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"Who dares covet the sword of the Monarch?"

"Yongjun? What are you talking about?"

Strange words came out of Kim Yongjun's mouth as he grabbed the handle of the sword.

The captain, who tried to stop him, instantly felt frightened.

Swoosh.

Yongjun took the sword.

"I'm asking who dared covet the sword of the Monarch."

His eyes were stained red as he repeated the same words.

"Y-Yongjun? Are you alr..."

Slash!

"...!"

He slit the Captain's throat.

A fountain of blood gushed out.

Silence passed over that absurd scene, as if time had stopped momentarily.

Then.

"W-What-!"

"Ack! Captain!"

The hunters behind came running in fear.

"Y-Yongjun! Why did you...!"

Slash!

Another head got cut.

"Yongjun!"

Only then did they realize.

Blood flowed from Kim Yongjun's eyes as he pointed the sword towards them.

"Who dares covet the sword of the Monarch?"

He then laughed wickedly seeing the bloodbath.

Grumble!

A wolf howl began to resonate around the ruins.

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Chills.

Beru's eyes changed in an instant.

He turned his head and stared hard at the darkness of the dungeon.

[...What was that?]

"What's wrong?"

Suho asked Beru whose gaze was fixated in that area.

[I suddenly felt the presence of a Monarch.]

"Monarch? My father?"

[No. There used to be not only one monarch.]

Beru explained.

Originally, not only the Shadow Monarch but several Monarchs existed in this universe.

However, when they invaded Earth, all of them were annihilated by the Shadow Monarch Sung Jinwoo.

"Then, that wasn't my father?"

[If that was the case, my power would have been recharged in an instant. But my mana is still the same, and this energy... It's something that I know very well.]

Right then.

Awooooooh!

There was again another wolf howl.

Starting with that, the howls of ferocious monsters began to be heard simultaneously from all directions.

Grumble!

Awooooooh!

"W-What's that?"

"What is happening?"

The miners' complexions turned pale and they looked around anxiously.

-Aaaaaaahhh!

Finally, screams were heard.

It was the voice of people who went further to go mine.

-Ahhhhh! T-There's...!

Every minute the screams were getting louder and closer.

Then.

"Awooh!"

A wolf suddenly attacked Suho from behind.

[Young Master!]

"I know!"

Suho thrust the pickaxe he was holding into the wolf's mouth.

Crack!

"What the hell?"

Its teeth were so hard that the pickaxe was crushed to pieces.

But, that was able to buy some time.

Spit-!

As the wolf chewed up the pickaxe and spit it out, Suho gave an order to the shadow goblins.

"Attack!"

[Krrrrk!]

The 3 shadow goblins attacked the wolf at the same time.

"Kreureung!"

But it was not enough.

The shadow goblins were also holding the same mining pickaxe that Suho used, and the wolf also chewed those up.

The bodies of the goblins were bitten and torn apart, too.

But.

Swoosh-.

Right then, the magic that escaped from Suho's body returned the bodies of the shadow goblins to their original state.

[Khiiiiikk! The shadow goblins are immortal. They can be revived with Young Master's power!]

In an instant, the revived shadow goblins clung to the wolf's body.

Then they stabbed the broken pickaxe into the wolf's body mercilessly.

Slash! Slash! Slash!

"Grrrr!"

The wolf, which had been charging vigorously, tumbled on the floor, screaming unsightly.

[You have killed a Steel-Tooth Lycan.]

"No wonder it can chomp the pickaxe."

However, just killing one isn't enough to alleviate the situation.

The number of wolves that appeared was dozens, and the miners were being bitten helplessly by the wolves' steel teeth.

"Ackk!"

"Their teeth...!"

The pickaxes were of no use in combat.

'Inventory!'

Suho hurriedly took out the goblin's stone axe he had acquired in his inventory and gave it to the shadow goblins one by one.

[Young Master! Even these stone axes will be shattered if bitten by the wolves!]

"I have as many axes as I can!"

Suho shouted as he threw a stone axe at the wolf that was attacking the miner.

Thuck!

The stone axe flew and hit the wolf's body.

"Grrr!"

[It's not dead yet!]

'Ruler's Power!'

A transparent hand stretched out from Suho's hand.

It then picked up the stone axe that had fallen on the floor and struck the wolf's head.

Thuck!

The monster burst out in agony and died.

[You have killed a Steel-Tooth Lycan.]

That was just the beginning.

"Everyone, gather here!"

Suho screamed so that the confused miners could hear it.

To save them, he jumped between the wolves without hesitation, holding a stone axe in both hands.

[Krrrrrk!]

The three shadow goblins following him raised their axes.

However, the order that Suho gave to them was different.

"Don't attack, just bite and distract them!"

[Krrrk?!]

The shadow goblins were confused.

"Keep running away and lure all the wolves down that passageway!"

[Krrrrrrrk!]

Killing the wolves one by one wouldn't be efficient.

At Suho's command, the shadow goblins began to scream and lure the wolves away.

In the process, their body was constantly bitten and torn, but they kept coming back to life eventually weakening the wolves.

"Grrrrr!"

"Awooooh!"

In the end, most of the wolves became frantic chasing the three shadow goblins.

And when they all went into the passageway in the corner.

"Close the passage now!"

The miners who were sitting on the ground covered in wounds hurriedly got up.

Then, they brought all the carts of mana stones he had collected so far and piled them up in front of the passageway where the wolves entered.

"Huff."

After somehow blocking the passage, the miners collapsed on the ground helplessly.

"What just happened? How did those monsters come all the way here?"

"What happened to the raiders in front?"

Anxiety appeared on their faces.

It was rare for monsters to reach the mining area far behind the raiders.

Not unless...

"Could it be that all of the raiders died?"

"No, because when they went inside, they knew that there were only wolves inside."

"This was only a D-Class dungeon as well."

Grrr! Awooooh!

The wolves growled from behind the blocked passage.

"What should we do?"

At this rate, there was no guarantee that the way out would be safe.

"Beru?"

Suho called Beru, who had been staring into the depths of the dungeon ever since.

Beru's expression was serious.

[Young Master, it seems that something serious has happened. After all, I'm sensing the energy of the Beast Monarch.]

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"Beast Monarch?"

[He is the king of the beasts who were killed at the hands of the Shadow Monarch. It seems that there is someone who is working behind those wolves.]

"Are you saying that someone who has already died has come back to life?"

[...I can't completely figure it out. The power to rise from the dead is something only the Shadow Monarch can do in this universe. However, even with the shadow power of monarch-level beings, they could not be resurrected. They are not simply dead, but their existence itself has vanished.]

So, it was nonsense that the extinct monarch would come back to life.

[This aura is most likely to be the remnants of the Beast Monarch that flowed through the dimensional rift.]

Beru, who finished explaining, looked at Suho resolutely.

[Young Master, let's run away from here.]

"Run away?"

Suho made a puzzled expression.

Beru, who had been aiming to fight and kill all the time, is now showing the exact opposite.

[I've been constantly saying this, but Young Master's strength is less than that of Larva right now. It's so weak that if you fall into it and the monarch class hits you, you'll die in an instant. We need to get out of here as soon as possible.]

"...Aren't you just upset that I gave you some mana stones instead?"

Suho remembered clearly.

Since earlier, he had been calling Suho a larva, but now he's saying that Suho is at a level lower than that of a larva.

Right then.

Grumble!

The hole they had been trying to block suddenly exploded.

"Aaaahhh! The passage opened!"

The miners, who were relieved that they had barely contained the wolves, moved immediately and grabbed their pickaxes.

However, unlike the expectation that the wolves would come out all at once, a familiar face walked out of it.

"Mr. Kim Yongjun!"

A miner who recognized his face called him.

He said that Yongjun was an acquaintance who was among the raiders.

"What the hell happened inside? We all almost died!"

"...."

He approached naturally, but Kim Yongjun just looked at him expressionlessly.

The sword in his hand moved.

Slash!

"Move out!"

Grab!

Suho's Ruler's Power grabbed the back of the miner.

But, just like a flash, Kim Yongjun's sword already slit his neck.

Slash.

As a thin red line formed on his neck, his complexion turned white and he fell to the ground.

"Grrrr."

Red eyes staring at them arrogantly.

Kim Yongjun opened his mouth.

"Who dares invade the habitat of the Beast Monarch? This is the sanctuary where the king of the great beasts dwelt."

Thud!

"...!"

At that moment, an enormous amount of energy exploded from his whole body.

"Fwoosh."

An ominous aura making it impossible for everyone to even breathe covered the area.

[Effect: Fear' has been activated.]

[The player's ability is reduced by 50% in 1 minute]

Suho's body became heavy.

[We need to run away right now.]

Beru whispered hastily.

[Khhhk. If only I had my strength intact, there would have been no problem...]

It's not an exaggeration. Beru's power was completely exhausted from unlocking Suho's seal.

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Beru, who was muttering as if he were angry, looked at Suho's face and paused for a moment.

Suho's gaze towards Kim Yongjun was burning hot.

Right then.

[A quest has arrived.]

The quest window appeared in front of Suho.

[Urgent Quest: Defeat the enemy!]

There are beings with intent to kill the 'player' around. Kill it to secure the player's safety

Number of enemies to kill: 1

Number of enemies killed: 0

Beru spoke in an urgent tone.

[Young Master! Just ignore this quest. The weak have their own way of fighting. Like before, let's run away using the shadow goblins as a shield.]

"Okay."

Suho muttered in a soft voice.

Beru's eyes brightened.

[I will guide you on the way out!]

"...Let's fight this."

[What?!]

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Suho's eyes wandered around.

The miners were frozen in fear.

They were the same smiley, chatty, and hardworking people earlier today.

That man was the man who handed him water, saying that he must have been having a lot of trouble.

And that man was also the one who demonstrated how to pickaxe.

"You want me to leave these people and run alone?"

[Young Master, I don't care about the lives of those humans. I have a mission.]

Beru said firmly.

The life of Suho, the son of the Shadow Monarch, was more precious to Beru than the lives of anyone on Earth.

Even if all the humans in this place died, it was Beru's mission to keep Suho alive and return.

"I'm not just saying this out of a sense of justice."

Suho glanced around.

"All passageways are blocked anyway."

Grrrrr.

Before they knew it, numerous wolves were camped in the passage leading out of the dungeon.

In order to escape from this place, there was no choice but to defeat the enemy.

"Also... it doesn't seem like there's any other way."

Suho smiled faintly as he saw Kim Yongjun leading countless wolves.

Seeing this, Beru suddenly felt strange.

Looking at Suho, who he thought was weak, the appearance of Sung Jinwoo from a long time ago overlapped.

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The 'ghost' of the Beast Monarch was feeling a sense of exaltation.

When he woke up from a long sleep, his master was nowhere to be seen and he was surrounded by insignificant humans.

'That's funny. They're like weak worms.'

Even though I only shed a little bit of my energy, they were already shaking with fear.

'Ah, just how weak are they?'

They must be killed then.

In this world, the weak get eaten and the strong take everything.

Drool.

Kim Yongjun's body was dominated by hunger. He licked his lips looking at the small creatures.

"You weak bugs, you guys don't deserve to live. It would be much more useful if you die and become wolf food."

At that moment, Kim Yongjun's hand moved by itself.

Then, he swung the sword at the humans.

"Die."

Slash!

But it didn't go as planned.

Suddenly, a shadow goblin jumped in between and got cut instead.

[Krrrk!]

Its body was split in half and then flashed a wronged expression on its face.

It was as if it wasn't sacrificing on its own will.

"...What's with you little ones?"

The ghost looked at the goblins blocking his way with a puzzled expression.

[Krrrrrk!]

The ghost thought that those little guys seemed to have lost their fears looking at how they attacked him.

"Your kind are the ones who don't know the strong. Well, it's only natural to see such a survival instinct seeing the Beast Monarch."

Slash!

He swung his sword mercilessly and cut down the goblins again.

But what is this?

The bodies of the fallen goblins were instantly healed and they stood up again.

[Krrrk!]

"Huh?"

The useless attack made the ghost look annoyed.

The wolves under his command rushed at the same time and tore the goblins' bodies again without mercy.

He stopped paying attention to them and looked back at the humans.

The miners were running.

"Funny. Are those buggy-like insignificant creatures struggling to survive?"

Unfortunately, however, the direction they were heading was not the way out, but a passage deeper into the dungeon.

"Go after them."

"Grrrrrr!"

At his command, numerous wolves ran after them.

The ghost looked in the opposite direction.

It was outside the dungeon, where there was a gate to Earth.

'What is that place?'

There could be countless lives out there.

Each one of them was weak, but because of that, his appetite grew even more.

'The weak should be eaten.'

The ghost looked down at his own body.

A hunter named Kim Yongjun.

The human's body was already dead, but from now on it would become his own body and be used for his own advantage.

Alas, what an honor for this lowly fellow!

'I will eat your fill. I will personally eat all the creatures in that world beyond.'

The ghost's eyes glowed greedily.

He walked slowly, dragging a number of wolves with him.

But that was then.

Swoosh-!

"Ah."

A stone axe suddenly flew past the back of his head.

Sensing the presence, the ghost shook his sword with a disapproving expression and brushed off the attack.

"Such a pity! I almost hit him!"

"...Almost?"

The ghost looked at the human who threw the stone axe with a puzzled expression.

Right then, another stone axe flew from Suho's hand.

"Is this a struggle of the weak?"

Grab.

The ghost raised his sword again and deflected the attack.

When he blocked it, another came flying again.

Swoosh!

"No."

Bounced off again.

Then it flew again.

"Hey."

Bounced off again.

Then again...

"How many axes do you have?!"

In the end, the ghost couldn't stand it and burst into anger.

Meanwhile, axes came flying again.

"Kill him first!"

Growl!

The wolves, who were about to leave the gate at the command of the ghost, turned around at the same time and started chasing after Suho.

[Young Master! Now you have to run!]

"Okay, let's hide!"

"Stay there, you bastard!"

Growl! Awooooh!

Suho escaped the wolves and hid in the cave again.

However, there were too many wolves chasing them, and the speed was so fast that they were surrounded in an instant.

"Tsk. In the end, small things end up being eaten like this."

The ghost laughed at Suho and ordered his death.

"Kill him. Tear that bastard limb from limb and chew to the bone."

Grrrrr!

The wolves attacked Suho all at once.

At that moment, Suho smiled and inserted the key into his shadow.

Clack!

[Do you want to enter the Shadow Dungeon?]

(Y/N)

"Yes!"

[Entering the Shadow Dungeon.]

Swoosh!

At that moment, Suho's shadow engulfed him.

Whiff!

"Huh?"

The ghost looked around in bewilderment.

Right in front of his eyes, the prey had disappeared without a trace.

"What? Where the hell did he hide? Find him!"

At those words, the wolves sniffed and began tracking Suho's scent.

"Krrrrrk?"

Of course, he couldn't find him.

"W-What was that? How can he hide without leaving even a bit of his scent?"

The ghost dragged the wolves around to find Suho's whereabouts.

Peek.

At the spot where Suho had disappeared, Beru peeked out and looked around.

He took advantage of that moment and whispered to the shadow.

[... You can come out now.]

Swoosh!

[Exited from the Shadow Dungeon.]

Suho appeared from the shadows again.

And as soon as he came out, he threw a stone axe at the back of the ghost's head.

"W-What?!"

The ghost looked back in surprise.

Swoosh – Ting!

He managed to deflect the stone axe and his face stiffened when he saw Suho who suddenly appeared.

"There you are, man! You must be hiding somew... !"

Swoosh!

"Ah-oh! Stop throwing those!"

The ghost lost his composure at Suho's throwing a stone axe whenever he had a chance.

"Kill him! Kill him!"

Growl!

The chase started again like that.

However, when Suho was surrounded by them, he immediately hid in the shadow dungeon.

Whiff!

"Where did you go again, bastard?!"

The ghost was enraged.

Right then, a stone axe flew into the back of his head.

Swoosh-!

"I'm telling you, that won't work!"

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Meanwhile, the miners who watched Suho from a distance were at a loss for words.

"How did he..."

"What kind of skill is that...?"

They knew that Suho was an E-Class hunter.

They were also well aware of the fact that the E-Class was of no use in combat.

But, what was happening didn't make sense.

"I don't know anymore if he's weak or strong..."

"Something is strange, but..."

"How can he fight so well?"

"But, isn't this for the better in the first place?"

At least one thing was clear.

Suho's skill was very specialized in mocking enemies.

Besides, it wasn't just skill.

That image of him provoking without being intimidated at all against the existence that exudes fierce energy...

"It may not be a skill, but it's good to have innate guts."

"Or maybe he just has a bad personality..."

In a desperate situation like now, Suho was the only hope.

"By the way, wasn't that new recruit a summoning hunter?"

"Ah, yes. Even up until now, he hasn't used any summoning skills."

"You saw it earlier. The summoners disappeared at once."

"This is why the summoning skill isn't good..."

"If only it was a combat skill rather than a summoning skill..."

The miners who saw Suho's skill firsthand burst into sighs of pity.

He has a fighting sense.

Just like what happened in the art museum just a few days ago.

Suho had a natural sense as a hunter.

Even if they had awakened high abilities, there were one or two hunters who died in battle because they did not have that sense of battle.

They pitied Suho.

If only he wasn't a summoning hunter...

'He would have been a really great hunter.'

Beru, who was listening to their conversation from afar, burst into anger.

[Keeek! They're treating shadow powers like this!]

But it wasn't the time yet.

At the current level of Suho, the shadow soldiers would not be able to demonstrate their abilities properly.

In addition, Suho's remarkably low mana was also a problem.

The true capability of the shadow soldiers was to be an immortal army that resurrects endlessly.

However, that was only possible when Suho's mana could sustain it.

Due to the previous battle, Suho's mana was almost exhausted.

And because of that, the shadow goblins who worked hard today with a pickaxe had already disappeared.

[But.]

Beru's eyes shone brightly.

At the same time, Suho smiled and muttered.

"Creating a shadow soldier itself does not cost any mana."

It was then.

Among the many wolves that followed the ghost that was chasing after Suho, he felt a suspicious presence.

[Shadow Wolf Lv.1]

Basic Class

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Their identities were none other than Suho's new soldiers wearing wolf skins that the collectors took care of.

[Clack!]

"What?!"

The shadow wolves gnawed at the ghost's leg while he was busy trying to hit the flying stone axe.

The startled ghost cut them down with his sword.

As the wolf's skin was cut, it revealed the shadow wolves hazing with black energy.

[Groooowl!]

"How dare you, insignificant bastards?!"

The specter, who was extremely enraged, swung his sword and slashed the shadow wolves to pieces in an instant.

They could never be resurrected again with the exhausted mana of Suho.

But...

"Checkmate."

Suddenly, Suho, who had come close to the ghost, mercilessly struck down the stone axe in both of his hands.

Slash.

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"Ack!"

The ghost looked down at his body in disbelief.

Two axes were stuck in his chest.

"This is why a weak human body..."

Thud.

The body of Kim Yongjun fell backward.

[Number of enemies to be defeated: 0]

[Number of enemies killed: 1]

The quest is over.

[You have completed 'Urgent Quest: Defeat the Enemy'.]

[Your level increased!]

Phew!

Suho's exhausted strength quickly returned to its optimal condition.

However, Suho was not vigilant.

He killed Kim Yongjun, but it was the sword he was holding that controlled his body.

'Ruler's Power!'

Slash!

A stone axe fell from the air and cut off the arm of Kim Yongjun, who was holding the 'sword'.

[Great! This sword is the main thing!]

Beru flew over and lifted the sword that Kim Yongjun was holding

At that moment, a piercing voice echoed in Beru's head.

-Who dares covet the sword of the Monarch!

[Young Master, can I eat this sword?]

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--W-Wait a second. Won't we settle it through a nice conversation?--

The voice of the sword suddenly became friendly.

Beru's expression as he looked at it and licked his lips was so genuine.

Meanwhile, Suho was not in a situation where he could answer Beru's words.

Growl!

The ghost was taken care of. However, with his previous order, the wolves were attacking Suho all at once.

Suho regained his strength and mana because of the level up and as all of his stats went up by 1, his movements were improved compared to before.

Slash! Slaaash!

[You have killed a Steel-Tooth Lycan.]

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Suho shouted at Beru as he killed the attacking wolves one by one.

"This weapon is too short! Can I use that sword?"

--Who dares cov...--

[Of course, it is possible! It is impossible for a ghost-like this to corrupt the mind of Young Master!]

"Okay!"

Suho took the sword from Beru.

['Item: Rakan's Fang' has been obtained.]

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As if waiting for that moment, the ghost of the sword roared ferociously.

--Who dares covet the sword of the Monarch! I will devour your body!--

Swoosh!

Red energy radiated from the sword and attacked Suho.

Then, a shadow rose from under Suho's feet and engulfed the sword.

--W-What is this energy?--

The disconcerted ghost's voice grew smaller and smaller.

--This can't be the Shadow Monarch...!--

The ghost couldn't believe it.

He got the sword of the Beast Monarch.

It wasn't just a normal sword, it was an alter ego created by the Monarch.

It was absurd that there was a human being who inherited that great power.

Even more so, doesn't this human look weak at a glance?

[Heh. No matter how weak Young Master is, there's no way he'll be overpowered by something insignificant!]

-- What, what! Insignificant...?!--

"Oh, so noisy."

Suho ignored the ghost's screams and swung his sword at the wolves.

Slash!

The wolves were cut by the sword.

Its sturdiness is on a whole different level than pickaxes and stone axes that were shattered by their steel teeth!

"Still, the weapon is good."

-- Of course, it's good! Do you know whose sword it is?--

In the midst of this, the ghost still showed pride.

Suho was still surrounded but he had a little more time to spare, and immediately checked the reward.

'Come out with anything that helps! The stats are good too!'

[The completion reward has arrived.]

[Do you want to check the reward?]

(Y/N)

'Yes!'

[The following reward is prepared.]

Reward. 'Runestone: Blade Storm'

'It's a skill!'

It was the best reward.

Suho immediately checked the reward.

[Runestone: Blade Storm]

Breaking the runestone absorbs the skill.

Ting!

[You have acquired 'Skill: Blade Storm'.]

When the runes were broken, the power of the storm came throughout Suho's body.

Whoooo!

"This is...?"

Suho instinctively realized.

How to use this skill?

How should the skill be used?

The situation was urgent, so Suho used the skill right away.

"Ha!"

['Skill: Blade Storm' is used.]

Whoosh!

At that moment, a fierce wind blew from the sword held by Suho.

The blade storm attacked the wolves in front of Suho at the same time.

"Slash! Slash!"

[You have killed a Steel-Tooth Lycan.]

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Multiple messages appeared.

"Wow."

Suho was amazed.

More than ten wolves died at the same time.

The wolves who barely survived the tremendous destructive force were frightened and started to run away.

Suho had no intention of chasing them anymore.

It was because the mana used for this skill had run out.

[Skill: Blade Storm Lv.1]

Active skill.

Requires 50 mana.

The power of the raging wind dwells in the sword.

Can attack multiple enemies simultaneously.

It required an enormous amount of mana.

But the effect was just as great.

Suho was looking at the Skills window.

That sight made Beru speechless.

[Are you amazed by that skill? Shadow power is thousands or tens of thousands of times greater than that!]

--What are you talking about?! That power came out because of a great sword and not a skill!--

The ghost of the sword was no less proud than Beru.

"Both of you, be quiet. It's a historic moment that I finally got my attack skills."

[No-!]

--No, I am more...!--

Suho ignored the two quarreling with each other and went back to the miners who were hiding far away.

"Are you okay?"

"N-Newbie, you..."

The miners were astonished at the skill they saw right in front of them.

It's a skill that causes a storm.

"If you had such a skill, why haven't you been using it...?"

'Ah.'

At the reaction of the men, Suho put on an embarrassed expression.

They most likely wouldn't believe it if he told them that he acquired a new skill during the battle.

"If I use it even once, I will run out of mana. That's why I saved it until the last minute."

"Ohh."

They admired him even more because of those words.

Suho just awakened as a hunter a few days ago.

It was also his first time inside a dungeon.

But, he planned to use his greatest card at the very end.

He seemed like an experienced hunter who went into dungeons hundreds of times.

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'No way. If that was the case, was his mana level even thoroughly measured.'

'Even that running away and hiding plans...?'

"Just...how big was the picture you were drawing?"

"What?"

"Haha. Nothing, nothing. You don't have to tell me."

"We asked you something we shouldn't have."

"Anyway, thank you for saving us. If it weren't for you, we really wouldn't have seen the sun tomorrow."

The miners let out a sigh of relief, wondering if they could finally feel the fact that they were alive.

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It was that evening that the accident at the Korea University dungeon became known.

"What? The raiders have been wiped out?"

"Only in a D-Class dungeon?"

"Wasn't the leader of the hunters who entered there C-class?"

"What the hell happened?"

Reporters rushed to Korea University to find out the truth of the incident.

However, the miners who managed to survive there had long since left.

"Haha. We will let you know."

Of course, Professor Lim was still working in the assistant office.

Thanks to his escaping skill, it was once again put to good use.

He looked in good condition without a single wound.

'Great. This is my chance to pay off my debt to Suho.'

Assistant Professor Lim told reporters everything he knew about the incident in the dungeon.

In particular, more details about Suho's performance.

It was up to the reporters to believe or not believe.

"What? An E-Class hunter?"

"And a summoning hunter? Does that make sense?"

"We heard that one C-Class hunter died in this situation, how can such a low-level hunter..."

"Wait! What's wrong with being an E-Class hunter, or even a summoning hunter?! Are you looking down on us?!"

Assistant Professor Lim was furious at the reporters' reactions.

"I'm going to write down all of your comments and post them to the E-class hunter community!"

"Ey. Why are you so angry?"

"Alright, alright. Calm down."

In response to Assistant Professor Lim's reaction, the reporters began to appease him while having cold sweats.

The E-Class hunter community was a tricky thing for reporters.

"There are a lot of comments. There are no areas where E-Class hunters weren't mentioned.

As a result, the community was a place where trivial information came and went, and they got hated just once, it would be quite too much to handle for reporters.

"Hmm. Anyway, that hunter named Sung Suho played the biggest role, right?"

"He used the summoned creatures to divert the attention and cut off the arm of the hunter who became a ghost."

To sum it up, it was an extremely summoning hunter-like battle method.

It did seem that what happened was too good for a summoning hunter, but the reporters perceived it as a favoritism of Assistant Professor Lim, who defended his art student.

"Well, whatever. We have secured content for the article anyway."

The content was that an E-Class hunter used his wits to solve the case, but people's reactions were outrageous.

-Summoning skill? Plus, an E-Class hunter?

-Worst of the worst.

-Are they making a summoning hunter go viral?

-Do the reporters have nothing to write about these days?

-Anyway, that E-Class hunter is a summoning hunter, too. But, didn't he save students there a few days ago?

– Looks like he used that skill back then, too.

-Ah, he's now called the Viral Summoning Hunter~

And some of the guilds who saw the article showed interest in Suho.

"Are E-Class good enough?"

"Even if the journalists exaggerate a little bit, there is still a lot beyond expectation among the E-Class."

"Isn't it about time to select some of our porters?"

"Besides that, the collector team asked for more staff."

"Good. These days, E-Class hunters are all taken from here and there, so there aren't many freelancers to ask."

"We also have to hire a few E-Class hunters as full-time workers."

"A full-time job? Hmm. Am I too old-fashioned? Still, E-class hunters seem to be perfect for contract jobs or day jobs. Anyway, young guys these days."

"Hmm. Anyway, I will send a scouting offer to this hunter named Sung Suho."

"Alright then. How happy would he be if we called? He's a lucky one."

With that, the Black Tortoise Guild, a fairly large guild in Korea, offered a full-time job to Sung Suho.

'What a great opportunity for a newbie who just awakened. Other E-Class hunters might be envious if they knew.'

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After some time.

"What?"

Manager Lee Yeongho of the Black Tortoise Guild's 2nd Management Division doubted his ears.

"He said no? To our offer?"

"Yes..."

"Does that make sense? An E-Class newbie rejecting the Black Tortoise Guild offer? No way! Did White Tiger get him first?"

"Maybe."

"Hmm. Right, the White Tiger guys can do that. But, isn't it too much if they offered something higher than ours to an E-Class hunter? Do they have money rotting somewhere?"

Manager Lee Youngho can only curse at the clueless White Tiger Guild.

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Meanwhile...

[You have killed a Steel-Tooth Lycan.]

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Right after Suho acquired the sword of the Monarch, he continued to hunt wolves and move forward in order to clear the way out of the dungeon.

Since the raiders were wiped out, there was only one hunter who could fight.

Suho kept swinging his sword while protecting those who were carefully following him.

[Level up!]

He leveled up again.

"Hey... Aren't you tired?"

"Yeah. I think I'm still fine."

"Wow."

The miners were amazed beyond admiration at Suho's ability to wield the sword without rest.

In the eyes of those who did not know that strength is restored when you level up, Suho was seen as a huge monster with infinite power.

'I mean, how couldn't he be? He's just a human like us.'

'Don't tell me he also has great mental fortitude?'

'Tsk. It's clear that he's not showing any signs of distress because he's afraid we'll worry.'

They remembered that Suho was a young hero who had rescued people until he fainted in this very art museum just a few days ago.

But this time, they are in a situation where they are being protected.

'How can the same E-Class hunter be so different?'

'Even how fast he levels up.'

3

There was really no other way to explain this other than that his mental strength and will are great, regardless of his class or ability.

Well, of course, he's also leveling up.

[Young Master, I can see the gate.]

Beru pointed at the far end of the cave.

"W-Were saved!"

The miners, who were filled with tension and fear, were finally relieved.

Watching them run away, Suho also wiped away his sweat.

"Aren't you going out?"

One of them turned around and called for Suho.

"Ah, no. I will stay here and bring out any remaining hunters if there are any."

"Are you okay? You must already be at your limit..."

"I can still hold out."

In fact, he was in a very good condition, but he had no choice but to pretend to be overdoing it due to the current situation.

[...]

He could feel Beru's gaze from behind, but Suho pretended otherwise.

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Suho, who remained in the dungeon, looked at the sword and asked.

"Take me to where you were."

--...--

Suho pretended to pass the sword to Beru.

"Beru, would you like to just eat this?"

[Khmmm.]

--Just a moment.--

1

The voice answered urgently. It was because from earlier on, he kept seeing Beru picking up nearby mana stones and chewing them.

--Why do you want to go where I was?--

"If there are any survivors, I will try to save them."

--I killed them all... No, there might be someone who is still lucky enough to survive.--

When Suho handed the sword back to Beru, the voice was quick to change its words.

-- Go left.--

Suho moved along with the guidance of the voice.

In the process, monsters continued to attack, but now there was no need to protect people, so there were no restrictions on his actions.

After a while.

Unidentified remains of people bleeding and dying appeared in front of Suho.

"Here you are."

Suho checked people one by one.

[They are all dead.]

--What did I say... I couldn't help it either. I have a mission to protect this sanctuary. Besides, since I'm such a good one...--

Feeling the gaze of Suho and Beru, the voice made an excuse.

At that time, information about this sword appeared in front of Suho's eyes.

[Item : Rakan's Fang]

Difficulty to obtain: ??

Type: Sword

Attack Power +30

A sword made from the fangs of Rakan, the king of wolves.

The ghost of Rakan dwells in it, so if someone of a lower level possesses it, the body may be taken away.

- 'Contempt for the Weak' Effect: Puts the designated opponent into fear for 1 minute. (All stats -50%)

- 'Mortal Wound' Effect: Inflicts more than twice as much fatal damage with a 15% chance.

Compared to the goblin's stone axe, it was a sword with considerably higher attack power.

It could also be that the hunters here were killed abruptly due to panic as they did not expect that their colleague's body was possessed.

[It's a pretty good sword, but with such a petty skill. It exerts more power when dealing with those weaker than of their own level.]

-- You're being mean! What's wrong with the strong preying on the weak? What kind of hunter in the world would go after a prey stronger than himself?!--

Suho listened to the conversation between the two and collected the bodies of the hunters one by one.

He removed all the monster goods in the carts that the dead collectors were pulling and put the bodies in it.

Surprisingly, Suho saw black smoke rising from the corpses.

Those... were their shadows.

[Shadow Extraction is possible.]

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Aaaaaaa-!

Suho heard the grievous cries of the dead hunters.

[If you wish, these people can also be recruited as your soldiers, Young Master.]

"It's okay."

Suho listened to their screams and silently collected the corpses.

After things settled down, Beru looked around the area and then went to Suho.

[I've been looking around to see if there are other relics of the Fang Monarch besides this sword, but nothing special.]

"Fang Monarch?"

Suho asked.

Beru then pulled out black shadows from his hands and created small shadow puppets the size of fingernails.

The dolls stretched one by one and took on a certain shape.

[At some point in time, there used to be several other monarchs in this universe besides the shadow monarch Sung Jinwoo— your father. The beast monarch, fang monarch, insect monarch, plague monarch. All those monarchs flocked to Earth.]

Among them, one doll the size of a fingernail exudes a particularly strong energy, mercilessly cutting down the other dolls.

[The shadow monarch killed them all.]

-- Keugh. He dared to do that to my master...--

After that, 'Rakan's Sword' trembled in Suho's hand.

-- I'm angry. If only my strength had been in perfect form, I would have torn all of you to pieces and thrown away as food for the wolves. No, if I had known that you were the offspring of the Shadow Monarch. I should have been vigilant from the start.--

"What do you mean?"

Suho looked at the sword.

"You mean you're not in your best shape now?"

--Of course. I am the strongest weapon created by Rakan, the king of beasts, with his own fangs.--

[Your attack power is only 30 to say it's the strongest though?]

Beru laughed.

--That's why I said it's not perfect! My mission was to protect this sanctuary. In this sanctuary, I was able to exert almost equal strength as Rakan. But...--

"But?"

--In the end, I couldn't protect it. A deity that loses its sanctuary loses its power.--

The ghost muttered in a somber tone.

[That is an expected result.]

Beru said.

The world that has lost its master, the 'monarch', is torn to pieces and wanders through dimensional rifts.

Remnants of war.

That was the dungeon.

[As the apostles of Outer Gods cracked the dimensional wall to invade Earth, it became connected to the dungeons.]

Beru's eyes shimmered.

[Those defeated soldiers who held a grudge against this world were the ones who were killed by the Shadow Monarch. Of course, it was those guys who attacked first.]

"After all, this is the remains of a defeated world, and there is nothing we can do about it."

[Don't worry, Young Master. Please leave it to me.]

Beru looked at the sword greedily.

[Even a dried squid squeezes water out. I will try to tear it apart somehow.]

--Hmm. Even if you try to threaten me, you won't get anything.--

Rakan's sword responded firmly.

10 minutes later.

Rakan's Sword spilled everything he knew.

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A few days later.

[Young Master, what's bothering you?]

Beru asked Suho.

[Is it because you rejected their offer?]

After coming out of the dungeon at Korea University, many things happened to Suho.

He met the Hunters Association after they received reports from miners.

When the hunters entered the dungeon, there were only monster corpses that died at the hands of Suho.

Because of this, Suho received recruitment calls from various guilds.

All of those were offers to sign contracts as collectors or porters.

"No. It's not like that."

Suho had no intention of accepting any offer.

Unlike other hunters, Suho improves through the level-up system.

If he was an ordinary E-Class hunter, he would have accepted an offer from a large guild even if it was a porter contract, but it was an offer that Suho could not feel the slightest attraction to.

"I was thinking of the things Rakan's Sword told me."

Rakan's Sword said that the sanctuary he guarded was torn into several pieces and scattered through the dimensional rift.

As a result, his power has greatly weakened.

Even when he took Kim Yongjun's body and he was able to command all the wolves around him, even that ability disappeared the moment he came out of the sanctuary.

It still wasn't very successful.

In the dimensional rifts, there were more sanctuaries like this dungeon, and in them, relics like Rakan's Sword were kept.

The ghost in the Rakan's Sword, who gave in to Beru's persuasion (?), eventually blew one of the sanctuary's locations.

1

The problem was that they had to enter the dungeon as quickly as possible.

Rakan's Sword said that it was impossible to guarantee that the artifacts would still be preserved intact.

Even at this very moment, it must be wandering aimlessly through the dimensional rift, gradually weakening.

"But, of all places..."

[It's because it was a dungeon occupied by another guild.]

"That's right. And that, of course, is the infamous Hyena Guild."

The Hyena Guild was famous as a guild formed by former gangsters.

In the era of hunters, awakeners emerged among gangsters. The guild they created was notorious for not hiding its nature and choosing only dirty activities.

[It could be dangerous if you get into trouble with other hunters because you're weak, Young Master]

Beru agonized.

On that of that, the Beast Monarch's power scattered over Earth wasn't such a good thing.

1

It was clear that most humans would fall prey as soon as the practice of the law of the jungle, which is common in the world of the Beast Monarch, was applied to Earth.

However, that did not mean that Suho, who was still at a low level, should take a risk.

[Young Master, you need to level up and build up your strength first... Hmm? What are you doing?]

Suho was packing his luggage.

"Ah, preparing to enter the dungeon?"

[What about the Hyena Guild?]

"I can just sneak in."

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The field-type dungeon was a contaminated area that was created when the dungeon break was not completely blocked.

This mainly happened because of the uniqueness of the terrain rather than the strength of the monsters that appeared. China and Russia were the pioneers of this.

2

Because the land is so wide, it is difficult for the hunters to search for the monsters individually when the gate is open, so they end up being neglected.

In addition, it was difficult to find the location of the gate where the disintegration started, so it took several times longer to attack.

For a similar reason, Korea has a lot of rugged mountains instead of a narrow land, so field-type dungeons tend to appear quite often.

[Gwanaksan Field]

※ Only Hyena Guild Allowed

The entrance to Gwanaksan Mountain is thoroughly blocked from entering and leaving the area with barbed wire.

Gwanaksan Field was a field-type dungeon occupied by the Hyena Guild for a year already.

Suho was watching Gwanak Mountain from afar, covering his face with a hood and mask.

[This is the right place.]

Beru licked his lips as he was standing on top of Suho's shoulder.

He could feel the energy of the sanctuary that Rakan's Sword told them about.

However, even Rakan's Sword didn't know what was inside the sanctuary.

[We're already here yet you still don't know?]

-No matter how many times you ask, my answer is the same. I'm just a sword that was stuck on the floor. It is possible to detect the energy of the sanctuary, but what's in it is not known exactly.

The Rakan's Sword said feeling wronged.

In response, Beru chewed on the mana stone and gave it a threatening look.

[I hope that's not a lie. Otherwise, I'll chew you down from the tip to the handle. Very, very slowly...]

-Can you stop threatening me?

[Why so?]

-You're scaring me.

6

[...]

Rakan's Sword was straightforward.

There was no pretense, perhaps because it was a sword.

3

The sun was setting just in time.

Suho, who had been waiting for this moment, glanced up at the sky and his eyes lit up.

"Great. Now, let's go inside."

Suho pulled his hood and slowly walked towards the barbed wire.

Maybe it was because his senses started to go up, his vision was clear to some extent even in the dark. At this level, it seemed that there would be no major obstacle to fighting.

Rather, it was better because it was dark.

'The priority is not to be caught by the Hyena Guild.'

It was illegal for an unauthorized hunter to enter a dungeon occupied by another guild.

However, he was not going to make money from someone else's business. He was only going to quietly go in and get the relics of the Beast Monarch, so there was no problem as long as he didn't get caught.

If the Beast Monarch's artifact fell into the hands of an ordinary awakener, that hunter could have been taken away and turned into a Berserker, just like Rakan's Sword.

'Is that CCTV and barbed wire?'

Suho's gaze looked around calmly.

People couldn't guard every corner of the vast field-type dungeons.

The only thing guarding this place was barbed wire and CCTV cameras standing in the middle.

'Ruler's Power.'

Swoosh.

Suho slowly lifted the black plastic bag he had brought into the air.

Then, it moved naturally as if blown by the wind, covering the entire camera.

'Now.'

Thud.

Suho jumped over the barbed wire in one leap.

It was the moment when the strength stats he had put up so far mattered most.

Thunk.

Landing lightly inside the field, Suho immediately searched the surroundings.

1

There was a thick blue mist hovering all over Gwanaksan Mountain.

It was this mist, not the barbed wire, that separated the fields.

[This blue mist is the magic of outer space. It is used to forcibly penetrate the dimensional wall and cause cracks in the world.]

-Right. Because of this mist, the sanctuary I was in also wandered through the dimensional rift and connected to Earth.

[After all, what the outer creatures want is to spread the mist all over Earth and cause a great rift. They're trying to drill a hole big enough for their army to cross the dimension.]

"Shh."

Suho held his breath for a moment and squinted his eyes.

'There's something.'

Less than a minute after he set foot on the field, there were already more and more red eyes staring at him.

[Razor-Clawed Briga]

[Razor-Clawed Briga]

Monster monkeys appeared one by one under the cold moonlight.

Now, Even Suho knows.

The level-up system showed different colors of names above the head according to the strength of the beast.

White is relatively weak.

Orange is equal or stronger.

Red is much stronger.

And those monkeys were 'orange'.

[We are surrounded by weak monkeys. Still, Young Master is weaker, so please be careful.]

"Your support is so annoying."

Suho smiled faintly at Beru's support(?) and grabbed Rakan's Sword.

1

Considering the difficulty and number of them, it's a bit risky.

'This is enough.'

Rather, it's good.

If he only caught easy ones, he would get less experience.

Suho blinked and moved.

Now it's time to level up.

Monkeys started to fall from the trees.

Their blade-like long claws flew into Suho's body trying to tear it apart.

In response, Rakan's Sword in Suho's hand cut through the cold night air.

Slaaash!

[You have killed a Razor-Clawed Briga.]

[You have killed a Razor-Clawed Briga.]

...

"Kiiik! Kiiiiik!"

Like that, Suho continued to move forward, trampling on the corpses of the monsters that attacked endlessly.

He had no intention of wandering aimlessly this late at night.

"Guide the way. Which way is the gate?"

-...Amazing. Are you familiar with this kind of mess?

Rakan's Sword was genuinely surprised.

The situation was the worst.

If you kill one, two will come running.

Kill two and five will fall from above your head.

Those mean monkeys climbed the trees and the darkness confused Suho.

Slash-!

There were even ones throwing rocks from the trees and giggling.

"Kyak! Kyak! Kyak!"

However, Suho showed no signs of panic at all as he ran back and forth in that hectic mess.

-Even considering that he is the Shadow Monarch's offspring, isn't he too skilled in combat compared to the power he possesses? What mess have you been through so far?

"Give me directions."

Suho smiled wryly at those words.

What was too special about it? he thought. It was all because of a dream he had when he was a teenager.

To wake up from the dream, those terrible experiences where he somehow had to survive and reach the final boss were deeply engraved in his body.

If he died in the middle, he had to start all over again.

'The tutorial was too hard.'

No matter how bad this situation was, it was heaven compared to that time.

[Khm. Kkkm. Hoooot. Hoot.]

It was just that Beru, who kept shrugging his shoulders with a proud expression on his side, hated to look at him.

The tip of Rakan's Sword in Suho's hand moved by itself and pointed in one direction.

-For now, this way. But, the path to sanctuary will be hell. It looks like you're quite familiar with this kind of mess. Even so, it would be hard for you to get there by yourself...

"Who said I am alone?"

-What?

Suho smiled and looked around.

Just in time, black smoke started creeping up from the corpses of the monkeys who had died miserably on the floor.

[Shadow Extraction is possible.]

[Shadow Extraction is possible.]

...

Suho stretched out his hand toward the shadows.

"Arise."

5

Kiik kiik kiik-

The giggles echoed through the cool night air.

Along with them, pitch-black hands began to stretch out from the shadows of the dead monkeys on the floor.

Kwadeuk Kwadeuk!

The hands were on the ground, crawling out of the shadows and rising themselves.

[Shadow Extraction successful.]

[Wookiikiik!]

[Wookikik!]

There were 5 in total.

Black monkeys oozing black steam appeared in front of Suho.

[Shadow Monkey Lv.1]

Basic Class

[Shadow Monkey Lv.1]

Basic Class

Seeing that, Beru gave a round of applause.

[Ohh. There's 5! As much as the intellect stat has risen, the number of shadow soldiers has also increased! But compared to the tens of millions of legions of the Shadow Monarch...Ehh?]

"You're too noisy."

Suho caught Beru and threw it to the beasts.

[Kehehe. This much isn't overwhelming.]

Beru spread his sharp claws as he flew.

He tore all the monsters in one move...!

Thud!

[Hmm?]

Jump.

"Kkikkikki!"

The monkeys who kicked Beru down attacked Suho again.

However, in the gap, the shadow monkeys approached from behind and thrust bladed claws into their necks.

"...Kkk."

[You have killed a Razor-Clawed Briga.]

[You have killed a Razor-Clawed Briga.]

[Your level increased!]

Suho's body was filled with vitality.

Shadow monkeys trampled on the other monkey corpses and giggled meanly.

'Now that I think they're on our side, I think they're a bit cute.'

"Let's keep going."

It was like breaking up before getting to know each other.

The steeper the mountain slope, the stronger the monsters blocked the front.

[Black Shadow Razan]

[Black Shadow Razan]

Shashak!

A stealthy assassin hiding in the dark.

Red-eyed beasts resembling black panthers mercilessly bit the shadow monkeys' necks.

[Squeak!]

The shadow monkeys died helplessly.

The difference in power was very prominent.

"Phew."

However, Suho felt more exhilarated.

'They are mine too.'

Swish!

At that moment, something emerged from Rakan's Sword.

['Skill: Contempt for the Weak' has been used.]

"...!"

Black Shadow Razan's body instantly became heavy.

['Effect: Fear' is activated.]

[All stats of the targets are reduced by 50% for 1 minute.]

However, Rakan's Sword 'Contempt for the Weak' was a skill that only worked well against weaker opponents than Suho.

"Kyaoooooo!"

['Effect: Fear' is canceled.]

Black Shadow Razan's name is in color orange.

Since they were equal to or slightly stronger than Suho, the fear effect was removed just by a strong roar.

But that brief break was enough.

In an instant, Suho's appearance disappeared from their sight.

Then.

Slash!

"Kyaaaagh!"

A black panther was decapitated, spurting black blood.

[You have defeated Black Shadow Razan.]

Swoosh!

The others then quickly hid in the darkness, but this one was enough.

Suho stretched out his hand towards the corpse.

"Arise!"

[Shadow Extraction successful.]

One of the shadow monkeys disappeared, and the shadow of Razan, the black shadow, rose instead.

[Kyaooooooh!]

[Shadow Leopard Lv.1]

Basic Class

Suho smiled contentedly.

"Great. It's a new family member."

[Khmmm.]

The guy who had been trying to bite Suho's neck just a moment ago rubbed his body against Suho's leg with his tail drooping as if he had always done that.

Then he turned its head and bared its teeth at its kind, who glared Suho's way in the darkness of the forest.

"Are you lonely? Go and bring your friends too."

Suho said.

[Kyaaaaaagh!]

At that, the shadow leopard immediately ran out to hunt its kind.

Suho moved forward while upgrading the shadow soldiers one by one to stronger ones.

-...This is why we lost the war. Damn guys.

Rakan's Shadow murmured dejectedly.

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After a while.

"Everyone, stop."

[Krrrrk.]

At Suho's command, the shadow leopards held their breath and fell flat on the spot.

-That's right. The one in front.

Rakan's Sword didn't even need to say it.

The Hyena Guild members' outposts were built there.