

Shadow 31

[Chapter 31: One day, a thousand autumns](#)

Azief look at the notification and smiles.

[YOU HAVE ADVANCED TO LEVEL 30. YOU HAVE EARNED 20 STATS POINTS AND 10 SKILL POINTS]

[YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE NOW WHERE TO DISTRIBUTE THE STATS POINTS SINCE YOU ARE FORMING PILLARS NOW]

Then Azief was instantly prompted to distribute stats points right away. No matter what he did he could not force the notification windows to exit.

Sofia is still beside him, gawking at him and she even takes a few distances from him which makes him feel weird. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

So he chose 5 to strength, 10 to agility and 3 to stamina and 2 to spirit. The skill points he will wait for other opportunities.

Then another notification appears.

[WORLD ORB SHOP IS UNLOCKED]

[UNLOCKED RACE: NOVUS SAPIEN UNLOCKED]

[HALL OF FAME UNLOCKED]

[PILLARS UNLOCKED]

[LEVEL REPRESSION UNLOCKED]

[RACE SUPERIORITY UNLOCKED]

[FORCE EVOLUTION WAS INITIATED CONSIDERING THE INJURY ON THE USER]

PILLARS HAS BEEN DECIDED

[PILLARS OF STRENGTH AWARDED]

[PILLARS OF AGILITY AWARDED]

[PILLARS OF STAMINA AWARDED]

‘Hey, what happen to you? Are you alright?’ Sofia asked, looking at the excitement in his face.

Sofia has realized that Azief looks like he is seeing something good.

The manner in which he behaves right now is the same way she behaved when she sees her status window, especially when she is advancing in her level.

She instantly realized that Azief is looking at his status window.

She is curios what change that happened to him that he suddenly become so tall and handsome.

She could also feel an oppressive aura around him, a feeling like he is higher than she is, like he is a superior being than her.

Azief then said.

'Let's move to the tree. We make camp there' he said, still looking at his status window.

'You're not going to tell me about what happen to you?' Sofia asked.

'I'll tell you later. Let go first. Lead the way' he said. Sofia was not satisfied with his answer but she moved forward, her bows raised as she is ready for any beast attack.

His screams before might attract some monster around here.

It is fortunate that the clouds are clear tonight and the moon light is strong, so even without a torch she could see clearly.

He walk slowly behind Sofia is still checking his status windows. Even he could not understand what happens to him so how could he explain it to Sofia.

Then he checks what pillars is. He touches the word pillars on his status window. And then information streamed inside his mind.

Pillars are an accumulation of the stats when the user evolved.

When a user reached the qualification to evolve then a notification will appear whether to repress the evolution or continue with the evolution.

Then information streams inside his mind explaining why there is an option to repress evolution.

The only reason why people would repress their own evolution is if they wanted to accumulate more stats point and then evolve at the most advantageous position.

The reason why he got three pillars is because the accumulation of his stats pointed that these three stats of him are the stats which has many more points than the others.

So he was awarded three pillars.

But if he took time and did not evolve, and accumulate stats points in all of the attribute like stamina, stealth and the other, he maybe could have many more pillars.

These will help him when he evolved to a more advanced being. But then why the option of repressing the evolution did not appear for him?

As he thinks of this question, another information streamed inside his mind.

He found out that if the user was heavily injured during his time of evolution, he will not be given a choice to evolve; instead a force evolution would be triggered.

So kind of like if you got distracted during breakthrough, which will be harmful to the person. He mused.

He got to admit he read a lot of Xianxia novels and influenced by them.

Azief has also got new knowledge. Next time if he want to screw somebody before they evolve he would injured them heavily so that their full potentials will not be realized.

When evolving, the power will be increased by 10 times. So, no matter how stronger a level 29 user, they could not defeat an evolved person of level 30.

Azief could understand this as he felt the coursing energy inside his body.

He also understand that if he is to form pillars, he could form it by eating rare meats, eating bead of life or convert EXP to pillars, or the most easiest way...level up.

Azief then wanted to look at his pillars and then suddenly he is transported into a vast land of white and his mind project the image of his three pillars.

The land of white is like he is standing on white fluffy clouds, standing on the clouds, looking at the large pillars.

Three Pillars with runic writing on a helix-like chain that cover the pillars, glowing brightly like a lighthouse.

He also understands that he could upgrade the pillars so that when he reached his next evolution he would be more advantageous.

His eyes glowed, and he breathed deeply, feeling the energy inside his body.

He was a hundred times stronger than the power he could utilize before, like the difference between the sky and the land.

An evolved person could easily wipe the ground with an unevolved person no matter how high their stats are.

The moment he evolved, he understands suddenly about the division of power between those that evolved and those that do not evolved.

He is now a higher life form from Homo sapiens.

His body now has power that normal humans could not understand. He could feel it in his body.

The change that he experienced sent his power leaping upward. It was without comparison!

Azief would compare this like a difference in cultivation levels if this was a Xianxia novel.

He feels that even if he fights the super croc again he would not be so disadvantageous like before.

He feels that if he found the Hamad group again, just by looking at them, Azief could make them shake as if their organs stop working, their strength would lose their ability to function and they would be helpless.

Thinking of this he smirked. The path to being a strong is never easy. He pays his arm for this power. He also risked everything in that fight.

It is already a miracle he survives it.

Each pillar represents 100 stats of the aforementioned pillars. For example, one pillar of strength equal to 100 stats point for strength.

When using energy to fight or defend, the pillars associated with the action will dimmed and decrease.

For example using strength fighting a beast will decrease the pillars height every time the user uses his or her strength

All three of Azief pillars is as high as one story building which means when the pillars is decreasing until the end it will cracked.

If it is not used until it is exhausted it will recover by itself. Stats points before he evolved were fixed and can only increase instead of decreasing.

But the pillars run on a different concept than the stats points. He also understand that the World Orb whatever its intention.....he could feel that one of its objective is to make humans stronger.

What he is uncomfortable with this, is for what purpose? For what purpose the World Orb want them to become stronger?

Then suddenly the notification appears again after he finished understanding the information about pillars.

YOU HAVE ADVANCED TO LEVEL 39. YOU HAVE EARNED 9 SKILL POINTS. 9 PILLARS COULD BE FORMED.

WILL YOU EVOLVE TO NEXT HIGHER LIFE FORM OR WILL YOU REPRESS YOUR LEVEL?

‘What!’ Azief could not believe what he is seeing right now. Why did he jump to level 39 in one leap?

Sofia who was in front was startled and she almost let out of his arrow. She looked behind her and still seeing Azief looking at something

Still checking? She mused. She then looks in front again and she is nearing the huge tree. Azief on the other hand is stunned and full of disbelief right now.

He never had been lucky before.

Is this luck? He is unfamiliar with the feeling of being lucky. Is Lady Luck beginning to sympathize with his tragedy that she would awarded him with such luck?

‘No, no’ he said shaking his head. He doesn’t believe he is that lucky.

Is it a glitch? No. he mused.

This must be related to the Supercroc. There is no level limit when killing a monster and there is no zone where there is a high level monster of lower leveled monster.

In a way, those that survived all have some luck and chips on their shoulders.

No matter how accomplished you are, if you encountered an Ultimate ranked beast then even if you could kill zombies like ants you will be dead.

What kind of beasts the crocodile is? Azief could finally have a bit of understanding on how he gets so many EXP now.

Could it be that the Supercroc is some powerful beast that exceeds his level? he mused.

And then he was reminded of the hundreds of crocodile that dies fighting with the large croc.

Hundreds of crocodiles dead. One could imagine the power of the supercroc. And then he remembered when the Supercroc died, only two crocs were left.

If the System regarded that fighting together is like a party system...could it be?

And if the Super croc was an existence that he could never beat and then somehow he defeats him wouldn't he be awarded a lot of EXP?

But even if this is true, he would share it with hundreds of crocodile how could one beast have so many EXP to give and then it hit him.

'No' he said. Not a hundred. Only three. The two crocodiles and him. Three of them survived.

Three of them....shared the EXP equally.

OH! MY! GOD! He screamed inwardly. Is that the reason?

The system recognized that since he is the first that fight the crocodiles then the horde came, the system recognized them as allies since he and the horde were fighting the same enemy?

Is that it?

Is that why he got so many EXP? Then he could not help but laughed as hard as he could, He almost fall down to the ground laughing.

He did not realize it but he is already beneath the large tree and Sofia at this time could no longer be bothered by his antics.

She sits down and just waits for Azief to tell her what happen to him. She sits beneath the large tree, on a log bench she created before, looking around vigilantly.

Azief on the other hand stand beneath the huge tree, still checking his status window.

He then chooses to repress his level and he could feel that his body undergoing another change like he was a dam but the water exceeds the dam and then it rested inside his body.

RESULT OF THE REPRESSION: 4 PILLARS. 4 SKILL POINTS.

So if he goes that each level was repressed if he were to go with the evolution he would be level 43 now.

Even though he represses his level he still got the skill points. This is wonderful! He mused.

So now, he could form 13 pillars in total. And he has 23 skill points unused. First he advanced from level 20 to 30 giving him 10 skill points.

Then he leveled up to 39 which give him another 9 points. And then repressing his evolution he got another 4 skill points.

He could level up his other skills.

Then as if that is not enough another notification appears.

YOUR SOUL ABSORBING ABILITIES HAVE REACHED THE REQUIREMENT FOR EVOLUTION. CHOOSE YOUR DESIRED SHADOW LORD ITEM TO EVOLVE.

Jackpot! he cheered inwardly and he smiles from ear to ear.

He then chooses Dark Sword of Soul which is transformed into Soul Sword. Then he chooses the sword again and it transformed again.

This time the sword emits a black aura like fire is engulfing the sword and it transformed into Shadow Sword

SHADOW SWORD

ATTACK: 350-380

SNEAK ATTACK: 370-450

DURABILITY: 6720/6720

EMITS A BLACK AURA THAT COULD CONSUME LOWER LEVEL MONSTER. GIVE DOUBLE EXPERIENCE WHEN KILLING A MONSTER AND OTHER LIFE FORM. CAN CHARGE DURABILITY BY ABSORBING SOULS USING THE SWORD.

SOUL SNATCHING ACQUIRED AS THE SWORD ABILITY.

HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

Then after that he upgrade the hood two times which it then transform into Hood of Darkness.

HOOD OF DARKNESS

-DECREASE THE CHANCE OF BEING DETECTED BY MONSTROUS BEAST AND MUTATED SAPIENS.

ART OF INVISIBILITY ACQUIRED AS THE HOOD ABILITY. CAN BECOME INVISIBLE FOR 5 MINUTES.

HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

Then he also upgraded all of his Shadow Lord special items.

HIDDEN BLADE OF DARKNESS

ATTACK: 85-145

SNEAK ATTACK: 100-235

DURABILITY: 4200/4200

STORE AROUND THE WRIST AREA CONCEALED BY A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT UNDER THE CLOTHES. HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

VAMBRACES OF DARKNESS

-INCREASE ENDURANCE. CAN REFLECT ENEMY ATTACK IF IT HIT THE VAMBRACES.

HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

ROBE OF MISERY

INCREASE VITALITY AND STRENGTH. INCREASE SUPPRESSION TO THOSE WHO HAVE LITTLE RESISTANCE TO MENTAL ATTACK.

STEALTH INCREASED. FEAR AURA ACQUIRED AS THE ROBE ABILITY. INCREASE PRESSURE ON A PERSON OF THE SAME LEVEL AND BELOW. COULD RESIST SOME WEAK MENTAL ATTACK.

YOUR MOVEMENT WHEN HIDING WILL BE HARD TO BE DETECTED.

WHEN YOU ARE ANGRY OR YOUR MOOD IN AN UNSTABLE EMOTIONAL LEVEL, THIS ROBE WILL EMIT A BLACK AURA SHROUDING YOU WHICH WILL GIVE A BOOST OF 5 PERCENT TO STRENGTH AND AGILITY.

– HAVE ABILITY TO SELF-TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

TROUSER OF MISERY

INCREASE AGILITY AND SPEED. YOUR MOVEMENT WILL BE FASTER LIKE LIGHTNING AND MOVES LIKE THE SHADOW. WHEN YOU ARE ANGRY OR YOUR MOOD IN AN UNSTABLE EMOTIONAL LEVEL, THIS TROUSER WILL EMIT A BLACK AURA SHROUDING YOU WHICH WILL GIVE A BOOST OF 5 PERCENT TO AGILITY.

– HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

BOOTS OF DARKNESS

INCREASE AGILITY. GAIN THE ABILITY TO INFLICT DOUBLE DAMAGE WHEN USING IT TO KICK THE ENEMY IN VITAL PLACES.

HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

BLACK SASH

INCREASE VITALITY AND LIFEFORCE.

HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

BLACK GLOVES

INCREASE STRENGTH. WEARING THE SAME PAIR WILL INCREASE STRENGTH. INCREASE GRIPPING POWER AND LIFTING POWER.

HAVE ABILITY TO SELF TRANSFORM WHEN IT REACHED THE SOUL REQUIREMENT

Sofia who was looking at Azief was once again stunned when she sees what happens.

The attire that he wears transform in front of her eyes. There is runic design in the vambraces and symbols on the robes.

There is also something like an aura enveloping the sword in Azief hands. Even his trouser is full of the runic symbols.

Upgrading his items? Sofia knows that Chosen could upgrade their items different than the normal class.

But the normal class doesn't have super hard quest or many restrictions like the Chosen.

And people who chose normal class is also given the fastest rate to gain levels. If not how could she in a matter of a few days almost reached Azief level.

Their offensive power and defense might not compare to the Chosen but their rate of EXP gathering and drop item is higher.

Azief level is gotten by killing many zombies and his kill count compared to Sofia, he would win by a large margin but their level before he defeated the Supercroc is almost the same.

The Normal Class has a higher rate of EXP gaining and items compare to Chosen. This just the way it was.

Then finishing upgrading his items he sits down under the tree, just beside Sofia.

Sofia moved away a bit, unfamiliar with his new heights and feeling the pressure bearing down on her like a mountain on top of her.

'Tell me now?' Sofia asks almost like a whisper. He just smirked and replies.

'Not yet' Azief said and then he returns back looking at his status window.

[PLEASE CHOOSE THE ATTRIBUTE OF THE PILLARS OR UPGRADING THE EXISTING PILLARS]

Choosing pillars. He then looked at the pillars available and it has many to choose from the dropdown menu.

So first he chooses pillar of endurance. Then he upgrades all the four pillars to Apprentice Pillar.

All of his pillar is now as high as two story building. So now he has 8 pillars left to form.

Each time when he forms a pillar he could feel the corresponding attribute of the pillars coursing through his veins.

When he chooses endurance, energy washes over him, like a cold breeze of the sea, as he felt a rejuvenating coolness channeling inside his veins.

Then he chooses Pillar of Stealth and Spirit.

Choosing the Stealth Pillar, information streamed inside his mind on how to be stealthy, to watch the exits, to determine the best escape route if discovered and many other information that just keep coming inside his mind, like he has known how to be stealth all of his life.

When he chooses spirit he could feel his determination grown stronger, his soul feel like it expanded everything.

Then he upgraded agility three times. His agility pillar becomes as tall as a four story buildings and he could feel his feet as light as a feather, that he could run even on water.

He feels that if he jumps now people would mistake him as flying.

He could understand the power of his legs, the limits of his legs; he could estimate how far he could go and how fast his feet could reach in a second.

He feels that if he could jump through roof like he was playing jumping jack

He still has 3 more pillars to form.

So deliberating for a while, with Sofia beside him, eating a snack bar and tending to the fire, he form pillar of darkness which gave him an inherent skill Shadow teleportation.

Since he is Lord Shadow, he just wants to be consistent with his character.

He didn't know he would get an inherent skill. Inherent skill only appears when you reached a certain requirements of the Pillars.

It gives the user the ability to teleport in a one mile radius and uses about 90 percent of the pillars of darkness energy.

In other words, it would dry him if he ever used it and takes a long time to recover.

Then he forms the pillar of health and upgraded it and all of his pillars are formed. When he created the Pillars of Health, he could feel his body not only getting stronger but also could heal faster.

He doesn't know how he knows this...he just suddenly knows, like the information revealed itself to him, the moment he chooses it.

Azief who was sitting now, is glowing with power, smiling and full of satisfaction.

He doesn't know that while he is not the first to form pillar in the world, he was the only one who has 8 pillars at the moment and one was even upgraded to Artisans Pillar

Even he fights other evolved person he is unlikely to lose....he is probably invincible unless someone reached level 40 before him.

Not to mention people who have not yet evolved. His presence alone could choke the life out of them if he so decided.

Then he checked level repression and race superiority, his race skills.

[LEVEL REPRESSION UNLOCKED]

Represses people and monster below the level of 30. Repression by making their stats decreases by 1/3 of their actual value.

[RACE SUPERIORITY UNLOCKED]

People who have not yet evolved will have their active skills increases in the usage of spirit and their passive skills rendered useless when fighting a higher life form.

He nodded in excitement.

Now, the last one he need to checks is the Hall Of Fame.

He opens it and then a notification appears.

WOULD YOU WANT TO REGISTER IN THE HALL OF FAME? YOUR RECORD WILL BE RECORDED. BY NOW, ONLY 5 USERS HAVE PASSED THE REQUIREMENT TO ENTER THE HALL OF FAME.

'Yes' he said in his mind and his name register itself

LORD SHADOW IS THE FIRST ONE TO KILL A PREHISTORIC BEAST. AWARDED 1000 FAME. A UNIQUE SKILL BOOK HAS DROPPED FROM THE MONSTER. ANNOUNCING TO ALL THE USERS.

SCALE BODY TECHNIQUE IS DROPPED.

TIME UNTIL THE BOOK DISSAPEARED: 1 MONTH

The moment this notification appears notification appears all around the user notification window all over the world and it creates a sensation.

Azief is the one who is the most shocked. Unique skill?

He then asks inside his mind what is Unique skill and information streamed inside his mind.

A unique skill is only one in the world and there is no other skill like that. It also has its own special abilities and it will not drop again.

The only way for it to drop again is to kill whoever learned it and then if you fight other high leveled beast, there will be a chance for the same book to appear again in the world.

It is kind of like a devil fruit. There is also a card of the monster he defeated appears. The Supercroc card.

He will check it later to check what kind of monster gives so many EXP. Then Azief check his ranking. And then another notification window appears with a message.

[ACQUIRED REWARDS FOR RANKING THE FIRST IN THE HALL OF FAME]

[SKILL BOOK: ENERGY FIST]

[GOLD AWARDED: 10000]

[IF YOU SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND YOU RANKING FOR A MONTH YOU WILL BE REWARDED ANOTHER BATCH OF THE REWARDS]

NO NAME FAME

01 LORD SHADOW 1000

02 RAYMOND 750

03 HIKIGAYA 620

04 ROLLO 510

05 OREKI 498

06 – 0

07 – 0

08 – 0

09 – 0

10 – 0

His name was the top of the list and then he also got a reward. A skill book and gold. He quickly learns it in a blink of an eye and look at the effect.

SKILL: ENERGY FIST

RELEASING AN ENERGY SHOT FROM THE USER HAND. INFLICTS PHYSICAL DAMAGE. DEPENDING ON THE USER STRENGTH IT WILL RELEASE AN ENERGY THAT COULD EVEN PENETRATE MENTAL ATTACK.

The only thing he does not check is the World Ob Shop. But this is enough for now. And he could distribute the skill points later.

‘Well?’ Sofia asks this time she could no longer stifle her curiosity.

Finished making the fire, she sit beside him and ask him, with eyes that are eager to know what changed has happened to him.

He looks at her, cracked a smile and then said.

‘Let me start from the beginning’ and he told her all about what happened while Sofia huddled up beside him, listening to him, under the stars, beneath a large tree with the breeze of the cold night and the sound of crickets accompanying them.

[Chapter 32: Heroes and villains](#)

JAPAN

ECHIGO

A man is riding a horse, overlooking a hill, behind him was other people in full armour body all matching almost the same.

The man looked far away and his armour was different from the other.

It was not only full with intricate designs there could also be seen static charges discharges from the man armour, like he is bathing in lightning.

He is the Thunder Lord, Houtarou Oreki, Dragon of Echigo. And he is waiting. Behind him is his retainer looking all serious, guarding their lord.

They were waiting for someone. Then as they waited a man could be seen riding towards them.

Then he arrived and bow a little to Oreki.

‘Oreki-sama’ The man said as he bowed his head.

‘So?’ Oreki said, his voice was the very definition of a lazy voice.

He almost seems like he doesn't care either way when he said 'so' but the people under him has been used to it.

His retainer behind him, looks at him and just shakes their head.

But even though they don't approve of his laziness, they approve of his strength. Thunder Lord Houtarou Oreki was the one who saved them and teach them all they know on how to defeat monsters and the leader of this 2367 large man army.

Only those who were with him in the beginning truly understand the true power that this man commands.

Lightning and thunder fell from the skies when he destroys his second large beast and create a 10 meter crater.

He gained the ability Thunder Strike when he completed the class changing Quest and he became a Chosen.

It was like the Sky listens to him, winds and thunder obeys him. Holding powers that is revered by the people he rescues.

They look in awe and listen in reverence no matter how unreasonable Oreki request may be.

The scouts then report his finding to Oreki.

'Oreki-sama. There is no large monster for a few miles. Near the river however I could see a large monster. A seven headed snake.'

'People?' he asked the scout.

Even in his word he rarely speaks a few words.

Most of his new followers attributes it to a no nonsense attitude and that he prefers to remain quiet but his close friend knows that he is merely too lazy to speak.

A misunderstanding, that their enigmatic and powerful leader is someone who is very concise and prefers cold hard fact is borne in his group.

'A few leaded by some people. Doesn't seem like they have reached level 20, since they have troubles defeating zombies'

'Evolved?'

'No, Oreki-sama.'

'Hmmm'

This makes it easy he mused. If they are not evolved then that means they could not defeat him no matter how stronger they are.

Combined that with his racial ability of Repression and Superiority, he is practically a god among his followers.

He has 5 pillars. Looking back he could see thousands of people, looking at him, revering him like a great hero.

Thinking back to his past, he almost scoffed and ask himself, Why did his life get so troublesome that he become these people leader?

So troublesome, so troublesome he mused.

Oreki was one of the slackers in his school but very smart.

He never had any problem with his studies only the fact that hates doing troublesome things.

He is lazy if one is to describe him. He likes to do things in which that it doesn't make him do too much effort.

When the Fall happens, he was at his home. He quickly secured his younger sister and saved his older sister.

His mother was abroad and there is nothing he could do about that. His father was dead when he was a child.

After that accident, his mother was never the same. Nevertheless, they were family.

He doesn't know what happens to her but he hoped his mother also survive the initial attack.

One could see that on the back there is some squadron protecting two girls.

This is the guard that Dragon of Echigo, Houtarou Oreki has charged with the protection of his family.

'Dragon of Echigo, huh?' He said it, almost a whisper.

'Troublesome, troublesome' he said it again while his retainer behind him is waiting for his order.

Oreki found a teleportation stone a few days ago with runic writing and saved someone from Kai.

It was then that he knows that there are many survivors that survive the initial fall. Tokyo is devastated though.

Some people who got to the Teleportation Stone could teleport themselves to other places.

For level 1 to 29 they could only teleport in the country of origin.

For level 30 to 50 they could teleport outside their country while for level 51 to 70 they could teleport to Secret Realm.

It then birthed a new question in the back of his mind. How these teleport stones knew what to call these places, these countries, even regions?

One answer. Whoever attacked, whatever forces that landed here, that bring these monsters and magic, they are highly superior in their knowledge about earth.

The fact that they could set teleportation stone and even knows the name of each country in earth proves to support his theories.

A few days ago, he met one of those who uses the teleport stone.

Anyway, when he met the young man who wears quite fancy armour and he introduced himself as one of the Twenty Four Generals of the Tiger of Kai, Kirishima Torayasu.

When Kiriyama was saved by him, Kiriyama then expresses his gratitude and then he returns back to report his findings to the Tiger of Kai, his daimyo.

Oreki let him go since they are fellow survivors but was reprimanded heavily by his retainers.

'My lord?' One of them says looking at him. Oreki held up his hand and his retainer shut his mouth, letting his lord think for a while.

First they were the people they saved; now they call themselves as his retainers.

Maybe they got the inspiration from hearing the depiction of Kirishima lord. Kirishima said, if they wanted to join Lord Hikigaya's army and live a good life they can join him at Shinano.

Kirishima called his lord as the Tiger of Kai. And the Tiger of Kai is working hard to pacify the Kai region and establish a new Tokyo.

The Tiger of Kai from this act of his, he could be seen as ambitious and while many of the people in Japan are still suffering from the initial fall and zombies still roamed about, this Tiger has already pacified many regions saving thousands in his region.

The new world is ruled by strength and of course they will be people staking the claim early.

Hearing this, many of them also heard that Hikigaya has cleared out many of the monsters around Kai and has amassed about 10 thousand survivors who are then integrated into his army.

Whoever this Hikigaya is, he has clearly consolidated his power and created a haven for survivors in Kai....and a large army

It is said that the Tiger of Kai holds all the authority and has started creating villages after the sudden change of the world.

He also declares himself as a daimyo and many people in the newly created region of Kai flocked to him, revering him, as their savior.

The sudden change refers to the light that vanishes all modern necessities, sprouting large trees, and mountains that reached the skies.

This new change also marks the end of the old world, and a new world arises, a world where everything will start anew.

When Kirishima returned to his lord, many of the survivors in his camp also wanted that same kind of authority and peace so they appointed him as their leader and called him the Dragon of Echigo.

They were jealous hearing that the people of Kai had not only protection but an army and many of the people in his camp feared that the stability that many of the people have created in his camp will fall apart.

Even though at first he rejected the offer to be a daimyo, his advisor advise him to take on the role to give a sense of calmness on the survivors.

And the Daimyo part is just until a new government could be built again.

But Oreki knows and his advisor knows, there is no longer a government. And if there is talk of creating a government, not all people would be happy with it.

Oreki understand it better. Why would Tiger of Kai amass army if he did not want to be King in this new world?

Oreki accepts because he does not know what kind of person this Tiger of Kai is.

This is the end of the world, and Oreki in his journey of saving people also met some of unsavory characters, people who have powers and used it to **** and kill fellow humans instead of helping each other in the time of darkness.

What if this Tiger of Kai is a psychopath and his people are all ruthless?

Oreki couldn't take the chance and hearing 10 thousand people under him, that is enough to be called a proper army.

Then he declared the region he is making a home as Echigo making the modern name to its older ancient name.

They are following the ancient border of the daimyo during the Sengoku Period.

Many of his retainers are young and treated this like a game and like they were transported in a game like world.

But Oreki knows better.

This is not the kind of game like world where you get harems and special ability like in the web novels or light novels.

When you die, you die for real and there is no god that would reincarnate you to other places.

You want power? Fight for it! You want to live? Fight for it!

But most of his retainer was saved with their family intact. Not to mention since he acted as a pillar and there is nothing yet that threaten their safety too heavily, they are all optimistic of the days ahead.

It is also thanks to his brilliant suggestion and charismatic leadership. He is their protector much as like the Tiger of Kai is the protector of Kai, he is the protector of Echigo.

Maybe that is why the young people in his camp, they don't understand the severity of the situations.

He sent one of his people to Tokyo to assess damage and then returned via the Teleportation Stone.

Tokyo is full with monsters that resemble youkai and even though the buildings no longer exist it is now replaced by a large forest.

The initial fall did not affect Echigo very bad but the large beast did affect Tokyo and Kyoto...badly.

In Echigo, it was a large bird with thorns for a face that sprays green gas from the gaps of its teeth and kill millions in a matter of a minute.

A simple blocking your nose for a few second would have saved the people but not everyone was that lucky.

And then when they're dead they became zombies.

Those that survives, usually have their family intact and then found by Oreki and his friends.

And then their ranks swelled. And as their ranks swell so did their expertise and offensive power.

Which is why now, he has a large group of people following him. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

They are also some of the survivors they found and rescue which all help to boost their power and with an army even though they get less experience when fighting they could defeat many great beast.

Even though Oreki was lazy, when the time calls for it he was an inspiring leader and one of the most powerful people in Japan now and probably in the world.

When he entered the Hall of Fame he could also see Hikigaya name in the ranking and his fame was higher than him.

There is also a foreign name in there. Raymond and Rollo.

But in Japan the only one who has form Pillars and could be said the strongest in all of Japan is him and Hikigaya.

In a few days maybe they would be others that would carve their name in the Hall of Fame.

The reason that the people easily accept him as their leader is because, he is not only the most powerful among them but he is also honorable, brave and has quite the military expertise.

They all have seen it his way of handling the distribution of people when fighting a beast and how he trains everyone in a way that is suitable for them.

Oreki is also finding a spot where it is beneficial for them to create a village.

Creating a village and then hunting and increase their EXP and power would one day help them if a beast that is out of their league came attacking.

'The place is good. Send people to rescue the people you saw.' Oreki said

'Anko!'

'Yes, Oreki sama.'

'You will lead the newbies to gain some experience.' Anko nodded and quickly went to follow her orders

'Akira!'

'Oreki sama!'

'You take a 10 elite levelers and swept the area. Report to me immediately if there is a large beast.'

He nodded and quickly steer his horse and picked 10 men and they dashed forward. Then Kuro, one of his retainer ask

'Oreki sama, then can we move there?'

'Let Akira do the sweep first then we can move.'

'Should I prepare the arrangement?' One of his other retainers ask.

Oreki then nodded. The retainer then quickly inform his other officers.

The place the scouts have scouted is as good as any place to start. It is also near the river and protected by the hills and his people need to rest.

They have ben marching ever since, relying on the warrior class and the mages to capture low leveled beast like Horned Rabbits or Red Snakes to sate their appetite.

Then suddenly as they were about to climb down the hill a notification appears.

LORD SHADOW IS THE FIRST ONE TO KILL A PREHISTORIC BEAST. AWARDED 1000 FAME. A UNIQUE SKILL BOOK HAS DROPPED FROM THE MONSTER. ANNOUNCING TO ALL THE USERS.

SCALE BODY TECHNIQUE IS DROPPED.

TIME UNTIL THE BOOK DISSAPEARED: 1 MONTH

He was shocked. Unique skill book. He quickly ask the System and information streamed inside his mind.

Lord Shadow? Who is he? And Malaysia? Where is Malaysia? Which part of Malaysia? Then a place appears in his mind ,bottom of the river.

Another notification appears.

THE PLACE IS MARKED ON THE TELEPORTATION STONE. TEMPORAL TELEPORTATION STONE IS CREATED NEARBY THE BOOK. THE TEMPORAL TELEPORTATION STONE WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN ONE MONTH

'Oreki sama did you get the message?' Kuro said to him, Oreki look behind him and could see everyone is looking in front of them like they are shocked and dumbfounded.

It is safe to say everyone has been looking at the message.

'Hmm' he nodded.

'What do we do? Do you want to go?'

Oreki shakes his head. It is too early and he doesn't know who is Lord Shadow and what he is capable of.

Since Lord Shadow kill the beast, he must possess great powers and must possess the Unique skill book by now.

Then that means if he wanted the unique skill book he needs to grab it from Lord Shadow and this is too early.

This Lord shadow did not only defeated a prehistoric beast , a unique rank monster but also steal the first place in Hall of Fame.

Fighting him without knowing what power Lord Shadow possess is stupid. And Lord Shadow also has a home ground advantage.

Forget it he mused.

I could get Unique Skill in Japan. He consoles himself. Then looking at Kuro , he said

‘We strengthen ourselves.’ Saying this he climbed down the hill and thousand followed as they began building their new home.

FRANCE

‘Paulette, how is the men?’ the young man asked a woman who has a nose ring, a brown hair, bandaging her wounds and then gulping a vial of health potion.

‘They are fine; some of them are bandaging the others. Don’t worry about them too much, Jean’ her voice is hoarse but she is still energetic.

Jean nodded and sighed.

Jean is looking at his men a 100 ragtag bunch. They huddled up beside a large fire.

A few moments before, they were startled that a notification appears showing that a user has defeated a prehistoric beast Sarcosuchus Imperator a unique rank beast.

Whoever this Lord Shadow is he sure is strong.

Jean is about to level up to 30.

Unlike the other nation suffering from the Fall, France are not riddled by zombie infestation like the high populated nations like the US, China or Russia but they are riddled by large beast and terrifying beast.

In this ragtag bunch, Jean is the leader.

A new leader after the old leader killed by him. His ragtag bunch consists of Arabian migrants and drug dealers....and the occasional civilians

One might ask how did he pick up drug dealers and Arabian migrants.....it’s complicated.

‘How about my mother?’ he asks.

‘Traumatized.’ Paulette replied as she is now downing some scotches. She got that when she was ransacking a bar before the Light fell.

Since then she has been storing it inside her storage rings and she never shares it with anyone.

Scotch is not her kind of drink but that is the only thing she grabbed before.

'Hmm' he said looking his mother huddled up with his younger brother. Jean is one of the 99 percent, poor and destitute.

The reason why there is so many drug dealers following him is because he himself was a drug dealer.

He was 21 and dealing in the street.

Before he could assemble this group he had to fight the people in charge and kill him. He was smart.

First it was not him that rule this group but another man by the name of Tony from the crime family Cardazio.

He was an Italian crime family enforcer who was entering the street, fighting a turf war with the Jamaicans before the Fall came.

When the Fall came Jean save his mother and brother and joins the ragtag bunch. But he was smart.

He hides his power and his level, always pretending to be the sheep and did miscellaneous job to avert Tony suspicion.

He kills monsters in secret and when he has enough people disgruntled with Tony despotic rules, Jean stepped up, kill Tony and take his place.

Paulette was his right hand woman.

This drug dealers and immigrant is all under his charge. Most of them chose to become warriors or sharpshooter.

The civilians chose to become healer and support characters

Jean comes from suburb at the North of Marseille.

One of the people following him was a genius when it comes about gadget and he managed to intercept signals that are coming from the military in Paris.

At least until the light fell and destroy any signs of modern world. Now they are walking in woods in what used to be tar roads and sky high towers.

They are now moving to Paris. The government is being set up if the news is correct.

But now without modern equipment how can the government function again? This is big stuff and Jean doesn't have to think about it.

He just needs to keep moving and survive...and lead this people to Paris

Thinking of this matter, he checks the people under his care.

Among them, he is the strongest and the most powerful and acts as a pillar of the group.

When they are fighting a beast he charged forward with his trusted friends. Now they would lay their lives for each other.

Looking at the long road ahead of him he sighed.

'Paris...will we reach there?' he asked.

Paulette gives him a glass.

'Scotch?' she offered

'Is it delicious?'

'Taste like puke' she said and she smiles. Jean takes the glass of scotch and downs it in one shot

'What do you think, Paulette? Will we reach Paris? Or die trying?'

Paulette takes another gulp and look at the crowd in front of her. With a sniper behind her back and loose clothing and her short brown hair, she looks like a gun for hire.

A sexy gun for hire. It helps that her chest area is bountiful.

'I don't know. But our men needs hope. And the news that maybe a government is being set up gives them hope. Paris becomes their purpose and a promised land. I won't take that away from them, if I were you'

Jean nodded.

'What if there is nothing in Paris?' he asked

'Then we deal with them.' Paulette said, determined.

'You lead better than I will ever be, Paulette.'

'True, but they do not trust me. They trust you.' She said, and she has a bitter smile as she brings out her last bottle of scotch.

She pours a glass into Jean empty cup and hers.

'Because you insist on playing the bad guy' Jean said as they knocked their glass and both downs it in one shot, looking at each other, smiling.

'Maybe. Or maybe because you're a nice guy.'

Paulette and Jean look at their men and as they drink their last bottle of scotch, both of them got up and they keep marching.

To Paris, they go.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

Some nation military survives the initial attack and was preparing to launch an attack with their weaponry but then the light fell and their weapons, nuclear, missile all the weapons humans was so proud off disappeared.

The military and the leaders all then defend their base at their capital city. Some nation military and power structure on the other hand crumbled instantly but some survives.

The country that survives and maintain their capital city is USA, Russia, France, Iran, and Denmark.

The other country was demolished, their political structure and military was destroyed or left to tatters.

But there are so many countries and when the most dangerous beast went into hibernation, all these countries begun rising up again.

There is no lack of believers towards their country and government even though clearly the old world has ended.

China was almost destroyed completely when a large black dragon came, a Legendary ranked beast, and burn Beijing with a fire that could not be extinguished, killing millions of people and then the people rise from the dead.

Millions of zombies roam the land.

Some country still have their president or Prime ministers hiding in their underground bunker, waiting for a time to rise up to the surface again.

Of course they are some unlucky ones who deep underneath the ground but still found by the monsters.

One could only attribute this as bad luck.

The Prime Minister of Japan hid under an underground undisclosed location with the Special Forces and the Secret Service but was found by a large mole that eat everything, even steel and the prime ministers and the people guarding him were all killed.

The Emperor of Japan however was saved by some people.

The Imperial Family of Japan at the time was visiting Kyoto when the fall happens and one of the Emperor guards managed to stay ahead of the destruction by killing monster and gaining level.

Thus he become the Imperial Family protector at Kyoto and named himself as Hirate. He also visited Kai and declares himself as Temporary Shogun under the rule of the Emperor.

As the Temporary Shogun he began putting his plan in motions and guarding Kyoto with his retainers and act as the protector of the Imperial Family.

In China, however, the people struggles to survive and there is death in the millions every day, it was almost like whatever this monster is doing, is thinning the herd before the large black dragon stop when the light fell and hibernate.

The Communist party didn't even got a chance to mobilize any army before all key positions of the military was burn by the black fire that melts everything and anything.

When the light came, the resistance crumbled.

And warlords appeared Yue Xing, Feng Jing, Wang Jian, many warlords appears and all create their own sphere of influence with power they have as levelers.

They promised peace. They promised stability. And the ultimate prize? The throne of China.

And all these warlords strengthen their sphere of influence, killing monster, leveling themselves up, strengthening themselves as the clouds of war is gathering.

A world of a new warfare is about to begin in China.

In France some of the political leader survives the fall and command their own militia to try recreating back the nation and sending signal for survivors to come to Paris.

The Front National, a political party which discriminates against migrants and the Socialist party who is very powerful because of the trade union before the Fall and the anarchist which is led by Pierre were all that survives from the fall.

They are reforming back their party and with the army they are diligently resisting the beast attack.

Pierre, the leader of the anarchist, he himself is a very powerful leveler and almost reached level 30.

There is also the mafia who occupied other part of Paris and is recruiting people as they create their own army marching to Paris with nothing good in their hearts.

In Turkey a man named Usman commands a 1000 armed man is making a new nation in what used to be Istanbul, while at the same time killing monster, using a scimitar.

And with the old government looking at Usman as the protector of the New Turkey, he got all the help he need because he was approved by the former President of Turkey.

And all around the world, heroes and villains rise.

[Chapter 33: A prayer in the dark](#)

‘Whoa’ she exclaimed, her eyes sparkle and her face was full of excitement.

‘Is that what happened? You’re not lying to me right?’ She asks again. Hearing his story she almost didn’t believe it herself.

Pillars, evolution but all the evidence is in front of her eyes.

Azief is taller than before; like a sudden growth spurt, which is impossible, and he also gives off the aura of being superior than her even without trying to.

Azief tell her that if she reached his level, the suppression would not affect her as much.

And it was not like he is intentionally trying to intimidate her but the aura and the superiority he possess could not be suppress.

It was like in ancient time when a superior species meet an inferior species.

The inferior species would trigger the fight or flight response and most of the time they would choose flight and this particular instinct exist in everyone.

So, she could not help herself feeling inferior than him other than leveling to his level or find some skills that could nullify his pressure.

She looks at him and she could see he was smiling while his eyes look at the river.

'Why are you looking at the river? Something interesting caught your eye?' She asked as she throws another dry branch to the fire.

'I'm thinking of diving down there and search for the Unique Skill.'

Hearing this alarms rings off in her hearts.

'What do you mean? You don't know how to swim or even dive. And there is still two crocodiles there, prowling under the river.'

'I will be in the morning. And about the two crocs, don't worry. If I encounter them this time, it wouldn't be like last time.'

'What makes you say that?' she asked puzzled.

'Just something' he smirked in a way that hides his intention. Sofia just sighed and then she said

'I guess it is good that you evolve. You're stronger now.'

'And you need to be stronger too' he said.

'I know' she said, her eyes was full of determination.

'So?' she asked

'So?' he said

'What are we going to do next?' she asked. In a way, she has already regarded him as the leader of their duo.

'Sleep.'

'Who's going to guard the-'

'I will guard. You sleep.' He said, thankful for her concern.

'You just woken up from your injury and you just level up so-'

'You dive down the river, unmindful of the danger and then nurse me to health. So, you are now tired and you need to rest' Azief cut off her words.

She was about to say something else but Azief put his finger on her lips and she pipes down.

'And I saved your life.' He said

She shrugged off and said.

'Probably 'she said

'Probably?' and he chuckles.

'I definitely saved your life and you know what that means right?' He said, smirking a lecherous smile

'What do you mean?' she asked, puzzlement in her face and she move a few inch from him. He giggles a bit, looking her blush

Teasing mode activated he mused

'It means you owe me.' He said, as he inches closer and Sofia inches farther away.

'Owe you what?' she mustered her courage to ask.

'Whatever I want. And you know exactly what I want don't you?'

'What?!' She said, there is a little bit of anxiousness in her voice that she tries to hide. And he leans closer and whisper to her ears, with an arrogant smirk on his face and he said.

'Go to sleep' and he chuckles again.

Sofia blushes red and covers her face in embarrassment. She was thinking of a perverted thought before.

She was in that position for a few second before taking ad deep breath and then lowers her hands and she glares at him.

That's mean she mused. Since when she sees him as a man? She asked herself.

Before, she can't even see him as a man but now her heart beat accelerated and she is too fast in drawing perverted thoughts.

'I guess that is fine' she said as calm as possible, but there is trembling in her voice and her cheeks is still red from being teased.

Azief couldn't help but tries to stifle his own laughter

She got up, walk to the tree, store her bows and arrows inside her rings and she sit under the tree and closes her eyes slowly.

Azief look at her, trying her hardest not to open her eyes, and he chuckles silently.

She is too cute. Wait! No, she is not cute. She's just.....fun to tease he concluded. And then he maintains a look out around the area with his divine sense.

He then quickly put 4 skill points to divine sense which make his divine sense encompassing 700 meters from all of his directions.

When it reached level 04 he not only could sense life around him but he could also see all around him like he was there.

He could see 700 meter from him in all directions if he focused, kind of like a psychic.

He could see fresh bodies sprawled a round a field, fresh kill.

He could also see nearby monster hiding in the tress, apes and monkeys, their fur is red and they are sleeping.

Some are coming near them but it is still far away from here.

Other than that, there is no threat. He still has 19 points to spend on his skill. Then he spends 3 of the skill points into his fear aura.

SKILL: FEAR AURA LEVEL 04

YOU CAN EMIT AURA OF FEAR AFFECTING THE MENTAL STATE OF BEAST AND MUTATED SAPIENS IT WILL ALSO MAKE THEIR MOVEMENT SLOWER AND THEIR SPIRIT WILL BE LOWERED BY 30 PERCENT. A PASSIVE SKILL. TO USE IT, ONE NEEDS TO WILL IT, THINKING IT IN THE MIND. CREATE AN IMAGE OF THEIR DARKEST FEAR. A MENTAL ATTACK. USER AND MONSTER WHO IS UNDER LEVEL 30 WILL BE INSTANTLY PARALYZED WITH FEAR

No wonder when you evolve you are practically a powerful existence. Anyone under level 30 monster or humans both are powerless?

Basically unless the opponent is level 30 he is basically invincible.

By now he also found out what beats he kills before. A Unique rank monster which is equivalent to level 40 monster.

How did he know?

He buys a book about ranks and monster from the world Orb shops.

It cost him 500 gold and the moment he learns it, all information about rank and levels entered his mind.

The world Orb shop sells variety of things that is useful. Skill books, life skill books, pills, potions, weapons, armour and all that stuff.

When he checks life skill he found something interesting and he decides to buy it later in the morning.

His trump card for diving tomorrow.

He also sees a Pillar Forming pills which amounted to one hundred thousand gold.

Whoever have that many gold should think of buying other things like skills or books that could give information about this new world, at least that is how he thought about it.....of course, if he were rich and doesn't care about gold, then he could buy as many as he could.

Thinking about it now, it was stupid of him not to collect every single dime that fall down when he killed monsters or stiffs.

He sighed for a while.

Looking at the fast sleeping Sofia he smiles again.

Then he calls upon his beast and send Badge to deals with the ape but also instructed him telepathically to not go to the fields fill with bodies.

Maybe after he is done with his plan in the morning he would check out the bodies.

He has a few ideas on what happens but he prefers to wait. Unlike Sofia he could maintain not sleeping tonight.

He has sleeps enough. And he rested enough and with all of this energy and unboundless stamina that he have, he could stay up and look after her, like she did for him.

Then looking at the menu of the shop he buys a few life skills.

At first he wanted to buy it in the morning but since he has decided he would not go to sleep tonight, why delay right?

He buys swimming skill which cost him a thousand gold, breathing underwater which cost him about 2000 gold and diving which cost him 5000 gold.

The price depends on the difficulty of the said skills and the proficiency of the user.

For example, a swimmer who buys the skill for swimming might buy it at the cheap cost of 100 gold whereas people who have never swim or do not know to swim might have to pay a thousand gold.

The skill is also different in that it uses the system of acquiring experience by doing the action.

For example swimming.

He is now a novice. If he wanted to advance his rank he needs to swim a lot and increase the skill proficiency.

Life skill cannot be learned by doing the skill in real life unless you unlocked the requirements.

If that was the case he would have gotten the swimming skill as he tried to swim before like in the games.

The other way of learning a skill is to buy it and he has a lot of gold.

And he is gunning for the next play. A mountain of loot is hiding under the riverbed. He would be an idiot if he does not try to get his hand on the loot.

A hundred crocs, a large super croc, dying in a river. Imagine the kind of loot that fall down on the riverbed.

There is a reason why he bought this skill and it was not because he was ashamed that he couldn't swim or he almost dies because he couldn't swim but because he wanted to loot the treasure on the riverbed.

But shame and almost dying because he couldn't swim plays a ...little part on why he chose that skill in particular.

He is betting there is a lot of gold and treasure to be found and he is not about to let it go. With that gold he might be able to buy many life skill that will help him in the long term

In the morning he would tell Sofia of his plan and then he would dive down the river while Sofia could train with the apes.

After all Badge is not going to be able to kill the apes all by himself...or more accurately he doesn't want Badge to kill all the apes by himself.

After killing a few apes, Azief could see that his pet is becoming larger. Of course, the only reason that his pet is able to defeat the ape is because of his level suppression.

He just has to walk near Badge when he is fighting and his racial skill will be automatically activated.

Since, Badge is his pet, he is not affected.

When Azief realizes that Badge is getting stronger and doesn't need his help anymore he retreated back to the shelter and let Badge handles the patrolling jobs.

And it's not like the ape has stones for brain.

When they realized that he was an evolved user, most of the apes run away and stay away from the shelter.

So ,sometimes every few hours, he would send Badge to hunt a few ape just for fun.

He just sent him to kill a few of them and when there is heat to return immediate to the shelter and recovers.

Looking at the river, his eyes could almost see the gold, on the riverbed. Next time he will be going shopping like a rich man in the world orb shop.

Smiling, he swiped the notification windows away and he got up from his seat and looked at the moonlight and the peaceful sleeping face of Sofia and thinks about all the things that has happened since the Fall

Looking at the moon, thinking about all of that has happen, he is grateful that even in the darkest night, he still has a companion, and that he is not yet going crazy.

Then he thinks about what happens to his mother and he thinks about the lights that have ripped away everything, buildings, cars, everything that he knows of modern life and its luxuries vanished.

And he thinks about the kind of force that could do such a thing and he is coming up with a blank.

Was this the so called Judgment day and if it was why he is still here?

And if it's not that, if it's not god or some supernatural entity doing this, what did this? he knows that the force that is doing this is the world orb but what is the world orb?

Is it a who? Is it a thing? What kind of entity is it? And what is it purpose? If it purpose is to destroy the earth, then with it power it could have.

If it was the one who sent the monster coming down from the skies, then why give humanity weapons to fight?

Why give them power to evolve and become powerful.

Only one thing makes sense. The World Orb is testing. Testing humanity, picking out the best, the strongest amongst them, to survive this new world.

It is nurturing them and the world Orb does not take losers.

Those who survive, either by luck or by perseverance or by ingenuity, is the one approved by the system.

But then another question arises. Why? Why does it needs humanity to become stronger? For what possible reason, this force wanted humans to thrive?

In the history of humanity on earth, humans have faced countless of extinction events.

Fiery rocks from the skies once came to earth and obliterate the dinosaurs and humans survived that.

Biting cold once covered the earth and humanity survived that too.

The world was split into continent breaking off, mountain was formed from flat grounds and humanity was separated and still humans persevered.

And then came the harsh environments, blistering heat in the desert and deadly cold in the northern region and humans survived them all.

Humanity survived the plaque and all kinds of disease that if you see throughout all history it was almost a miracle, that humanity could reach to this moment in history.

And each time we survived this events, humanity become stronger, tempered by all these event.

Then, Azief think of something.

But after a long time, humanity evolution stopped. But the World Orb want humanity to evolve.

he thinks about this and he does not think he is wrong. The World Orb wanted humans to become stronger, smarter.

It wanted the best of humans.....for what? And this is what troubles him. He doesn't know the full story.

He always wanted to know the full story. It bugged him.

It bugged him when he doesn't know the full story because when he doesn't know, he could make the wrong choice, make the wrong decision.

And he has a lot of track records in choosing the wrong ones.

'Hmm' he sighed and then he walked to the large tree. He looked at Sofia, her neck leans onto one of the branches, sleeping peacefully.

He could see her swollen eyes, her messy hair and he is touched. She took care of him and he is touched because he never been taken care of like that.

Not even by his family.

A man needs to be strong and a man needs to endure. It was not what his family taught him but he knows.

He knows that is what is expected of him. He did not come from money and he knows he is not going to be rich.

So he endures and he tries to be strong.

In his country there is a caste, an invisible caste. You think that people could become rich if they worked but no.

If you have people, the right people, then you can be rich. If you don't play dirty, you can't be rich.

The rich in his country all of them has sins in their hands, no matter how small. He was raised with a worldview that is either black or white.

There is no gray.

But as he grows older, he becomes more mature. The world is not black and white it's gray.

And he has given up trying to change his country.

Why?

Because in his country people like him have no voice. They aren't heard. Money does the talking.

And even that he did not have. So...he did what any normal person would do. He gave up. And giving up.....that's easier.

But The fall changes everything.

In all places of the world right now, he is the only person who is level 39.If he wanted to he could break that barrier and reach level 40 anytime he wanted.

But he wanted to collect more pillars. Then looking at Sofia, knowing, that there is someone who got his back in this new world, he is touched.

It felt good to be taken care off. So, he comes closer to Sofia and he with his exceptional hearing could hear her breathing, slow and calm.

He could hear her heartbeats, beating like a slow song.

He look closer and under the moonlight her face was....enchanted. He smiles and run his finger through her hair, swiping the hair from her forehead to her ears. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

And then he pick her up, carrying her in princess style and he could not hide his smile. He doesn't even know why he is smiling.

Slowly he walked until he reached the bed of leaves.

Slowly he put her down and then he brought out the blankets from his storage rings and uses it to cover her from the cold.

He stay beside her, and he keep watching out the dark, a silent protector watching over her.

Looking at the moonlight, he put his hand together and there is something welling up in his heart and then, for the first time in a long time, he prayed.

He prays to whatever forces out there, that hope is not lost. That there is a chance for a future.

That whatever this event means, they would survive the horrors ahead. And looking at her, he smiles and he keep watching.

[Chapter 34: Loot! loot! loot!](#)

She could smell the faint smell of omelet and she wake from her sleep. Maybe that is because of her passive skill, her nose is highly sensitive.

Rubbing her eyes, she could see dawn is just arriving. The sun rises again for a new day.

Looking at the place where the smell originated, she could see a man cooking in a fire pit and beside him was a badger looking around dragging many ape corpses behind the fire pit, eating them deliciously.

She could smell the blood, a heavy smell that pervaded around the campsite. And there he sees him, sitting on the log, in a very relaxed manner, grilling something.

He was sitting on a log branch like it was a bench and he keep cooking. There is also some faint trace of coffee.

Behind the fire pits were a mountain of ape corpses, some were skinned and cut and left in the corner.

It seems that, it would be stored for later consumption.

Beside the corpses were beads, about 10 of them. Sofia then looks at herself and then she realizes she was covered by a blanket and she got up and without saying anything she went to the nearest source of water and cleans herself.

After that she went back to the fire pit and sit beside Azief like nothing happens. Then she started asking about all the stuff that is in front of her eyes, curios.

‘When did you do this?’

‘Last night’ he said as he keep fanning the fire with a paper fan

‘Did you not sleep?’

‘Hmm’ he said nonchalantly.

‘I was bored last night so I ordered Badge to make a fire pit and then I roasted some of the ape meat.’

Then he took one of the smaller slices of the ape meat and eats it, chewing it.

‘How was it?’ she asked

‘A little chewy but it’s not that bad. It tastes like intestines of a cow. Chewy but delicious. Now if I have some spices, I could make some stocks and it will be more delicious. After you rid of the poisonous bile, it’s safe to eat it’

Then he handed a cup of coffee to her.

‘You make coffee?’ she asked surprised. Azief smiles a bit and show her his coffee.

‘I took many of coffee packets when we were in the mall. Also took some pots and kettle. Thank god I didn’t bring any electric kettle. That would be useless.’ And he chuckles alone.

He found some humour in the fact that the everyday routine that he used to do is now so hard to do.

Drinking coffee in the morning which used to be so easy could now be considered a chore.

She just nodded and took a sip of coffee and she feel her body refreshed. Holding it with her two hands, she took another sip. She looks at the omelet and ask.

'Eggs too?' Azief could see the way she looks at the finished omelet and he grinned. So he asks.

'Want to taste it?' she nodded vigorously.

He conjured up plates from his ring and put one of the omelets into the plates and handed it to her.

Then he cracked another egg onto the cooking pot and that sizzling sound can be heard at their campsites.

It was almost like they are in a retreat or something if you discount the fact that they are monsters nearby and a two large crocodile in the river near them.

She did not wolf it down instead she took the omelet bite by bite alternately switching between eating the omelet and drinking the coffee.

She feel that this was the most delicious breakfast she has ever tasted in her life. Eating grilled snakes and herbs could do that to any person.

Her eyes are now wide open, awake and energized. Then she looks on the heap of corpses and asks him

'What about the apes? You kill it yesterday?' He nodded and then continues flipping the egg on the cooking plate.

'Badge did most of the work. I want him to rank up and become a little bit more useful to me.'

'A unique rank monster?'

'Well, if he could rank up that high we have a good insurance for our life don't you think?' he said and she nodded.

'Last night another one killed a Unique Beast.'

'Oh, I didn't notice the notification.' She exclaimed. She really didn't realize it. She was sleeping so peacefully yesterday that he didn't want to bother her and it's not like they will go to that place not when he didn't even finish his class changing quest right now.

He also got to learn that there is such things as Teleportation stones.

'You were sleeping at the time.' He explained

'Where is it?' she asked.

'Germany. By someone called Bradheim'

'That is a long way from here.' She said as she slurps her coffee enjoying the rich taste of coffee packets.

'Yes, and then around dawn another one was killed and dropped a unique skill in Denmark. So, I put my notification windows to log. It hinders my vision if suddenly when I was fighting notification windows appears in the middle of the fight.'

She slurped the coffee again while nodding. Azief just shakes his head. She is not even listening, completely enjoying the omelet and the coffee.

She just finished her omelet and she felt refreshed. She also brought a few packets from the mall but she did not bring any kettle or food ware unlike him.

‘So, what are we going to do today?’ she asked cheerfully.

As they were eating and drinking, Azief told her the plan. They would go and dive and find the Unique skill and grab all the treasure they could find underwater.

He was already smiling in glee.

He also told Sofia about the skill he bought and that when he has enough money he would buy the same skill for her so that their looting becomes faster.

He also told Sofia that he bough a bag of holding that could one ton of weight inside it.

It was a small pouch that can be put anywhere and it can carry anything unless it doesn’t weigh more than a ton.

The only thing it couldn’t do is putting live things inside it. Dead things however, is fair game.

It was 2000 gold to buy the bag making his gold now zero. He is betting on this looting which is why he didn’t mind the 2000 gold which could be used to buy another life skill book.

He also told Sofia about the fields of bodies not far from they were takings shelter.

Sofia insist they go there immediately but after deliberation they decided that they will check it after the finished looting all the gold and items they could find in the river bed.

So after they finished talking about it, they packed their things wash the food ware, store it back, extinguish the fire they then walked to the river.

‘So you’re going first?’ Sofia asked

‘Yeah’ he said.

‘I will get some money and then buy you the underwater breathing skills. Then you can follow me.’

‘Ok’ she said nodding in agreement.

‘You and Badge maintain a lookout on the crocodiles. If they attack, you run. I can handle them’

‘You sure?’

‘Yeah’

‘Ok, if you say so. Dont push yourself too much’ she said and he nodded. Sofia then began her look out.

Azief look at the clear deep water, blue and clear as he calmed himself down, take a deep breath and then he jump and a splash happened.

Sofia looks as Azief dive into the river.

Azief on the other hand has begun his diving. His lung is stronger and have a large capacity and now he could swim underwater he begun diving deeper.

He could see countless of weird fish but none of them did anything threatening.

He kill a few of them with energy fist and it doesn't look like the EXP it gave him is a lot. It didn't even make his pillars higher at all.

He could feel only a little bit of EXP enter his body.

When he killed the fishes he quickly put the fishes inside his bag of holding.

Maybe I should buy cooking skills later. He mused

Cooking grilled fish or steamed fish would be the highlight of his day. Even though the world turns into this kind of place, he still wanted some god food.

So, as he thinks about this he keep killing the fishes while diving and collecting. Using his divine sense as long as the two crocodiles enter his range, he would spot them.

The two crocodiles after killing the Supercroc also gain some benefits. They have become larger but not as large as the super croc.

Anyway, he decided to pay attention to them if they ever decided to attack him. If not he would go with his original plan.

Either way, he now could swim and dive underwater, so he doesn't think he would be pushed into such desperate corners like before.

As he dives even though his eyes has great vision darkness began to set in.

There are some wild fish and an eel that tries to electrocute him but he quickly dispatch the eel with a kick.

With one kick the eel head shattered and he quickly stores it inside his bag.

Then he continued on and then he smiles, looking the shining glittering coins in the river bed.

Smiling, he then went full speed ahead to the river bed.

'Houh' he panted, breathing hard as he returns to shore

'You got it?' Sofia asked.

He nodded.

'The book or the gold?'

'Gold' he said.

'Where's the book?' she asked as she lowered her weapon.

'I still couldn't find the book. Need your help with that.' He is still panting. He pushed himself down there until his lungs almost couldn't take it.

Sofia just nodded

'Did you take all the gold?' She asked as her eyes scanned the river, looking at the two crocs which can be spotted across the shore.

'No, not yet. I feel pressure on my lungs so I quickly surfaces. I need to increase my proficiency level if I want to dive underwater for a long time.' He deduced.

Sofia on the other hand was smirking right now, as he looks at him.

'So you're going to buy it now for me?' Azief understand what Sofia means

He nodded and then he quickly buys swimming and breathing underwater book and then quickly Sofia learned it.

The first haul get him about 20 thousand 547 gold after subtracting the cost for the skill books he buys for Sofia.

He also got pill of strength, pill of explosion, pill of experience and pill of haste. There are also some items which he gave to Sofia.

He got about 10 thousand copper and 7000 silver. What he wants is the book or any Pillar Forming Pills. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

He checked at the shop and it cost is expensive.

'I'm ready' she said after she finished learning the book.

'Good, now let me take my breath first' and he sit there on the sand, looking at the clear river water.

He could even see fishes playing around the shores, flitting around.

'So how are we going to split the loot?' Sofia asked.

'One third.'

'Three for me' Sofia cheekily said. He just smiles. And his smiles was a menacing one.

'Alright, I was just kidding.'

'If you found any Pillar Forming Pill, I got dibs.' He declared.

'Good enough. I want pills and bead.' Then she look again at the river and something crossed her mind.

'Do you think we can eat crocodile meat?' She asked.

'Why? You want to eat it?'

'Just thought it would be pretty tasty and it's not like we can be choosy anymore.' Sofia said, sometime stealing a few glances towards the ape meat that doesn't look very appetizing.

'How about the ape meat? That felt pretty good. A little chewy but....eatable.' he said, trying to promote the ape meat.

He didn't think that the ape meat is that revolting, instead if he could buy a few spice packets from the Shop he could make a good dish.

'Yeah, I'm just expanding my horizon' Sofia said. Then she added

'And who knows if I would get more bonus effect eating the crocodile meat. Especially if we get the Emperor meat.'

'It's Sarcosuchus Emperor' he said.

'That's too long and it almost sounds like a tongue twister. Emperor is easier.'

'Maybe' he said. He also got a few bonuses when eating the ape meat but it is small and after eating much of it bonuses doesn't appear any more other than healing properties.

His pillars only rose a few centimeters each when he eat the ape meat and then stopped after the third slice of ape meat.

For Sofia it raises her stats. He also advise Sofia to balance her stats so that when she reached Pillar Forming, she would get more pillars.

'That's not a bad idea' he said.

Thinking about it those crocs are normal crocs but the Emperor...Ok, the name Emperor is beginning to stuck he mused as he looked at Sofia and grudgingly smile and then continue his train of thought.

The Emperor is the boss, the Jefe, the Godfather of these crocs. It even drops Unique Skill Book and itself a Unique rank monster.

Its meat probably has special properties. Thinking about this, he is getting excited to learn cooking skills later.

'Finished resting?' Sofia asked as she put her weapons inside her storage rings. He got up, pat his buttocks and spreads his divine sense around the river to check if there is any threat.

'I'm done. Let's go.'

Sofia nodded and she walked to the deep area and then she dived.

Azief on the other hand jumped from the sandy shore and as the pressure of his jump reached the sand which he was stepping, a sandblast is created creating a burst of explosion as he ended up on the middle of the river.

It was an impossible jump but not impossible with the strength and power of his feet.

He dived like an Olympic diver and with minimal strength he was already deep inside the river.

With his clear eyes, he could see Sofia diving deeper like he was. He dived deeper on his area until he reaches the riverbed again.

This time he grabbed everything and put it inside his bag of holdings. Pills, beads, countless of vials and items.

Then he found two skill books but he still could not find the Unique Skill Books.

So as he breathes underwater he change his direction and went to the last location that he remembers where the Emperor took its last breath.

After waddling his way through fishes, eels, and water snakes, he finally see it.

It was like he is seeing a large submarine, a 40 feet long monster with weights that could crush a city if it was dropped from the sky.

Looking at it he once again recalls how lucky he was to survive their encounter.

He swims nearby the carcass of the Emperor and he could see nature is beginning to run its course.

Some creature is eating the meat of the Emperor and when these creatures realizes his presence they came attacking.

Most people would be panicked but Azief on the other hand was calm as a still lake.

About a hundred of those piranha looking fishes comes to him but the moment they came near him, there were fear in their eyes and they retreated.

This is the difference between the evolved and the unevolved.

Those fishes recognize the difference between prey and predator. And right now, standing on top of the food chain is him.

He is not a prey. He is the predator.

And these fishes, blessed by evolution quickly ascertain with their instinct that this particular human is not only more powerful, he is deadly.

And as quickly as they decided to attack him, they quickly scattered. But does he let them? Of course not.

The piranha like fish look delicious and he also want to know what effect would he have if he eats the fish.

So with one Energy fist, his fist send out energy blast and all around him was like an explosion underwater but just a blob on the surface of the river.

Only a few left a full body. Others were smashed into a puddle of blood.

Finished with that, all the fishes nearby the Emperor all scattered away leaving him to do what he came there to do.

As he swim towards the Emperor his sword appear on his hand from his ring.

Then he carved a healthy large meat from the Emperor and stores it inside his bag of holding.

After that he swim around picking up the mountains of gold. And then as he grabbed the gold he spotted the Unique Skill Book, leather-bound in gold and glowing.

It's the unique skill book! he screamed inwardly.

Smiling he put it inside his bag of holding and keep collecting the treasures in the riverbed. When he felt the pressure on his lung he would then surfaces for a while and then meet up with Sofia.

Sofia uses dagger now as she navigates the water.

She found a few eels and she also found that piranha like fishes. But unlike him, she did a good job in not smashing them into a puddle of blood.

Azief also buys a bag of holding for her and then they both continue until afternoon. From the morning until the afternoon, they scavenge the entire bottom of the river.

And so end the first part of their day.

[Chapter 35: Observing and waiting](#)

They finally finished looting in the evening.

'Good haul?' Sofia asked as she looked at the satisfied smile plastered on his face. She was sitting on the sandy shore, looking satisfied and content

'Big haul!' He exclaimed, smiling from ear to ear.

'You found the book?' She asked.

'I did. And a lot of other stuff too. He said all this in excitement. Ashe could tell. It was not hard. His tone went a note higher.

Which sounds funny, considering the grave and cold voice he always seems to use when he is making threats.

He seems to become more comfortable around me she mused and somehow that makes her happy.

After the Fall, they had to rely on each other and they began to become accustomed to each other existence, becoming accustomed to each other.

'How about you?' He asked and that brought her back.

'Me too. A lot of gold and copper and some skill books and vials.' He contemplated for a while and then smiling he said.

'You could keep all that you got'

'You don't mind?' she asked. She thought they were going to split 1/3 but suddenly he is changing his thought?

'It's fine' he said.

'This must be because you got a lot of things.' She said as realization struck her

'Yes' he said, grinning happily. And he shows the Unique Skill book to Sofia. Leather-bound in gold.

'That is cool.' she exclaimed

'It is cool!' He said.

'Ok, learn it then' she said.

'Ok' With a hint of excitement he then touch the book and the book glowed brighter in golden colour and then the notification windows appears and he said yes.

SCALE BODY TECHNIQUE

UNIQUE TECHNIQUE. ACTIVATING IT, USER WILL HAVE A SCALE BODY THAT IS ALMOST IMPERVIOUS TO ANY WEAPON OR ATTACK UNDER THE USER LEVEL. LAST FOR HALF AN HOUR. INCREASES ENDURANCE, DEFENSE AND HEALING RATE. ALSO STRENGTHEN USER INTERNAL ORGANS WHEN ACTIVATING THIS SKILL. GROWS POWERFUL WITH THE USER.

He learns it and the golden glow disappear and then the book turns dull. He then checks the information log and it shows that he has now a proud user that has unique skill.

But he also realized that the book is not gone.

He then checks the book and then an information streamed inside his mind and he understand.

Until one month is up, having the book is like having a target painted in his back. The book could not be destroyed unless the time limit of one month is up.

Each unique skill book has a different time limit. The stronger the skill, the longer it is.

Anyway the reason why it does not disappeared is because he could impart back the book with the scale body technique, which will mean he would lose the skill.

It's like you are competing for a treasure hunt.

And in this one month limit if he dies, the skill will return back to the book. If he does not die in on month and the time limit is up and people kill him, then someday, somewhere, another book will appear with the Scale Body technique.

So that is why it has time limit. But still heist not afraid. Of course he doesn't know that there is teleportation stones and people from other country could teleport to where the book last fallen.

But he knows there is teleportation crystal. He saw it in the Shop. In the Shop there is a million things, so much that you can't possibly check it all but he sees it when he was window shopping by coincidence.

One crystal cost 10 thousand gold. But teleportation Stones? He remains oblivious.

That is because he didn't see the teleportation stone when he was searching the book.

It was erected on the other side of the river and he didn't realize it because he was already across and he doesn't check the opposite shore.

Not worrying a thing, he then checks the other skills he got. Minor Telekinesis and Water Manipulation.

This is what he got from the many treasure drooped from the other crocs. He quickly learned it.

MINOR TELEKINESIS.

USER WILL EXHIBIT TELEKINESIS POWER AND COULD MOVE ANYTHING UNDER 1 KILOGRAM OF WEIGHT

He quickly tries it and he managed to make a branch flies to him and then floated around him. He giggles.

‘Cool skill.’

‘Minor telekinesis? Sofia asked.

‘Yes, how do you know?’ he asked.

Without saying anything, Sofia raised her arrows and shot it at him and then when it was just about to hit him the arrows stopped, floating in midair, like there is some invincible forces stopped the arrows from advancing

Azief face was calm all the time and even when Sofia sent that arrow towards him, he believes that Sofia would not intentionally hurt him.

Azief smiles.

‘You got it too.’ She nodded ,smiling. Then suddenly Azief realizes something.

‘Hey! Wait a minute! What if your arrows were heavier than 1 kilo?’

‘I guess that means the arrows would pierce your head.’ She said smiling mischievously

‘And I would be dead!’

‘Guess so’ she said as she giggles.

Azief crossed his arm and Sofia pats him in his back

‘Aww, come on. It’s not like you can’t stop that arrows.’

‘Just because I can, I don’t want you assuming I would.’

‘Ok, ok. Let check our loot and then play around after that.’

And Sofia moved away, still giggling.

And who starts playing first? he mused.

He then checks the Water manipulation effect.

WATER MANIPULATION

USER COULD MANIPULATE WATER TO FORM A WATER SHIELD. AS THE LEVEL OF THIS SKILL IMPROVES, MANY MORE FEATURES WOULD BE UNLOCKED.

This is another jackpot! He mused. He once checks this book at the shop but it cost about 100 thousand gold.

But other than these two books he doesn't get any other skill books. But this two books is already good enough.

'What do you get?' he asked as he approached Sofia. Sofia smirked and then punch towards him.

Since he is an evolved person, his sense of danger is higher and more acute, so the moment Sofia punch towards him his racial abilities is instantly awakened, making all of Sofia stats halved, so her strength is almost like an ant in front of him.

But the punch connected and he could feel an itch in his stomach. But then he felt the second itch and the third itch.

Sofia on the other hand had to back away for five steps. And then she flails her hand.

'Ouch, it was like I was punching steel' she said, looking amazed at his endurance.

'Cold hard abs' he replies, looking smug.

'Yeah, right' Sofia said, clearly annoyed.

'And what did you think you were doing?' he asked.

'Trying my new skill' she said, not a hint of guilt in her face.

'I'm not your test dummy.'

'Thought you had a rocking hard abs?' she said smirking. Azief shakes his head as Sofia look at her fist and nodded.

'What do you think about the skill? she ask, ignoring any complaints from him. He sighed and then said.

'I felt that whatever skill you used, it hit me three times. Like you were punching in triple succession but my eyes only see one punch. With my speed, and my eye hand coordination it is impossible your punch could move so fast that my eyes couldn't catch it. So, how did you do it?' He asked.

He is puzzled too with Sofia technique. What technique could do that? He felt barely an itch but that is because he is an evolved person.

If it was before, then surely that attack would injured him.

'I just punch you once' she said smiling, clearly satisfied with the effect of her punch.

'Then,how?'

'Three Waves Fist' she said.

'When I punch a person and activate this skill it will create a vibration waves in triple succession, making any attack strikes three times. But it consumes too much spirit and it clearly doesn't work with an evolved person.'

'It's fine' he said, as he advises her in the matter of the difference in power.

'When you reach level 30 and evolved, that skill will also evolved to suit your evolution. That skill will prove to be useful.'

She nodded.

'Other than that, any other books?'

'I got two'

'Me too' he said.

'Hundreds of crocs, a gigantic croc and all we got to show are five skill books? It should be more' she said, harrumphing.

'Do you think skill books grow on tree?' Sarcasm is high in his tone.

'It would be better if that is the case.' He just shakes his head. There is no winning with her.

'Still we get a lot of gold and there are many vials. That's a win'

'I, on the other hand am full with pills. Most of it is EXP pills and stats pills.'

'What is your level now?' he asked.

'27.'

'3 more level to 30 right?'

She nodded.

'Good. You better redistribute the points now. Maybe they will be many great beast later and if you are stronger that would help.' He said.

'You don't have to tell me that' she said. She then sits under a tree and begun redistributing her points.

She then uses her skill points to her skills. Levitation is now level 4 which enables her to levitates 400 centimeter from the ground.

This will help considering his Archer class. Levitating would also give her the ability to guess the terrains they're in more accurately and she could even attack from afar....an aerial attack

She also level up her Precision and now it becomes Expert Precision. Azief look at Sofia when she uses her arrows to shoot down a leave a kilometer away with ease.

She then level up her Swift Step and it evolved to become Fast Swift Step.

She and Azief engaged in tag game on their campsite to test Sofia skills.

Even though Sofia could not gain an advantage against him, Sofia and he knows, that if she met any unevolved person, Sofia would hardly find it difficult to escape.

When she breaks that level 30 mark, then her speed would be out of this world. Azief also reminds her to balance her stats so that she would get many pillars the moment she reaches the 30 level mark.

She then level up Enhanced smell and heal. With her smell ,she could smell anything with great sensitivity and she even had to block using that skill.

If not she could smell everything and with a field of bodies nearby them, she could smell it even from afar....which is not good for her stomach

Heal is also leveled up but she did not level up the skill to much. With the many vials that they had, health is hardly a concern.

Not to mention, Azief is beside her.

With his power and her arrows, they could be called an unbeatable duo in Malaysia. They both gained an upper hand when the world fall.

Azief got an upper hand when his luck turned and he escaped from the fallen building during the first quake. Sofia luck begins to change the moment she met Azief and then follows him.

This is why Sofia pay less attention to Heal skill. Because she doesn't want to waste her skill point to something that is not good for her class, which is archer.

She however did level up her Three Waves fist.

Before she level up the skill, the info window for Three Waves Fist tell that she would do vibration attack and triple the damages.

But when she level up the skill to level 04 it said that she would do a powerful vibration attack.

She attack one small tree and it explodes into the 4 direction like someone throws a grenade to the bomb.

She also stores the gold and silver and copper. Azief told her that when she reached level 30 the currency table will appears and only then can she uses her gold to buy things from the shop.

Believing his word, Sofia started hoarding.

Azief also tell her that in the shop everything imaginable is sold. Even modern appliance and normal clothes.

She even heard that Azief stumbles onto a carton of milk when he was searching among the food and drinks section of the shop.

Finished distributing her skill points she went beside Azief and asked

'So now where do we go?'

'The field'

'To the field of bodies that you talked about. That field?' she asked, creasing her eyebrows.

'Yeah, that field.' She was about to protest but he quickly cut across her words and said.

'And since you are trying to level up, go level up with Badge.' He summoned Badge and Badge come out from the portal and kneeled.

Telepathically he ordered Badge to assist from behind.

'Go, clear the apes.' He said, in an ordering tone to Sofia...unintentionally

'You're ordering me?'

'Why?'

'Nothing.' She said.

'What?' he said flustered.

'I said nothing' she said and she giggles again. Sofia likes to make him feel flustered. He is always so cold and devoid of emotions that sometimes Sofia finds it hard to connect with him in an emotional level.

So, Sofia led them from their shelter as he sit down in one of the branches. Sofia move forward without him.

Sofia knows that the reason he dint follow is because he wanted Sofia to train with the apes in full power.

If he was there following from behind all the time, any monster Sofia will find will be repressed automatically by his racial skill.

As he sit down under the tree, Sofia was using Torrent of Arrows and about 10 apes dies because of the attack.

'Wasteful' she said under her breath. Using so many energy arrows when she could just use other skill.

But at least she knows how fearsome Torrent of Arrows. If she had this skill when they were in the bridge before, using this skill would make the battle at the bridge a walk in the park.

A large ape jump down from the trees and confronts Sofia. Sofia this time, instead of shooting it down with her arrows, put her bow behind her and then she rushes forward to meet this ape.

With her agility stats, she arrived in front of the ape in almost an instant and then she uses her Three Waves Fist.

This time she could feel her fist connected and she could see with her own eyes, the impact and hear the bones breaking.

She could see as the first strike connect, the impact on the ape stomach become deeper every 3 second until it delivered the third strike.

A vibration attack.

Then when her fist connected Sofia jump and then she uses Swift Kick, sending a fierce gale wind and it knock the ape down.

It is still level 01 skill but combined that with her three waves fist, it become a combo of her own.

Then as the ape is down, she levitates on the air and then descend in a very fast manner and her feet stomped the ape brains and its head shattered like a watermelon drop off from a third story buildings, staining her shoes and clothes.

Sofia retread back and look at her cloths.

'Fuck, I should've have just shoot that damn ape!' She cursed. How can she clean herself after this.

And the smell of the ape blood is pungent and attract many more apes to come. Unlike Azief, the ape does not fear Sofia that much considering she is not yet evolved.

But then how can Sofia be so calm?

First, she has confidence in her own skill. Second, Badge is also behind her if anything went wrong.

Those two reasons are enough for her. She could do this. And she doesn't want to be a baggage for Azief.

Sofia knows that Azief calmness and his cold demeanor is a defense mechanism. Sofia thinks even he himself doesn't realize it.

She still remembers what she saw when he went into a fever after fighting the Imperator. She didn't tell it to him and she hopes she is wrong.

But then she look in front again, focusing again as another dozens of ape come to her location.

She is pretty far from Azief now. But she knows that he could arrive at her position in a matter of seconds.

After all he has Shadow Teleportation.

And while she is fighting Azief was doing something else under the tree, enjoying a cup of coffee, he bought from the World Orb Shop.

Not far from Lord Shadow, a man of thin build with tied long hair is looking at Lord Shadow.

His eyes glinted, his steps was agile, and produce no sounds. He is observing, waiting.

In his heart he could feel the formidability of Lord Shadow. Wearing all black attire with intricate runic designs on his robe and hood, Lord Shadow emits an aura of death and fear. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

But still he waited in the bush, killing all of his presence, even his breathing is slow and almost seems like he isn't even breathing.

He could hide even after Lord Shadow sweep the area using his Divine Sense because of his skills.

He move slowly and is thinking on how to approach this group without making him a target. But nothing comes to mind.

So, he waited...and he observed. Waiting for the perfect movement to present itself. But then he decided if he waited, he might be caught...so he formulated a plan.

Entering the darkness, he smiles as he move away from the area.

[Chapter 36: Encounter](#)

NAME LORD SHADOW GENDER MALE

LEVEL 39 CLASS SHADOW LORD

RACE NOVUS SAPIEN FAME 1000

CURRENCY

50574 GOLD

70379 SILVER

92756 COPPER

SKILL POINTS 15 PILLARS 08

PILLARS

APPRENTICE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

ARTISAN PILLAR OF AGILITY

APPRENTICE PILLAR OF STAMINA

APPRENTICE PILLARS OF ENDURANCE

PILLARS OF SPIRIT

PILLARS OF STEALTH

PILLAR OF DARKNESS

APPRENTICE PILLAR OF HEALTH

NORMAL SKILL

BODY FORTIFICATION[01]

PRECISION [01]

PERCEPTION [01]

DIVINE SENSE [05]

FEAR AURA [04]

EYE OF NIGHT [01]

MINOR TELEKINESIS [01]

WATER MANIPULATION [01]

BEAST TAMER [02]

HEAL [01]

SLASHING WIND [01]

ENERGY FIST [01]

INHERENT SKILL SKILL LEVEL

SHADOW TELEPORTATION 01

UNIQUE SKILL SKILL LEVEL

SCALE BODY TECHNIQUE –

RACE SKILLS

[LEVEL REPRESSION UNLOCKED]

[RACE SUPERIORITY UNLOCKED]

LIFE SKILLS

NOVICE SWIMMING

NOVICE UNDERWATER BREATHING

NOVICE DIVING

EQUIPPED ITEMS

BAG OF HOLDING

PILLS

PILL OF STRENGTH,

PILL OF EXPLOSION,

PILL OF EXPERIENCE

PILL OF HASTE.

RINGS

STORAGE RING

RING OF MINIMAL STRENGTH.

RING OF MINIMAL STRENGTH.

RING OF DARK SPIRIT.

RING OF SPEED

SHADOW LORD ITEMS

HOOD OF SHADOW LORD

VAMBRACES OF SHADOW LORD

CLOTHES OF SHADOW LORD

TROUSER OF SHADOW LORD

SHADOW LORD BOOTS

BLACK SASH

BLACK GLOVES

WEAPONS

HIDDEN BLADE OF SHADOW LORD

DARK SWORD OF SOULS

Azief is looking at his status windows.

He still has 15 skill points.

‘Hmm’ he said.

He still does not want to use it. It’s too important he mused. Shaking his head, he once again reaffirmed that skill points is too precious to just level up anything he wants without thinking too much.

This skill points must not be used haphazardly. He has other plans for this 15 skill points. Lord Shadow true form.

That is what he is saving these skill points for.

When he defeated the monster in the elementary school he will truly be a Chosen.

When that happens he will use this 15 skill points to complement his Shadow Lord class. Most of his skill right now does not complement very well with his class.

Even the unique skill is for a berserker or warrior. But that doesn’t emanate the technique he has is not powerful.

But he knows that since there is class in the system, if you level up your own class skill, the potential for growth would be endless.

Since skill could evolve, Azief is sure that Lord Shadow skill could evolve to higher realm and that is what he is hoping.

He then looks at another table in his status window. Then he smiles. Looking at the currency table he could see his gold. Smiling and grinning like an idiot.

He is fucking rich!

He has 50574 gold, 70379 silver, 92756 copper. With 50 thousand gold he could buy 2 Pillar forming pills but he decided not to.

One hundred silver is equivalent to one gold and 100 silver is equivalent to one silver.

So, right now he is browsing the Shop.

He then began buying life skills like mad. He began buying all life skill he could use or would use or anything that caught his fancy.

In the world right now, he is the only one who has the most life skills....and has gold to waste like there is no tomorrow.

After that he eats the pill of experience, pill of strength increasing his own pillar height but not by much.

He then began buying weapons for Sofia. A superior Grade bow and 100 Silver arrows. Then he began buying things in the miscellaneous section.

He buys a few books. Paradise Lost by John Milton, all Harry Potter collection, Percy Jackson collection and George RR Martin, A Song of Ice and Fire.

Thinking about it he really hoped that GRR Martin survive the Fall. Seriously, he really hoped that he survives.

He didn't even get the chance to read the next book after Dance of Dragons. He also bought Domaine De La Romanee-Conti Romanee, an expensive wine that cost him 1000 gold.

It better be good. To be honest, he never drinks any alcohol and he never wanted to drink alcohol. And he is not about to start.

Then why buy it?

He has his reason. He bought this and a 30 year old Bordeaux.

By now all of his silver and copper is gone leaving only his gold. And he is still fricking rich. For now, he got so many life skills that it is almost ridiculous.

He also has poison maker skill and bought three most poisonous thing he could think of. He bought golden dart poison, cone snail sting and blue ringed octopus poison.

All deadly, each has its own purposes. The he checked his status windows again.

NAME LORD SHADOW GENDER MALE

LEVEL 39 CLASS SHADOW LORD

RACE NOVUS SAPIEN FAME 1000

CURRENCY

50574 GOLD

0 SILVER

0 COPPER

SKILL POINTS 15 PILLARS 08

PILLARS

APPRENTICE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

ARTISAN PILLAR OF AGILITY

APPRENTICE PILLAR OF STAMINA

APPRENTICE PILLARS OF ENDURANCE

PILLARS OF SPIRIT

PILLARS OF STEALTH

PILLAR OF DARKNESS

APPRENTICE PILLAR OF HEALTH

NORMAL SKILL

BODY FORTIFICATION[01]

PRECISION [01]

PERCEPTION [01]

DIVINE SENSE [05]

FEAR AURA [04]

EYE OF NIGHT [01]

MINOR TELEKINESIS [01]

WATER MANIPULATION [01]

BEAST TAMER [02]

HEAL [01]

SLASHING WIND [01]

ENERGY FIST [01]

INHERENT SKILL SKILL LEVEL

SHADOW TELEPORTATION 01

UNIQUE SKILL SKILL LEVEL

SCALE BODY TECHNIQUE –

RACE SKILLS

[LEVEL REPRESSION UNLOCKED]

[RACE SUPERIORITY UNLOCKED]

LIFE SKILLS

NOVICE SWIMMING

NOVICE UNDERWATER BREATHING

NOVICE DIVING

NOVICE HERBALISM

NOVICE COOKING

NOVICE THROWER

NOVICE DRAWING SWORD

NOVICE BLACKSMITHING

NOVICE SPEED READING

NOVICE ATHLETICS

NOVICE ROWING

NOVICE COFFEE MAKING

NOVICE RIDING

NOVICE CRAFTING

NOVICE SCULPTURING

NOVICE FARMING

NOVICE GUITAR PLAYING

NOVICE ARCHERY

NOVICE RIDING ARCHERY

NOVICE TRACKING

NOVICE WOUND TREATMENT

NOVICE BANDAGING

NOVICE FIRST AID TREATMENT

NOVICE PERSUASION

NOVICE BARGAINING

NOVICE TRADE

NOVICE RAFT BUILDING

NOVICE SHIP BUILDING

NOVICE HOUSE BUILDING

NOVICE TENT BUILDING

NOVICE POISON MAKER

NOVICE PILL MAKING

ITEMS

PARADISE LOST

GUITAR

A LARGE WOOD

AN MP3 PLAYER

BATTERY

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HARRY POTTER COLLECTION

PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIAN

HOW TO SURVIVE IN AN APOCALYPTIC WORLD

SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS FOR DUMMIES

A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE COLLECTION

A 30 YEARS OLD BORDEAUX WINE

GOLDEN DART POISON

CONE SNAIL STING

BLUE RINGED OCTOPUS POISON

DOMAINE DE LA ROMANEE-CONTI ROMANEE

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(I hope you all checked his skill so that you won't feel lost when he does something so skillfully and you do not know how he does it. And you could see he also take coffee making skill. LS really likes his coffee.)

He nodded. The rest of the gold will be for insurance. For now it is enough. Or to be honest, he doesn't know what to do with the gold.

There is many other skills but he doesn't want to buy haphazardly.

With this many life skill, he doesn't think that he would be in any disadvantage so for now, not knowing what to do, it is better to do nothing.

Trying to think too hard may complicate a situation.

If he has any ideas later what to do with his gold he will do it. For now, he will focus on other stuff.

Then from afar he could hear Sofia screams of excitement.

By now she must have cleared the apes right? he mused. So he got up from his seat and he rushed to Sofia position.

When he evolved his speed has gone to a new level. 100 meters in 12 seconds. That is the world record.

He could move 100 meters in 4 seconds. That is barely human anymore. If he evolves once more, one could only imagine his speed.

He then arrived at Sofia positions. He could see the land was riddled by bullets and Sofia is collecting her loots.

Most of the ape has holes in their body. Badge is gathering the ape meat to one place. Then when he finishes piling up all the meat, Sofia store sit all on her bag of holding.

You're done? He asked.

She nodded.

'Let's go then.' He said.

'You finished checking?' she asked. She notices that Azief checks his windows before which means he bought something on the World Shop.

She wanted to buy stuff too but she needs to level up to level 30 before the World Shop si open for her.

Of course she could always ask him to buy stuff for her but the stuff she wanted to buy is not the stuff she wanted him to see or buy for her.

A few days from now, it will be that kind of month for her, so she is desperately wanted to buy wings so she would not be too moody or crazy.

Though maybe the potions will help her with the cramp or maybe the evolution will eliminate entirely her period.

Maybe if she evolved she doesn't have to deal with things like that. Of course this kind of train of thought did not occur for Azief.

His priority is survival and Sofia initially thought the same things too. But since they are getting stronger and getting time to take a breath, they both began to cling to signs of normalcy.

After all if it was before, would Azief bought the skill coffee making? Or coffee packets? Worrying about spices and cooking?

No. But now when they could cling to what seems normal, they desperately wanted to maintain that.

So she asked.

'What did you buy?'

'Some skills' he said nonchalantly as he walked forward. Sofia follows him from behind, Badge following her.

'What skills?' she is curios what kind of skill he bought

'Why do you have so many questions?' He asked. They are nearing the field.

'Can't I ask a few questions?'

'Not now. We are already behind schedule here.'

'Hmph' she chuckles.

'Schedules? What schedules? What are your plans?'

'Can't you just follow me? Trust me' He said as he move closer to the field. The huge tree provides shades as the evening began to sets in.

Sofia stopped her feet, standing, glaring at the his back and he notices. So he stopped too and he looked back, looking at the annoyed expression on Sofia face

'What?' he asked. Then sighing Sofia said

'You and me. Against the world' she said.

'Yes' he replies, looking straight at her face.

'That means we're equal right?' She asked.

'Yes' he said, though he is feeling a little bit strange hearing her question. The evening wind is cooling and now that the world changes it also brings you a feeling of calmness.

The wind fluttered his black robe but his face like always is covered by the shadow of his hood.

Sofia doesn't like that. She could see her face, her expression but she could not see his. Not the same way he could see hers.

Sometimes she could feel like he is seeing through her, peering right through her soul. Combined that with his black attires, sometimes he emitted an aura of unapproachability

His face, his expression always eludes her. She doesn't know if he is angry, smiling or happy.

While it helps fostering fear in the heart of his enemies, it also makes it harder for people to be close to him.

Sofia doesn't like that at all.

'What are you trying to say, Sofia?'

'Trust is not a one way street. I'm not your baggage, Azief. I'm not some kind of damsel in distress. Not anymore. I have enough strength to protect myself now.'

'Do you want to leave me?' Azief said calmly as he approached her. He doesn't even know what he did wrong.

Woman are really unpredictable. Just a few hours ago they were teasing each other, now suddenly the atmosphere turn hostile.

'No, I'm not leaving you. And I know, you're not going to leave me.' She truly believed this. If Azief could even stake his life for her, then that's surely means he appreciates whatever they have right now.

'So, what is the problem?'

'Your plans. You said to trust you. Why didn't you trust me with your plan? Always one part of the story, not all. I felt that I'm left out. Like I'm some kind of girl you need to protect. And I don't like that.'

'I will explain later.' He was about to say but she cut his word short

'I will explain later. I will tell you later. Next time. These are the words you said when it really means you will not tell me about it. You didn't tell me that you decided to fight with the Emperor. You almost lose your life back then. What do you think I would feel if you die there? When we met for the first time, and I join you, you did not inform me of anything you wanted to do. Always, one part of the story' she said calmly.

There is no anger in her voice. She just wanted him to understand. She wanted for him to look at her as equals.

Of course level wise they are not equals. Even their power is vastly different. But she wanted to say to him, she is not his burden.

She is his partner. He could rely on her. She got his back. This is what she is trying to convey.

Azief on the other hand began understanding what she is trying to convey to him and he thinks hard what to say and react. He didn't think that bothers her so much.

Looking at her, he asked

'So....that bothers you?'

'It does' she said. Azief smiles a little.

'I never think of you as a burden' He began saying

'I think of you as a friend. The reason why I didn't tell you my whole plan, is because most of the time, I don't know what the fuck I'm doing. Most of the time, I just go with the flow, trying to make the best of the situations.' He confesses.

He is not some master strategist or some genius. He is just a normal person before the fall with little money an unimportant person in the world.

But when he level up, forced by the circumstances at hand, he thrives. He perseveres. He endures.

And with that confidence he charges forward. When he was with Sofia, Sofia was a rookie, so weak at the time.

Most of the time then, he pretends like he has a plan...not to make her admire him or to woo her or something like that, but to make her calm.

Nobody likes following a person who is always in fear of something and a person who has no plans at all.

All he got then was his confidence. His confidence calms her during their brief meeting in Temerloh at the time.

And that creates the illusion that he always have a plan when most of the time he doesn't have any clue on what he is doing.

Hearing this Sofia then asked, stuttering.

'But...you...you always seem to have a plan?' She said puzzled.

When she was following him, she always admired the fact that he is always calm and collected, always having a plan, a next move.

He smiles bitterly and said

'I'm flattered really but I'm not that awesome. Most of the time, I just think of my move on the spot. Sometimes, I'm uncertain of what path we really should go on. I persuade you to come with me. To join me. And in a way when you were attacked by the Emperor, I ...felt responsible. If you die, it will be my fault. That is what I think when I saw the beast emerges from the river. And before I knew it, I was there on the back of a gigantic crocodile. I didn't even regret delaying that monster.' He said

Sofia still couldn't see his face....but she could hear the trembling in his voice.

'Sofia...'and he comes closer, and he looks at her and for a few seconds there is only the silence and the wind rustling and Sofia could swear she could see a smirk on the edge of his lips.

'Sofia, you are a strong woman. You know how I know? I see it every day. I see it in the way you act. Not many people would dive into that river and save me. Your mother' and hearing the word mother make Sofia expression turned hard but Azief continues

'You lost your mother....yet you endure. You persevere. You endure. You did not let despair consume you. And that takes strength. And I'm sorry. If you feel like I'm treating you like you're my burden, then...I'm sorry. Next time, I'll consult you.' And he smiles a bit and he said

'You and me against the world, huh? I didn't think you remember.'

Sofia looked at him and she looks satisfied. As long as he understand, she mused

'Fine, I said my piece' she said and it's like there is a huge burden lifted off her shoulder. Seeing this, Azief realizes that she must be thinking about this a lot.

'Can we move now?' he ask smiling.

'Lead the way' she said and they began walking again through the forest leisurely.

And they continues their journey again, lightheartedly. Both of them has told each other what they wanted and knowing each other stance, each other desires, they began understanding each other and knowing this, they feel a little bit closer. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

Not far from them, a woman and a guy is observing the duo with watchful eyes. Their gaze is very penetrating.

'What should we do?' The man said.

'Maybe it's better to join them' the woman said.

'That man is powerful....but the General is terrifying' the man said. They looked before as the man kills ape like the ape was ant, steeping on it as he pleases.

But they also sees what happens to those who defied the General. For a few days they maintained a look out for other people near the area.

'The General is in KL. We must keep the mission objective' the man said. The woman look at the duo with killing intent but she also doesn't know what she should do.

'I know. We need to be careful' she said and once again they disappear into the shadow.

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Every few minutes there would be some stupid ape that came attacking. Most of them do not dare attack considering Azief was there.

But there are some rogue apes as he terms it that even though he is clearly and obviously the superior being, there are still some apes that dares attack him.

Which puzzles him, to tell the truth.

When he activated Fear Aura, the apes would be paralyzed with fears, their eyes is looking at elsewhere, trembling and sweat filling their fur like they see something only they can se.

Their fear he is reminded.

When they are paralyzed he just need to kick or punch and the apes would turn into splashes of blood.

Unless he uses his blade which chops them into fine meat.

Sofia also tries to benefit by always using kill steal. He doesn't mind it that much. Killing the apes does not increase his EXP by that much after he evolved but it is helpful to Sofia who needs as much EXP right now.

As he evolved he could also feel the EXP. What does he mean by that?

He means that when the EXP enters his body he does not feel rejuvenated or strength entering his body like eating a pill or potions but feeling that subtle change in energy inside him.

He could feel if the EXP is a lot or not by feeling the purity of energy entering his body. He could not explain it or describe the feeling.

You need to feel it to understand it, kind of stuff. Then they finally arrived at the field. There is tall high grass, swaying like a paddy field.

His nose could already smell the rotten smell of blood.

'You smell that?' he asked

Sofia nodded. She looks left and right trying to see and sense if there is any beast nearby, or any enemies but she picked up nothing.

Nothing.

No sound other than the wind and a few calling calls of the ape. Sometimes there is also the sound of crickets but other than that the place totally looks abandoned.

Azief move and approached the area. He could see 6 bodies. He quickly identified the victim.

2 woman, 1 child, and 3 men. The woman is around 20s, the child is about 12 or 13 and the three men is 20s and 30s.

Then Azief tilt his neck and he smiles. He then look at the bodies, looking at the bodies, scrutinizing every details.

'You can stop now, Sofia' he said. He put his hand on his chin, thinking of something. This is not as simple as he thought before.

Something or someone is preserving the crime scene he mused. He did not look around but he could feel like he is being watched.

He needs time to determine their positions he inwardly thought.

'What?' Sofia reply as she lowered her weapons

'This is not a monster attack.' He said, still looking at the bodies.

Sofia come closer to the bodies and also examines the body.

What makes you say that? She ask. She did not understand why Azief would say that. To her, the only thing that could do this is either a beast or zombies.

Azief on the other hand recognizes the darkness in the human hearts especially in this new world where strength is the new law of the world.

Azief shows the body to her and make her look closer as he explains the reason why.

'Look at this body' he said. It was the 30 year old man.

'Look at his fingernails.' Sofia squatted and looks at the man fingernails and a look of shock and disgust appeared on her expression.

'It's not there. His fingernails in not there.' Sofia exclaimed in shock

'It is removed.' Azief coldly said. Then Azief feel the man's finger and he smiles. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

'It is broken.' Azief could also see blue marks on the victims ribs, signs of being beaten. Crude torture method.

He then continues his explanation as he is buying time.

'He is tortured to death. Former military. Commando, probably' he said.

'How do you know?'

'He has a lot of scars. Normal people don't have this kind of scars. Unless you are military or triads member then you would rarely get scars like that' as he opens the man clothes and shows Sofia the scars.

'But then he might be a triad member.' Sofia offer

'Look at the stitches and the sign of surgery. It is not a mess.' He pointed at a hole like scars at the man ribs.

'Gunshot wound. Most triad member doesn't go to the hospitals and they have their own private doctors. But that is for the people high up on the chain. This kind of surgery and how clean the stitches it led me to believe he is either a military or former military.'

Hearing Azief said it like that he almost looks like a detective.

'But I might be wrong' he said.

'But it clear he is tortured. But for what?' he ask himself as he moved to the second bodies. His mind still is on the victim number one.

What information would be so important that a man would be tortured to death? It's not personal. If its personal, the only one who would die will be that man not six people.

People who are thriving on revenge sometimes have their own logic. The torture method was disciplined, and cold.

It doesn't feel personal. But then Azief came back to the present as he neared the second body.

The second body was of the young man. Azief checks his pants to check his wallet or anything but there is nothing. There are also no rings on the corpse possession.

The killers also loot the stuff.....but they guarded this area. Why?

Whoever killed them strip them of all of their clothes. But by now, it is obvious to him, that this six people is not killed by some beast or monster but by humans.

What makes him curious is why are their bodies remaining intact? Do the ape does not eat human meat?

Why did, this body remains even after a few days?

By the condition of the body, they might be dead for 5 days or longer. The smell and the lividity he could only roughly guess.

He checks the second victim. Sofia behind him ask

'What do you think?'

'Cause of death, blunt trauma to the back of his head.' He looks at the back of the man head and see a large hole.

Then he began reconstructing the scene in his mind. He got some of the pictures already. But not enough he mused. He needs to check the other bodies.

Sofia behind him maintained a look out. But she is also interested in how does Azief knows this stuff. This time he went to one of the other three men.

Sofia just follows behind him, noting his eerie silence as he looks at the bodies, examining it.

Revolted. Disgusting. Smelly. That is what Sofia thought of the bodies and honestly she just wanted to proceed to the beach in the elementary school instead of spending their time here.

But Azief is still calmly examining the bodies like a forensic examiner. He is still deep in his thoughts as he looks at the body

Another former military he deduced.

But this one is slit in his throats. It was clear and precise.

He nodded and then he moved to the two woman bodies not too far away from the man bodies.

One of them must be the mother of that child he mused. As he inspect the bodies he is sure. One of the woman is older and there is some trace of Caesarean section on her stomach.

The other one is still young, black hair and hazel eyes. Her eyes were open. Azief slowly closes her eyes gently while Sofia offers her prayers.

Cause of death, for both of the woman is internal organ rupturing by some powerful force. Then he checks up the child body. The cause of death is the same but something is different from all the bodies.

The child face was mutilated beyond recognition. This usually implies that it was personal or deep hatred but that is inconsistent with all the other bodies.

The other bodies clearly shows that whoever doing this is very methodical and lack any mercy.

A cold and methodical killer.

But then Azief touch the blood. This is fresh. About a day he mused. Hmmm...he is deep in his thoughts.

By now, there is certain conclusion that he has conjured up. He smiles as he figures it out.

There might be some mistakes in his deduction but he is pretty sure he got the right answer.

He stands up and he looked around the area.

'I think I could deduce what happened here' he said.

'What do you think happened?' She said. She was also curios.

'6 bodies' he said.

'Two women. The first is a young woman; the other one is a middle aged woman who has a child. Three men. Two of them are military; one was for all I know is just a low leveler. And the child. First the killer kill that John Doe' as he pointed to the man with the slit throats.

'Probably in this group he was the strongest so the killer dispatches him first. Then the young man who was in the near proximity is bludgeoned by something resembling a baseball bat or a bludgeon. The young man head caved in and kills him instantly' and then Azief moved to the woman.

'The mother takes her child and tries to run away. Look at the footsteps.' He pointed out and Sofia realized there is some trace of footsteps.

'If you realize, this footstep is a little bit deeper than the other one' as he pointed to another set of footprints.

'That another set of footprints belongs to the young woman.'

'They run to separate directions.' Sofia nodded offering her insights. Azief nodded.

'How do you know that the deeper footprints belong to the mother?' she asked

'She carried her child. That gives double the weight, thus a deeper footprint. The killer, was fast and he or she killed the mother with one strike to her chest, rupturing her ribcage and killing her with pain. The child too.' He answers

'Then the killer goes for the young woman, right?' Sofia added.

'No' Azief said.

'There are two killers. One neutralizes the threats, while the other restrains their target.'

'What do you mean?' Sofia asked

'There are three men right? What do you think the other one was doing?' Azief asked Sofia as he let her figure it out

'While the first killer kills, the other one must have incapacitated the other men with some kind of poisons.' Sofia said and Azief smiles, nodding at her words.

'I checked earlier and there is some tiny dot on the man's neck. He was poisoned or drugged.' Azief added

'When the young woman runs to a different direction, it was the second killer that kills the young woman. And what they wanted-'

'Was information.' Sofia said cutting his words.

'Whatever information they needed from that man' he said pointing at the tortured man.

'Wow' she exclaimed

'How do you know all this?' she asked looking in awe at Azief. She knows he is a little bit weird ever since high school but this?

Azief lightly scoffed.

'I was a fan of criminal investigation and I don't mean the kind on TV. I read case files, old case files. Some of them in archives on library, the other you could see in the Web. Sometimes, I also did some research for my fictions' He explained just a little.

But there is one thing he did not explain. The mutilation. He has his ideas about the mutilation but he kept it to himself.

Right now, excluding him and Sofia, there are 3 people in this forest.

There is also the reason why no monster comes around the body. He could also deduce that but if he said it then...maybe those people hiding in the shadows would come out.

By now, he could already think of a few scenarios.

'Should we bury them?' Sofia asked looking at the body.

'No' he said.

'Why?' She asked.

'Not our problem' he said.

'We need to find the beast first. After that if the bodies is still here, then we can bury them'

'What kind of logic is that? By then their bodies would be rotten or worse eaten by the apes Sofia said.

Azief could not understand why Sofia didn't realize the things he has realize. If the body would be eaten by the apes or other beast, the bodies would be long gone.

He could also smell the faint smell of blood nearby. Whatever beast that tries to eat the corpse is neutralized.

However for what reason would they let the bodies here and even guard the body? He has too little information to infer more.

Azief come to her and whispers a few words to her and her face which is flushed with anger suddenly turn calm again.

'Okay. If you say so' she said obediently this time.

There is a reason why Azief did not want to bury the dead. He one way or another believe the killer let the bodies lying here.

They are waiting. They are not waiting for him...but they are waiting. Azief could surely contend with them but he wanted to settle his problem first.

Anyway the people are already dead. He needs to kill the beast first and he also wanted to see if Hamad group is still there.

There is no login in interfering with other people business.

'Let's move' he said and Sofia obediently follows.

Her heart is still beating fast. She remembers what Azief told her a few moments ago.

'Listen. Don't react to what I'm about to say. The killers are here' he said. She was about to raise her bows but Azief stop her movement.

'We complete our goal first then we come back. This is not a simple murder' he whispered and Sofia nodded.

Leaving the field of bodies, they move deeper into the forest, this time she is being very cautious.

A few distances away from them, a young child is looking at them and then he smiles. With one steps he disappears into the darkness again.

Not far from the young child last position is a young man and girl who breathed a sigh of relief.

They did not want to contend with a person who could easily kill an ape with just one kick, so they are now relieved that the man in the hood did not remove the bodies.

They have waited for a week and the target didn't even show himself.

They are tired of waiting and if a few days from now, the Mad Alchemist Sina did not come they have no choice but to find other way to catch him.

But then they have to report to the General and that is always a fearful encounter. But a mission is a mission. They are doing this for the New Malaysia.

Making sure that the duo has left the area they resume back their watch and waited.

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The wind rustles the leaves in the forest and a woman could be seen feeling nervous. A man with black robe walking calmly, at least that is how it seems in her eyes.

Sofia looks behind her sometimes. Every few second she would stop and tries to listen with her ears for any suspicious movement.

Sometimes she sniffs with her nose, trying to smell anything out of ordinary.

Azief look at Sofia behavior and he chuckles.

'They are not there anymore, Sofia. they are only guarding the bodies.' Hearing this Sofia lowered her guard.

'How can you be sure?' She said, looking behind her again and trying to detect anything unusual.

'I know.' He replies. Sofia is too cautious

'But why? Why guard the bodies? It doesn't seem....logical.'

'I don't know. But it's not something simple.' Azief said

'How did you notice them?' She asked

'The smell. The stench of blood. The rustling in the bushes. The lack of any beast corpse near the bodies. Almost like anything that came near the field was stopped.'

'I have enhanced smell. How come I didn't smell anything?'

'My sense is more acute than yours. '

As they walked through the forests, Sofia become the vanguard and Badge her assistant. Sometimes, if Sofia in a tight spot he would lend his help.

But as they progressed deeper Sofia is getting accustomed in fighting, so much so, that she didn't need his help anymore.

As they walk further and further, they come across a dark forest with trees that almost reached the clouds and the leaves provides not only shades from the sun but blotted out the sun, that the forest is cold and dark, like those forest in Grimm tales stories.

As they walked ahead suddenly they heard a roar not too far away. Azief smiles.

'That is the alien' he said.

'You recognize it?' Sofia said, her arrows were already on standby position, ready to shoot anything, in a moment notice.

'I couldn't forget that sound.' He said.

So they move forward when suddenly they both stopped at the same time. He quickly unsummon Badge back.

Even though the cost of summoning him outside is not that high and Badge is useful sometimes, but comparing him and his pet, the one who has been pulling the weight in the battle is him.

'There are people' his ears perked up. Sofia nodded. She realizes it too. But it's not a couple of people....but hundreds of people.

He could hear the conversation and as they pass deep bush they then see one thing they did not expect to see in these dark forest.

A stronghold with wood walls and a watchtower, a huge gate all constructed by wood. They are some guards on top of the tower and guards on the entrance of the gate, moving in a pattern, guarding the wooden stronghold.

'What is this?' Sofia asked disbelievingly. It is clear from her tone she did not expect to see a stronghold in a forest.

'I don't know.' Azief reply but he began examining the surroundings.

On the west side of the stronghold, Azief could see the alien, his objective, his only quest from World Orb.

Lying on the ground leisurely, with protective barrier surrounding the alien, it is resting without any worries.

About a 100 people trying to break through the barrier. Sometimes the alien will spit green goo from his mouth and a few men with shields would take the brunt of that corrosive spit.

'That's my target' Azief said. He needs to kill it. And then he checks the quest windows again.

QUEST

DESTROY THE DEMONIC ERTHE

The Demonic Erthen is a low level beast in the planet of Qarthan. They have acid spits, parasites that could live under the skins and strength that surpass the Homo sapiens. Defeat the beast to gain your class rewards.

TIME LIMIT: ONE MONTH

VICTORY CONDITION: KILLING THE DEMONIC ERTHEN

FAILURE CONDITION: FAILING TO KILL THE DEMONIC ERTHEN IN ONE MONTH

REWARD: UNIQUE SKILL OF SHADOW LORD

In the case of failure, the class of Shadow Lords will return back to the roster of Unique Class Up and all the experience collected during the tenure of having the power of Shadow Lord will be given to the next inheritor.

‘What should we do?’ Sofia asked. She notices the group that is trying to kill the beast in vain.

But Azief is still looking at the barrier. At moment like this, Sofia knows just to let him collect his thoughts so she didn’t say anything

As he looked at the barrier, he got a revelation. Could it be? He smiles. Thinking about it, it is logical.

The quest is auto generated which means the monster is also generated.

Since the monster is the requirement for successfully completing Unique class criteria, the monster would be protected by the World Orb and if that logic is true, then that means the barrier is for him.

Only he can enter.

Thinking about it, it is logical. Being a Chosen already grants you boost in stats and special abilities.

So, people who chose the secret class also had to experience more danger. No pain ,no gain.

But the reason he is smiling is because, thank god, he evolved first. The Demonic Erthen is a low level beast in the planet of Qarthan so.....he is confident he could kill it.

It might not be as leisurely as killing the apes and snakes but it still would be pretty easy. That just shows how confident he is of killing the beast.

The Shadow Lord profession is already in the bag he mused.

‘Azief?’ Sofia nudges him and Azief snapped back to the present.

‘What do you think we should do?’

‘We greet whoever in charge here first.’ He decided.

‘You don’t mind they are attacking the beast?’ Sofia said, looking at the people throwing javelin and riddling the barrier with bullets.

Nothing seems to penetrate the beast barrier.

The only fortunate thing is that the beast did not come out of its protective barrier.

'No.'

'Why? That's your quest right?' then Azief explains his theory and Sofia nodded in understanding.

'So that's why!' she exclaimed

'So you have all the time in the world' Sofia said, laughing. He just smiles and then he said.

'Remember. Address me as Lord Shadow inside the stronghold later.'

'Why would you want that? Everyone knows your name now don't you think? She said, clearly puzzled by his decision

'Wouldn't that just make people want to grab the unique skill from you?'

'Maybe. Or maybe not. Either they will get so tempted that they will try to attack me, or scared enough not to offend me. In the end, both methods have pros and cons. And since I don't like pretending to be weak, I might as well pretend to be strong.'

He understood the concept of pretending to be a rabbit but he doesn't want to.

Why?

Because pretending to be rabbit also invites troubles. If that is the case, why should he bow to people, when he can look down on them?

Thinking of the pros and cons he decided to spread the name Lord Shadow. He was already well known by the World Orb announcement.

Azief believes reputation is also important in this new world. Now that there is such a convenient thing as the announcement by the World Orb, why would he not exploit his fame?

After they decided in their course of action they moved to the stronghold.

The moment their silhouette is spotted the guards on the towers scream and then most of the guards on the tower either brandish their swords, aimed their arrows, or preparing to throw their spears and javelin.

Some even in shooting position, holding a sniper rifle in their post while some are targeting the duo with fire arms, machineguns, 9mm, and many others.

They are well armed Azief mused which makes this stronghold more mysterious. Modern weapons all disappeared when the light came.

Other than the things you store inside the storage rings, all modern weapons or necessities disappeared after the Light fell.

Then this means whoever supplied this stronghold with weapons, is either someone high up in the military or the most likely theory, the guards or supervisor of a weapon storage facility.

Azief also realizes there are some people who use firearms but their pistol are imprinted by runic design which means their firearms is granted by the World Orb.

So the World Orb did not only grant cold weapons, but also hot weapons to humans.

Interesting he mused.

'Who are you! Identify yourself!' The guards on the front gate said with a deep voice. The guard was bulky and in his hand was a curved saber.

He was Malay. The one on his right side was Chinese.

Sofia let Azief take the lead this time. She on the other hand pointed her arrows to the people on the watch.

Azief approached the main gate slowly.

To the crowds they felt an unexplained dread as the man in the black robe comes approaching.

They couldn't see his face, only the black robe fluttering, as the wind blows his robe gently, each steps soundless, like he didn't even walk those steps but swaying with the wind.

This is not the first time the guards is asking the people coming here to this stronghold the same question but this time he unintentionally screams because of the pressure bearing down on him.

Lord Shadow on the other hand did not stop walking, nor does he offer any explanation.

Sofia just sighed. Faithful to his character she mused as she follows from behind, still overlooking the watchtower.

'STOP!' The guard said but Lord Shadow keep advancing.

He did not run just walking slowly to the front gate but for some reason it is like Death is coming to their doorsteps.

The guards instinct tells him to run, screaming to him to run. But instead in his panic he yelled.

'First Company!'

Then the front gate small door opens and from it appears 12 men who is all armed and armoured.

They look at the approaching man in hood and they said it again

'WHO ARE YOU! STATE YOUR INTENTION AND CEASE YOUR MOVEMENT!'

The leader of the first company is Naim. He looked at the approaching man and the man says nothing.

He could even swear he could see a trace of a smirk on the face under the hood.

'STOP or we will be forced to take action!' the man said.

The reason why Azief is provoking this stronghold is because he wants to know... what kind of place this is.

A tyrant living like a king stronghold or an organized band of people....or bandits.

There is also a fact that this is just fun. He knows he is truly strong and he wanted to strike the fear of God inside the heart of these men.

He wanted to establish superiority. It would be easier for him later.

He could feel that the guards level is mostly around 10 or 12. They are basically ants in his eyes.

The reason why he needs to establish fear? It is to establish power? The reason why he needs to establish power? For the beast!

He could see that the stronghold is not that far away from the beast.

From the trace of battle around the area, one could surmise that they have been attacking the beast countless of times but they failed.

He didn't think this is because of their weak level. Why? Because they have enough number to overwhelmed the beast.

The ranks of the beast are merely an extraordinary beast which is one rank down from Unique rank monster.

The reason why they fail is because of the barriers. Azief could see that they couldn't enter the barrier.

But he believes he could. This quest is tailor made for him.

But if he decided to offer his service to this stronghold he needs to prove his worth. One might ask, why does he need to offer his service when he could easily just as enter the barrier and kill the beast?

Why...it's because of profit of course. Thinking about the gold these people have and pills, he is in a joyful expression.

He has his plan of course.

And the other reason, is to not offend people when he doesn't know the full story. Maybe there is a high leveler in here but Azief doubts it.

Because he couldn't feel that pressure. But still it safer to be safe and just offend them slightly instead of offending them all the way.

But he is sure, among these people there is no Chosen.

The reason why he is sure of this theory is because, if there is a Chosen here in the stronghold, then they should have known about the barrier characteristic.

As long as the barrier is not broken, the monster won't attack the stronghold. The monster is waiting for Chosen to fight with them.

And third reason, a lord, should behave like a lord. He is a superior being than homo sapiens why should he deals with normal people and extra characters?

The leader of this stronghold should meet him and offer respect or something along that line.

'STOP! 'The First Company yelled again. The people on the watchtower did not do anything since there is no order from up top.

They just watched murderously at the duo and in standby position.

There is some trace of determination on his face. The people on the tower also began feeling dreadful.

Who is this duo coming to the stronghold?

People ask them to identify themselves, yet they didn't say a word.

When the first company came the people in the tower smiles in relief since surely they thought the duo would feel a little bit fear and comply with the guards request.

Yet they stubbornly not saying anything which only increases the uneasiness they feel toward these strangers.

This is not the first time they are visited by some weird people. A few days ago they were visited by a man claiming himself to be Thousand Face but he was denied entry.

Then the man disappeared.

Today, a man clad in black and a woman who looks like a Spartan warrior goddess, with a beautiful bow sling on her back coming to their stronghold.

And the scariest part is that even after the First Company shows themselves, the duo still looked calm as a still lake.

'STOP!!!' The first company yelled as they began marching forward. Step by step they moved forward in uniform position. They all used a spear.

Azief smiles.

As Azief walked forward he looked at the leader of the First Company, Naim, murderously. As he did, the man's body suddenly began to shake and his organs felt as if they would stop working.

His bodily function seemed as if it had lost its ability to function. The blood drained from his face, and astonishment filled his eyes.

A massive pressure bore down on him, causing him to shake so violently that he thought he might fall into pieces.

Lord Shadow continued to look at him.

This was the crushing power caused by the vast difference in their race. Azief is not a Malay.

He's not even human any longer. He's a Novus Sapiens, a higher life form and being. Like the difference between an ant and a human.

Naim realizes it at that moment, that the man in front of him is an existence far surpassing him.

Naim knew that by merely lifting his hand, this man, clad in black, face that covered by his hood, and robe caressed by the winds, could explode him into a million pieces. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

An intense, indescribable dread welled up within him.

Shaking, he coughed up blood, as he could feel his internal organ almost stopped functioning.

His hand trembling, all of his hairs stands up, sweat drenching from his back and he even dropped his spear with a loud thud, so scared that he didn't even dare to take a step backward.

The 11 other men had already begun to feel sick to their stomach, but seeing this, seeing the Hooded Man standing there like an imposing mountain, their hearts shook.

They knew that this mountain could exterminate them all in an instant. They trembled and they too, unconsciously, drop their spears.

Azief actually rely only on his racial abilities and fear aura.

The gap between his level and this 12 men in front of them is like the difference between the Heaven and Earth.

As he looked down at the eleven men who trembled in fear, he could see respect and fear in their eyes.

When he looked at them, each and every one of them was shaking in his boots.

Then he spoke and his voice was cold and devoid of emotion which only increase the fear and wariness that the people in the stronghold feel for this man.

'My name is Lord Shadow' he said slowly but nobody dares say anything. Then they remember the notification they read a few days ago.

'Lord Shadow...the one who defeats the Unique monster a few days ago?'

'Is that him?' Some of them whisper.

The guards also feel a little fear. Some of them fight a few of the beast and they know how fearsome a beast is...but this man in front of them defeated a Unique rank monster.

How much power he wields if he could defeat such monster?

From what the guards know from the higher ups, a Unique monster is usually a prehistoric beats and the monster that this Lord Shadow defeated is 40 feet long.

How do they know this? Because they once patrolled the Pahang River before they moved here deep in the forest.

They know the monster that lies deep beneath the river, the size and its power.

So, knowing that one man could achieve what hundreds of them could not do, it fills their heart with fear and awe.

That is even bigger than most dinosaurs.

No wonder, the guards mused.

No wonder, he feels like peeing feeling the pressure of Lord Shadow. Now, he doesn't feel that embarrassed

Then Lord Shadow said

'Call your leader. Bring him here. Tell him that Lord Shadow summons him here.' He said, like a bearing of a King.

Usually one would attribute this kind of thing like being prideful but the leader of the first company doesn't detect that from Lord Shadow.

All he could detect was a pervading fear and coldness originating from Lord Shadow.

Usually if anyone demands to meet the leader they won't be entertained. But, Naim knows the power of this man before him.

Defeating a Unique monster.

Even the Generals on the Headquarters can't defeat such monster. It would take a large operation to try to kill the Unique monster and the casualties would be high.

The man in front of him, could also be categorized as monster.

With one glance, he already destroy whatever fighting spirit he has, and with another glance almost paralyzed his brothers in arms in fear.

'Hurry up' he said and as his gaze swept over them they trembled.

'Yes....Lo..rd shadow. We will inform the Captain.'

'You.' Lord Shadow pointed to one of the guard guarding the front gate and the guards almost wet himself.

'Bring me two chairs.'

'YES!' He screams unintentionally, quickly as he runs inside the front gate and bring Lord Shadow and his lady companion a chair.

The woman behind Lord Shadow just giggles. When the chair is handed to them, they sit leisurely in front of the gate.

The people who are fighting the Demonic Erthen also retreats back to the stronghold, but they returned from the back so they didn't know about the commotion.

That day, the administrative center of the stronghold is in a mess as the Head Captain get a report and when he heard that the man waiting in front on his front gate is Lord Shadow, he canceled all of his plan for that day and rushes from his office to greet the man.

On the other hand, Lord Shadow and Sofia was sipping tea on the front gate. It was like they are in a picnic in front of the gate ,unmindful of everything.

As Lord Shadow smiles under his hood, he mused.

This is the disposition of the strong. He mused

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The guards look warily at the duo on the front of the gate. They don't know what to do other than the wait for the higher ups to decide.

In just a short time, many people inside the stronghold have congregated nearby the gate.

Some young people, teenagers mostly would climb the watchtower and see below them, a man clothed in black and a woman who is dressed like a Spartan warrior goddess, with a beautiful bow sling on her back.

'Who is that?' One of them whispered, their fingers pointed to the man under the hood.

Other girls who also climb the tower admired the woman with the bow. Powerful and calm even in such situation.

They remember when the monster first came.

They were in fear and if not for the Captains and the Vice Captains they all would probably end up as the monster meals.

The guards on the watchtower dare not relax and is full of tension. They knew whoever this two people is they are strong.

Not to mention, the man clothed in black is Lord Shadow. They all read the announcement from the system a few days ago.

They could only imagine the terror this man could do to this stronghold.

There is also the fact that a few moments before, the guards on the watchtower could see that Lord Shadow could summon monsters.

There is some beast tamer in the stronghold but mostly they tamed chickens or bats or praying mantis, mostly insect and the likes.

It's not that they didn't want to train high level monster but to get a high level monster is hard.

Not to mention the people here in the stronghold is not all brave and dares to fight the beast and the zombies.

Even those who dare to fight zombies sometimes do not dare to fight beast. Then, there are those who could kill beast, but could not kill zombies.

The psyche of human minds is mysterious.

Only those who have strengthened their will to survive and persevere would be able to stand on top.

The crowds who were trying to peek at the visitors crowded near the main gate on the inside but then when the crowd spotted someone they all give way.

'It's the Head Captain' one of the men on the crowds said and the crowds all look at the direction of the man.

The man is large build and he has a thick moustache and he usually seen to be in control but not today. Today he look anxious and excited all at the same time.

Beside him were the Captains.

Captain Hatta and Captain Sita. Captain Hatta who was the Captain of the First Company. Captain Sita who was in charge of the Second Company.

Beside Captain Sita was the Vice Captains. Vice-Captain Rani and Vice-Captain Lakshmi.

The crowds immediately open a path for these highest people in the stronghold in position to move.

Arriving at the main gate, the man guarding the gate quickly saluted.

‘Open the gates’ Head Captain ordered.

There is a trace of nervousness written all over the Head Captain face.

The guards were shocked to see this kind of appearance from a man so high in position. Naim who was waiting for the Captains did not think that even the Head Captains would appear.

He quickly went to Captain Hatta and asks in a low voice.

‘Why did even the Head Captain come down from his office?’ He asked.

Hatta who was never a heavy talker look on the main gate with a solemn expression.

Naim thought his captain would not say anything so he shut his mouth up but then his captain said.

‘We met him once before.’ He said, there is some sort of feelings in his voice.

A hint of respect and Naim knows that is rare. His captain did not even shows respect to the General so.....why would he even shows respect to some unknown stranger?

But hearing that his captain knows Lord Shadow before, Naim concluded there must be a story there, but he didn’t ask further.

The sound of creaking can be heard and Azief who was just finishing his cup of tea, look at the main gate and he grins.

Then the main gate open and when he sees the person leading the crowd, he was shocked.

Sofia too who was sitting beside Azief is shocked.

‘It’s them’ she said. Azief just nodded.

‘Hamad’ he said slowly and then Azief look at how he changed.

His clothes are more sophisticated than before and he wears an armour that is very eye-catching.

Even Hamad boots is very beautiful.

He has grown he mused

But what surprises him the most was the fact that Hamad is still alive.

‘Lord Shadow, we meet again’ Hamad firsts started the conversation.

Hamad still remembers how overbearing this character Lord Shadow is and now the second time they meet it doesn't seem his overbearingness decreases.

It's more like he is even more overbearing than before.

But he also recognizes that Lord Shadow would be very powerful. Even then, he was defeated easily by Lord Shadow.

And a few days ago, he also reads that Lord Shadow defeated the Unique rank monster.

The fact that he knows and did not send any company to try to search for the Unique book is testament of how highly he views Lord Shadow.

Even though he knew he could send people to the river, why would he readily offend a man of such character, so unpredictable and overbearing?

After all his job here is not to get some Unique book. It is his job to maintain the stronghold here in Temerloh and then expand to the other city on Pahang.

The General has given him this responsibility, this job to him and appointed him to the Head Captain.

And if he could recruit Lord Shadow in the Great Plan, then wouldn't the General give him more skill books and pills? this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

'Yes' Lord Shadow said, not putting the head Captain in his eyes. He did not even get up from his seat, but his eyes look at Hamad.

'You have grown stronger, Hamad.'

'And you have created waves, Lord Shadow' Hamad said.

'It seems you survived the Light.' Lord Shadow said, looking unimpressed.

'We did. But not without sacrifices.' And saying this Hamad face hardens.

'Who dies?' Lord Shadow ask calmly

'4 people under Hatta' and Hatta just bitterly smiles and he bowed slightly at Lord Shadow.

'Hmm' Lord Shadow replies.

Then for a while there is some awkward silence since Lord Shadow did not say anything after that.

Sofia who was beside Azief began pouring the tea to her cup and the sound of water being poured is the only sound on the area.

The crowds look at the duo acting nonchalantly like nothing is up, even though all the big characters in the stronghold are in front of him.

One of the young kids on the stronghold looks at the imposing image of Lord Shadow and he admired and even wished that he wanted to become like that someday.

In the stronghold, the warriors and the support levelers is vital existence but....in front of Captains and Vice Captains even they must bow their heads.

The captains and the vice-captain are all great people, strong and very powerful, killing beast like cutting leaves, fearless and brave.

But now, in front of these strangers they didn't dare say anything rude, while these strangers are in leisure, sipping tea in the middle of the forest.

One is sitting leisurely, while the other one was standing in respect.

Even in a kid's eye, it is obvious who the superior ones are. The things that the kids saw and think, how could the adults not think it too?

'Lord Shadow, is there anything you would like? Anything I could help you with?'

'I would like to enter the city but those guards ask me to identify myself. So I teach them a light lesson'

Hearing this Hamad also doesn't know how to explain it. Of course the guards would ask any strangers to identify themselves.

If not what use are the guards waiting in front of the main gate. Stool?

'Ehem, Lord Shadow I'm sorry if that offends you but of course the guards will ask you to identify yourself. If you have only identified yourselves, then surely the guards would not prohibit you from entering.'

Hamad explains logically and the Vice Captains and the crowds nodded on the Head captain explanation.

It is logical and concise.

'I don't like it' Lord Shadow said calmly and the crowds is shocked. He doesn't like it so it is wrong?

What kind of overbearing this is? If he says white is black, does the people have to nod?

Azief is simply bullying right now. But the truth is, he just wanted to show to Sofia and Hamad something.

Sofia looking at this spectacle chuckles.

Even though Hamad is humiliated in front of the crowd, he just endures it and not say anything. Sofia learns something.

Power is all that matters in this new world.

Even though this stronghold has many people and looks formidable when she first arrive here, as time pass by, she didn't feel that this stronghold is anything special.

She concluded that with her Torrents of Arrows she could decimate the watch tower and riddles the inside of the stronghold with arrows

Then with Azief powerful strength they could wreak havoc and chaos before escaping. So what if their numbers are superior?

They have quantity but Sofia and Azief has quality. In a world of magics, monsters, and levels, do numbers really means that much?

Injury could be heal by drinking potions, strength could be gained by eating rare meats and eating pills, and when evolved, leaping through building is no longer constricted into web novels, or sci fi movies but could be achieved by everyone.

Unless there are thousands of people in there then handling this stronghold is easy matter.

And after she talked to Azief and confirms that there is no high level opponent, she is even more confident.

In the world right now, there is not even a person who reached level 39.

People who has reached level 30 right now has exceed ten but still not approaching 20. Azief also get the rewards after the 10 list of the Hall of Fame was updated.

So, right now, in the world, he has no rivals.

He is truly sitting on the peak of supremacy right now, but he also knows, that since he got this luck he should remain at the top.

If anyone got any fortuitous encounter like him then his seat on the top will not be that high any longer.

And he also realizes that when you evolved, the things that matter most is not how fast you could level up but the quality of the level up.

That is why he keeps repressing his evolution. In level, he has no comparison.

At least when it concern humans. Beast that rivals and surpassed him is many and still roamed the earth.

Those that was Ultimate or high tier ranks monster however is in hibernation and asleep until they are activated.

That is another factor why he wanted to become stronger. Titles and being the strongest is secondary to his primary objective...which is to survive.

Sofia whispered onto Azief ears.

'That's enough don't you think?' She said still chuckling. Azief looks at Hamad and then he smirks under his hood and then he said coldly.

'I'm just kidding.' Even though he said that, no one wanted to laugh because Lord Shadow said it with no laughter or smiles.

It was more like a statement.

Cold. That is how they could describe Lord Shadow.

'Hamad' he said as he got up from his chair

'Would you mind giving me a tour inside your stronghold?' He ask but it was more like an order.

Not to mention his racial aura is always emitted and fill Hamad and his Captains heart with an overbearing pressure.

Sofia who is almost breaking to Level 30 does not feel the pressure bearing on down her to much these days.

And it helps that she is being tempered by that aura every second of every day considering they are always together.

But for people who are far from reaching level 30 and didn't have as many pills as Azief and Sofia, bearing the pressure to talk with him is considered good enough.

Hamad and his Captains are on the mid 20s level. Which is why they could converse with Lord Shadow without being too heavily suppress.

If Azief emitted the full power of his racial superiority, the same thing that happens to the guard will happen to Hamad and his Captains

Hamad hearing Lord Shadow request quickly say

'Of course. Of course. It would be my pleasure' He said excitedly.

Saying this he quickly escorts the duo inside the stronghold

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INSIDE THE STRONGHOLD

'What does that store?' Azief pointed to one of the shed. this content of novelfullbook.com, if you reading this content please go to website novelfullbook.com to continue reading, fastest update hourly

'That is our food storage. That is meat' he pointed to one of the shed,

'That is vegetables.' Hamad pointed to another shed like barn

'And what's that?' Sofia pointed to another one with 10 guards posted around it. Azief also curios about that shed since it is so heavily protected.

'That is our Rewards and Acquisition Shed.'

'Rewards and acquisition shed? What's that?' Azief ask

'That is where we put our skill books, pills, potions, weapons, armour and the rest of the world orb system.'

Hamad explains

Hearing this Sofia and Azief both are shocked but they do not shows their shock on their expressions.

Then Sofia asked,

'Why would you do that?' Clearly Sofia is puzzled.

Azief on the other hand began understanding what this stronghold is all about. Control he deduced.

Looking at the people inside the stronghold they are mostly civilians. Looking at the guards, there are warriors as the foot soldiers.

Archers guarded the watchtowers. Knights as the vanguards. Mages as long distance weapons. Support class as the hospitals.

These are systematic, in order....but mostly.....controlled.

If not how could they create this kind of environment? Their classes, their specialties is decided by the higher ups that control this stronghold.

Azief could see this in just one glance.

Heh, it seems there are some ambitious people out there. Hamad was entertaining Sofia, answering all her question when suddenly Lord Shadow ask

‘What is the hierarchy inside this stronghold?’

Hearing this, Hamad also hesitates to tell Lord Shadow because, he in a way, could guess what Lord Shadow reactions going to be, but then with a sigh he said.

‘Let us enter one of the barrack and speak there.’ He said.

Azief and Sofia nodded. It seems that this conversation would be private. They walked to the barrack.

When Hamad enters he quickly orders all the officers and the recruits inside the barrack to clear the place.

The only one inside the barrack is the Captains, Vice-Captain, Hamad, Sofia and Azief.

Azief sit down and Sofia sat beside him. Then Hamad also sits down while the captains and Vice-Captain still stand and then Hamad begin his explanation

‘When the Light fell, we didn’t know what to do’ he said bitterly.

‘All around us was tall trees, and green grass. We heard monsters, we saw zombies eaten by some moving trees. It was terrifying and we were always in peril. For a few days we move in silence. We lose people. Then we reach what used to Mentakab. There.....we meet the Vice Commander.’

And saying this, clearly there is a hint of awe and respect in Hamad tone regarding this man called the Vice Commander

‘Vice Commander?’ Sofia said puzzled.

‘When the Fall began, Putrajaya crumbles, KL was destroyed, ravaged by monsters. Millions died in a single days, cities were burned and turns to ash. From the ashes, comes a group. They called themselves the Party for All Malaysians.’

‘A political party in the middle of an apocalypse?’ and Azief almost break character and laugh but he endures it.

‘Not a political party’ Hamad said and this time his facial expression was clearly hinting to something dark.

'A military one. It was led by two generals.'

'You mean real military?' Azief said. But one thing stays in his mind. The words that Hamad said, sparked soothing in his mind.

The words, two generals and something clicked in his mind, the wheels turning as a few thing is enlightened to him.

He didn't say anything neither is his expression betrays his newfound information but he clearly has some ideas about some things and even though it is just a conjecture at this points, at least he has a place to start from.

He did not ask the name of the two generals instead he keep on listening to Hamad

'Don't know' Hamad said. Then he continued

'I don't really know whether the General really did come from the military or not but they possesses enough people following them and establishes a stronghold in the middle of KL after the beast retreated. Everyone been calling them general and they do look the part. The reason why they built the stronghold in the middle of KL is because when the meteor strikes, there is some those meteorites that crashed to the earth right?'

Azief nodded.

'That meteorite that falls did not bring the monsters. They bring the Teleport stones.' Then Hatta explain to the duo about teleport stones.

'So, that's the reason they build a stronghold there!' Azief exclaimed.

Now wonder! If the teleport stone could transport the low level players to other part of the country, to every state, this party could gain control and information easily.

'Yes, so they could send their army to pacify the country.' Hamad said excitedly. Clearly he supports this party.

But Azief clearly could not agree with this. Sending armies? Establishing controls? These are the worst case scenario he once thought of.

Some selfish people, is carving Malaysia and creating their own sphere of influence. Warlords.....are emerging.

And what better way to carve a fallen nation then during chaos, by offering safety and security.....by sacrificing liberty and freedom?

While Azief is conjecturing in his mind about all the things he found about this stronghold, Sofia ask Hamad.

'How does this got to do with you?' Sofia asked.

'Well, when we reached Mentakab we saw that there is a stronghold and we enter the gates. Entering we were given a choice. Either we join them and relinquish our World Orb items or after three days we would be evicted from the stronghold.'

Threats, huh? Azief mused. That would work.

'And you choose to stay. Protection by sacrificing liberty. Hmph' Azief snorted. He clearly looks down on such person.

How could they become stronger like that? Hamad, Hatta, and Sita and the Vice Captains all smiles bitterly.

'Not all people are like you, Lord Shadow.' Hamad said bitterly. How could a strong man like Lord Shadow understand?

Weak people have their ways. "You can't run away" is an ideal for the strong.

And not all people are as brave or could endure what happens after the fall. Some lost loved ones and could no longer get up.

Some lost courage and give up. Some found no other meanings, and they stop.

But hope...hope keeps the heart alive. And the Party is a beacon of hope for the weak. A hope of normalcy, a hope for security....a hope for things to get better.

And in front of hope...people will be blinded by any logic and reason, and would surrender almost anything.

To people who can stay and stand their ground, to not be swayed and get up from their despair, to not lose courage and to find a purpose in this new world, these people could easily see the discrepancies of the intention of this Party.

Because these kind of people.....are strong. Both mind and body. Seeing Hamad and his subordinates bitterly accepting their positions, Azief could not stand it.

'Hmph. Was I born strong? In the beginning, I was also weak!' He shot back to Hamad.

Sofia glares at Azief and Azief stop rebuking them. Calming himself down, he asked these people a question

'How many?' Azief asked them

'How many what?'

'How many of these strongholds have these generals constructed and how many states have they pacified?'

'From what I heard from our last messengers, four states have had the stronghold and each stronghold is now trying to pacify each region.'

Hamad answers

'Which states?' Lord Shadow asked

'Pahang, Terengganu, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur' Hamad replies again

'And the hierarchy?'

'Recruits, Normal Recruits, Officers, Vice-Captain, Captains, Head Captain, Vice Commander, Commander, Vice General, General.'

'Pretty simple' Sofia said, nodding her head

'Yes, this is the beginning.' Hatta said from behind

'And each thing is regulated, no?' Azief said, and there is a trace of ridicule here. Hamad obviously did not miss that ridicule and his face redden.

He very much supported the Party and its vision for a new Malaysia, and very much desires the peace that Malaysian have protected and preserve for 59 years.

'Yes.' Hamad replied in a slightly higher tone

'Skill books, items, pills all this belong to the individuals.' Azief coldly said

'The Generals are trying to create back the former government' Hamad said proudly.

As he used to work for the government he is very loyal to the government which is why he so easily enters the Party.

'By exploiting the weak and desperate?' Azief asked, his tone was laced with ridicule and condescension.

Sofia glares at Azief but Azief would not back down on this matter.

It's one thing for users to rob items or pill against one another, but to exploit the weak and desperate, to play on their hopes and takes away their liberty.....he could not stand it.

'Don't you see what they are doing, Hamad?' Azief asked, hoping for him to see some sense and snap out of it

Hamad clearly rose to the occasion and defended the party with great vehemence. Of course Lord Shadow is not surprised instead he listen calmly

'The party provides protections and security. While it is true, that each class is regulated and resources like skill books are stored for the party it does not belong to the Generals but belongs to those who did great merits. Not to mention, hunting with a group is means increased safety and less of a risk. What do you have against government anyway?' Hamad said slightly angry

'Hmph!' Azief snorted

'Protection and security? What protection and security? There are beast out there that could destroy your so called stronghold with a swish of their tails. Does not belong to the General? Belongs to those people who did great deeds? Those people who win you those skill books are the one who should lay claims to the books! You must ask those low level people to kill high level monster right? After all a lower level person killing a higher level monster would drop more gold and items. What is this if not exploitation?'

Each one of his word struck a nerve with Hamad who was a staunch supporter of the Party vision and goals.

His face turned red and he was very angry. Not a few hours passed and Lord Shadow has clearly seen their method of operations and then mocked them for it.

How many people were saved because they work in a group? While it is true, that people level up harder when fighting in a group but at least they're safe.

In Azief opinion, unless you did not dare risk your life in this new world, you will always be mediocre.

What use of making the world anew, if the same kind of people keeps ruling it?

'Classes regulated? Do you want to let humanity perish? The world orb specifically said to grow stronger, not to play governments!' Azief said passionately.

And clearly there is some anger in his voice.

How could the people here be so stupid? Hearing the word government did that blind their eyes, dull their senses? Do they not realize that they are being exploited?

If you become strong enough, why would you need protection?

Everyone can be as strong as him, if not stronger than him if they only fight and persevere and not trying to find the easy way out.

Being strong is the only way.

It's not like Azief don't want to sit calmly under the umbrella of government but even as he thinks of what the government could do for him, he could not think of any that would guarantee him survival in this new world.

He met a Unique rank monster and that monster is formidable enough to even destroy a city if it run amuck.

Imagine if Apex ranks monster appears, this stronghold, would probably be destroy by one breath.

This is why he could call them idiots.

The government function has always been to govern. But what could you govern in a world starting anew with evolutions, magics and monster?

The government also provides security and protects the people of the country. But in this new world, the government couldn't do anything and most have been destroyed when the fall came.

There is no security guaranteed. No safety net from the government. No guarantee for anything.

You could only trust in your strength and those around you.

Then he said at Hamad again

'Hunting with a group increased safety? Hamad, there is no safe place anymore! The resources don't belong to the Party? Who would believe that? I'm not a ten year old kid to be deceived by some sweet words.'

This time Hamad could not stuff his feeling any longer and he explodes.

'You...you! All the people inside this stronghold are hoping that General Razak and General Bashar to succeed in establishing back the governments! You...you are evicted! Get out!' He yelled.

'Head Captain!' Hatta said behind him trying to calm down the Head Captain.

On the other hand, Sofia just shakes her head while Azief just look at Hamad and could not understand how he could be so blind.

A difference of ideals he mused.

'Hmph. I would not stay in this stronghold a moment longer even if you begged. Since we have different ideals, then I would not force you. But when my words are proven true, don't regret it!'

Lord Shadow leaves that dire warning as he got up.

Waving his hand, he activated telekinesis and the barrack door open like a gust of wind attack the door and the door fly open.

Azief got up and began leaving the barracks no fearing any resistance while Hamad is still looking angrily at Lord Shadow, while Hatta face was plastered with a very complicated expression.

Each and every one hearing what Lord Shadow words, have their own thoughts.

Not everyone is as loyal as Hamad to a party not even a month old, and not everyone believes the promise the party has promised.

Each and every one of them has made their own choices, and each of them have different objective and reason why they follow the Party.

Hamad loyalty is because of his faith towards government. Hatta, because of the mutual benefit. Sita stays because of her friends.

Azief? A wandering soul in isolation has no need for a place to belong. And when he made that oath with Sofia, he was no longer alone.

And together they would take on the world. Together, they can do anything.

Sofia also got up calmly and follows Azief out.

'You should be a little patient with them' she said as they walked to the main gate.

'I have no patience dealing with idiots' he said coldly.

'Hmm. You care that's why you scold them.' Azief did not reply to Sofia statement and Sofia just smiles.

He really doesn't know how to express his emotion a little bit more gently .Just say that he didn't want them to be deceived. Instead he picked up a fight she mused as she shakes her head, looking at Azief behavior.

He is misunderstood. She mused and then she remembers the class clown before and she asked herself.

What happen in those years that change someone so bright to become so cold? One day, she hopes that she will know.

When they reach the main gate, the main gate was already shut down.

Hamad who look at Lord Shadow back began sighing in regret. He was too hot headed and was about to console Lord Shadow again.

It was fortunate that the main gate was shut tight. It will give him time to console the duo.

But then something unexpected happens. Lord Shadow jump up and he arrived on the watchtower easily almost like he was flying.

With one leaps, he arrived at the watchtower. Seeing this, the people on the yard could not help but take a breath.

Could human do things like that? They seem to be asking themselves and some even rubbed their eyes, not believing what they are seeing.

The same could be said for Sofia who jumps and gracefully lands on top of the watchtower.

'Wait! Please wait!' Hamad said as he is running towards the duo direction. But the duo has already jumped down the tall watchtower leisurely.

The one who was most shocked is of course the guards on the watchtower.

They built high walls to prevent people from scaling the walls, and high stairs to reach the watch tower but in front of this duo, one jump is all they need.

Living under the well, the frogs think the well is the whole world.

The frog in the well was happy. It wasn't interested what was outside the well. The frog in the well was happy.

It was reclusive to anything that happened outside the well. And you all were happy. Because you didn't know what occurred outside the well.

This is what Azief thought about those people living inside the stronghold. So many threats outside and they think they are safe in a wooden box?

Laughable.

The guards look down as the duo landed with grace and without even a broken bone.

Looking at this they are truly shocked. Jumping from such a high distance and not even a bit hurt.

In their stronghold there is nobody could do such feats. That is because they are regulated and each resource is given to the stronghold.

To Azief, they all have a screw loose in their heads. The path to strength is in front of them, yet they give it to another.

What idiocy! Of course they couldn't defeat Lord Shadow and Sofia. The duo eats pills, beast meat, and learns every skill that they could buy and get.

Looking back at the stronghold, Lord Shadow sighed.

'Plan B?' Sofia asked, still smiling after they landed.

'Plan B.' Azief said smirking.

And they rush back inside the forest.