You said you cleared a new floor?"

The expensive cup of tea that Lady Sinyu was sipping from fell on the floor and turned into countless small pieces. Her calm demeanor had a drastic change when she heard that. Her team wouldn't usually joke about this kind of stuff, especially when they knew how serious she is about matters like this.

"H-How is that possible? You must have mistaken the floors "

"Come on Lady Sinyu! As the leader of our team, you must praise us for our hard work and not call us liars!"

With both of her hands on her waist, Saku reprimanded the old woman with a disgusting grin hanging on her face . Ever since they left the dungeon, her lips were smiling on their own from happiness, the income of this short expedition is in the millions .

Guan Gi followed Saku and patted his chest proudly and added

"Here, if you don't believe us then look at these babes "

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He took out the black box hanging on his back and retrieved all the treasures they looted .

4 Skill books, two magical ones and two melee .

2 blades.

1 staff.

2 Shields.

3 Rings.

1 Necklace.

17 Health Pots.

5 Mana Pots.

Health and Mana Pots are not very expensive but they still are worth selling. One Health Pot can easily be sold at 15k. It's a life-saving material in life and death battles. It was a shame that these pots were the lowest-quality. Lucy had miraculous ones and their number was in the thousands.

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"Th-..."
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With shaky hands, Lady Sinyu stretched her hand and inspected the staff Fiddle dropped. It had a unique appearance and even though Lady Sinyu was not a Hero herself, she was already tested and entered the system so she could see the stats and description of the staff.

In fact, every person that entered the system of Earth could automatically use appraisal but it was a lesser version of the one Arthur has .

After spending a couple of minutes inspecting all the loot, Lady Sinyu raised her head and looked around, once she found not trace of Lucy and Delia, she said

"Where is Miss Lucy and Miss Delia?"

Saku, being the most talkative one and the brain of the trio . She didn't stutter or hesitate and answered

"Miss Lucy was feeling tired so she and Delia went back to their house to rest . It was quite tiring after all . "

Lady Sinyu didn't believe they were tired as it was not that simple but it was apparent Saku or the other two were not willing to talk about it so she didn't insist. Just when she was about to ask about the details of what happened, Saku spoke yet again

"Ahh, my hands are sore and my knees are aching . We're tired so we'll excuse ourselves . Don't forget to auction the loots Lady Sinyu . "

The other two bowed and followed after Saku. When they left the room, Lady Sinyu turned to look behind to talk to someone but Guan Gi barged in the room with a helpless expression on his face and took the curved saber and a round blue shield whilst saying

"I looted those, they are my prize, sorry Lady Sinyu . Cya . . . "

Before the old woman could react, the burly man dashed out of the room .

Lady Sinyu could only sigh and ponder for a couple of minutes before she turned around again and spoke to the air behind her

"Find out what happened exactly, this sounds fishy . Also, send someone to Saku's room and tell her to hand a written report of the monsters on the 11th floor "

A black shadow appeared from thin air, it turned blurry until a figure's silhouette appeared . It was a black-clothed man with two short blades in his waist .

"Ha! My lady!"

The shadow blurred again and disappeared just the same way he appeared . For someone with such a high status like Lady Sinyu, there is no way she's going to go around the jewelry shop without special guards . She had two hidden S-class Heroes constantly protecting her from any assassination or sneak attacks .

These two experts which were proud of her their Stealth skills were long since noticed by Delia and Lucy but both of them chose to remain silent to not attract unnecessary attention or trouble. Lucy wanted to build a good relationship with Lady Sinyu and not become her enemy.

Chapter 130

The news of Lucy's team clearing the first floor was soon made public . All kinds of journalists and important figures such as CEO's of popular companies or famous individuals wanted an audience with Lady Sinyu, who is the leader of the team .

The mansion gates were almost broken as countless people wanted to enter and possibly take some pictures of this famous team . It is said that the team was only C-class yet they managed to achieve the impossible for a team like that, after all, it was only a C-class team .

A team of this caliber should only roam in the 5 or 6th floor, not clear one out of the blue . Nevertheless, this incident attracted a lot of attention, whether from the public or the IHO itself .

Many journalists wanted to sneak in but Lady Sinyu dispatched an A-class guard who also was the head of the guards to detain and block the journalists as they were too stubborn and troublesome to deal with .

For two whole days, the gates were filled with journalists, even late at night so Lady Sinyu could not rest properly. Not that she was angry, in fact, she was pleased but curious and a bit confused.

It's to be expected, after all, no one but her knew her team's capabilities and by no means are they capable of doing that, the only reason is . . . the two new recruits .

On the third day, when the news was still spreading, another bomb fell in and the same team cleared the 12th floor . This caused an uproar, some calling it a fraud and blaming the team for lack of evidence and some were jealous .

The S-class teams did not admit the achievement of team's achievement and were rather arrogant, calling the team 'a bunch of liars' or 'pretending newbies'.

When they were clearing the 12th floor, something unexpected did occur. Two people followed the team inside the dungeon, the first one was Lady Sinyu's S-class guard, who was a bit more sneaky and hard to detect. The second was the same guy that was following Lucy the other day. His skills were not bad and if it was a Lv20 or Lv30 person, it would have been hard to sense his presence but it's his bad day to be following the wrong person.

On the 4th floor, the second invisible person was met with a flaming beast who appeared out of nowhere, he was dumbfounded and confused on how he was detected by when he saw the beast's level being '???' he knew he should run .

Unfortunately for him, the beast was not so merciful and it ended up with him being ripped to shreds. The man screamed for help but no teams were around and if there were some, none would be brave enough to face such a horrifying monster.

As for the last man, when they were about to enter the 12th floor, Lucy turned around, facing his direction and coldly said

"Isn't it time you show yourself? It's basic courtesy after all . "

Despite hearing that, the man remained silent and immobile, he didn't know if he was sensed due to a mistake he made or the woman just randomly said that to check if there is anyone around and IT happened to be his direction she turned to .

Saku, Alin, and the dared Guan Gi were puzzled about Lucy's behavior, Saku even thought that Lucy was feeling a bit tired and probably hallucinating.

From the first floor until here, no monster appeared in the vicinity which was rather surprising . Usually, swarms of lizards or gnomes would be patrolling or randomly going around but this time, there was not even the sound of a monster .

Even the guard was confused and didn't think much of it at first but then, it got consistent and it seemed as if they were taking a stroll and not in a dangerous dungeon, he took note of that and kept following. Lady Sinyu instructed him to keep a close eye on Delia and Lucy but didn't seem them fight for even a second.

The truth is that Lucy got rid of them before they managed to show themselves, with her fire, she burned every last one of them and only black ashes blown by the wind remained . She did it because she

didn't want to expose any of her abilities yet, she could use simple Earth Magic but she refrained and used this simple method instead .

Hearing no response and no reaction, Lucy lifted her hand and instantly, the ground, ceiling and even the air itself froze from her feet all the way to where the guard was .

Being an S-class guard, his reaction was pretty quick as he tried to jump away from this 'Absolute Zero' but his body didn't bulge when he commanded it to . The reality was harsh and life was cruel, by the time he looked down, his left all the way to his stomach was frozen by ice . He could feel the chilling coldness, his body shivered on its own and his senses became a bit dull due to the very cold atmosphere

The floor transformed into a beautiful crystalline ground and small snow particles fell slowly on the ground, it was a breathtaking sight ruined by the man in the center who was trying to move around but it was futile.

Delia put her hands on her waist and stared at him with an annoyed look then said

"Are you deaf? I'm not as kind as her, you better talk or I'll not be kind anymore . "

Hearing this, Guan Gi and the rest unconsciously gulped some saliva and remembered the time where Fiddle was trashed and played with like a toy by her, it was a sight never to be forgotten.

Delia obviously knew he was Lady Sinyu's guard but she didn't like his cocky attitude, or at least that's what she thought . From her idiotic point of view, he remained silent because he thinks he's stronger and doesn't want to bother with them . Thank god not all people share her opinion and a bit more openminded .

A minute passed yet the man stopped struggling and stood there, motionless and as silent as ever . Lucy gave one final sigh before glaring at him with a suffocating killing intent . She gave him a final warning then acted

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"What I hate most is being followed . This will be the first and last time I spare you, this is mercy but a warning . Delia . "

Lucy gestured to Delia then condensed an Ice spear which quickly penetrated the man's shoulder, making blood splatter on the crystalline floor . The blood soon transformed into tiny red crystals, the man didn't emit a sound albeit being heavily injured . With Lucy's signal, the guard was teleported back right next to Lady Sinyu's, who was couldn't react for a couple of seconds and only snapped out of her surprise after the second S-class guard spoke .

. . .

The rest of the journey was stable and without worry, in less than 10 minutes the 12th floor was finished but Lucy told them to wait more time before coming out or else everyone would be suspicious as they entered it not even half an hour ago .

Clearing a floor is an amazing feat but doing it in less than an hour is an impossible feat, that's what everyone thought at least .

The day after, Lucy was sitting on the couch with Saly next to her . Saly was watching a commercial about the popular game Hell Gate whilst Lucy was meditating and trying and circulating her technique .

Randiun was snoring on the side and Delia with pouting lips sat on the balcony and drank a cup of Tea since Lucy forbade her from drinking any wine in the apartment.

Seeing that Lucy was busy meditating, Delia sneakily took out a bottle of wine and poured a glass before putting it back on in her storage, unfortunately for the Holy Goddess, who thought she got away with it and was about to enjoy the wine and relax, Lucy suddenly opened her eyes and glared at her.

"Did you check again?"

Delia sighed when Lucy spoke about another topic but she was still annoyed when she heard it nonetheless .

"For the love of your darling! Would you stop repeating the same thing? I already told you I checked the whole planet 5 times in the past three days, there is no sign of any lurking God, Divine being or anything of the sort, just stop nagging like an old woman *sigh* it's so tiring even for a God you know?"

Lucy's glare sharpened, for a split second, her eyes glanced back and forth between the glass Delia was holding and the woman, she ignored it for now and added

"How about the void outside of Earth's atmosphere?"

Delia gave her 'Are you kidding me look' with wide open eyes, for a couple of seconds she just stared at her with a dumbfounded look then retorted

"Are you crazy? I may be a Holy Goddess but I'm not that strong to search the whole void outside. This is an abandoned world and what does that mean? It means it is thrown into a secluded place, possibly away from all other realms so the whole area around here is most likely just void. Moreover, outside of Earth, the energy is made from Dark Matter, it's similar to Nether Energy but over time, it can kill Holy beings, it's like a deadly poison, a TIMEBOMB! If your darling was here, he would be able to go around freely but not me, what's more, it would take an eternity for a God to search all of it, you're asking the impossible "

Lucy remained silent for a second before shooting Delia dagger eyes and saying

"... you talk too much . Also, didn't I say no wine in here? For a Goddess, you sure are deaf . "

As Lucy said that, she appeared in front of Delia, who out of reflex, teleported hundred of miles away from Lucy but not after half of her hand which was holding the glass was frozen by Lucy.

Delia could only grunt unhappily and curse out loud while dispelling the ice with her Holy Light

"Damn violent woman! Curse you and your ice . Hmpf! If it wasn't for your Yin power, you wouldn't be able to hurt me wait till I get rid of that slavery bullshit! Then the age of Holy Overgod Delia will rise, yahahahahaha"