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Chapter 481: The Ice Tower Infiltration (2)

After Jacob and Charlotte's masterful invasion of the ice city, they started to slowly move toward the ice tower, just as Jacob planned.

But half a day later, a commotion broke into the ice city among the monsters when one of them discovered the unidentified hole in the ice wall.

Almost instantly, the monsters reacted by sending ten grounds led by large monsters at the peaks of epic-tier-9, and all of them controlled at least five hundred small snow monsters.

All of them selected different entrances and started to comb through the maze for intruders. At the same time, more units were made to comb through the city.

This naturally put massive pressure on the two infiltrators. But they had their way to make sure they wouldn't get noticed, and since many snow monsters were running around the city or combing the passages, no one noticed the missing monsters from the house.

In fact, this creates a rare chance for the two to close the distance between them and the ice tower quickly.

However, as they grow closer to the ice tower, their speed eventually slows down because the ice blocks, like houses, also grow larger, which means they belong to the large snow monsters and assassinating them was not easy, especially if they were a pair in a house or even more.

So, selecting the targets becomes even more important, and with just one wrong move, they will be in a world of trouble.

52 hours after entering the ice city, Jacob was now around 29 miles away from the ice tower, and currently, he was hiding in a large monster's ice block, which he killed an hour ago with slumber hex.

Although he was wasting his previous dark being magic cores, he didn't regret it because he was growing stronger by consuming all those epic-tier-9 monsters' meat and hearts. Ever so slightly, he could feel he was growing stronger, and right now, he should be equivalent to a true epic tier-8 physical and was rapidly approaching tier-9.

Jacob mused that if he could get another heart at the level of Geko or the large ice monster, he might be able to break into tier 9. Furthermore, he noticed it late, but he found that the snow monsters might be the descendants of some powerful legendary creatures since they were making him stronger so fast.

But he couldn't summon the cursed book here, so he held back his curiosity and focused on growing. Now, he was even thinking of gaining power equivalent to a unique rank as long as he consumed the high-rank species present in this trial.

Right at this moment, Jacob suddenly became alert when he heard a large commotion outside and looked out carefully, and his eyes dilated in disbelief. In the southern wall, he saw dark beings pouring out from the entrances, and they were all zombies!

Furthermore, they weren't just any zombies; but all of them were the snow monsters who seemed to have turned!

In that instant, the entire ice city was filled with enraged roars from the snow monsters as they all rushed toward their attackers with blood-crazed eyes. Even if they were their fellow tribesman, they could tell from their empty, lifeless eyes and smell of rotten flesh that they were no longer the same.

'A high-ranking zombie!' Jacob's heart sank when he looked at all those zombie monsters, madly biting the others and ripping off the others while the other monsters were raining down ice element spells on them like crazy.

Within an instant, the peaceful city turned into a bloody battlefield between the dead zombie monsters and living monsters.

Right at this moment, a figure blurred into where Jacob was observing the gruesome scene of carnage. But Jacob didn't try to act as he merely looked toward the door, and Charlotte was standing there, flaunting her graceful body and smiling at him.

"It seems we are in trouble." She said with a meaningful smile.

Jacob didn't deny it and nodded, "I seem so. Do you, by any chance, know who the assailant is?"

Charlotte showed a rare frown as she gravely said, "There is only one dark being who could turn others into its puppet zombies and control thousands of them at will, the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke!

"That thing is a one-man army, and a battlefield like this is his heaven. The more he killed, the larger his army grew. I heard rumors that the entire dead dukedom of the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke is filled with his puppets. What a bad luck to end up in the same place as him. Even my dad would have a hard time fighting him."

Jacob's expression grew grim after he heard this, and he glanced at the battlefield where hundreds of snow monsters were already dead while the causality on the other side was even larger. The natives seemed to have an overwhelming advantage.

But right at this moment, an arrogant husky voice rang in the language of the dead, "Rise my children and enlighten these beasts!"

Thereafter, from the dead zombies, a gray mist spread, and like some strange force guiding it, that mist started to seep into all those dead snow monster corpses. Within a few seconds, they begin to rise from the ground and attack their previous allies.

"Told you, that bastard is simply impossible to kill. He can hide somewhere and control this entire battlefield. Unless we kill him, those zombies won't stop multiplying. That's the main reason he's so hard to deal with." Charlotte expressed gravely.

Jacob also found the power of this Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke absurd and understood why the armies of the life faction wouldn't invade the dark being lands and remain defensive. Just the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke alone was enough to clash with an army under the right circumstances.

"If that's the case, then let's go toward the tower right now. Let him keep all of those monsters occupied for us. If there is a shackle inside that tower, I'm pretty sure that guy's objective would be the same. So,

we have to beat him to it! If there is nothing, we will retreat!" Jacob declared as he moved out, as there were no longer any monsters close by.

Charlotte smiled coldly as she followed behind him, "My thought exactly!"

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While the battle between alive and dead monsters was raging fiercer by every passing second, the city was left completely unguarded as every monster was focusing on the southern wall.

However, within the western wall of the city, a cloaked figure with empty eye sockets was observing everything. He muttered in his husky voice while turning his head toward the ice tower, "I'll be calming the honor of finding this shackle for my king...hmm? What?"

Suddenly, he seemed to be astounded as he gawked at the vicinity around the tower, and the next moment, blue flames lit up in his empty eye sockets, and his vision magnified like crazy. He just happened to spot two giant figures trying to open the huge ice gates of the ice tower.

The flames in his empty eyes started to flair as if someone had just thrown gasoline in the fire.

"Those ants dare to take advantage of this Duke's drudgery?!" His enraged voice buzzed in the empty passage, and the next moment, he started to chant a spell.

On the other hand, Jacob and Charlotte easily approached the tower doors after all the snow monsters left to defend their home. But who could've thought that the fragile-looking doors, which seemed to be made from a sheet of clear ice, wouldn't budge at all?

"Just what the hell is going on?" Charlotte grunted as the veins on her hands were bulging while she tried to push the ice door using her full force.

Jacob was in the same situation as the door just refused to open, and he never thought their smooth advance would be halted just because of a damn door. He also didn't spot any keyhole or any rune symbols, which was the most frustrating part about all of this.

However, before they could think of another method to open this door, they both sensed danger from behind and without hesitation, they lunged on both sides.

"Boom!"

The very next moment, out of nowhere, a huge ball of slimy blue substance blasted right where both of them stood a moment ago. But it didn't end with just that because thereafter, an extremely potent smell filled the air while the moment that slimy substance touched the ice surface, it began to melt, creating an even more potent smell instantly.

"Acid Zombie Poison! I think we've been spotted!" Charlotte exclaimed with trepidation as she looked at the melting ground and the surroundings quickly turning into a poisonous zone.

Jacob's expression was ridged, "Wasn't that bastard supposed to be dealing with those guys?"

"Well, it would appear he was paying attention to this tower as well, so someone like us won't try to take advantage of his effort." Charlotte smiled bitterly, but her eyes turned ruthless, "Since he dared to use this poison spell, it could only mean he can't afford to split his monster army right now, nor does he have the guts to confront us head-on. So, let's just use our true force to blast apart this damn door!"

The next moment, Charlotte's entire body was suddenly caught in crimson flames, and the temperature started to rise as the surrounding ice started to melt like crazy. Moreover, the poisonous fog also burns and doesn't harm Charlotte's giant flame-like form.

Jacob was astounded because he felt Charlotte was probably ten times stronger than before, and he had never seen her using this before. The temperature continued to rise even more as those flames burned brighter.

"Flame Spear!" She throws a punch, which seems to have turned into a flaming spear on the ice door.

"Booommmm..." A huge explosion rang, releasing a crimson shock wave.

The Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke, who was preparing his second attack, was stopped as the flames in his eyes fluttered crazily, and he shouted in disbelief, "Why is that livestock using the techniques of that crazy livestock, Gunnar?! Is he around, don't tell me it's the other one?!"

He sounded like someone completely spooked and quickly started to observe Jacob with scrutiny, but to his frustration, Jacob was wearing a hood and mask, so he couldn't confirm if it was Gunnar or not.

Nonetheless, he no longer dared to underestimate those rats, and he cursed in anger, "Those live stocks don't know their place. Just you wait. Once I'm done with these pests, you'll be the next. So, take good care of the shackle for this Duke! Hihihhi!" The next moment, he started to laugh like a lunatic.

After Charlotte threw that terrifying punch, she stopped burning like a torch and returned to normal while smoke was still rising from her person.

However, both of them were shocked when they saw the door not only hadn't melted but it was only cracked and still intact.

"Just what kind of material it's made of?" Charlotte was shocked and felt her pride had been hurt when the door was only cracked, not blasted apart.

"My turn." Jacob suddenly moved forward as he threw a punch as well while using 20X acceleration.

Another blast rang in the vicinity, and this time, ice shards were mixed in the shockwaves. In front of Jacob and Charlotte, a two-meter-wide hole was opened in the ice door.

"Just what is inside?" Charlotte muttered as she felt chills in her spine when she felt a strange aura coming out of the hole in the door, making her feel a strange sense of fear.

Even Jacob felt his fine hair stand when the hole was blasted open, and the inside seemed to be completely dark.

Both giants could tell whatever was residing inside was too powerful for both of them.

"Let's go." Jacob calmed down and moved forward. For him, there was no backing down, and with the appearance of Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke, he needed to fish this no matter what and as quickly as possible.

However, Charlotte took a step back and shook her head with a hint of fear, "I think we should retreat. Whatever is inside, it's not something we can take on, and it might be trapped in this place by someone, and those monsters were guarding it. This is no shackle but a mistake."

Jacob frowned. He could understand where Charlotte was coming from, but as someone who knew about the trial mode, he knew exactly what the shackle was, and now he was 95% sure that the beast of direction was inside.

Jacob solemnly said, "Alright, you hide somewhere. I'll check once, just in case. If nothing is inside, I'll retreat."

"Are you crazy?" Charlotte glared at Jacob as if he was a madman.

But before Jacob could reply...

"Roar..."

Suddenly, a thunderous roar that shook the entire underground city reverberated, and it came from none other than the ice tower!

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Chapter 483: The Beast in Tower (1)

The ghastly roar reverberated in the entire underground ice city, startling everyone except for the zombies.

The snow monsters who were fighting with the zombie monsters started to howl crazily after they heard that roar. Their eyes went berserk, and their bodies started to bulge all of a sudden.

This sudden reaction startled the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke even more as those snow monsters became instantly strong and started to attack without caring about their own lives.

"Is this the guardian of this shackle, or I'm in the wrong place and reached the wrong conclusion?" He muttered with uncertainty and turned his attention back to Jacob and Charlotte, who seemed to have awakened this unknown monster, "Let those livestock confirm this for me. This is playing all in my favor."

On the other hand, Jacob and Charlotte, who were closer to that roar, were shocked as their hearts palpitated because the aura that was leaking from the opening was too terrifying.

Especially for Charlotte because she could tell that whatever was inside was even stronger than her father.

Jacob was solemn because he had once experienced the might of Captain Free Sword. Even though this monster didn't even come closer to the captain, he had a very bad feeling about this because this monster might not be an epic rank at all.

Charlotte quickly said, "Let's get the hell out of here. That thing is not something we can fight. I'm afraid that even an army might not be enough to take it down. Even if there is a shackle in that tower, you need to be alive to claim it!"

Jacob thought for a moment before he said coldly, "I'm going in. You should escape."

"You stubborn man, then die for your greed. I don't care!" Charlotte yelled in exasperation before running towards the northern wall. She couldn't understand why Jacob was so obsessed with this foolish shackle.

Even though she admired his courage, at this point, it was pure madness in her view, and she didn't want to be a part of it. She wasn't here to commit suicide out of curiosity.

Jacob didn't do anything as he watched the giant flee without a second thought. But this was just what he wanted because after she was gone, he could use his full arsenal without worrying about anyone.

Although the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke was still watching from somewhere, he wasn't worried about him because he couldn't figure out his identity. Because if Charlotte guessed who he was, then he would have to watch his back constantly, and he couldn't afford to divert his attention.

Using a hex on her will put him at an even greater disadvantage because he needs to replenish his hex mana, and the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke will be on guard.

That's why Charlotte leaving was the best outcome, and he also noticed that after that initial roar, the monster inside the tower went dormant again. Or it was simply not capable of breaking free from the tower.

While keeping this in mind, Jacob entered through the hole without making any sounds.

The inside of the tower was pitch black, but he still had his night vision. The tower was over 100 meters wide and fifty meters tall. But his eyes were affixed on the monstrosity sitting in the center.

It was another snow monster, but its size was over 20 meters while sitting and 15 meters wide. Its fur was not white; instead, it was blue, and two white antelope horns were tangled together.

Furthermore, its glowing crimson eyes were locked on Jacob the moment he came inside, and he was murderously looking at the tiny intruder with a hint of naked disdain. It was as if he was ridiculing its prey to walk on its own in his mouth.

The entire space was deadly silent as both of them gawked at each other without making any move.

But right at this moment, Jacob's heart churned when he felt a sudden movement right under his feet, and he instantly jumped to the side. The next moment, a gigantic ice spike emerged from where he stood.

Although he managed to avoid it, the pathway he came from was closed off, and at this moment, the monster's ghastly pale lips rose as it revealed its sharp fangs.

'This bastard was aiming to close my escape route!' Jacob coldly looked back as it became quite clear that this guy was extremely intelligent, and he seemed to be toying with him.

Furthermore, he didn't dare to use his hex magic because that monster wasn't an epic rank. The pressure it was giving despite doing nothing but sitting and frosty mana density wasn't something that an epic rank could emit.

Not to mention, he wasn't planning on taking that thing down with the hex magic since he had a more sufficient way to make sure that monster paid for underestimating him.

"Let me make it abundantly clear who is the actual prey among us," Jacob smirked coldly, and the next moment, a sniper rifle appeared in his hands.

However, unlike traditional rifles, this rifle had two muzzle barrels and two triggers like a double-barrel shotgun, and magic gems and runes were engraved on its black body. Thereafter, he instantly pulled both triggers while aiming at the monster's face!

The monster seemed to be provoked by Jacob's fearless attitude, but before he could react, a sense of crisis overcame him, and the two glowing bullets were right on his face!

But to Jacob's surprise, almost instantly, a neon blue light enshrouded the monster out of nowhere before the bullets could even touch its fur.

"Boooommmmm!"

A huge explosion that shook the entire tower rang before two sonic booms rang from the sniper rifle. The magic runes lit up on the rifle while two of the magic gems turned to dust, absorbing all the recoil.

However, Jacob didn't care because a blurry punch was approaching him, and its speed was something he couldn't dodge. Two of his arm guards instantly lit up, putting up two barriers before the giant punch glowing in an icy blue sheen made contact.

"Bang...!"

Like sheets of glass, the barrier shattered, and Jacob was sent flying and smashed into the tower wall!

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Chapter 484: The Beast in Tower (2)

Jacob felt a metallic taste in his mouth as he was engraved in the ice tower wall after receiving that powerful punch while half of his body was covered in blue ice. Despite wearing a Basic Unique Rank Black Robe, advanced epic rank level clothes, and barriers, he still gets injured.

Although it wasn't that bad, it was now confirmed that this monstrosity was a Unique Rank, and Jacob was in trouble.

Furthermore, that thing also blocked his two atomic bullets from his newly built twin titan sniper rifle just in the nick of time and was even able to counterattack.

Jacob quickly collected his thoughts, and he pushed out his body and jumped on his feet while looking gloomily at the monster. His eyes suddenly contorted when he saw purple liquid gushing out of the monster's cheek, and there was a deep wound there.

Furthermore, the neon blue barrier that saved the monster's head from blowing up was completely gone, and a faint green mist was in the air, which was radiation from the atomic bullets.

The monster's eyes were bloodshot and murky as it murderously glared at Jacob.

'So, my bullets work!' Jacob shone with elation and quickly took out the Twin Titan Sniper again.

However, the monster seemed to be prepared and didn't give Jacob time to react and wanted to kill him as soon as possible because this weak-looking sheep was a wolf in disguise.

Almost instantly, before Jacob could pull the triggers, a chill ran down his spine, and the next moment, an icy faint blue mist oozed from the floor and the moment the mist touched Jacob's feet, they instantly froze. While right in front of him, a thick ice wall swoops up, blocking his view!

Jacob knew the monster was not going to give him another chance to take a shot at him. He tried to move his feet, but to his horror, he was unable to escape that blue ice like it was made of iron, and he now started to feel frost directly on his feet!

Suddenly, a dangerous thought surfaced in his mind, and the next moment, "Water barricade!" Jacob instantly cast his own spell as half of his legs were now frozen.

Jacob guessed that even though that ice mist looked normal, and if that were the case, Jacob wouldn't be too worried. But Jacob knew better since it wasn't the case because Spirit probably conjured the icy blue mist.

After Jacob got the universal scripture from Star Chaser and the knowledge of the Witch Queen, his understanding of magic became quite deep.

He discovered after evolving into a Unique Rank Species the combat class species would awake Element Aura, which was ten times more destructive and potent than mana. While the sorcery class species would awake Element Spirit that can rival the Element Aura.

Aura can cut through normal mana, like a knife in butter, and that's why it was used with weapons to increase their sharpness, or close-range combatants can cover their bodies with aura to turn them into weapons of destruction. While spirit could amplify magic and make it more potent and deadly.

That's why the Union Rank Species could easily kill epic rank species while epic rank species couldn't even scratch the unique rank species as long as they are using Aura or Spirit. Only Aura or Spirit can completely block Aura attack or Spirit attack.

In an earlier attack, the punch that Jacob blocked was covered in spirit, and that's how he suffered internal injuries despite wearing all those defensive treasures, and the blue ice left on his body was proof of it. If it were Aura, Jacob's armor would've been blasted apart.

Even though Jacob has a scripture that can help him awake the Aura of Water, the problem is that he needs to have a Unique Rank Physique to handle Aura circulation in his body.

When an epic rank combatant achieved a Unique Rank Physique, a unique glyph would etch into the skull of the combatant called an Aura Glyph; the same goes for the sorcerer. With the different being, they would get Spirit Glyph!

That's why the rank was called Unique Rank, and if someone wanted to achieve the next legendary rank, the secret was hidden in their unique glyphs.

Anyhow, the fact was Jacob couldn't use Aura without an Aura Glyph or Spirit without a Spirit Glyph, while the monster in front of him could. He was using a spirit magic spell to get rid of Jacob once and for all.

But Jacob wasn't going down that easily, and after creating the water barricade, which he knew was useless, he took out two atomic grenades and instantly threw them over the wall without caring about being continued to freeze.

His plan was simple, and he didn't have any other way. Since the monster was using spirit magic and blocking his escape route, he was going to use these as a shield to blow the monster to smithereens or put him on the verge of death at least.

The moment Jacob threw the grenade out, the blue mist had already turned the water around Jacob into solid ice, and now he was turning into a blue ice block!

A painful groan escaped from Jacob's mouth as the spirit magic was making his mind feel terrifying cold, and the cold was penetrating his body, digging into his skin and inflicting pain, which was not very pleasant!

'This is truly insane, I'm fucking insane!' Jacob thought while sealed in the ice as he tried to keep his sanity and keep releasing water mana, which was instantly turned into ice once it became water because the ice spirit and ice block around him grew immensely.

However, Jacob wanted exactly that and endured while preparing himself for the explosion in this confined space. He wanted to see that monster's face after this explosion, and when he realized that his killer moves had shielded Jacob!

The snow monster's eyes landed on the two tiny obvious filled with greenish glowing liquid, and he was confused about why that ant would risk throwing it out instead of escaping himself.

But just as he was about to ignore it, those two grenades suddenly shimmered in blinded light that instantly covered the entire dark over like two tiny suns.

The Puppeteer Zombie Duke, who was observing the ice tower like a hawk, saw that the entire tower turned into smithereens instantly before a blinding light appeared.

Charlotte was also watching from a safe distance because she could clearly hear large explosions from within the tower and wondered if Jacob was really strong enough to take down the monster in the tower. The same scene flashed past before her eyes, and she didn't even have time to react.

The next moment, the entire mountain reverberated in a volcanic explosion, and the top was fully blown off, just like a volcanic eruption!

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Chapter 485: Beast of North

The explosion from two atomic grenades was no joke as the highest mountain peak of the ice mountain range was blown open, and it didn't just stop with that. Multiple avalanches started, and the entire place became absolute ice hell.

Many other figures wandering in this place clearly heard and saw the gigantic smoke cloud rising from afar. They all wondered if that ice mountain was a volcano.

But at this moment, SAAI's impassive voice sounded in every corner of the Hunter's Necropolis, which shocked everyone to the core.

"Congratulations, Faceless Ancient, for clearing a Trial Condition!"

This announcement was reaped four more times before everything returned to normal. However, the people who heard it became dumbfounded and left gobsmacked. It was simply unbelievable for

someone to clear a trial condition in less than a month after the trial plain descended. It wasn't done before in the Epic Plains.

Furthermore, it was done by none other than the most infamous terrorist of the Epic Plains, the Faceless Ancient of all people! This news was absolutely sensational.

In the trial plains somewhere in a forest filled with deadly trees, an elf in a disheveled state wore an expression of utter disbelief as he slashed his sword on incoming tree branches coming for his life.

The tree branches were cut into slices, and brown liquid shot out and the moment it touched the ground, the ground started to melt as the liquid was acid.

"Bastard! How the hell did this happen!? That vile bitch will kill me once she gets the wind of this massive blunder. Just where in the hell did that rat bastard end up completing the trial condition so quickly? Just what in the god's name is this dimmable trial type!" He roared furiously as more and more tree branches headed for his life.

Someone in a burning golden desert, three giants were on the verge of exploding after they heard the announcement.

"How the hell did this happen? While we ended up in this burning hell, that criminal broke a shackle?! Where's the justice in this world!" A 5-meter-tall giant roared as he slashed his massive broad sword at a giant scorpion, slashing it into two halves, and the burning sand also split pretty deeply.

"Mr. Vice Chairman, I think we should head towards it now. We can't afford to waste more time searching for our comrades. At least we needed to quickly report it to the Chairman after finding an exit. I reckoned the other will also have the same thought." An elderly giant from the Flame Iron Giant Tribe sternly suggested, looking toward a particular direction.

Everyone's expression went pale as they looked in the same direction as well. There is a silhouette of a gigantic pyramid!

In a dark swamp, a graceful figure stood on top of a strange moulder corpse while her eyes behind a dark mask were bloodshot as she emitted a dark, murderous aura like a demon.

"You vile scourge! It's all because of you that I ended up in this accursed place, and now you appeared again, and once again, you stood in my way of survival! If I don't kill you here, I won't be able to live anyway.

"Since you like to show off and clear these shackles, I'll be waiting for you here to take back all the debt you owe me with great interest!"

The dark water of the swamp rose, covering the masked woman, and the next moment, the woman and the corpse vanished as if they weren't there in the first place.

"Ahh..." A painful groan escaped Jacob's mouth.

He opened his eyes and was shocked when a mouthful of bitter water entered his mouth. He found himself drowning in murky cold water. Furthermore, he went black for an unknown time, so he didn't know what happened after the explosion.

'Where am I?' Jacob was startled as he tried to stabilize his body, and his eyes widened because of the excruciating pain that attacked him the moment he tried to move just one finger.

All the bones in his body seemed to have broken, and his heart was beating faster to try to heal his body while warm blood, which was almost black, was oozing from his body.

Although he wasn't burned or blasted apart because of that explosion since he was wearing so many treasures, his ice block plan greatly reduced the damage. But he didn't escape unscratched at all because he was too close to the explosion, and there wasn't any sea body to absorb the attack like the last time.

After that explosion, the heat emitted from the nuclear reaction melted everything around him almost instantly, and if that ice hadn't been made with spirit magic, his black robe would've melted as well.

But because he caused the explosion in the middle of an ice mountain and the tower was also made with strange frosty ice, it greatly reduced the nuclear fission heat.

However, he couldn't escape from the shockwaves of the explosion, and despite all those treasures, his skeleton frame was broken. It was a miracle he was even able to regain consciousness in this state, and the protection he was wearing for his head was all gone as well.

It was also thanks to his new giant skeleton that he was still fine.

As for drowning, it was the least of his worries because he could breathe underwater after he completed the water meditation.

Since he had regained consciousness, Jacob increased his acceleration to increase the healing process and used his remaining water mana to control the surrounding water to stabilize his body.

One after another, the clothes on his body disappeared, revealing his mangled body filled with terrible fractures.

The next moment, a 1000CC metal injection appeared in front of him, and by controlling the water, he was able to inject the glowing yellow liquid into his body.

This was an advanced epic-rank healing elixir that he got from the treasury, and he filled some of it in injections just in case he encountered a situation where he was too damaged to move.

Jacob injected five such injections before he felt a warm current all over his body, and with 25X acceleration, the healing process accelerated. After a few minutes, He was finally able to move his hands.

Without delaying, Jacob took out a body that was none other than Geko's. He was saving it for grilling. But he needed that lizard's nutrition, so he started to devour it whole without leaving even bones.

In the cold water, Jacob was eating as his condition visibly improved, and he didn't stop as he took out the giant snow monsters he was saving as well and ate them. He didn't waste any pills or elixir since they can't be replenished, just like the healing elixir.

If someone had seen him, they would take him as a sea monster right now.

In less than an hour, Jacob was fully recovered, and his previous fractured body was now flawless.

He then opened his star watch to see if that monster was dead, and then he saw it with shimmering eyes.

"Congratulations on killing the Beast of North: Fiend Yeti!

"Your glorious deeds have been spread far and wide!"

'Spread far and wide? What does this mean?' Jacob frowned but didn't pay it any more heed since no one was there to answer him. What matters is that he was able to kill the Beast of North, which means all that risk was worth it.

Jacob was finally able to turn his focus on silent surroundings, and it was at this moment that he noticed a faint blue glow in the depth of icy water!

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Chapter 486: Hunter's Legacy Pieces

Jacob was intrigued when he saw the faint glow in the dark depths of these icy waters, which were the result of a massive meltdown caused by the atomic grenade.

However, he didn't know how much of the ice mountain had melted. If this water body was even made with that mountain, or if he ended up drowning below the ice lands.

One thing he could tell was that this was contaminated with radiation, which didn't bother Jacob at all because of resistance. Furthermore, he couldn't see the surface or light above, which could only mean he had drowned too deep or the surface was blocked.

Whichever the case might end up being, Jacob headed toward the blue glow in the depths. He didn't know where the Fiend Yeti corpse was still intact, but it was a huge loss for him because he just lost a unique rank heart!

Nonetheless, it mattered little as long as he could complete this trial, and this blue glow might be something good.

The deeper he went, the colder the water turned, and Jacob had no choice but to wear all the armor and even activate another defensive barrier around it to keep himself from freezing to death while the water pressure wasn't a problem.

As Jacob grew closer and closer, the blue glow became brighter, and at this moment, Jacob was finally able to see where that glow was coming from, and his eyes widened.

He saw at the bottom that the Fiend Yeti's completely charred and half-destroyed, mingled corpse was lying there. The blue glow was coming from its magic core as it was releasing terrifying frosty spirit magic energy.

Elated, Jacob quickly approached the corpse and didn't even give the magic core a second glance and headed towards its chest, which was still intact, and cut it open.

To his relief, the Fiend Yeti's heart was still intact, and it seemed to be perverse well because of the ice water, and the radiation hadn't spread this deep into the water.

Jacob quickly stowed it away with excitement, and only after that did he take the Ice Magic Orb, which was releasing terrifying spirit mana that almost froze his hand.

But just as he removed the magic core from the Fiend Yeti's stomach, he spotted another unusual thing: a purple scroll covered in a white sparkling bubble!

'What the...!' Jacob was flabbergasted since this didn't make any sense and tried to retrieve the scroll. The moment he touched the white bubble, it burst open, and the purple scroll turned into a light streak before darting into his start watch, vanishing!

Jacob was startled by this sudden turn of events, and the purple streak was too fast for him even to retract his hand before it entered his star watch.

At this moment, his star watch vibrates strongly, snapping him out of his stupor, and he quickly activates it. He wanted to see what was that purple streak.

"Congratulations, Faceless Ancient, for acquiring Hunter's Legacy Piece!

"Please acquire all the legacy pieces to convert them into complete Hunter's Legacy.

"Hunter's Legacy Pieces: 1/5

"NOTE: Hunter's Legacy Pieces can be traded through Star Waters. In case a trial participant kills the Legacy Piece owner, the Legacy Piece will be transferred to the killer. In case the Legacy Piece Owner dies naturally or by some monster, after 48 hours, the Legacy Piece will be randomly transferred to a random Beast of Direction!"

Jacob stared at that notification for a little while and read it a few times before he confirmed nothing was wrong with it.

'So, to summarize it, I will get this sort of scroll from every beast of direction that I killed. No, this isn't the case. I have to retrieve the scroll myself. It doesn't matter if I killed it or someone else.

'As long as someone else even touches this thing, it will instantly be transferred to their star watch just like mine. That NOTE also made it clear that anyone can claim this legacy as long as they collect all the pieces, and even if they don't, the pieces will go back to a beast of direction.

'So, if someone with four pieces gets killed randomly by some beast, the person who killed the 5th beast would get all the five pieces. The complete Hunter's Legacy. What a vicious yet interesting game. It's far simpler than the Dark Ruins but more cruel in many ways.

'Furthermore, the Epic Trial Plain is really not so simple, just as Immortika warned me. I never thought that the Beast of Directions would turn out to be a Unique Rank. If that's the case, what about the final beast?' Jacob thought gravely as he sighed at his bad luck.

If not for the medallion, he wouldn't dare to even think about going against these terrifying monsters. But now, he didn't have a choice but to move forward.

Jacob gave the Fiend Yeti's mangle body glance before storing it away as well. Although the corpse was contaminated with radiation, as long as he had immunity, it didn't matter.

Furthermore, this corpse belonged to a unique rank magic beast, and despite experiencing the direct explosion from the two atomic grenades, only a part of it was blown off while the skeleton was completely intact.

Jacob wasn't going to give up on it since he knew once he consumed that heart, he needed everything to make his body compatible with his increased strength.

Like a fish, Jacob swam upward at high speed while controlling the surrounding water, and he quickly reached the surface. He was 8 miles deep in the water before, and when he reached the surface, he found it blocked by a dark layer of ice.

'Just as I suspected. That entire ice land is floating on a water body. I must've drifted away from the mountain when the meltdown happened.' Jacob thought before he took out his sword and slashed open a pathway for him to head upward.

The ice layer was surprisingly over 2,000 feet thick, and Jacob appeared in somewhere in the icy plains. But he noticed a strangeness. The seemingly endless blizzard had stopped!

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Chapter 487: Resentful Charlotte

'Could it be the blizzard also stopped once I killed the Fiend Yeti?' Jacob concluded as he was ninety percent sure it was the case.

Only then did he shift his focus, and he was staggered when he looked in the north direction. He saw the once tallest ice mountain of these ice plains was completely gone, and what was left of it was an over-half-melted mountain of ice!

Jacob sighed with a hint of relief and muttered, "I'm glad I was able to escape alive. I wonder what happened to Charlotte and the Dead Duke."

A cruel smile surfaced on Jacob's face. He really hoped Charlotte wasn't dead since she was a source of high-level nutrition. Nonetheless, Jacob wasn't too hopeful since the chances of her escaping alive were very low.

What he should be focusing on was where to proceed now. There was no way of knowing which direction he should choose, and the Beast of North was dead, so he had to search for the remaining beast of directions.

In the end, Jacob decided to head in the opposite direction to the melted ice mountain and hoped to find some clues about his next target before anyone else could.

Furthermore, he was planning on consuming the Fiend Yeti's heart once he found some more secluded place and made some preparations. Like this, Jacob's journey towards the south started.

However, Jacob had no idea that at this moment, in the west direction from his, a giant and a zombie were locked in a deadly battle. They were none other than Charlotte and Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke!

Both of them managed to survive the explosion and escaped the hellish site because they were far away from the ice tower. But to escape the radiation and being buried under the ice and drowning, they both had to use their trump cards.

However, they had never expected that they would bump into each other today.

The Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke was no match for Charlotte without his army of zombies, so he tried to escape. But Charlotte also knew about this fact and didn't let go of this chance to get rid of this troublesome enemy while she had the chance.

Furthermore, Charlotte was filled with rage and humiliation after she heard the announcement about Jacob clearing the first condition and discovered that this giant was none other than the enemy of the three hegemonies, Faceless Ancient!

This was something she hadn't even dreamt of, and all that information about Jacob being an elf turned out to be nothing but bullshit because he was clearly a giant. The most humiliating part was that the guy played her like a fiddle, and she wondered if he was laughing at her in secret because of her identity.

Now, she wanted to find that rascal and have a good 'chat' with him. However, despite not wanting to admit it, she knew she was no match for the cunning fellow, especially after witnessing the destruction he had caused by using his infamous weaponry.

Furthermore, if he was able to escape alive despite being so close to that ghastly explosion, it was even more impossible for her to fight him. This made her even angrier, and now she wanted to reveal this information to her father so he wouldn't fool Jacob like her.

She was about to use her vermin transponder when she discovered the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke and started to fight him with all her might. If she could get rid of a Dead Duke, she might be able to wash her shame.

Charlotte was encased in crimson flames as she was dodging lances made with purple liquid filled with poison. The Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke was desperately retreating while trying to slow the infuriated giant.

He was even more frustrated than Charlotte because once the Dead King heard that someone from the life faction had already broken a shackle, many heads would roll. Even his own head was in danger.

But encountering Charlotte put him in great danger right off the bat because he was a sorcerer while Charlotte was a combatant. Furthermore, he only had poison magic except for his zombies, and the ironic part was Charlotte could burn the poison. He was a terrible match-up to fight her, so the danger was massive.

"Vile livestock! If you insist on killing this duke, I will take you down with me!" He roared furiously when he saw Charlotte was only a few meters away from him, and her terrifying heat was no joke.

"Hmph, just become the real dead, Dead Duke!" Charlotte sneered with killing intent as a massive amount of fire started to concentrate on her fists. She was determined to kill him.

Right at this moment, the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke took out a black magic scroll and activated it. Powerful dark magic was released.

However, Charlotte seemed to be ready as a white talisman appeared in her hand, and she activated it. Thereafter, she threw it toward the dark miasma that was covering her.

A blinding white light clashed with the dark miasma, and the next moment, the dark miasma started to burn before nothing was left!

The Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke was horrified as the flames in his eye sockets trembled, and he tried to use another magic scroll.

But it was already too late, for Charlotte's flame fist was upon his face!

"Boom!"

A huge flame explosion with the sound of bones shattering rang in the vicinity.

The Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke's entire skull was blown off as his headless body was falling.

Charlotte coldly stood there as the surrounding flames started to retract into her body. But her complexion was pale, and she seemed out of breath. She had used almost all of her mana to land a single hit on the dead duke.

If he had just two of his zombie puppets, she might've been the one on the ground at this moment, not the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke.

Still, her eyes shimmered with elation when she looked at the headless Dead Duke, who could even make her father wary, but now she had slain him.

But when she thought that it was all possible because Jacob got rid of the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke's monster army and probably forced him to use his strongest life-saving treasures like herself, she ground her teeth in resentment.

"Jack, Faceless Ancient, don't you dare to think that you can get rid of me so easily. Once I report what happened in this place, the entire forces of the three hegemonies will enter this place, including my dad. They will never allow an outsider to walk all over them.

"The trial is just beginning, and you are way over your head if you think it's already over just because you figure out the trial type..."

A malicious smile appeared on her face as she took out the vermin transponder and activated it!

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Chapter 488: On the Brink of Destruction

Outside the trial plain, the Epic Plains were not as peaceful as they used to be after the attack on the Epic Star Server and the star network's absence. The biggest problem that occurred because of this was the lack of Currency, Zodiac Credit!

The entire epic alive plains relied on the ZC to exchange for goods and personal exchange, and all that happened on the star network was because ZC had no material form.

This brought forth a huge headache and economic disaster for everyone in the epic alive plains, and every business, whether it was from the three hegemonies or private, was shut off.

The second problem was naturally the lack of communication, and any report or news had to be delivered physically through letters. It was like the advanced civilization had returned to its medieval state.

Most effective because of this situation were naturally the three hegemonies because they controlled the entire epic alive plains with the help of Star Network, and because of its existence, no one could go against them or undermine their authority.

The most absurd part was this all happened on the same day when the trial plain was descended, and the mighty All Alive Alliance (AAA) was forced to change their entire plan.

Because of this exact reason, the AAA was forced to send only 30% of their vanguard forces to the trial plains that they had initially prepared and decided to wait for the star network recovery. They also made this decision on the base of the trial plains that had just descended.

However, this wasn't even the start of epic plains troubles. Just four days after the star network went down, nuclear attacks started to occur all over the epic alive plains and in the large level cities nonetheless, and this process continued for two straight days.

The entire epic plains were in turmoil as people were dying left and right, and no place was safe anymore.

It was also then that people took notice of the true terror of nuclear weapons. Radiation started to spread all over the epic alive plains. Species under rare rank started to die, while rare species showed strange symptoms of unknown illnesses.

Even the extraordinary species were affected by the fast spread of radiation. Only the epic-rank species were unaffected. Still, it didn't mean the radiation didn't affect them in other ways.

When the food and water supply started to get affected, the high-level figures finally understood the gravity of the situation, and then on the seventh day, the alive epic plains experienced their first nuclear winter!

Death, misery, and despair slowly grip the hearts of living beings who were once living in peace. Even those high and mighty figures experience the meaning of true horror.

All of this was happening because of one person, the Faceless Ancient!

Only now, everyone truly understands why the three hegemonies wanted to get rid of Faceless Ancient. However, some believed that it was their hunger for power that brought this disaster upon everyone.

But the Faceless Ancient becomes a terrifying devil in everyone's heart who can bring the destruction of entire epic plains. In fact, many believed that the attack on Star Network was also Faceless Ancient's doing. The destruction had already begun, and three hegemonies were now helpless!

In a sense, the Faceless Ancient was now even more infamous than the legendary Vile Witch!

As if this wasn't enough, at the start of the second week after the epic star server destruction, news from all over the epic plains started to flood into the temporary AAA headquarters where the three leaders were staying and trying to get a hold of the chaotic situation.

The news turned out to be very grave. High-ranking figures of three hegemonies and powerful species all over the epic alive plains were started to get assassinated. This started another upheaval, and this was also the final straw that broke the camel's back.

People from all over the epic plains started to band together and marched towards the AAA headquarters, which were close to the trial plains, and decided to demand justice from the three hegemonies who were now silent and helpless.

Since they can't find the original culprits for their misery, they decide to find the ones who could possibly bring an end to it.

While the epic plains were becoming more and more chaotic and moving towards destruction, on the 29th day after the epic trial plain descended, AAA's first Alliance Leader, Chairman Gunnar, instantly called for an emergency meeting between high-level figures of AAA, including the 2nd and 3rd Alliance Leaders.

This naturally made everyone surprised because this giant didn't even react to the current situation of the epic plains, so what caused him to react so violently all of a sudden?

They even suspect that Faceless Ancient has sent some threat to them to finish them off, so they quickly gather within an hour since they were all living in AAA headquarters, which was made virtually impenetrable by combining three hegemonies resources.

It was probably the safest place in the entire epic plains at that moment, and to enter there, one needed a high-level clearance and had to undergo many security checks.

At this moment, in a massive room, all the high-level figures of the three hegemonies were gathered together. The atmosphere was extremely grave because they were all aware of the current situation of the epic plains and the incoming mob, which was increasing day by day.

Sitting at the very front were Lucy and Nelsen, while only Gunnar's giant seats were empty. Both of them were one of the sharpest minds in the epic plains and always appeared calm.

Yet today, those were looking extremely agitated, as if they were sitting on thin ice. Even they didn't know why Gunnar suddenly called this meeting, but they sure guessed from his voice that it wasn't something good.

At this moment, the door opened. Gunnar, wearing an imposing crimson armor, entered, and he was releasing an intense murderous aura like a vicious wolf. Everyone felt that aura and their expression went pale, and they quickly lowered their head with trepidation. They all could tell that Gunnar was extremely furious for some reason right now.

Even Lucy and Nelsen hadn't seen Gunnar this furious before, and they both had known him for hundreds of years now.

Gunnar stood in front of his seat and coldly stated while his murderous aura intensified even more, "I found the whereabouts of Faceless Ancient!"

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Chapter 489: The Chairman's Declaration

"I found the whereabouts of Faceless Ancient!"

Gunnar's words struck like thunder in everyone's ears, and their eyes widened as they looked at him with all kinds of expressions, mostly killing intent.

"Where?!" Nelsen demanded in a thrilled voice while Lucy was also looking at Gunnar with elation. Ellie, who was sitting close to Nelsen, was emitting killing intent.

If anyone hated and were wary of Jacob, it would be these three because they knew if Jacob hated someone in the entire epic plains, it would be them. Lucy and Ellie now truly fear Jacob's revenge and want to get rid of him quickly and by any means necessary.

However, that guy was like a ghost; he seemed to be everywhere, but at the same time, he was nowhere. They couldn't get any clues about his whereabouts. Nowadays, not only them but all the people here were afraid that Jacob would launch a white sun missile on them.

If Nelsen hadn't assured them about his countermeasure against Jacob's mechanical weapons, none of them would sleep in peace.

Gunnar's expression remained deadly cold as he replied, "He's in the trial plain!"

This was another unexpected bomb that dropped in the entire meeting room.

"But how?" Lucy blurted in disbelief, "Moreover, how did you get this information, and how reliable it is? Did someone come out from the trial? Isn't it too quick, or did someone get lucky and teleported close to the exit?"

There was too much uncertainty in this information. Even Nelsen was frowning because he felt all that excitement was for nothing, and this information was probably false. But still, Gunnar wasn't someone to jump the guns, so he wanted to hear the source of this information.

Gunnar pursed his lips and angrily replied, "Evidently, my foolish daughter somehow snuck into the trial plains, and not only that, she even encountered and traveled with Faceless Ancient until that bastard cleared the trial condition! Seeing even my daughter could enter, I don't think it was a big deal for Faceless Ancient. I guess it's time for me to purge useless trash from our ranks."

The entire room fell into deadly silence when they heard this unexpected information, and they looked at Gunnar with utter disbelief, and some of them finally understood why Gunnar seemed so pissed off.

But the most ridiculous and grim news was about Faceless Ancient clearing a trial condition less than a month after the trial had started!

Gunnar then started to explain how he got a call from Charlotte through the vermin transponder. He no longer cares about other findings about the vermin transponder since that matter was nowhere near as important as Jacob wreaking havoc in the trial plain.

Furthermore, this also proves another thing: Jacob wasn't the one who caused all those explosions or assassinations. There was someone else, probably the Society Killer!

After Gunnar was done explaining the events in the trial plains, everyone in the room turned their focus on Nelsen, who had some pale expression at this moment.

Suddenly, Gunnar's focus turned to Lucy as she was wearing a mask, but her expression behind that mask was clearly hideous since her eyes were shimmering with killing intent.

He coldly said, "Furthermore, I think Miss Manager owes us all an explanation. From what Charlotte told me, Faceless Ancient is a giant, not a golden elf, nor he had a crippled eye. Furthermore, he's as powerful as a peak epic-rank combatant. I want to know where you got that information and why you trusted it so much.

"You should know because of that information; we turned our focus on elves while that guy was busy spreading his destructive weapons and making money."

His words cause everyone to shift their focus on Lucy.

Lucy was startled by this sudden discovery, and her eyes widened, "This? Are you sure?" She asked Gunnar with absolute shock.

Gunnar gave her a threatening glare, "Are you doubting my daughter's ability to differentiate between a weak elf and a powerful giant?"

"Are you working with him, you bitch!?" Before Lucy could reply, Ellie stood up from her seat and pointed her finger at Lucy maliciously.

Lucy's expression turned ashen as she glared at Ellie with killing intent, "Mind your tongue, Vice Guild Leader. Your allegation is completely baseless. Everyone knows here how much I have spent to get rid of Faceless Ancient."

"Then mind telling us why you give us false informant on his appearance and race? You should know if he was really a giant all this time, then you're proclaiming him an elf could be seen as a huge blunder.

"All our resources were wasted, not to mention all those golden elves we captured and put through torture would not be very pleased. In fact, all the elves present in this room and the entire elven community would like an explanation from their fellow elf." Nelsen coldly questioned. He literally made Lucy the enemy of all elves, and the elves in this room looked at Lucy with a hint of hostility now.

Everyone knew that elves stick together and don't let another race walk over them easily. But because of Lucy's information about Faceless Ancient being a golden elf, the entire elf community had been suffering from scorn and humiliation in these past few years.

While the Golden Elf tribe was completely purged, not even children were spared. But now, it all turned out to be nothing but a farce. Not to mention, Nelsen and Ellie were there to ignite the flames and put Lucy under huge pressure, and it was even more hazardous for Lucy because she was also an elf.

Lucy gave Nelsen a ferocious glare before she coldly said, "If you really want to know, I'll tell you. I got that picture from the Dark Earl of the Dark City. He was the only person who had come in contact with Faceless Ancient in the rare plains. You can even confirm it with the Dark Earls once they arrive here. If you want to seek revenge, seek it with the Dark Earl, not me."

Everyone frowned when the Dark Earl was mentioned. Even Gunnar showed a hint of doubt because if this was true, then even he couldn't do anything to a Dark Earl-level figure!

"Alright, if this is true, then I won't blame you." Gunnar spoke, "Besides, I don't think it's time to blame each other. It's a miracle Charlotte was able to live to tell the tale, and this also put us on the right track. Furthermore, she also killed the Puppeteer Zombie Dead Duke.

"Although she was reckless, and I will deal with her once I find her, she had done an excellent job and given us information that not even our most powerful informant couldn't.

"Since we know where the Faceless Ancient is, and he seemed to be capable of completing the trial quickly, just like he does in the rare plains, we can't sit still and wait for him to succeed." Gunnar's words caused many to become solemn.

He then looked at Nelsen and Lucy and said in an irrefutable tone, "I want you two to put your differences aside and figure out the trial type from the informant Charlotte had provided. Or at least narrowed it down to three possibilities.

"I'm giving you 12 hours. In the meantime, I'm going to put a team together and head inside myself. But if you still don't meet my demand, one of you is coming with me. This is my final verdict, and there is no room for rejection!"

Gunnar declared before he left the room, leaving everyone gobsmacked while Nelsen and Lucy appeared quite ashen!

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Chapter 490: Art of Nature: Fire Meditation (1)

It's been three weeks since Jacob started heading south, and there were still no traces of ice plains ending. He had no idea that this place was so big, and teleporting closer to the Fiend Yeti was probably his luck.

In these past three weeks, Jacob hadn't encountered any living being, but he did bump into a few dark beings, which he killed on the spot. There were also no more small fiend yetis, and he reckoned that they were all dead.

Another thing worth mentioning was he had consumed the Fiend Yeti's heart and corpse six days ago. Although he didn't know how much his strength had increased, he was brimming with strength, and his height had increased by 13 inches!

Immortika had told him that his size would continue to increase with strength because of the Giant Fighting Spirit aspect. Right now, he was probably at the peak of Epic-9-Tier Rank.

Furthermore, he didn't know if he would get a unique glyph once he achieved the Unique Rank Physique.

A peak epic rank physique of a sorcerer had the strength of 100 Kilotons and combatant 999 kilotons. While their mana capacity was the opposite.

The people of Zodiac Plains measure mana capacity on the Cosmic Magic Scale (CMS).

1 CMS was equivalent to a mana capacity of peak star rank magic core. When the species entered the epic rank, the true difference between the two classes started to show.

A peak epic mana core of a sorcerer has a mana capacity of 100 on CMS, while a combat only has 50!

When a sorcerer entered the Unique Rank, their physical strength would reach 1 Megaton and mana capacity 1000 CMS. On the other hand, a combatant strength would have a physical strength of 10 megatons and a mana capacity of 500 CMC.

But these changes only occurred after the spirit or aura glyphs metalized.

However, Jacob didn't follow this traditional class system, so he had no way of knowing, and Immortika refused to give him a clear answer, so all he could do was guess.

As time passed and he still didn't see any end to the ice plains, Jacob started to be anxious because someone might figure out what the trial was and clear a condition.

On this day, Jacob's footsteps finally came to a halt when he was at the peak of an ice mountain because he finally spotted someone other than white a few miles away, and he couldn't believe his eyes at first.

"Are those flames?" He muttered in disbelief as he looked at the golden flames on the other side of the ice plains!

This phenomenon was too ludicrous because the ice and fire seemed not to affect each other, and they were separated by clear boundaries as if some magical power separated them!

Nonetheless, Jacob increased his pace as he headed toward the golden flames. Whichever the case was, Jacob knew these flames should be where another beast of direction was residing.

As Jacob approached closer, he still couldn't feel the heat, and he also saw that golden flames were burning over a golden desert, and those flames were about a foot tall.

Even when he was only a step away from stepping into the burning golden desert, he still didn't feel any heat.

At this moment, Jacob finally crossed that line between ice and fire, and the moment he stepped into it, the temperature changed from intense cold to intense heat!

First, he felt cozy since he was traveling in a cold environment for days, but soon, he started to sweat as he could feel the high temperature more clearly.

Jacob then took a step back and entered the ice plains again, and the heat vanished, replaced by cold.

"If these flames are like the snowfall, won't they have increased as I entered deeper into the desert? I might've handled low temperatures, but this intense heat might not have been so easy. Furthermore, these flames might increase in size as well..."

Jacob frowned as he looked at the burning desert while standing at the edge of the ice plains.

But suddenly, Jacob's eyes flashed, 'Wait, this might be an opportunity. I've been putting aside the second meditation of the Art of Nature because, first, I don't have time to spare, and second, the environment's demands and risk for it are simply too dangerous and excessive.

'Furthermore, my water magic core can't be cultivated from 1-star epic rank to 2-star epic rank, but it can be molded according to scripture, and even abilities functions are the same. I've been wondering if it's related to the Art of Nature.

'Now that I've seen this burning desert, it's a perfect time to test my theory. Furthermore, if the second meditation is like the first meditation, then I'll get another magic core, and it will be extremely helpful.

'Although I need to clear this trial fast, I can't ignore the fact that those monsters are all Unique Rank, and the final monster might be even stronger. I don't know how much time I need to be a unique rank, but Art of Nature might be able to provide assistance.

'If the monster is related to fire, then I can't ignore it any longer, and this environment is hard to come by, unlike water. Who could've thought I would get the chance to try Art of Nature's second meditation exercise in this life, the Fire Meditation? I clearly remember how hard I laughed when I saw it. But now...'

Jacob's eyes shone with nostalgia; the Art of Nature was the only thing that connected him to his old world, and he even managed to complete the first mediation exercise after going through many troubles.

But he always hesitates about the second meditation exercise, the Fire Meditation. This meditation exercise required him to meditate inside a burning fire for 120 hours, 48 hours more than the water meditation.

However, after he experienced how the water mediation needed a massive amount of water absorption, he didn't know how much fire would take for him to complete this.

Furthermore, unlike the Water Meditation, the Fire Meditation needed to be completed in one go, and if he weren't able to succeed, he would turn into ashes. This warning was written in the ancient book itself.

That's why he was so afraid of starting this meditation exercise because he didn't have a suitable environment, nor was he confident in his strength.

However, now that he saw the burning desert, there was nothing but golden flames in sight. He couldn't help but think about taking this step. He was no longer the person he used to be, and now he was far more powerful than he first started.

Besides, he was preparing many fire-type scriptures if he started this exercise one day, and the Aura of Fire Knight was perfect for a fire magic core. So, with the conviction of forming another magic core, Jacob entered the depths of the burning desert!

However, Jacob didn't realize that his fear of death was slowly disappearing because of the Fighting Giant Spirit!