

Bloodline 131

Chapter 131 - The First Hole

Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee!

The panicked cries of the solar worms were heard outside, alarming the two solar worms at the entrance of the hole.

Swweeii! Swweeii!

The two solar worms at the entrance squirmed towards the hole with speed.

On entering into the hole, darkness along with the sounds of flesh being ripped to shreds and the smell of heated blood, greeted them.

The worms didn't understand what was happening and they could only sense that there was some unknown being here but the said being was moving too fast for them to discern pinpoint their location

[Atomic disintegration coat has been activated]

[-10 EP]

Gustav claws were covered in a whitish glow once again as he dashed out and hacked at the upper body part of a solar worm positioned on the left of the crystal

[Slash has been activated x3]

Swhiii! Swhii! Swhii!

Gustav's claws slashed out thrice dividing it into three pieces.

At this moment Gustav had already killed five of the solar worms within the hole.

Even though the temperature of the hole had increased by a lot due to their numbers initially being twelve, Gustav was able to endure the increase.

Not only was the temperature way lower than when he had to handle the twenty at the entrance the other day, but he also had defense now so he was hardly disturbed by the increase in temperature.

Swooshhh! Slash! Swooshhh! Slash!

Gustav dashed across the place while swinging out his arms repeatedly and ripping their bodies to shredded pieces of meat.

The two solar worms that entered earlier started shooting out corroding silver liquids from their mouths.

Thwii! Thwii! Thwii! Thwii!

They couldn't really pinpoint Gustav's location but they could sense him from time to time due to his temperature but their attacks only hit thin air because Gustav could see them clearly and dodge unlike them who had their visibility reduced.

After a few more seconds Gustav had killed the twelve solar worms he met here when he first arrived.

He darted towards the two worms that were standing guard on the outside earlier.

Both of them already sensed that he was headed towards them.

Thwii! Thwii!

They shot out the stream of silver liquid towards Gustav's direction. Both attacks accurately headed for Gustav.

Thoom!

[Size manipulation has been activated]

Gustav's body lessened in width becoming about five inches wide and he positioned himself right in between both attacks while dashed forward.

Both attacks passed by his right and left side missing him by a hairbreadth.

[-20HP]

Even though he dodged it, he still lost a little bit of HP due to the air becoming corrosive from the liquid they spat out.

Swoooshhh!

Gustav's body went back to normal after successfully dodging their attacks. He extended both his arms as he reached the middle of both solar worms.

Slasshhh!

His right and left claws sliced through the sides of both worms as he kept running forward with his arms outstretched.

Plerrkkkhh!

The solar worms screeched out in pain as the sides of their upper body, their belly, and their lower halves were torn open causing their internal organs to spill out along with a puddle of lava-like blood.

Plop! Plop!

Both bodies of the solar worms fell to the ground as system notifications popped up in Gustav's line of sight.

<You killed a level 4 Solar worm>

<+8000 EXP>

<You killed a level 4 Solar worm>

<+8000 EXP

Now that he had killed all fourteen of them, Gustav had now reached level nine.

Sshhhsss!

Gustav stared at the corpses of the blood worms with a contemplative look.

Their bloods were already corroding the ground causing a sizzling sound to ring out.

'I won't be cooking mixed-breeds for dinner this time...' Gustav stared at the mess around him with a repulsed expression.

'I wonder if any restaurants will be interested in buying their body parts,' Gustav couldn't conclude on whether to take the bodies of these solar worms or not.

After thinking for a few seconds he picked them up and put them in his storage device before leaving the hole.

He knew he had to be as quick as possible now that he had killed some of the solar worms.

He reckoned that he only had about thirty minutes and quickly dashed into the third hole to continue.

Just like the previous, the third hole also had a similar crystal and worm surrounding it.

[High energy crystal has been detected]

[Name: Salitre Pure Crystal]

Just like in the previous hole the same notifications popped up here.

Gustav moved closer to the crystal which was positioned on the right corner of the hole.

[Does host wish to absorb energy into the system]

[YES/NO]

Gustav quickly said yes and the system started absorbing the energy of the second crystal.

After the system was done absorbing the energy the same situation as the previous hole happened again.

Gustav was already prepared for it. This time he didn't spend up to five minutes before killing all the solar worms within the hole.

He kept calculating the amount of time left before the entire solar worms would start scurrying towards his location.

Gustav quickly bolted out of the small hole and quickly moved towards the first hole.

The first hole was where he sensed the energy to be higher and also at its purest form.

Gustav dashed into the hole without any hindrance and was surprised to see something different from the other two.

Instead of looking at the center of the hole or whatever, Gustav's sights were locked on the ceiling.

On the ceiling, he could see the blue crystal similar to the ones he saw in the last two holes. The difference was, this was almost twice as large, 'Nine hundred and eighty-seven thousand,' Gustav made use of God eyes to check the readings.

It was absolutely higher than the previous two.

'If I'm able to absorb this, the system would have received one-sixth of the amount of energy it needs for the next upgrade,' Gustav calculated, but it didn't look like it was going to be easy to absorb this one.

The reason for that was, Gustav couldn't see several solar worms coiled around this one like the previous holes. Instead, there were only two of them on the ceiling.

These two solar worms coiled around the large crystal with their eyes closed, oblivious to what was going in the surroundings but they had noticeable differences from normal solar worms.

These two were almost twice the size of a normal solar worm with redder skin and a kind of purplish scale growing on the upper part of their body.

Gustav moved some steps forward while scrutinizing both worms.

Even without the readings, he could tell that these two were not level 4 Solar worms like the rest.

Gustav moved forward to observe the worms more when one of them suddenly opened its eyes.

Sqrrrreee!

Unlike the rest, this one also sounded a bit different with a more refined tone.

The one with the opened eyes happened to be coiled around the lower part of the crystal but its shriek also woke the second one.

They looked down at Gustav from high up with a menacing expression.

Sqrrrrreee! Sqrrrrreee!

Both solar worms shrieked together before bolting towards Gustav with speed from upwards.

Swooonn! Swooon!

Both solar worms happened to be crazily fast with almost twice the speed of a normal solar worm.

Gustav already sensed that they would be formidable so he activated sprint instantly.

[Sprint has been activated]

[-20 EP]

Swooshhh!

Gustav dashed towards the left dodging both solar worms.

Bam! Bam!

The solar worms landed on the ground and immediately chased after Gustav who had just finished dodging.

Thoom!

One of them leaped in the air towards Gustav while the other darted towards him with a wide-open mouth where hundreds of sharp pointy teeth could be seen.

The wide-open mouth was big enough to fit in three humans at the same time and would easily rip them to shreds with a single gnash so Gustav had no plans of being caught by it.

He jumped backward by seventy-five feet missing the first one that leaped into the air by a few feet.

The one on the ground arrived in front of him from the left and Gustav reacted by swerving further left.

Swhhhii!

Just as the solar worm's body was passing by his front after he dodged it, Gustav lowered his arms and poured as much strength as he could into it before slashing upwards with a lot of force.

Swwhhhiii! Slasshhh!

Gustav's sharp claws covered in whitish light traveled forward with intensity ripping apart the air.

Krryyhrrrr!

When it made contact with the solar worm, It tore a sixteen inches deep gash on its body sending it flying several feet forward.

'What the...?' Gustav was surprised that he didn't manage to deal more damage than that since he used all of his strength in that attack earlier.

Sqrrrreee!

The solar worm shrieked out in pain after receiving that attack from Gustav but that attack wasn't enough to severely harm it.

Immediately it landed back on the ground, it dashed out crazily towards Gustav again.

Chapter 132 - Resilient Solar Worms

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Thwii!

It shot out a wider stream of silver-like liquid that covered a width of more than seventy-five feet.

This was practically a point-blank attack.

Gustav knowing that there was nowhere to dodge, transformed his hand back to normal immediately and straightened his palm before raising it.

[Chop has been activated]

[Atomic disintegration coat has been activated]

Whitish light appeared around Gustav's palm before he swung it down with force.

Swwhhhiii!

A white arc of light similar in shape to the blade of an axe, shot out of his palm as it came down and started splitting the attack in two.

Shwwiiii!

Gustav's body also shot forward while doing that as the divided streams passed by his sides.

Unfortunately, he had misjudged the attack, his palm strike from the combination of chop and atomic disintegration, was unable to divide the stream completely because, unlike the other solar worms, these two could shoot it out for longer.

The rest of the liquid slammed into Gustav after his chop lost power.

The intense force lifted Gustav off the ground and threw him backward.

Bang!

Gustav's back slammed into the wall on the other end of the hole.

"Urgh!" Gustav exclaimed with a pained expression and fell to his knee after his back slammed into the wall.

Sshhhsss!

His upper clothes had been burnt off again and his parts of his skin peeled off.

"That hurt," Gustav muttered slightly as he straightened his body.

[-200 HP]

His arms and his entire upper body had been scorched by the attack. Gustav was practically in a sorry state as he breathed in and out profusely.

[Regeneration has been activated]

Gustav's body started healing up bit by bit but the solar worm was incensed after seeing that its attack failed to disintegrate Gustav.

It dashed out again along with its partner towards Gustav.

Even though Gustav had lost 200 hp due to that attack he wasn't really in any danger. even if he lost more he still wouldn't be in any real danger.

This is because his healing function will never stop until he ran out of energy which meant his HP can't dwindle to 0 until his energy points ran out.

Amidst the scorching pain, Gustav swerved towards the left dodging the first solar worm who ended up slamming into the wall.

Gustav was about to attack its opening but before he could, the second one jumped high up again in a bid to use its entire body to crush Gustav with its weight.

Thooom!

Gustav leapt backward dodging the dropping body of the solar worm.

Both worms had such great synergy and Gustav guessed that must be attributed to the fact that they're mating partners.

[Gravitational Imbalance has been activated]

Gustav finally decided to activate a gravitational energy skill since the battle was taking longer than he wanted.

The gravitational force around a circumference of ten meters suddenly turned weird.

The solar worms who had already dashed out suddenly felt like their bodies become heavier, decreasing their mobility.

Due to the sudden change, they were distracted for a split second which gave Gustav the chance to dash towards the one on the left.

Before both of them could react, Gustav's right arm had already been thrown out with his palm transforming into that of the bloodwolf's.

Slash!

His four claws accurately landed on the right eye of the worm tearing four bloody lines on it.

Squeuuuee!

The worm screeched in pain and started thrashing around while blood spilled out of its eyes.

Gustav didn't stop moving, he dashed towards the second one on the side.

He had injured this one earlier so it was easy to land more hits on it due to its previously injured state.

Gustav's claws were covered in the same white light as before as he repeated hacked at the upper body of this solar worm.

Slash! Slash! Slash! Slash!

His claws tore deep gashes across the body of the worm in a few moments causing it to bleed out more.

He wanted to slash at the solar worm again when the one on the side threw its body over intending to slam Gustav against the wall.

Swwoosshh!

Gustav leaped towards the side and kicked the wall with his right leg causing his body to propel further into the air as he spun repeatedly in mid-air to dodge the body attack.

At this point, one of the solar worms had lost its right eye while the other was already severely injured and bleeding out.

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Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee!

Outside the cave, the solar worms around suddenly started shrieking loudly to one another.

Some of them squirmed back and forth across the vicinity for a few seconds before turning around to face the cave.

Sqeeuuuee! Sqeeuuuee!

They made those weird noises at one another again before darting towards the cave.

Inside the cave, the same situation as outside was playing out.

The solar worms within the cave stopped whatever they were doing at the moment and started heading towards the end of the cave.

The sound of their wriggling bodies moving across the ground gave off a weird and creepy feeling.

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Gustav continued engaging the two solar worms unaware of the multitude of solar worms headed for the hole.

At this moment he had inflicted severe injuries on them both but they still had enough vigor in them to last for a while.

His body had also healed up completely but he hadn't been able to kill them both yet.

'Damn it, I have one minute left till they storm this place,' Gustav said internally with a frustrated look.

He had been calculating the time he spent fighting the two solar worms and he figured that the solar worms should be aware of the death of their kindred in a minute time.

'I don't have a choice anymore, I have to use it,' Gustav's face shown resolve as he said this internally.

-Energy: 140/1750

Not only was he low on time but his energy was almost completely spent.

Chapter 133 - Using Energy Discharge In A Battle

Both injured solar worms were still headed towards him with animosity.

Gustav turned and jumped backward about three times before running towards the left.

Although the worms wondered why he suddenly went defensive they still chased after him.

They were the aggressive type so Gustav inflicting injuries on them, triggered their anguish.

Gustav suddenly came to a pause when he got to the middle of the space.

The worms still bolted towards him crazily even though their speed wasn't as great as before.

Gustav stared at them approaching with a concentrated look.

Immediately they were six meters away from reaching him, he activated a skill.

[Super Jump has been activated]

[-30 EP]

Gustav squatted slightly with speed before jumping into the air.

Thooooooooomm!

Six feet wide cracks appeared on the ground surface as his body lifted above the ground with extreme speed.

Swweeii!

He arrived at the ceiling of this space in an instant.

The ceiling of the cave was twenty-three meters away from the ground but Gustav crossed that height in a second.

The solar worms got to the spot where Gustav leaped out from, at the same time he grabbed onto the huge crystal with both his palms, using it to suspend himself in mid-air.

He gritted his teeth and called out within his mind, 'Energy discharge 2%'

[Energy discharge has been activated]

[-2% Energy From Gravitational Field]

Twoooooommmmm!

A red wave of energy suddenly blasted out of Gustav's body.

Bang!

It covered a circumference of twelve meters causing the ceiling of the cave to shake.

The solar worms looked up in awe only to notice the tip of a large pointy blue crystal headed towards them from above with intense speed. Gustav happened to be at the top and was holding onto the large crystal.

Zwwooooonn!

The solar worms tried to escape but before they could move further than two feet, the gigantic crystal tip slammed onto one of them with Intensity, impaling it completely and penetrating deep into the ground.

Boom!

Blood splattered across the place as the solar worm was blasted open due to the incident that had just occurred.

The entire crystal was more than eight meters long and wider than three human bodies combined but its tip was only palm-sized.

Due to the force at which it fell along with the combined weight of Gustav, it didn't just penetrate the solar worm, instead, it caused it to explode into blood and gore.

<You have killed a level 6 solar worm>

<+20,000 EXP>

The notification rang out in his mind as he jumped down from the glowing crystal.

[High energy crystal has been detected]

[Name: Salitre Pure Crystal]

[Does host wish to absorb energy into the system]

[YES/NO]

These notifications had already appeared in Gustav's line of sight from the moment he leapt upwards but he ignored it.

The crystal was still looking extremely beautiful and glowing brightly even though its tip was covered in corrosive blood.

Gustav dashed out again towards the other solar worm immediately after he jumped down from the crystal.

The solar worm that he just killed was in a much better condition than the one that was alive right now.

They had been taking advantage of their numbers to battle with Gustav earlier but now that one had been annihilated, he would be able to focus on dealing with only this one.

Gustav rained down a massive number of slashes on the last solar worm adding to the grievous amount of injuries it already had.

In another twenty seconds, the solar worm breathed its last and fell to the ground with blood flowing out of its cuts like a fountain.

<You have killed a level 5 solar

worm>

<+14,000 EXP>

Gustav didn't dwell on the notifications, he immediately dashed towards the crystal.

Just as he arrived in front of it, he sensed the approach of solar worms in multitudes.

He could hear them dragging their bodies across the ground as they headed towards this location with speed.

Gustav quickly reached out for his pocket with a look of urgency and brought out a button-like storage device.

The solar worms were speeding towards the three holes at the end of the cave as the bloody scent of their kind wafted across the air.

Immediately after the solar worms arrived at the entrance of the hole, the large crystal disappeared from its spot.

Zing!

The space instantly became pitch black.

The Salitre crystal's glow always kept the space within the hole bright. Now that Gustav had kept it inside his storage, the place turned dark.

Squeuuuee! Squeuuuee! Squeuuuee!

The solar worms made shrieking sounds as they dashed into the three holes despite the darkness.

They confirmed the death of their leaders and kin and proceeded to start thrashing around the place, looking for the culprit.

They sensed the presence of an intruder earlier but now it had disappeared.

Under the guise of the darkness, Gustav had transformed into a solar worm and used the commotion to leave the cave.

Many other solar worms were still arriving as he was squirming his way through them.

Originally he would have aroused suspicion but the worms arriving didn't try to question him.

The loud voices of the solar worms announcing the death of their leaders and kin had traveled all across the cave.

Gustav kept moving for about five minutes more before arriving at the entrance of the cave.

The entrance of the cave was empty at this moment. Gustav moved further into the forest for several hundred meters more before transforming back into his human form.

He leaped up and landed on a branch before squatting and staring in the direction of the cave.

The cave was several hundred meters from his position.

He activated God eyes and zoomed his sight so he'd be able to see the entrance of the cave clearly in the dark of night.

'They are all in now... I wonder how many it will end up killing,' Gustav said internally as his mind linked with what he kept within the three holes.

Inside the first hole, more than a hundred solar worms had gone in. Inside the second and the third hole were the same.

Those that didn't go in were patrolling the vicinity.

Suddenly a large glowing sky blue circle appeared in mid-air within the three holes.

The glowing blue circles were the size of a human head. Red electrical streaks kept swimming around them.

The worms stared at the glowing circles in awe wondering what it was.

In Gustav's position, his eyes were still focused on the cave entrance.

"Detonate," He muttered with a low tone.

Chapter 134 - Rocking Explosion

Within the holes, the glowing blue circles suddenly increased in brightness and expanded immensely. The red electric arcs circulating around them also became extremely unstable and flashed brightly while spreading across the surroundings.

The worms sensed the impending doom but before they could try to escape from the holes...

Boooooooooom!

The glowing circles exploded with intensity incinerating the environs and the solar worms along with it.

Crumble! Crumble!

Gustav's mouth hung slightly opened as he stared at the cave crumbling to fragments and dust right before his very eyes.

The blasts were so powerful that he felt the force from his location. The tree he was standing on and the rest in the surroundings vibrated intensely as a cloud of dust covered the surroundings.

'The energy from the border is this powerful?'

When Gustav was leaving the holes one after the other he planted a little bit of the energy he absorbed from the border. He placed it in a gravitational field that only he could sense.

Gustav was surprised by how much devastation it caused. This further put him in a dilemma about the mixed-breeds escaping from the border.

<You have killed a level 4 Solar worm>

<+8,000 EXP>

<You have killed a level 4 Solar worm>

<+8,000 EXP>

<You have killed a level 4 Solar worm>

<+8,000 EXP>

<Level up>

<You have killed a level 4 Solar worm>

<+8,000 EXP>

The notifications kept ringing in his ear over and over giving him a feeling of gratification.

He was glad the gravitational energy Bloodline worked well this time.

He had been training himself on how to control and use it effectively but he wasn't quite there yet.

He even felt reluctant to use the 2% energy discharge skill in his battle against the solar worm leaders. He was glad it worked out fine this time because there were times when he tried it out during training and things went really south.

'I have to leave now,' Gustav recalled that this blast would definitely attract other mixed-breeds towards this location.

He quickly turned around and started jumping from tree to tree with speed.

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Twenty minutes later Gustav had arrived outside the border.

He had spent more than an hour dealing with the solar worms. He quickly ran towards the direction of the neighborhood to make sure that no mixed-breed had escaped the border during his time in the cave.

As Gustav streaked past the trees in the sparse forest area he suddenly sensed something in the distance.

Around seventy meters ahead was an oversized yellow-colored bunny, hopping towards the neighborhood at fast speed.

'Looks like one did manage to leave through the border while I was dealing with the solar worms,' Gustav's eyes zoomed in on the thirteen feet tall bunny.

He was glad he finished up with the solar worms earlier than last time. If he had taken longer to deal with them, this mixed-breed would have caused havoc in the neighborhood.

His mind was once again plagued with the question, 'How do they keep escaping through the border?'

Remembering the amount of destruction the energy from the border caused, Gustav was sure that these mixed-breeds were definitely getting help from somewhere.

As Gustav closed in on the bunny, it also noticed him.

Roar!

The bunny roared with a loud voice causing a spiraling sonic wave to shoot out of its mouth towards Gustav.

-Within the border

At the site of the cave, scattered rock fragments could be seen in the vicinity. The air reeked of burnt flesh and a view of destruction was displayed.

The former glorious looking cave was nowhere to be found right now.

Within the vicinity of the crumbled cave, the silhouette of a seven feet tall man in dark clothing was visible under the glow of the moonlight.

Every part of his body was covered up. Black cloak, black boots, and full black mask which covered even his hair up. Even the presence he carried was a dark one that wasn't easily noticeable.

He squatted in front of the crumbled cave with his index finger placed on the ground.

'I wonder what a mixed-blood is doing within the border?" The man muttered with a husky voice as a red glow coated his fingertip.

Trrooiinn!

A red ripple spread from the point where his finger touched the ground to the surroundings.

It kept spreading till it covered a circumference of more than three hundred meters.

Red glowing footsteps started appearing.

These footsteps were human-shaped. They kept appearing in multiple numbers, extending deep into the forest.

"Hmm, so it's a kid," The man muttered as he slowly stood up.

"But how did it get into the border?" He turned around to stare at the red glowing footsteps that extended into the forest.

At a particular distance, the footsteps changed from the ground to the trees.

"A Serial ranked should be unable to cause such destruction," He said while turning around to stare at the destroyed cave again.

"Weak but... Abnormal... Very abnormal," The man turned around and started heading in the direction of the footsteps.

"What an unexpected variant," He muttered with a frustrated tone before vanishing straight into thin air.

Back in the sparse forest area, Gustav was currently engaging the bunny mixed-breed.

Several trees had been blasted down due to their battle but the bunny happened to be seriously injured and bleeding from the head.

Gustav was currently standing on the left shoulder area of the bunny and raining barrages of punches down on its head, causing it to bleed even more.

He didn't pity the bunny in any way and kept pounding its head with punches.

Unlike normal bunnies, this particular one was far from being cute.

Its ears were like pointy black horns. Its eyes glowed an ominously dark color and it had multiple fangs that were more than six inches long.

Its muscular and tall body was enough to chase anyone away in fright.

Apart from all these, whenever the bunny roared the surroundings would be destroyed due to the sonic waves its voice generated.

Chapter 135 - Angy And Gustav's Midnight Conversation

Gustav was starting to wonder how the earthlings of the past called bunnies innocent and cute because he couldn't find an ounce of cuteness or innocence in the mixed-breed he was currently engaging.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

Gustav's fist slammed into the side of its face repeatedly while the bunny kept thrashing around in pain.

It raised its hand and tried grabbing Gustav for the umpteenth time.

Gustav leaped and landed on the other shoulder which enabled him to dodge the swinging arm of the Bunny.

The bunny ended up slapping itself once again as Gustav started raining another set of punches on the other side of its face.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

'This is amazing... After leveling up to this point, my normal strength is now able to deal with level 3 mixed-breeds easily,' Gustav said internally as he threw his fist back and forth repeatedly.

He could sense his strength really improved after leveling up severally earlier.

From the information he had gathered about mixed-breeds, he knew that this bunny had the strength of a level 3 mixed-breed.

Originally it would take two, step three Zulu ranked mixed-bloods or one step four Zulu ranked to defeat a mixed-breed on this level but now Gustav could do it easily and he wasn't even at step two yet.

Roar!

The bunny roared in pain again causing sonic waves to shoot out of its mouth.

Bang! Bang!

Two small trees were blasted to smithereens.

It originally tried to aim at Gustav but it was impossible to hit Gustav at that angle.

After a few more minutes, the Bunny fell to the ground and succumbed to death. Its black eyes turned grey as brown blood flowed out of its head.

Two fist-sized holes could be seen on both sides of its head.

<You have killed a level 3 Demonic Sonic Bunny>

<+4000 EXP>

Plop!

Gustav landed on both feet after finishing off the bunny.

'Hmm... Should I take its bloodline? It doesn't seem very useful,' Gustav wondered.

The bunny wasn't very strong physically but its sonic roar was pretty powerful. It never hit Gustav since he was able to dodge every of its attack but he could tell that he'd take quite the damage if one of its sonic attacks had made contact with him.

'My storage device is nearly filled up, I'll need to get another one after storing this,' Gustav picked up a blue button from his pocket and tapped on it twice.

The corpse of the bunny disappeared with a flash of blue light after he performed that action.

'I'll decide later,' Gustav said internally and started patrolling the environment.

He knew another mixed-breed was unlikely to appear but he wasn't going to risk it.

Nothing was certain, especially after the whole fiasco that happened with the neighborhood when another mixed-breed appeared while he was away in Atrihea city.

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Three hours later Gustav was returning to his apartment.

It was already midnight so his job was over for the night.

'I need to reschedule the time I visit the border... Going during the night will affect my work,' Gustav said internally as he climbed the stairs.

His reason for thinking this way was due to what happened this night.

If he went during the day, he could patrol the neighborhood during the night without any form of distractions.

Gustav got to the top floor in a few seconds and was walking through the corridor when he noticed someone standing in front of his apartment.

He kept walking forward without any form of wariness on his face.

The person also noticed him and turned to the side to face him.

"Shouldn't you be asleep by now?" He asked as he arrived in front of the person.

The person standing in front of his door happened to be Angy.

She was in red shorts and a blue singlet. It was nighttime so a lot of her body parts were exposed including her smooth cleavage causing her to look appealing.

Her fingers fidgeted as she twirled her hair in a shy manner while smiling at Gustav.

"I wanted to talk to you," She said.

Gustav could sense the seriousness in her voice so he didn't question her about the timing anymore.

Both of them sat in front of Gustav's door and leaned their back on his door.

'He didn't invite me in...' Angy thought with a look of disappointment.

She had expected that Gustav would tell her to come in so they could talk but instead, he proceeded to sit in front of his apartment and she had to join him.

What she didn't know was Gustav was thinking about the current time. It was the middle of the night so Gustav felt it would be inappropriate to invite her in, at this time.

"So what was it you wanted to talk about?" Gustav broke the silence after noticing that Angy didn't speak for a while.

"Gustav... Will you..." Angy turned to face him and grabbed his right hand.

"Will you... If I change will you remain my companion even within the MBO camp?" She asked with a pleading look.

"Change? What type of change?" Gustav asked with a curious gaze.

"Well.. let's say I... Become a little more ruthless... Will you still discard me?" Angy asked while turning her face away.

"Hmm... It depends on the subject of your ruthlessness... If it's to your enemies then you can be guaranteed that I won't break ties with you," Gustav replied with a profound gaze.

Angy slowly let go of Gustav's hand as her face shown unwillingness, "I want to try but I don't know if I can ever come to terms with hurting someone," She said softly while staring at the floor.

"Look, Angy... I'm not asking you to hurt or be ruthless to just anyone but when it comes to people who have the intention of harming you, it's either you or them... If you decide to pull your punches that means you've chosen to be their punching bag, which is pretty stupid,"

Chapter 136 - Buying An Item In Shop

"Even though you're a kind-hearted person by nature, there should be a limit and you have to understand that not everyone deserves your kind-heartedness," Gustav lectured.

'He sees me as a kind-hearted person?' Angy felt her heart flutter when she heard Gustav say that.

She turned to stare into his eyes which showed sincerity.

Gustav stood up and dusted his trousers after saying that.

"You're coming with me in the evening for the observation right?" Gustav asked while staring at Angy.

"Uhm, yes," She replied while standing to her feet also.

"Good, be prepared," Gustav said and turned around to open his door.

"Prepared for what?" Angy asked with a look of curiosity.

"You'll see when the time comes, go to bed," Gustav said as he walked into his apartment.

"Hmm, alright," Angy answered, "Good night Gustav," she added while turning around.

"Goodnight Angy," Gustav replied to her as his apartment door closed up.

Gustav got in and immediately went to shower.

Tonight had been a very long one for him. Dealing with the solar worms, managing to absorb energy from two energy crystals, killing more than a hundred of the solar worms and destroying their cave, lastly defeating the bunny mixed-breed.

His energy was nearly depleted in the fight against the level 5 and 6 solar worms but he regained it after leveling up several times.

If his energy was still low after leaving the border it would've taken him longer to deal with the bunny or he would have gotten defeated by it.

Gustav stood underneath the shower as today's events replayed in his mind.

He realized that there were lots of things he didn't put into account when dealing with the solar worms.

Also, after the second battle, he retraced the steps of the mixed-breed bunny to the east side of the border.

Both times he infiltrated the border was through the west but now he had decided to infiltrate the border through the east next time.

What still bothered him was the fact that the border on the east was also properly closed up. He didn't find openings of any kind yet there were signs that the bunny came from there.

It was almost as if it phased through the wall of green and red lines which Gustav believed was impossible.

Some mixed-bloods had the power of intangibility but security protocols were put in place for that. It was impossible to use that power to go in or out of the border.

Gustav felt like there was a mysterious force at work here. He decided he was going to tell miss Aimee about it but he had to think of a way to tell her without revealing some things.

'Open system interface,' Gustav said internally.

[Host Attributes] [Skills and Abilities] [Bloodlines] [Quests] [Shop] [Goals] [Bloodline Information]

'host attributes,'

[Host Attributes]

-Name: Gustav

-Level: 12

-Class: ?

-Exp: 580,800/650,000

-Hp: 5400/5400

-Energy: 1700/1750

{Attributes}

»Strength: 50

»Perception: 49

»Mental Fortitude: 49

»Agility: 49

»Speed: 62

»Bravery: 49

»Intelligence: 49

»Charm: 49

»Defence: 49

»Vitality: 9

»Endurance: 9

{Attributes points: 40}

Gustav stared at his stats with a look of gratification.

Although he only moved up by three levels this night, this was the fastest he had ever leveled up in almost five months.

When his strength stats got to fifty he felt a substantial increase in strength as if ten points were suddenly added but only one point was added in reality.

He clenched his fist with force, 'I never knew that a day would come where my strength would reach such a level,' Gustav recalled how pathetic he was about five months ago.

'This system has really turned my fate around but where does it originate from?' The origin of the system was a mystery that Gustav wanted to solve in the future when he became powerful enough.

He had tried initiating a conversation with the system several times but it still ignored him.

Remembering what happened on the mountain with the star slamming into the cliff area Gustav couldn't help but think that the system had alien origins but there was no way to confirm that right now.

'Add ten points to vitality and endurance,'

[Ten points have been added to Vitality]

[Ten points have been added to Endurance]

After adding points to both of the new stats, Gustav closed the system interface and opened the shop.

[Shop]

(CREDITS: 100)

<Bloodline Items> <Bloodline Recipes> <Bloodlines> <Skills> <Abilities> <Training manuals>

Gustav stared at the tabs that were displayed in the shop.

He had checked everything here during the day so he already understood what each tab on was for.

Bloodline items was where the system recommend items that would assist him in using his bloodline properly. It was like a guide.

Bloodline Recipes was where he could buy manuals that included different recipes and concoctions needed to improve his bloodline or the bloodline of others. Thousands of them had different purposes.

The Bloodline tab happened to be where he could buy different types of Bloodlines and have the system input it in him.

Skills and abilities just as their names implied were where he could buy different skills and abilities.

Training manuals was where he could buy different manuals that helped in training himself and this was currently the only tab that had items that he could afford currently.

The other tabs had crazy prices that Gustav couldn't afford right now. He knew it would take him some time before he could gather enough credit to purchase things from other tabs.

'I got a hundred credits from amassing one million EXP this night... It's pretty small but it's enough to get something for training,' Gustav said internally and proceeded to call for training manuals to open up.

[Shop]

<Training Manuals>

»Breathing Control (300C)

»Boxing Techniques (50C)

»Battle Movement Martial Techniques (250C)

»Force Control (500C)

»Underwater Battle Technique (1000C)

»Energy Control (100C)

»Six paths (2000C)

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Hundreds of them still extended further down.

Some of the items here were very expensive while some were very cheap but Gustav already set his sights on a particular one since when he first checked.

He couldn't buy it then but now he had enough credits to make a purchase.

"Purchase Energy control," Gustav muttered with an excited tone.

[Energy Control has been purchased]

[-100C]

A bright golden glow suddenly appeared in the middle of Gustav's forehead.

He suddenly felt a massive amount of information flowing into his mind.

The contents of this information were about energy control. Images, texts, and different scenarios flowed into his mind in waves all divided into several categories.

After a minute had gone by, these pieces of information had been completed downloaded into his mind.

"Wow," Gustav exclaimed with an astonished expression.

He didn't expect the information to be directly uploaded into his mind. When the process was happening he kept wondering, 'What if I forget it,' The information was pretty bulky so he thought he might forget a bunch of them before he managed to finish learning all but now that the process was over he didn't have those thoughts anymore.

The information was directly installed into his mind in such a way that he only needed one thought to picture everything.

He was sure that he wouldn't be able to forget it even if he tried to.

Chapter 137 - Birthday Invitation

"These pieces of information are pretty detailed... Hmm, I can tell there will be an improvement in my control of gravitational energy when I start learning this," Gustav muttered with a look of anticipation.

He closed the training manual tab and opened that of bloodline.

[Shop]

<Bloodlines>

»Aqua adaptation - Grade C (30,000C)

(Adapt to aqua life and use aqua related abilities)

»Mutated Lizard Transmutation - Grade B (20,000C)

(Release venomous gas while in the form of a mighty lizard)

»Wind Body - Grade B (25,000C)

(To become and manipulate the wind)

»Rock Manipulation - Grade D (5,000C)

(Manipulate any form of rock)

»Aephelis - Grade A (50,000C)

(Take on the alien form Aephelis and use their abilities)

»Fiery Constitution - Grade C (33,000 C)

(Having the internal structure of fire, ability to manipulate and resist fire)

»Radioactive Distribution - Grade A (45,000C)

(Manipulation of radiation)

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Gustav could see hundreds of bloodlines with different prices along with their information being displayed.

Some were very expensive while some weren't as expensive as the others. Regardless, Gustav couldn't even afford the bloodline with the lowest price.

"Hmm, still don't understand the weird prices," Gustav had a confused look as his sight kept scrolling down.

He was wondering why some C grade bloodlines were more expensive than some B-grade. He had a vague idea in his mind about what the reason might be but the only way to confirm it was by purchasing the bloodline which he couldn't right now.

"According to the system I could still get credits by trading EXP but that means my level will be reduced... It took me so long to level up to this point so that isn't an option right now," He muttered with a look of contemplation.

When Gustav first checked out the shop, a notification was displayed about how the shop works.

From there he found out about how credits are attained. That was also how he discovered that one million EXP would get him a hundred credits.

He also discovered that he could trade EXP for credits. If he wanted to get a hundred credits at the moment, one million EXP would be deducted but if that happened, his current level would reduce.

Gustav was reluctant to do that since leveling up hadn't been easy so he decided he would get credits the normal way which is by killing more mixed-breeds and farming EXP.

Gustav had his eyes on some of the bloodlines here which looked pretty interesting to him but before he would be able to amass enough credits, he would need to farm lots of EXPs.

Gustav closed the shop interface and opened goals next.

[Goals]

»Kill five hundred mixed-breeds (321/500)

»Read a hundred books ✓

»Become independent ✓

»Pick a new household name (Oslov) ×

»Save a hundred lives (2/100)

»Join a powerful organization

»Learn a dancing skill

»Defeat a higher-ranked mixed-blood

»Travel into outer space

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"Picking a new name is something I haven't thought of yet... Looks like even the system doesn't want me bearing that name," Gustav chuckled lightly.

There were more than a thousand goals and out of everything, he had only completed about three of them.

Seeing the goal, 'Save a hundred lives,' made Gustav wonder if the system was hinting at something.

Yes, he planned on saving lives after joining the MBO and attaining strength but he didn't want to be forced to do it.

He wanted to save lives at his convenience and save whoever he wished to save.

It didn't really seem like the system was forcing him to do that the moment which made him feel glad, but he had a feeling that something like that could happen in the future, where the system would mete out punishment for not doing what it wanted.

He once again decided not to overthink it. When the time came he would make decisions then since he couldn't think of a way to go against the system for now.

Gustav finished showering and went to bed. He had scheduled his activities for tomorrow and believed it would be a productive day as well.

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The next morning Gustav woke up and prepared himself for school once again.

Forty minutes later he arrived in school and went to the kitchen to work.

Boss Danzo was pleased to see him again and they exchanged pleasantries.

The staffs were always jealous of boss Danzo and Gustav's bond. Boss Danzo never showed such a wide and peaceful smile until Gustav arrived in the kitchen.

Both of them stood in front of a large cooking equipment as they discussed.

"Let's make a special dish today," Boss Danzo said with a smile.

"Hmm... What do you have in mind?" Gustav asked.

"The tradashi dish," Boss Danzo replied.

"Oh, what's the occasion?" Gustav asked with a surprised look.

"Well nothing much, just that my granddaughter whose picture you've been masturbating to, happens to be a year older today," Boss Danzo said while chuckling.

"Hahaha, Boss Danzo sure knows how to mess around," Gustav couldn't hold back his laughter after hearing that even though he was surprised.

'Boss Danzo has a granddaughter for real?'

He had only been joking about using boss Danzo's granddaughter picture to masturbate. He never knew that boss Danzo truly had a granddaughter.

Boss Danzo only looked like a middle-aged man so Gustav still couldn't wrap his head around why a man who looked no older than forty-five would have a grandkid.

"Boss Danzo is she maybe a year old?" Gustav asked with a curious gaze.

Pah!

Boss Danzo slapped Gustav lightly at the back of his head upon hearing that.

"Ouch," Gustav rubbed the back of his head while shutting his left eye.

"If she was a year old wouldn't that make you a pedophile?" Boss Danzo asked while squeezing his face.

"Haha, I guess that's true," Gustav laughed wryly while speaking, "How old is she then?" He added.

"She's seventeen years today," Boss Danzo replied with a proud smile.

"Huh?" Gustav exclaimed with a look of disbelief, "Seventeen?"

"Hnm," Boss Danzo nodded slightly in affirmation.

"I have told her a lot about you and she wishes to meet you in person," Boss Danzo added.

"A lot?" Gustav right eyebrow was raised slightly as he heard that, "How much did you tell her? By any chance did you mention that I use her picture to do that?" Gustav asked with an intrigued look.

"Hahaha, you little rascal, why don't you find out yourself?" Boss Danzo said while laughing lightly.

"Find out myself? How?" Gustav asked.

"We're having a small celebration at my place, would you like to come?" Boss Danzo asked with a smile.

Chapter 138 - Emergency Quest

"A celebration...? That's..." Gustav's eyes slightly widened in surprise.

"Yes, like a small party between family and close friends, would you like to come?" Boss Danzo asked again.

Gustav was short of words again. This was the first time he was being invited to a party.

Apart from the encounter he had with Charles and Gordon, he had never even been to a place where a celebration was going on.

'I just need to make sure I get back before night time,' Gustav said internally before replying boss Danzo.

"Uhm, yes," Gustav answered with a smile.

"Good, Mara will be happy," Boss Danzo tapped Gustav's shoulder while speaking with a wide smile on his face.

"Now let's cook," Boss Danzo added before beckoning to one of the workers in the vicinity.

Gustav nodded in reply while staring at the staff walking towards them.

It was a dark-skinned man in chef uniform and hat.

"Hey Gustav," The dark-skinned chef greeted.

Gustav nodded at him in reply.

"Get the ingredients for the tradashi dish," Boss Danzo instructed the chef when he arrived in front of them.

"Alright boss," The man replied and turned around.

Gustav remembered that this guy happened to be a new worker here after an old worker resigned recently.

"Hmm, boss Danzo how is the new guy doing?" Gustav asked with a curious glance.

"Better than you were at the beginning," Boss Danzo replied while bursting into laughter afterward.

Gustav also laughed along with him but all of a sudden his face froze up as he turned around.

Boss Danzo noticed the strange look on Gustav's face.

"What's wro.."

"Boss..."

Before both of them could complete their sentences a loud blast resounded within the kitchen.

Boooooom!

The entire kitchen erupted in mighty flames causing a cloud of black smoke to spread across the environment.

From outside the building, it could be seen that the kitchen had been set in ablaze and surprisingly the fire safety didn't go off.

Normally when the temperature of flames goes beyond a particular degree, the AI installed would activate the fire safety. A large amount of fire suppressing liquid will be sprayed within the building which would quench the fire in a manner of seconds but this time nothing of that sort happened.

Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!

Only the alarms went off.

Within the kitchen, the visibility had been reduced due to the intensity of the smoke from the fire.

Pieces of equipment had been blasted to different corners of the room and part of the ceiling had fallen to the floor.

On the east side, a silhouette could be seen holding onto another. A large part of the wall was currently tilting towards the side and resting on the back of one of the silhouettes who happened to be protecting the other.

The wall was ablaze and so was the back of the person who it was currently leaning on.

"Boss Danzo, are you okay?" Gustav voiced was heard within the smoke and fire.

It turned out the large broken part of the wall was actually on Gustav's back and Boss Danzo happened to be on the floor beneath him.

"Hmm... I'm okay," Boss Danzo replied slowly.

He was shocked to see that Gustav was fast enough to push him to the ground while turning around to block him from the incoming blast with his body and also supporting the weight of the wall while it was set ablaze. 'How did he do that?' Boss Danzo asked himself internally but when he looked around him he decided to throw that question to the back of his mind.

He stood up while coughing and looked around with a dreadful expression.

Gustav slowly pushed back the wall with his back until it straightened up and turned around.

Boss Danzo could see everywhere in flames and smoke. He couldn't describe how he was feeling at the moment but it wasn't in any way good.

"Is anyone alive?" Boss Danzo shouted out with a panicked expression.

Gustav turned around to face the wall and arched his arm back before throwing it out.

Bang!

The wall was blasted into smithereens, creating an opening to the outside.

This part of the kitchen happened to be one story up so the wind was blowing into the wide hole crazily.

The blast that happened earlier was strong enough to destroy parts of the wall but it wasn't strong enough to cause the floor to collapse. The floor was still in good condition in the meantime but it obviously wouldn't be like that for long since the fire was still spreading.

"Hey... is any...one still ali..ve?" Boss Danzo started moving forward as he shouted out with his voice turning hoarse.

[Emergency Quest: Save ten people from the fire]

A notification suddenly popped up in Gustav's line of sight.

In this situation, the system didn't even need to ask him because there was no way he wouldn't try saving the chefs.

Gustav turned around and quickly grabbed onto boss Danzo's arm.

"Boss Danzo, it's dangerous for you," Gustav said while pulling him back.

"No... Some of them must be alive, I need to help them!" Boss Danzo shouted out while being drawn back.

"You'll die," Gustav lifted boss Danzo and placed him on his shoulder before turning around with speed and jumping out of the opening.

Fwooom!

Their bodies traveled across the air, dropping with speed. Boss Danzo had an unwilling look as he stared at the blazing kitchen getting farther and farther away from him.

Thoom!

Gustav landed on the ground and dropped boss Danzo.

"Boss Danzo, you can inform the fire company or any one of the teachers present at the moment... I'm going back in to get the others," Gustav voiced out with speed before turning around and leaping towards the opening.

Thoom!

Boss Danzo wasn't able to reply Gustav leaped back in. He could only watch as Gustav's body flew up into the air and entered the hole they had just come out from.

Boss Danzo looked around and noticed that the fire was slowly spreading towards the lower floor.

"How did this happen?" Boss Danzo ran towards the lower floor was voicing out subconsciously.

Several chefs could be seen running out of the building but they were coming from the lower floor not the one above that was currently ablaze.

"Are you okay?" Boss Danzo asked one of them when he got to their front.

"The others... Xiaomi is up there," The worker happened to be coughing along with the others that were also coming out.

"Call the fire department," One of them voiced out.

The problem now was, it was still early in the morning around six am so hardly any teacher had arrived yet.

Chapter 139 - Masked Man

All of the teachers in Echelon Academy were mixed-bloods so they would have been able to assist and save the workers faster than Gustav could but only about three of them were present right now.

The staffs' room also happened to be far from the kitchen area so unless they were outside the building, they wouldn't be able to see the flame.

School activities normally start by eight am so no student could be found within the vicinity.

After calling the fire department, boss Danzo was told that they would arrive in five to ten minutes but he knew that ten minutes was long enough for a person to be turned into ashes so he hurried towards the staff block to inform any available teacher.

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Immediately after Gustav got back in, he looked around. All that could be seen were flames and burning debris positioned in different parts of the burning Kitchen.

Most of these burning debris and fallen parts of the ceiling blocked Gustav's path.

The temperature of the room was very high but it was nothing compared to what Gustav faced with the solar worms so he wasn't even affected.

[Size manipulation has been activated]

Gustav's body grew in size becoming around six foot seven tall with broad shoulders and back.

He tapped the button on his left sleeve and a mask appeared in his hand.

This was the same fox-like mask that Gustav bought in the ancient market.

'Only boss Danzo knows of my strength... Let's keep it that way,' Gustav said internally while putting on the mask.

He also tore apart his upper wears becoming half nude once again.

Part of his clothes had been set ablaze earlier so he decided to discard them.

[God eyes has been activated]

The two openings on the upper right and left sides of the mask suddenly lit up with scarlet and green color making Gustav look quite menacing.

The view of the room from Gustav's sight turned into different colors. The fire became white and was unable to block his vision anymore.

The other inanimate things in the environment turned blue and white also and now Gustav could see red-colored silhouettes ahead, holed up in different parts of the room.

Some had passed out from the fire but were still alive while in other areas, burning parts of the ceilings had collapsed on some of the workers.

[Sprint has been activated]

Gustav activated sprint without a moment of delay and dashed out.

Swooshhh!

His intense speed even caused the flames to part ways.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

His body smashed into several pieces of rods that fell from the ceiling as he raced forward.

He didn't even react to the rods colliding with his body. Some of the rods were thrown towards the side when contact was made while others broke into two halves.

Gustav arrived at a particular part of the kitchen and came to a halt.

He only dashed out for a second but he had already covered more than three hundred feet.

In front of him was a cluster of debris packed together. They had fallen and stacked upon one another till they reached the height of one meter.

Gustav bent and dipped both hands underneath the debris before lifting it with force.

Crumble! Crumble!

Some blazing parts of it fell to the floor.

Gustav turned around and dropped the entire thing like it weighed nothing.

He turned back around and an unconscious lady could be seen lying on the ground with a partly burnt chef outfit.

Two slightly bent rods in a diagonal position were few inches above her body, with their tips lodged into the wall. These rods were what prevented the debris from squashing her. Had the debris continued to stack up, the rods would have been unable to hold on and end up collapsing.

Gustav squatted and grabbed onto her body before lifting her and turning around.

Fwoosh!

His body blurred as he dashed across the sea of fire and leapt out of the hole on the other side of the kitchen.

Thoom!

Gustav landed on the ground where some chefs had already gathered and dropped the lady before turning around and leaping upwards again.

The chefs in the surroundings quickly dashed towards the unconscious lady.

- "Yerma!"

- "Who is that masked man?"

- "Who cares? Let's help Yerma!"

- "Ah, alright,"

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Gustav arrived back inside the burning kitchen and darted towards another corner of the room.

Swooshhh!

He arrived in another part of the room and moved some debris to the side revealing two trapped staff that happened to be boxed in by fallen walls.

They were seated on the ground and were already coughing hard.

Their faces had turned black and parts of their outfit were also burnt.

Gustav grabbed onto the male and female chefs and put them on his shoulder quickly.

Both of them had teary eyes due to the smoke so they couldn't even see Gustav. They only felt they were being carried away and due to their current predicament, they didn't try to resist.

Gustav dashed out of the kitchen again and dropped both staff on the outside before heading back in again.

He was moving faster than he ever had.

Only about one minute had gone by and he had already saved three people but he felt he wasn't fast enough as he could already sense with his perception that some workers had been set ablaze.

Due to the crackling of the fire, their screaming voices could hardly be heard.

Gustav moved quickly towards another part of the room. He had to punch an entire wall that blocked his path this time. About four staff were holed up within this time and he had to place two on his back and carry one in his left hand and the other in his right.

Even with the load, Gustav's speed was only hindered slightly.

He still managed to bring four of them out safely. They only suffered slight burn injuries.

Gustav went back in after leaving them with the staff below.

He didn't waste a second before leaping back into the building.

This time he dashed towards the Southwest corner of the kitchen and removed the obstacles on his path.

He got to a part where a small hole had already been burnt through the floor making the room below visible.

Gustav leaped forward a bit and landed on the other side before arriving in front of a small blockage of debris once again.

"KIAARRHH!"

The scream coming from beyond the blockage drifted into his ears.

Chapter 140 - Using Combination

"KIAARRHH!"

The scream coming from beyond the blockage drifted into his ears.

Gustav stared forward with his eyes squinted. He already sensed this but seeing it with his two eyes still gave him some kind of chill.

In front of him was a person who had been set completely ablaze.

From the sound of the screams, it was obviously a male. He kept thrashing around in pain and hitting the walls surrounding him which was also on fire.

Gustav quickly reached out to him and grabbed his shoulders before lifting him.

'I need to go faster... It's time I made use of this skill,' Gustav said internally as he turned around with speed.

[Combination has been activated]

[Dash + Sprint has been activated]

[-500 EP]

Twoooosshhhhhh!

Gustav only moved once and arrived outside the hole in an instant.

The movement of his body created afterimages due to the intense boost in speed causing the flames within the room to create a path.

Bang!

Gustav landed on the outside and a cloud of dust was formed.

He slowly dropped the person from his shoulder whose clothes had been completely burnt off with visible darkened skin and blisters on several parts.

Due to his intense speed earlier, the fire on the body of this victim had been put out but he was still screaming in pain as the wind entered his wounds causing them to sting even more.

[Combination has been deactivated]

Gustav's speed went back to normal after this but he had already used more than five hundred energy points due to this skill.

He knew that a lot of energy points would be spent when he saw the information of this skill for the first time which was why he never used it until now. This was because he didn't have any other means of putting out the flames on the body of this worker so he had to make use of combination.

His Intense boost in speed had been the key factor in putting out the flames.

Gustav had a weird look on his face while staring at the man who had been burnt half to death. Although he had carried the man earlier he didn't even feel pain from the flames because of his body defense but that didn't mean he was unaware of the high temperature.

Although it unlikely that normal flames would affect him from now on, he could still imagine how the victim felt due to his first encounter with the solar worms.

While still on the mask, Gustav squatted and placed a healing medicine in the mouth of the man.

After doing that he turned back around to face the building before leaping back in.

Gustav started moving from place to place, bringing out the workers that he could find and in the next three minutes he had brought out every person he could find within the building.

Gustav leaped down once again. He could already sense the approach of vehicles and silhouettes coming from ahead.

Swooshhh!

Gustav turned east and dashed off into the distance.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

-"Who is that masked man?"

-"I wonder who he is also,"

-"He is so big and muscular, I bet he's a powerful mixed-blood,"

-"We should just be glad that he saved so many of our colleague lives today,"

Even though the atmosphere was somber the chefs couldn't help but talk about how heroic the masked man was.

In less than thirty seconds the fire department had arrived along with the three available teachers in the school.

The fire department activated a machine that flew above the kitchen and conjured an ice-like liquid that was the size of a lake before dropping it entirely on the building.

The chefs within the vicinity were asked to move away from the surroundings due to the volume of the liquid which spread to the vicinity.

The fire was quenched in an instant and the fire department began investigations to find out the cause of the incident.

When boss Danzo arrived back with the teachers the first thing he did was ask about Gustav.

"I didn't see him, boss, I don't know if he got out," One of the workers replied with the same statement as many others.

Boss Danzo was starting to get worried and even some of the workers looked around for him until he was found sitting underneath a shade three hundred meters from their current location.

The chefs were glad he wasn't burned to death but they wondered when he got out. They didn't suspect Gustav to be the masked man in any way because of the difference in size and strength. They had also heard rumors of Gustav in the past so they knew he couldn't be as strong as the masked man that appeared earlier. Also, Gustav was currently shirtless while sitting under the shade of the tree with his blonde hair having dark burns in different places.

His face had soot on it and there were signs of burns on his upper body. The workers could never forget the mighty look and bearing of the masked man along with the red hoodie jacket he wore that somehow didn't get burnt even when he was coursing through the flames repeatedly. Gustav's figure paled in comparison to that of the masked man.

The workers felt he was probably saved by the masked man also, only Boss Danzo had a different opinion from the rest of them.

"Are you okay, Gustav?" This was boss Danzo's first question when he arrived in front of him.

"Hnm, I'm fine..." Gustav said while nodding. His face shone tiredness and disbelief.

"Some of them didn't make it," He added while staring at boss Danzo.

"I kn...ow... You did your best, thank you," Boss Danzo said with teary eyes.

"Could've done better," Gustav said with a sigh but he decided not to beat himself up over this even though he couldn't describe his current emotions.

Gustav was able to bring everyone out of the building before the fire department and the teachers showed up but not everyone survived.