## **Starchild Escapes Arranged Marriage - Chapter 7: Novice Trial -**

Wasn't this a trial?!

If this was a trial, shouldn't there be endless enemies and bloody combats? Then, he would have to kill them all, like an invincible hero?

Alright, Yun Xi knew he couldn't do this since he wasn't even a 1st Rank swordsman. However, since this was a trial in order to let him become stronger, the last boss should be the strongest, right?

At the campfire, Yun Xi was reborn from the fire.

"Master, this is the trial the stars prepared for you. They must have a reason." Mei'er tried to explain.

"Once you finish the newbie trial, you will have a seed of kendo!"

"Hoo... I see..." Yun Xi reached out his hands and patted his cheeks.

Putting the last goal of the trial aside, the last reward did grasp at his heart.

The seed of kendo. Just by hearing the name, he knew it was a treasure with a connection to the sword. It was worthy of a reward of the stars.

"Then, I will give you the target map to help guide you."

"Master, come on!"

A black and white map appeared in front of Yun Xi. The dark area was temporarily not shown, as it was enveloped by an endless fog.

He saw his own location, the campfire, at the beginning. Yun Xi could see a dark forest at the end. He saw a green point, which symbolized that he was staying around the campfire.

If he left the campfire and turned right, the path would lead to the dark forest. There was a harsh red point in the center of the path, and a similar red point at the entrance of the dark forest. In the center of the dark forest, was a soft green point. Perhaps it was the sleeping beauty.

Looking at the map, there seemed to be two enemies.

The distance between the forest and the campfire was about one kilometer. Yun Xi calculated it according to the distance he walked.

Because the route was pretty simple, it didn't even have a branching road, so he didn't need to worry about losing his way.

"Hmm, seems like the newbie trial is quite easy. Perhaps, I only need to defeat the two small monsters, then I can find the sleeping beauty successfully." Yun Xi looked at the map with optimism and soothed his nerves.

This Kendo Seed must be something the stars prepared for novices.

Additionally, he found an iron sword that was lying on the ground by the bonfire. It was clear that this weapon was the first weapon for the novices in this trial.

Due to the erosion of the moisture, the sword handle had gotten a little rusty. However, its blade was still sharp. It was already enough to be used as a newbie weapon.

"Well, let me start the trial!" Yun Xi gave up thinking where the sleeping beauty was. He held his newbie's sword and took one step forward with courage.

After crossing the small bridge and passing through the clear waterfall, Yun Xi quickly found the path to the dark forest.

Soon, he reached the uphill and heard some strange noises.

"Ping! Ping!" Seems like something heavy was being knocked on the ground. Again and again, and getting closer and closer.

"Don't... don't tell me..." Yun Xi had an ominous feeling. Looking at the map Mei'er gave him, the red dot seemed to be getting closer.

Soon after, Yun Xi learned a lesson.

That it was a complete illusion that the red point was only a little bigger than yourself!

Because the scale of the map... was dozens of times smaller than that of the real world!

"Boom! Boom!" With earth-shaking steps, a giant monster, whose body was twice as tall as Yun Xi, emerged from the corner.

Taking his own sign as the standard, the enemy which was wandering on the center of the path, was a little bigger.

It had one eye, a large head, and thick green skin. Only, its leg was way bigger than Yun Xi's whole body.

It opened its big mouth. Its four sharp teeth took aim at Yun Xi while reflecting a creepy cold light.

"Ping!" Its speed was so fast, that it was in a completely different contrast with its giant body-type. Especially for Yun Xi, who just went into the trial and was still a little stiff, it's slap was pretty powerful.

With just a slap, Yun Xi had been blown out like a rag doll. Afterward, the green monster trampled down upon his body. Yun Xi's body turned into countless lights, and there was only a pool of red blood stains that remained.

"Sniff, sniff..." The green monster who killed Yun Xi with a slap then turned back and continued to patrol.

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"What kind of common monster is this?!" Looking at the practice weapon returning to the campfire with him, Yun Xi had a mixed feeling, "F\*\*k you, bitch!"

Wasn't this a newbie trial? Was this a monster a newbie should face?

Looking at its body type, speed, and power! Even if it was a 3rd Rank swordsman like Hua Huo, she couldn't promise to defeat it easily!

If this monster came to the town, except for Hua Huo, it would be able to kill everyone with ease!

The novice trial was a huge problem, this was a defiance of the natural order!

"Master, come on!"

"This guy is but a piece of meat that kills lower lifeforms. Once master gets the seed of kendo, master can easily kill 10 of them in one strike!" Mei'er's voice appeared to encourage Yun Xi.

"You should help me deal with this guy so I can get the seed of kendo." Yun Xi asked his spirit, just in case he got lucky and she would give it to him.

"That is impossible, only you can defeat it through your own abilities."

"I'm not a combat-type fairy anyways. I can only support you as your system fairy." Mei'er explained that she could do nothing else.

"So, what can you do?" Yun Xi didn't know what to say.

"Warm... warm your bed?" Mei'er said shyly.

"Let's talk about this after I beat down this monster." Yun Xi took a deep breath. His face also turned red.

The fairy... warm his bed... was it too early for him to do such a thing?

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"Sniff! Sniff!" The green hippo was on patrol. It paused for a while, then shook its small tail.

Was something wrong? It remembered it had killed many similar invaders on this road today.

These invaders had the same characteristic, they were all holding a shoddy iron sword and their actions were so stiff, even inferior to the monkeys in the forest. It could easily knock them down on the ground with a slap, then trample them to death.

Look! There was still a pool of blood left on the road. It was from the trash it killed last time.

If it counted them carefully, there were already dozens of such blood stains.

"37..." Yun Xi panted, looking at the damned green hippo. This hippo killed him 30 plus times within the time period one would use to take a shower.

However, how could it be possible such an atrocious, blood-thirsty, and scary hippo exists? Once it saw you, it would give you a slap or trample on you.

Luckily, Yun Xi had a high tolerance and was able to endure it 37 times.

Thirty-seven pools of blood stains were distributed on the narrow uphill path. The most distant one was on the top of the slope. All of them held traces of Yun Xi's death.

"However, I have learned some important details." Between life and death, there is great terror. Everytime he was slaughtered by the monster hippo, he also caught some habits of the hippo.

The main attack of the hippo was its slap. In addition to its enormous size and faster speed, once he got hit by it, his fate was already doomed to be trampled to death.

Its next method of attack was a continuous quirky rolling and crushing. Yun Xi couldn't imagine how its giant body did this. However, every time he found it, it was already too late to defend or dodge.

Except for these two methods of attack, its third method of attack was trampling, which it normally used after Yun Xi lost his balance and fell down to the ground.

Once he was knocked down, the mortality rate would be 100%. Yun Xi's 37 death experiences would help guide him.

"I cannot move recklessly, I must find a gap." By paying the cost of 37 deaths, Yun Xi gradually grasped the body of the hippo. He also became familiar with this world's specific rhythm.

Though the perception was slow, it was not entirely a bad thing. Because, at the moment of death, we are able to see more minute details. Apparently, the passage of time slows down.