

Bloodline 1221

Chapter 1221 Beast Haven Survival Challenge

Upon Handler one appearance, the arena quietened. It was time for the briefing of the next major challenge.

"Welcome back to you all and I commend the lots of you that have made it this far. I believe you are all ready to dive into the next challenge as well," Handler one began with this as everyone focused their attention on him.

The participants who were over sixty thousand in total initially were now around forty thousand down there. The arena without a doubt was still large enough to accommodate them all.

A wheel with multiple weird images appeared on the screens floating above. Some of the images happened to be crossed out as the IYSOP candidates already participated in these challenges.

It turned out that they were going to use the wheel to decide the next major challenge. This was contrary to the rumors that had been flying around, since the next challenge would practically be decided on a random.

Handler One gave the other for the wheel to spin and it began rotating immediately. The arrow placed in the middle signified that the wheel had stopped before a challenge that had already been scaled through in the past.

After two more tries, the arrow tip was finally pointed at a different image. This happened to look like a bunch of unknown creatures stacked together.

"...Survival in the Beast Haven..." Handler One voiced with an interesting tone.

"This one seems interesting," E.E voiced from the side.

"Survival? Doesn't seem thrilling to me," Teemee shook his head.

"As for this challenge, participants are required to survive in the Beast Haven for a particular amount of time. As the name implies, you shall try to escape the onslaught of thousands upon thousands of beasts gathered from all across the universe.

The versatility of species makes things more interesting as the beasts have different capabilities and traits that makes them dangerous. To add, the supernatural abilities of all participants shall be restricted," Handler One stated.

"See I just knew it couldn't be good," Teemee nearly yelled out as he heard the last sentence.

"Our abilities will be restricted, meanwhile we have to survive being in the same space with a bunch of beasts from all across the universe?" E.E voiced from the side.

"That seems unfair," Sheila complained but instantly turned excited, "This will be fun,"

"You're crazy," Glade stated.

"Only my hubby can call me that," Sheila responded while staring at Endric with a loving gaze.

"Pedo..."

"There are three zones within the Beast Haven..." Handler one went on to continue explaining.

The participants listened carefully as it seemed like this Beast Haven Survival challenge was more tricky than it seemed on the surface.

"Participants shall be provided with a lov Bracelet. This bracelet helps you with two things. First, Gathering life points. Second is the possession of three random generated attacks that might assist you in a dangerous situation. Only three random attacks are stored within the bracelet and after the usage of all three, your bracelet will only be useful for gathering life points unless you manage to acquire an attack crate which is usually located in the red zones..."

Handler one kept explaining to them about the entirety of the challenge and all the needed to do while it was ongoing. He didn't skip any details and informed them properly of what they were meant to look out for.

While it seemed like a very dangerous challenge, there were still a couple of safety measures put in place.

Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~

A purplish plated bracelet with three glowing red dots on its surface began appearing before everyone. The participants figured that this was the lov bracelet and wasted no time in equipping it.

A protective purplish helmet of sorts appeared on their faces after they equipped it. As for the alien participants who didn't have a face, it appeared on the parts of their bodies that were capable of air inhalation.

A red like heuish glow covered everyone figure as well and a numeric figure appeared above their heads. This numerical figures were also displayed on the screens of their helmets from within so they could see it in their line of sight like how Gustav would usually see notification panels.

< 00125 points >

Everyone had the same figures and according to the Handler, this was called life points which would have a 5 point deduction after every hour spent in the Beast Haven.

If all points were deducted before the challenge came to an end it automatically meant disqualification. Handler one also happened to mention that attacks from the beasts caused deduction in life points so of course the participants had to be careful.

Handler One explained a few more things to the participants before officially announcing that the challenge would begin in thirty seconds.

"Is there a plan Captain?" Shirama questioned from the side.

"I have a couple but let's go with the safest which includes using our limited attacks in moderation..."
Gustav went on to explain to the group about his plan.

Since they couldn't use their abilities, they were really handicapped especially since they had no idea about what random attack was stored in their bracelet. There was no tell if it would be useful in the whatever future scenarios they might find themselves.

The main aim was to stick with a large group especially if they left the green zone.

< "The Beast Haven Survival Challenge Will Commence Now!" >

A loud automated voice rang out across the ninth disk. In the next instant, the participants were teleported out of the arena.

They reappeared on a particular location on the sixth disk afterwards. Everyone had been briefed so they were instantly aware that they were in the Beast Haven.

"We were teleported to a green zone. It looks like we might not need to move for a while," Aildris voiced as he looked around.

Gustav could see that they were currently at the summit of a pillar like black rock that was around two thousand feet tall. The top of this rock was circular but covered a small radius of around three hundred feet. The summit emitted a green light from the ground which obviously meant they were in a green zone.

Anyone could easily fall off due to the number of participants that had gotten teleported here. However, one could instantly tell that not every participant was teleported to the top of this particular rock.

In this area, there happened to be hundreds of similar looking pillar like rocks scattered across the place. They protruded from the ground below like they were pieces of massive nails.

The ground was quite the distance away and no one could leap off this giant piece of nail like rock without breaking their bodies to pieces since supernatural abilities were restricted.

"Luckily, we all appeared on the same place since we were close to each other," Teemee heaved a sigh of relief after speaking.

"Indeed but we cannot stay here forever," Gustav stated while standing at the edge and staring down.

The ground below was rough but void of any creatures as one would expect. One couldn't see into the distance so it was hard to tell what laid beyond.

It was really a long way down and without abilities, they'd have to climb down carefully or they'd fall to their death.

Based on the briefings, even though this was a green zone, they had limited time here.

There were three types of zones in total...

The green zones happened to be areas where the beasts couldn't get to no matter what. They were completely safe.

The yellow zones was where they could head to gather life points.

The Beast Haven was not conducive for any living creature but the beasts within were all immune to the toxic nature of the environment. No other living creature would be able to bear it no matter how powerful they were.

The bracelet gave them enough protection with the helmet and the life points which would dwindle with time if they didn't try to renew it.

The greenzones made sure that the participants were safe but they really couldn't stay there forever since they were bound to run out of lifepoints.

Despite Gustav being immune to any toxin, the bracelet would still dwindle in life points since it's sole purpose is to stop any toxin in the vicinity from coming close to a participant. So long as it was functional, Gustav would have to participate in this challenge normally.

As for the red zones, it went without a saying that it places like that were filled with the beastly creatures they were supposed to avoid. The yellow zones were not safe from the beasts but the red zone were hellish areas.

The red zones were only useful for one thing... Restocking attacks in the bracelet. A participant had three one-time use attacks, however, in the red zones, there were restocking crates that would help renew the attacks after they have been used.

Chapter 1222 Heaven Piercing Rocks

Every participant bracelet was equipped with three one-time use attacks, however, in the red zones, there were restocking crates that would help renew the attacks after they have been used.

The participants had crossed out the idea of ever going to a red zone because they deemed it too dangerous so everyone threw thoughts of restocking to the backs of their minds.

Gustav could feel the restriction of his abilities as he stood in place but he didn't try to fight against it. The system abilities on the other hand couldn't be restricted in the slightest so he instructed the system to restrict itself.

Gustav didn't see the need to cheat, neither did he feel it was smart to do so considering, the footage of their time spent in the Beast Haven was being broadcasted across the planets under the alliance. One would easily be able to tell if supernatural abilities were used.

Unlike the Blovan Tree challenge where usual physical strength was allowed due to the weight of the trees, this time even supernatural physical strength had been dampened.

It went without a saying that some would still be stronger than others physically but nevertheless, no one was capable of performing any unusual feats with their current physical capability.

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The timer could be spotted in the Eastern skies which of course was quite darkened. The entire sky was dimly lit which also made visibility on the sixth disk very low. It was said to always be like this.

"Guuuurrhhh!"

A loud roar suddenly rang out from the northwest area downwards. This drew the attention of everyone who instantly turned to stare in that direction.

"We should be safe here, right?" Matilda voiced with a wary tone.

"That's what the handlers said so I believe we are," Teemee replied from the side.

"Ohkaay," Matilda muttered while moving closer to the ledge as her eyes scrunched.

Thrrroooooommm!

A giant rectangular shaped monstrous looking face suddenly appeared before her across a few centimetres away from the ledge.

"Kiaaarrhh!" Matilda screamed in terror as she fell backwards and quickly crawled away from the ledge.

The other participants close to the ledge instantly moved away from it as well upon the sighting of this creature.

It had appeared so suddenly that everyone had been completely startled due to their slower reaction speed after getting restricted. Gustav could tell what exactly happened even though he was restricted just like the others.

This creature had green rough patchy like skin, rectangular head with a massive yellow eye that covered a third of its head and red like glowing strains extending from its eyeball to its entire lizard like body.

Its twenty feet long tail which had spikes covering its entirety was currently extended above the creature's head, rotating with intense speed that allowed the creature to levitate in front of the ledge.

The creature was currently like a chopper with its tail rotating like a blade which was obviously responsible for its ability to fly. The creature had flown from the distance below to the top of this rock at a speed Gustav wouldn't have considered incredible if he had his supernatural abilities.

Gustav remained in place, standing before the ledge as he inspected the creature while the beast also tilted its head sideways. It almost looked like they were checking each other out.

'This will be troublesome... a flying beast. If there are more like this, it would make things even more difficult,' Gustav thought.

Bang!

The creature suddenly swiped its claws forward in a bid to decapitate Gustav when a green wall of light stopped the attack.

Bang!

The force of impact was redirected at the creature, who ended up getting blasted across the air with three claw marks appearing on its body.

"Kiiiiihhhh!"

The creature shrieked before its rotating tail tilted in a direction and it flew off.

"Do you recognise that creature?" Falco questioned after it had flown away.

"Unfortunately, I do not," Gustav shook his head.

This was to be expected since the beasts here were said to have been gathered from all across the universe. Gustav not having any information on one or more of them would absolutely be normal.

"What do we even avoid a creature that has flight abilities?" Fildhor questioned from the side.

"We'll have to be careful when leaving the green zone," Gustav stated while bringing up the map of the Beast Haven with his bracelet.

"The terrain is what matters. We have to pick rough routes that lead to the yellow zone. Routes that make hiding possible just in case we encounter any of these beasts," Gustav added while staring at the map which had green, red and yellow spots.

< Heaven piercing rocks >

The name of their current location was displayed on the map and they could see how much ground it covered. Gustav proceeded to reiterate the plan as he explained why some terrains will be favourable for passage than others.

"But its faster to go this way. It would take around two hours of hiking to go back and forth with this one. The passage your suggesting will take us at least five hours," Yonda voiced.

"It is safer, we will have more spots to hide so as to avoid detection," Gustav stated.

Gustav was loud enough while concocting this plan for everyone around to hear but at certain times he would speak very low, restricting the others around from knowing his full plans.

There were about four hundred participants on this heaven piercing rock in particular but a couple of groups were incomplete since they were close to the ledge upon arrival here. It would seem their teammates had been teleported elsewhere.

"Can we join?"

This question was what Gustav had been waiting for this entire time. He hid his smirk while turning around.

"Why would we want to help anyone besides ourselves? It is a survival match and I don't intend for my group to lose," Gustav voiced with a tone of disinterest.

"It's a survival match but it doesn't matter if more than a single group remains after the timer counts down completely. We will all just receive points," The reddish five foot tall leaf like figure spoke with a logical tone.

It turned out only himself and two more of its teammates were on this platform currently.

"Hmm... then if you wish for me to agree you must surrender one of your three attacks as contribution to the team. You can use the other two as you will but whenever I demand for you to make use of one, you must do as I ask," Gustav demanded with a serious expression.

The three reddish leaf like creatures went silent for a bit before moving aside to chat privately for some time.

"We agree but you must ensure that we will all move in one accord," The first reddish leaf like creature who spoke, voiced out once more.

"Not a problem," Gustav agreed.

After this, a couple more participants asked to join as well and Gustav gave them the same offer. In a couple of minutes, the group had grown from twenty to fifty three.

'More bodies to be sacrificed if push comes to shove,' Things were going exactly as Gustav had planned unbeknownst to everyone.

Some of the teammates were not stoked about having others join them but Gustav was the captain after all. His decision was ultimate.

"Four hours twenty minutes of traveling back and forth but just incase of any issues let's bump that up to six hours," Falco voiced from the side.

"We are all restricted currently so fatigue is to be expected and a couple other inconveniences as well," Aildris nodded.

"We had twenty five hours from the 125 life points we started with which of course can be deducted if we receive damage from a beast... leaving when we have around 30 life points left wouldn't be very smart since we have to put uncertainties into account. We'll leave when we're down to 50 life points," Gustav voiced lengthily.

He calculated that they still had around 14 hours in the green zone till only fifty life points were left.

The others agreed with Gustav's thought process and they all made a conscious decision to rest in the meantime while preparing their mental state.

Time went by very quickly and before everyone knew it, close to fifteen hours had gone by already.

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At this time, not a single participant had been disqualified. Everyone was teleported to a green zone upon arrival here so this was to be expected. It didn't seem like anyone had left the green zone yet but that was about to change.

"It's time to go guys," Gustav voiced as he stood to his feet.

"What if those creatures can see us right now? We didn't put that into account," Matilda still seemed scared.

"It doesn't matter whether or not they can see us. We can't stay here forever or we will lose," Gustav responded while moving towards the southern ledge of the tall black rock.

Chapter 1223 Crossing The Sinking Highlands

"Whether or not they can see us, we can't stay here forever or we will lose," Gustav responded while moving towards the southern ledge of the tall black rock.

At this point everyone had gotten up as well and began making their way to the ledge Gustav stood before.

Gustav slowly lowered his figure and turned around while firmly holding onto the ledge.

He made sure to position his feet properly on the rough parts of the rocks protruding out than normal before slowly letting go of the ledge.

"We don't have all day guys," Gustav voiced out while looking up, after noticing no one else had gone over the ledge like him.

"Technically we have over a day..."

"Shut up E.E you know what I mean,"

The group began to carefully climb down along with Gustav at this point. They descended as quietly as they could.

"It's good that we're picking a different zone to hide out after stacking life points. Climbing back up this would be death," Teemee voiced with both frustration and relief.

The group was climbing down the back of the rock which was in the opposite direction of where the Beast that gave them a jumpscare approached from.

Minutes into the descent, Yonda fingers pulled out a small pointy rock he had held onto for support.

Clakkk!

His body nearly slipped as he struggled to hold on while his lower body dangled due to sudden imbalance.

claak! Claakk!

"Hey what the hell?" Ria yelled from below as some of the small rocks that pulled out slammed onto his head and that of a few others.

"My bad," Yonda voiced as he tried to place his hand on another protruding rock, only for the same occurrence to repeat itself.

Clakkkk! Claakk! Bam! Bam! Bam!

Some of the rocks slammed into Ria's forehead causing him to completely slip as more rocks rolled out making loud noises.

"Arrrghhh!"

Ria yelled as his body fell through the air.

Fwwhoo!

Gustav quickly reached out and grabbed Ria the instant he descended to his height.

"I got you," Gustav consoled as his left arm trembled from Ria's weight.

Ria swiftly reached out and clamped onto the rough rocks with his limbs. Gustav arms were finally free from the weight but he felt like his shoulder was a little out of place.

'Getting a feeling of deja vu here,' Gustav thought as he shook his left arm before placing it back on the rough parts of the rock.

"Kiiirrrrhhhh!"

An incredibly loud screech suddenly rang in their ears announcing the approach of an incoming beast.

"Everyone shhshh!" Gustav voiced internally with an expression that demanded silence.

Everyone paused at this point, holding onto the rock firmly and completely keeping quiet.

There was no doubt that the rocks that had pulled out of the surface of this giant rock had attracted the attention of whatever beast made that noise.

Bang!

The rock trembled a little as something rammed into it at the bottom but the tremor was so light, it could easily be ignored. Gustav could tell that it wasn't because whatever rammed into the rock was weak. It was because this was a green zone and the heaven rocks were very sturdy.

The Beast at the bottom must have gotten blasted away after ramming into a green zone so Gustav had a look of relief at this point.

"Let's keep going," Gustav voiced with a low tone.

The group resumed climbing down at this point and tried not to make any noise this time.

In about thirty minutes time, the group finally reached the bottom. Now that they were on the ground they could see how tall the heaven piercing rocks in the area were.

It was like staring at a bunch of skyscrapers scattered all across the place with only around twenty feet distance away from each other.

The visibility seemed even worse at the bottom as the towering rocks hindered proper vision. Fortunately, the map helped with this situation.

The group began making their way forward quickly but carefully. Around forty minutes of their time had already been spent climbing down the rocks so they had only a little over five hours left.

It took around twenty minutes of walking and scouring around the towering rocks before they finally left the region of heaven piercing rocks.

< The sinking highlands >

The map displayed their current location which was neither a green, red or yellow zone. This was one of the few places on the maps that served no purpose besides being a route to other locations.

It might have beasts lurking and might not. There was no way to know till they scaled through. The region had several mountains by the sides and paths in between that had exalted as well as sloppy areas.

However, as the name suggested, it was definitely a dangerous location. Gustav had picked it because they would definitely have an advantage here so long as they knew how to properly tread past this region.

There were splits on the ground all around them as they moved forward. The spaces in between the splits were wide enough for them to see through it. Green bubbling liquid which emitted a light glow could be spotted in between the splits.

Ssshhhsshhh~

A small sizzling sound escaped from the split on the ground as Gustav took the first step forward. The ground descended upon contact with his feet, which Gustav quickly reacted to by stepping forward.

As that part of the ground sunk in, sizzling greenish liquid spilled out, spreading a little further than one foot radius.

"Be careful," Gustav voiced as he continued to move forward.

"Why in the hell did we agree to pass here again?" Teemee voiced with a low tone as his forehead scrunched.

The group quickly followed after Gustav as he stuck close to the left side of a huge mountain while moving forward. They did their possible best to avoid sinking into the green liquid below with the ground.

Fortunately, not every part of the ground sunk upon contact. The group couldn't catch a break as they quickly moved forward to avoid the sizzling greenish liquid.

Over twenty minutes went by and the group luckily had not encountered any beast in the area as they moved forward.

They had made it more than halfway past the region at this point and it looked like they would be out soon.

"Stop," Gustav suddenly voiced out after a few minutes of movement.

The group quickly paused as they moved to the sides upon Gustav's gesture to hide. Since there were a couple of rocky areas, they had places that could conceal their figures.

Up ahead was a group of four beastly looking creatures who seemed to have not discovered their presence.

These creatures stood on fours with three square shaped pointy heads that made it look like their faces were drills. These creatures had eyes at the tip of their horns which were curved backwards along with a fourteen feet long body and very short tail.

Compared to a lot of creatures Gustav had seen in the past, these looked less scary but that didn't mean they should be underestimated.

Gustav was about to give an instruction when a loud yell rang out behind him.

"Arrghhh! Shit!" One of the one legged aliens behind them screamed out as they jumped away from a sinking land.

The participant happened to have side stepped subconsciously, causing the ground to sink as a small portion of green liquid made contact with their leg.

"Kiiiiihhh!" The creatures ahead were instantly aware of their presence and turned around.

"Go! Go! Go!" Gustav yelled as he quickly turned to the side and began running.

The group of fifty also followed suit as the beasts began to give chase.

"You just couldn't keep your goddamned mouth shut!" Yonda yelled with a tone of anguish as they ignored the sinking terrain while running at full speed.

Thooooommm!

One of the four beasts suddenly leapt forward, completely flying above their heads before landing a couple of feet in front of them.

"Gustav," Aildris yelled from the side.

Gustav nodded and grabbed onto a mini boulder sized rock by the side. Aildris grabbed hold of this rock as well and they both struggled to lift it.

They successfully tossed the rock forward together as the Beast charged forward while swinging its claws.

The group behind found their action completely stupid as due to weakness they could only toss the rock a few feet forward which was not even far enough to make contact with the Beast.

However, at the same moment the rock landed on the ground, the Beast also stepped on that piece of land with its left upper body foot.

Dddhiinnnn~

That part of its body instantly sank into the ground, dipping into the greenish sizzling liquid below like chicken strips in hot sauce.

"Kiiihhhhhhh!" The creature screamed in pain as it quickly yanked its left leg out and fell to the side. That leg was already a pile of bones but Gustav and Aildris didn't wait to witness this.

Chapter 1224 Trapped In The Mountain

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They had kept on charging forward and even used the creature's body as land as they ran across it.

The group behind didn't let their astonishment slow them down as they kept running forward as well since there were still three more beasts chasing them.

While they were curious about how Gustav and Aildris were so synchronised that they managed to pull that off, they would need a miracle to deter the rest of the three beasts.

The beasts weren't slow, however, due to the terrain, they were more likely to sink especially with their size and weight. This was the major reason they hadn't caught up to the group. The sinking highlands wasn't just dangerous to the participants, it was also dangerous to beasts.

"At this rate they'll catch up to us, we need to separate," Gustav voiced out as they kept running.

"Separate but..." One of them wanted to retort when Gustav continued.

"If we separate into three, the beasts will be forced to split as well and then each group can find a way to deter the Beast chasing them. There's a better chance of doing so with separation," Gustav stated.

"Then we all can circle back and meet on the path that leads to the yellow zone after this or we meet at the yellow zone," Aildris voiced in agreement.

Chatter!

A lot of them seemed reluctant but Gustav's plan was making sense.

"I'll go east," Endric voiced as he turned to the side, breaking off from the main team.

"Who's with me?" Endric question as he ran off.

One of the beasts paused at this point while the others kept chasing Gustav and the rest. A small chunk from the team quickly broke off to follow Endric.

"I'll go west," Aildris stated before turning to the run in the opposite direction that Endric had taken.

A small part of the team broke off once more following Aildris, and Gustav was left with around twenty individuals. Six of which were earthlings. E.E, Angy, Falco, Abestos, Matilda and Phinx had stayed on this side while the other fourteen were alien participants.

Just as expected, the separation had slowed the beasts down a bit as each of them began chasing after one group.

Gustav had told the group before they set out that, they should never use any of the attacks in their bracelet unless it was an impossible situation that they were a hundred percent sure is inescapable.

Gustav believe their present predicament to be escapable since they happened to still be within the sinking highlands region.

"There!" Gustav voiced loudly as he spotted a hole by the side of the bottom of a mountain. Everyone quickly followed after him while the creature behind was catching up.

Fortunately, they arrived in front of the boulder sized hole before the Beast could get them. The group of twenty wasted no time in filing into the hole despite their various sizes.

The beast dived head first, straight through the entrance of the hole after them but got stuck halfway in. The middle part of its body clogged the entry point of the hole as it struggled to push itself in.

Gustav and the others sighed in relief as the beasts claws were inches away from the last individual to get in. They moved further into the hole but it happened to get smaller as they did.

Dhrrrrrihnnn!

The ground suddenly began sinking in from the entry point of the hole.

"Kiiiihhhhhhh!"

The creature screeched loudly as it's upper body which was stuck, sank into the green sizzling liquid below.

It's body which was stuck soon became unstuck but at this point it was too late, the surroundings at the entrance of the hole had sunk and half of the beast's body was already well dipped into the greenish liquid.

"It's... dead," Matilda said as they peered backwards.

"Yeah, nothing would be able to survive that," Falco voiced.

"We need to head back," Warhdoli, one of the reddish leaf like participants voiced out.

Turning to stare forward, the space in the hole was very tiny but it seemed to extend further ahead. Meanwhile behind them which was the entry they had used to get here, all that could be seen was a puddle of greenish liquid bubbling with intensity.

Since none of them currently had supernatural abilities, avoiding the greenish puddle up ahead while trying to leave through the entry point would be impossible.

Not only was the puddle covering a distance of nineteen feet, the hole was also really small so their heads were kissing it's ceiling despite their hunched backs.

"We can't go back there," Gustav shook his head before squatting to move forward.

The others could see that there wasn't a choice as well and followed after him. The hole was getting much smaller the further they moved that at some point, they began to crawl on fours.

Minutes later, crawling on fours had turned to crawling on their belly for the earth participants and for the others, they had to lay completely on the ground.

The group could only hope that they wouldn't come into contact with a sinking area or it would be really difficult to escape the greenish liquid due to their crawling speed.

"We've arrived at the end," Gustav voiced from up ahead.

"Finally," The group voiced with tones of relief after hearing that.

"There is no way out,"

Their relief was short lasting, disappearing the instant Gustav made this announcement.

"What do you mean there's no way out?" One of them asked from behind.

Gustav tilted his body to the side for everyone behind to see. It was just as he stated. They had arrived at a dead end which was completely sealed up with the same composition the mountain was made up of.

"Try hitting it, maybe it's soft," One of them suggested.

Gustav shook his head before knocking on the mountain wall up ahead. From the sound of collision, it was obviously a strongly sealed wall.

-"What do we do now? We can't go back and we can't go forward,"

- "Are we stuck here?"

- "So this is where it ends,"

The group soon descended into despair upon realisation of being stuck here.

"Hold on guys," Gustav whose expression had been indifferent this whole time, called their attention as he voiced out.

"Before we got into the hole, I took note of the size of the mountain. Height and width," He began speaking.

"Based on my estimation, we have crossed eight hundred and thirty five feet since we went in the hole. I also estimated that were we to travel in a straight line through the mountain we'd reach the other side after eight hundred feet. We crossed eight hundred and thirty feet and from the structure of the path within the hole, its not completely straightforward. It's a little snaky at some areas which would also mean we'd cross longer than..."

"Where are you going with this?" Everyone was getting really anxious so Phinx cut Gustav off seeing as he was taking really long explaining.

"...What I'm saying is, we should be very close to the other side of the bottom of the mountain. There is a high possibility that what awaits after the wall before us is escape from the encompassment of the mountain," Gustav stated.

"Are you saying that if we could find a way to get past this wall here, we'd be out of the mountains?"
One of the alien participants questioned.

"The possibility is very high yes," Gustav responded.

"This is where the agreement we had at the top of the rock comes in," Gustav added while staring at the additions to their group.

"Oh"

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"Has it left?"

"I can still hear it's footsteps, I think we should wait,"

Behind a stack of rocks positioned atop a highland area, a group of around fifteen people could be seen squatting. They seemed to be hiding from a menacing looking beast, parading the vicinity.

"We can't stay here forever," One of them voiced.

"We also can't just go out there while it's still around. We have to be patient," Endric voiced.

"Listen to my hubby, he knows what he's talking about," Sheila voiced with twinkling eyes.

One of them was about to retort again when a loud explosion went off.

Boooooom!

It caused a minor tremor which they felt from their position. This proved it happened quite a distance away from them, however, it was loud enough to attract the attention of the beast roaming about.

The group could hear the footsteps of the beast slowly reducing in volume before completely disappearing.

- "Finally,"

- "I thought it would never leave,"

- "We got lucky,"

The group expressed their relaxation after hiding here for nearly thirty minutes.

"Let's go before it comes back," Endric voiced while standing upright.

The group checked their map and began making their way northwards as quickly as they could.

-"We're alive,"

-"Phew that was quite the explosion,"

Chapter 1225 The Charred Wasteland

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-"We're alive,"

-"Phew that was quite the explosion,"

The individuals with Gustav wiped dust off their body as they stood to their feet. They were on the other side of the mountain, and although a hole was blasted through to help them escape, they had nearly gotten buried in.

Fwwwihiii!

Gustav and Angy pulled out the last individual in their group from the sand coverings who also began clearing the dust from their body.

According to the agreement Gustav had with the others who had joined them, they each owed Gustav an attack from their lov bracelet.

Gustav had made one of them use an attack from their bracelet to create an opening for then to escape.

Before the participant made use of it, Gustav instructed everyone to hold onto the participant in front of them so it would make it easier to get pulled out if the ones behind got buried since the ceiling of the hole they were trapped in would most likely cave in.

Fortunately things had gone exactly as Gustav predicted and everyone survived but now they needed to get out of here.

"Let's go," Gustav voiced before turning around and running off.

The group followed followed right after him.They hurriedly moved at fast pace which made sinking into the ground avoidable.

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About twenty minutes later, the group had arrived at the outskirts of the sinking highlands. They were only a mile away from the path that led to the yellow zone they were heading to at this point.

They had managed to avoid a couple more beasts they came across along the way. Fortunately, these beasts didn't notice them and couldn't sense their presence when they hid from sight so they were able to take detours around.

"Are we gonna wait for them?" Matilda questioned as they arrived on sloppy plane.

"It wouldn't be wise to do so, we're practically out in the open so avoiding beasts here would be close to impossible," Gustav responded as they kept making their way forward.

"But what if they need help? Shouldn't we check for them at least. They may still be back there," Angy voiced with a tone of worry.

"We can't. We have to trust that they'll be fine and if they're not, we cannot jeopardise more group members," Gustav shook his head.

His thought process was, even if they got caught by any of the beasts and lost all their life points, they would just get disqualified and teleported out of the sixth disk.

So long as the others from earth group were still safe, they would still be participating in the challenge. Since it was a survival challenge, a planet group wouldn't be disqualified unless all its twenty participants lost their life points.

Gustav decision to split them was also based on all of these.

"They'll meet us on the charred wasteland then," Falco noted.

The group continued to head forward along this sloppy path. Although visibility in the beast haven was limited, the current location happened to be a wide open space so they watched out for the others.

Soon enough, they spotted a small group ahead of them and Gustav was able to recognise the body features of some of them from behind.

Since the group was trying to maintain quietness so as not to draw any beasts to themselves, they chose not to call out to them.

Gustav could tell that those were the participants that went with Aildris. He had used this to confirm Aildris and the rest safety but he was still unaware about that of Endric's.

The group had already spent over two hours journeying from the heaven piercing rock region to their current location. This meant they had a little over three hours of life points left.

They should have spent only two hours but due to all of the disturbances they faced on the way, they spent longer.

They continued to follow behind as silently as they could, heading down the sloppy path.

"It's finally in sight," Angy announced after a couple of minutes.

In the distance the group could spot a tar like terrain with dense purplish dried up looking trees standing firmly in multiple areas. These trees looked extremely dried up with purplish outer covering, yet they had blood red leaves sprouting from their branches.

The ground of the tar like terrain emitted a faint yellow glow, depicting that this was a yellow zone. They had finally arrived here.

< The Charred Wasteland >

The map displayed its name as they approached it with expressions of relief.

"Gustav," Aildris called from up ahead as the two groups finally reconnected with the exception of Endric's.

"Glad to see that you got here safely," He said with a smile.

"Likewise," Gustav responded as they stepped onto the yellow zone.

The instant the group finally stepped foot on the yellow zone, their lov bracelets emitted a little glow as numbers appeared on its surface.

< 00017 points > [+1 point]

< 00018 points > [+1 point]

< 00019 points > [+1 point]

< 00020 points > [+1 point]

Every second they spent in the yellow zone increased the life points displayed on their bracelet.

Gustav calculated that they needed around two hundred and forty life points to be safe for the entire duration of the challenge. If they managed to fill up that much and found their way back to a green zone, they would be safe till the timer counted down completely.

"Four minutes... Let's make sure to watch out for beasts," Gustav knew the vicinity was not safe so even a single minute seemed like a stretch.

About one minute in, they spotted a group approaching from up ahead.

"Endric, looks like they're safe," Matilda voiced with a tone of relief.

Endric and the others from his side soon arrived and the whole group of fifty were completely reunited. Some of them recounted their experiences, relaying how dangerous each of their predicaments were.

< 00127 points > [+1 point]

Gustav stared at his lov bracelet with a calm look but internally he felt impatient. Only two minutes had gone by since they arrived here from the looks of things. It almost seemed like time had slowed down at the one moment he wanted it to be fast.

His eyes suddenly knitted as the sound of loud footsteps drifted into their ears. The group turned around to stare in the direction of the incoming footsteps.

As a group of alien participants appeared in their line of sight, the group emitted a look of relief.

"Looks like we're not the only ones who picked this place to recharge," Fildhor voiced.

"Run!"

The yell from one of the approaching group caused their already calm nerves to rise.

"What do you mean by..."

This was when they noticed that the approaching alien participants, were not walking, instead they were running.

Gustav's forehead scrunched as he set his sights on what laid behind the approaching alien participants.

"Go! Everyone move now!" Gustav yelled as he turned eastwards.

"Oh shit!" E.E yelled as he also spotted the multiple beasts chasing the participants from behind.

The group quickly reacted by turning around and running as fast as their legs could take them.

"Arrrrghhh!" Loud cries were heard behind as it seemed that the beasts had caught up with some of the alien participants.

Thooooooooommm!

A mechanical looking ape like creature leapt into the air and suddenly landed in the midst of Gustav and the others. Its red glowing eyes flashed with violence, leaving the participants with no time to react.

Fwwhooomm~

Gustav lowered his body the instant this creature arrived in their midst and the moment he did, a massive metallic fist swung past his head.

Bang!

The fist crashed into Yonda who was directly behind him, causing his body to be forcefully thrown into the air.

[- 100 Life points]

"Bas...tard..." Yonda groaned.

His life points were instantly deducted as his body slammed into another alien participant behind causing them to be forcefully pushed backwards as well.

"How in the hell is this thing considered a beast? Its like an artificial intelligent death robot!" E.E screamed ad he kept running with a look of horror.

"Disperse!" Gustav stated.

The group understood exactly what this meant and quickly ran off in seperate directions.

The beastly robotic figure paused for a bit staring at its targets that were escaping in different directions.

It's violent brimming red eyes flickered as it suddenly spread both of its arms in seperate directions which began increasing in length while holes appeared on differ parts of its body.

Multiple mechanical arms phased out of these holes, increasing in length and speedily shooting in the direction of the escaping participants.

Gustav and a few others managed to dodge as they descended but about six participants were not so lucky. The multiple arms that had extended grabbed hold of them and yanked them towards the mechanical beast.

Chapter 1226 The Precarious Situation

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Gustav resumed fleeing as this was the beast course of action. This beast wasn't the only one on their tail, other beasts had began chasing after them and these ones had flesh.

"If I'm gonna get disqualified here, i might as well make use of them," Yonda cursed as he tapped on his lov bracelet.

A mechanical arm was about to grab Phinx when a massive green energy beam slammed into the mechanical beast, sending it flying across the air.

Bang!

"That's what you get for messing with me bastard!" Yonda yelled with a look of delight as he lowered his left hand.

The beasts in the vicinity were instantly alarmed by this action and turned to glare at him.

"Uh oh!" He turned around and began running.

Some of the beasts instantly gave chase while others still went after the rest of the participants in the vicinity. The mechanical beast jumped back to its feet after a few seconds with its entire body smoking.

"Grrruuhhh!" It growled, causing the entire vicinity to radiate loudly.

"That is going to attract more beasts... keep running," Gustav voiced to the participants around him as they stormed off into the unknown.

The participants who weren't able to escape the onslaught of the beasts, made use of the attacks available in their lov bracelet. Blasts rang out all across the charred wasteland.

Unfortunately some participants didn't get to use their attacks before the beasts ambush laid waste to all of their life points.

Currently a couple of participants in the charred wasteland had gotten disqualified from the attacks. However, this wasn't the only location where such scenario was playing out.

Since only around three hours were left till the life points that were originally imbued in the lov bracelet would be depleted, every single participant was currently on the move. After leaving the green zone, safety was no longer guaranteed for anyone.

At this same moment, participants in multiple locations were getting jumped by all sorts of beasts that were kept here. Handler one hadn't given them much information on the types of beasts they'd encounter here but he mentioned one in particular that they should be wary of.

He mentioned that should they come across this one, disqualification is certain. However, on the bright side, it only lurked around the red zones.

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Gustav arrived under a canopy of rocks that were stuck in between the large walls of two mountains. The space underneath the rocks that had formed a sort of roofing was large enough to look like a passageway of sorts.

The mountains on both sides had such steep surfaces that would make climbing an hassle and would also slow him down since supernatural strength was currently restricted.

The best route forward was the path underneath the rocks that formed a roof inbetween the two steep mountains. The path was dark and even rougher but Gustav didn't see a better option.

It also seemed much better to move on a terrain that was well hidden than one in the open.

"How are we sure there are no beasts hiding in here?" Angy questioned with a slightly worried look as they began treading this path.

"If there are any, we'll feed E.E to them," Gustav voiced with an indifferent expression while stepping forward.

"Haha nice joke Gustav," E.E tried to keep his laughter down.

"I wasn't joking," Gustav said with a light chuckle while staring at E.E.

"Hehe... he... suddenly its not so funny anymore," E.E paused while displaying his set of white teeth with a grimacing expression.

"Lighten up, hihhi" Angy chuckled while tapping E.E as her face threatened to burst with laughter.

This wasn't the time to be making jokes since they just got out of a precarious situation but Gustav's short dialogue with E.E and the expression he displayed on his face after Gustav's statement was just so hilarious that Angy found it extremely difficult to hold back laughter.

"Yo why can't we just feed Angy to the beasts instead of me?" E.E complained while Angy kept laughing.

"Because she's my girlfriend,"

"Come on man... bros before..."

"Don't you dare finish that sentence,"

The initially gloomy air and dreadful aura around had dissipated at this point due to Gustav and E.E's presence.

Gustav, Angy and E.E had ran off in the same direction during the scuffle with the beasts so they just kept moving together at this point. It was unknown if the whole group, minus the ones who were already disqualified. would reunite.

However, the green zone they were supposed to head to together was where this trio were currently headed.

< The traingular waterfalls >

"That was close," Teemee sat in a body of water while breathing heavily as the noise of water falling from the air reverberated across the vicinity.

"If we had been any slower, we would have gotten disqualified by now," Endric who seemed to be in a much calmer state said with a look of relief.

Just like how Gustav, Angy and E.E had moved in the same direction, so did he and Teemee. Both of them were initially being chased by a beast who had specifically chosen to follow only them out of the many others.

Teemee had cursed their luck repeatedly as they nearly lost all of outwit the beast for long enough, till they arrived in a green zone.

The direction they stormed off in happened to be very close to a their life points due to this beast. Fortunately, they were able to outwit the beast for long enough, till they arrived in a green zone.

The direction they stormed off in happened to be very close to a green zone so they were the first amongst the group to arrive in a green zone.

This was the same green zone Gustav had picked that they would head to after stacking up enough life points in the yellow zone. The Traingular Waterfalls.

This location happened to have a small circular breach in space a couple thousand feet above. The breach happened to be the source of the waterfall which descended upon the place in the form of a triangle.

If one were to look at this location from afar, the traingular descent of the water fall seemed quite spectacular. Its tip pierced the skies while it lower parts spread like the tail of the peacock, cascading down with intensity that defied the laws of physics.

This of course had formed a body of water which currently emitted a green glow, depicting that this was a green zone. There was no danger staying in the water body since it was quite shallow.

Even while sitting in it, the surface of the water body only reached Teemee's belly area.

"Will the others be fine...? I'm a little worried," Teemee voiced as he sat upright.

"That isn't what we should be worrying about right now," Endric replied while looking around.

Teemee too had noticed it at this point and squinted his eyes in suspicion. Surrounding the body of water were a couple of beasts who stayed put.

They had kept some distance between themselves and the entry point of the green zone but they remained in place like guards. It almost felt like they knew exactly what was going on.

"If these beasts stay here, we won't be able to leave the green zone," Teemee voiced out.

"And we only have enough life points to last us for another one day," Endric stated.

They would get disqualified if the beasts stayed here for longer than their life points could sustain them.

"They definitely can't stay here for an entire day, right?" Teemee said with a look of hope.

"I don't know about that... they seem intelligent," Endric responded while pointing in a direction.

Right before their very eyes a beast smiled at them while shooting them a condescending gaze.

Teemee gulped down saliva, "We might be screwed,"

It looked like the creatures were going to stick around knowing that staying in the green zone would cause them to run out of life points and coming out would mean facing an onslaught from them.

It was a lose-lose situation. To make matters worse, more beasts kept arriving as time passed.

"What do we do?" Teemee asked.

"For now... we wait," Endric voiced in response.

"It's going to take us another three hours of non stop moving to get there," E.E voiced with a slightly disturbed look as he stared at the map.

They were currently transversing across a an area with uncountable number of mammoth pot sized holes on the ground. They of course avoiding falling into the holes as they walked in their midst.

"I know, but right now we're in danger until we get to a green zone. If the others are there, we could all move together in large numbers," Gustav still felt that moving in large numbers would make it easier to have fodder in precarious situations.

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Chapter 1227 The Beast Brothers

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"A yellow zone is two hours away. Wouldn't it be more sensible to head there instead and gather enough points?" Angy voiced out what was on E.E's mind.

"Exactly!" E.E stated.

"Yes but then it would be safer if we reunited with the others and then went there," Gustav responded.

"But you said that so long as anyone of us manage to remain, we'd still be fine as a group... we don't even know if the others made it there. Wouldn't it be a waste to head there and meet it empty only for

us to double back to the closest yellow zone which would now take us a five hours if our journey is uninterrupted," Angy voiced out lengthily.

"You make a good point but like I said, safety. If we're the only ones left, heading to the yellow zone immediately might not be the best option. It would be better to find a safe haven and then make proper infallible plans before heading out... but like you said, the time we'll spend doubling back would increase hmm..." Gustav had to admit that Angy was making sense but it was really a tough decision.

If they headed left now, after three hours of uninterrupted hiking, they'd arrive at the closest green zone. However, if they headed right, after two hours of uninterrupted hiking, they would arrive in another yellow zone.

The choice had to be made now.

Gustav paused in place for as his face displayed a contemplative expression. The winds stirred up a small cloud of dust in the distance where Gustav's eyes were glued to.

After a few more seconds, Gustav turned to the right, "Let's go,"

Angy's eyes shimmered as she displayed a smile, "Aye,"

E.E and Angy followed Alongside Gustav as they transversed around the multiple holes across the vicinity.

Gustav didn't have his unusually high intelligence from the system which was why it took him longer to come up with decisions. However, he was still smart enough to come up with solutions to certain problems.

After about an hour of moving, they had arrived at the outskirts of this area. Another location was in view at this point.

"Just how big is the Beast Haven?" E.E questioned with a tone of curiosity.

"The size of a town apparently," Gustav responded.

"What is a town?" Angy questioned.

"An underdeveloped city in the ancient times on earth," Gustav responded.

"Oh so its the size of a city," E.E stated.

"Not quite... a town is usually like a way smaller version," Gustav explained.

"I don't really get it but looks like the beast haven is pretty large," E.E voiced.

"Hnm," Angy nodded.

'These guys...' Gustav shook his head as they headed out of the region with holes in the ground.

Behind them, the sands began trembling...

As the vicinity trembled, the sands danced around, sending off an ominous vibe. The holes in the ground sank further, becoming deeper compared to when the trio was moving through.

Fhrrrriiihhh~

Odd looking skeletal like faces appeared above the surface of the sand covering the holes. As these faces phased out of the sands, their eye socket emitted a purplish light like they had just come alive.

Fangs could be spotted in the mouth of their massive skeletal head as the holes sunk further.

"Zziiihhkkk!"

High pitched screeches were emitted from their mouths which reverberated across the area in unison. They were like a choir of death as purplish mist spread across the place.

These creature's who were around sixteen feet tall rose out of the hole with black wings sprouting out of their backs while brandishing sharp claws.

They instantly dispersed into four groups, flying in all directions as a trail of purplish fog was left in their wake.

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"Damn I'm down to just my last attack," Ria complained as he hid behind what looked like a seventy feet long stalactite.

"I told you not to use them yet," Elevora voiced from the side.

"I didn't want to get disqualified," Ria stated.

"We have to think of another way of getting into that yellow zone without attracting the beasts around or we just head back," Elevora stated, hinting at the two beasts up ahead who had looks similar to goblins but happened to be very muscular and whitish in colour.

They happened to be standing before the yellow zone that Elevora and Ria had stumbled upon while they were escaping the charred wasteland.

Now that they had made it here, it looked like they couldn't even get in due to the beasts who seemed like they were standing guard.

This yellow zone happened to be located within a cave with intricate greenish walls.

"I smell you,"

One of the beasts suddenly voiced out when Elevora and Ria were coming up with a plan.

"Shit, that thing can speak?" Ria muttered with a look of surprise.

"I smell you,"pαndα `nove|ReadNovelFull.com

The beast was obviously speaking in another tongue but the translator device everyone was equipped with made them understand its words.

It was beyond a doubt that this set of beasts were a little more intelligent than the other despite their different language.

"Come out or i will find you and eat you," One of the beasts voiced out again while a arrow tip tongue phased out of its mouth and it licked its lips.

"Is it really taunting us right now?" Ria whispered with a look of confusion.

"It knows we're here... we can't leave now without attracting their attention," Elevora voiced while slightly tilting her head past the covering of the stalactite like rock they hid behind.

"What should we do?" Ria questioned.

"I don't think it is aware that there are two of us... I will attract it's attention while you make a run for it," Elevora suggested.

"What? No, we'll face them together," Ria shook his head.

"I still have three attacks while you have only one, its better this way," Elevora wasn't going to take no for an answer.

Before Ria could retort again, she stood to her feet and began walking towards the two large beasts up ahead.

"She 's crazy," Ria nearly yelled.

"Weak creature, you finally reveal yourself," The beast who spoke earlier, voiced out upon noticing Elevora's approach.

"Weak? If I had my original strength, your decapitated would be in the grasp of my hands before you finished that sentence," Elevora stated with a confident tone.

"You speak big for a creature that is about to lose here," The other beast voiced out while flexing its muscles.

"We shall see about that," Elevora remained unrelenting as she spoke.

The tension in the air grew as Elevora prepared to make use of the attacks in her lov bracelet.

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"Today is your lucky day weak creature. We are aware of what is happening and will give you a chance to get in there," The first beast spoke while gesturing at the yellow zone behind them.

"Huh?" Elevora face instantly displayed a look of disbelief and confusion as she heard that.

"What do you mean?" She inquired.

"I and my brother here were of course imprisoned with the rest of the beasts here because they think we're unreasonable beasts..." The first one spoke

"We did eat half the population of the species on a planet though...." The second one voiced from the side.

"Only because we were undergoing metamorphosis yes so they served a purpose in our bellies..." The first one stated again.

"Yes brother we're innocent, it is just a small planet..." The second one voiced.

"Very small and unimportant too we should have..."

"Ahem you two can do this later," Elevora chimmed in while rolling her eyes.

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He wasn't even aware that she was conscious or would be able to see through the structure and discover his existence.

It took him completely by surprise.

'Stop whatever it is you're doing and let me go,' Gustav spoke in his mind.

'Please save me... I'll free you if you promise to save me,' The Diaporonian voiced.

'Let me go now while you still have the chance. You can get yourself out of whatever pickle you got yourself into. It is none of my business,' Gustav replied.

'Please save me, they will turn me into a sacrifice. Please save me! Save me! Save me! Save me! Save me! Save me! Save me!' Her voice kept ringing in Gustav's head causing him headache.

His face squeezed up with annoyance, "Enough!" Gustav yelled as a small pink and reddish glow emitted from his being.

Thisskkkk!

He was instantly freed from the hold of the Diaporonian.

"You just ruined your chances of getting saved, do it yourself," Gustav stated before stamping an invisibility button on his forehead.

[Cognitive Concealment Has Been Activated]

He tapped the button on his forehead after activating Cognitive Concealment, causing his entire body to disappear as he turned invisible.

("Are you truly not going to save her?") The system inquired.

'Tch why should I?' Gustav said internally before swooping downwards.

("Don't be reckless like the last time,") The system voiced.

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Chapter 1228 You Jinxed It

"Finally we're only ten minutes away," Angy voiced with an expression of relief.

They had been walking for over four hours since leaving the charred wasteland. Since their strength was currently weakened, they were all physically tired right now even though Gustav didn't show it.

They wanted nothing more than to get somewhere and rest.

"I feel kinda weird that we barely came across any beast since. Is this luck?" E.E voiced with a weird look.

"Don't jinx it," Gustav voiced from the side while tapping E.E with his elbow.

"Hehe this shouldn't be called the beast haven anymore. It doesn't live up to its name," E.E voiced jokingly.

"I'd say it has pretty bee..." Angy was about responding when a low swarming sound drifted into their ears.

Ssiiiiiihhhhhhh~

"Do you guys ear that?" Angy questioned with a look of confusion as she paused her initial sentence.

The sound was low at first, then it slowly grew louder causing E.E to turn around.

"Yeah I hear it too," Just as he voiced out, his eyes widened.

"I wonder where its coming from," Angy eyes squinted.

"Guyyysss?" E.E voiced as his throat made a loud ~gurruhh~ sound from gulping down saliva.

Angy and Gustav turned around upon hearing his distressed filled voice to witness the incoming horror barely visible in the distance.

"You jinxed it," Gustav said with a disturbed tone.

"I think this is the part where we run," Angy voiced.

"Yeah let's do that," Gustav responded before turning around and racing forward at full speed.

Angy and E.E ran as quickly as they could as well, not delaying for even a second more.

What laid behind them was a cloud of purple fog and within this cloud, the outline of skeletal looking faces could be spotted.

Whatever creatures traveled within this fast approaching fog were obviously flying as the swarming sound they gave off happened to the multiple wings flapping in unison.

There were still quite a distance away and despite the trio moving as fast as they could, it was obvious that they weren't a match for the speed of the incoming creatures.

Fortunately, the location of the yellow zone they were headed was finally in their line of sight. They had really shortened the distance between themselves and the zone. From the looks of things they would get to this yellow zone before the creatures could catch up to them.

< Golden Entrapment >

This location displayed the yellow color both on the lov bracelet as well as the ground of the location as well.

"We could lose them in this," Gustav wasn't void of hope as he stared at the structure of the yellow zone ahead.

It was constructed in such an incredible manner that even the ground was golden and seem to be void of any dirt. Golden poles and walls formed structures that layered atop one another.

Some parts looked like steel frames in a construction site while others looked inexplicable.

The terrain looked quite confusing as poles intertwined and the intricate design of this place had floors atop pillars that were extending thousands of feet up.

Multiple house like spaces could be spotted and a massive wheel which was wedged behind the confusing looking structures.

To top it off, this was a moving terrain that would occasionally shift and change outlines in unpredictable patterns.

"We have to get up there," Gustav said while pointing at a part of the golden entrapment that looked like a hideable space.

"Then we better start climbing now," Angy voiced as she arrived before the first array of metal poles.

She jumped forward and grabbed hold of one on the left, pulling upwards as quickly as she could. E.E and Gustav didn't wait around and jumped onto the closest ones nearby.

Despite the rod like golden pole being very slick, they were able to reach a height of eleven feet, arriving at the first walkable platform above the ground.

As they pulled themselves to the top of the golden smooth floor above, the purple fog in the air behind had crept much closer.

Pa! Pa! Pa! Pa!

Their footsteps drummed on the golden platform rhythmically as they ran forward as quickly as they could. They soon arrived at the end of this platform, reaching an area with tens of golden rods positioned in horizontal and vertical formats.

Gustav, Angy and E.E positioned themselves on one of the horizontal rods carefully stepping forward because one little misstep could cause them to lose balance and fall back to the ground.

As they stepped forward, they raised their hands to grab hold of the closest golden rod above them and used it to climb upwards.

This particular area extended about thirty feet above the ground so despite their carefulness they had to move as quickly as they could as well.

"It's getting closer, move," Gustav stated with a hint of worry.

The moment was extremely tense as they quickly moved from one horizontal golden pole to the next above them. After a couple of seconds they arrived at the top of this particular area and stepped forward gently since they were still transversing on golden poles that were barely wider than half a foot length.

Carefully placing one leg before they other, they made their way forward while the purplish fog finally arrived in the yellow zone.

Gustav, Angy and E.E got to the end of the poles they were walking on and arrived before a sloppy golden platform that extended upwards.

They wasted no time in boarding it and ran forward as quickly as they could while behind them, skeletal looking creatures began to sweep out of the purplish fog.

They spread, sweeping in all directions across the Golden Entrapment yellow zone. Their screeches tickled the eardrums of the trio as they tried their possible best to make their way forward and upwards as quickly as they could.

They soon reached a height of around hundred feet and made their way to an area up ahead with scattered golden boards positioned all across the air. It looked like they were being held up by the tip of golden poles from below.

However, these boards were positioned a couple feet away from each other so if the trio wanted to make it forward, they would have to jump from board to board.

Gustav, Angy and E.E wasted no time in doing the needful as the winds blew across their face while they jumped from board to board.

The boards differed in sizes but luckily, each of them were large enough to hold at least four people standing side by side.

"Move move move," Gustav kept urging the others as he counted how many more boards were before them.

The further they progressed, the lengthier the distance between golden boards became.

"Two more," Gustav mummured as he noticed that the board before him was about seven feet away.

Ignoring the hard golden ground far below that seemed to be calling at any minor error, Gustav leapt forward with all of his strength.

Bam!

He landed one foot ahead of ledge of this golden board, barely making it. Since only one more board was in between the space before the walkable golden platform ahead, E.E. and Angy had to leap towards Gustav's current position as well.

Gustav moved slightly to the front so as not to hinder them as they jumped towards him.

Bam!

E.E landed before Angy and balanced his body so as not to fall over. When Angy leapt forward, she landed and staggered into Gustav's embrace who helped her gained balance.

"That's the last one, by my calculations it is more than eight feet away, jump with all your strength," Gustav cautioned as purplish fog spread across the place.

He decided to go first and moved a few paces backwards to gather momentum.

Gustav ran forward and leapt off the ledge after gathering all the strength he could muster.

Thiiihhh~

As his body ascended across the air, a thirteen foot large creature suddenly descended upon the last golden board up ahead.

Siiiihhhh!

It screeched loudly before sweeping it's left wing forward with ferocity.

Thwwwihhh~

A wave of purplish energy blasted forward, slamming into Gustav in mid air as he raised his arms to block.

Bang!

Gustav's body traveled across the air in a arc as he felt his body ringing internally with pain.

[- 100 Life Points]

Gustav back slammed onto a golden board which was four places behind, sliding across it till he fell of the ledge.

"Gustav!" Angy and E.E yelled in horror upon witnessing the turn of events.

"You bastard!" Angy yelled in anguish as she tapped on her lov bracelet, instantly Activating an attack.

[Flame Blast]

The bracelet displayed the name of the random attack it generated as Angy stretched forth her left arm.

Thooooooooommm!

A jet of yellow flames burst forth with intensity, slamming into the creature ahead and sending it flying.

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"Tiiiaaaahhh!" The skeletal creature made loud noises as its wings and skull caught fire while it flapped away rapidly, trying to put it out.

"We have to go now!" E.E yelled.

"But Gustav..." Angy was nearly in tears.

"He would have wanted us to continue, let's go!" E.E yelled once more causing Angy to snap out of her reverie.

She didn't want to disappoint Gustav and quickly straightened up. They both dashed forward together in the next instant before leaping toward the last golden board.

Bam!

They managed to make the jump and both, moved towards the golden platform up ahead. The area Gustav had picked out for them to hide was only a few feet away at this point, so they hurried forward as quickly as they could.

"Siiihhhhhhhh!"

A sudden loud screeched announced the approach of another of these skeletal flying beasts.

Angy and E.E were speeding forward as quickly as they could towards what looked like a gate made of golden rods up ahead.

These golden rods were lined up in such a way that they had formed something like a gate before the entry point to a small space with a dead end. It was like a fairly spacious room.

The spaces in between the rods were large enough for them to slither in but with the beast chasing from behind, they might not get to it.

"Go, go, go Angy," E.E said while pushing her forward as one of the sketal creatures landed right behind them.

It grabbed hold of E.E before he could tap on his lov bracelet, lifting him into the air as Angy fell forward, arriving before the gate like area.

"E.E!" She yelled with indignation while holding onto one of the golden bars for support.

At this same moment, a blast of green energy shot forth from behind, ramming strongly into the creature in mid air.

"Siiiiihhhhhh!" The skeletal beast cried in pain as it slammed into multiple golden poles ahead.

It subconsciously let go of E.E before tumbling towards the ground below.

Bam!

E.E landed back on the golden platform before the gate of rods up ahead with a look of relief.

"We thought you were toast," E.E voiced out at the incoming figure up behind.

"I guess not," Gustav replied as he ran forward.

"We need to go now!" He said with a tone of urgency while helping E.E up.

Behind them was a flurry of the same type of creatures approaching while ahead of them was a small space with golden like gates which was currently detaching from the platform they were standing on.

The Golden Entrapment was always in a constant state of change so their current position within it was not excluded from the change.

Golden rods began to shoot upwards, while some curved, forming a different look. The platform they stood on began spreading in length while Angy's position began shifting as the golden gate began moving anticlockwise along with the space they were supposed to hide in.

"Get in now!" Gustav yelled to Angy who quickly reacted by slithering in through the spaces in the golden rods.

Just as she did the, platform before the space got separated, giving Gustav and E.E more distance to cover.

Pa! Pa! Pa!

As their feet drummed heavily on the platform, the creatures behind also sent out attacks, causing the path behind them to begin crumbling.

"Jump!" Gustav yelled as they arrived at the ledge.

Thuumm! Thuumm!

They both leapt forward as the platform completely crumbled behind them due to the attacks.

Gustav and E.E managed to grab hold of the golden pole like gate as it moved across the air while the structure was undergoing change.

Their legs hung far above the ground as they kicked in mid air repeatedly, trying to pull themselves up and slither through any of the spaces in between the golden poles.

Angy helped them both by pulling upwards as much as she could since she was already inside the small space.

"Phew! That was close," E.E breathed in and out profusely as he laid on the floor of this moving space.

Underneath his helm, sweat could be spotted on Gustav's face as he placed his back against the golden wall by the side and slumped down in tiredness.

"How did you manage to survive that?" Angy voiced with a look of astonishment as she sat beside him.

"I didn't... fall off," Gustav replied with hurried breathing pattern. He was just as exhausted as E.E.

It had been so long since he felt exhaustion of this level, he had nearly forgotten the feeling of powerlessness.

When he got hit by the attack of the skeletal beast earlier, it looked like he fell off the platform but he had managed to hold onto the ledge.

it took all of his strength to pull himself back up after taking that sort of attack. Of course it would have been way worse if they didn't have the protective cover of the love bracelet, but it still felt extremely painful regardless.

Fortunately, he managed to get back the time he did or E.E would have been a goner. Now Gustav and Angy had made use of one of their attacks each so they were down to two each.

Gustav could feel his sight blurring as he kept breathing in and out profusely.

'What's... wrong...?' He wondered as the environment suddenly began to give off a sense of vagueness.

~"Gustav... are you okay...?"~

Sound had turned fleeting as his senses dulled and an impending feeling of doom assaulted his mind.

"Huff! Huff! Huff!"

Angy could see that from the irregular movement of his body as he sat in a voluntary state, something was wrong.

"E.E!" Angy quickly called out to E.E with a worried expression.

E.E skittered over and shook Gustav a couple of times while uttering words that Gustav was currently unable to pay attention to. Everything was fleeting at this moment except for the impending sense of doom.

'I'm... I'm... Afraid....?' Gustav's vision turned red for a bit before flashbacks played out in his mind.

"It's a panic attack, he's having a panic attack," E.E voiced with a tone of realisation to Angy.

"What do we do?" Angy's expression turned from troubled to immensely disturbed as she held onto Gustav's head and kept yelling words that Gustav couldn't hear.

"We can only try comforting him with words but I'm not sure he can hear us," E.E stated.

"Gustav! Listen to me, everything is gonna be fine okay? I'm here, I'm here," Angy voiced out loudly while holding his head.

She proceeded to hug him to her body, placing his head right on her chest while patting his back softly and rhythmically.

Gustav's body was still jerking back and forth due to his erratic breathing pattern but soon he began to feel the sense of doom rescind.

Pat! Pat! Pat!

"Siiiihhhhh!"

15:55

Upon releasing a loud screeh, it began attacking the golden colored gate like poles repeatedly.

The gentle pats on his back, slowly caused him to regain a bit of clarity as his mind which was initially running with a lot of thoughts began to calm.

Like a baby who had relaxed in the arms of its mother, Gustav remained in place, laying on Angy as minutes went by.

"Phew," E.E relaxed as he noticed that Gustav had calmed and stood up to stare at the gate like entry point of the small space.

Bang!

The instant he was one feet away, the massive skeletal face of a beast appeared. Its dark wings flapped repeatedly as its body floated before the structure.

"Siiiihhhhh!"

Upon releasing a loud screeh, it began attacking the golden colored gate like poles repeatedly.

Clang! Clang!

E.E quickly swerved out of the way as purplish arcs slammed against the poles and some busted into the small space.

Its claws repeatedly slashed against the gate like poles but there was no damage. However, E.E didn't want the noise to attract the others or have one of the residue energy from its attacks hit Gustav and Angy. He quickly stepped forward after moving out of the way initially.

"Ssiiiuhhhh!" The skeletal beast screeched loudly again causing its mouth to open wide as purplish light gathered within it.

"Ugly, your breath stinks, do you use that to talk to your mother?" E.E voiced as he tapped on his love bracelet.

[Black Bolt Transporter]

The name of the attack appeared on E.E's bracelet as he stretched forth his left arm.

Tuuuunnn!

A black circular beam shot forward, encapsulating the entire of the creature ahead.

The creature was startled and began attacking the circular black barrier surrounding it, frantically.

However, this was to no avail as the space within the black beam shrank and it ascended further into the air.

Fwwwwhooomm~

The circular beam flew off into the distance with the beast within, returning a bit of tranquility to the environment.

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'Lucky,' E.E face displayed a relieved expression once more as he moved to the side and took a seat.

On the other side, Gustav hugged Angy's body to his as he fully regained clarity.

"Thank you," He whispered.

"Hnm, I'm glad you're alright," Angy voiced while rubbing his back affectionately.

Gustav face displayed a smile as he relaxed completely for a while, closing his eyes and soaking in the warmth of her body.

After some time he opened his eyes with a single thought in mind, 'What was that?'

He wondered for a couple of seconds as he tried to recall what could have brought about that.

'Fear... even though I told the system to restrict itself and go offline, it shouldn't be a reason for me to develop such deep fear that would cause a panic attack,' He thought.

After thinking for a few more minutes, Gustav finally figured it out. The encounter with these beasts here and wearing himself out... his last thoughts before he entered the state of panic was... powerlessness.

While he hadn't noticed it, he subconsciously feared going back to being plain old Gustav with only the ability to change his hair color and a strong penchant for suicide.

He thought he had forgotten the feeling of powerlessness... He was unaware that he had been cultivating the fear of going back to being the same weak and useless person he used to for years.

An incident like this was the only thing needed to trigger the overwhelming fear of powerlessness that had been creeping from deep within.

Internally he was extremely grateful for Angy and E.E's presence since he had no idea what he would have done if they weren't here.

< 10,000 Points >

"My life points have maxed out," E.E voiced from the other end as he stared at his lov bracelet.

Gustav and Angy slowly separated from each other after hearing that. They each proceeded to check their lov bracelets.

"Mine has maxed out too,"

"Mine as well,"

Angy and Gustav noticed that the points displayed on their bracelets was neither decreasing nor was it increasing.

Gustav calculated that this meant they had been in the Golden Entrapment yellow zone for over two hours.

Although their life points had maxed out, they were still in a yellow zone. This meant, they weren't completely safe even though they had found a place to hide out.

This was precisely one of the things Handler One mentioned earlier. Yellow zones were not void of danger but they were also not completely dangerous like red zones would be.

Maybe more yellow zones like this existed where participants could find a place to hide out within.

However Gustav still felt they weren't completely safe and still needed to find a way to get to a green zone.

This of course was easier said than done since the closest green zone was five hours away.

"They're still here," E.E voiced as he peeked through the holes in between the golden gate like poles.

He could still visibly spot the purplish fog across the air and hear faint wings flapping sounds. The skeletal flying beasts were obviously still around here.

"They sure are persistent," Angy muttered.

Gustav's main worry was them finding this place and attacking with a combined force.

Although the last beast who tried attacking the gate like poles was unable to break through, there was no telling if the same situation would repeat itself in an event where multiple of them attacked at once.

Not to mention that the small space they were currently hiding in, had stopped moving in the meantime. The entire Golden Entrapment was in a constant state of change but there were times when certain areas would remain unmoved for minutes or even hours.

"We need to find a way to sneak out," Gustav voiced.

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In another part of the Beast Haven, a participant with multiple limbs and blueish star shaped patterns all across his body, bolted across a dark vicinity with intense speed.

Treeechhh! Puuchhhii!

The sound of organs ripping and body parts splitting reverberated across the environment as this participant stabbed his multiple limbs into the bodies of menacingly large beasts.

He arrived before one that was over thirty feet tall, throwing a fierce upper cut with three of his right arms.

Booom!

His entire body traveled upwards in speed with his arms bursting through the head of the creature instantaneously, leaving a large enough hole for him to fly through.

[4 Seconds]

[3 Seconds]

Fountain of blood and brain matter splattered across the place as a timer counted down on this particular lov bracelet.

A large shadowy figure reaching over a hundred feet in height suddenly appeared behind him as he raised one of his left hands.

The large Shadowy figure conjured a massive blueish glowing spear in the last two seconds, before passing it to the figure with multiple limbs.

The participant held onto the thirty feet long glowing blue spear with three of its hands at once before flinging it forward with intense force.

Thooooooooommm!

A shockwave spread from his location sending a ripple of dust across the vicinity as the blueish spear shot out with immense speed.

It phased through a line up of beasts up ahead causing them to disintegrate into blue light particles instantly. The spear made a c-turn after reaching a particular distance, stabbing into the rest of the beasts in the vicinity.

[1 Second]

[0 Second]

In the next instant the glowing spear vanished along with the dark shadowy figure hovering over the participant initially. The participants raised his arms slightly as he felt power leave his body.

"Ten seconds was enough," He voiced with a tone laced with pride while staring at the corpses that drenched the surface of this environment.

He turned around and moved towards a small black crate up ahead. The instant arrived before it, he placed his left arm into it.

Thriihh~

A computerised sound rang out before he withdrew his hand.

< Attacks Restocked > [+1 Extra Attack]

His multiple eyes had displayed hints of astonishment and excitement as he noticed the notification on his lov bracelet.

"Things are about to get more interesting. Unlike these unworthy weaklings... I the captain of the Draconets shall not cower in the face of any adversity... even powerlessness... I shall bring the Beast Haven to its knees," Captain Strum stated with a short burst of laughter while turning around.

He tapped on the map display on his lov Bracelet.

< Scarlet Canyon >

The location that was displayed on the map as his current position showed that he was in a red zone. What he had come here for was unknown, however what was known was how he had slaughtered over two hundred beasts here since his arrival.

Is this to say that he still had his supernatural abilities? No, that wasn't the case.

Captain Strum had made use of two of his attacks before his arrival here. His last attack just happened to be one that displayed...

[Unlocking Participant Abilities For Ten Seconds]

He was allowed to use his supernatural abilities for ten seconds due to this and that was enough to lay waste to the entire region. He only came here to restock in the first place, ignoring that it would be packed with all sort of dangerous beasts.

It was like Captain Strum was without fear or restraint despite losing the teammates who were initially around him earlier.

Now that he had achieved his objective, he began making his way to the closest yellow zone. Now he had four attacks instead of three after restocking.

Time went by very quickly...

<< 23 : 45 : 10 >>

Less than a day was left till the end of the Beast Haven Survival challenge currently. At this point, over half of the participants had been disqualified. From the initial numbers of nearly two thousand, only a little over six hundred were left.

The challenge was filled with unexpected situations and despite the participants receiving briefing before going in, it ended up being more crazy than anticipated.

Some that had survived so far were lucky since despite being capable some participants had gotten disqualified due to unfortunate situations.

Currently, many participants were unaware of one thing as they held onto whatever was left of their attacks as a last resort...

This last attack in the love bracelet wasn't an attack. Instead it was a ten seconds temporary unlock of the restraints on their supernatural abilities.

Those who have already made use of all their attacks were aware of these but many others still held onto their last attack not wishing to make use of it until they were in an inescapable situation. They were certainly in for a shock if they ever made use of it.

Only Captain Strum was crazy enough to head to a red zone so he was the only participant who would get the chance to unlock the restraints on his supernatural abilities twice.