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There was an outpost to guard the gate.

[They must've gone into the dungeon and collected mana stones.]

"I guess."

Lots of mining carts were left outside the gate.

Seeing that the cart was full of mana stones, it seemed that the miners had just left work.

That large amount of mana stones would not have been left unattended, but it was also possible because it was a field-type dungeon.

'There shouldn't be a thief who would climb the mountain, where monsters roam at night, just to steal some mana stones.'

Just then, the thief was here.

Beru jumped to the cart and started picking up the mana stone.

At first, he expressed disapproval, but now he seems to enjoy eating those.

[This is said to be quite chewy.]

Beru chewed on the mana stone and looked around.

After confirming that there was no presence anywhere, he called Suho.

[It seems that everyone has left work. I can't see a single ant.]

-Count the numbers correctly. You are the ant here.

[Young Master, isn't the handle of the sword a bit long? How can I bite from the tip?]

-Come on. If you eat me, you'll have a hard time entering the sanctuary and finding artifacts.

"That's right, so stop drooling, Beru."

[Chomp. Alright.]

Beru responded quickly and threw the pieces of mana stones into his mouth.

In fact, eating Rakan's Sword would have been much more energizing than eating a truckload of mana stones like this.

However, after a long time, Suho finally has a weapon that he can use so Beru can't ask for it. He has no choice but to eat those mana stones.

Chomp, chomp, chomp, chomp.

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The Rakan's Sword trembled in fear.

Even as Beru chewed on the mana stone, he was watching the sword with eyes dripping with regret.

Suho's hand holding the sword wasn't strong enough.

-Now, go into the gate. There will be a sanctuary beyond.

"Wait a second."

Suho suddenly turned and hid behind the outpost.

He squinted his eyes and focused on the gate.

'There is someone.'

Just in time, he saw someone walking out of the gate.

But it wasn't just one or two.

'Haven't the miners left yet?'

There's no way.

If they stayed there until this dark, the way out of the field-type dungeon would be too dangerous.

Besides, mining wasn't something that would take a day so there was no reason to work so late.

On top of that, they are raiders. It made things even more strange.

'With all the monsters outside the gate, what could they have done inside the gate?'

At that time, Beru jumped up on Suho's shoulder and whispered in a small voice.

[Young Master, something is strange. They smell like beasts.]

'Beast?'

It was then.

"Grrrrr."

The faces of the hunters who came out of the gate were revealed in the moonlight.

They look like...

'Werewolves?!'

Messy hair covering the face.

Pointy teeth.

The identities of the hunters were werewolves in human clothes.

'Is it a beast transformation skill?'

The first thing Suho thought of was skill.

There were various types of skills, and sometimes there were hunters who could transform into non-humans like that.

However, it was extremely rare for hunters with the same skills to gather in one place.

'I wonder if it's the White Tiger Guild.'

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However, no matter how many beast hunters there are, even the White Tiger Guild couldn't have gathered such a number of beasts of the same type.

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-It seems like they drank the blood of our clan.

'Blood?'

Suho looked at Rakan's Sword.

-The blood of the canine clan contains great power. Even if lowly humans drink a few drops of the clan's blood, they gain powerful power that surpasses the species.

"Like how if someone touches you, their body gets taken away?"

-No, rather the opposite. It's not like those guys were taken away, it's because the clan's power was taken away.

"They stole it?"

-Yeah. I don't know which idiot from the alternate clan fed them blood, but the lack of blood must have diminished their strength.

Suho made a strange expression.

You can get the beast transformation skill by drinking blood.

Other than runestones, I had never heard of a skill being obtained in such a strange way.

However, since it's only been two years since the cataclysm, new situations are bound to arise at any time.

-But, I don't understand.

Rakan's Sword muttered in a voice that sounded somewhat displeased.

-Who the hell made such crossbreeds of dogs by allowing their power to get consumed... What is going on?

That's when Rakan's Sword expressed his doubts.

A really strange thing happened.

The werewolves went into the warehouse they had built near the gate and dragged out the people tied up with duct tape.

'What?!'

Suho's eyes widened.

"Mmmmp...!"

People who had their mouths sealed with duct tape were trembling in fear.

The corners of the werewolves' mouths formed a smirk.

"Grrrrr. Were you bored waiting all day long?"

"It will be your final moments so, we'll let you breathe?"

"In return, can you be quiet? We hate noise."

Swish.

Duct tape was ripped out of the people's mouths.

As if they had been waiting for it, desperate cries could be heard all over.

"S-Save us!"

"Please! Please send us back home!"

"Oh, so noisy. Do you want to be eaten now?"

Thup.

The tape was put back on their mouths.

"Hupppp."

They were so afraid that they wouldn't even want to breathe just not to make any noise.

"Great. How nice is it to be quiet?"

"We hate noise because our senses are sensitive."

"So, everyone? If you do that one more time, we might just go ahead and bite your necks. Grrrr."

Those words didn't sound like a joke. The people's complexions turned white.

One of the werewolves spoke.

"Alright. It looks like you have a lot to say after being held captive for a few days, so I'll listen to your last will. Can you speak softly instead?"

A middle-aged office worker in the middle hurriedly opened his mouth.

"Hey, over there! If you need money, I can somehow...!"

"Tsk."

"N-No! Just listen to me for a second! You shouldn't just do this, you have to tell us what you want so we can...!"

At that, the werewolf stared at the subordinate with an expression like he could die of annoyance.

"Hey. Just kill him."

"Should I?"

"Let's take at least one guy for ourselves."

"Grrrr."

Looking at the werewolf approaching him, the office worker shouted in panic.

"N-No, wait! It's a crime to do this...!"

"Oh, really."

Annoyance appeared on the face of the werewolf who grabbed the office worker by the nape of his neck with one hand.

"I hate noise."

Then, he pulled the dagger from his waistband and was about to lunge it into the office worker's neck.

Slash!

"...?"

However,

Something was strange.

Thud-

It was the werewolf who had his head cut off.

An axe suddenly flew from somewhere and separated the werewolf's neck from his body.

"Hey..."

The office worker who narrowly escaped death saw the werewolf's head falling in front of him and wet his pants.

The werewolves, startled by the sudden situation, raised their guards and pulled out their weapons.

"Who are you!"

"Who dares-!"

It was then.

Stealthy assassins approached from hiding in the dark, slashing the wolves' legs with sharp claws.

"Ack!"

[Shadow Leopard Lv.1]

Basic Class

"Ra-Razan?!"

The eyes of the werewolves widened wide after confirming the identity of their enemies.

Black Shadow Razan was one of the most dangerous beasts in this forest.

However, due to their dislike of bright light, they did not even go near the gate full of torches.

"Why is Razan here?!"

"No, something's a little different from the normal Razan...!"

[Grrrrr!]

The shadow leopards lunged at them like crazy.

"What the fuck! L-Let's kill them first!"

"Don't panic! There are only five!"

Slash!

Although they were taken aback by the sudden attack, they were veteran hunters who had been here for a year.

It wasn't easy enough to give up their lives to only five monsters.

But there was something they didn't know.

The fact that the owner of those five beasts from behind is now wishing for their death.

Thud.

He suddenly remembered the first werewolf's head that was cut, and the axe falling on the floor.

Then...

Slaaaaash-

Cut!

"...Ackkk."

Another werewolf's head got separated from its body.

"This is crazy!"

"What's with those axes!"

The stone axe that had beheaded two of their comrades flew like a boomerang and was aiming for their necks too!

"Skill! That's definitely a skill!"

"Where is he?! Don't be a coward and come out!"

The owner of the axe had no intention of continuing to hide as well

"For whatever circumstance..."

The eyes of Suho, with his face covered with a hood and black mask, reflected the cool moonlight.

"Save the victims first then think afterwards."

[You are truly a hunter.]

Swoosh!

A tremendous force emerged from Rakan's Sword.

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

"...!"

At that moment, the werewolves' bodies temporarily stiffened.

['Effect: Fear' has been activated.]

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

"Grrrrr!"

Then, with a roar, some of the werewolves let go of their fears.

['Effect: Fear' is canceled.]

But that was enough to buy some time.

[Kyaaaaaoooo!]

Swing!

The shadow leopard cut the wolf's Achilles tendon.

Slash!

Through the Ruler's Power, the axe was stuck on its chest.

And...

-Well, they're such low-breed dogs.

Suho's sword slashed their throats.

"Grrrr...!"

The other surviving werewolves looked at Suho.

"There was only one guy!"

"Die! Grrrrr!"

They turned their focus on him.

Ring.

[An urgent quest has arrived.]

The quest window opened in front of Suho's eyes.

[Urgent Quest: Defeat the Enemies!]

There are people around who have the intent to kill the 'player'. Kill them all to be safe.

Number of enemies to kill: 10

Number of Enemies Killed: 5

The quest had already started with half the target already cleared out.

[It's a good thing.]

Even in the midst of this, Beru, who was eagerly chewing on the mana stone in the corner, was letting out a pleasant laugh.

[Ah, I can't stop my mouth. Why is the mana stone here so high in power? Is it because it's from a sanctuary?]

Unfortunately, no one answered that question.

Everyone was busy.

But that was then.

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[...!]

Beru then turned his gaze towards the gate.

[This smell...]

Someone with a smell similar to the Beast Monarch was walking out of the gate.

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It was about a year ago that the name of the Hyena Guild became widely known.

It is said that they were originally backstreet bullies who were active in the Gwacheon area. But after awakening, stories said that they were originally from a popular group of gangsters, exaggerating their past history.

Indeed, it was a shallow bluff, but after they became awakened, they committed a lot of real gangster-like activities.

Such as making debts against low-level hunters for usury.

As a condition for foregoing the interest, they throw them into a dungeon and have them pickaxe without pay.

It would have been unimaginable now, but at that time, there was no Hunter Association. There were no hunter-related laws to prevent their evil deeds.

While researching about them, Suho found out a strange fact.

All of them, who were only bullies in the neighborhood, awakened almost at the same time.

Even the place where it happened- at Gwanaksan.

'Does that make sense?'

Suho felt puzzled.

A year ago, a dungeon break broke out in Gwanaksan.

The porters who came to bury the bodies in Gwanaksan ordered by the gangsters 'accidentally' all awakened.

And right away, they created a group called the Hyena Guild. They took control of the Gwanaksan field, and were making money by mining mana stones.

Until now, a year later.

'It's just too coincidental.'

Opinions were still divided as to the reason for those ordinary people to awaken their magical powers.

There were talks about heredity.

Some are saying that it was pure luck, like winning the lottery or the chance of being struck by lightning.

These guesses could have been all bullshit, or they could have been all right.

For some it's heredity, for others it's luck.

In the end, it was said that if the awakening came in any way, this ability would be obtained.

'After all, nothing quite makes sense anymore.'

It seemed that the Hyena Guild members awakened because they drank the blood of the canine clan.

If so, it would be understandable that they awakened at the same time.

'The problem is that there is a separate canine clan that is said to have given that blood...'

Suho doesn't know if it's good luck or bad luck, but he thought he would soon find out who the canine clan really was.

Because right now, a tremendous sense of intimidation was emerging out of the gate.

[Grrrrr.]

Chills!

The breath of a terrifying beast.

The vicious life inside it shook the air of Gwanaksan covered with blue mist.

"...!"

At that blatant and obvious presence, Suho turned to the gate as he was fighting the werewolves.

[Young Master, it is dangerous.]

Beru climbed onto Suho's shoulder and hurriedly whispered.

Beru's expression changed.

[We need to get away from here as soon as possible. With an opponent like this... Young Master can't handle it yet!]

It wasn't that easy.

['Skill: Extreme Command' increases the abilities of werewolves by 50%.]

[As a side effect of 'Skill: Extreme Command', werewolves are cursed with madness.]

"Kyaooooo!"

Suddenly, the werewolves that Suho was dealing with grew in size and their movements became incredibly fast and powerful.

Their madness started to put more pressure on Suho.

"Roar! Do you think I'll let you run away?!"

"Die!"

Grrrrrrr!

"Ah! Kill that bastard!"

Slash! Thud!

[Young Master!]

"Ack!"

Suho's body began to accumulate wounds at a rapid rate due to the unprecedented situation.

['Skill: Endurance' level increased!]

[Physical Defense +20% → +40%]

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It's good that the skill level has risen, but that doesn't mean the battle has become easier.

-Tsk. I knew this would happen so I warned you from the beginning. The closer you get to the sanctuary, the more dangerous it is.

Rakan's Sword was displeased.

-This energy... Apparently, not only artifacts lived here, but also filthy hybrids.

"Hybrid?"

Suho, who managed to take down a werewolf, asked back.

-Yes. The great canine clan had numerous tribes following it. There was one of them that gave off this dirty aura.

It was then.

Swoosh.

[Grrrrrr!]

The roar of a bloody beast shook Gwanaksan.

-...Right. That's him. Broki, the head of the hyena clan.

Just then, a huge monster appeared outside the gate.

"...!"

Messy mane, mottled pattern, pointy teeth.

A hyena the size of a house appeared.

[Extreme Commander Broki]

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A red name tag appeared above his head.

That color meant one thing.

That hyena is a monster with power that Suho could not dare to handle.

'...The boss of the dungeon was alive.'

Suho shuddered at the pressure he felt from him.

Apparently, the Hyena Guild had been intentionally hiding information about this place for a year.

A field-type dungeon with boss mobs is a disaster in itself.

If the other hunters knew this fact, they wouldn't have left this place alone until now.

'Is this the reason why the guild's name was Hyena?'

It was really odd.

The hunters who had to hunt the monsters would rather be the servants of the monsters.

Catching humans and offering them as food?

Clench.

Suho, who grasped the situation, gritted his teeth.

Seeing that, the giant hyena opened its mouth and yawned.

He then recognized Rakan's Sword in Suho's hand and giggled.

[I had been feeling this familiar energy? Was it Rakan's Sword?]

-... Broki.

[What's it like? How come that the great Beast Monarch's remains is being held captive by a mere human?]

Rakan's Sword felt humiliated.

Even at this moment, he is caught in Suho's hand and is swinging around like crazy. Of all the ones, why did it have to be Broki?

-It wasn't easy for you to become like that. Have you lost all your original strength?

[Isn't it just the same for both you and me as defeated soldiers who lost their monarch?]

'It looks like the two of them aren't close.'

Even at this moment, Suho was still fighting fiercely against the werewolves.

The problem is that even after killing all the wolves, that hyena still remains.

No matter how much the defeated soldiers who lost their monarch lost their original strength and became weak, Suho was still much weaker than them.

'But I don't intend to die quietly.'

Even in this bleak situation, Suho kept his fierce eyes.

Slash-!

[You have killed a werewolf.]

[Number of enemies to be defeated: 10]

[Number of enemies killed: 9]

Only one werewolf left.

But Broki didn't even bat an eye at the sight of his minions dying.

[Tsk. Weak guys. Can't even stand a single human.]

Rather, he laughed at their deaths and spoke to the sword in Suho's hand.

[Alright. Rakan's Sword, join me to kill that human. Just in case you need a useful one, I'll be your new master.]

-Bullshit. A mongrel like you dares to become my master? My master is only Rakan-nim.

[Isn't Rakan already dead?]

-W-What? How dare you!

[Hahaha. Don't be angry. If you're weak, you die. The one who survives is the strongest. Just like me.]

Rakan's Sword erupted in anger at Broki's mocking laugh.

It shouted at Suho.

-Human! Kill him right now! Insert my blade into the throat of that bastard who insulted Rakan!

[Kyahahaha! You sound funny. Try whatever you want! Such a weak...]

Before he could finish his words, Rakan's Sword lunged from Suho's hand.

Slash!

-...!

The cold blade of the sword lodged in Broki's throat, who was laughing.

[Kheeuuk...?]

In an instant, an airy voice escaped from Broki's mouth.

Suho appeared in his widened field of vision.

The man stood in a calm posture looking at the beast.

With his other hand, he grabbed the remaining one by the neck.

"Are you okay?"

Broki's eyes curved like crescent moons.

[...You're interesting.]

Even with Rakan's Sword stuck in his neck, he had a relaxed expression.

[But you can't kill me with just this kind of attack...]

"I know. But I can still make it painful."

Suho clenched his hand.

'Ruler's Power.'

Swoosh.

'Twist.'

At that moment, Rakan's Sword stuck in Broki's neck started spinning like a drill on the spot.

Fiercely.

Krrkrrkrrk-!

[Kheheuk?!]

The pain Broki felt in his neck startled him as he struggled.

'Faster.'

More fiercely.

Krrkrrkrrk-!

[Accckk!]

'More!'

Deeper!

['Skill: Blade Storm' has been used.]

Grumble-!

[Arrrgghhh! This is-!]

Rakan's Sword whirled around like a storm and burrowed into Broki's body!

The more he did, the more Broki struggled in pain.

-...I'm enjoying this, bastard.

Suho could hear the delight in Rakan's Sword's voice.

-Is it really okay to do this?

It was still absolutely impossible to kill Broki at the current level of Suho.

No matter how much Broki became weaker than before, his regenerative power far exceeded Suho's attack power.

But...

It was refreshing.

'Isn't Rakan already dead?'

How dare he!

A servant who insults the death of his master, the great beast monarch!

It was a sin that would not be forgiven even if he was to be beheaded right away!

But the reality is that he had to be content with just giving him that much pain.

Eventually...

[Aaaaccckkk! You bastard! I'm going to kill-!]

Suho received all of Broki's wrath.

Grumble!

Broki, who had become a wounded beast, stomped his feet, spewing ferocious flesh.

His strength is so great that Gwanaksan shook!

[Kyaaoooo!]

A huge pressure like a rock hit Suho.

It was then.

-...I'm sorry. But, thank you for protecting the last pride of a defeated soldier.

The determined voice of Rakan's Sword echoed.

Rattle!

[Keukreuk?!]

Broki's body, which was about to trample on Suho, temporarily stopped.

[Rakan's Sword, You bastard-! Ack!]

Rakan's Sword, which forcibly controlled his movements inside his body, urgently shouted to Suho.

-Run away! I'll try to buy some time!

However...

Suho didn't seem to have any intention of backing down.

Slash!

Just then, the last werewolf died in Suho's hand.

[Number of enemies killed: 10]

Then the messages followed.

Ring.

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

Ring.

[Your level increased!]

Ring.

[The following rewards are prepared.]

Reward 1. Ability Points +5

Reward 2. Title: 'Wolf Slayer'

"Accept the reward."

Ring.

['Title: Wolf Slayer' has been acquired.]

Thuck.

Suho picks up a weapon used by werewolves from the floor.

With two swords in each hand, Suho's eyes flashed like a hunter's.

At that moment.

[Title: Wolf Slayer]

A title given to hunters who are good at catching wolves. All stats increase by 40% when facing beast type monsters.

"The hunt begins."

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Suho's whole body was engulfed in intense contemplation.

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[The 'Title: Wolf Slayer' buff effect is activated.]

Thud!

Suho's feet hit the ground.

Swoosh-

His new image emerged.

Broki's face was then stained with astonishment.

[What...!]

Something unbelievable happened.

Suho's strength and speed, along with momentum, bursted out of his whole body.

All of that changed in an instant.

His new stats were due to leveling up by +1.

Extra stat +5 from the quest reward.

Furthermore, a title that boosts all stats by a whopping +40% against beast-type monsters.

All of that synergy was concentrated on the sword of protection.

Twin Swords. Blade Storm.

['Skill: Blade Storm' has been used.]

Grumble-!

Suho really became a storm.

The two swords crossed and a strong wind blew.

['Skill: Twin Swords Lv.1' has been obtained.]

It was truly ruthless violence.

A one-sided slaughter.

Slash!

[Aaaaaaccckkkk! Bastard-!]

Broki tried to counterattack, but that too was nothing more than a desperate struggle.

Crash!

With that, the guard posts built by the Hyena Guild collapsed and were smashed.

[How dare y...!]

Even before Broki finished his words, a red light formed in a straight line from its wide open mouth.

Rakan's Sword was picked up by the Ruler's Power.

Suho's hand grabbed the sword.

And just like that.

Slash!

He took the beast down.

[You have defeated the Extreme Commander Broki.]

Blag!

Finally, the huge beast collapsed.

[Your level increased!]

[Your level increased!]

"Phew."

Suho was on the floor.

[You've done it! You killed it! Young Master-!]

Beru shouted as if he had been waiting for this moment.

-... Wow. Did it actually work? A human defeating Broki?

Beru laughed at that and replied.

[Didn't you know? The world is, after all, a weakling. The strong are devoured by the stronger. Young Master will become stronger in the future as well. Oh, and Young Master? Can I have some of this?]

Beru licked his lips and pointed at Broki's corpse.

Suho looked at it.

[Shadow release is possible on this target.]

Black smoke billowed above it.

Confusion appeared in Suho's eyes.

'Shadow release is also possible on this beast?'

'Then, it's too bad I can't give it all to Beru now.'

"Just one bite. Eat the rest after shadow release."

[Alright!]

Whoop!

As soon as permission was given, Beru jumped happily.

Broki's corpse was a good source of mana.

[Hehe. It's just one bite.]

Beru's mouth opened wickedly.

[If it's just one bite, which part would I have to eat to get the word that I ate it well?]

It was right there.

Brain.

[The weak meat. I really like it, too.]

Beru muttered and dug into Broki's head.

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Suho released all the people who were tied up.

"I reported it to the Hunter Association, so a rescue team will come soon. Beasts are still roaming the mountain, so don't go anywhere else and stay here for a while."

"Heuk! Thank you! Thank you!"

They were covered in tears and snot while wailing loudly because of how long they had been tied up.

[Young Master, these are all debtors to the Hyena Guild. They couldn't pay their debt, so they signed a waiver and were arrested.]

"Beru, how do you know that?"

[My skill is Predation. I ate Broki's brain and stole some of his memories.]

"You do all sorts of things."

[Khm. I am a very useful species in many ways.]

Beru was so proud he stood up with both hands on his waist.

[Oh, by the way. When I looked at Broki's abilities, there was no such thing as the power to create werewolves by feeding them blood.]

"What? So how did those guys..."

Suho's gaze turned to the werewolves lying dead on the floor.

-It was the strangest thing for me from the beginning, too.

Rakan's Sword said.

-The hyena clan is just one of many tribes that followed the canine clan. Feeding blood to create minions is something only the canine clan can do.

"Then..."

-Somehow, it seems that there is a real one besides Broki.

Suho and Beru's eyes simultaneously looked at the gate where Broki came out.

"There's a real boss mob."

Suho fixed his sword with determined eyes.

Then Beru, from the side, shrugged and said.

[It wouldn't be a boss mob.]

"Really?"

Suho gives him a puzzled expression.

[Yes. If Broki's memory is correct, it seems that the battle will no longer take place.]

Beru's expression was a bit bitter.

[You'll find out when you get inside.]

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Suho entered the gate.

He found a small and fragile creature.

"This..."

His expression stiffened.

There was a bloodstained wolf cub lying helplessly.

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Scruffy gray hair.

Roughly wrapped bandages.

It was a very small wolf, only about a hand in size.

Syringes from which blood was drawn were rolling around randomly.

Seeing this, Rakan's Sword trembled with fury.

-Broki, how dare you! Crazy bastard!

-Could it be that the descendant of the clan was tied up and blood was drawn forcibly?

Flinch.

Did you hear his anger?

The wolf cub tied to the dog collar lifted its head helplessly.

The unfocused eyes stared blankly at the empty space where Suho was standing.

Then it sniffed with its little nose.

A human stranger.

There was a smell of blood on his clothes.

"Hnnngg..."

A weak cry.

After that, the wolf cub lowered his head again.

There was not even a speck of will to live or hope left in the small body that had lost its strength.

-Broki, you crazy hybrid-!

Extremely angry, Rakan's Sword cursed Broki, who was already dead and gone.

Beru muttered calmly as he read Broki's memories.

[Shortly after losing the war against the Shadow Army, Broki left the battlefield before anyone else. In fact, he was more like a deserter than a defeated soldier.]

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Broki's next move was really low.

[He hid in the Sanctuary of the canine clan, which was considered the safest place, and found the clan's young wolf there.]

A wolf cub living there alone after all the adults went to war.

That little one in the memory wagged his tail in delight when Broki entered the sanctuary.

But...

[Seeing that, Broki came up with an idea.]

'Yes, this is it! With the blood of this canine clan, I can create any number of protectors!'

'I'll make them protect me!'

'My own army! I'm creating a new tribe here that only serves me!'

'You like it, too, right? Hahaha'

Broki smiled at the wolf cub wagging its tail at him.

[... After that, the sanctuary was torn into several pieces and wandered through the dimensional rift. One day, a hole connected to the earth appeared in front of Broki.]

He found a group of humans.

[Without hesitation, Broki drew the blood of this young wolf and fed it to those people.]

The next thing was something Suho knew very well.

The protectors that were created became Broki's army under the name of the Hyena Guild.

They hunted humans and sacrificed them to Broki.

For one whole year.

However, there was one problem.

That was the reason Rakan's Sword was furious.

-The power of the protectors is not eternal. Ten days at most. After that period, the power of blood engraved on the body of the protectors disappears and returns to its original state. That means...!

"Once every ten days, blood was drawn from this guy and fed to the guild members. For an entire year."

-Aaaahhh! Broki! Broki!

Suho picked up the limping wolf cub with one hand.

He was a little surprised at how light it was.

[Ehhh? You're going to take it?]

Beru's eyes widened.

This young wolf was a direct descendant, if not the direct descendant, of the canine monarch.

[If you keep him alive, he may grow up to be the second Fang Monarch and threaten Earth again.]

"You said we won anyway back then?"

[That's... right. Hmm.]

Beru looked intently at the wolf cub in Suho's hand.

Seeing how much blood had been drawn, he couldn't even breathe properly. Beru nodded.

[Haha. There is no need for us to antagonize each other in a situation where the monsters are attacking.]

Even though they were defeated in the war, the children who survived were innocent.

It was rather amazing how it survived so far with its small and light body.

However, Suho did not intend to take the wolf with such a dramatic reason.

'I think it will help me in some way later on. Also...'

"If you die here and now, your last memory will be very unhappy, right? You were caught by the man you trusted, and you had your blood sucked for a whole year."

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Saying so, Suho took him into his arms.

"So, let's just eat some food first and think about it after."

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Suho immediately returned home with the wolf cub.

As for the Hyena Guild and Gwanaksan Field, he reported it to the association and just put it behind.

Civilian survivors will give much more specific testimonies than Suho anyway.

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More than that, the cub seemed like it would die right now.

"Beru, you said you're a healer. Can you heal something like this?"

[Healer's recovery magic can only heal wounds. I can't do anything about lack of blood or hunger.]

"Even recovery skills are not flexible. Alright then."

Suho turned on the electric stove and put it in front of the wolf cub.

"Hnngggg."

"why? Is it good because it's warm?"

The wolf cub looked quite perplexed.

Its tail was curled up and it was trembling, but its gaze was staring at the red light of the electric stove as if possessed.

"Well, you may be seeing fire for the first time in your life."

Suho left it alone and immediately cooked seaweed soup.

He let it cool and served it on a small plate.

"I know you are really enjoying yourself today. This is a recipe my mom used to make for me on my birthday."

Suho showed condescension and held out seaweed soup in front of its short snout.

"Eat it. They say that seaweed soup is good when you don't have enough blood."

Sniff sniff.

The wolf cub's tail twitched when it smelled the seaweed soup.

"It's alright. Try it."

When Suho forcibly smeared seaweed soup on its snout, its tongue flicked instinctively.

Huh?

...!

"Oh, I didn't know. Even wolves have astonished looks, like humans."

The wolf cub puts its nose into the plate and licks the seaweed soup.

Its hairless tail waggled helplessly.

Rakan's Sword watching silently muttered in low voice.

-...Thanks. For everything.

He had mixed feelings.

The reason they became like this in the first place was because they lost the war against the humans.

But even though the war was over, the children who survived were innocent.

They had to survive in the present and stand up to live in the future.

And maybe... This young wolf was the only survivor of the canine clan.

As Beru warned, he was a petty monarch who would one day grow up to inherit the lineage of the Fang Monarch.

To think that the heir of the Shadow Monarch would lend a helping hand to such a child.

What kind of irony is this?

"Do you like it?"

Suho smiles as he crouches down in front of the little wolf cub licking the warm soup.

Rakan's Sword, who's watching them, had no choice but to accept the fact that the war was over.

-...Okay. You won. I will entrust all of our recruits to you.

He sighed softly.

The will of the greatest beast, the Fang Monarch Rakan, dwelled in Suho.

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Ring.

[Pet: Fang Wolf Lv.1' has been obtained.]

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Chapter 19: Chapter 18(Unedited)

"A pet?"

Suho made a puzzled expression when he saw the message that suddenly appeared.

[Pet?]

Beru asked the same.

chump chump chump.

Before I knew it, a name tag appeared on the head of the wolf cub who was licking seaweed soup.

[?? Lv.1]

Fang Wolf

The system sent a message.

Ring.

[You can give your pet a name.]

[Please name your pet.]

"Name my pet?"

When Suho looked at Beru who had a troubled expression.

[Hmm? There was nothing like this in the past.]

"Which one? A pet?"

[Yes. When His Majesty was leveling up, there was no such function.]

Beru explained.

The level-up system currently applied to Suho was originally inherited from the Shadow Monarch, Sung Jinwoo, which he used in the past.

Of course, it was improved to some extent from then, but that was to remove the 'malevolence' that dwelled in the system.

"Malevolence?"

[Yes.]

The purpose of the system at the time was to forcibly develop a human named 'Sung Jinwoo' to use as a vessel for the Shadow Monarch.

As soon as the goal was accomplished, the soul of named Sung Jinwoo was bound to disappear.

[Anyway, Sung Jinwoo ended up defying the purpose of the system and became the Shadow Monarch himself. He became a great being who no longer needed to level up.]

The person who inherited the system was Suho.

"But why is there a pet system now that didn't exist back then?"

[Hmm. Maybe it wasn't just now. It might have been there from the beginning.]

Beru squinted and stroked his chin.

[Besides, the designers of the level-up system were not us, but the shaman of the fantasy realm who dreamed of immortality.]

"Shaman?"

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[Yes. He's the only one who knows exactly what functions are in the system.]

A long time ago, the shaman of the fantasy realm wished to escape from the fate of a finite creature and become an eternal existence.

As a result, the level-up system was created after making an agreement with the angels of God.

[However, the purpose of the system at the time was only to complete the Shadow Monarch's vessel, so there was no need for a pet. Killing everyone and turning them into Shadow Soldiers was enough. But, the purpose of Young Masters' system now is completely different from that time.]

Suho made a puzzled expression.

"The purpose of the system was not to make me a shadow monarch?"

[Yes. After all, Young Master can't become one.]

Beru said emphatically.

[There is only one Shadow Monarch in this world.]

In short, it means that only when Sung Jinwoo dies and the position of the monarch is empty that Suho can get the chance to become the shadow monarch.

But Sung Jinwoo was the ruler of death.

He would never die.

[In fact, he is the one who is truly immortal.]

"I know very well that my father is great."

Suho was curious about another thing.

"Then, what is the purpose of my system?"

Beru smiled faintly and looked into Suho's eyes.

The existence of Sung Suho, born from the marriage of a shadow monarch and an ordinary human, was an unusual existence in all dimensions.

So, even the designer who created the system would not have dared to guess what kind of existence Suho would grow into in the future.

Would he simply live as the Young Master who inherited the skills of the Shadow Monarch as he does now?

Or... would he escape from his destiny and find his own way, just like Sung Jinwoo did a long time ago?

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[The system merely acts as a guide for Young Master whichever path you take. If there is a function that did not exist before, it will surely be helpful.]

Beru was already looking at Suho's face, the face of a man who had long been alone and fought against everything in the world.

He... He survived by constantly struggling in a place closer to death than anyone else in the world.

In the end, even that death was won by his own power.

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The Earth now was at peace built through his noble sacrifice.

But, that peace has been threatened again by the Outer Gods.

"Status window."

Suho, who was listening to Beru, suddenly opened the status window.

[Status Window]

Name: Sung Suho

Level: 16

Occupation: None

Title: Wolf Slayer

HP : 2,350/2,350

MP : 235/235

[Stats]

Muscle Strength: 35

Body Strength: 25

Agility: 25

Intellect: 25

Senses: 25

(Divisive Ability Points: 0)

[Skills]

Passive Skills: Strength Lv.2, Twin Swords Lv.1

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Active Skills: Ruler's Power Lv.1, Shadow Fragment Lv.1, Blade Storm Lv.1

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After hearing Beru's words, Suho also understood why his occupation was still labeled as 'none'.

There will probably never be anything written on that spot that says 'Shadow Monarch'.

Suho paid more attention to the other numbers below.

'This is my current level.'

Compared to the 1st level, when he was being chased by the Mist Burns, the figures had gone up tremendously.

There were already so many useful skills.

But...

'I am still weak.'

Suho was never overconfident with his own strength.

It's not humility, but a mere fact.

He had already reached level 99 several times in his childhood dreams.

Looking back on the sensations he felt at that time, his current power was too insignificant.

If he didn't obtain the title of wolf slayer at the right time, he might not have defeated Broki.

Suho also checked out new skills during the battle.

[Skill: Twin Swords Lv.1]

Passive skill.

No mana required.

You can use dual swords more proficiently.

33% additional damage is applied when using two swords.

(This also applies to weapons other than swords.)

'It's Twin Swords...'

Come to think of it, he had always been fighting with a weapon in both hands.

An axe at first, and sword this time.

Perhaps this skill was created based on his fighting method so far.

"In order to become stronger here, I will continue to use double swords."

-...?

Suho's gaze stayed on Rakan's Sword.

Experience proved that the attack power of Rakan's Sword was quite satisfactory.

Once caught, the necks of the beasts of Gwanaksan were cut immediately.

It seemed that he would need another sword, comparable to Rakan's Sword, to balance his two hands.

'I need to earn some money. Hunter weapons are very expensive.'

Suho's gaze turned downward.

"And this little one..."

"Hnnngggg."

Before he knew it, the wolf cub had finished eating the seaweed soup and was sticking out of its stomach.

He was still lying on the floor weakly, as if he had no energy to crawl.

"I will have to raise it for a while to use it later on."

[Please name your pet.]

A system message had been urging Suho from earlier.

Suho decided on a name without hesitation.

"Gray because it has gray hair."

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[Will you go with 'Gray'?]

"Yes."

As soon as Suho finished speaking, the question mark on the wolf cub's head was erased and a new name was engraved.

[Gray Lv.1]

Fang Wolf

"Hnnngggg."

Gray, who had officially become Suho's pet, raised his head with unfocused eyes and sniffed.

He smelled Suho.

Suho tapped the cub's nose with his fingertips and asked Rakan's Sword.

"Hey, let me ask you one thing."

-What?

"How do I raise him to be useful?"

-Is there anything special about raising that? Just let him eat well, sleep well, and play well.

"Don't say something so obvious. He is a descendant of the Fang Monarch. Is there any special method?"

-Eating is very important. The reason why he became so weak in the first place must be because Broki kept starving him because he was afraid of this little one's growth.

Rakan's Sword raged again as he remembered what Broki had done.

If the child of the canine clan had grown normally, there would have been no way he would have been held captive by someone like Broki.

-So, feed him consistently. If you give him enough sleep and let him play freely, he will grow into a much stronger predator than Broki.

"Really? What can I feed him?"

-Right, he's a magical beast. It's even better if he is a monster that is self-hunting. Originally, children of the clan play hunting from the moment they are born.

"It's called hunting. Hmm."

It was absurd.

To make a guy who doesn't even have the strength to walk on his feet go hunting.

[Ugh. They are worse than ants. Still, our ants can be left alone when they are larvae.]

Suho came up with a good idea upon hearing that.

Who was it that raised Suho, who was a baby in the first place?

"Beru, you take care of him from now on."

[Out of nowhere?]

"Yeah. You are the best nanny I know."

[Kehehehe. I don't know what to do after hearing such compliments from Young Master.]

Beru twisted his body and was embarrassed.

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"Let's go, then."

[Ehh? Where?]

Clueless Beru.

Suho picked up Gray's and inserted the key to the Shadow Dungeon into his own shadow.

[Would you like to enter the Shadow Dungeon?]

"Where else? Here, of course."

Clack.

[Entering the Shadow Dungeon.]

Swoosh!

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After entering the Shadow Dungeon, Suho put Beru on Gray's back.

"From now on, you guys are a team."

[Ehh?]

No matter how small Gray was, he was twice as big as Beru.

Of course, even if you put the two together, they were still just a handful.

-This place can't be...

Rakan's Fang, who had come along unintentionally, felt a strange feeling while looking around the shadow dungeon.

-Is this the world of the Shadow Monarch?

[To be exact, this is the world Young Master inherited. Of course, it was neglected so much that the wild monsters hid in it.]

Beru realized why Suho had brought them here and his eyes lit up.

Disquieting gazes were glaring at him from all over the dungeon.

[These are wild goblins. They are perfect opponents to train a pet.]

Beru smirked and tapped Gray's butt.

[Now, wake up! Descendant of the Fang Monarch! Show those ridiculous guys your ferocity!]

"Hnnngg..."

Whine.

[Hmm?]

Gray seemed completely unwilling to fight.

It was as if he didn't even have the will to get up, he crouched flat on the floor.

Seeing that, Rakan's Sword couldn't hide his anger.

-Keugh! You have lost all of your innate fighting instincts due to your life in confinement! What should we do with this?!

"Well, then."

[Ah, right.]

Suho and Beru's reactions were resolute.

Beru's skill is Predation.

He was able to absorb some of the power and memories of the monster he consumed.

[Arise, young warrior.]

Beru, the best nanny Suho knew, tapped Gray's butt once more.

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Harshly.

['Skill: Harsh Command' has been used by Beru.]

['Skill: Harsh Command' increases Gray's stats by 50%.]

[As a side effect of 'Skill: Harsh Command', Gray is cursed with madness.]

"Grrrrr!"

Gray's eyes, which had no motivation at all, suddenly changed.

Beru laughed evilly and continued tapping Gray's butt.

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[Good! Start with that momentum!]

"Growl!"

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Chapter 20: Chapter 19(Unedited)

The internet has been buzzing for a while.

-Breaking news! The hidden reality of the Hyena Guild!

-Werewolves of Gwanaksan!

-Survivors who almost became sacrificial lambs!

The survivors of Gwanaksan Field, rescued by Suho, revealed everything they had experienced to the media, and the public was shocked.

-Crazy;;; What was that;;;

-They caught their own kind, human, and sacrificed them??

-How could they do that??

-Hunters were living as slaves of demons;

-Aren't they a traitor to humanity at this level?

Translator: Anom

Citizens reacted extremely to the fact that the same humans were hunting humans and feeding them to those beasts.

Along with them, other guilds that had been involved with the Hyena Guild were also criticized.

-Wasn't the Reaper Guild behind the Hyena Guild?

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-Yep, that's right. Even if they deny it now, everyone in the industry knows otherwise.

-Where did that huge capital come from when the Hyena Guild were milking from low-level hunters' loan in the first place?

-I heard they were originally neighborhood gangsters.

-100% sure a certain guild gave them that money.

-That guild might be very anxious now.

Blag!

"Are we going to keep looking at all this nonsense?!"

Lim Taegyu, the guild leader of the Reaper Guild, hit his fist hard with an angry face.

The force had split the marble desk in two, but no one in the conference room cared about it.

"I-I'm sorry. We are also responding with urgency, but as you can see, the public opinion is too strong..."

"Planning Director."

Chills.

A cold voice held the planning director's breath.

"Do you think I hired you to make that excuse? To gather in this room and rely on the comments?"

"... I'm sorry."

"Pheew."

Lim Taegyu leaned back in his chair and let out a long sigh.

"Let me ask you one thing. How did our image end up like this? Until last year, everything was good, right?"

"..."

In response to Lim Taegyu's question, the executives only looked at each other with embarrassed expressions.

In the previous year, Reaper Guild was on the rise as Korea's No. 1 guild in name and reality.

The reason was Lim Taegyu, the guild leader.

It was thanks to him being one of the few S-Class hunters in Korea despite being middle-aged.

There was one more person.

Aside from Lim Taegyu, there was one more S-Class Hunter in the Reaper Guild. It was only up until last year.

"That's right, Sir. When Vice President Baek Yunho went on his own last year..."

"Shh."

The head of the Planning Office hurriedly shut the subordinate's mouth.

'Such a tactless person! Who wouldn't know that and ask?'

S-Class Hunter Baek Yunho.

He was the person who established the 'Baekho Guild' last year after becoming independent from the guild he was previously in.

The moment he left, an S-Class hunter, the power of the Reaper Guild was virtually cut in half.

But, that wasn't the real problem.

The thing is, everyone in the room knew the underlying reason.

They just couldn't speak about it.

If they do, their throats would be cut in half.

After Baek Yunho left, Lim Taegyu brought an A-Class hunter from outside and put him in the Vice President position in a fit of anger.

Judging from the fact that he was a close acquaintance with Lim Taegyu even before the cataclysm, he was a so-called paratrooper.

Of course, the executives of the Reaper Guild strongly objected to that decision.

Because an A-Class hunter couldn't take the place of an S-Class hunter.

The A-Class hunter 'Lee Minseong' he brought was a beginner who had never entered a dungeon.

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However, Lim Taegyu did not bring Lee Minseong for no solid reason.

Lee Minseong... just had a lot of money.

He was already a businessman with a lot of money born with a golden spoon even before awakening.

When he was younger, he was a movie actor who was so popular that he made a name for himself as an Asian superstar.

Regardless of dungeons or hunter things, Lee Minseong's life has been that of a rich man who has only walked the glamorous road from the time he was born.

Lim Taegyu's real purpose?

Money.

'If power is weak, why not buy an expensive weapon through an increase in financial power!'

In fact, Lee Minseong was more of a sponsor with strong financial power rather than a Vice President.

The plan worked to some degree.

After Lee Minseong became the vice president, the guild members started to get more and more expensive and flashy equipment.

But, ironically...

'Since then, the guild's image has deteriorated.'

The head of the Planning Office had no choice but to press down on what he wanted to say and endure it.

Just then, the door of the conference room opened and Vice President Lee Minseong in question entered.

"Hey! Sorry for being late, sorry! There was so much traffic~"

Lee Minseong laughed and joked even though he was an hour late for the meeting.

As a handsome and famous actor when he was young, his face was covered with a pitiful act.

Lim Taegyu's cold eyes glared at Lee Minseong.

"Vice President Lee Minseong."

"Ooh, what is this? Did you break the table? Your strength is great."

"Vice President Lee Minseong."

"Hey, Secretary Kim! Change this table to something better sometime today, okay?"

"Hey! Lee Minseong!"

Thud.

Lim Taegyu couldn't hold his anger and shouted. The smile on Lee Minseong's face disappeared.

"Hey?"

Lee Minseong's head turned and he looked at Lim Taegyu with a raging gaze.

"Doesn't that title sound a little rude?"

Lim Taegyu ignored the words and asked, glaring at Lee Minseong.

"Vice President Lee Minseong, why are you late for the meeting?"

"I told you, there was a traffic jam."

"Aren't you late because you're taking care of the mess with Hyena Guild?"

"..."

At those words, Lee Minseong's brow flinched.

However, he soon smirked.

"What are you talking about again? What hyena? The one you can see at the zoo?"

"Don't change the topic, Minseong."

Chills.

The mask was removed from Lee Minseong's face.

"I'm not liking your tone."

Even in the face of wrath with Lim Taegyu, an S-Class hunter, Minseong only has a mockery look on his face.

"When did our Taegyu grow up like this? The bastard who used to be my driver?"

"..."

At those words, anger welled up in Lim Taegyu's eyes.

However, Lee Minseong did not care and rather approached him.

He pulled Taegyu's collar then he glanced up and down at him with a scanty glance.

"Tsk. Do you really not know what people do? How did you get lucky enough to wake up as an S-class? So you could become arrogant in only two years? Was it like this with the old owner as well?"

"Lee Minseong..."

"Oops. Come to think of it, you weren't the previous owner. Our Taegyu, don't you still have two years left on your driver's contract?"

"Lee Minseong... Do not test my patience."

"Why? You're going to kill me? Oh wow, that's scary. The dog is trying to bite its owner. I gave money to a guild that was going down, but you don't even know how to return the favor."

If a person could be killed with a gaze, everyone in the conference room might have already died.

'Please go outside and fight...'

The battle of nerves between the two people, who had a complicated relationship, made it impossible for the executives and staff to even breathe properly.

Fortunately, Lim Taegyu was not hot-tempered enough to cloud his mind with anger.

"... Whew. Let's stop this."

"You were going to do something, weren't you?"

"Vice President Lee Minseong, I already know that you have had some kind of commission with the Hyena Guild. Sooner or later, the association will also know about it."

"... Association?"

Lee Minseong's expression hardened.

Lim Taegyu let out a deep sigh.

"Yes. So tell me what the hell you were doing behind our backs. We have to know so we can clean it up somehow."

"Hmm. Clean up?"

Lee Minseong rubbed his chin and was lost in thoughts.

He didn't want to be specific.

'He couldn't do it either.'

In the end, Lee Minseong smiled and shrugged.

"Well, nothing special. Just running light errands and playing with money?"

"Is that really all?"

"Yes. Even if the association decides, I can solve it on my own, so don't worry."

"I hope that is true."

"Or else, what? The Hunter Law is so weak so there won't be any problems if I mobilize my lawyers."

"The law..."

The Hunter Law is definitely out of date.

Lim Taegyu pondered on those words.

It was natural.

It has only been two years since the cataclysm occurred.

Even now, the Association was working hard to pass Hunter-related legislation, but there were still holes in it.

That's why guys like Hyena Guild were still able to play to their heart's content.

"Satisfied now? If you don't have anything more to say, I'm leaving."

Lee Minseong turns around and leaves the conference room without even listening to the answer.

Behind him, Lim Taegyu issued the last warning.

"Vice President Lee Minseong, it would be better not to be overconfident. Even if the law is weak, the president of the association is never an easy person."

Thud.

The conference room door was slammed shut.

Lim Taegyu shook his head and sat back in his chair.

It was only then that the employees were able to breathe out.

Lee Minseong came out with a relaxed gait...

His expression was contorted like that of a demon.

'A bastard who doesn't even know the subject dares question me!'

He didn't show it, but in fact, his whole body was drenched in cold sweat from Lim Taegyu's killing gazes.

More than the fear he has, he couldn't tolerate getting his pride stepped on.

'I only got in because he begged me to be the vice president, but he treats me like a servant? Lim Taegyu, how dare you?'

But he had no right to express this anger.

After all, Taegyu was an S-Class hunter, and he was only an A-Class.

He couldn't help but control his anger.

Hyena Guild?

No.

'The guy who destroyed the Hyena Guild!'

Lee Minseong called someone with a scary look on his face.

"Yes, it is me. Did you figure out his identity?"

-No, Vice President. I've been trying to find out about him from all the survivors...

A voice without confidence came from the other side of the phone.

-None of the survivors knows what he looks like.

"What? They don't know what he looked like? How come?"

-The hunter was covering his face with a mask and hood the whole time. What is noteworthy is that he used twin swords, and it is said that he picked up the sword used by werewolves and used it.

Hmm.

"... Find out more about who that bastard is and bring him to me."

-Yes, Sir. Well understood.

Thud!

Lee Minseong couldn't hold back his anger and threw his phone on the floor.

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Meanwhile at that time.

Suho was spending a peaceful time in the Shadow Dungeon.

Of course, only Suho is at peace.

Gray, the wolf cub of the canine clan, was about to die.

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"Growl!"

[Oh, that's great. Finally, our wolfie hunted a goblin alone. Although the opponent is of course a baby goblin.]

"Kyao-!"

At Beru's praise, the palm-sized wolf cub howled sadly— no, howled ferociously.

The way he stepped on the young goblin's corpse with his paws looked extremely pitiful— no, brave.

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[Now, eat! A true hunter eats all his prey without leaving any!]

"Growl!"

[Ugh! Open your mouth wide and chew!]

"Thud!"

Chomp! Chomp!

Gray showed signs of exhaustion, but couldn't disobey the harsh commands of Assistant Professor Beru.

As he was told to do so, he opened his mouth wide and bit the goblin he hunted...

Ring!

[The level of 'Pet: Gray' increased!]

A message arrived in front of Suho.

"Oh, he also levels up?"

-Didn't I tell you? If you let him eat, sleep and play, he'd grow up.

"I know he'd grow up. But, I thought I was the only one leveling up."

Another message arrived.

['Pet: Gray' offers 50% of its experience as a sacrifice to its owner.]

"What?"

[Ehhh?]

Suho and Beru looked at each other.

They turned their gazes to look at Gray, who was lying flat on the floor.

"Hnnnggg."

[Young Master. How could you steal this little one's power?]

"No, I..."

Suddenly, a feeling of guilt came flooding in.