

# Vampire's Slice Of Life

## Chapter 201: Treasure Map

Gunther and the trio walked in the direction the signboard pointed. They found a few more signboards and following one after another, they finally reached a place where there was a tombstone that lay fixed in the ground.

The tomb radiated an ancient aura and the inscriptions on it weren't familiar to the four either. They wondered whose tomb this may be that lay here in the middle of nowhere.

"This seems suspicious." Sheng looked at the three and said.

"Why do you say so?" Ojas asked with interest. Sheng rarely spoke and whenever he did, he would always talk about important things only.

"We found traces of some student, then the signboards out of nowhere, and then there's this tomb that is radiating an ancient aura. It seems like someone is intentionally doing it. Don't you think so?" Sheng calmly explained.

"But Sheng, it could be the academy too and he must've followed the signs and reached here. I can feel the remnants of elemental energy around. It's mixed and feels like a small fight took place here. Someone must've surely fought here for the treasure available." Ojas replied to Sheng.

"If that's the case, then why are there no traces of someone doing something to this tombstone here?" Sheng argued.

"No idea. But we've come this far and I don't think that there would be any harm in searching what lay beneath the tombstone." Ojas replied.

"Ojas is right, Sheng. It would be a loss if we go without searching this place properly." Ji put out his thoughts. He was curious about what lay beneath and had his curiosity piqued. He couldn't just leave without searching, could he?

"Do as you please, I'll be away from this area." Sheng said and backed off. This seemed too suspicious to him and he didn't want to get eliminated for a stupid mistake.

Ojas and Ji looked at each other, shrugged, and started digging near the tombstone.

Gunther all this while was quiet. His job was to be a supporter of these people and there wasn't anything that he could help them with currently. He simply stood at a bit of distance from them and let them do whatever they wanted.

A few minutes of digging led Ojas and Ji to find a few boxes. The boxes seemed worn out and ordinary but when they opened them, they found a few dust-covered golden-colored scrolls.

These scrolls did seem ancient to the two and without waiting for Sheng and Gunther, they opened them right away and found them to be a map of some sort. The map was divided into parts and thus there were a few of them there.

Sheng and Ji looked at each other and smiled widely. This was definitely a treasure map!

"Sheng! Sheng! Sheng! We found a treasure map! Hahahahaha!" Ji ran towards Sheng while waving the scroll in his hand.

Ojas walked out of the pit they made and unlike the enthusiastic Ji, he walked normally towards him. The two forgot Gunther was here too in their excitement.

Ojas and Ji showed them the maps and after having a look at them, Sheng said:

"What makes you think this is a treasure map? This could be anything. The other students who were fighting here, why did they not pick these up or dig around the tombstone? It still seems very suspicious to me."

Ji knew Sheng would say something like this. He patted Sheng's shoulder and said:

"I knew you would ask this question. Don't worry, these weren't the only things down there. When we dug up, we found there to be a few extra spaces present and traces of someone's spiritual power. There was someone over here before us and they took the good things and left the dirty boxes. This in no way, is a trap."

Sheng heard it and nodded his head. "Do as you please then."

He knew that changing Ji's and Ojas's opinions would be difficult now and thus asked them to do as they liked. No matter how they saw it, this place was reeking of a trap. The one who lay such a trap, Sheng couldn't tell if the person was stupid or a genius.

This definitely seemed like someone had personally made this trap but on another note, it was simply too obvious. If it were someone normal, they would've at least tried to cover up a few things but here, no such thing was done. This trap looked like someone stupid had laid it here.

But, in the academy, there was no one so stupid to have made such a trap. This got Sheng thinking about whether the person was a genius or something for doing so. Whatever the case, Sheng was confused and very suspicious about all of this. Nevertheless, since he had no solid proof, he couldn't deny Ji and Ojas and ask them to stop whatever they were doing.

Gunther on the sidelines didn't care about any of these as much. He was just patiently waiting for his turn to take action and provide support. He felt bored hanging out with them and questioned himself whether he should've rejected helping them or something.

The trio had a small discussion about the maps and they left the place along with Gunther and moved in the direction opposite the lake, towards the deeper parts of the jungle.

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A few hours passed.

Lith was out of the dark gloomy region and was flying over some glaciers. He had arrived in an icy and cold region after he left the dark forest.

While flying over the glaciers, Lith was constantly looking for a place similar to the one in the dark forest. A place where he could comprehend laws easily.

He kept flying in the glacier region and finally after two more hours, he felt the same feeling he felt back in the dark forest. He descended down to the ground, sat cross-legged, and started meditating to comprehend the laws.

The laws this time were Water laws. The Water elemental energy revolved around Lith's body and like what happened with Death elemental energy before, the Water elemental energy too got absorbed into his body strand by strand and didn't gush in like a tide.

Slowly and steadily, Lith started comprehending the laws and got absorbed into his own world. Though he was meditating and concentrating fully on comprehending the laws, he still had his guard up and was fully alert and aware of what was happening around his surroundings. He wasn't careless and was very cautious.

Lith continued to meditate and comprehend the laws and finally after two hours...

## **Chapter 202: Firakan**

Two hours passed since Lith started meditating.

There were no changes in his immediate surroundings and everything was calm and peaceful. Only the Water elemental energy had decreased around him, but not by a noticeable degree.

Though everything around him was calm and peaceful, inside his Magic Core, it was a completely opposite atmosphere.

Everything was in chaos.

Tides were raging in the mini sea and caused tsunamis. Heavy rainfall caused flooding in the grasslands and lastly, the snowstorms caused the overall temperature of the core to lower, creating spikes of ice that were rained down too.

Any low magic rank mortal, if present here, would die and even if the strongest mortal were to be present here, they would still suffer injuries due to how strong everything was. That was how powerful the snowstorms inside his core were. Lith's comprehensive abilities were no joke and it was only natural for such a thing to occur.

Though such a thing was happening, Lith's core's area was increasing too. He was about to cross the 30,000 km<sup>2</sup> mark and would become an above average Rank 3 according to the world's standards.

Half an hour passed.

The rainfall, snowstorms, and the tides calmed down. The water seeped into the ground, the grass patches grew back once again after being plucked out from the ground due to the floods and everything got back to normal.

Lith observed his Magic Core by spreading his spiritual sense and found everything to have calmed down and the area of his core to have increased to 28,321 km<sup>2</sup>.

Lith opened his eyes and got up after he was done observing the changes and thought to himself, 'my core's area would match any average Rank 3 but I am not a Rank 3 yet. I still have a long way to go.'

Lith stretched his body and extended his wings and got ready to fly. His goal was to increase his comprehension of all the elemental laws. Death and Water were done and ten more were left. He flew once again in search of elemental energy-rich zones.

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A day passed.

'I laid what few traps I could. That guy and his friends should be trapped and they would probably not come across those hidden treasures from the academy this time. The four people I set up to find these treasures, I just hope they don't mess it up. If I could, I would've gone there directly and taken it. But there are too many eyes on me that are watching my every movement.'

Lucas thought to himself as he looked at the group of rabbit-like beasts a few kilometers away from him and an empty bottle of potion in his hand.

'I'll go search for the elemental energy-rich zones and increase my cult—'

[Alert!]

[The host is being watched.]

Lucas's thoughts were interrupted as the system in him started sending out signals to alert him.

'Those academy officials...' Lucas thought once again and sighed.

He couldn't go to the elemental energy-rich zones now and could only 'accidentally' chance upon them, just like anyone else. He had to put up an act and this meant him having to waste time trying to put up an act and 'accidentally' reach the elemental energy-rich zones.

'I hope my acting isn't bad.' Lucas thought to himself and started acting like an average guy.

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In a snowy mountain range.

Dennis had crossed the glacier region and reached a snowy mountain range. He was now crossing one mountain after another while fighting against the heavy wind and snow storms at the top.

Dennis's teeth clattered as he felt the extremely cold environment. He tried his best to stay warm and not freeze to death. He had black destruction flames around him that ensured that such a situation never arose.

Dennis while moving forward, looked at his side, to his new companion, the cow, and found it to be relaxed and walk alongside him in a carefree manner as if the cold didn't matter to it at all.

"Oi dumb cow, do you not feel cold?" Dennis asked the cow.

"Moo." The cow shook its head.

"Oh, it seems like I am the only one suffering." Dennis said and shivered.

"Moo moo?" The cow asked Dennis.

"Th-that's right. I am feeling cold. I shou— Hmm? What's that?" Dennis changed his sentence mid-way and pointed at a few dots he was seeing in the sky ahead of him.

The cow turned its head and looked towards the dots. It narrowed its eyes to look clearly but couldn't see it.

"Moo." The cow shook its head and said.

"Yeah, of course. If I can't see it, how can you? But... It seems to be coming closer to us." Dennis said to the cow.

He got back to looking at the dots and as seconds passed, the dots became clearer and he could roughly make out the shape.

The thing that was closing in on him had a pair of wings, a cylindrical body at the end of which was a narrow tail. It had no legs or anything else on it. There was no distinction available between the head and the body and Dennis couldn't make out well what it actually was.

The thing looked like a worm with wings from afar but as it neared more, Dennis's eyes opened wide. He could now make out what sort of monster that was when he saw its head part of the main body.

The monster had no head. It only had a mouth in which there were sharp spike-like teeth present in a circular manner. Dennis realized what it was.

It was a Firakan!

A deadly ice monster well known for its flying capabilities and aggressive group attacks. The monster never attacked anyone solo and was always in a group.

Dennis tried to count the dots behind him and gulped when he saw the numbers.

The numbers were in the thousands!

He turned his head to the cow beside him and said,

"Dumb cow, if we survive this, I'll treat you to some delicious steak."

## **Chapter 203: Cowmpanion**

In a desert region.

It was about to be night once again for Ralph. He had been wandering around the desert region for two days and had spent one whole night and almost two days here.

Ralph's clothes were in tatters and he appeared to be in a sorry state. His demeanor, however, made him appear anything but sorry. He had a calm and serious look on his face as he gazed at the sky above him.

It was about to rain.

It wasn't something as simple as a normal rain, that was obvious. Ralph wouldn't have such a serious look on his face if it were for that.

Yesterday night, it was some sort of mucus that rained down. The mucus, as soon as it touched the ground, melted the sand. Ralph didn't know about it but being on guard constantly, he managed to create a barrier around him to protect himself.

He however was still a few seconds late to react and a drop fell on his arm. The mucus didn't melt Ralph's hand but instead started eroding it and to stop this process, he had to cut off his arm.

A saving grace for Ralph was that he was from the Lust Family of the demons, only his family had the traits of healing and regeneration among all the other demons, and thanks to that, his hand regenerated back within a few minutes.

Ralph avoided the mucus rain by casting a space barrier around himself. The mucus never touched Ralph and instead fell on the ground. Ralph expended a lot of his spiritual power for keeping the barrier up.

The mucus rain melted the sand all around the desert region and due to it, the ground became piping hot and emitted a bright red luster, lighting up the entire desert region. This place here resembled like hell, according to Ralph as he saw the darkness of night blending in with the red lustrous brightness of the melted sand.

The mucus rain stopped after a while and some sort of milky white rain fell. This time, this rain didn't harm Ralph but it dirtied his clothes and himself. A few minutes passed and Ralph saw the melted sand to have become shiny transparent glass.

The entire desert region had become glass. It rained again and changes occurred in the glass. Except for the mucus rain, no other type of rain harmed Ralph. But it did cause changes to the environment.

When it was daytime again, the desert region was back to normal as if nothing happened last night. Had it not been for Ralph's clothes being in tatters due to that and him having a new arm, even he wouldn't have believed that such changes took place.

The day had passed with Ralph trying to get out of the desert region but he wasn't able to. The night was about to arrive once again and Ralph was waiting to see what would happen today.

A few moments passed.

Night dawned but there were no signs of any mucus rain occurring. A few seconds passed and Ralph started hearing some strange noises. In the next instant, Ralph saw

the sand below his feet rise and within the next few seconds, the sand rose high up in the air and got mixed with the cloud.

It was reverse raining sand!

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"HAAAAH!" Dennis shouted and slashed his sword at the firakan and protected the cow from getting injured.

One firakan after another was coming towards Dennis and attacking him. The firakans seemed to be of a low level and would die with just one or two of his slashes but the problem lay with the fact that there were just too many of them.

If Dennis were to count, he had killed at least two hundred or so firakans, but there seemed to be no end to them. The firakans had only three types of attack. One was Ice Spike, which they created by flapping their wings at a fast speed; another was Icy Breath, an attack they did via their mouth and lastly, it was Bite, for which they once again used their mouths.

Dennis had been bitten many times by the firakans and also took hits from ice spikes. He had to not only fight the firakans, he also had to protect the cow as the cow couldn't defend well against ice spikes.

However, the cow could kill many firakans in close combat and their icy breath had no effect on it. This helped Dennis a lot and took away a good portion of firakans to fight off him.

Dennis had destruction flames on the blade of his sword from time to time and with the help of it, one slash from it would result in the killing of two such monsters. To not get a toll on his body and to have spiritual power recovered and not get depleted totally, Dennis ensured to use spells in a minimal amount.

The firakans were too many and according to his calculations, even if he did use all of his spiritual power, he definitely won't be able to kill all of them.

Dennis slashed his sword at one firakan after another and charged forward along the slope of the snowy mountains. The cow followed him. While moving forward, Dennis turned his head to look at the cow, but while doing so, his hands didn't stop slashing at the firakans.

"Oi dumb cow, keep enduring, we are gonna make it. I am gonna have to rely on you a bit. You're now my..." Dennis paused and grinned.



The cow was hearing everything but currently, it was holding a firakan's neck with its two limbs and was trying its best to not let it bite. It couldn't look at Dennis and thus missed looking at his grin.

Dennis could tell that the cow was paying attention to his words and smiled widely knowing it. He slashed his sword once again and after killing a firakan, he said to the cow:

"You're now my cowmpanion. Hahahahaha!"

Destruction flames spread over Dennis's sword and he slashed it at one firakan after another killing multiple of them within seconds.

Pui!

The cow pressed the neck of the firakan it was holding tightly and killed it after hearing Dennis's lame pun.

"Moo!" The cow mooed in annoyance and punched a few firakans.

That's right! How can this guy have the time to joke at this moment? He should focus fully on defeating the firakans and not slack off!

The duo of one vampire and one cow kept fighting firakans, a species of icy flying monsters, and charged forwards in a snowy mountain range.

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Lith was flying over the glaciers and while doing so, halfway through, he found some footprints of some giant monster. He had no idea whose footprints they were but since he had been doing nothing but cultivating, Lith decided to slay some monsters and warm up for the upcoming main event that was about to occur.

Everything until this point was in no way anything challenging. Whatever the students were going through currently, it was just the academy's way of having them warm up. There was nothing too challenging for these thirteen-year-olds. The essence of the tournament was yet to come.

The real tournament was yet to begin.

## **Chapter 204: Safe Zone Shrinks**

Auditorium, Abalax World Academy.

Emilia was watching her three students on her tablet screen and just like her, everyone else in the auditorium was doing the same thing.

All the staff members had headphones on as they watched their students. The auditorium was thus silent and there were only the whispers of the moderators present at the back that was audible.

The door of the dark auditorium opened and the light from the outside seeped in, lighting up a portion of the dark auditorium. From the outside, a lady with her brown hair tied up in a bun, wearing a white shirt, black pants, and heels walked in holding a few files in her hand.

Despite such a disturbance caused by the lady, nobody apart from the moderators paid attention to her. All the staff members were busy watching their students and didn't get distracted.

The lady walked towards Emilia and sat beside her.

Emilia noticed the lady sitting beside her. She took off her headphones and turned to the lady. "Is it time for that, Sel?"

Sel, Emilia's secretary, the lady sitting beside her, handed her a few files and said, "that's right, madam. I'll look into it but in the meantime, please go through these files."

Emilia took the files from Sel and skimming through them, she noticed that it would take a bit of time to go through them. She handed the files back to Sel and said,

"Keep them with you, Sel. I'll go through them later. I have to keep an eye on my students, they are in a tricky situation right now."

Sel nodded her head and took the files from Emilia and put them in her ring. She then took out a tablet screen from it and tapped on it a few times. Turning to Emilia once again, Sel said, "I'll be activating it now, madam."

Emilia just nodded her head, indicating her approval, and continued to watch Lith, Ralph and Dennis on the screen.

Getting Emilia's approval, Sel tapped a few times on her tablet screen and stopped after a few seconds.

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Blue Haze World.

Lith was flying above the glaciers and was following the footprints of a monster. It had been a few minutes since he was doing so.

"Attention, students. The safe zone is shrinking. I repeat, the safe zone is shrinking."

Lith stopped in his tracks as he heard the announcement. 'So it's starting...'

"Imbue some spiritual power into the identity badge that you have and you'll find the safe zones."

The announcement was broadcasted throughout the Blue Haze World and was heard by everyone. Many were confused about it and had no idea what the safe zone was. Only the ones who had studied the previous tournaments knew about it but still, not a lot of information was available to everyone.

The academy had deleted many important things from the forums and only a little information was made available to the students. One of them being this, the information about safe zones.

"Let's see where I am." Lith muttered to himself and took out his identity badge.

He imbued a bit of his spiritual power just as he was instructed to and found the map of the Blue Haze World on it. Previously, the map wasn't available and he had no idea where he was. He had checked his badge thoroughly before and knew about it. Only now was the map made available when the safe zone was starting to shrink.

Lith's name that was written on the identity badge started flickering and in the next instant, the map of Blue Haze World was projected above it. The size of the map was adjustable and Lith could zoom in and out of the map too.

On the map, Lith saw a white line forming a circle. Inside the circle was 98% of the whole map and everything seemed normal. Outside the circle, the map was covered by a semi-transparent blue layer.

The circle was shrinking and the blue layer was expanding. Lith could tell that the inside of the circle was a safe zone and the outside wasn't.

Lith then looked at a small red dot on the map. Around the red dot, the map was colored in white. Lith could guess that the red dot was him and the white area around him was the glacier region. He then noticed that the circle was still shrinking and the place where he was, it was about to be out of the safe zone.

Lith looked at the footsteps of the monster in front and then at the map. If he followed the footsteps, he would be rushing out of the safe zone and that wasn't a good option. Lith thus left the monster's trail and headed to the inner parts of the safe zone.

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In a dense jungle.

Gunther, Sheng, Ji, and Ojas were standing in front of a temple entrance that was in ruins. The four were about to go inside but they heard the announcement that was broadcasted and had to halt.

"Damn it, we have come this far. I just hope that we are in the safe zone and would continue to be for the next two to three days." Ji said, looking at the three.

"I hope so too." Ojas added.

The four took out their badges and checked the map. They found themselves to be in the center of the safe zone circle.

"Wow. Our luck really is great, isn't it?" Ji said, once again looking at the three.

"Indeed." Ojas replied.

"Let's not waste time and move inside then." Sheng spoke this time, to which the three nodded their heads and walked towards the entrance of the temple.

Just as they were about to walk into the entrance of the temple, Gunther halted and looked around. The trio didn't notice him halt and continued to walk inside.

"This seems fishy." Gunther muttered to himself as he looked at the ruins around him.

He gazed at the trio walking through the temple entrance through and tried to look at the end of the corridor they were walking at. He found nothing at the end except for deep darkness.

"Well... I just hope that I return safely from this."

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In a desert region.

Ralph was sitting while taking support from a tree near an oasis and was looking at the map. He noticed that he was around the middle eastern region of the map. The region was too big and he was almost going to cross it.

He had spent 2 days and nights here in this region and guessed that, without any hint on where he was supposed to move, he must've roamed around in the desert region.

Ralph sighed in relief knowing that he would finally be able to get out of this place. He got up and walked towards a small pond to wash his face.

Sitting at the edge of the pond, Ralph saw himself in the pond. The condition of his clothes was worse than yesterday. His white shirt was torn in many places and was dirty and the same was for his pants. He also had no shoes on him and was barefoot.

Despite the poor condition of his clothes, he had a serious expression and was looking at himself with a calm and neutral gaze. Ralph was about to take some water from the pond and splash it on his face when he saw a dot from the sky coming closer towards him through the reflection of the pond.

Looking at the dot, Ralph muttered calmly,

"A new useless obstacle."

## **Chapter 205: Blue Haze**

BOOM!

A giant monster landed at the edge of the small pond where Ralph was a second ago. Due to its high momentum, the pond, as well as the Oasis, was destroyed and got covered with sand all over.

Ralph had distanced himself from the small pond when he saw the monster closing in on him. He had an affinity for Space and could cast Short Jump.

Ralph looked at the monster and found it to be a Sand Golem. Judging by how it descended from the sky, Ralph guessed that the golem must have the prowess of a Rank 4, as Sand Golems below Rank 4 couldn't jump so high and also couldn't survive the strong impact of landing from such a height.

"As I guessed, a useless obstacle." Ralph said in a neutral tone.

He was out in the wild and this was a survival tournament, of course, there were bound to be wild monsters attacking. However, to Ralph, it was just useless. He could easily run away from them or if he puts in a little effort, kill them.

Ralph questioned himself whether to run away or fight the monster. After thinking for a few seconds, he decided to kill the monster.

The Sand Golem's monster core was an important ingredient for making the Calming Nerves Potion—a calming potion, helpful in getting a person out of berserk or hyperactive state.

The Sand Golem charged towards Ralph and he too charged towards it and his fight against it began.

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In a glacier region.

Lith was flying above the glaciers and was trying to move towards the inner parts of the safe zone. The safe zone was shrinking rapidly and the blue layer that he saw on the map wasn't just on the map.

The dimensions' name was Blue Haze for a reason.

Once every year, the entire dimension is covered by a semi-transparent blue haze throughout its entirety. This haze didn't affect any organisms or anyone belonging to this world. However, it caused damage to the outsiders and if one stayed for a longer period in this haze, they may even die.

The haze had no effect on people of Rank 9

and above and barely affected Rank 7s or 8s. Rank 6 and 5 would get severely injured whereas it would definitely mean death for those Rank 4 and below if they stayed for a longer period of time in this haze.

The haze does not expand constantly. It expands for some time and then stops for a certain period. The students thus have time to move to the safe zones as soon as possible.

But currently, the situation wasn't good on Lith's side. The haze was expanding and hadn't stopped. He was in the extreme south of the world and if he didn't rush to the center, he would suffer damage from the haze.

Looking back, Lith saw a blue haze closing in on him. The entire area a few hundred kilometers away from him was covered in a blue haze from the sky to the ground and with each passing second, more and more area was getting covered by the haze.

Lith knew he had to hurry or things would be bad. He willed the wind elements around and quickly flew to the safe zone. Periodically, he used the Space spell Short Jump while flying.

Fifteen minutes passed.

Lith finally made it to the inside of the safe zone. He looked back and saw the blue haze just a few kilometers from him. The haze had stopped expanding and won't do so for the next few hours. Lith had time on him to move deeper into the safe zone.

Lith rested for a few minutes and then headed deep into the safe zone.

He had left the glacier region and was now in a snowy mountain range. He took out his identity badge and checked the map. He had to cross this region, followed by a desert region, then another mountain range, and then another...

"Oof... There are so many places. Just how big is this dimension?" Lith felt tired just by looking at the distance.

He has been flying for the past few days and now there was more flying. He wondered when will all of this be over. This tournament and everything seemed stupid in his opinion. This was more like roaming around than surviving. There weren't even monsters around that could give him a challenge.

Everything was a waste of time. Eliminate other students? Has he not defeated most of them in the entrance exam? It hadn't been more than four months since the entrance exams were over and apart from Ralph and Dennis, nobody even had half the merit points that Lith had.

Lith's determination to drop out of the academy became strong as he thought of all these things. But that was for later. Now he needed to finish with the tournament.

He turned his head towards the snowy mountain range in front of him and extended his wings out. He shoved aside the thoughts of dropping out and other things to not get distracted and flew towards the snowy mountains.

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In a snowy mountain range.

BURST!

A firakan's body burst as Dennis willed the water elements around and crushed the firakan's body between two thick sheets of ice.

"Damn it! There's no end to these! How's it on your end?" Dennis cursed and asked the cow fighting beside him.

"Moo!" The cow mooed and expressed its opinion.

"Ugh... My brain can't translate what you're saying now. Never mind, are you injured?" Dennis said while slashing his sword at the firakans.

"Moo!" The cow nodded its head while punching a firakan in front of him.

"I am injured too and my healing ability is not able to keep up. Sigh... It seems I'll have to use those two elements..."

"Moo?" The cow asked in confusion. What elements is he talking about? Is this something edible? A type of food he mentioned before that he'll feed it?

Dennis clicked his tongue. "Tsk. Stop asking stupid questions, idiot cow. I am now gonna cast some spells and use those elements, even though I don't want to. Don't you dare tell anyone about this. I am gonna turn you to a steak if you do that."

"MOO!?"

## **Chapter 206: Need Help?**

Dennis and the cow were fighting for a few hours with the firakans. There seemed to be no end to them and despite putting so much effort, they haven't even killed half the firakans present around them.

Dennis was starting to get tired and the destruction spells took a good amount of spiritual power from him. There were other elements he had an affinity to and decided to use the ones which would deal more damage and use less spiritual power.

Dennis was chanting and was about to use the other elemental spells when...

"Yo, Dennis. Need help?"

Dennis heard a familiar voice and turning his head towards the source, he saw Lith flying in the air a few meters besides him and killing firakans.

Lith was traversing the snowy mountain range and only after a few minutes of flying, he saw thousands of firakans flying around a certain mountain peak. To go to the other side of the mountain range, Lith needed to pass through them.

Just as Lith neared the firakans, they attacked him. Lith killed them and was flying forwards when he saw someone else attacking the firakans. He flew to the source of the fight and to his surprise, he saw Dennis fighting. It wasn't just Dennis, there was a cow fighting alongside him.

Lith found Dennis and thought about eliminating him but looking at how he was fighting firakans with a companion, he didn't eliminate him as doing so would result in him teleporting out of the dimension and his companion would be left stranded.

Lith could figure out that Dennis found a beast companion for himself and thought in the best interests of his friend and didn't eliminate him, while also asking whether he needed help.



"Your Highness! When did you come here?" Joy was visible on Dennis's face when he found Lith. Not just that, he was even asking if Dennis wanted help!

Despite being happy and having made up his mind to seek help from Lith, the first words that came out of his mouth were completely different from what he was thinking, and even he didn't know why this was the case.

"Stop asking useless questions, Dennis. Do you need help or not?" Lith asked with a smile while killing a few firakans with a slash from his sword.

"Ah yes. Yes, yes. Of course, I need help." Dennis replied hurriedly.

Lith chuckled and got close to Dennis and the cow. He held onto their shoulders and casting Short Jump, he teleported them a few kilometers away from the firakans. He then teleported himself back to the place where they were previously.

Lith then cast a Rank 2 Fire spell Fire Wall and flames erupted from him and with him as the center, surrounded him in a circle with a radius of 100 meters. The firakans within this radius got burned to death and the ones that tried to cross the Flame Wall got severely burnt.

Lith then willed the Wind elements around and increased the intensity of the flames. Hundreds of firakans died by his one move. Dennis didn't have Fire or Wind affinity and couldn't perform such a task.

He did have AOE spells to use but that would cost a lot of his spiritual power and doing so would lead him to be in a pickle. Dennis avoided using it for this reason. Lith, however, had no problem using it. The speed at which his spiritual power restored was very fast and the amount required to cast AOE spells was also less due to him having a masterful control over the spell casting.

Lith then willed the Water elements in the surroundings and caused a snow storm that swept the firakans away. He once again willed the elements and caused ice spikes to rain down in the firakans. He killed the firakans with the attacks they themselves were proficient in.

Dennis and the cow watched Lith cast spells and kill the firakans so easily in awe and respect.

The cow turned its head to Dennis and mooed, "Moo Moo."

"That's right, I know him. He's His Highness is my best friend and also my Prince." Dennis replied smugly.

"Moo." The cow nodded its head in amusement. This useless guy in front of him wasn't very useless it seems. He had good friends.

Dennis could tell what the cow was thinking. He bonked the cow's head with the side of his palm and said, "I am not useless. I would've used AOE spells now but His Highness came at the right time and I didn't have to."

"Moo, Moo." The cow shook its head. Excuses, pathetic excuses. Why don't you just admit that you are useless and weak.

Dennis knitted his brows as he heard the cow's reply. "You want to see my power? You think I am useless and weak? You looking for a fight, huh?"

"Moo." The cow harrumphed. What's there to think when it has already seen his useless ways?

The two kept bickering with each other while Lith was busy killing the firakans. A few minutes passed and all the firakans were killed by Lith. He flew to where Dennis and the cow were and said,

"Let's go. The safe zone could shrink anytime."

"Your Highness, but we need to collect the cores of the firakans. It could sell for a good amount of money and can also be used for making potions, pills, and artifacts."

"Yes, I know, Dennis. I've picked them up already. Bring your ring closer to mine, I'll transfer you your share." Lith replied to Dennis.

"Ah, no, no. I didn't do much. His Highness can keep everything." Dennis shook his head and rejected the loot.

"That won't do. You've been fighting them for so long and killed so many, you deserve half the share at least. And your companion here, I've seen him fight too. Take it." Lith said calmly.

Dennis sighed and gave up. He extended his hand forward and Lith touched his own spatial ring with his and transferred him 80% of the loot. The loot not just had cores but also teeth and bones of the firakans. The teeth and bones were also pretty useful in pills, potions, and artifact making.

Dennis was shocked when he saw the amount he got. He was about to argue with Lith that he got too much of the share but Lith didn't give him a chance by placing his hands on his shoulder and at the cow's and flying away with the help of wind elements.

Dennis was in mid-air and the only support it had was Lith's hand on his shoulder. He wasn't stable due to this and had to extend his wings out and fly together with Lith. The cow was stable because Lith provided good support to it. He didn't to Dennis because he wanted Dennis to fly too.

Lith and Dennis, both supported the cow and flew towards their next destination, the desert region which was located in the middle-eastern part of the world. Lith provided a boost to their flying speed by willing the Wind elements around and the three people were flying towards this region at a very fast speed.

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## Chapter 207: Snake Nest

Dark Mist Mountain Range.

Ralph had crossed the desert region of the Blue Haze World. It took a bit of time but he had finally done it. His clothes were still in a sorry state but his demeanor remained unchanged.

After he crossed the desert region, he had arrived in a mountain range which was covered in a black mist of some sort. He couldn't see past a few meters ahead of him but thankfully he had the map with him, so chances of getting lost were low to none.

Ralph had his guard up and was more alert than he ever was before. He couldn't see past a few meters and such a reaction was only natural from him. He didn't rush but flew at a moderate pace. He had to cross the entire mountain range and according to his calculations, it would take at least one day and night to do so.

From the outer edges of the forest present close to the desert region, Ralph made his way to the inner core area.

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In a desert.

Lith, Dennis, and the cow were sitting close to a pond in a small oasis.

"Your Highness, how long do you think it would take for us to cross this desert region?" Dennis asked while drinking water from his bottle.

"If we fly like before, we would be able to reach the Dark Mist Mountain Range before it's night today" Lith replied calmly.

"This fast?" Dennis asked with shock visible on his face.

"Yup. We have the map, we don't need to worry about getting lost and know the exact route that we need to follow." Lith once again replied calmly.

"Makes sense. So when are we leaving?"

"In 10 minutes."

"Alright."

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Central Plaza, Abalax World Academy.

"Hi, I am Kleo, the second host for this event. I won't say much, just look at this." A slim and tall, serious faced student with two black horns on his head said from the big screen available in the plaza of the main building of the academy.

"I hope Vanir-senpai comes back to host. No hate to Kleo-senpai but he is too serious and grumpy." A student with a short stature watching the live stream of the Survival Tournament, said.

"That's true. Senior Kleo is indeed very serious." A student double the height of the short student beside him added.

"Shut up, you two. Senior Kleo is the perfect person to host this show. Senior Vanir is just too... Well... Jolly? Ehe." A fangirl of Kleo praised from the side.

"Yes, she is right. Senior Vanir is just acting jolly. Everyone should be like Senior Kleo, all natural, hehe." Another fangirl of Kleo commented.

"Shut up, bitch. You're just jealous of Vanir-senpai because you can never achieve a perfect loli form like her!" The short stature student retaliated.

"What the hell did you say, you midget?" The female student, fangirling over Kleo, lost her cool and said holding the collar of the short stature student.

"I said you can't ever be a perfect loli like Vanir-senpai, you bitch!" The short student once again rudely commented.

BOOM!

An explosion was heard from the big screen in the central plaza, grabbing the attention of the students as well as the two students bickering currently.

On the screen, a Sand Golem had just landed on the ground and due to its momentum, a loud explosion was created. Looking at who the student getting attacked by the Sand Golem was, everyone turned silent. They were silent not because something serious happened but because they saw a handsome pink-haired first-year.

It was Ralph!

Ralph's serious demeanor as well as his perfectly chiseled face and lean body that was visible through his tattered clothes, turned everyone silent. He seemed too cool and hot to everyone present.

The boys being no exception.

"Hey bitch, let's call it a truce for a while. Let us both appreciate Lord Ralph first." The short student said with a serious face to the girl holding him via the collar.

"If not for Lord Ralph, you'd be dead by now. I am letting you go but I'll remember you, midget." The girl let go of the short student.

The short student corrected his collar and got back to watching Ralph on the screen and gave his full attention to it. Just like him, everyone else was doing the same. The charms of Ralph were too much for anyone to ignore and everyone on the Sky Island were watching him with seriousness and intently.

Though everyone was watching his fight with a Sand Golem, Ralph on the other hand had just arrived in a no mist zone in the Dark Mist Mountain Range. His time and theirs were very different.

Ralph looked around and found that he was surrounded by trees with gray leaves and a few hundred meters away, there was a single tree that had black leaves on it. He didn't move from his place and had his guard up. This place seemed suspicious to him and he was cautious with his every move.

He slowly walked towards the tree with black leaves because that seemed to be the only noticeable thing in this surrounding that he could inspect. Suddenly...

HISS!

A black snake jumped from the ground and attacked Ralph with its sharp fangs. The snake tried to bite Ralph but as it neared him and tried to do so, it only bit onto empty space.

Swish!

With a swishing sound, Ralph's blade cut the snake into pieces and killed it.

Ralph had an affinity for Space and had a vacuum barrier around him just like the time during the mucus rain. The snake's bite was thus nullified and Ralph got the time to take his sword out and kill it.

Looking at the pieces of snake on the ground, Ralph noticed an anomaly.

The entire ground was pitch black!

This wasn't normal! The ground wasn't supposed to be of such a color and something definitely was wrong. Ralph immediately extended his wings out and flew high above in the air. From the air, as Ralph looked down, his eyes widened with shock. The ground... It wasn't a ground.

It was a nest of snakes!

There were thousands of snakes moving around and this made Ralph feel uneasy. The snake he just attacked definitely was a Tier 1 beast and judging from how some snakes roaming down were of different sizes, Ralph guessed that some would definitely be Tier 3 or above.

Wasn't this overkill?

The academy shouldn't have such a level of difficulty in this tournament. How can a Rank 2 student fight against groups of Tier 4 or 5 beasts on his own? This was simply too much.

Ralph knew fighting against these beasts was pointless so he decided to run away. He flew towards the mist and just as he touched the mist, he felt a blockage. He was unable to pass through the mist and get out of this no mist zone. Ralph flew to another direction but it was the same case.

Just what was the academy trying to do? Did they want their students to get killed this badly?

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Auditorium, Abalax World Academy.

BAM!

Emilia exerted a good amount of force on the armrest of her chair and got up, causing it to break.

She let out her Emperor Rank aura and looked at the people in the auditorium. In a serious tone, she said, "this is the final call. Whoever rigged the tournament, come clean and I'll ensure you get a lighter punishment."

Nobody dared to speak, move or even breathe as they felt Emilia's aura. It sure was suffocating but they haven't done anything and couldn't respond to what she had asked them. They could only feel her wrath for now and hope that she would calm down.

A few minutes passed and nobody said a single word. The entire auditorium was silent. Emilia retracted her aura and looking at the staff present, she said in the same serious tone as before, "whoever you are, just pray that you don't get caught."

Emilia left the auditorium after saying so and getting out of the auditorium, she made her way to the rooftop of the main building of the academy.

She took a token out of her pocket and imbued her spiritual power in it. A few kilometers from her, a portal opened up.

Crackle!

Streaks of golden lightning crackled around Emilia as she willed the Lightning elements around her.

BOOM!

She shot off towards the portal, causing a sonic boom loud enough for everyone present in the central plaza and the academy to hear.

Everyone looked at the source of the noise but only found a golden streak of lightning shooting towards a certain direction and vanishing at the next instant.

"What was that?" A student in the plaza asked his friend at the side.

"How would I know?" The friend shrugged and answered.

"Tsk. Do you even know anything?" The student clicked his tongue and said.

"Shut up or I'll beat your ass."

"When?"

"HUH!?"

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## Chapter 208: Ralph in Trouble

Lith, Dennis, and the cow were flying over the sand dunes of the desert region of the Blue Haze World and were headed towards Dark Mist Mountain Range. They were almost there now and would reach that place within a few minutes.

"There really is a dark mist all around the mountain range, Your Highness!" Dennis said loudly from the side. They were flying and he thought speaking normally wouldn't work and Lith won't be able to hear him.

"Yes." Lith replied in a normal tone but was loud enough for Dennis and the cow to hear.

"Should we rest before we go into the mountain range?" Dennis said loudly.

"No. We've only been flying for half a day, there's no need for rest." Lith replied calmly.

"Okay, Your Highness!" Dennis replied loudly.

A few minutes passed and they descended down on the ground. They had arrived at the edge of the Dark Mist Mountain Range and flying amidst the thick mist wasn't a good option, so they chose to walk.

Two vampires and a cow made their way into the mountain range and walked in a moderately fast pace. The three had their guards up as they walked through the mist covered mountain range. Their vision couldn't see past a few meters but they kept traveling by following the map.

Fifteen minutes passed as they traveled and they suddenly heard faint hissing noises of some snakes.

"Your Highness, there seems to be snakes around, I think." Dennis whispered. He thought that talking loudly may create disturbance and they could end up attracting the snakes.

"Yes, there are. Not only snakes but..." Lith squatted down and placed his hand on the ground and tried to feel what was going on in the direction of the noises.

In the next instant, his eyes opened wide. He got up and said hurriedly, "Ralph is in trouble. Let's go!"

Dennis had no idea why Lith said something like this so suddenly but looking at Lith flying hurriedly in a certain direction, Dennis extended his wings and followed him while holding the cow via it's belly.



When Lith touched the ground, he saw snakes, a lot of snakes, and they weren't ordinary Tier 1 snakes but some were Tier 5 and Tier 6 too. They were attacking Ralph and he was desperately fighting them mid-air. He obviously couldn't stay on the ground and fight them, that was straight up suicide.

Thankfully, the Tier 4, 5 and 6 snakes weren't attacking currently and were only sending out the low rank Tier 1, 2 and 3 snakes.

But, what Lith couldn't understand was why Ralph was fighting them and why he didn't run away. Whatever the case, their friend was in danger and if he was late, he would die today.

Meanwhile...

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Ralph was slashing his sword at the snakes that kept jumping from the ground towards him to attack and it was mostly one slash, one kill for Tier 2 and below snakes. The Tier 3 ones would fall down when given a cut and would jump back up, they were the most annoying ones.

It has been half an hour since Ralph was fighting and he didn't know how long will he have to continue this. The worst part was, the Tier 4, 5 and 6 snakes hadn't made their move yet and were only roaming down the ground and watching him. Their stares through their deep black eyes made all of Ralph's hair stand and always kept him on guard.

He knew that one bite from the Tier 6 would mean death for him and he would die at any moment's notice. Ralph, however, still preserved and fought them. There was no other way. If he stopped fighting, he would get killed by these low level snakes.

"RALPH!"

Ralph heard a familiar voice and before he could turn his head to look at the source of the voice...

HISSSSS!

A Tier 5 snake, feeling a threat coming from the intruder, hissed loudly and attacked the intruder.

Fuuuusssshhhhh

BOOOOOM!

The Tier 5 snake's body got stabbed with a fiery spear and after hitting the ground, it exploded, causing the death of many Tier 1 and 2 snakes as well as severely damaging Tier 3 and 4 snakes with just some light injuries on Tier 5 and Tier 6 snakes.

Ralph couldn't see who it was that called him out due to the explosion lighting up the entire surrounding. He then felt someone tap on his shoulder and turning behind, he saw the familiar silver hair and purple eyes of his friend.

But, instead of rejoicing that help had arrived, Ralph frowned and said, "why are you here?"

Swish!

Lith cut a snake that tried to attack them with his sword and said, "I was just passing by."

Swish!

Ralph cut a snake with his blade and said, "if you were passing by, you should've noticed this place being a nest of snakes. Why not bypass it?"

Swish!

Lith cut another snake. "I felt that you were in a pickle, so I decided to come help." Lith smiled.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Ralph cut all three snakes that tried to attack him. "Indeed, I am in a pickle. But now that you have arrived, the situation... It hasn't gotten any better. We are both going to die due to those Tier 6 beasts. Look, they're there."

Ralph pointed at 4 black snakes that were the biggest in size and crawling around while staring at the two.

"Scary, indeed. But you worry too much. We can get out of here." Lith smiled and replied.

Swish!

Ralph cut another snake. "Oh? How so?"

"RALPH! YOUR HIGHNESS!"

"MOO!"

Before Lith could answer, Dennis came flying while holding the cow towards them in the no mist zone.

HISSSS!

Noticing another pair of intruders, the Tier 5 beasts hissed and jumped to attack them.

Fuuuusssshhhhh

BOOOOOM!

"OH SHIT!"

"MOO!"

Dennis and the cow yelled in shock as they saw two black snakes who tried to jump and attack them get stabbed with a single fiery spear and explode after crashing down on the ground.

Dennis's grip of the cow loosened due to him panicking a bit. He saw two snakes jump at him and then a spear come out of nowhere, he was bound to panic a little. The cow mooed in alarm as it noticed the grip loosening and Dennis got alerted by it and held it tighter.

Dennis quickly flew close to Lith after this small incident and stood beside him, holding the cow. "Your Highness, what was—"

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

The three heard a loud rumbling in the sky above them. They turned their heads up to look at what it was but in the next instant...

BOOOOOOOM!

A golden streak of light descended down from the sky and created a loud explosion, thereby lighting up the entire dark region.

Lith, Ralph, Dennis, and the cow were blinded by the bright light and couldn't see clearly. They had their eyes shut as the light was too blinding and a few seconds later, they heard a gentle and familiar voice.

"Are you all okay?"

Hearing the voice, they tried to open their eyes but everything around them was still very bright and they couldn't properly see who it was that was asking this. A few more

seconds passed and the brightness dimmed down and they all could see a blurry figure standing in front of them.

A few more seconds later, they saw a blonde-haired, blue-eyed lady standing in front of them with concern visible on her beautiful face.

It was Emilia, their new teacher and also the principal of the academy.

"Are you all okay?" Emilia asked again.

"Yes, teacher, we are okay." Dennis replied from the side.

Lith, Ralph and the cow nodded their heads in agreement.

"Is anyone injured?" Emilia asked.

"No, teacher. We are all fine." Dennis replied to Emilia once again to which the other three nodded their heads once again.

They then looked around to see what was the aftermath of the explosion and as they looked down, they were all surprised.

There was no sign of any snake below them and all they could see was a large crater. They then turned their heads back to look at Emilia. Her face seemed so innocent, so much so that she looked like someone who wouldn't even hurt an ant. But this innocent and beautiful lady in front of them was the culprit who just wiped away an entire nest of snakes that had beasts upto Tier 6.

Her actions and her look formed a huge contrast among them and the four were at a loss on what reaction they should have for this.

Emilia had no idea why the four in front of her were staring blankly at her. Thinking that there may be some problems, she once again asked, "children, is there really no problem?"

They snapped out of their daze as they heard her gentle voice again.

Lith looked at Emilia and said smiling, "no, teacher. There really aren't. But, can you tell us why you are here?"

This was a survival tournament, it made no sense for her to come rescue them like this. Sure the level of the beasts was high and they may even die from it, but such a thing could happen in real life too. Helping them made no sense to Lith and he wondered why she was here.

Emilia, hearing Lith's question, sighed in helplessness. Was she supposed to tell them the truth or was she supposed to hide it? How could she say that the academy had messed up and the tournament had somehow gotten rigged?

Thinking for a few seconds, Emilia got her answer. It was better to tell the truth. There was no harm in doing so and they were her own students. It was okay to do it. She looked at Lith and said seriously,

"Someone has rigged the tournament."

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## **Chapter 209: Students in Trouble**

"Someone has rigged the tournament."

"What!?" Dennis said in shock.

Lith and Ralph weren't shocked like Dennis but a little surprised when they heard it. As for the cow, it didn't know what the tournament was in the first place, let alone what rigging it meant.

Emilia nodded her head and said, "that's right. The tournament has been rigged by someone. We do not know who it is and are trying to find the person."

"Oh, I see." Dennis replied.

Emilia then continued, "and the beasts you came across right now, they aren't supposed to be here. This world's energy and resources do not allow any beast to be above Tier 5 but you came across four of such beasts. Thankfully, they were still in the midst of developing and absorbing nutrition from the soil and didn't attack you or else things would've been bad."

The four nodded their heads hearing her explanation.

The three wanted to know more about this and started having a chat with Emilia.

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In a forest area, a group of five students were walking together, towards the inner parts of the safe zone.

"Hey, do you really have a plan to avoid those geniuses?" An angel teen asked the group leader who was an elf and was walking beside him.

"Yes, don't worry. But they aren't the only problems we may have." The elf teen replied.

"What other problems do we have then, big brother?" Another elf teen from the side asked.

"The problem is the zone shrinking, the monsters that are going to attack us, the unstable climate and the traps. I only know this much as of now. It is for these reasons that I told you all to keep your guards up and always stay alert.

At the start when we were alone and got attacked by a few beasts, that was just a warm up. The real difficulties start when the zone starts to shrink. We have not come across the real challenges yet. The problem could arise at any moment's notice. So keep being on guard and don't slack." The elf teen said seriously to everyone around him.

"Makes sense." A tall teen from the Tiger Clan of the Demi-humans said.

"We'll follow your words then." A short elf teen from the back said.

The five people continued to walk in the forest in a certain type of formation. They had their guards up at all times and were very cautious.

They observed each and every single thing while moving forward from the rustling of the leaves, to the worms crawling on the ground to the rabbits hopping around.

Nothing seemed dangerous to them and everything was normal. But, they didn't relax their guard and kept moving forward. The same sequence repeated as they move forward. Leaves rustling, worms crawling and rabbits hopping around.

The leader of the group halted and gestured for others to halt too. He looked at the trees, the worms and the rabbits once again and said, "something is not right."

"What isn't right, big brother?" The elf beside him asked.

"Leaves and worms I can understand but... Aren't there too many rabbits around us?" The leader said while looking at a certain rabbit hopping around.

"Now that you say it..." The angel teen frowned after hearing it and muttered softly.

He extended his wings out and flew above in the air to have a bird's eye view of the surroundings. Looking down, he saw his group, then around them the lush green trees of the forest and... rabbits.

Hundreds of thousands of rabbits!

There were rabbits everywhere surrounding his group and wherever or whichever direction they continued now, they would only see rabbits.

His back broke out in cold sweat as he saw the area below him and quickly descended down.

The others saw him descend and noticed a fearful expression on his face. He also seemed to be trembling for some reason. Everyone frowned as they noticed such a reaction from him.

The leader of the group knitted his brows and holding the shoulder of the angel teen, he asked seriously, "what did you see from above?"

The angel teen kept trembling but being asked the question, he said stuttering, "w-we are... s-surrounded!"

"What do you mean?" The leader asked once again.

The teen pointed at a rabbit a few meters away from them and said stuttering once again, "we a-are s-surrounded by r-rabbits."

"Rabbits?" The leader asked once again.

The teen tried to compose himself and held the hand of the leader and running in a direction, he turned back and shouted to the others:

"RUN!"

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In another forest region.

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

"Hey, why does the ground seem to be shaking?" A human teen said to his companions.

"No idea." Another human teen replied.

"Let me check." A werewolf teen in the group said and squatted down and placed his hands on the ground to check.

His eyes turned wide with shock as he saw thousands of berserk beasts running towards their direction.

He quickly got up and ran in a certain direction and while doing so, yelled:

"RUN! BEASTS! TOO MANY BEASTS ARE CHARGING TOWARDS US!"

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In a mountain region.

A group of three students were walking along a mountain slope.

"Man, the weather sure seems nice today." A teen said.

"True. I just hope there's no trouble for us today just like yesterday and the day before that." The teen's companion added.

"Hmm?" The third teen stopped in his tracks as he found something to be off. He sniffed the air around him and noticing such a weird action from him, the other two asked,

"What's wrong?"

"Don't know. But the smell..."

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In a ruins of a small city.

"Yaaa~, mate I didn't know this tournament was so easy, haha! There's nothing to do but follow the map. Are we gonna win like this?" A student said to another beside him.

"Yup. Let's just hope that this..."

"WAAAAAAAAAAAAA!"

A loud sound of some baby's cry was heard by the two.

"What the fuck was that?" The student said.

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

"Fuck why is the ground shaking now?"



"Dude, did you just jinx ourselves?"

"WAAAAAAAAAAAAA!"

"Shit, stop talking and run!"

"But where?"

"Just run away from the source of the sound! Don't ask useless questions!"

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"...and then there was that happening wh—"

Buzz!

Emilia was interrupted by her phone's buzzing noise. She took it out from her ring and noticed that it was Sel calling her. Thinking it may be something important, she said to the three present in front of her, "one second, students."

She then picked up the call and Sel's voice rang out from the other side, saying:

"Madam, the tournament is definitely rigged as you said. A lot of incidents are happening around in the dimension. There aren't a lot, just five or six such incidents that require your immediate attention. The students at coordinates..."

One by one, Sel briefed Emilia on the select few incidents that were occurring in the Blue Haze World. These needed immediate attention and only Emilia could provide it.

Help from the academy could be sent but it would take a few moments for the officials to arrive on the scene. The time difference between the two was huge with 1 day over here being equal to 30 days over there. Due to this difference, it would be too late and thus Sel had to immediately ask Emilia to send help to the students in trouble.

"Okay, Sel, I understand." Emilia answered and hung up.

Everything was processed quickly in her mind on things that needed to be done to formulating a good plan to save everyone from this rigged tournament. She wasn't an Emperor Rank for show. Having a fast thinking process was just one of the few things an Emperor Rank was capable of.

Emilia looked at her students in front and said, "children, listen to me carefully. I have a few things for you that you need to do quickly."

The three nodded their heads as they heard Emilia say that in a serious tone. The cow saw the three nodding their heads and it went along with the flow and nodded its head too.

Emilia took out three black colored square tokens from her ring and handed one each to the three.

"These are teleportation tokens. You'll just have to inscribe the coordinates of the place on this token through your spiritual power and you'll be teleported there. The coordinates of the students present in this dimension will be sent to you on your phone.

My request to you three is, can you please go and eliminate them as quickly as possible? You just have to imbue your spiritual power in their identity badges and wipe theirs off from it and they will be teleported out of this place. Will you three be able to do it?"

Despite the situation being tense, Emilia calmly said to the three in her gentle tone.

"No problem, teacher. We'll do it. It's easy." Dennis thumped his chest and said.

Lith, Ralph and the cow nodded their heads and agreed with Dennis on it.

Emilia smiled knowing their response.

Crackle!

Golden streaks of lightning started crackling around her.

She then patted the heads of the four and said:

"Thank you, children."

Fuuuusssshhhhh

BOOOOOM!

Without waiting to hear any response from them, she shot off to the sky and towards a certain direction, creating beautiful golden streaks of lightning in the sky and a loud sonic boom.

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## Chapter 210: Eliminating Participants

Above a crater.

Lith, Ralph, and Dennis were hovering in mid-air with Dennis holding the cow.

Ding!

Ding!

Ding!

One by one, their phones got a notification. Lith checked his phone and found the coordinates of the place he was supposed to move towards.

"The coordinates are here. Let's get going." Lith said to the three.

The three nodded their heads. Lith imbued his spiritual power into the teleportation token and vanished, followed by Ralph and then Dennis and the cow.

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In the middle of a forest.

"SHIT! SHIT! THE RABBITS!" A tall Tigerboy yelled.

He, along with four other students were running from rabbits, tens of thousands of rabbits!

The rabbits were attacking the students from all directions and were of Tier 1, 2 and 3. The students were dodging the rabbits and were running forwards towards a direction even they didn't know.

They were all panic-stricken and worried. They had no affinity, wings, or artifacts on them that would allow them to fly and avoid these beasts. The angel teen surely had wings but he didn't want to leave his companions and selfishly fly away.

The teens tried their best to avoid the bites from the rabbit by cutting them with their short range weapons. They were running for their lives and while doing so, they constantly had thoughts that they may not survive. But despite their thoughts, the instinct to survive was at an all time high and they ran with all their might.

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

A loud rumbling was heard in the sky which didn't go unnoticed by the teens. But, they couldn't be bothered to check what it was as they were busy dealing with the rabbits.

The rumbling sound ended in the next instant but as it did so, they felt the space around them fluctuate and in the next instant, they all were sucked into a space vortex and vanished from their spots, leaving the rabbits confused.

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In another forest region.

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

"THE BEASTS ARE COMING! RUN! RUN! RUN!"

"HOLY SHIT! TOO MANY BEASTS"

"THEY ARE JUST A KILOMETER AWAY!"

"WE'RE GONNA DIE! DIE!"

The ground was rumbling due to the heavy footsteps of the beasts charging towards these students and the students were running away from them while yelling curses.

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

"SHIT ARE SOME COMING FROM THE SKY TOO NOW!!??"

The students heard a loud rumble in the sky and thought of such a thing. But, the rumbling noise was gone and at the next instant, space fluctuated around them and they all vanished from their spots.

The beasts running towards them didn't stop and a few seconds later, they stomped their feet on the place where these students were previously.

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In a mountain region.

"This smell..." A student said sniffing.

"Du-dude... Your s-skin..." another student from the side said to the student sniffing.

"Hmm?" The student sniffing turned to the one who called him.

"L-look at your skin!"

"What happened to my skin?" The student said and looked at his hands. "Huh? HUH?!!  
AHHHHHHHHH"

The student yelled as he saw thousands of small beetles gnawing on the skin of his hands. It wasn't just his hand, the beetles were everywhere on his body wherever there was skin.

They had appeared out of nowhere.

"OH NO! M-MY BODY!!"

"AHHHHHHH"

One by one, all the students around started screaming as they noticed the abnormality.

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

A rumbling was heard in the sky but the noise from it was cancelled out by the noise from the students yelling on top of their lungs in panic.

The rumbling noise died down a second later but the noise from the panicking students was still there. Space fluctuated around these students and they vanished from their spot.

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In a ruins of a small city.

"WAAAAAAAAAAAA!"

"FUCK WHERE DID THAT FUCKING BABY COME FROM!???"

"HOW THE FUCK WILL I KNOW? JUST FUCKING RUN!"

Two students were running from a gigantic infant running towards them with great speed.

They had no idea why such a thing was charging at them for no particular reason and judging from the sheer size and speed of the infant, the students judged that this thing must be of Tier 5 or above in prowess. They couldn't risk fighting such a thing and thus tried their best to run.

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

A rumbling noise was heard in the sky and in the next instant, space fluctuated around the students running and they vanished from their spots after getting sucked in a space vortex.

Fuuuusssshhhhh

BOOOOOM!

A golden streak of lightning descended from the sky on the infant and a loud explosion occurred. The infant disintegrated into dust and in its place was a crater. The small city in ruins shook due to the explosion and a lot of buildings which were on the verge of falling, fell down and the condition of the small city worsened.

The smoke from the place where the crater was vanished and in the middle stood Emilia. She spread her spiritual sense in the surrounding hundred kilometres and checked for anything that may be suspicious.

Emilia was traversing through the skies and was moving to the coordinates Sel had given her. Whenever she came across a set of students in distress, she simply wiped their spiritual power from their identity badges and put her own, thereby eliminating them and having them vanish from their places and be sent to the academy.

This was more efficient and simple and when Emilia reached the place where the last set of students were in distress, she eliminated them and then killed the unknown entity which was the gigantic infant.

She then searched for anything suspicious that may lead her to the culprit but didn't find it here.

Emilia then left this place and went to the other places to find a clue that may lead her to the culprit who rigged the tournament.

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"Boring." A teen yawned while sitting on a tree and muttered.

He has been roaming around for days and there were no signs of anyone or anything that may be challenging to him. He wondered why this tournament was taking place and it honestly seemed like a joke to him.

He had been teleported in the inner parts of the safe zone and there was nothing to worry about for him. He didn't have anywhere to go and thus he was resting on a tree.

Space fluctuated around the teen and he felt that. He immediately put up his guard and got into a battle ready state. The fluctuations stopped and out of thin air appeared a silver-haired and purple-eyed teen. Looking at him, his eyes opened wide in shock.

## The Vampire Prince!

Out of all the people that could come to him, it was the Vampire Prince that had arrived. There was no way he could survive in a battle with him. He had already once been killed in one-shot by him and he knew very well how powerful the Vampire Prince was.

The teen looked fearfully at Lith and said stuttering, "L-l-lord L-li..."

Lith, the Vampire Prince, didn't give him a chance to speak as he knew what he would say. He simply cast a Time Stop on him and sealed his movement. He took his identity badge from his shirt pocket and wiped his spiritual power off with his own.

The teen's spiritual power didn't even have a chance to fight back with Lith's. How could it fight against a Legendary bloodline's spiritual power anyway.

Space fluctuated around the teen and he vanished from his spot in the next instant.

Lith imbued the coordinates of his next location into his teleportation token and vanished.

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CLANG!

"You sure have gotten rusty in these few weeks, hehe." A small girl that appeared to be around eight years old, or what the people who watch anime in this world would call as 'loli', said to a giant teen in front of her.

The two people were fighting with their weapons. One had a katana, another had an axe. They met each other accidentally and since this was an elimination tournament, they couldn't just let the other person go. They thus started fighting and it had just started.

From the words said by the girl, it seemed that the two were acquainted with each other.

"And you seem to have grown shorter by another inch." The giant teen replied back.

Veins popped in the head of the small girl as she heard him say that. She backed off and was about to attack him again but stopped due to space fluctuating around them.

The giant teen and the small girl put their guards up as they felt the fluctuations. They had come to a tacit understanding without speaking to each other that the person or thing teleporting out is more dangerous and should be eliminated first before they fought again as they both knew the famous saying pretty well, which went:

An enemy's enemy is an enemy.

The two braced themselves and after the fluctuations stopped, a pink-haired, pink-eyed teen appeared out of thin air. He was wearing a neatly ironed academy uniform and seemed very elegant with his wings out.

The two people's jaws dropped as they saw the figure in front. How can someone so hot and elegant be allowed to roam around like that!? This was the question going on in their heads as they saw Ralph.

Ralph was given a set of clothes by Lith when they met and were talking with Emilia. It didn't take him much time to put them on and he didn't need a dressing room to change either. There was magic that exists in this world and Emilia was the one who made him wear that.

Ralph looked at a small girl and a giant teen beside her, standing with their mouths open and staring at him, and quickly flew close to them and gave a chop on their necks, knocking them unconscious.

He then imbued his spiritual power in their identity badges and eliminated them from the tournament and teleported to his next destination.

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## **Chapter 211: Stay Carefree**

In the middle of a grassland, two students were walking.

"Those beasts we fought earlier were just Tier 1. Meh, boring." A student said to another.

"I know. Beasts are stupid and weak." The other student replied.

They talked about their previous encounter with a beast and walked along the flatland covered with grass.

Space fluctuated a few meters away from the two and they felt it. They put up their guard, took out their weapons and readied themselves to battle whoever was going to teleport out.



The fluctuations stopped and a snow-white cow appeared out of thin air in front of them. Looking at it, the two lowered their guard and clicked their tongues.

"It's just a weak and stupid cow. We were worried for nothing."

"True. True."

"MOO!?" The cow mooed with confusion and anger. How dare they say it was stupid?

"Hmm? Did the cow understand us?"

"Seems like—"

Before the student could say anything, his vision blackened and he fell down on the ground, unconscious.

The student beside him saw it and before he could figure out who sneak attacked,

"MOO!"

He heard the cow moo loudly and saw a punch coming to his face and in the next moment, his vision blacked out and just like the other student, he too fell unconscious in the ground.

"Moo!" The cow snorted as he saw the student fall unconscious. Nobody calls it stupid!

Dennis imbued his spiritual power into the identity badges of the two students and eliminated them. He didn't talk with the cow about it or celebrate as they had a lot of work.

He placed his hand on the cow's shoulder and they both vanished from their spots.

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A demon student was walking through a dense forest leisurely. Not coming into contact with any challenges had made him lower his guard and be a bit more carefree instead.

He was so carefree, he didn't even notice the space around him fluctuate and Lith to teleport out just a few meters behind him.

Lith was about to cast Slow on him again but stopped and looked at him with a dumbfounded expression.

Is this guy really an elite kid? The genius among geniuses who made into the top 10,000 in the entrance exam out of the millions that gave it. Was he really one?

Lith sighed and shoved those thoughts aside. Whatever was the case, it was none of his concerns. He didn't bother to cast any spells on the guy and simply sent his spiritual power out towards the identity badge of the guy.

His spiritual power didn't fight with the spiritual power of the guy. Instead, it wiped it off completely the moment it entered into the badge and the guy got sucked into a space vortex and teleported out without even knowing how and why because he was carefree all this time.

Lith checked his phone and imbued the coordinates into his teleportation token and vanished from the spot.

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Lith continued to eliminate students by casting Time Slow and restricting students who were on guard and ready to fight at any moment's notice and those who weren't, he simply wiped their spiritual power off from their badges and eliminated them.

Ralph and Dennis, just like Lith, had their own ways to restrict students and override the spiritual powers in the identity badges and were working non-stop to eliminate the students.

Lith, Ralph, Dennis, and the cow came across various types of students. Some students were carefree, some were in danger or in certain problems, some were battle ready and eager to fight, and some simply surrendered.

In Lith's case, it was due to fear that they surrendered, in Ralph's case it was his charms and nobody surrendered to Dennis. He wasn't taken seriously due to him having a cow beside him, there were no other reasons.

A few minutes had passed and they had eliminated half the students in Blue Haze World and were continuing to do so without stopping.

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[Ding!]

[A new mission has been triggered! Please check the mission tab to know more.]

'What? Why?' Lucas thought to himself as he ran towards a certain area in search of an elemental energy rich zone.

He quickly checked the system panel to know what the mission was.

System has triggered an F class mission [Stay Carefree]

\*Information:

– A certain situation has occurred in the Blue Haze World causing an Emperor Rank to take action. Things are now moving according to the Emperor Rank's plans.

\*Requirement:

– Don't put up any guard and do nothing for the next ten minutes.

\*Time limit: 10 minutes

\*Reward:

– 10 body stats points.

– 1 low-grade magic stone.

\*Failure:

– Dropped in a C class dungeon with exit available only on clearance.

– Reduced body stats by 10 points.

'What!? What the fuck!?'

Lucas shouted in shock in his mind as he saw what kind of mission he just got, and was active and ongoing.

He halted in his tracks because he had to abide by the requirements given. He wondered why the system was giving such a mission to him. He could get killed by a beast if he wasn't careful and this was such a big issue.

There were many flaws in doing nothing but the failure was too much for Lucas. He couldn't afford to lose any body stats points and C class dungeon wasn't something he could handle with his Rank 2 prowess. He thus had to be careful.

Lucas had many questions in his mind as he strolled around the jungle he was in. However, he didn't put up any guard and simply left everything to fate.

A few seconds passed and space fluctuated around Lucas. He felt it but did nothing and continued to stroll.

Lucas then felt someone's spiritual power coming towards him but he still did nothing. He could tell that the spiritual power wasn't harmful and sighed in relief. It would be trouble if someone attacked him at this instant.

The spiritual power went into Lucas's identity badge and when it met with Lucas's spiritual power, a fight for supremacy began. Lucas's spiritual power was anything but ordinary. But despite it being extraordinary, it was, in the end, spiritual power of a Rank 2.

Within a few seconds, the spiritual power got wiped off and Lucas felt space fluctuate around him and got sucked into a space vortex in the next instant and vanished from his spot.

Looking at the spot Lucas was at, the person who just sent his spiritual power, aka Lith, wondered why it took a bit of time to override the badge of this person.

The thought, however, didn't last long as he had a lot of work to do and he simply inscribed his next destination into his teleportation token and vanished.

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## Chapter 212: Fated One

Auditorium, Abalax World Academy.

Space fluctuated around one of the seats in the middle of the auditorium and soon a black-haired, black-eyed student teleported out.

It was Lucas who had just arrived and looking around, he sighed in relief. He was familiar with such a scene and situation and was calm. He sat down on the seat behind him and closed his eyes to rest.

'What weird fate is this? I got eliminated at the same time and place, twice. Sigh...'

Lucas sighed and tried to rest. However, in the next instant, he opened his eyes abruptly and sat straight on his chair and thought,

'What the fuck!? That spiritual power, it definitely was something familiar. Shit. It can't be. No, no, no, it shouldn't be. I can't come in contact this early or everything would be fucked. System! System! Who was that!? Answer me!'

[The user has not been registered in the system. Data insufficient to come to a plausible answer.]

'How... After all that happened... How is the user not registered!?'

[No plausible answer available.]

'This damn system! Curse you!'

Lucas gritted his teeth and gripped the armrest of his seat tightly.

'System, I'll ask you one final time. It was that guy right? Tell me, it was him right?'

[Insufficient data. Can not arrive at a logical conclusion. Can not answer.]

'This damn system! Fuck you!'

[Detected unstable mental state. Injecting a calming potion into the body in 10....]

'Huh!? What the fuck!? WHAT!?'

[...7... 3... 1... potion injected successfully.]

[Effect starts in 3... 2...]

'THIS DAMN SYS—'

[...1... effect starts now.]

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Central Plaza, Abalax World Academy.

"Hello, this is Kleo again. I just got a call from the officials and here's the latest news about the tournament that you should know." Kleo's serious and depressing voice was heard by everyone in the central plaza.

"Why does this guy get so much screen time? Where is Vanir-senpai? Anything this guy says seems so depressing. Somebody cheer this dude up." A student from the crowd said.

"Oi, what the fuck did you say?" A girl beside him replied to him.

"To whose voice do you think you are calling depressing?"

"The audacity of this guy..."

"If I could, I would've beaten this guy up right now! How dare he say something like that to Senior Kleo!"

A bunch of Kleo fangirls kept defending Kleo as well as cursing the guy who just said such a controversial line. Fighting wasn't allowed and if it was, the guy sure would've gotten a good beating from all.

"Can you all shut up for a minute? Let me listen to what news there is." An annoyed guy from the side said.

They all turned silent as they heard him speak. They too wanted to know what Kleo was going to say and thus kept quiet.

"Alright, so here's the news. The tournament is cancelled."

"Oh, I see." A guy nodded his head in understanding and said out of habit.

Everyone around him stared at him and the guy, noticing the stares, felt nervous for some reason. Why are they staring like that?

"Did you even bother to listen?" A guy from the side said to him.

The guy got confused. Did he say something wrong? He didn't, in his opinion.

"The tournament was cancelled due to reasons. What reasons, I do not know. I wasn't told about it. Anyway, that's about it. Vanir ain't coming back, the stream has ended, goodbye. I don't want to see you again." Kleo on the screen said in a depressing tone.

"NOOOO! SENIOR KLEO DON'T GO!"

"KLEO-SENPAAAAAI!"

"These stupid fangirls. The tournament was cancelled and they don't care one bit about it."

"Vanir-senpai is not coming back \*sniff\* \*sniff\*."

"Huh!? What is this reaction!? Shouldn't you be curious why the tournament was cancelled!?"

"Vanir-senpai..."

"Kleo-senpai..."

"Oh shit! Everyone is stupid here. I'll just take my leave or I may lose what little brain cells I have."

The news of the tournament getting cancelled spread everywhere on sky island. It was important news, but it got covered over the last few statements said by Keo and nobody cared much about it.

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In a jungle, in front of a temple ruins.

Space fluctuated and Lith teleported out. He looked at the temple in front of him in ruins and knew he had to enter inside. There were four students there and those were the last ones left that were needed to be eliminated.

Lith walked towards the entrance and stopped before entering it. He looked around the entrance as something seemed off. He clearly felt something pass through his body or some sort of touch which he wasn't able to explain well. He wondered what it was and looked around but found nothing around.

"I clearly felt something..." He muttered to himself. "It definitely seems fishy but well, there's participants inside who need to be eliminated. If the academy can find out about them, it means they are watching. So if there's too much danger inside, I just need to hold on and they will arrive, I guess."

Lith thought whether it was safe for him to venture inside or not and making some logical deductions, he felt it safe to go inside.

Lith walked along a dark corridor and in front of him, around him and above him was nothing but darkness. He knew he was walking ahead by looking at the light from the entrance slowly dimming as he walked further in.

After a few minutes of walking, Lith finally saw light ahead of him. He didn't rush ahead when he saw that but put his guard up and slowly moved forward.

Reaching the place in front of him, the light firstly seemed too blinding and he had to shut his eyes. A few seconds later he opened them again and his vision got adjusted to the light.

Looking in front of him, Lith raised his eyebrows in surprise. He was in front of a white and gold brightly lit pavilion of some sort.

In the middle of the pavilion, he saw two old men with long white beards in daoist robes drinking tea. It felt like a scene from a xianxia world to Lith and their long beard with daoist robe seemed very cliché.

One of the two old man turned his head towards where Lith was standing and said with a smile,

"Come here, child. You are the fated one."

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