

Bloodline 121

Chapter 121 - Drilling Angy

"Do you still feel hurt anywhere?"

"Say the word and I'll have that bastard killed!"

The three girls voiced out at the same time but Angy seemed to be looking around like she had lost something.

"Where's Gustav?" She asked.

The three girls' smile froze as they heard that.

Gustav had disappeared over thirty minutes ago and they hadn't seen him since then.

"He le..." Elle was about to say when a voice was heard from the side.

"I'm here," A cool masculine voice was heard from behind.

The girls turned around and noticed Gustav walking towards them from the spectators' area.

Gustav arrived before Angy and asked, "Are you okay?"

A sweeter and broader smile appeared on Angy's face as she reached out to grab Gustav's right hand.

The three girls remembered when Gustav told them to leave the situation to him before disappearing for over thirty minutes.

They had a feeling that he played an important role in what had happened with Zim and Falco.

'Maybe he helped in persuading Falco to join the battlefield,' The girls had no idea that Falco was actually Gustav during that time so they linked his disappearance to that.

"Thank you," Angy said to Gustav with shimmering eyes.

"Hmm? Thanks for...?" Gustav asked with a confused expression.

"For taking me out of the battle ring..." Angy replied.

"Taking you out?" Gustav said in a confused manner.

Even the girls were also dumbfounded.

"Em, Angy that was the doing of Falco," Elle stated.

"No..." Angy said, "That wasn't Falco..."

The girls stared at Angy with a look of confusion mixed in with bewilderment.

A part of them wanted to believe this when they remembered the way Gustav left the other time assuring them that it was going to be okay but when they remembered the rumors they heard about him being an F-grade, they felt performing such a feat would be impossible. The whole situation seemed suspicious since Falco's alter ego wasn't as powerful as what was displayed on the battlefield and also never took over without tattoos appearing all over his body.

Angy had also told them many times about how Gustav was strong enough to defeat mixed-breeds and surpass her in speed so right now they were confused about what to believe.

'Which abilities does Gustav bloodline grant him?' This was a question no one knew the answer to, including Angy since Gustav had never used bloodline abilities in anyone's presence.

They turned to look at Gustav to listen to what he was going to reply with.

The event ended for the day later on. Blackrock school decided to sit out the finals even though they had the opportunity to battle Echelon Academy for the win.

Due to this Echelon Academy won first place while Blackrock school were second but they weren't bothered about it.

Now that the event had ended, schools would be going back to their cities the next day.

News had already circulated about how Zim was unable to use his bloodline abilities since the fight ended.

Everyone laughed at him thinking he had been beaten to the extent that he didn't remember how to activate his bloodline. They all felt it was a psychological situation and he would probably be able to use it after he got over his fears but they had no idea that he no longer has a bloodline.

The real Falco was found passed out in the restroom. When he woke up they asked him about the battle but he was unable to recall anything about what happened. He claimed he wasn't responsible for the situation until video proofs were shown to him.

This made the coach of Blackrock believe that Falco was truly taken over by his alter ego which was why he couldn't remember a thing but what bugged him was the absence of black tattoos all over his body

and why the alter ego didn't go on a rampage like it used to because the alter ego didn't know friend from foe.

Even though there were suspicions, no one knew that Gustav was responsible for the whole situation. Even if they suspected him one would wonder how he would be able to defeat Falco who had a powerful alter ego that would awake when he was in danger.

Of course, when Angy and friends suspected Gustav, he denied having a hand in anything that happened earlier.

They had no way of confirming that he was involved neither was there any proof to justify Angy claims.

That night Angy spent a lot of time with Gustav in the arcade alone. She had already been given the best medical treatment so she was able to heal up before the day came to an end.

They had a short conversation about what happened today and Gustav warned Angy that if she carried on this way she would suffer a worse fate in the future.

He told her that if she was going to remain a nice person even on the battlefield, then becoming a fighter wasn't for her.

This led to the conversation of what Angy truly wanted to do in the future. Her answer greatly surprised Gustav.

"I want to join the MBO,"

"You what?"

"I want to join the MBO... Do you remember I mentioned wanting to save people? I can only do that by joining the MBO,"

"Angy, do you think this is a joke?"

"A joke? What do you mean?"

"You are too softhearted! Do you think you can kill enemies on the battlefield with kindness?"

"But... Being..."

"What happened today is just the start... If you ever joined MBO in the future with this same attitude and mindset, you won't live long... You want to hit enemies' kindness but do you think they'll be merciful when returning your attack? Are you so naïve as to believe the world out there will return the same kindness you've shown them? Do you really think enemies will get treat you any better because you showed them kindness? Get a clue... You can't save anyone on the battlefield with kindness instead you'll end up getting more people killed since you're not ruthless enough,"

"So... What do I do?" Angy asked.

Gustav paused for a few seconds and stared into Angy's eyes before answering.

"You need to learn the difference between friend and foe,"

"Hmm?"

"You need to learn how to not treat your foe like a friend,"

It was supposed to be a date but Gustav used that night to drill these things into Angy.

Angy listened to everything Gustav said with a crestfallen expression. She knew everything Gustav said was correct but she couldn't bring herself to truly cause harm to another person unless it was a beast but Gustav threatened her with something.

"If you don't change, we will never be companions within the MBO camp... If you cannot learn how to be ruthless to your enemies, your companions will suffer the consequences,"

Chapter 122 - Unlocking God Eyes

"Tell me, Angy, do you think anyone will want to be companions with a person that can cause their death?" Gustav asked.

"I... Well... I..." Angy stuttered repeatedly. There was no way anyone would want that and she knew.

"If you cannot change, people will die and you won't be able to save anyone in the end,"

Gustav went back to his room after his discussion with Angy.

Although their discussion made the atmosphere turn a bit sore Gustav didn't regret telling Angy all that.

Right now he was interested in checking the rewards he received from completing three quests at a time.

Gustav sat on his bed and opened the notification bar in the system interface.

[Hidden Quest Completed]

[Information: Defeat a participant]

»Rewards

<+10,000 EXP>

<+1 all stats>

<Palm strike level up>

[Hidden Side Quest Completed]

[Information: Participate in the duel event]

»Rewards

<+10,000 EXP>

<+10 extra attributes points>

<Dash level up>

[Emergency Quest Completed]

[Information: Save Angy]

»Rewards

<Level up>

<New ability unlocked: God Eyes>

Gustav stared at the three rewards that came from completing the quests.

He was satisfied with the rewards the system dished out.

"God eyes, hmm... looks interesting," The reward that really caught his eye was the new ability that was unlocked.

He decided to check out his skills and abilities in the system interface.

{Skills and Abilities}

»Dash: Level 4

»Sprint: Level 3

»Regeneration: Level 3

»Shapeshifting: Level 1

»Joint movement: Level 3

»Toxin immunity: Level 3

»Recreation: Level 3

»Bloodline acquisition: Level 3

»Slash: Level 3

»Chop: Level 7

»Palm strike: Level 4

»God eyes: Level 1

»God eyes: Level1

(Abilities: Zoom eyesight, see clearly in dark places, and view a person life signs)

Gustav was amazed seeing what the new ability could do.

He could zoom his eyesight now with this and also see in the dark. Although he could practically see in the dark without this ability when he was scanning everywhere with his perception, he still liked that this was a new ability.

The only ability of God eyes that he didn't understand was the last one.

"Life signs? What are those? Signs of life?" Even though it sounded simple Gustav had a feeling that it wasn't.

He had never heard anything about life signs before so he was clueless as to what it was supposed to be.

Gustav decided to try out the new ability since it did not require him to do anything absurd first.

[God eyes has been activated]

Gustav's irises glowed a combination of scarlet and green upon activating God's eyes.

'Woah,' Gustav was amazed as an entirely new world appeared in his line of sight.

The room had turned into a world of different colors that depicted different things.

Inanimate objects around him were blue and they all had different number readings placed on them. Some glowed brighter than others and had more numbers while others were a bit dim compared to the rest with lesser numbers.

His eyes traveled towards the balcony where some flowers were planted and used to decorate the place.

In his line of sight, the plants were bright yellow in color. They could even be mistaken for gold. The plants also had numbers on them and also some weird micro symbols which Gustav couldn't understand.

These micro symbols weren't present on the walls and other inanimate things when he stared at them.

At this time there were more than two roommates here so Gustav decided to check them out with God's eyes.

He was once again astonished when he saw that two of his roommates had different colors from that of the plants and the inanimate objects.

Their bodies were made of crimson, blue, and yellow glowing colors. Gustav could also see that these colors would occasionally brighten then get a little dimmer after that. Then he notices the micro symbols that were present on the plants were also present on them.

The difference was, it was only located on their foreheads. He still didn't understand what they meant.

The one beside his bed had a '°¶°' on his forehead while the one on the other side had a, 'ΔΔ'. Gustav kept staring at these symbols trying to see if he could figure anything out about them.

[Mixedblood life sign °¶° has been successfully saved]

[Mixedblood life sign ΔΔ has been successfully saved]

Gustav stared at the system notifications with a look of confusion mixed with intrigue.

'So those are life signs,' Gustav now understood a bit but this only brought him more questions, 'What are life signs and what are they used for?' He wondered but no matter how much he tried to, he couldn't come up with anything.

He also tried using it as a skill and called out to it repeatedly just to figure out its purpose but it was of no use.

After trying and failing to figure out anything, Gustav decided to try how far his sight could travel.

He stood up and walked over to the balcony.

He stood before the balcony where a small pool of fishes could be seen within the glass that served as a rack to prevent people from falling off.

Gustav looked down. The ground was more than eight hundred meters away.

Gustav could see the people down there look like ants due to distance but they seemed to also emit colors.

He could see the combination of red and blue in some while he could see red and yellow in others.

Of course, he couldn't see them properly due to distance so he decided to zoom his eyesight in and see how far it would take him.

Gustav's sight traveled downwards, zooming in on everything located on the ground.

The people walking on the ground that looked like ants in the distance slowly started becoming bigger and bigger.

Gustav's eyes didn't stop zooming till it reached around two hundred meters in length.

He was able to calculate the zoom in length, based on the number of floors his sight passed by while zooming in.

Gustav recalled his zoomed sight with a look of astonishment.

'This could really come in handy,' Gustav said internally.

Chapter 123 - Infiltrating The Mixedbreed Border

Apart from seeing things in different colors, Gustav could zoom in on a particular place with the normal sight which meant if he wanted to use the ability without seeing colors he could decide not to.

Gustav walked back to his bed with a smile.

'Looks like attending this event wasn't a waste but I wonder why miss Aimee said this place is more dangerous than Plankton City... I never sensed or saw any form of danger' Gustav wondered as he lay down on his bed.

'I wonder what miss Aimee is up to right now,'

"Ah, so this is why?" A beautiful lady sporting grey hair stood in front of a glass barricade.

This was a hidden underground facility and the lady seemed to have broken in. People in white medical robes laid on the floor in different positions of the large room.

They were taken out by this same lady.

Within the barricaded glass walls was a large green rock.

"What is this energy it emits? Why does it feel familiar?" She wondered while staring at it.

"It doesn't come from this world that's why he wants to crack it open and use whatever is within for his selfish purposes," She muttered with a look of understanding.

"But what is this sense of familiarity I feel coming from it?"

The next morning the schools departed for their various cities.

It had been a fun event even though some unexpected things happened.

Everyone that got new friends due to this event wished to one day meet up again.

Echelon Academy and Blackrock schools had the same destination so their busses would occasionally meet with one another during the road trip back to their city.

Their road trip was supposed to be eventless but something crazy happened.

(Author's note: I don't wanna keep dragging this arc so we're skipping that scene. It will be told as a side story in the future)

The students got back to their homes by night time.

The first thing Gustav noticed when he got back to the neighborhood was the slightly sombre atmosphere.

When he and Angy were walking through the street people were pointing at him and muttering words.

Gustav was able to use perception to catch a bit of what they said and his face turned dark upon hearing them.

The first thing he did was visit Angy's father.

"It is just as you heard, a mixed-breed attacked while you were away,"

"What? how could that be? I killed one a day before I left here and it hasn't been a week yet,"

"The neighborhood believes you haven't been doing your work and they've made a petition to skip your pay for this month,"

"Oh, is that so?"

"Yes, it would seem they believe you haven't earned it... No one knows about you killing a mixed-breed a day before... if not for the good officer who just happened to be patrolling around at that time there would have been casualties,"

"The month hasn't ended yet has it? There is still more than a week left which means enough time to make you guys regret your decision," After saying this Gustav stood up to leave but Angy's father called for him to wait.

"Please Gustav, don't do that," Angy's father already understood what Gustav's meant by his statement.

He didn't want the neighborhood to suffer due to this misunderstanding.

"All you need to do is talk with the people of the neighborhood," Angy's father suggested.

There was a small gathering where Gustav was able to converse with the people of the neighborhood.

- "He's not doing his job!"

- "Imagine leaving us to danger for the past three days!"

- "He has never protected us since the start he just keeps collecting payment for undone work!"

- "Yes, he never protected this neighborhood but receives payment,"

- "No I believe he has done quite the job observing the neighborhood during the night time,"

- "Also don't forget that he saved this neighborhood even before he became an observer,"

- "Have you ever seen a single mixed-breed attack the neighborhood again since he became the observer,"

- "Exactly my point not a single mixed-breed has attacked since then which means he hasn't done anything,"

- "Yes, he's not doing his job if he hasn't killed a single mixed-breed to protect our neighborhood,"

Most of the people in the neighborhood felt Gustav hadn't done anything since he became an observer while others felt this wasn't the case.

From the start, Gustav didn't say anything till

Angy's father gave him the signal.

Gustav just walked to the front of the gathering while holding onto his storage device.

Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing!

Decapitated heads of different mixed-breeds appeared on the ground in front of the gathering.

Bloodwolf, Savarinia Serpent, Mutated Ape, e.t.c.

Gasp!

The entire gathering was in shock. They immediately recognized these creatures.

Those who were speaking earlier about Gustav not protecting the neighborhood kept their mouths shut upon seeing these heads.

Angy's father walked to their fronts to speak.

"I think this already says a lot about what happens during the nights when you all are sleeping soundly,"

From behind Angy had a look of surprise also, 'Doesn't this mean he has been dealing with them himself?' She recalled that they had never run into any mixed-breeds during their night patrol together.

She never knew that Gustav had been killing them himself.

The meeting ended with the neighbors apologizing to Gustav for their conduct.

Gustav went back to his apartment afterward to plan his next steps.

He had missed his apartment during the last three days even though he hadn't been here for long.

"Hmm, another mixed-breed attacked the neighborhood eh?" Gustav couldn't help but think that something was wrong somewhere.

The attack from mixed-breeds usually came once or twice a month before he started living here. Then it increased to once a week and now it seemed like it would be coming twice a week from now on.

Gustav wondered what will become of the neighborhood when he left here. Will they be able to hire another mixed-blood?

"I have to find a way to get through the border and investigate how the mixed-breeds keep crossing it," Gustav came to a decision.

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For the next few days, Gustav trained his gravitational energy container bloodline and focused on channeling his bloodlines to their next points.

The system was currently upgrading itself with the energy he absorbed from the astrobic tank.

[Upgrading System: 34/100%]

Since the system started upgrading, he hadn't been able to access it.

No quests were issued including the daily tasks.

Even though there were no daily tasks in the last few days, Gustav still did the exercises because he was used to them.

He had learned a new skill with his gravitational energy container and he was ready to try it out where the border was located.

At night he was going to patrol the neighborhood alone and that would be the perfect opportunity for him to try it out.

Nighttime came and Gustav left his apartment for the border.

In a few minutes, he had arrived there.

He stood in front of the green and blue wall made of lines that extended upwards with a look of astonishment.

The amount of energy he could sense coming from those lines was overwhelming.

He could tell that his body would be turned to ashes if he made contact with those lines which had him wondering how the mixed-breeds were able to escape from there since they were weaker than he was.

Gustav activated his gravitational energy container bloodline.

Although the system wasn't available to use at the moment, he could still use his bloodlines manually.

It was harder but he had gotten the hang of it in the past few days.

"Energy container... Gravity circulation," Gustav placed his right and left index fingers together before using them to draw invisible circles in the air.

He moved across the place and did this several times before clapping his hands together.

Pah!

Immediately he did that, more than a hundred milky glowing circles appeared in front of the border.

Trooinn!

The lines from a small part of the border below was being sucked into these circles.

All the circles focused on absorbing power from that particular point.

The circles begin to get filled up with some red-colored energy.

After a few minutes, a small opening could be seen forming, in front of Gustav.

The energy from that part of the border was being absorbed at a rapid pace causing the opening to expand even more as seconds passed.

Swoooshhh!

Gustav immediately dashed through the opening just as it became big enough for him to fit through.

The circles outside were already filled to the brim with energy so they couldn't suck any more energy.

A few seconds after passing through the border, the opening closed up.

Chapter 124 - First Encounter Within The Boundary

Immediately Gustav went in what appeared in his line of sight was a dense forest of tall trees.

Within this was the continuation of the forest behind, where Gustav usually patrolled during the night.

There was a slight chill in the air due to fear of the unknown but Gustav had already kind of prepared for this.

There was a small green bracelet on his wrist.

Trrooiinn!

He tapped the bracelet and a holographic map was displayed before him. The holographic map floated in the air and levitated till it got to the level of his face.

Zing!

The holographic map turned into light particles and entered Gustav's head.

Immediately after that happened, the map was perfectly displayed in Gustav's mind.

He got this map from miss Aimee and it was the map of the entire border region where the mixed-breeds lived in.

The area within the first border was more than three thousand miles of land mass so Gustav knew it would be impossible to cover the entire border completely within a month but he had planned to keep coming back here until he discovered how the mixedbreeds kept passing through the border.

Miss Aimee had labeled some parts of the map as danger spots where powerful mixed-breeds that were on par or even stronger than she resided.

She had no idea that Gustav would try something as crazy as this. If she had known she would have told him that these creatures could sense him from a mile away.

Gustav already knew which spots to avoid and decided on which parts of the forest to visit.

From his entry into the border, he could already sense mixed-breeds in large numbers ahead.

'This place might be good for farming exp, but I have no idea if exp will be counted when I kill mixed-breeds since the system is still upgrading,' Gustav said internally as he started moving forward.

He had two reasons for entering the border. One was to investigate the weak mixed-breeds crossing the powerful border and the other was to farm exp since this was the living place of mixed-breeds within the city he was sure he would find a lot of mixed-breeds here.

He only had to be careful so he wouldn't run into a mixed-breed he couldn't handle.

Swooshhh!

Gustav used silent advancement along with dash and ran across the dense forest.

Fwoosh! Swooshhh! Fwoosh! Swooshhh!

As he ran he swerved left and right dodging the trees in the process.

It was a bit hard to use silent advancement without the system so Gustav still occasionally caused the wind to whistle.

His perception picked up on something up ahead and he quickly came to a stop.

He turned to his left where a thirty-five-meter tall tree could be seen with red leaves and branches that were similar to that of an evergreen conifer.

Gustav squatted a bit before leaping up into the air.

Thoom!

He ascended more than seven meters in the air before grabbing onto one of the branches and used it to pull himself upwards.

Once he got to half the height of the tree he stopped climbing higher.

He looked around his surroundings, where similar trees could be seen, and jumped forward.

Thoom! Thoom! Thoom! Thoom!

Gustav leaped forward from one tree branch to the other.

After crossing over three hundred feet by leaping from tree to tree, Gustav came to a stop on top of a tree that was sixty eight meters away from a small cave.

He squatted on the thin branch and stared at the cave entrance.

Vrooii! Vrooii! Vrooii! Vrooii!

Huge Mammoth sized red worms could be seen wriggling back and forth across the place. They had some yellow spiraling scales on the surface of their skin but overall they were red-skinned.

Some wriggled out of the cave while some were going in. Others moved around the vicinity.

Gustav counted their numbers and noticed that there were more than twenty of them moving about right now.

He guessed that the cave was their home and they happened to live together.

"Solar worms... said to emit unbearable temperature into the surroundings that cause human skins to melt when they sense danger," Gustav recognized these worms. The ones present here also happened to be level 4 mixed-breeds according to the map.

What he wanted now more than anything was to check out the cave for anything suspicious but he was worried about their numbers being higher than what he could handle.

He knew his defense could probably put up with one of the worms if it emitted an unbearable temperature but what if a hundred or more Solar worms did that, would he be able to escape unscathed?

From what he heard, they had fire resistance so there was no way the severe increase in temperature would harm them.

The only thing that Gustav believed he had to his advantage was speed.

The solar worms happened to be very fast but dash made up for that.

Another problem was he couldn't activate sprint. When he ran, he could only increase his speed to dash level.

His speed couldn't get to sprint level and he supposed it was because of the system upgrade that was currently happening.

His speed using dash was now around three hundred feet per second which was also similar to the Solar worms speed but they were a little slower.

Gustav's arms bulged and red furs grew out of them as his hands turned into paws.

His legs also transformed into that of the bloodwolf becoming slanted and showing four long and sharp-looking toenails.

Surprisingly, apart from these changes, the rest of Gustav's body was still looking normal.

During the past few days, he had learned how to restrict bloodwolf transformation and make it only affect the parts of his body that he wanted it to.

With the system inaccessible, he had been doing everything manually and this made him come up with that idea.

His current partial transformation gave him more mobility. He didn't have as much mass as the bloodwolf in his current state yet he could move as fast. If he coupled that with his original speed or dash it would put his speed above that of the solar worms.

Swoosh!

Gustav jumped down from the tree while swinging his claws downwards and landed directly on one of the solar worms.

Slash! Krryyccchh!

His unexpected slash, cut a fifty-nine inches deep gash into the body of the solar worm leaving it on the brink of death.

Gustav threw his claws forward again and divided the worm in half with his second attack.

Shhssshh!

Molten-like blood oozed out of the dead worm causing the ground to get roasted by its scorching heat.

Squueeeee! Squueeeee! Squueeeee! Squueeeee!

After performing that action, every Solar worm within the vicinity made some weird shrieks with loud voices before bolting crazily towards Gustav.

Chapter 125 - Incomplete Information

The solar worms' bodies suddenly started glowing a reddish-brown color.

Sshhhsss!

The temperature of the surroundings started increasing rapidly.

Gustav first thought was to engage the second solar worm that was closest to him but upon feeling the intense wave of heat that permeated the environment, he changed his mind.

He initially thought it would be nothing serious since there were only about twenty solar worms in the vicinity but now he realized just how wrong he was.

His upper black clothes were burned off in an instant revealing his small but well-toned muscular frame.

The environment became so hot and dry that Gustav felt, ten times the hotness of desert couldn't be compared to it.

He immediately turned around to head towards the west side of the cave.

He felt stinging burn pains already across his body while escaping the AOE.

His skin had already turned beet red.

Squueeeee! Squueeeee! Squueeeee! Squueeeee!

The worms chased after him crazily from behind but were unable to catch up.

Some were slightly faster than others so Gustav wasn't able to shake them off but the slower ones got left in the dust.

'What's with this incomplete information I keep getting?' Gustav had the urge to facepalm while running within the dense woods.

The information on the Solar worms that he sourced, stated a particular amount of temperature that each worm emits.

He calculated the rise of the temperature in the surroundings based on the combined temperature of the twenty-plus solar worms and concluded that he would still be okay if they were to activate the power of their bloodline but to his surprise, the temperature was way higher than that.

He wondered how it would have felt if they were more solar worms in the vicinity.

The trees and other things that could be found in the environment were unaffected because they had adapted to this habitat.

The current state of the solar worms served to further enrich them.

Also, some of the solar worms had speeds that were higher than dash, unlike the information he saw on the web.

There were a lot of skills he couldn't use with the system unavailable and sprint was included.

Gustav reckoned that this wasn't the first time such a thing was happening. He still wondered why the information given wasn't up to standard and decided that next time, he would source for information on mixed-breeds from a more secure site.

Gustav got to a particular part of the forest and leaped upwards.

Thoom!

He grabbed onto a tree branch, which bent a little due to his weight before catapulting him further up.

The worms beneath paused in their tracks and slightly raised the upper part of their body to stare upwards.

They could see Gustav ascending the tree at a rapid pace.

Sqquueeee!

The worms immediately darted towards the tree.

To Gustav's surprise, they started climbing upwards with speed. This was another piece of information that wasn't added and Gustav thought it would be impossible for them to climb a tree since most mixed-breeds can't retain a lot of the properties that existed in the animals they originated from.

Just like the solar worms were originally worms and a worm would be able to climb up a tree while a mixed-breed that seemed to have originated from that wouldn't have those basic properties.

At this moment only about seven solar worms had caught up with him while the rest were still far behind.

The temperature had reduced to a bearable amount now.

He kept jumping upwards heading from lower branches to higher branches.

This tree was about fifty-seven meters tall and each solar worm was around three meters in length so they weren't too big to climb it.

Gustav got to a height of over fifty meters and stared at the worms climbing up with intensity.

When they were close to getting to the branch he was currently squatting on, he jumped down.

Swoosh!

His body traveled downwards with speed for about five seconds before he landed on the ground.

Bam!

Gustav landed and looked around him. Only about six worms were in the vicinity, five had climbed up the tree while around nine of them were still behind, trying to catch up.

Swooshhh!

Gustav dashed forward with Intense speed and swung out his claws which were coated in a whitish glow.

Swhiii!

The side of the worm was cut open with hot blood spilling out.

Gustav dashed backward to dodge the hot blood that was jetted out.

Another worm had leaped towards Gustav when he attacked the first one so when he leaped backward, he was leaping towards the worm.

He extended both his arms in separate directions while in mid-air and slashed down in an 'X' format. The solar worm was completely severed into four different parts.

Splash!

Blood blasted in all directions and some of them fell on Gustav's chest.

Shhssh!

Some thumb-sized holes were burned through his flesh and penetrated deep into his body.

"Ugh!" Gustav landed on the ground and dashed towards the side while holding his chest.

The hole in his chest showed his blood vessels.

"Damn, I should be more careful," Gustav muttered with a look of pain.

Although the blood really hurt and did damage when it fell on his body, his regenerative ability kicked in so his chest was starting to close up at a fairly rapid pace.

Twoosh!

One of the worms on the left spat out a silver-colored liquid towards Gustav.

Swooshhh!

Gustav dodged it by a hair length and dashed towards the creature while brandishing his claws.

Slash! Slash! Slash! Slash!

He hacked at the solar worm several times turning its body into shredded pieces of meat.

The liquid shot out earlier had eradicated some fallen trees in the surroundings.

It had a powerful corroding ability but it also released a kind of gas into the atmosphere that puts the human senses to sleep.

So even though Gustav was not hit, it was slowly starting to affect him.

Gustav knew about this but he still had to deal with the solar worms in the surroundings so there would only be a few left when the ones on the tree and behind caught up with him.

He moved from place to place slashing at the Solar worms.

Chapter 126 - Trying Out Bloodline Acquisition Without The System

His speed was still faster than theirs so it looked as if a phantom was moving across the place.

His body was moving like the wind dashing from place to place as he hacked down the solar worms one at a time.

He was using atomic disintegration to coat his claws while slashing at them which made it easy for him to penetrate their bodies.

After dealing with the eleventh solar worm within the vicinity, Gustav dashed towards the east side.

He had inhaled a lot of that gas and now his body was starting to feel numb.

After distancing himself from the previous battle site his body started regaining feeling again.

The worms that climbed up the tree earlier along with the rest in the vicinity had started chasing after him once again however the temperature in the surroundings had decreased significantly after killing eleven of them earlier.

'Sigh! What a waste of good EXP,' Gustav lamented internally.

The system upgrade was still ongoing so he couldn't get any EXP from killing these mixed-breeds.

Twoosh!

Gustav stared behind him and noticed another stream of silver-like liquid headed towards him from behind.

Swoosh!

He swerved towards the right dodging it but that wasn't the end.

Twoosh! Twoosh! Twoosh!

Several more solar worms fired those streams at him and he had to dodge repeatedly.

Swooshhh~ Swooshhh~ Swooshhh~

Gustav was able to dodge them by moving sideways occasionally until about nine worms fired the stream from their mouths at the same time.

Twoosh! Twoosh! Twoosh! Twoosh! Twoosh!

Gustav sensed it coming from behind him and discovered that it had covered a large amount of space so it would be impossible for him to dodge sideways this time. He wasn't quick enough to pull that off.

As the streams of liquids closed in on him Gustav suddenly squatted slightly while running. His leg muscles bulged intensely before leaping upwards with as much strength as he could muster.

Thoom!

A small cloud of dust scattered across the surroundings from the point where he leapt upwards.

His body ascended to twelve meters in the air as his arms reverted to their normal state and he grabbed onto a thick branch of a tree with his palms.

He used the force generated from leaping upwards to spin backward while holding onto the branch with both his hands before swinging his entire body in the opposite direction.

Wooshh!

His body traveled across the air, towards the solar worms.

The silver liquids had missed him by traveling forward underneath his body that was flying across the air and since the solar worms just spat it out one moment ago they couldn't use it at the moment.

In mid-air, he transformed his body into the mutated bull.

Bang!

His feet which were coated in white light landed directly on the upper body of a solar worm that was about two hundred feet away from the tree he just swung out from.

Puchi!

The upper body of the solar worm was pierced through by Gustav's entire lower body.

He found himself inside the body of the worm after this had happened.

The internals of the solar worm stuck to his body like a piece of clothing.

He placed both hands on the body of the worm and pulled himself out of the hole he created with its body.

The body of the creature fell limply to the ground creating another massive pool of molten-like blood.

Thoom!

Gustav immediately jumped towards the side dodging another stream of liquid that slammed into the corpse of the solar worm he just killed.

The liquid pushed the solar worm's body backward slamming it into a nearby tree.

Bang!

Gustav had already dashed out again after dodging this attack.

He didn't transform his body back into that of the bloodwolf's, he was still in mutated bull transformation mode.

He threw his fist towards the face area of the worm.

Bang!

The worm was sent flying and crashed into several other worms behind but no severe damage was done to them.

Gustav did this on purpose to throw more than one worm off balance so he wouldn't be attacked by so many at a time.

He quickly transformed back to the initial form blood wolf form he took at the start of the battle and charged towards them again.

If he decided to keep using the mutated bull, it would take a while for him to deal with them since its only attribute was strength but strength wasn't what was needed to deal with the worms since the thickness of their outer covering was high. This is why he had been using the bloodwolf's form all this time.

Coupling it with atomic disintegration was the easiest way to penetrate their thick skin.

Swoooshhh! Slash!

Gustav arrived in front of one again and slashed out several times.

His claws tore the solar worm's body into several pieces of meat causing weird shredding sounds to ring out in the air.

Gustav didn't pause for a second, once he was done with hacking one into several pieces he would move to the next one and do the same.

Swooshhh! Slash! Slash! Swooshhh! Slash! Slash!

In a few minutes, only two solar worms were left in the surroundings.

Gustav's body was covered with dry blood. He had gotten some of their blood on his body when killing them.

The hot blood tore open his body at that time but he was able to endure the pain and keep fighting them without backing down for even a second.

'Physical pain is nothing compared to what I faced for years,' Gustav said internally as he darted towards the remaining two.

Even the solar worms hadn't expected to encounter someone so crazy in their entire existence since other mixed-breeds were scared of messing with them due to the corrosion of their blood.

In a few seconds, Gustav shredded them to pieces.

"Huff! Huff! Huff! Huff!" Gustav breathed in and out profusely while transforming back into human form.

His bare chest expanded and reduced occasionally.

This was the first time he was in a fight against multiple mixed-breeds.

It really drained his energy to keep it up since he had only been facing one at a time in the past.

Also, the energy points from the system were locked at the moment so he was using his original stamina which happened to be lower than the energy the system provided him with.

Gustav looked at the disaster around him.

Shredded red flesh in different areas. Some on the trees and others on the ground.

The ground was also scorched black in some areas.

Some trees even had small holes in them and some had black spots.

Gustav walked forward towards the shredded body of one of the solar worms.

'The best way to infiltrate that cave without having to fight them in huge numbers would be to look like them,' Gustav analyzed internally as he arrived in front of the incomplete corpses.

He squatted and reached out his hand to touch the corpse, "Let's see if I can make use of bloodline acquisition without the system,"

Chapter 127 - Failure

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Gustav's palm made contact with the body of the shredded body, directly pushing his hand into the bloody part.

Squelch!

It made some funny noises as Gustav's palm dipped into it.

The blood from the corpse of the solar worm had been exposed to air for quite some time and had lost a lot of its corroding quality so Gustav hardly felt any pain after dipping his hand in it.

Gustav closed his eyes and tried recollecting the feeling of withdrawing a bloodline from a body.

His breathing became steady and his concentration increased to the max.

After a few seconds, he felt a weird kind of reaction and opened his eyes to stare at his arm.

His veins had bulged out of his skin and were extending forward towards his fingertips.

His fingertips were lodged deep into the corpse of the solar worm.

He remembered that this was the same phenomenon that occurred when he was sucking the bloodline from the body of others.

Gustav focused on the bulged out veins that traveled to his fingertips and tried drawing the bloodline of the solar worm out.

Moments turned to seconds and seconds turned to minutes, before Gustav knew it ten minutes had gone by and he was still unable to draw out the bloodline of the solar worm.

Gustav moved his hand to another body part and tried again.

He focused on drawing out the bloodline once again but he was met with the same situation, failure!

Gustav started moving from one corpse to another while trying to draw out their bloodline.

As time passed he had dipped his hand into the shredded corpse of more than seven solar worms and it was still the same result.

Gustav decided to stop.

Sigh!

"I guess without the system, bloodline acquisition is impossible," Gustav came to this conclusion after failing several times.

He thought he would be able to make it work since he was able to figure out how to trigger the veins that sucked out the bloodlines from the body of others but no matter how he tried he couldn't draw out the bloodline of the solar worms.

It felt like something was blocking him from completing the process and he could tell that it was because of the absence of the system.

Gustav wondered about what he could do to get into the cave without being noticed.

Even after thinking for a long time, Gustav couldn't come up with any good ideas.

The only ones he thought up, needed him to change his skin color to match that of the cave's when he entered.

To do this, he'd have to be stark naked but that wasn't the problem now. The problem was the solar worms sensed their environment using temperature and the temperature of humans, Slarkovs, or mixed-bloods were a lot different from solar worms which meant that coming into contact with any one of them would expose him immediately.

The system upgrade was still at 40% so it would still take a few more days before it got to 100%.

While Gustav was thinking about the best possible plan he suddenly sensed movement from the southeast part of the forest.

"What why is there another one headed here?" Gustav muttered with a surprised expression.

He walked forward while thinking of how to kill the creature headed for him in the fastest way possible.

Gustav suddenly paused again.

"Not one... Not two... Not five..." Gustav's face showed a wary expression as his perception spread across the place.

"A horde?" Just as Gustav mentioned this with a shocked look, the ground started to vibrate.

At first, it was a soft vibration but as time passed, it increased in intensity.

Gustav wasted no time in turning around and running as fast as his legs could carry him.

He took the form of the partial bloodwolf he used earlier and activated dash manually to boost his speed.

Swwoosshh!

Behind him was a horde of solar worms coming from the direction of the cave.

They all had their bloodline activated so their movement carried an intense heatwave as they travelled.

Even the living things in the environment that had adapted to the heat couldn't handle this.

A lot of trees in the vicinity were already getting smoked while some turned to ash.

Gustav had already sensed the Intense heatwave before it arrived so he had to run for his life.

More than a hundred of them coming to avenge the death of their kind.

Gustav never knew that they could sense if thier kind died. If he had known he would have left earlier but now he had to run as fast as he could to escape the heatwave.

With his distance from them being a bit longer it would take some time before they would catch up to him but the same couldn't be said for the intense amount of heatwave they were bringing along with them.

The heatwave was literally like twenty feet behind Gustav as he bolted across the place madly.

If the first layer of the heatwave came into contact with him, he would turn into cooked meat.

Zwooshhh!

Gustav swerved from left to right and right to left while running forward and dodging the trees.

Feeling like the ground was slower than the air due to the number of trees he had to dodge each time, Gustav leaped up.

Thoom! Grab!

He grabbed a branch and swung further forward before landing on another tree branch ahead.

Thoom! Thoom! Thoom! Thoom!

He kept jumping from tree to tree for a few minutes until the forest of tall trees started becoming sparse.

The trees within the area reduced as he further jumped ahead before he arrived at a wide opening.

Bam!

Gustav jumped down from the last tree within a hundred feet radius of him.

The border could already be seen in front.

Since he was faster than the solar worms he had already gone way ahead of them but remembering just how crazily they attacked because of the death of their kind made Gustav feel uneasy.

He didn't waste anymore time before performing the same ritual he used to enter the border earlier.

This time it was done with a faster speed.

When the border opened up Gustav darted through it.

Swooshhh!

It closed up when he arrived on the other side.

Chapter 128 - System Upgrade Complete

Within the border, the solar worms came to a stop after they arrived in front of the sparse forest area.

They looked around for the assailant that dealt with their kin but Gustav was nowhere to be found.

Gustav had spent close to two hours in there and almost forgot that he still had to patrol the neighborhood in case of mixed-breeds that might appear although he had doubts about them appearing today.

'Looks like I'll have to wait till the system finishes its upgrade before heading there,' Gustav sighed in defeat once again after remembering what just happened some minutes ago.

He knew the solar worms were aggressive due to the information he sourced for but he never knew they were as aggressive and unforgiving as this.

Other species would definitely leave him after he traveled a particular distance but these ones kept following him.

Also, he doubted he would survive for long due to the scorching heat so infiltrating their cave right now would be a death task.

Gustav went ahead to patrol the neighborhood for the night.

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-Two days later

Gustav woke up in the morning and the first thing he saw was,

[System Upgrade Complete]

Gustav sighed in relief after seeing this.

He could finally put his plans into motion.

Now he noticed how reliant he had been on the system but he was also glad that he was able to train himself when the system was unavailable.

This way if anything like this ever happened again, he would be able to handle the situation better.

The last two days were spent training himself and he had progressed a lot.

He created a new skill using atomic disintegration without the help of the system.

He wanted to see if the skills he had learned in the past three days would be added to the system.

Also, he wanted to know what changed about the system.

He wanted to open the system interface but before he could, notifications started to pop up in his line of sight.

<New Attribute Unlocked: Vitality>

<New Attribute Unlocked: Endurance>

<New Skill Unlocked: Super Jump>

<New Skill Unlocked: Combination>

<Shop Function Is Now Operational>

<Host Can Now Increase Stats and Levels of Abilities By Exercising>

<Skills Learned By Host Has Been Added To Skills And Attributes>

<Attributes Added To God Eyes: Energy Reading>

<New Requirement Has Been Attached To Bloodline Acquisition>

<System Now Has A History Panel Where Information On Bloodlines Can Be Checked>

<Goals Panel Is Now Available>

<Host Can Now Gain EXP From Killing Humans/Slarkovs/Mixedbloods>

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The list of notifications still went on and on but Gustav paused at the part where it said, 'Host can now gain EXP from killing Humans/Slarkovs/Mixedbloods,'

He had a look of contemplation while staring at that particular notification for a while.

"Is the system pushing me to kill people now?" Gustav muttered while walking around his room.

"After the attack that happened on our way back from Atrihea city, I can say for sure that lots of criminals still exist on the face of the Earth even though the MBO happens to be very active... If I'm gonna gain EXP from killing people it will have to be such rotten people," Gustav added.

"Or maybe I should just become a mercenary instead," Gustav chuckled as he voiced out this thought.

"I am not powerful enough to handle such criminals for the time being so farming EXP can only come from dealing with mixed-breeds for now... And maybe some idiots who will decide to choose death on their own," Gustav walked towards the bathroom as he came to this conclusion.

He decided to check the system interface while taking his bath.

When Gustav was done with his bath he prepared for school and walked out of his apartment after a few minutes.

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School today was pretty much uneventful again except for rumors flying around about where the MBO entrance test would be holding.

Originally this information was never revealed until a few days to the MBO entrance test but when Gustav remembered what Maltida said about big families getting access to such information earlier, he felt that there might be an iota of truth within the rumors flying around.

Different locations were mentioned so it was impossible to know which one was correct without guessing.

Some said a volcanic mountain range while others mentioned an extreme ice region located in another continent. There were still some other locations mentioned but the majority of them believed that the first two were more likely.

Gustav decided to ask Miss Aimee for clarification on these rumors during their training session.

"You mean none of the rumors are correct?" Gustav voiced out with a surprised expression.

"Hnm," Miss Aimee nodded slightly in affirmation, "The real information never spread like this, those that have the original information spread these rumors to keep the truth hidden so they'd be the only ones who will benefit from it. Think about it, why would they want to share such information with the public instead of keeping it under the wraps? If they keep it under the wraps more people get to fail because they relied on the wrong information to prepare themselves for the test. If more people fail it means their candidates get a higher chance of passing by indirectly eliminating a bunch of Mixedbloods and no one knows just how many potential mixed-bloods will fail due to this. Only about two hundred slots are available for mixed-bloods trying to get enlisted in to the MBO camp... Decrease in competition is what they want," Miss Aimee explained.

Gustav had a look of understanding now after hearing that.

It was just like receiving information about topics that the test of a subject would be set from and proceeding to read only those particular topics only to reach the examination hall and see a different set of questions that are unrelated to the topics you read.

'I need to be careful of the information I believe... If not for miss Aimee I would have been fooled also,' Gustav said internally.

"Even though those test sites flying around in the rumors may be wrong, one thing I can assure you is, the site is going to be very dangerous," Miss Aimee stated.

Gustav's face shown a contemplative expression after hearing that. He was originally lying on the floor while miss Aimee was seated beside him but when he heard that he sat up.

"Hmm, miss Aimee can't you just tell me the location?" Gustav asked while turning to the side with a sneaky smile on his face.

"You shameless little prick," Miss Aimee replied with a smile while slapping the back of Gustav's head.

Gustav rubbed the back of his head with a playful and pained expression on his face.

"You don't need to know the location," Miss Aimee said afterward.

"Hmm?" Gustav exclaimed with a look of confusion.

"I'm saying you won't need to know it... If you cannot pass the test without knowing the location beforehand that means I wasted time training you," Miss Aimee stated.

"Hmm," This made Gustav feel even more intrigued but he decided not to push it. What's the point of a test in the first place if you already knew the questions that will be asked.

At nighttime Gustav left his apartment for the border once again.

Now that the system was accessible he could increase his level and farm EXP from killing mixed-breeds.

Tonight he also needed to infiltrate the cave of the solar worms while also farming lots of EXPs because he really needed it.

Gustav arrived in front of the border and activated the skill he used to infiltrate it the last time.

Swooshhh!

He dashed in with a look of determination on his face, "I need to gather more than a million EXP or I'll never be able to purchase any item from the shop," Gustav muttered as he phased through the forest.

Chapter 129 - Solar Worm Transformation

Gustav streaked through the forest dodging lot of trees along the way.

In a few minutes, he had arrived in front of the cave again.

He stood on a tree branch and observed the space in front of the cave for some time.

The solar worms moving around the vicinity were up to thirty this time.

Since they were fairly intelligent, they had increased defense in front of their abode but even with that Gustav was feeling more confident now that the system was accessible again.

Now his defense stats were operational.

The last time he was fighting with his normal body but now that he had defense he believed he might be able to hold on for longer, still, he decided not to jump in like he did the other time.

'I have to lure one of them away,' Gustav said internally.

'Energy is still stored in my gravitational field but I cannot risk detonating it and drawing more mixed-breeds to this place,' Gustav canceled every thought he had of using gravitational energy container because he had no idea how many mixed-breeds within the forest would be attracted to this place if he decided to detonate it.

He couldn't guarantee that a more powerful mixed-breed than he could handle wouldn't show up, so he decided to make this operation as quiet as possible.

"Squeuuuee!"

The solar worms in the environment heard the sound of their kind coming from the east side of the cave entrance deep within the forest.

They stared at one another for a while.

"Squeuuuee!"

They heard the sound again.

One of them in the environment made a sound similar to that in reply before heading in the direction of the sound.

The others continued patrolling the environment. They weren't bothered since that was the sound of their kind.

The solar worm traveled through the forest towards the sound of the voice.

"Squeeuuee!"

It heard the sound again and followed it.

Whenever it felt it was closing in on the sound, the next one would sound farther than the last.

The solar worm kept moving forward and tracing the sound even though that happened three more times.

It squirmed across the ground till it got to the front of a small bush.

The bush wasn't that big but it wasn't small either however it was very thick.

This was where it traced the last sound.

At the moment it had traveled more than seven thousand meters away from the cave entrance.

The solar worm raised its upper body and looked around for the other solar worm making that sound.

Just as it raised its body to around three meters high a silhouette suddenly dashed out of the small thick bush in front.

Slash! Slash! Slash! Slash!

The solar worm didn't even get the chance to check out the silhouette before it was hacked to several pieces with blood and flesh flying in separate directions.

The silhouette was obviously Gustav in his incomplete bloodwolf form.

He had taken the solar worm by surprise. He perfectly mimicked the sound of a solar worm earlier and kept drawing it into the forest to make sure that he was able to kill it without raising an alarm.

He had already calculated the amount of time it took the solar worms to aware of the death of their kind so he knew they won't be aware any time soon which gives him enough time to test out bloodline acquisition.

<You killed a level 4 Solar Worm>

<+8000 EXP>

Gustav squatted and placed his hand on the shredded body of the solar worm.

[Mixedbreed Corpse Found: Solar Worm]

[Host has met the requirements to absorb Bloodline]

[Does host wish to collect this Bloodline]

[Yes/No]

Gustav stared at the notifications with a look of relief.

He finally saw the notifications he had been missing for the past three days.

'Yes,' Gustav answered immediately.

[Extraction Process Shall Now Begin]

<1/100%>

Gustav waited for about one minute before it was done.

<100%>

[Extraction Successful]

He was pleasantly surprised. It was never this fast in the past. The least amount of time it took was three minutes but this time it only took a third of that.

This made Gustav wonder, 'When the system gets another upgrade, would the time spent on bloodline acquisition shorten even more?'

He felt that a time might come when he would be able to steal a bloodline instantly.

Gustav decided not to think about it too much, he had a task at hand and that took priority at the moment.

Gustav activated his storage device and kept the body part of the solar worm within it.

'Solar worm transformation,' Gustav said inwardly.

His body suddenly bloated and his skin began to turn red with yellow spots appearing at different parts.

Gustav's body length increased also while his body bloated. His arms retracted into his body and in a few seconds, he had transformed completely to look like the same solar worm he had just killed.

His vision had changed along with his sense of smell.

His sight was able to cover a range of 270° in this form.

Gustav squirmed across the ground towards the location of the cave.

Swooshhh!

He was still extremely fast in this form.

In about a minute he arrived in front of the cave. The cave entrance was still being patrolled by the same amount of solar worms earlier.

Gustav made those sounds the solar worms used in communicating with one another before entering the cave.

On entering the cave what appeared in Gustav's line of sight were glowing blue rocks protruding from the ceiling of the cave.

Blue liquid dripped from the tip of some of them and fell to the ground before turning into small blue stones.

Gustav noticed that these small blue stones were practically everywhere in the cave.

Another thing that Gustav noticed was the pure energy flowing within this cave due to the stones.

As expected he could see a massive number of solar worms moving about within the cave.

Some remained stationary at different parts.

Some were moving on the walls of the cave and some coiled around the pointy rocks on the cave ceiling.

Chapter 130 - Salitre Pure Crystal

The path Gustav was on right now within the cave was very wide and kept extending forward into the distance.

Gustav really couldn't see anything out of the ordinary as he kept moving forward but his plan right now was to check out every part of the cave.

After he was done checking it out whether there was anything suspicious about the cave he would push forward his next plans to farm EXP.

Gustav kept moving forward and there were times he would see some worms mating.

The manner in which they did it disgusted him and he secretly thanked the stars that he wasn't a solar worm for real.

One of the female solar worms around was even sending signals to him but Gustav speedily distanced himself from her.

In some minutes he had crossed several hundred meters.

'God eyes,' Gustav activated God eyes while he was still in the form of the solar worm.

[God eyes has been activated]

The cave turned into a myriad of colors from his point of view.

Every single solar worm that he came across had readings above their heads. Some had similar numbers while others didn't. Gustav stared at the stones up and they happened to be bright green with different energy readings too.

'Two thousand, three thousand two hundred... These numbers are too small for the next upgrade,' Gustav analyzed.

During the day, he had checked out the System interface and noticed that the system now had a bar where the amount of energy needed for the next upgrade was placed.

It happened to be a very massive number. More than twice of what was needed earlier.

Gustav had decided to absorb the energy within these rocks even though they were a far cry from what was needed in total.

Gustav was already closing in on the ending of the cave after moving through it for about five minutes.

His sight zoomed in on the ending of the cave where three different large holes could be seen on the walls.

These holes were more like rooms because Gustav could see several solar worms inside and he could also sense an immense amount of energy coming from all three of them.

Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee!

Some of the worms outside the hole saw Gustav and shrieked at him.

If Gustav didn't understand their manner of speech, he would have thought they had figured out that he was an imposter but due to his current form he knew what they were saying.

"Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee!"

Gustav replied as he squirmed towards the middle hole.

Sqeeuuuee! sqeeuuuee!

The two worms on the outside made those sounds at Gustav again while rotating their body.

Gustav replied again with something similar before both worms moved out of the way for him to enter the hole in the middle.

Gustav crawled towards it's and got in.

The space within the hole was big enough to fit a thousand people but only about twelve solar worms were inside.

The flow of energy inside this hole was intense and Gustav could tell that this one was way higher than the others he saw on the cave ceiling when he was on his way here.

The hole would have been extremely dark but there was a bright source of shiny blue light stationed in the middle.

The blue light was actually a long crystal-like rock that protruded out of the ground.

The crystal happened to be over three hundred feet tall, glowing with refreshing light.

The twelve worms within coiled themselves around a very large crystal-like rock.

'This is on another level compared to the others,' Gustav said internally with a surprised look.

'Six hundred and thirty-four thousand?' Gustav now understood why the solar worms had guards positioned on the outside of these holes.

Earlier when he spoke to them he realized that this place was only accessible to a solar worm once in every two months and once that solar worm stayed within any one of the three holes for a single day, their strength, along with their internal constitution would undergo a fundamental improvement.

[High energy crystal has been detected]

[Name: Salitre Pure Crystal]

[If host wishes for the system to absorb the energy within this crystal, proximity range must not be farther than two meters]

These notifications appeared in Gustav's line of sight as he closed in on the crystal.

The twelve solar worms did not notice him since they were basking in the glow of the crystal.

When he got to the required range another notification appeared in his line of sight.

[Does host wish to absorb energy into the system]

[YES/NO]

Gustav stared at the notification with a contemplative look.

He could also absorb this energy into his gravitational space and keep it for emergencies but the system seemed to be compatible with it.

'Gravitational energy container can absorb all kinds of energy but the system can't... I should let the system have this,' Gustav came to a decision and called out within his mind, 'Yes,'

He wasn't bothered about the twelve solar worms laying around the crystal since he got to the end of the cave, it was time to farm EXP. He already decided that he was going to kill every one of them there.

The crystal just happened to be an additional bonus.

<Energy from Salitre pure crystal will now be absorbed>

<Process: 1/100%>

A blue stream of energy as thick as a human body extended out of the crystal towards Gustav.

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<Process: 20/100%>

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<Process: 57/100%>

As the system absorbed the energy, the crystal was slowly getting dimmer.

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<Process: 97/100%>

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<Process: 100/100%>

[Energy has been successfully absorbed]

The crystal dimmed completely as this notification appeared in Gustav's line of sight.

The entire hole darkened due to that and the solar worms within it opened their eyes and looked around in confusion.

Inside the dark hole, the only visible thing was a pair of scarlet and green eyes that glowed ominously.

Immediately after the hole dimmed earlier Gustav had taken the form of the half bloodwolf.

God eyes were still activated so he could see clearly in the dark.

Swoooshhh!

He dashed forward, hiding under the cover of darkness.

Before the solar worms could understand what was going on sounds of meat being shredded reverberated across the space.