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-OH DEAR, SUHO! WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!

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As soon as Suho answered the phone, his eardrum almost bled at that loud voice.

He answered with an awkward voice.

"Haha... Uncle, hello."

-What hello?! Your face suddenly appeared on the news, I was so shocked! How is your body? Are you okay? Are you hurt?

"I'm okay. Not even injured."

-Really?

"Yes. For real. I am fine."

-Switch to video call!

Suho changed the audio call to a video call.

A middle-aged man poked his face through his cell phone and glanced at Suho.

-Let me see. Your face is still handsome. How about your body... Did it get better? You really look fine.

"Because I really am."

-Thank God.

Only then did Suho's uncle, Yoo Jinho, let out a deep sigh of relief through his phone.

-You kid! I thought you were quietly drawing at school. When did you become a hunter? If you have awakened, you should have reported it to this uncle first.

"I'm sorry. I forgot because I was so busy these days."

That was never the reason.

Since he awakened, incidents and accidents have been constantly popping up every day.

It was surprising that even Suho himself had been an art student who had been quietly drawing ants in front of a canvas until just a month ago.

Yoo Jinho clicked his tongue at Suho's obvious excuse.

-There is something I forgot. You are my brother-in-law's son, but is it hereditary to be indifferent? You didn't tell your grandma and grandpa, did you?

"Yes. Why should I tell them? It will only worry those who live leisurely in the countryside for no reason."

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-That's right. How bad it must be for the hearts of the elderly if they even read the news related to you this time. My heart raced so much after watching the news that I postponed all of my meetings scheduled for today.

"I think Uncle's heart is worse. I don't think I've ever seen my grandparents in such pain in my life."

-Whatever, you rascal! Anyway, my schedule is empty right now because of you, do you have some time?

"Now? Yeah."

-Do you know how many people died in the disaster? Maybe seeing you with my own eyes will calm my heart, so let's see each other for the first time in a while. Do you know where our company is located?

"You want me to come to Uncle's company now?"

-Hmm. No. It would be annoying if people found out about the current situation. I'll get my driver to fetch you, just put on some clothes and get in my car.

When the call ended, Suho shrugged.

"Well, it's better."

He wanted to see his uncle's face after a long time.

To shake off the annoying flying insects outside.

Suho dressed roughly for going out.

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Sigh.

After a while, a black limousine arrived in front of Suho's house.

"Are you Sung Suho? I came here to get you as ordered by the CEO."

'Awakener?'

Suho's eyes lit up at the familiar mana energy he felt from the driver.

'Did he send a driver and bodyguard?'

Doctor Min Byeonggu was the same, but just because he had awakened, not everyone wanted to risk their lives to enter the dungeon.

Rather, there were quite a few Awakeners who were engaged in safe work outside the dungeon like this if the salary was right.

"Get in the back. I will open it for you."

"No. I will take care of it."

Suho politely tried to stop the driver from opening the back door.

"Wait a minute! Stop there!"

"Mr. Sung Suho! Let's talk for a minute!"

The scouts who were waiting for Suho to run out in a hurry to block Suho's way.

"I am a headhunter from the Hyeonmu Guild! I know you're still a freelancer, can I talk to you for a minute?"

"Let's start with the terms and conditions! No matter where you go, a C-Class hunter will never get these conditions...!"

"Ugh! Why do you, people, keep on pushing?! Sung Suho, let's go to a nearby cafe."

Scouts scrambled to give Suho a business card, grab Suho by the wrist and drag him away.

Suho's brow furrowed slightly at their rude attitude.

[Scouts in large guilds are generally like this. In particular, they are overbearing against hunters below intermediate level because they think they are the top.]

Quay, accustomed to such things, whispered in a voice that only Suho could hear.

"Would you like to get in first?"

At that time, the driver who had come to pick up Suho took off his black sunglasses and stepped in front of Suho.

"I will solve this."

When he took off his sunglasses, his cold eyes were revealed.

However, despite his stern look, the scouts didn't care at all.

Rather, they began to press the driver with force.

"Hey. Can't you tell the difference between me wearing this and not?"

"We know and how dare a chauffeur or something intervene?"

"Do you know how much of an important opportunity of a lifetime has come to Hunter Sung Suho?"

The problem was that the scouts were also awakeners.

Since they had to deal with hunters because of their job, they need to be the frontline in recruiting newbies for greater chances of succeeding.

Just like that, an unusual air current flows between the driver and the scouts.

"It's okay. I will just talk."

Suho raised his hand to stop the driver and stepped forward.

Then, the faces of the scouts bloomed and began to condescend to Suho with expressions that they knew it would happen.

"Haha! As you should!"

"As expected, young friends can communicate well!"

"I assure you, if you listen to our terms, you will surely..."

That moment.

Rattle.

"...!"

The faces of the scouts who were excitedly opening their mouths quickly began to turn pale.

There it was... Suho's distant gaze, indifferently looking at them.

A pitch-black abyss whose end is unfathomable.

['Effect: Fear' is activated.]

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

Suho opened his mouth.

"I don't know what the conditions are, but I will receive them by email. If you've got my home address, you probably know my email address. If you come to me like this again..."

Ring.

[You have learned 'Skill: Live Lv.1'.]

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There was no need for an afterword.

As the system message guarantees, Suho's life skills were 'real' as he learned them through a lot of chaos.

"Let's go."

Suho takes his eyes off them and gets into the limousine.

The driver, who looked at the scene with a strange expression for a moment, put on his sunglasses again and lowered his head.

"Yes. We'll get moving."

The limousine is getting farther and farther away.

It wasn't until the time when Suho was no longer visible that the breath they had been holding back came out of the scouts' mouths.

"... Whoa."

"W-What was that just now?"

"How can his eyes..."

"C-Class? Are you sure about that information?"

"Isn't he a summoning hunter?"

As they looked at each other, they thought of one thing.

It was the need to increase their offers to give Suho.

[Young Master, how did you do that?]

Beru's excited voice was heard by Suho.

[Could you imitate Rakan Sword's 'Contempt for the Weak' skill?]

'Yeah, it worked when I just did it.'

[Wow! I'm so proud of you! Ever since, Young Master was a child prodigy!]

Leaving Beru's fuss behind, Suho checked the skill he had just developed.

[Skill: Live Lv.1]

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Active skill.

Requires 100 mana.

Inflicts fear on the target for 1 minute with powerful energy. Multiple targets can be specified.

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Effect 'Fear': All stats -50%

'Contempt for the weak and the details are the same. Should I say it's for a more general-purpose?'

Whatever the name, the effect would be similar anyway.

After all, it wouldn't work if used to someone stronger than him.

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"We're here."

After a while, a luxurious tall building appeared in front of Suho who got off the limousine.

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The best game company in Korea, both in name and reality, that succeeded in the virtual reality game industry.

Suho's uncle, Yoo Jinho, was the founder of that company.

[Ajinsoft CEO Yoo Jinho, a miraculous success story of a young entrepreneur who refused to succeed a conglomerate!]

This was the story that Yoo Jinho had before becoming famous when Suho was very young.

But at this time, no one would have expected it.

The game company run by Yoo Jinho, the youngest member of a conglomerate family, has been consistently winning and winning for 20 years, establishing itself as the best game company in Korea.

In particular, its first successful virtual reality game called 'Beautiful World' was a terrible longevity game that has been steadily popular even after 20 years.

Middle-aged gamers who have been playing the game for 20 years have even nicknamed it 'Beautiful Man'.

"Would you like to follow me? I will guide you to the CEO."

"Ah, yes."

Suho followed the driver and took a leisurely look at the magnificent interior of the company.

'I heard there's something new here every time I come.'

Befitting a company that succeeded with virtual reality games, state-of-the-art virtual reality equipment was displayed in the spacious lobby on the first floor.

Suho also enjoyed playing games until his awakening, so he was looking around to see if there were any new games or equipment.

'... Huh?'

Today, something different than usual caught his eye.

'Why are hunters running around the game company?'

Inside the building, fully armed hunters were walking around being wary of each other.

'Did a dungeon open here?'

[Couldn't it be that the flying insects came after knowing that the Young Master came here?]

[They have no reaction even if they make eye contact with Master. Could it be that they came for a job offer?]

"Work? What kind of business do hunters have at the game company?"

As Quay mentioned, the hunters did not react at all even when they saw Suho.

A few of them with good senses noticed that Suho was a hunter, but rather looked at him with eyes that found him as a competitor.

"What's with that idiot?"

"How could he come in confidently dressed like that?"

'... Hmm?'

Suho was even more confused when the hunters laughed while looking at him up and down with his casual clothes.

"Those hunters must be curious."

The driver who was walking with him noticed Suho's expression and explained it.

"The new game that the company is planning these days needs some advice from hunters. Because of that, many hunters have been coming to the company until their feet are worn out."

"Hunter? Because of a game?"

Suho made an even more puzzled expression at those words.

"Yes. After all, if the game goes well, the hunter guild that helped will receive promotional effect. This is confidential, so if you meet the CEO, ask him directly. He's right there."

Just then, I saw Yoo Jinho talking with a hunter in the distance.

"Haha. CEO, is there any other guild with a better image than our Hyeonmu guild? Collaborating with us is..."

"Hmm. You don't have to keep coming back like this. We will make a selection based on fair standards."

"Oh, sure. Of course you have to be fair. So please look at our armed appearance like this, and we..."

Hyeonmu Guild's Manager Lee Youngho was rubbing his hands together walking after Yoo Jinho.

As Suho was about to approach, armed hunters blocked his way and glared at him.

"Who are you again?"

"Adults are having important conversations, but you can't even grasp the atmosphere..."

But then...

"Oh, Suho! You must have had a hard time coming!"

Yoo Jinho, who happened to find Suho, smiled broadly and started running towards Suho, leaving Chief Lee Youngho behind.

"...!"

The eyes of the hunters widened wide at that appearance.

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"Suho, you bastard! How long has it been?!"

"We saw each other last month too, Uncle."

"Ah hehe. Did we?"

Yoo Jinho bursts into laughter as he embraces Suho with a very happy expression.

The hunters who were looking at them could not help but be astonished.

'Uncle?!'

They were surprised that Suho called him uncle, but in fact, what surprised them even more was Yoo Jinho, who had changed 180 degrees from usual.

'Did CEO Yoo Jinho usually smile like that?'

CEO Yoo Jinho.

He was a figure who left a conglomerate family and founded Ajinsoft, which represents Korea with his own hands. He was a thorough and cold-hearted businessman who received the trust and loyalty of his employees.

However, his usual cold expression went somewhere, and he suddenly turned into a warm-hearted man having a friendly conversation with Suho.

"Hey, boy. If you entered an art school, you should be painting or drawing safely, why are you doing something dangerous? Let's see. Are you really okay? Shall I call a healer that I know?"

Yoo Jinho was examining Suho's body thoroughly, and at one point, he poked at Suho's muscles.

"How could your body look so sore? What muscles look like tires? Did you awaken as a tank?"

"It might be because I've been working too hard at the gym these days."

Suho's expression as he answered seemed a bit sad.

There was always a really nasty gym leader named Ammut lurking beneath his shadow.

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"Uncle, what kind of game did you make that the hunters are here?"

"You know FIFA, right?"

"Football? I know."

In today's game, it was possible to play by moving the body directly in virtual reality.

"Similarly, we have been making a virtual reality game featuring hunters since two years ago. System building is almost over, now it's time to create characters."

"Ahh."

Suho finally understood why the hunter guilds were so eager to visit the game company.

"When this game is released, users will be able to experience being a real hunter in virtual reality, attacking dungeons and hunting monsters."

The actual hunters who would become the models for those characters were bound to gain worldwide recognition.

"It must be really fun. Any non-awakened person would want to try it."

"Once it comes out, it would be really great. Of course, there is still a long way to go, and it is a long way from completion."

Suho was sincerely impressed.

It has only been two years since the cataclysm began.

It was no coincidence that Ajinsoft became the best game company.

"So what is the name of that game?"

Sensing Suho's pure curiosity, Yoo Jinho replied with a smirk.

"Solo Leveling."

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"... Solo Leveling?"

When he heard the name of the game, Suho's expression became a little awkward.

"Oh. It's a solo game, and leveling up is essential to let players experience as many different classes and types of hunters as possible."

Yoo Jinho had a look on his face believing it was a good title.

"Of course you may feel that way. What's so great about leveling up in a game? Aren't similar games widely available? In the end, what matters is this. How much a character in a game can excite us!"

The driver who brought Suho let out a small sigh at the sight of Yoo Jinho chatting excitedly, even clenching his fists.

'He's at it again.'

In fact, that was Yoo Jinho's true self.

Externally, he is armed with the face of a thorough businessman, but when talks of game begins, he turns into a face like that of an adolescent boy chatting with sparkling eyes.

"But 'solo leveling' is different. We plan to feature hunters who are actually active in the field as characters."

An ordinary level-up game that anyone could make.

However, there is one thing. The feel of 'reality' that could elicit exhilarating excitement from players.

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For that very reason, Ajinsoft was trying to collaborate even while offering money to high-paid hunters.

It could be considered as a super-large project that no game company dared to attempt, because a tremendous amount of money must be used to do so.

Suddenly, Suho's gaze turned to the hunters of the Hyeonmu Guild standing awkwardly behind Lee Youngho.

He wondered why they were fully armed like that, but it must have been to appeal to Yoo Jinho.

'... It feels a bit strange.'

They were really prim and proper.

If it was a coincidence, it does quite match the situation he was in these days.

[Hmm. Hmm...]

There was a gaze intently watching Yoo Jinho in the shadows since a while ago.

[... Maybe it's not a coincidence.]

Beru whispered in a voice that only Suho could hear.

'Maybe it's not a coincidence?'

[Yes. In a time that is now forgotten, this human named 'Yoo Jinho' was a henchman who followed His Majesty closely than anyone else. If the memory of that time remains in his subconscious...]

A monarch's memory transcends time.

Sung Jinwoo, the shadow monarch, was a being who exerted a powerful influence on the world simply by existing.

As Beru said, Yoo Jinho was the one who watched Sung Jinwoo's battles more than anyone else out of all the humans.

At that time, all those moments captured in Yoo Jinho's memories must have been the most intense and stimulating in the entire universe.

Also...

[At that time, he had the same expression as now.]

Yoo Jinho, who had been watching Sung Jinwoo's wonderful battles, was now explaining the game he was trying to make.

As if all the scenes in the game were already clearly engraved in his head.

[This is really interesting. I don't think his memory came back... Trying to express those memories in the way of a game.]

"Ah! I was too talkative. Haha. Anyway, it's that kind of a game, Suho."

Yoo Jinho suddenly came to his senses and smiled.

"Come on, let's not do this here, let's go inside and talk."

"Wait, CEO! We're not done talking yet...!"

When Yoo Jinho pushed Suho's back and tried to enter his office, the section chief urgently called him from behind.

"Ah."

Realizing that he had forgotten about the hunter, Yoo Jinho stopped walking and looked back.

However, the expression that was smiling brightly at Suho disappeared when he turned his head to the hunters. He looked at them with a cold gaze.

"I have an important schedule, so why don't you go back? We will thoroughly review your proposal and contact you later."

"Ah..."

The hunters had no choice but to keep their mouths shut on the spot at that indisputable order.

Except for one.

Section Chief Lee Youngho of the Hyeonmu Guild was different.

A little while ago, he recognized the face of Suho, who called Yoo Jinho his uncle.

'It's Sung Suho! I never thought I'd find this guy in a place like this!'

Section Chief Lee Youngho found out Sung Suho's address and sent a subordinate there early this morning.

No matter how desperate he was, he didn't have to go out on his own to recruit a C-Class hunter.

Rather, in terms of promoting the guild, it was a much bigger case to collaborate with Ajinsoft than a C-Class hunter.

The meeting with CEO Yoo Jinho, which had been successfully arranged, was suddenly postponed. A while ago as well, his subordinate contacted him saying that he had missed Sung Suho.

'Nothing worked well today, so it must be God's plan to have an opportunity like this!'

Lee Youngho realized at a glance that Sung Suho was CEO Yoo Jinho's 'urgent matter', and decided to target Sung Suho rather than Yoo Jinho.

"Ha ha ha. Hunter Sung Suho! How did I get to meet you here like this? I guess it's fate."

"Huh?"

When Chief Lee Youngho suddenly spoke to Suho in a friendly way, Yoo Jinho stopped walking again and looked back at him.

"Suho, do you know him?"

When Suho tried to answer, Chief Lee Youngho hurriedly interrupted and handed Suho his business card.

"Haha. Alright, Mr. We'll probably meet often. Hunter Sung Suho, I am Section Chief Lee Youngho of the Hyeonmu Guild. We will treat you well being the best in the industry, so how about signing a contract with our guild?"

"... Best in the industry? Suho?"

Rather than Suho, it was Yoo Jinho who responded to those words.

Lee Youngho momentarily caught Yoo Jinho's lips twitching and let out a joy inside.

'It worked! This was an effective strategy! Hehe. 'It's all on me.'

'This is going to be a jackpot.'

He could never have thought that the CEO, Yoo Jinho, was related to Sung Suho!

In addition, the best timing to have a three-way face-to-face meeting at the exact timing when he came to Ajinsoft was so perfect.

'Hehe. Such a lucky day. If I say 'best in the industry', the C-Class hunter cost talk is there. However, it is much more beneficial if I think of it as the opportunity cost of building a friendship with CEO Yoo Jinho.'

Lee Youngho smiled brightly and strode closer to Suho, emphasizing it in a coy tone.

"Hunter Sung Suho? I heard that you haven't been awakened yet. In fact, Hyeonmu Guild doesn't hire new hunters without experience. But Hunter Sung Suho is so talented..."

Even in the midst of diligently introducing the guild to Suho, all of Lee Youngho's nerves were focused only on the change in Yoo Jinho's expression.

He was putting his life on that collaboration.

'PR is war.'

In order for the Hunter Guild to grow, after all, many hunters with good skills had to belong to the guild, or would want to belong.

The most important thing to do, ironically, was to promote the guild's image well to the general public, not to hunters.

The public was in awe of the hunters, but on the other hand, they were afraid.

For the general public, the existence of a hunter was not much different from a beast that could harm them at any time if they wanted to.

In particular, that fear grew due to the villain named Lee Minseong?

No hunter wanted people to treat them as 'monsters'. They wanted recognition and respect.

Hunters were a profession that made a lot of money, and when humans had a lot of money, the next thing they looked for was honor.

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'... So, collaboration is really important.'

If the hunters of the Hyeonmu Guild appeared in the game, how great would they look to the public?

Even as soon as its popularity spread to the world, it was clear that there would be a rush of requests to conquer the dungeon from abroad.

'Then, my promotion and annual salary... Hehe.'

However, there was something that Chief Lee Youngho, who was filled with thrilling dreams just by imagining, did not realize.

The fact that Suho's expression after accepting the Hyeonmu Guild's business card was rather plain.

"Hyeonmu Guild..."

"Haha. Yes, that's our guild name. It is the best in the industry, do you need to worry more? Just wait a little bit and our staff will bring the contract right away. Oh, and I usually don't pay a down payment to C-Class hunters, but this time in particular..."

Chief Lee Youngho constantly worked his mouth to keep from giving Suho room for other thoughts.

But then...

"Ah."

A single word came out of Suho's mouth.

"I wondered where I heard it, but it was the guild that spied on my house with drones this morning."

"Oh my. Haha. Did our staff go that far? I think the enthusiasm was a bit too much. I'm going to discipline him separately..."

"Did you say drones?"

At that moment, the cold voice he heard made him freeze on the spot.

"Chief Lee Youngho of the Hyunmu Guild. I guess this needs some explanation."

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"C-CEO..."

Yoo Jinho was glaring at him with cold eyes.

Even the name of the guild he belonged to was mentioned in his mouth.

Lee Youngho's complexion gradually turned pale.

"No matter how this situation is, the law is supposed to be obeyed, right? As with the Reaper Guild incident, these days, hunters seem to live above the law."

"Oh, that can't be! Absolutely not, CEO!"

"If not, then what is it? Is it only the Hyeonmu Guild? Where did those drones come from?"

"T-That..."

Lee Youngho couldn't find where to look.

It was because he was the one who put the drone in the hands of his subordinate this morning.

Drones were really good.

The ability to fly and control, not to mention the recording function with the ultra-high-resolution wide-angle camera, has evolved tremendously.

One could even find a single strand of hair that had fallen in every corner of the house, even through the window.

Since the features were so good, of course, the laws for privacy protection were also tightly made.

But things have changed a lot since the cataclysm.

Recently, just for the Lee Minseong issue, there were countless broadcasting drones flying all over the sky for live broadcasting.

When a situation like a dungeon break struck, the hunters did not choose any specific means as long as they could hunt the beasts, be it drones or whatever.

However, spying on the homes of ordinary citizens without permission was not acceptable.

"Chief Lee Yeongho, it seems that the Hyeonmu Guild is not suitable for our company. You don't have to wait for us to contact you."

"Oh, no! CEO! Please...!"

"When you see one, you know ten. If the image of Hyeonmu Guild gets tainted even a little when our game is released later on, it will have a big impact on our sales."

"...!"

Faced with the danger that all of his hard work would vanish instantly, Lee Youngho hurriedly lowered his head as if he had been sentenced to death.

"Wait, CEO! I will apologize on their behalf. It's my big mistake that I mismanaged the guild. It seems that the desire to recruit good talent like Hunter Sung Suho was too much. Instead, I will take responsibility and set the conditions for Sung Suho!"

When he even mentioned Suho's name, Yoo Jinho's eyes turned to Suho next to him.

"Suho, they say it's the best condition in the industry. Are there any conditions you received from other guilds?"

But that wasn't a question in the first place.

Before Suho could answer anything, Yoo Jinho's words continued.

"Don't contact anyone. Best in the industry or whatever, I can't possibly see our Suho being sold for a pittance like that. Rather, this uncle will set up a guild."

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"Huh? A hunter guild?"

Suho made a puzzled expression at the unexpected words.

"That's right. In a situation where companies are developing professional baseball teams and soccer teams, why can't we just make a hunter guild?"

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Yoo Jinho was sincere.

It was an impromptu comment, but it was also one of the things that had already been brought up during their planning department meeting.

The moment he finished speaking, he turned his gaze to the hunters of the Hyeonmu Guild standing behind him.

"Are you guys still here?"

His expression turned cold again.

"C-CEO, please reconsider once more..."

Lee Youngho desperately clings to the last rope.

However, Yoo Jinho's decision wasn't just for personal reasons of them bothering Suho.

"You must have listened to my explanation so far. It means that single level games are such an important business."

Important business.

"This means that even the hunters who appear in the game should not have even the slightest taint. In that sense, the conduct of the Hyeonmu Guild is a bit precarious. Please go back."

"..."

The feeling of a cold dagger flying and getting stuck in his chest.

Chief Lee Youngho realized that no words were going to work anymore.

All he could do was walk out with the hunters he brought with him.

He had no choice but to decide how to kill the subordinate he had sent to Suho's house today.

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Yoo Jinho brought Suho to the representative office.

"Alright, Suho. Now that the intruders are gone, should we discuss the current situation comfortably?"

The secretary brought coffee in front of the two sitting facing each other.

"How's your hunter job? Is it very difficult?"

"It's well worth it."

"What's worth it, you rascal. Watching the news, it seems like you're living too dangerously. Even though your grade is C, how come you're working with class S and A? Aren't you overdoing it?"

Despite Suho's resolute answer, Yoo Jinho clicked his tongue and looked at Suho with pity in his eyes.

To Yoo Jinho... Suho was a fragile kid.

Sung Suho, whom Yoo Jinho has seen since childhood, was a wonderful boy who grew up with a good character under a strict father and caring mother.

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He didn't have that common rebellion or puberty trouble when he was a teenager.

Well, his father was the strictest man in the world.

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He was a police officer, and he was a legend as a homicide detective who took down all the terrifying gangsters with force.

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'But how come...'

Looking at Suho's face, which resembles his father a lot, Yoo Jinho felt especially bitter.

A few years ago.

Suddenly, misfortune came to Suho's life, who grew up rich in everything.

Disappearance of parents.

At first, no one could accept that fact.

They were a couple who had such a special relationship that they would go on spontaneous trips.

But one day passed, two days passed.

Weeks went by and they didn't come back.

From then on, Yoo Jinho began to search for them by using all his connections and money.

However, no matter how much he searched, no trace of the two was found.

Afterwards, Yoo Jinho decided to take responsibility for Suho on his parents' behalf. Yoo Jinho was the one who actually recognized Suho's drawing talent and made him enter the art college.

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'I didn't know that he would be accepted to Korea University though.'

Was it because he was so immersed in painting?

Or was it because the world was soon hit by a 'cataclysm', a disaster even more outrageous than the disappearance of his parents?

Fortunately, Suho didn't harbor any other bad thoughts and grew up properly.

"How's Auntie?"

"Hmm. Your aunt..."

Yoo Jinho, lost in thought, couldn't help but be taken aback by Suho's sudden question.

"... Well, she's still busy looking for your parents."

"Ahh."

At those words, Suho's expression hardened.

It was natural.

To Suho's aunt 'Sung Jinah', she also had her real brother and sister-in-law missing.

An immediate family member went missing overnight. Sung Jinah didn't just want to sit and wait.

There were times when she trusted only the police and waited, but these days she was scouring the world by hiring secret agents and hunters.

"Mmm."

Yoo Jinho noticed that Suho's reaction was a little different from usual when he talked about his parents.

"What is that expression? Did you find out anything?"

"Oh, no. It's not like that. Hmm... I thought it might be a good idea to focus more on finding my mother than my father."

"... Sister-in-law rather than brother-in-law?"

"Yes. No matter where my father is, he's also someone we shouldn't worry too much about."

"That makes sense. In the first place, I was looking for the possibility that the two of them went missing separately, so don't worry too much. These days, I'm assuming the possibility of getting caught up in a dungeon break and tracking it down."

"A dungeon break?"

"Yes. Of course, he disappeared before the cataclysm, but according to experts, unexpectedly, even before the cataclysm, the gates may have been intermittently opened on Earth. There were investigations on that too, so don't worry too much."

At that point, Suho couldn't help but nod his head.

'Aside from my father, the probability that my mother went missing after getting caught up in a dungeon is quite high.'

Suho recalled something he had heard from Beru the other day.

'Beru said my mother knew my father's identity from the very beginning. Besides, people who once awakened in the forgotten time zone are said to have become hunters as well.'

Awakening was, after all, the realm of talent.

If a person has a high ability to adapt to mana power, they will eventually awaken.

'My mother was an S-Class hunter in the past, so she must have regained that power in the end.'

S-Class hunters were able to survive even if they were alone anywhere on Earth.

However, outside Earth, things would be different.

'In the end, dimensional rifts must be investigated.'

Thoroughly.

"Anyway, Suho."

Perhaps trying to evoke the increasingly dark atmosphere, Yoo Jinho put the coffee cup down on the table and said directly to Suho.

"What I said earlier is true. I'll set up a guild for you, so don't be bothered to join a strict guild."

"What? Uncle, wasn't that just something you said out of anger?"

"It was a bit of an impulse, but I was planning on starting a hunter guild at our company."

Yoo Jinho took out a folder and held it out in front of Suho.

[Hunter Guild New Project]

"You see this? It's a project that hasn't even taken the first step yet, but I'll tell them to start right away since I already mentioned it."

"Oh, so it was real."

The business plan was so full, as if it had been prepared in detail.

"Of course, your level is low, so I can't entrust you with the guild leader, but instead, I will assign senior hunters who can be of help to you."

From Yoo Jinho's expression as he triumphantly shows the file, Suho thought, 'It's really good to have a dependable uncle?'

But then.

[He doesn't need those guys.]

"...!"

Suddenly, Beru jumped out of Suho's shadow and glared at Yoo Jinho.

[Because Young Master has me.]

"T-This...!"

Yoo Jinho's eyes widened and he jumped up from his seat.

Beru's eyes narrowed at that intense reaction.

[You bastard, you probably remember...]

"Puhaha! Suho, you really...!"

[Hmm?]

Yoo Jinho saw Beru and burst into laughter.

"After drawing ants every day like that, did you finally have the skill to summon ants?
Hahaha!"

[... Did you only draw ants?!]

At those words, Beru opened his eyes wide and looked back at Suho.

He clung to Suho's head and began to shed tears of emotion.

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[Young Master-! Did you miss this little man so much!]

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"No, wait. Let's just say it was an instinct engraved in my subconscious..."

Similar to making a game unconsciously or he has been instinctively drawing ants.

Embarrassed, Suho forcibly shoved Beru back into his shadows.

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"Anyway, Uncle."

Suho looked at Yoo Jinho with a rather serious expression.

"Thank you so much, but I don't think I can join your guild."

"What? Why?"

Since Suho's words were completely unexpected, Yoo Jinho looked like he couldn't grasp it.

"You hate it because it seems like nepotism? Didn't you hear the Hyeonmu Guild earlier? You are the only talent that can be recruited among the heroes of yesterday's incident. It's not like they'll put you in as a guild leader anyway, and no one will think of it as nepotism."

"It's not like that."

"Then what is it?"

"I'm thinking of setting it up myself."

5

"What?"

Yoo Jinho put on a blank expression for a moment.

"... By yourself? You mean a guild?"

"Yes."

"..."

The bewilderment was only momentary.

Yoo Jinho soon shut his mouth and snapped his fingers while in deep thought.

The Suho he knew was never the type to talk nonsense about things like that.

There must be a reason why he insisted on rejecting his offer.

After organizing his thoughts, Yoo Jinho looked into Suho's eyes in a calm tone and said.

"Of course, establishing a guild is possible even for C-Class hunters as long as they meet the qualifications. However, if that happens, there will be a lot of inconvenient and unfavorable things."

"I know."

"You may be beaten by large guilds."

"It doesn't matter."

"... I'm curious as to why you're doing this. It would be much more comfortable and stable if you entered a good guild like everyone else, so why would you want to take the hard road?"

"It gets in the way."

"...?"

The more questions and answers they went on, the more Yoo Jinho felt like he was sinking into a labyrinth.

But he was used to that kind of conversation.

It felt rather nostalgic.

'Well, he's Sung Jinwoo's son for a reason.'

Suho's appearance reminded him of his missing brother-in-law's face.

Yoo Jinho smiled and asked Suho again.

"What kind of hindrance do you mean by entering a guild?"

"Level up."

His expression hardened at the answer that came out of Suho's mouth.

"It interferes with leveling up."

"... What? What are you..."

That moment.

Swook-

The black shadow that rose up again from Suho's feet asked Suho.

[Young Master, have you finally decided?]

"Yes. My uncle is the most trustworthy person in the world."

With Suho's affirmation, Beru smiled.

[That... I know of very well.]

Yoo Jinho had a puzzled look on his face.

Even though years have passed, that expression is still the same as before, so Beru's smile deepens even more.

The reason Beru came to Earth was because of Sung Jinwoo's order to remove the seal on Suho.

To put the order more specifically, it was to restore the 'power and memory' that had been sealed from Suho so that he could protect Earth himself.

Aside from that, Sung Jinwoo added a few more requests to Beru, who was leaving for Earth.

-I'll leave the rest to your discretion...

Since he didn't know exactly what was going on Earth then, an order was entrusted to Beru with all decisions and choices to be made after arriving there.

There was one more thing.

-And... 'That guy' will definitely be a great source of strength to Suho in many ways.

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Sigh.

Beru recognized at once who the 'that guy' Sung Jinwoo was talking about.

Compared to now, he was the number 1 henchman who had been following Sung Jinwoo since he was extremely weak.

A colleague who never betrayed him even when his life was threatened by enemies because of Sung Jinwoo.

[Young Master, please use the key.]

Suddenly, Suho had a key in his hand.

"Suho...? What is that key?"

Instead of answering Yoo Jinho's question, Suho simply held the key in the palm of his hand.

Clack.

Swoosh!

"...?!"

The light emitted from the key colored Yoo Jinho's vision white.

[Use 'Item: Shadow Dungeon Key'.]

That moment.

A voice struck Yoo Jinho's brain like a thunderbolt.

-Were you usually so quiet?

'... Huh?'

Instinctively realizing that it might be his own voice, Yoo Jinho looked around quickly in amazement.

But it wasn't.

There was nothing.

Not even the appearance of Suho, who had been talking with him until now, nor the soft sofa he was sitting on.

Suddenly everything was gone.

All he could see was a blinding white void.

In the middle of it, Yoo Jinho stood alone.

At that moment, another strong hallucination echoed in his brain.

-You said you were E-Class, right? I will protect you. Stay right next to me.

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-... Alright, thank you for saying that.

'Ah!'

He felt like his head was about to explode.

Yoo Jinho clenches his teeth and grabs his head with both hands from the tremendous headache.

From the depths of his head, memories like a kaleidoscope began to unfold like a panorama.

However, the sight was very unfamiliar.

His youthful self was having a friendly conversation with someone.

-Just 20 times! No, just go with 19!

-There is one condition.

-Tell me anything!

-You and I, just the two of us.

-What?

But the other person's face...

'I-It's my brother-in-law! Sung Jinwoo!'

That made him even more appalled.

'Have I ever had a conversation like this with him? E-Class? He disappeared before the cataclysm... '

No matter how much he looked back, he could never remember having a conversation like that.

It didn't even fit the timing in the first place.

But... Why?

-Jinho, what do you think of me?

-To me, you are more like an older brother than my biological older brother.

Again.

Hot tears were flowing from his eyes.

-If you think of me as your brother, then I will think of you as my younger brother.

-Can I give you a hug?

-H-Hey! You drunkard!

-No! I'm more sober now than ever!

-Ha, such a weird guy.

'W-What the hell is this! What the hell is this memory?!'

Yoo Jinho trembled with an unknown longing and cried out.

Those were memories that never existed in the first place.

'It doesn't make sense!'

'What is this memory all about?'

His self in that memory was entering the dungeon following Sung Jinwoo.

He was watching Sung Jinwoo from behind as he hunted the monsters.

Countless times.

Again and again.

-Jinwoo! Let's go together!

That wondrous sight...

He was watching him from the closest place than anyone else.

It was his greatest pride that such a great person considered him as a younger brother.

So he made an eternal promise.

No matter what, he will always follow his older brother, Jinwoo.

Just in time, Sung Jinwoo in his memory was opening his mouth with a faint smile.

As always, with a voice about to start a battle.

-Arise.

It was then.

"Arise."

Yoo Jinho, who was struggling in the world of emptiness, heard Suho's voice in his ears.

"... Oh God!"

Yoo Jinho, who suddenly returned to reality, opened his eyes.

Suho was still sitting in front of him.

Numerous shadow soldiers with black steam blazing stood around Suho.

It was similar to the appearance of Sung Jinwoo in his memory— an all-too-familiar sight.

"Haa..."

A sigh escaped Yoo Jinho's mouth.

Everything was just forgotten.

Everything.

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"... What was that... Ha."

Even after his memory returned, Yoo Jinho shed tears for a long time.

1

It had to be.

Two lives.

Two memories.

At the center of it all was the presence of Sung Jinwoo, who had always been by his side.

'Brother... Even though I forgot everything, you came to visit me first. It wasn't even a coincidence that we first met when we were freshmen...'

[Tsk. Stop crying. Did you get too old?]

"Huhuhu..."

[Stop!]

Beru clicked his tongue at the sight of middle-aged Yoo Jinho weeping nonstop.

Beru told him what had happened.

Yoo Jinho shed more tears, and finally calmed down.

"... Sniff."

He suddenly felt embarrassed.

Come to think of it, Suho had been drinking coffee in front of him all along.

"I think I know the situation well now."

"..."

"You mean you're going to get into trouble if the outer monsters find out that the son of the Shadow Monarch lives on Earth?"

"... Yes."

"I see. I definitely understand."

It sounded like an adult worn out while doing business.

Yoo Jinho's eyes were extremely serious as he nodded his head and thought back at what he had understood.

Suho answered by putting the coffee cup down on the table.

"That's why I want to remain as invisible as possible until I grow strong enough to not become my father's weakness."

"Then I guess you'll have to hide your identity until you reach S-Class, at least. In the past, your father also started being really active when he became S-Class."

Yoo Jinho nodded as he recalled that time.

"... No, in fact, even S-Class is not enough."

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Yoo Jinho burst into a sigh as he recalled the last image of the forgotten world.

Even the S-Class hunters were no match to beings called monarchs.

However, fear rose from the fact that 'Outer Gods' appearing were beings of a much higher rank than those mighty monarchs.

"Whoa. It was almost close to the apocalypse back then, but this time it's really no joke."

[Still, Outer Gods could not come to Earth directly. It's thanks to the Shadow Monarch guarding the front line tightly.]

"That's fortunate, but there's a possibility that the apostles of Outer Gods first hid on Earth. That's why Suho has to level up while hiding his identity as much as possible."

"To be precise, I just need to hide that I am the son of the Shadow Monarch."

"I understand that, too. You mean it doesn't matter if they knew you as a normal person named Sung Suho. Hmm. It's an information disruption..."

Yoo Jinho nodded his head several times at Suho's words and pondered on those.

"Alright! Then, create a guild separate from our company! Instead, I will help you with all the legal problems and other trivial matters."

"Oh, thank you."

"But."

Yoo Jinho's expression suddenly became serious.

"Even if I help with everything else, there is one problem I can never help you with. You will have to overcome this on your own."

With that expression, Suho's eyes also became serious.

"What is that?"

"Ha."

Yoo Jinho's eyes suddenly became dim as he spoke.

He said the same thing once, a long, long time ago.

As the memory of that day came to mind, Yoo Jinho calmly continued, swallowing the tears welling up again.

"When you first create a guild, you will need at least three hunters. President, Vice President, Employee."

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"Ah."

There's a problem.

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Suho nodded.

"I guess two more are needed."

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"That's right. It will probably be a bit tricky to find them. That's how it went for your father, too. You will have to find a hunter who will fill those spots without actual hunter activities."

Yoo Jinho seemed to miss such a conversation very much.

'I'm sure this kid is going to run the dungeon alone, just like his father, with only shadow soldiers.'

"I also want to go with you, but I'm sure the reporters will be tracking my every move."

Yoo Jinho himself was a hunter who had awakened as D-Class.

After awakening, he said that he wanted to go into the dungeon once, but he got frustrated after hearing the nagging from his staff several times.

Maybe that was why he was trying to make hunters appear in a new game to relieve that pent-up desire.

Suddenly, a suitable person came to Suho's mind.

"Right now, there is one."

"Who is it?"

"It's a demon named Esil."

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"A devilish fellow?"

"No. A real demon."

"... A trustworthy devil?"

Yoo Jinho hesitates for a moment at Suho's answer.

The one who answered that was Beru.

[I can guarantee that. Esil was the Shadow Monarch's second henchman. Just like you.]

"Don't tell me..."

Yoo Jinho retorted with an extremely serious look.

"He had another brother aside from me?"

2

[... Don't compete like that.]

Unlike Gray, the descendant of the Fang Monarch, Esil was a free being who was not tied to the system.

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However, she was also one who feared the Shadow Monarch more than anyone else.

It was because she witnessed from the beginning to the end how Sung Jinwoo thoroughly exterminated all the demons except Esil's family.

The reason why Esil herself was able to survive so far in the first place was because she betrayed the demon world early on and sided with Sung Jinwoo.

"Anyway, if you're not human, you'll have to make an ID first before registering as a hunter. I will do what is necessary."

Yoo Jinho wrote a note that read "foreign worker" on a notepad and circled it.

He looked at Suho again and asked.

"What about the other one?"

Just then, Suho's cell phone rang.

Bzzt.

Suho was wondering why a lot of people were contacting him nonstop just by seeing him once on the news.

He checked the caller's name and made a strange smile.

"Looks like I've found the other one too."

[Professor Lim]

Lim Dokyoon, a painting assistant professor at Korea University.

He was a freelance E-Class hunter who worked as a school assistant as his main job, and worked as a miner on the sidelines during weekends.

-Hello? Suho! Are you okay? You're alive right?!

As soon as Suho pressed the answer button, questions poured out over his phone.

-I saw the news right now. What is going on? Why did you follow them to such a dangerous place? What did I say? Hunters must live long and think...!

Assistant Professor Lim continued to nag, worrying about Suho.

'When things are really dangerous, the first person to run away is the one who worries the most after.'

No matter what, Professor Lim was just a terrible coward.

Both in his own death and in the death of others.

Because of this personality, he could still do his job as a hunter even though he is an E-Class.

He was so serious about running away that he had a high-level running skill even though he was an E-Class hunter.

'That's why it's better.'

Right now, Suho didn't need an ally, he needed a porter with quick feet.

When there's a battle, he has the ability to fall back as quickly as possible so as not to get in the way.

-Anyway, what I'm saying is...

Professor Lim, who had been nagging a lot, got to the point.

-Your market value must have gone up a lot because of this incident. You received a lot of contract offers from guilds, right?

"Yes. It's been a mess since this morning."

-What? Already? You can never blindly sign a contract, okay?

Suho thought the nagging was over, but it wasn't.

-You know how many hunters are having trouble after getting into the wrong guild, right? You must pick out the names of the guilds you contact and the terms and conditions of the contract, get it inspected by me first, before signing the contract! Okay?

"..."

While listening to the nagging, the corner of Suho's mouth went up.

He was full of worries amidst the nagging.

-And if you see or feel anything strange, reject them immediately! I'll find a better guild for you. I also received a lot of business cards to join the guild these days.

"Huh? Would you like to join a guild, too?"

-Yeah. Freelancing was absolutely dangerous and I couldn't do it. Besides, the trend these days is that guilds are trying to recruit E-Class hunters like me as regular workers.

"..."

Listening to Lim's words, Suho suddenly felt strange.

Coincidence?

That trend must have been a result of recent incidents.

Since hunters keep dying these days, there was a sudden manpower gap in the guilds' position.

-Anyway, that's why I'm looking for a guild these days, and if I find a guild with the best conditions, I'll let you know...

"Teacher, that's enough."

Suho cut him off halfway through and spoke straight.

"There is a better guild here, so would you like to come here now?"

... What? Where are you?

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"Oh my...!"

Arriving at Ajinsoft after a while, Assistant Professor Lim was out of breath.

"C-CEO Yoo Jinho?!"

"Haha. Nice to meet you."

'What kind of situation is this all of a sudden?'

At the sight of Yoo Jinho shaking hands with a benevolent smile, Professor Lim hardened like a broken toy.

The representative of Ajinsoft, who could only be seen on game news, is now shaking hands with him.

"H-How are you? Me, I...!"

"I've already heard a little bit about you from Suho. Are you close with our Suho?"

"Oh my."

'He said, our Suho.'

"Don't think of me as the representative of Ajinsoft. Right now, I'm just sitting here as Suho's uncle, so don't be too nervous."

"...!"

Even though he told him not to be nervous, Assistant Professor Lim froze even more.

On the way there, he had already received a rough word from Suho, but the shock was doubled when CEO Jinho Yoo confirmed the fact with his own mouth.

Suho handed over the contract to Assistant Professor Lim.

"I made a contract while you were on the way here."

To be exact, it was a contract made by Yoo Jinho's secretary.

When Suho opened the contract, Yoo Jinho directly explained the contents.

"As you may have heard on the way, the guild you will sign a contract with is completely unrelated to Ajinsoft, and will be a guild supported entirely by my own personal money. Our offer is the best in the industry among E-Class hunters, so don't worry."

"Thank you!"

Professor Lim bent his back 90 degrees right away at those words.

Yoo Jinho waved his hand.

"Give thanks to Suho, not me. It looks like Suho really thinks highly of you."

"Suho...!"

Professor Lim looks at Suho with a very moved expression.

Yoo Jinho continued to explain.

"But don't expect too much. I'm not in a position to splurge too much on tax issues. I'm just thinking of renting out a small building for free to use as a guild office without overdoing it."

"A building for free?!"

Professor Lim couldn't believe it.

"Haha. In the old days, I would have just given away the building. But since Suho is my relative, it would be difficult for him in many ways. That's why I'm trying to help only on a thoroughly legal level, and this is the limit."

Yoo Jinho was saying that he was sorry that he couldn't help more.

But suddenly.

'Huh? Wait. He can't give Suho a building because he's a relative? What does that...'

Professor Lim suddenly sensed something strange in Yoo Jinho's words, and turned his head to the side with an uneasy gaze.

He looked at Suho, who was drinking coffee with a calm face, then turned his gaze back to look at CEO Yoo Jinho in front of him and asked.

"Is the leader of the guild you are going to create this time..."

"Oh, haven't you heard that yet? Of course, it's going to be..."

[Young Master.]

Assistant Professor Lim hardened like a stone at the sudden sight of Beru

'Oh, no wonder the conditions were so good.'

After receiving a call, he came in a hurry, so he only heard the most important part now.

If Suho, who has only awakened for less than a month, is the guild leader, then who are the guild members?

Even if it was a guild sponsored by CEO Yoo Jinho, it seemed like this was something that had to be pointed out.

"Suho, can I ask you something before signing the contract?"

"What is it?"

"How many other guild members..."

"Guild members? A lot."

"Oh! A lot?"

Hearing those words, Professor Lim's face instantly turned red.

However, it took only a moment for the color of his face to turn gray.

"Arise."

"...?!"

Swoosh!

Black shadows rose from the floor out of nowhere and surrounded Professor Lim.

2

[Kiyaah!]

"..."

Black mummies overflowing with black steam.

2

Those vicious shadow demons surrounded Professor Lim and began screaming.

However, those guys were only part-timers for a day. In the middle of them, the only full-time worker, 'Quay', put a vicious face toward Professor Lim and bluffed.

[Always keep in mind. The Master's first subordinate is me. You are second.]

"..."

There was no need to compete... ..

Before he knew it, Professor Lim was sitting and looking dead.

He barely pulled himself together and asked Suho.

"Aside from those ones, are there any humans?"

"Ah, there are only two of us, even in the future."

"... O-Okay. I see."

Professor Lim pondered on those words.

However, although the situation was somewhat overwhelming, he was someone who had already seen Suho fight firsthand.

If he thought about it rationally, it could have been better.

They didn't even need to pay for an office, so it meant that they could save on labor costs as well.

"Yeah, well. I heard that the association also recognizes the number of summons as the number of raid members. By the way, Suho, you know that in order to create a guild, you need at least 3 humans, right?"

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"Yes. I know."

Suho responded with a meaningful smile.

"So, I hired one who looked like a human."

2

"Looked like a human...?"

It felt ominous.

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E-Class hunters work in any guild and the money they earn is pretty similar.

This was because their main job was as a miner or collector.

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The contract method itself was a structure in which they received incentives as much as they worked, so in the end, in any guild, they could earn only as much money as they worked for.

However, the reason why they want to enter a large guild as much as possible was because of 'safety'.

Mining team looks for mana stones inside the dungeon.

Collection team dismantles the dead demons.

But in front, no one knows how much the raid team could protect them.

That was an important thing for the lowest level hunters.

In that sense, Assistant Professor Lim was very flustered at first, but eventually signed the contract that Suho held out.

It was natural.

He had already seen Suho fight with shadow soldiers, and he had noticed right away that Suho was somehow different from other hunters.

Besides, Suho was not a person who would use others as expendable items unlike some large guilds.

'The offer is the highest among E-Class, so I have to take it no matter what.'

After signing the contract, Assistant Professor Lim shook hands with Suho, who would become his guild leader in the future.

"Looking forward to working with you from now on, Suho."

[Use proper words. If that was me, I would've disciplined you myself...!]

"I mean, t-thank you, guild leader!"

Assistant Professor Lim hurriedly corrected his words.

Suho smiled.

"Looking forward to working with you as well, Assistant Professor Lim. Rather, brother Dokyoon."

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"Then, take care of it."

"Yes, Sir."

Yoo Jinho ordered his secretary to prepare to rent one of his buildings to Suho's guild.

"Originally, it was a building that was vacated to be demolished and remodeled. But if I make a new one, it'll take too long, right? Even if it's a bit shabby, just use it for the time being."

"Yes. Thank you for that alone, Uncle."

"Alright. Besides..."

'You'll probably use it for a while', Yoo Jinho thought without saying it out loud.

If Suho inherited his father's talent, it would be only a matter of time before he made money anyway.

'The important thing is not the building. It wasn't like they'd be getting more guild members anyway.'

Also, the idea was just right.

For Suho, a vast shadow dungeon already existed beneath his feet.

"But Suho..."

Yoo Jinho looked at Suho's face seriously.

"All three guild members are gathered now and paperworks were well-taken care of, so preparations are over. The most important thing is missing."

"What is it?"

Yoo Jinho's serious eyes brought a serious expression to Suho's face as well.

"Your qualifications."

"Qualifications?"

At that time, Suho's expression became more serious.

Yoo Jinho was the only person who knew about Sung Jinwoo's strength.

His eyes seemed to say so.

-Are you really qualified to lead the corps?

Gulp.

Suho looked more serious than ever and waited for Yoo Jinho's next words.

Yoo Jinho opened his mouth.

"That's right. Your qualifications. Hunters can only become guild leaders if they have cleared dungeons 20 times or more."

4

"... Oh, is that so?"

Suho looked downcast and nodded his head.

He was just a novice hunter who had only experienced a few field dungeons.

'It's going to be quite busy in the future.'

Before receiving the guild office from Yoo Jinho, it seemed that he had to resolve that first.

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"You said you established a guild?"

Esil received an unexpected offer from Suho, who stopped by the Shadow Dungeon.

"Yeah. You are also a member of my guild. From now on, you will enter the dungeon with me."

"Me? I'm not even human. Is that possible?"

"I came here because of that. Let's take a picture of you. I have to make an ID for you as a foreign worker."

"Foreign worker?"

Esil tilted her head with a puzzled expression.

"Come on, smile."

"Uh, huh?"

Click.

Suho took a picture of Esil's face with his cell phone.

"Is it over?"

"Yep. It's over. All I have to do is polish it with an app."

Suho opened a photo editing app and corrected Esil's face to look as 'human' as possible.

'It's fortunate that Esil looks quite human for a demon. No horns.'

Of course, there were some minor peculiarities, such as slightly sharper ears than humans, but those were matters that could be passed on as being due to a hunter's own skills.

'There are also hunters who turn into beasts, so this much is considered normal.'

However, among the hunters with extremely sensitive senses, there would be people who would notice that Esil was a non-human being.

'It's alright as long as they don't run into each other.'

But that was no problem either.

After all, his guild will continue to be maintained with only 3 members.

"Ohhhh! What is this? I'm getting prettier! I hope this is my true self...!"

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"Hmm, nope."

Esil was beyond admiration and was even moved by the highly developed human correction app.

Even though Suho didn't do anything special, she benefited from the app's basic feature effect.

"Hmm. Great. Moderately exotic. A mixed-race foreign worker concept, so this should be enough."

"Ah!"

When Suho turned off his cell phone, Esil, who was looking at her photos with excitement next to him, licked her lips in regret.

She looked at Suho with soft eyes.

"Suho, can I have something like this..."

"You want a cell phone? In the future, you can earn money and buy it."

"Ah! Are you giving me money, too?"

"Of course. Since you're a guild member now, you'll earn as much money as you hunted. Also, you should buy the meat you will eat with your money."

"I got it!"

Esil suddenly became motivated.

"By the way, I heard there is one more guild member? Who is that one? Someone strong?"

"Mmm."

Suho pondered for a moment before opening his mouth.

"No, he is very weak."

"Huh? How weak?"

"If you hit him, he could die. So, you can't bother him."

"... He's that bad?"

Esil was confused.

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The guild leader's qualification of clearing dungeons 20 times wasn't really great.

Dungeons were springing up, and the hunters were wandering around like crazy attacking those dungeons.

It was to make money at some point, but at the same time, neglecting a dungeon would lead to a massive catastrophe.

So, the role of the guild leader leading the hunters was important.

If someone without dungeon experience led them, the talented people would die in vain, and that would lead to a major disaster.

In order to fill the required number, Suho jumped into a dungeon raid with Lim Dokyoon and Esil.

The only unfortunate thing was that his level did not increase well in the process.

'The difficulty of the dungeons is too low.'

It was unavoidable.

The three-man raiding party of Suho, Esil, and Lim Dokyoon was too low to qualify for the dangerous dungeons.

Because of that, all the dungeons they could enter were final dungeons or field dungeons that were almost finished.

The level of the magic beasts in it was not enough for Suho to gain experience.

But that was just for Suho. It was different for Lim Dokyoon.

"Hee! E-Esil! help me!"

"... You are really weak."

Esil looked at Lim Dokyoon, who was hiding behind her, with sincere pity.

Then, when she turned her gaze to the other side, there was a doggie that attacked the enemies with extremely brave eyes.

"Growl! Woof!"

[The King of Beasts, the Fang Monarch, nods happily, saying that Gray is growing up dignifiedly today.]

[Gray Lv.17]

Fang Wolf

Apart from Suho leveling up, Gray was growing steadily.

Well, Suho receives half of Gray's experience points...

Ring.

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

Even without the experience points from 'Blessing', other points were shared with Suho.

In the long run, this was definitely an advantage.

The stronger Gray gets, the more EXP will be shared when hunting.

[Kehehe! Our baby cub is great! Be diligent in the future and offer more sacrifices to Young Master!]

[Beru uses 'Skill: Harsh Command'.]

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

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

"Growl...!"

Under Beru's 'Harsh Command', Gray howled.

All the monsters snorted.

... And were bitten.

Swoosh!

"...!"

No matter how small he is, Gray is a worthy successor of Rakan.

He was a predator that instinctively picked out only the 'weakness' of his enemies and prey on them.

[The King of Beasts, the Fang Monarch, closes his eyes at Gray's cruelty.]

There were also male beasts.

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"Hnnnnngg!"

Swoosh!

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Section Chief Lee Youngho of the Hyeonmu Guild has been very uneasy these days.

It must have been from 'that day' to be exact.

The day he came back after being savagely rejected by CEO Yoo Jinho of Ajinsoft.

'Let's see. I will definitely repay you someday.'

Lee Youngho inevitably held grudges.

The Hyeonmu Guild was not as good as the Baekho Guild or the Reaper Guild, but it was a large guild that was well known in Korea.

However, Ajinsoft was also a conglomerate with enormous influence in the political and business world.

First of all, each industry was different.

No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't come up with a suitable way to retaliate against CEO Yoo Jinho.

'If I had been a hunter like him, I'd have had plenty of ways to vent my anger.'

The simplest thing was to solve it with 'power'.

It was because hunters were allowed to kill in the dungeon.

Obviously, it was illegal to kill openly, but there was no physical evidence for murder in the dungeon, so no one could be charged with the crime.

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"... Oh, I wonder what he is doing now."

Given the circumstances, it was only natural for Lee Youngho's anger to pass on to Sung Suho.

"That bastard Sung Suho, find out what he's doing these days. From what I heard at the time, it seemed that CEO Yoo Jinho would set up a guild."

"Y-Yes! That's right!"

"Hurry up, man!"

"Y-Yes! I am entering now!"

A subordinate who was hit in the back of the head by Lee Youngho hurriedly accessed Hunter Net.

That employee was the one who flew the drone camera to Sung Suho's house that day.

'He ordered me to do it in the first place, but why is he only taking out his anger on me... Seriously...'

The employee who had been tracking the records of Sung Suho, gritting his teeth, suddenly stopped and looked back at Lee Youngho.

"Oh? Chief, Sung Suho... that guy..."

"Why? Did you find anything?"

"I guess they haven't created a guild yet because the conditions aren't met. It seems like he's going through dungeons these days to complete the requirements."

"Is that so?"

The moment he heard that, Chief Lee Youngho's eyes lit up.

"Find out which dungeon they would enter next."

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A few days later.

"Does this make sense?"

Suho thought it was absurd.

"How can I only go up 3 levels while going through 10 dungeons?"

[The magic beasts were too weak in the first place.]

"As expected, I need to make a guild soon."

If the dungeon they entered was at the guild level, his leveling up speed would be faster.

Fortunately, his stats steadily rose daily thanks to the training with Ammut- daily quests.

However, daily quests could only be completed once a day.

Ammut also said that repeating SBM training more than that would only harm the body. Without the daily quest reward 'Recovery from Abnormal Status', he would neither have the confidence nor the stamina to repeat it twice anyway.

'Why does it seem like the level of difficulty in SBM training increases day by day?'

The powerful gravitational field created by Ammut made him feel as if his body would explode if he made a mistake.

According to Suho's growth, the intensity was gradually increasing.

However, the reward of working so hard was clear.

[Spiritual Body Manifestation Lv.4]

Even though his level had not risen much, his skill level did.

Suho's SBM level is already level 4.

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Now, he was at a level where he could cover both hands with black energy like armor.

"Woah."

Ammut nodded with a bloody smile at the sight of Suho holding a pair of swords enveloped in black energy.

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[That's quite the way. Applying Spiritual Body Manifestation technique to increase sword skills. However, there is still a long way to go compared to where Tarnak has reached. We will stop here for today.]

Even if he pretended to be bummed out, he had no intention of doing more.

Suho quickly got up and ran out of the Shadow Dungeon.

[You have exited the Shadow Dungeon.]

"Suho."

After training, Esil spoke to Suho who came out of the Shadow Dungeon as if she had been waiting.

"Where did you say our next dungeon was?"

In Esil's hand was the latest cell phone she had just bought.

If Suho's strength training skill increased, Esil had also become a master of mobile phone skills.

Her socialization skill also improved to the point where she could buy and eat pork belly with confidence like any decent human being, even when she goes out.

Suho answered Esil's question.

"The 3rd dungeon in Pyeongtaek. Why?"

"I don't think we can get in there for some reason?"

"What? Why?"

"Right now, the Hyeonmu Guild is encamped in front of it."

At Esil's words, Suho made a puzzled expression.

"Hyeonmu Guild? How did you know that?"

"I followed other guilds on social media."

Esil held out her phone screen in front of Suho's eyes.

Then, the account of the Hyeonmu Guild really popped up in it.

The most recent post there...

"Really?"

Suho tilted his head.

Just as Esil said, the current address in the photo posted by the Hyeonmu Guild was tagged with the dungeon they were planning to enter there.

"Why are those people there? Also, aside from that, can they just upload something like this? Wasn't such information confidential?"

"What happened to privacy and security in the world these days? Do people just upload it? These could all be used for guild promotion, but seriously?"

Esil shrugged her shoulders as if it were natural to wonder as if she had become so accustomed to the 'world these days'.

"How did you learn these things?"

Suddenly thinking about it, Esil was a demon.

It was only a few days ago that she bought a cell phone.

Even though it is said that there is no language barrier due to the devil's unique ability, her speed of adaptation was a little surprising.

"Is it supposed to be difficult?"

Esil flipped through her phone screen and showed it to Suho.

There are all the trendy apps these days.

Suho couldn't recognize any of them.

"What is this again?"

"I heard it's an application that predicts the probability of a dungeon occurrence in advance using AI?"

"Then what about this?"

"A second-hand marketplace exclusively for hunters."

"..."

Suho reflected a little.

Perhaps, Esil was more hunter these days than he was.

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He felt embarrassed, but it couldn't be helped.

Suho stared intently at the photo Esil showed him with a firm expression.

"Chief Lee Youngho."

In the corner of the picture was a familiar face.

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Pyeongtaek 3rd Dungeon.

That place was originally a military base, and it became a field dungeon due to the dungeon break. Fortunately, the damage was not too bad.

It was thanks to the appropriate response from the soldiers stationed there during the dungeon break.

But because of that, it was also a dungeon that was pushed back from the priority of the Hunter Association.

There were a lot more dungeons that needed to be raided urgently.

So, it was not popular with ordinary hunters.

There were many dungeons where they could make money aside from that place. Although, it was a natural result because the area accessibility was poor.

That was the reason why Suho bid for that dungeon.

It was easy to bid only when the competition rate was low, and it would possible to go in and raid without hassle in many ways.

"Why is a large guild like Hyeonmu interested in a place like that?"

Lim Dokyoon, who heard about the situation, looked really agitated.

"Let's go. There's bidding talks on this, so anyone can just cut in line first."

It hasn't been long since the dungeon bidding system was created in the first place.

Even though that method was established, there was a high possibility that such a system would be lightly ignored in Pyeongtaek, especially because the locals wanted the hunters to come and attack as soon as possible.

"Let's go first."

"I will drive..."

Lim Dokyoon hurriedly grabbed the steering wheel and focused his eyes forward.

Beru, who always glared at him from behind Suho with his eyes wide open, made sure that he would use honorific words.

They arrived at the Pyeongtaek Dungeon, but the heavily armed Hyeonmu Guild was camped out just as in the picture Esil showed them.

A government official from Pyeongtaek City Hall was discussing something with the Hyeonmu Guild.

"We really appreciate you stepping up first, but from our point of view, ignoring the procedure is a bit..."

"Oh, man! There is a dangerous dungeon right in front of you. Shouldn't we raid it as soon as possible?"

"Yeah, but there are no casualties in this area, and it's a place where other hunters have already bid first..."

"Who are those people? Are they better than Hyeonmu Guild? Huh?"

"T-That's...."

In front of Lee Youngho, the civil servant was at a loss.

As someone who had been bullying for a long time, Lee Youngho began to threaten the employee by wrapping his big forearm around his neck this time.

"Of course, since you are a civil servant, procedures may be considered important. But if we ignore it a bit... especially that it's for the benefit of Pyeongtaek. It's dangerous here, so why don't you sign the permit and get off work?"

"I think it's your forearm that's in danger."

At that familiar voice, Lee Youngho looked back with a stern expression.

It was as if he had been waiting for that moment.

"Hey, look who's here. What did the rookie hunter who had a boastful uncle come here for?"

"..."

The clear hostility in his eyes convinced Suho.

'Is it revenge for what happened last time? So childish.'

It was ambiguous to say that it was simply childish because their business that involved a lot of money had collapsed.

[How dare you look at someone with those snake eyes! I should treat you badly...!]

Suho grabbed the back of Beru, who was protruding forward, and pressed him into his shadow.

[Khickk... Just wait and see... I remembered your face...]

Suho ignored Beru for a moment.

He looked up at the face of Lee Youngho, who strode forward to him.

He was a hand taller.

Even though Lee Youngho does more work dealing with people, he is also a B-Class hunter on active duty.

When he made up his mind and showed his energy to Suho, the feeling of intimidation made the complexion of the public servant beside them pale.

Of course, Lim Dokyoon, who was standing behind Suho, fled far away and was diligently checking the bidding documents.

"Hmm. What's your name? I think I remember it, but it also seems like I don't."

Lee Youngho looked at Suho's face mockingly, deliberately provoking him.

However, Suho didn't care and just smiled and replied.

"Section Chief Lee Youngho, we bid on this dungeon. What is Hyeonmu Guild doing here?"

"Ah, Sung Suho! I remember now."

"Are you doing this because of what happened last time?"

"Last time? What do you mean? We came here with a good heart just because there is a dangerous dungeon here."

The conversation kept going in vain.

At that intentional and blatant sarcasm, Suho turned his gaze toward the dungeon for a moment.

A field-type dungeon where a dungeon break has already been triggered.

In many ways, it was a loss for the Hyeonmu Guild to have a large guild to raid a D-Class dungeon with no casualties.

'Looks like they were only brought here by money in the first place.'

The energy of the hunters standing behind Lee Youngho was quite weak to say that they were at the level of a large guild.

Although they went there to interrupt him, it was clear that they were hunters with weak combat power.

'Did he only gather guys with weak impressions?'

Suho let out a big smile.

They look too great compared to their mana power.

Their impression seemed like they would be able to beat Quay with one hand.

"... You find this funny?"

Lee Youngho's expression became even more stern, as if he was offended by Suho's smile.

At the same time, the hunters of the Hyeonmu Guild surrounding the dungeon all glared at Suho, exuding bloody energy.

A conflict in front of a dungeon that has already been bid.

What this meant was clear.

"Sung Suho, since you're still a rookie hunter, you don't seem to understand, so I'll explain it to you."

Chief Lee Youngho pointed at Suho's chest with his fingers and glared at him.

"Dungeons are too dangerous. Truly a lawless land. Once you set foot in there, it doesn't matter if accidents happen. Especially for beginner hunters."

He gestured, slitting his neck with his thumb and smiled meaningfully.

"If you let your guard down a little, you will become food for the monsters and not even a corpse of yours will remain."

Truly blatant and overt threats.

At that, he faced the hunters of the Hyeonmu Guild as they giggled at each other.

"Hehe. Right, right."

"The job of a hunter is so dangerous."

"It's a job that's perfect for a violent death anytime, anywhere."

"It's especially dangerous for a well-grown young boy."

Even though he didn't say anything, the corners of Lee Youngho's mouth twitched as he provoked a fight along with his subordinates.

Was it that rewarding to bring some of the guys who are off duty with some pocket money?

The possibility of murder in the dungeon was the most frightening part for beginners.

In particular, if other groups give off that kind of an atmosphere openly, even if it was a dungeon one bid for, they would be afraid to enter.

Because they were afraid of what's going to happen there.

"So... Huh? Where did he go?"

Lee Youngho turned his head towards Suho but ended up making a puzzled expression.

Suho, who was standing in front of him, was nowhere to be seen.

The public official answered Section Chief Lee Youngho, who was looking around.

"He already entered the dungeon since a while ago though."

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The 3rd dungeon in Pyeongtaek had already turned into a bizarre jungle.

A field-type dungeon that became a completely separate world from the Earth's ecosystem.

However, that place was not labeled as D-Class for nothing.

The level of the magic beasts wandering around was weak, and their number was small.

What was tricky was the jungle itself.

[There are traps everywhere, Master.]

"Hee!"

When Quay appeared from Suho's shadow, Lim Dokyoon was frightened and stepped back.

He was quite fast, but fearing that he would fall into a trap if he moved too much, he quickly returned and hid behind Suho's back.

"Esil, come out, too."

Suho opened the door to the Shadow Dungeon, and Esil, who was waiting underneath, also appeared.

"Is it going to be here this time?"

Seeing Esil looking around, Lim Dokyoon looked at Suho's shadow with a strange expression.

"Suho. I mean, guild leader. Can I get in there too?"

"You can go in. But..."

[It is the world of death. If a living person recklessly sets foot in it, they could be stripped of their vitality and become a dead person and wander in nothingness.]

"Oh. Gee, really?"

[I'm joking, of course.]

"..."

Seeing Lim Dokyoon's cold expression, Beru giggled.

[But that's not entirely wrong. It wouldn't be very healthy for a normal human being. In many ways.]

"Ah."

Realizing something at that moment, Lim Dokyoon shuddered.

'Esil looks like a human, but after all, she's a summoned beast...'

Lim Dokyoon only knew Esil as a demon summoned by Suho.

Finally...

Am I the only ordinary person here?

Of course, Suho was also human, but it was no longer normal being able to bring those strange guys out of his shadows.

"Hmm. Then I'll be moving around as I normally do..."

Lim Dokyoon's position is a miner and collector.

However, when such a task was really needed, Suho called the shadow mummies to work for him, so Lim Dokyoon could guide Suho instead with information he knew from his experience in dungeons.

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"Guild leader! In a dungeon like this, it shouldn't be too difficult if you don't get lost. Usually, in places like this, the way is marked by dropping stones on the floor from time to time..."

"You already said that before."

"..."

His informativeness was gradually declining.

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'When the guild is established, I'll have to ask him to return to office work.'

When the monster hunt began, Lim Dokyoon had nothing to do.

He just dodged around so as not to get in the way of the fierce Shadow Soldiers' battle.

But that was then...

Lim Dokyoon's expression became serious when he discovered something.

"Suho, look."

"What is it?"

"... Isn't this a human corpse?"

It was common for human bodies to be found on the dungeon floor.

But the problem was its form.

"It's a dead body that turned into mist burn."

Charred corpses.

Mist Burn was mainly a product of a phenomenon when civilians with low mana adaptability were exposed to mana power for a long time.

When fuel runs out after running around, it collapses and dies.

"But this..."

"It sure is strange."

Suho also made a serious expression.

The corpses turned to ashes were piled up in one place.

As if someone had brought the corpses there and dumped them all at once.

For a moment, only one thought popped into Suho's head.

"This..."

"I know. I guess that's right."

It was Esil who responded to Suho's words.

"I guess demons have made a nest here."

Factory.

Those discarded corpses were left over by demons making stardust.

Realizing that fact, Esil's eyes flared calmly.

Esil was the eldest daughter of the Radiru Clan, which was thoroughly ruined by demons.

Lim Dokyoon quickly ran back as the thick blood leaked out of her body.

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Lee Youngho gritted his teeth.

"How dare he ignore Hyeonmu?!"

It was absurd.

"Could it be that he has no sense at all?"

He never imagined that Suho would just go inside, despite such an outright threat.

'Wouldn't it be a waste of life?'

Lee Youngho ran his head for a while.

After all, Sung Suho was a relative of Yoo Jinho.

If Sung Suho were to 'disappear', Yoo Jinho would instantly realize that they had done it.

'Will there be any harm to us in that case?'

No.

The business with Hyeonmu Guild and Ajinsoft has already been completely over.

Besides, no matter how famous Ajinsoft is, it was just a place to make games.

Unless it's a hunter game-related business, it wasn't such a loss from a Hunter Guild's point of view.

'It's you who should be careful on the road at night.'

Whatever the case, the hunters were a powerful armed group.

Especially in times like that, arguing with hunters means losing life.

No one knew when and where the gate would open and when the monsters would attack, and there were many cases where the assets of rich conglomerates were destroyed in an instant.

That was why every conglomerate was trying to set up a hunter guild recently.

'This time CEO Jinho Yoo also tried to establish a guild with Sung Suho.'

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Everything has been settled.

Chief Lee Youngho's eyes were on fire.

'Sung Suho. Today is your memorial day.'

His gaze turned to the official in charge of the Pyeongtaek Dungeon.

"No matter how much I think about it, I can't figure it out."

"Excuse me? What do you mean..."

Chief Lee Youngho showed a fake concerned expression toward the flustered employee.

"I am so worried about the newbies who entered first. Does it make sense for only two of them to enter the dungeon knowing they were too new?"

"That's true, but..."

The hunters began to worry.

Since it was a field-type dungeon, even two hunters could enter, but if it was a normal gate, at least 10 people should enter.

"Can't several raid groups attack the field-type dungeon at the same time anyway? We're worried about the newbies, so we'll follow them right away. This is possible under regulations, right?"

Since Suho's raid was the first to bid for that dungeon and entered, it was not a big problem for a second team to enter.

"B-But it's a rule that..."

"Ugh! How could you be an inflexible person?! It's just the two of them who went in. Aren't you worried? Will you take responsibility if they have already become monster's food?! Do you even know who the young man talking to me just now was?"

"Huh? W-Who is it?"

"A very close relative of Yoo Jinho, CEO of Ajinsoft! If I don't go in to rescue him right away, that young boy might already be dead!"

"Oh my."

The employee's eyes widened.

After all, he was only a low-level civil servant.

When a problem arises, the first to take responsibility is...!

"I-I'll write you a permit right now!"

Lee Youngho smiled when the employee hurriedly turned over the files.

"Let's go, everyone."

'You have to take the price directly for ruining our business.'

His smile was even more cruel.

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"This way."

Esil led the way, searching for signs of the devil.

Suho was hunting the monsters and following them.

It was a D-class dungeon, so the level of monsters was also low.

As a result, there was low cost, so it was pushed out of the priority of hunters. Civilian access was also controlled.

'It's a perfect area to secretly build a factory.'

In fact, all the dungeons that Suho went through to add to his experience were similar.

However, it was the first time that traces of demons had been found.

Suho held power in his hand with the 'Vulcan's Horn'.

[Item: Vulcan's Horn]

Difficulty to obtain: ??

Type: Sword

Attack +40

A sword crafted from the horns of the greedy demon Vulcan.

Vulcan's powers are imbued, dealing more damage.

-Effect 'Destruction Desire': Increases physical damage by [40%].

-Effect 'Demon Devourer': The power of Vulcan becomes stronger as it devours the demon's soul.

[Devoured Demon Soul: 10]

Vulcan's Horn gradually increases its attack power as it devours demon souls.

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'I hope there will be more demons in this factory.'

Suho slowly licked his lips and explored the surroundings.

Right then...

Swish-!

Suddenly, an arrow flew from behind at great speed and aimed at Suho's back.

Sensing a presence, Suho tries to look back.

[Who dares...!]

Crack!

Quay appeared first and grabbed the arrow and broke it.

He then glared at the direction the arrow had come from.

[Are you aiming for Master's back?]

"What is that, a summon?"

Those who appeared from behind the trees in the distance were none other than the Hyeonmu Guild.

"They said you were a summoning hunter. Such a good summon right there. You would be pretty useful if you joined our team."

Lee Youngho, standing behind them, leisurely crossed his arms and looked at Suho.

Suho's smirked.

"You've crossed the line this time."

"What? Coming from a bastard like you? You crossed the line first."

From the moment he entered the dungeon, Lee Youngho had removed all his social pretense.

He glared at Suho with a cruel smile.

"Kid, didn't you know? In this world, the strong man is the law. You know what the weak ones are?"

"They're snacks..."

That was a familiar phrase.

[The King of Beasts, Fang Monarch, reveals that he knows something.]

Ring.

[An urgent quest has occurred.]

The proof of Chief Lee Youngho's murderous intent appeared in front of Suho.

[Urgent Quest: Defeat the Enemies!]

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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: 0

"Your intentions have been confirmed."

The moment Suho nodded, his eyes suddenly changed.

Chills.

Seeing those eyes, Lee Youngho suddenly felt nervous and his pride got hurt.

'Am I against a C-Class?'

He was trying hard to get rid of the ominous feeling, saying that it was because he had neglected dungeon hunting these days and only ran sales.

"Look at those eyes. You know, these days..."

It was the moment he was about to order the guild members to attack Suho.

Swoosh!

"...!"

Suddenly, a tremendous presence poured out from all sides, and screams erupted.

"W-What is this?!"

The hunters of the Hyeonmu Guild were bewildered and became wary of their surroundings.

Demons were coming out of the jungle.

Suho's eyes widened in a different way.

'Nice! Here goes the demons!'

After all, there was a factory nearby.

Lee Youngho fought against the demons that suddenly came upon him and gritted his teeth toward Suho.

"You bastard! Did you summon these guys too?!"

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A three-way battle began with the sudden appearance of demons.

Suho and Esil looked at each other momentarily.

Their eyes light up.

Thud!

They jumped out in opposite directions and started hunting the demons.

If Suho sliced the bodies of demons whole with Vulcan's Horn, Esil stuck her spear into the demons' bodies like a skewer.

There was a stark difference between the two.

The demons killed by Suho were horribly disintegrated, sprinkling black blood, and Vulcan's Horn devoured the 'demon's soul'.

Meanwhile, the demons killed by Esil's spear sucked all the blood from their bodies and dried them up like mummies.

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"Ha. After all, demon blood is the best."

The eldest daughter of the Radiru Clan, the pinnacle of all demons.

Esil, the only remaining demon noble.

She continued to suck the demons' blood with a most ecstatic smile.

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Even when she first set foot on Earth, Esil's power was only at the level of a C-Class monster.

The reason was that she had been chased by other demons for a long time and had her own blood got sucked. The lost power could only be recovered through blood as it is now.

[You have defeated a lower level demon!]

[You have defeated a lower level demon!]

[You have defeated a lower level demon!]

['Item: Vulcan's Horn' devours the demon's soul.]

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"Can I level up a bit this time?"

Suho hoped there was at least one more demon lurking there.

"Kyaaaaaagh!"

[These are extremely weak and humble servants. It's such a shame that I tried to do business with these guys in my lifetime.]

Quay looked at the demons as if they were filth, and brutally slaughtered them with the feeling of erasing one by one his dirty past.

In that melee, Lim Dokyoon...

[...]

"..."

He was hiding behind the palm-sized Beru, trembling.

"Sung Suho! I asked if these were all summoned by you!"

"What kind of nonsense was that person talking about?"

Even in the midst of that, Esil clicked her tongue as she watched Lee Youngho yell at Suho in the gaps between defeating the demons.

However, as the number of demons gradually increased, Lee Youngho eventually realized it.

"No, wait! These guys are demons!"

It was a bit late to realize.

Seeing all of those guys' faces covered with crow masks, an information came to his mind.

The stardust factory that the Hunter Association was eagerly looking for.

Accordingly, the ones who made it were demons.

"Hahaha! It's here! There's probably a reward for finding this place, right?"

"Oh! Would you like to make some pocket money?"

Upon confirming that the identities of the monsters that appeared were demons, the eyes of the members of the Hyeonmu Guild gleamed with greed.

They came all the way there because of their manager. It was such a pity to kill a kid and go back empty-handed, but it rather turned out so well.

"Listen everyone! For now, leave Sung Suho alone and deal with the demons first!"

"Got it!"

"Besides, that kid will die on his own even if we don't touch him... Huh?"

They belatedly discovered Suho hunting demons and their eyes widened.

"... T-That's...brutal."

"Chief. Didn't you say he was a C-Class summoning hunter?"

"Is he holding a pair of knives and cutting them?"

Slaughterer.

The only thing that came to their mind was that word.

Suho, covered in black blood all over his body, was slaughtering demons like he was a demon himself.

Grumble!

Above their heads, lightning struck in the dry sky.

"Oh my...!"

Everyone looked up.

Surprisingly, there was a huge demon looking down on them from above that jungle.

"Hey, wait!"

"Just what's in this D-Class dungeon...?!"

Lee Youngho was frightened and surged the mana through his whole body.

"Everyone, stay alert! It's at least B-Class! No, it's an A-Class beast!"

His gaze was precise.

[Transcendent Mid-Level Demon]

"Crazy."

Suho's senses stats were sending out warnings violently at the overwhelming energy that made his whole body shudder.

'This is at least Quay, no, it's at Lee Minseong's level.'

As the current Quay became a shadow soldier, he was in a weakened version compared to Lee Minseong.

But the aura he felt from that gigantic demon was at a similar level to Lee Minseong.

'What does it mean by transcendent?'

"How could this happen..."

Beside him, Esil was gritting her teeth more ferociously than ever before.

"That guy is a demon who ingested the blood of a demon noble."

"Your blood?"

Suho's eyes widened and he looked back at Esil.

"Even if it's not mine, it must be the blood of someone in my family."

Esil's whole body gushed out a tremendous amount of aura, and it was shot straight toward the mid-level demon.

Swish-!

The tip of Esil's spear flew toward its heart, but the demon pulled out a whole tree beside it and swung it at her.

Swoosh!

"...!"

Unable to dodge the attack, Esil's body bounced off to the side.

However, even the Hyeonmu Guild was swept away by the attack. Nearby trees hit them in a chain reaction.

"Eh?!"

"Move away!"

The members of the Hyeonmu Guild were frightened and they scattered.

Even at that moment, low-level demons were attacking from all sides.

"Ack!"

In the end, several members of the Hyeonmu Guild were decapitated.

Seeing this, Lee Youngho's eyes lit up with rage.

"How dare you!"

Lee Youngho's sword tore the demons apart.

Even though he was taken aback by the sudden situation, those demons were only at C-Class level.

As a B-Class, he had the confidence to deal with any number of those guys.

Besides, no matter what, it would be a disgrace for the Hyeonmu Guild to be defeated by those.

"That's why I usually told you to train hard! Those who die from things like this are idiots!"

Even when his men died, he rather blamed them for their weakness.

The problem was the big beast.

'I can never catch that on my own.'

It would be possible if the subordinates pulled some time up front.

Cooperation of several hunters against strong monsters.

That was the basis of the raid, and the most important final blow was what the strongest of them had to do.

To do so, they needed tanks to take the lead and withstand the attack instead.

"Attack all at once!"

"What?! That beast?"

"I will take him down! Hold on for one minute!"

As soon as he gave the order, Lee Youngho began to concentrate all his mana on one area.

Even if it took some time, he was confident that he could cut off at least one of the monster's legs with his skill.

'The basic plan is to attack that big guy from the legs first!'

"Aaaaaaah!"

As mana began to surge on Lee Youngho's body, the members of the Hyeonmu Guild rushed towards the 'transcendent mid-level devil' with all their might.

Grumble!

Lightning struck again in the dry sky.

It wasn't just an abnormal climate.

The lightning strikes straight at Lee Youngho.

"Ahhhhhhh...!"

A tremendous electric shock struck his whole body from head to toe.

If it had been a real thunderclap, he would have lost his life at that moment.

'It's a skill...!'

He instinctively realized that and gave up attack skills and changed to defense skills.

He found a healer and tried to get himself healed.

Bang!

"...!"

The mid-level demon began to hit the ground randomly with the tree he was holding in his hand.

"Ack!"

The Hyunmu guild members who rushed forward took the attack.

They bounced all over the place like bowling pins.

Non-tanks fell to the ground and broke their necks to death.

'I have to run away!'

Lee Youngho immediately turned to the opposite direction.

His body was still trembling from the aftermath of the electric shock, and the number of his subordinates to act as tanks in front of him had been reduced by half.

'We can never beat that! We have to escape quickly and ask for support from the 1st Army...!'

Just as he turned away...

His feet were cut off by low-level demons who were lying flat on the ground and hiding in the jungle.

"... Huh?"

Tilt.

He got out balanced.

This time his other foot was amputated.

Thud.

His body collapsed on the floor.

The smiles of mad demons attacking him was the last thing he saw.

Kyahahaha!

Why?

Of all things, he remembered what he said to Suho in front of the dungeon.

-If you let your guard down a little, you will become food for the monsters and not even a corpse of yours will remain.

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It would be the same no matter how high-ranked the hunter was.

Because everyone has only one life.

"...!"

He couldn't even scream and just died.

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Meanwhile, Suho, who was frantically fighting the demons, suddenly realized that the Hyeonmu Guild was no longer in sight.

"Are they all dead? Dokyoon!"

"Oh! I'm okay!"

"..."

Surprisingly, Lim Dokyoon escaped without a single wound.

Unlike the Hyeonmu Guild fighting with demons, he was completely focused on running away.

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'Looks like I picked one guild member well.'

As expected, even if he could only do one thing very well, Suho could be so reassured.

Suho smiled and called Esil.

"Esil! Once you've sorted it out, come over here!"

"Okay!"

Slash!

Esil, who had been beaten and cornered by the mid-level demon earlier, got up and was hunting the nearby low-level demons.

She pulled out her spear stuck in the bodies of those demons and ran towards Suho.

Then, together with Suho, she raised her head and glared at the 'transcendent mid-level demon' who was running out of control.

"Since we've dealt with the small ones roughly, let's hunt the bigger one now."

'Did he understand that?'

For a moment, the body of the mid-level demon, which was indiscriminately destroying everything in sight, stood still.

Then, he slowly turned his head and looked down at Suho with an extremely berserk gaze.

[Are you going to hunt me?]

For the first time, words flowed from his mouth.

He summoned all the low-level demons he was commanding.

In an instant, his entire field of vision was filled with demons.

However, his gaze suddenly widened when he saw Esil next to Suho.

[Wait. No way... Are you a demon noble of the Radiru Clan?]

After summoning all the demons that were everywhere in one place, it was only now that he realized that the aura he felt from Esil was distinctly different from that of the other demons.

[Kuhuhahaha! I never thought I would make such a windfall here!]

The mid-level demon, eyes wide with greed and was bursting into laughter, ordered his men to charge.

[Catch them! If I drink Radirus's blood, I can become stronger!]

Demons attacked with saliva dripping from their mouths.

In front of them, Suho smiled faintly.

He was confident.

An order came from Suho's mouth.

"Arise."

Black shadow began to sway from the corpse of the dead Hyeonmu Guild members.

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[Shadow release is possible.]

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Black steam was raging over the corpses of the Hyeonmu Guild, refusing to die.

And the moment Suho's order was given.

Swoosh-!

Creepy sounds echoed in the air.

Along with that, the black shadows of the corpses began to form new bodies as they raged furiously.

Swoosh!

[Shadow Soldier Lv.1]

General Class

[Shadow Lancer Lv.1]

General Class

[Shadow Shield Lv.1]

General Class

Even if they were the 2nd Army of the Hyeonmu Guild, they were hunters made up of a perfect combination as a raid.

Of course, when released as a shadow soldier, there was a downside to slightly weakening their powers compared to their previous lives, but there was a strong advantage that was worth considering.

Immortality!

The moment they became shadow soldiers that never die, they turned into a demon-like army that did not hesitate and rushed only to slaughter the enemy.

[Kyaaah!]

[Kyaaaah!]

A thunderous roar erupted from their mouths, even if they lost the ability to speak.

[T-This can't be...!]

The transcendent mid-level demon who saw Suho's shadow soldiers could not help but be astonished.

Nonsense.

Something really unbelievable happened.

All the demons still alive after the Outer Gods War was over, were in fact defeated soldiers who had fled and hid from the war.

That's why none of the demons there properly saw the victor of the war, the Shadow Monarch.

However, the mid-level demons, who were superior to the general low-level demons, instinctively noticed the identity of the death aura spreading around Suho.

[Shadow Monarch...!]

No, the Shadow Monarch wasn't on Earth right now.

If the Shadow Monarch was still on Earth, they would never have dared to invade the place.

[Yes, it can't be! If you were the true Shadow Monarch, you would have annihilated us as soon as you saw us!]

The mid-level demon attacked mana power toward Suho.

Along with him, all the low-level demons attacked Suho's soldiers.

[Kill them all! These guys will be used as valuable materials for our great fight!]

Grumble!

Lightning strikes again from the sky.

'As expected, it's a skill.'

Suho mercilessly cut down the demons and continued to watch the sky.

The lightning tore the shadow soldiers to pieces.

But it didn't matter.

Swoosh!

[Kihahaha!]

The torn bodies of the Shadow Soldiers returned to their original form along with the black steam.

Like a demon, they cut the throats of the enemies in front of them again and pierced their hearts.

[Hahaha!]

Chief Lee Youngho, who was reborn as an armored knight, bursts into madness at the forefront of them all.

The moment he became a soldier of death, he poured out his cruelty on the demons as a faithful servant of Suho.

"Was he always such a tough old man?"

Suho smirked at his vicious fighting method, cutting off the heads of the demons and even using them as his weapon.

'Then, I can leave these little ones.'

His mana was being sucked out as the Shadow Soldiers regenerated over and over again.

[You purchased 'Item: Mid-Level Mana Potion'.]

Suho called Esil while drinking a mana potion.

"Esil!"

"I got it!"

Even if he didn't say anything, she knew right away.

Vulcan's Horn had greatly amplified its attack power thanks to the souls of the demons Suho had killed so far.

But even that was not enough.

To defeat the gigantic demon, a stronger demon's soul was needed.

Esil immediately transformed into a spiritual body and flowed into Vulcan's Horn.

[Vulcan's Horn devours the demon's soul.]

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Swoosh!

At that moment, an extremely powerful and ominous energy rushed into Vulcan's Horn blade.

"Rakan!"

When Suho shouted while holding up the 'Rakan's Fang' in his other hand, an answer came from far away.

[The King of Beasts, Fang Monarch, nods his head.]

At that moment, Rakan's Sword was enveloped in a mystical aura.

A smile appeared on Suho's lips as he raised those two swords.

"Now, giant's armor."

[Use 'Skill: Giant's Armor'.]

Swoosh!

It wrapped around Suho's body!

As his body grew bigger and bigger, the size of the twin swords he was holding in both hands grew accordingly.

Suho immediately jumped at the mid-level demon.

[Ack!]

The mid-level demon reached out and threw a thunderbolt at Suho.

However, Suho did not stop attacking even after being hit by the thunderbolt with his bare body.

[Use 'Skill: Blade Storm'.]

Lightning and storms began to tear apart the sky.

At the center was a fierce clash between Suho and the mid-level demon.

The demon, who was on the defensive side due to Suho's sudden onslaught, took something out of his arms.

Purple powder enveloped his body like smoke.

At that moment, Esil's voice came to Suho's mind.

[Oh my god! Isn't that bloodstone?!]

"Bloodstone? What is that?"

[It's highly refined devil's blood! You can think of it as a much more powerful mana booster than stardust!]

"Stardust? Will it make you stronger?"

[Of course! Kill him before the bloodstone is absorbed! It's not a perfect bloodstone anyway, so the effect will be slow!]

Even while the conversation continued, Suho continued to attack.

[Haha! Even though it's still not the best version, it's enough! Not a problem! If I catch the demon noble, I will be able to make a better bloodstone!]

The mid-level demon was intoxicated with his rapidly rising power, showing an ecstatic expression.

Blocking Suho's attack with one hand, he mercilessly shook off his body.

Blag-!

"Ack!"

Blood gushed from Suho's mouth.

[Young Master-!]

Beru hurriedly flew. He was worried, but Suho immediately got up and put a potion in his mouth.

"I'm okay. It's still worth doing."

If the other side used bloodstone to gain strength, his side had potions.

The speed of HP filling in was a little slower, but because of the increased amount of physical strength, it was possible to take that much time.

It was rewarding to deliberately push himself to the limit.

Ring.

[The level of 'Skill: Tenacity' has increased.]

[Physical defense +80% → +100%]

4

Sigh.

Suho watched his first soldier fight while he was feeling the sensation of his increased defensive power.

Up in the sky, whenever the mid-level demon showed an opening, Quay would become a ray of spear and ambush him.

The beam of light was like a spider's web, cluttering his vision.

[Do you dare to see blood, Master?]

[Ack!]

As Quay became a shadow soldier, he could no longer use Royal Jelly.

It was the poison that brainwashed his own corps, and now that he had become a mere shadow soldier, he was not qualified to lead the corps.

But that didn't mean his extreme aggression was gone.

Lee Minseong, who had been conspiring behind people's backs all his life, had established himself as a leader who took the lead in slaying enemies.

Quay was quite satisfied with his appearance.

[It's fun.]

He was also never intimidated by the giant demon.

[Really fun.]

The power of immortality that he so longed for, and the power to slash the enemy with pure power without resorting to trivial moves from behind.

[This is really fun...]

Quay's spear eventually thrust into the shoulder of the mid-level demon.

[Is this my strength?]

[Aaah!]

[Die. Die. Die. Die! Die and vomit up ten million times more blood than my Master! Ha ha ha!]

Eventually, the energy of the bloodstone began to leak out again through the wound pierced by Quay.

That was a huge clash, but it only lasted less than 5 seconds.

In that short time, Suho had recovered at least enough energy to be able to move his body.

The mana power allows him to freely use SBM technique.

[Use 'Skill: Strong Body Manifestation'.]

1

Swoosh!

Both of Suho's arms were covered with black energy.

1

Due to the high level of the skill, the amount of mana consumed to maintain it also increased.

Moreover, the attack power was also increased.

[...!]

"Gotcha."

In the end, Suho's black hand pierced the energy of the bloodstone and grabbed the mid-level demon's neck.

At that moment, the demon's eyes met Suho's and, it trembled.

W-Wait...! This energy!

He was seriously mistaken.

He mistook Suho for the shadow monarch!

3

[You were a descendant of the Iron Body Monarch...!]

Slash!

He couldn't even finish his words and his neck broke.

[You have defeated a transcendent mid-level demon!]

['Item: Vulcan's Horn' devours the demon's soul.]

[Your level increased!]

[Your level increased!]

Numerous messages appeared in front of Suho.

But the message that followed was surprising.

Ring!

[Title: Demon Slayer' has been acquired.]

4

"Oh."

Suho's eyes sparkled.

After catching a lot of demons, he just got a title that was just right.

[Title: Demon Slayer]

It was a title given to hunters who are good at catching demons. All stats increase by 40% when facing demon type monsters.

"It would have been much more convenient if I got it sooner."

Swook!

Suho's body became smaller again, and Esil came out from within Vulcan's Horn.

She shuddered at the energy of 'Title: Demon Slayer' that she could feel from Suho.

Her instinct as a demon made her recognize Suho as a predator.

"Why are you so far away?"

"Oh, nothing."

When she came to her senses, Esil found herself hiding behind Lim Dokyoon.

Suho checked the message that he hadn't been able to check because he was busy earlier.

[You have completed 'Emergency Quest: Defeat the Enemies!']

[Do you want to check the reward?]

(Y / N)

"Yes."

[The following rewards are prepared.]

Reward 1. Recovery from abnormal conditions

Reward 2. 'Buff: Battle Roar'

"Buff?"

Suho looked confused.

'I'll have to use this at an important moment.'

Suho, who put off obtaining the reward, turned his eyes to the surroundings.

Before he knew it, Esil was standing on top of the corpse of a mid-level demon.

Red energy flowed from the corpse and was sucked into Esil's hand.

".... Suho."

Esil called out with a firm expression.

"This was a bloodstone made with my blood."

"Your blood?"

"Yes. It seems that there are some people who hunted me in the Demon Realm somewhere here."

[Young Master.]

Beru looked at Suho with a serious expression.

[If this is true, it will not be an easy fight.]

Beru clearly remembered the Radiru Clan he had seen during the War of Outer Gods.

Those who destroyed the family and amplified their strength with their blood would never be friendly to the Shadow Legion.

Suho also nodded his head with a serious expression.

"I'm pretty sure there's a factory here somewhere."

"That's right. The guys who made even bloodstone beyond stardust are somewhere here..."

The problem was that there was no way to find out where the factory was located.

"Should I have left one alive?"

Suho looked disappointed.

The demons were contaminated with mana, so he couldn't even release shadows.

3

"For now, let's look around this place..."

Right then, he heard Lim Dokyoon, who had been running around here and there.

"Suho! It looks like there's something here."