

## **The Tower 25**

### Chapter 25: The Third Floor

#### [Necromancy]

Necromancy can contaminate the spirit of the sorcerer, so be careful!

# Depending on the level of your Dominance, you can handle demons more easily.

# You can communicate with demons.

# You can absorb demons.

# You can summon the absorbed demons.

#### [Demon Explosion]

I cannot believe you are thinking of exploding an already dead soul. You are truly... amazing!

# By exploding the demon, you will inflict great damage on the opponent's soul. The demon that gets exploded will be extinguished.

# The impact and mana power consumption will be directly proportional to the level of the evil spirit in the demon.

Lee Shin had never expected he would acquire Necromancy here, because what he did was just an expedient trick. Moreover, it was so difficult to work with this skill, Necromancy. Lee Shin had encountered only one person in his previous life who could use this skill properly. It was a different matter than just seeing and interacting with the soul.

It was much more difficult to deal with them, because they were evil demons. In fact, many sorcerers had said that the more they handled the demons, the more contaminated their minds became. The side-effects of this skill were clear; they were written in the skill description in the first place.

Nevertheless, the skill, Necromancy, had its merit such that no one would be willing to give up this skill. Lee Shin also did not think of giving up this skill.

‘Status window,’ thought Lee Shin.

[Lee Shin]

# Occupation: Necromancer

# Status: Sealed - Unlock Level 2 (Details\*)

# Title: Details\*

# Health Point (HP): 12830/12830

# Mana Point (MP): 114852/114852

# Strength (STR): 36(+47)

# Agility (AGI): 33(+47)

# Intelligence (INT): 115(+65)

# Dominance: 26

# Divine Status: 1

# Chaos: 1

# Skills: Details\*

His stats increased significantly in comparison to when he had first regained his memory. However, that was not the most noticeable difference.

‘Lee Shin...’ Lee Shin smiled.

He was no longer referred to as Gene Ebrium, but Lee Shin. The system now recognized him as Lee Shin. It took him almost a year and a half to find his name.

‘Finally it feels like I’m getting a fresh start.’ Satisfied, Lee Shin smiled and moved to where the manager was.

When Lee Shin looked around, he saw an Orc with a black body—unlike other Orcs seen everywhere, which were blue. He assumed that the Black Orc was the manager here. Lee Shin walked to the Orc without hesitation.

"Send me to the third floor," Lee Shin demanded.

The manager stared blankly at Lee Shin. To him, Lee Shin had suddenly appeared out of nowhere and made demands.

"Sheesh! You have a short temper. Alright, I'll let you go." The manager sent Lee Shin to the third floor with a gesture, annoyed.

[Stop the Orcs.]

[Make as many contributions as possible to the Battle to protect Urtein.]

Lee Shin moved over to a huge wall. There was a large piece of land in front of his eyes, and millions of Orcs were approaching the wall.

Booo—!

The sound of a horn signaled the start of the war.

The citadel was full of soldiers, enough to stop the Orcs, and the place was fully prepared for protection. Also, the Orcs, who did not have any siege equipment, could never access this place because the citadel was placed on high terrain.

The challengers on the third floor had to focus on how much they could contribute to this war. It did not matter whether they won or lost the war, because the Urtein people would win anyway.

"Hey, are you a recruit?" Lee Shin was staring blankly at the Orcs when a soldier standing near him called out.

"Yes," Lee Shin replied.

"Then stay alert! Even though those Orcs cannot get through this place, your attitude should not be like that!" the soldier shouted.

"Okay, I will," Lee Shin answered indifferently and watched as the Orcs approached.

The soldier called out to Lee Shin again, as if he still did not like Lee Shin's attitude.

"Hey! What's your specialty? Can you even shoot an arrow properly? Huh? How did you get in here? You look like a jerk. I think you'll probably run away if an Orc gets close to you," the soldier laughed at Lee Shin.

"I can shoot arrows well," Lee Shin replied.

"Really? Ha... Alright, let's see how good you are." The soldier was surprised at Lee Shin's calm voice.

"Alright," Lee Shin replied.

The soldier who just spoke to Lee Shin, as well as all the other soldiers around him, thought that they would definitely win this battle. Nevertheless, the soldiers seemed nervous.

Booo—!

Meanwhile, the Orcs approached the citadel and arrived within range of the attack. As soon as the signal was given, people attacked the Orcs from the citadel.

In an instant, the bodies of countless dead Orcs piled up in front of the walls. At the same time, the nerves of the soldiers were gradually easing.

"Hey newbie! Stop spacing out and shoot an arrow! Is that arrow on your back just a decoration?" the soldier yelled at Lee Shin.

"I will," Lee Shin replied.

Lee Shin took the bow and arrow from over his shoulder and started pulling the arrow into position while invisible mana covered the arrow. At the same time, his mana pumped up his muscle as it increased his physical strength.

Squeak—

There was no need to aim, because the Orcs were everywhere no matter where Lee Shin shot the arrow.

Twang—!

The arrow pierced through the air and sonic waves reverberated.

"Huh? What's going on?"

The arrow, which had fallen at a strange angle, changed its direction once again along the hilltop.

Pupuck! Pupupuk!

The penetration of the arrow was maximized, and it finally came to a stop only after piercing through dozens of Orcs. Was this what it would feel like if bow masters shot their bow?

The soldier who saw the arrow shot by Lee Shin looked stunned and looked at where the arrow had passed through a while ago. With a single shot, the Orcs who were standing in a straight line lost their formation and collapsed. The soldiers could not believe his mana skills.

'Was he really the Bow Master the Castellan secretly hired?' The soldier was worried.

He remembered all the crazy things that he had said to Lee Shin.

'I'm dead,' thought the soldier.

However, Lee Shin pulled his arrow once again, not caring about the soldier. Lee Shin embedded mana into the arrow once more, but fused the fire and wind properties this time.

Twang—!

The sound of the arrow flying echoed through the air again, making the soldier's ears tingle. The arrow flew in a stunning curve toward the Orcs. At lightning speed it flew, falling in the middle of the formation of the Orcs.

Kwa-kwa-kwang!

When the arrow hit the ground, it caused a fire that swept away everything within a few hundred yards' radius. With a single arrow, devastation ensued. And the blazing flames showed that one arrow was sufficient to kill dozens, even hundreds.

However, that was just the beginning. Another arrow was fired, emitting a strong piercing sound.

Kwang—!

There was an unidentified roar on the battlefield which made people wonder if it had been a cannon or an arrow. After the third arrow was shot, even the soldiers who had been defending against the Orcs on top of the walls stopped fighting for a moment and looked at Lee Shin. The citadel went silent for a moment.

"H-hey you, I mean... Bow Master, is that really you...?" the soldier asked.

There were only three Bow Masters on this continent, and the soldier thought one of them had to be this man, Lee Shin. Although Lee Shin appeared too young to be one, those heavenly humans were not ordinary. Therefore, common sense would not work. The soldier who was scolding Lee Shin just a while ago was covered in cold sweat.

'Man, he's making it sound like I'm about to kill him,' thought Lee Shin.

Lee Shin ignored people's looks and focused on calculating what mana to use next.

He thought that he had shown enough archery skills. However, he knew that archery was not his strong suit just as he had expected.

Lee Shin threw his bow on the ground and built a mana circle in the air. In an instant, a humongous mana circle covered the sky. Not only did the Orcs collapse from Lee Shin's arrow, but the soldiers also flinched when they felt the sonic wave of Lee Shin's mana.

At that moment, Lee Shin could see a group of people rushing to the wall. Unlike other soldiers, those soldiers were dressed in colorful armor and it seemed like they were escorting someone. One of the escorts came up to the wall, but Lee Shin pretended like he did not see him and continued planning his next mana attack.

Lee Shin thought that the escort was coming to make a lame suggestion. In that case, it was more advantageous to kill at least one more enemy.

"Good morning, Mr. Wizard. I am Belia DeHarut, Knight Commander of the County in Urtein," Belia DeHarut introduced himself.

"..." Lee Shin did not reply, because he was already too focused on working with his mana.

When the Knight Commander saw how focused Lee Shin was, he did not mind that he had been ignored by Lee Shin. The Knight Commander turned his gaze to the battlefield in anticipation of the grand appearance of Lee Shin's mana.

In an instant, the blue sky was covered with dark clouds and the battlefield which had been bright became dark as if it was night. Not only the Orcs trembled, but even the humans were wrapped in unknown fear due to the change in atmosphere.

There was a very tense and heavy atmosphere on the battlefield. Lee Shin's mana replaced whatever horror and fear that permeated the battlefield a while ago and cast an additional sense of heaviness on the atmosphere.

'Yeah... this is the death element,' thought Lee Shin.

It was something that Lee Shin had learned from the [Black Mana] when he reached Unlock Level 2.

'Death elements feed on everything related to death,' thought Lee Shin.

And this huge battlefield was practically death manifested.



[Dark Thunder]

Koo goo goo goo goong!

A dark thunderbolt struck the area where the Orcs were gathered. In the soldiers' eyes, that dark thunderbolt seemed as if it divided the world in half.

The dark thunderbolt spread through the ground and electrocuted the Orcs.

Normally, the Orcs would shake off the electric shock pretty quickly, but all of the electrocuted Orcs were rolling on the ground, wrapping their heads.

"W-w-what's going on?"

"What's wrong with them?"

"They are not the ones near where the mana fell... Why are those ones also suffering if they are so far away...?"

The soldiers could not understand these mysterious phenomena.

'Death element amplifies fear,' thought Lee Shin.

The ones who touched that dark thunderbolt were in such pain because of the fear of death. The dark thunderbolt that struck them from a pitch-black sky looked like divine punishment; like God's punishment for the Orcs who dared to confront men. At least, the soldiers who saw Lee Shin's mana thought of it like this.

"No way..." Belia looked at Lee Shin with admiration after witnessing the incredible sight in front of him.

Lee Shin's mana was something he had never seen or heard of. Lee Shin had wiped out many of those Orcs with just a single shot. Of course, the Orcs were not completely dead, but at least they were unable to fight. The Earl could not keep his mouth shut, because he was amazed.

The Earl looked at the battlefield once again. So many of the Orcs on the battlefield had already fallen. They did not seem to have any more motivation to continue the war.

"A magus..." Belia was cautious to say that because he was not even sure if Lee Shin was a magus.

Even after he finished using his mana, Lee Shin did not sound like he was catching his breath. He seemed relaxed the whole time. The Earl thought that maybe Lee Shin was the Great Wizard.

'Wait no, that doesn't make sense. There's only one Great Wizard in the Empire. So, there's no way this man is the Great Wizard,' Belia thought.

Lee Shin gave Belia a cold look.

Kwuooo—!

At this moment, a frenzied roar rose from the camp of the Orcs all the way to the wall—a monster huge enough to be visible from this distance. It had never moved from its position while it was on the third floor, not even until the very moment when all the Orcs were annihilated. It would disappear when the war was over. However, it suddenly roared now and it was weird.

"I can't believe that this monster is this intimidating..." Belia looked at the Black Orc and was terrified. "Dear magus, do you happen to be the Great Wizard...?" Belia asked as cautiously as he could.

"No, sir," Lee Shin replied.

"Oh... I see. Let me introduce myself again. I am Belia DeHarut, the Knight Commander of the Earl of Urtein," Belia introduced himself.

"Okay," Lee Shin replied.

"I don't understand why a person like you, a magus, is defending against the Orcs here. Are you here to kill that Black Orc?" Belia asked.

"... I'm just here to check," Lee Shin answered.

"Oh, then we will ask you formally. Please stop that Orc," Belia bowed and asked Lee Shin politely.

[Hidden Stage - Black Orc Guerren]

[Born among the Orcs with blue skin, the Black Orc Guerren had been rejected by the Orcs as it was seen as an omen. Despite that, Guerren could not abandon the Orcs, and eventually killed the Orc Lord, the king of the Orcs, and became the Orc Lord himself. He had gone ahead with his attacks on the citadel of Urtein to vent his anger. Guerren, who did not feel much emotion even after the Orcs died, is enthralled by your greatness and wants to fight you. Kill Guerren and protect the Orcs and the Urtein citadel.]

"The soldiers do not know the power of that Orc. I thought our citadel would be enough to stop them, but now that I see him, our citadel would not be enough to protect ourselves. Please stop that Orc. I will do whatever you want if you can stop them for us," the Earl explained.

"Are you telling me to stop him all by myself?" Lee Shin asked.

"We consider it a sign of God that you, a magus, are here just in time. So please help us," the Earl asked Lee Shin.

Lee Shin did not like how the Earl said the "sign of God," but he could not ignore their request.

"Alright," Lee Shin replied.

Lee Shin turned his head and saw the Black Orc, Guerren, in the distance. Guerren raised the ax he was holding and gave a strong roar. Then, the low morale of the Orcs began to rise like crazy.

"Stop them! The Orcs are approaching!"

"Shoot them! Don't let them come near us!"

"Wizards, cast the most powerful spells you know! More than half of the Orcs' power is already gone! We can win this battle!"

"We have a magus with us! He and the Knights of Urtein will block the Black Orc, so don't be afraid!"

Wowww!

Whoaaa!

"We will win!"

"For victory!"

"For Urtein!"

The morale of the soldiers rose sharply once more. There were also many competent commanders in Urtein.

"There's something the Knights have to do," Lee Shin mentioned.

"What is it! If you just tell me, I'll do anything you say! If I have to risk my life to draw his attention—" The Earl was interrupted.

"Just bring me the mana recovery potion," Lee Shin asked.

"Sorry?" The Earl asked again.

"Bring everything you have. Right now!" Lee Shin shouted.

"Ah, okay, I will!" Belia answered.

Lee Shin could hear Belia shouting at the soldiers below hurriedly. Lee Shin could see the horrors of war before his eyes. The Orcs ignored the scene of death before them and tried to climb the walls, trampling upon the dead bodies of their colleagues. At the bottom of the walls, countless Orcs lay dead. The corpses and bloody flesh became a stepping stone for other Orcs to climb the walls.

"Here are the potions—" When Belia brought the potions to Lee Shin, Guerren moved.

Thud!

When Guerren hit the ground, it vibrated as if there was an earthquake.

Kuang—!

Guerren's fist and Lee Shin's defense spell collided in the air, sending a loud roar.

Kwoooahhh!

In an instant, the Black Orc came near the wall and roared; and at the roar, the soldiers covered their ears and collapsed to their knees. They could feel the pressure just by looking at him. Most of the soldiers on the wall could not overcome the fear and fell on the spot.

They felt a sense of helplessness. Was it because it felt like the walls could have collapsed in one shot if it wasn't for Lee Shin's defense mana?

"Keugh!" the Knight Commander groaned as he handed over the potions to Lee Shin.

The Knight Commander had pulled out his sword and stood staring at Guerren, but his body was shaking. He was somewhat resisting Guerren's Fear skill in his own way, but it was clear that he would not last long.

"Just go and take care of your soldiers," told Lee Shin.

"... Alright," the Knight Commander replied.

Belia clenched his teeth in frustration at his helplessness and ran to the soldiers. Lee Shin looked at Guerren again. Guerren was also looking at Lee Shin, smirking at him. Their eyes met.

"Oh, are you laughing at me?" Lee Shin threw a cold look at it.