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Chapter 801

“Kihyeeeeeeeeee!”

The enemies moved to attack the hatchling Luna, who was crying and flying toward Beanie. AOE magic from high-leveled ranker mages, ‘Power Shot’ from archers, and even swords and spears from the knights threatened to pierce Luna’s body.

Overcome with grief, Luna forgot the fears that almost devoured her as she continued to fly to where Beanie was. Just when the AOE magic attacks were about to hit her, something happened.

Flaaaaaash—

[The Supreme Divine Beast’s sealed passive skill has been released.]

[The Passive Skill: ‘Predator’s Wrath’ has been triggered!]

Beanie stood still and blocked the enemies’ path toward Luna.

“Ki, kihyeeeeee...” Luna cried, her tears dripping down her cheeks as she stared at Beanie. He enveloped Luna in a tight hug using his small body.

“Oiiiiink...!” Don’t cry, oink!

Then, a golden barrier spread from Beanie’s body, surrounding him and Luna completely.

Slash, slash, slash, slash!

The powerful attacks were completely blocked by the barrier.

“A, a golden barrier...?”

Rex knew who that barrier belonged to. There was only one player in the entire Athenae that could cast a golden barrier. It was none other than Golden Mage Ali.

However, it was something that Rex could not understand. According to their investigations, Beanie could only use the Predator’s Authority once. Beanie had already used his Predator’s Authority when he cast ‘Overlord’s Technique’ earlier.

Shwaaaaaaaaaaaa—

The thick cloud of dust that covered the golden barrier disappeared. Beanie, who was holding Luna in his arms, landed gently on the ground. Then, he stroked Luna’s head and smiled softly at her.

[Predator’s Wrath.]

[The HP of the target, who had died once, will recover to 50%.]

[Randomly selecting skills from the list of skills that you have preyed on before.]

[The higher the level or rank of the skill, the lower its chances of being chosen.]

[You can use a total of six skills.]

[You can use your skills within four minutes.]

Beanie smiled softly at Luna as he slowly placed her down.

“Oiiink. Oink.” Don’t worry, oink.

Beanie slowly turned around and walked toward their enemies. The expression on Beanie’s face was terrifying. Then, black bones began to appear and cover his body.

[You are using the second skill.]

[You have used the Dragon Sword and Dragon Armor!]

Slowly, the black bones that appeared and covered his body turned into armor. When Beanie drew the kitchen knife that was hanging on his waist, black bones also covered it. This time, it turned into a longsword.

The second skill that he used was Black Dragon’s Dragon Sword and Dragon Armor.

[Upon equipping the Dragon Sword, all of your attack will increase by 15%. Your skill damage will also increase by 10%!]

[Upon equipping the Dragon Armor, all of your defense will increase by 20%. Your HP volume will also increase by 20%.]

“Wh, what...?!”

“He can use multiple skills?!”

Everyone looked at Beanie in surprise. They knew that this skill belonged to Black Dragon.

Beanie sported a cold gaze as he continued to walk as the black armor and the dragon sword completed their transformations. Fluttering on his back was a white cape that carried the symbol of a fork and knife crossed together. At this point, his enemies firmly believed that Beanie would no longer be able to use any more skills.

‘There’s no way that he can use any more of the ability that allows him to replicate and use his opponent’s skills, right?’

‘If that’s possible, then Beanie’s existence could be considered as a balance breaker.’

Since Beanie could replicate the skills of his opponents, it meant that the skills of named boss monsters were not impossible. However, everyone believed that this was a very difficult feat.

Hansen, who had been putting pressure on Black Dragon, immediately jumped at Beanie. “You’re nothing but a mere baby pig! How dare you show such an arrogant and impudent expression, huh?!”

To be honest, Hansen personally disliked baby piggy Beanie. He believed that this pig was only arrogant because he had the backing of his master. However, Beanie moved faster than Hansen, his sword already slashing at Hansen’s body even before Hansen’s sword could reach him.

[You are using the third skill.]

[Sword of Carnage]

[Movement speed increases by ten times and cuts down your enemy in an instant.]

[The opponent cut down by your sword will suffer from thirty eight sword attacks in one second. Each of the sword attacks will have 2,000% additional damage.]

[You have ignored all of your enemy's defenses.]

Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab—

Beanie's expression remained cold. He did not even look back as he passed by Hansen and continued forward. Hansen just collapsed on the ground after receiving 38 consecutive strikes, wearing a dumbfounded expression.

"...Isn't that the Food God's skill?"

"What the hell..."

"What the hell is that baby piggy?!"

Rex, Henry, and their hired troops were all thrown into disarray. Hansen was considered as one of the strongest people among their group. But he was easily cut down like that. Beanie leapt to the skies with an arrogant expression on his face. He watched as they all scrambled to retreat.

"Oiiiiiiink. Oink, oink!" Mercenaries' Pinnacle Swordsmanship.

"Oiiiiiiink!" Final Chapter.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!

Hundreds of bloody red sword lights illuminated the skies before devouring the enemies beneath them. High rankers? Name NPCs? Those titles were useless. Brod, the owner of the power that was trampling on them, was stronger than anybody else.

The bloody red sword lights that shot out from Beanie's sword continued to devour the enemies. Now, there were less than 70 surviving enemies, who were all groaning from pain.

Black Dragon, who watched this scene unfold, was in awe. 'I never expected that he could wield this much power.'

Black Dragon had learned about Beanie's hidden power after his conversation with Minhyuk. He had asked Minhyuk if he had told anyone about this, but Minhyuk replied that he had not told anyone, not even Beanie.

—Predator's Wrath is a skill that has been unlocked just recently. Although it's only temporary, this skill can allow Beanie to become one of the strongest powerhouses and allow him to surpass everyone in the world. However, it has two weak points.

—First, the condition for triggering the skill is extremely bad. It requires Beanie's HP to reach zero. In other words, it can only be triggered once he's dead. If Beanie knew about this, he would most likely endure and take on the pain of dying the moment the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom is in danger.

Minhyuk had a point there. It might not be that obvious, but Beanie loved Minhyuk and the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom more than anybody else in the world. He would do anything for Minhyuk and Luna, even if it meant that he had to experience the pain of dying.

—The second loophole can be seen after the skill's activation. He can use six skills but the skills will be randomly selected. It is even set up in a way that the chosen skills will only be revealed step by step. In other words, the skill user would not be able to know what skill would be chosen in advance. The following skill would only be available for viewing after he had finished using the current skill. There's also the problem about the type of skill chosen. Some of the skills might be extraordinary, while some might be very useless for the situation. If all of the skills chosen turn out to be useless, then the worth of the skill is not enough for Beanie to risk his life, right?

Minhyuk was right. The two disadvantages were too glaring.

Black Dragon looked at the enemies that Beanie had killed. He never expected that Beanie would be able to deal with so many enemies by himself. However, the problem came after that. Even though the surviving enemies were suffering from both major and minor injuries, there were still more than 60 of them left.

‘I hope that whatever skills come next will be outstanding skills...’

If that could not happen, then the only way for them to get out of this situation was for Minhyuk to arrive as soon as he could.

[There's six minutes left.]

Black Dragon was in a constant state of anxiety. However, they could not blame Minhyuk. Even if he knew their current location, there was no way for him to warp to this place. After all, he had never saved a warp point in this area. The only thing that he could do was rush to warp to the nearest village in this area. No one could blame for Minhyuk coming late.

Meanwhile, Beanie glared as he sliced the neck of one of the players.

Spuuuuuurt—

There were no ripples in Beanie's eyes as he continued to pass by his enemies one after another. Because of that, Henry and Rex could not get a glimpse of what was going through his head.

‘Does he still have more skills?’

‘Did he use all of the skills that he can use? But looking at that gaze... I think he still has a few more skills up his sleeves, right?’

However, contrary to their thoughts, Beanie was not calm. He was actually groaning deep inside.

[You are using the fourth skill.]

[The Author's Tenacity.]

[The moment you pick your pen and write, you will fall into a state of trance. Your thoughts will disappear and your inspiration will come to mind.]

Beanie had not only preyed on offensive skills, but also support and non-combat skills. He had many different kinds of skills to choose from. One of these skills was none other than the Author's

Tenacity, the skill of the bestselling author, Aruvel. The skill was obviously great and outstanding. However, it was currently completely useless in the situation that they were in.

Slaaaaaaash—

After cutting down another of his enemies, Beanie looked at the skill that emerged once again.

‘Oink. Oiiiiiiiink...’

He was in a very embarrassing situation. Beanie was in desperate need of strong and powerful skills right now. But the two skills that came out were completely useless to Beanie right now.

[The fifth skill is the Illusory Extraction.]

This was a skill possessed by the legendary barista and the Spear God, Ben. It was an amazing skill that could allow him to extract coffee beans without using any kind of machine. However, it was to no purpose at the current moment.

Rex realized that something was off when he saw Beanie cutting down the enemies that were about to die.

“That, that pig bastard...”

What did he mean by calling a baby piggy a pig bastard? Of course, those words resonated with them in their hearts. That was why all of the surviving troops turned to look at Rex when they heard his words.

“He’s not using any skills right now. He must have no other skills left to use.”

“Now that I think about it...”

“That’s right. Even though he only needs one AOE skill to wipe us out he’s...”

That was certainly the case. Beanie was left flustered when everyone had discovered his carefully hidden thoughts. His enemies had all come back to their senses. They quickly took this opportunity and finally made their move.

Beanie hurriedly used the Illusory Extraction to see what the last and final skill was.

[You are using the fifth skill.]

[Illusory Extraction.]

[You have used the Illusory Extraction.]

[There are no coffee beans to extract!]

Since there were no beans to extract, the skill naturally disappeared.

Meanwhile, the enemies continued to send one attack after another at Beanie.

Staaaaaaaaab—

Several spears pierced through Beanie’s bulging belly.

“O, oooooiiiiiiiink...!”

There were also several sword attacks that slashed Beanie, his small body tearing apart from the attacks.

Ping, ping, ping, ping, ping—

“Oink...!”

Beanie screamed in pain as his HP rapidly decreased once again. He was once again on the verge of death. However, Beanie knew that this would be a real death. He squeezed the last of his strength to look at his final skill.

“Oiiiiiiiink...!”

There was a wide smile on Beanie’s face.

[You are using the sixth skill.]

[Summon.]

[Searching for the people that you are connected to.]

[You are connected to your master, ‘Minhyuk’!]

[Summoning Master ‘Minhyuk’!]

[That day was the first time that I saw my father’s wrath.]

[The sword that my father wielded had the power of his comrades and friends.]

[Among these powers was the power of Uncle Brod, the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom’s Commander-in-chief, and the one hailed as the Fallen Wretched Emperor.]

[When my father told me his side of the story back then, he said that he almost went crazy. The fourth skill, the Author’s Tenacity, and the fifth skill, the Illusory Extraction, were both skills that were useless in battle.]

[Because of that, my father was once again left in danger. He used the last of his strength to check the final skill.]

[He was overcome with relief and happiness at that moment, because the last skill that my father used allowed him to see the person that he loved, cherished and respected the most in the world.]

[The skill allowed him to summon Minhyuk, my first father.]

Great Dragon Luna’s Autobiography (Excerpt).

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Pierced by countless spears and slashed by the swords of his enemies, Beanie’s body had turned into a complete wreck. Despite that, there was still a wide and bright smile on his face as he stared at the light that flashed in front of him.

A hand stretched out from the bright light and stopped the spears from piercing Beanie’s body further. At the same time, the heads of the players that were attacking Beanie all fell and rolled on the ground.

A tall, handsome man, whose looks were blessed beyond measure, appeared as the bright light disappeared. As his black hair and fair skin came into view, he hugged Beanie tightly in his arms as his white cape carrying the symbol of the fork and knife crossed together that represented the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom fluttered behind him.

This man was the one that stood at the top of Athenae, also known as the Beyond the Heavens' King, Food God Minhyuk. And right now, Minhyuk was sporting a very frightening expression on his face.

“You m*therf*ckers.”

Killing intent from Athenae's top player burst out and encroached upon the enemies. Those that met him for the first time unknowingly took a step back. It was well known that Food God Minhyuk was a kind and courteous person. However, the Minhyuk in front of them right now was completely different from what they heard, especially with the killing intent that was bursting out from his eyes.

While some took a step back in fear, some of the high-leveled rankers' will to fight was burning even brighter. Both Black Dragon and Beanie were exhausted. The fact that Minhyuk came here alone meant that they had a chance to kill the existence that stood at the top of Athenae.

Rohan, a ranker at the top 1,000 of the Assassin Rankings, used his lethal skill on Minhyuk.

“Dagger of Destruction.”

Shwaaaaaaaa—!

The Dagger of Destruction was a skill that could instantly increase the skill user's speed by five times, while inflicting 10,000% additional damage upon hitting the enemy's vital point. It could be considered as Rohan's strongest skill. Rohan moved swiftly, his dagger stabbing straight toward Minhyuk's chest.

Stab—

Rohan felt delighted. It did not matter whether Minhyuk stumbled or collapsed on the ground, all he knew was that Minhyuk would definitely be forced to log out after he pierced through his heart. It was definitely possible with the additional 10,000% damage, especially since he was an assassin that could deal a huge amount of damage.

However, reality turned out to be completely different from what Rohan had imagined. Minhyuk, who had placed Beanie down, grabbed Rohan's wrist that was aiming for his chest while he used his other hand to grab the assassin's neck.

“Keok...!”

Then, Minhyuk slammed Rohan on the ground.

Baaaaaaaaang—

[Your HP has dropped below 70%!]

“...”

Rohan was very shocked to see a huge chunk of his HP disappear like that. After all, he was just simply slammed on the ground. Even if Rohan was an assassin class player, could Minhyuk really

deal such a huge amount of damage by doing something like that? On top of that, Minhyuk was not even a combat class player. Minhyuk was calm, despite Rohan using a lethal skill on him.

‘How high is his STR and STM stat...?’

Minhyuk’s stats were considerably higher than his peers. This was all thanks to his Food God class, the dishes that he ate, the titles, as well as the special rewards that he obtained.

‘This, this is the Supreme...’

However, Rohan’s thoughts were cut short when Minhyuk stomped on his head several times.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Rohan was forced to log out just like that.

“...”

“...”

Rex and Henry were both left speechless. The two knew Minhyuk well, that was why they did not dare to make a move on him despite the fact that he came here alone.

“Attack him all at once!!!”

“That’s right! He’s all alone!”

“Even if he’s considered as the best of the best, what can he do all by himself?!!!”

The surviving players all charged at Minhyuk.

‘No. Just because he’s alone does not mean that we can deal with him.’

Henry was the only person among those present that wanted to run away from this place. But before he could even do so, Minhyuk had already made his move.

Shwaaaaaaaaa—

Minhyuk grabbed a mysterious and unknown potion bottle and threw it on the ground. Then, steam immediately rose from the ground and spread through the air.

[You have inhaled the Restricted One’s Potion.]

[Return Scrolls and Teleport Magic have been disabled for three minutes.]

Minhyuk had received a variety of potions from God of Alchemy Mandala in preparation for times like this.

“Intangible Sword.”

Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab—

Several of the close combat players that had jumped up and aimed for Minhyuk all fell flat on the ground. Even so, enemies still charged at Minhyuk from all sides. In response, Minhyuk used Like the Wind and moved swiftly while murmuring, ‘Sword of Absolute Death.’

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

Lightning swords fell from the sky and devoured most of the surviving players, who were all swept away, dying helplessly without even touching a single hair on Minhyuk's body.

Rex was once the Story God and the main pillar of the God's Children. Even though he had lost his Story God class, he was still able to retain all of the various information that he obtained when he still had the class.

With that information, he was able to reach his target. It was none other than Vampire Bella, one of the Eight Pillars. Vampire Bella was the greatest among the vampire races and was considered as the mother of all vampires.

Rex had signed a contract with her. These were the terms and conditions of the contract that he had signed with her.

[You have signed a contract with the Mother of Vampires Bella.]

[You can activate Bella's power whenever you want.]

[However, to activate the power you need to ingest the blood of a strong person.]

[You will be punished by the Mother of Vampires if you fail to drink the blood of the strong after you activate Bella's powers.]

Rex had always dreamt of exacting his revenge against Minhyuk. If he offered the blood of the strong to the Mother of Vampires Bella, then he would be able to use Bella's power semi-permanently. However, just like what was said in the notifications, he would be punished if he failed to fulfill that condition. However, Rex was very confident.

“Minhyuuuuuuuuuuk!!!”

Shwaaaaaaa—!

[Bella's power is running wild!]

[All of your stats have increased significantly!]

[Your total HP and MP volume has doubled.]

[You can now use some of Bella's skills!]

[You can now use Bella's Authority, Blood Absorption.]

Rex slowly turned into a vampire. His skin turned deathly pale, his eyes turned red, his fangs grew longer and sharper, while wings that looked similar to that of a bat's sprout out on his back. Even his silver hair grew long enough to reach his waist.

Crack, crack, crack, crack—

The blood of all of the enemies that Minhyuk had cut down turned into tens of thousands of droplets that floated in the air and created a spectacular view.

“I...”

Rex had been looking forward to this moment for a very, very long time. Because of the God of Death, he lost all of his qualifications to become the Story God and quickly fell to the bottom. However, he now had the power of one of the Eight Pillars, the Mother of the Vampires Bella, albeit

only borrowed. Still, Rex was confident that he could surpass the best of the best, in fact he believed that he could even surpass any god with this power.

“I am!!!”

Rumbleeeeeeeee!!!

[You have used Bella's Skill. Your damage has increased by 1,000%.]

[You have used Bella's Skill. Your damage has increased by 1,000%.]

[You have used Bella's Skill. Your damage...]

[You have used Bella's Skill...]

[Your additional damage has increased by over 7,000%!]

It did not matter what kind of Bella's attack skill he would use, he would be able to deal additional 7,000% damage. Rex was completely drunk on power. He vowed that he would trample on Food God Minhyuk and make him suffer today.

“...Athenae's Supreme!!!”

At this moment, Rex was very confident that he had become the true supreme existence in Athenae. The tens of thousands of droplets of blood that floated in the air shot toward Minhyuk.

Baaaaaaaaaaaaang—

The moment the first drop of blood collided with Minhyuk's body, a huge and powerful explosion engulfed him.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

Just like that, the tens of thousands of droplets of blood floating in the sky exploded and devoured Minhyuk. Rex, who watched this scene with his long silver hair fluttering behind him, laughed maniacally.

“Keuhahahahahahaha! Ahahahahahahahahaha! I am the new supreme! I will make new history! And I will become the new god!!!”

“F*ck off.”

A faint voice rang amidst the loud explosions. It belonged to none other than Minhyuk. He walked out unfazed and unscathed, a faint silver barrier shining all over his body. This was Absolute Defense, a power that would create a thin barrier around Minhyuk's body and make him invincible for seven seconds.

Rex's laughter got stuck in his throat while his eyes grew wide from shock.

“...”

It was far too late. Minhyuk's sword was already right in front of him.

[Double Skill]

[You have a 1.2% chance of triggering Double Skill. Upon triggering, skill's effects will be doubled.]

Double Skill had an extremely low probability of being triggered. However, once triggered, it could boost the power of even Minhyuk's strongest skill.

[Sword of Carnage]

[Movement speed increases by twenty times and cuts down your enemy in an instant.]

[The opponent cut down by your sword will suffer from 76 sword attacks in one second. Each of the sword attacks will have 4,000% additional damage.]

[You have ignored all of your enemy's defenses.]

Everything happened in a flash. Rex only blinked once, yet Minhyuk had already gone past him. It had to be known that Rex's HP was doubled the moment he activated Bella's power.

Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab—

Unfortunately, it was all for naught. The sound of his flesh being stabbed and slashed continuously rang in the area while his HP fell rapidly. When it finally reached zero, these notifications rang in his ears.

[The penalty in your contract with Mother of Vampires Bella has been triggered!]

[You have been forced to log out while using Bella's power!]

[Bella, who is invisible to the rest of the people, appears behind you and bites your neck to kill you!]

Shwaaaaaa—

At that moment, Rex saw the deathly pale Bella look at him with her eerie snake-like eyes and creepy smile as she bit his neck. Then, she said, "Since you dared to borrow my power, then you have to pay the price, no?"

[Mother of Vampires Bella has removed all of the defensive equipment, accessories and weapons that you possess.]

[You have dropped the Sword of the Shining One.]

[You have dropped the Necklace that Even the Gods Coveted.]

[...dropped the Radiant Hero's Armor.]

[...dropped the Legend's Swift Boots.]

[Mother of Vampires Bella has forced you to drop all of the items that you coveted and snatched.]

[You have dropped 12,134 platinum.]

[You have dropped Skillbook: Together with the Light.]

[...dropped Gryphon Lord's Teeth.]

[...dropped the Aestinium Ore.]

[...dropped the Padadinium Ore.]

The notifications rang non-stop in Rex's ears.

[Mother of Vampires Bella drags your bare body to her homebase.]

[After being dragged to Bella's homebase, she will suck you dry of your blood for sixty days.]

[Even if you do not log in, your blood will still be sucked dry. You will also receive the forced logout penalty for sixty days.]

[Bella will never reduce your punishment. This is the punishment for losing while using her power.]

[Bella's curse will stick to you and always harass and torment you!]

This was literally a 'death sentence.' Rex would have no room for complaining. It had been stated in the conditions when he obtained this strong power. This punishment was only possible because Athenae was quite a realistic game.

Then, at that moment, Rex heard Minhyuk's voice behind him. He said, "Supreme? So, the supreme is f*cking weak, huh? F*cking bastard."

That would be the last thing that Rex heard in Athenae, because he completely dropped the game after this.

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God's Children were once the object of admiration by many in Athenae. Yet, Rex, one of God's Children, was brutally forced to log out by the blade of Minhyuk's sword. As for Henry and the rest of their party, it was a simple matter for Minhyuk to deal with them.

"Kihyeeeeeeee...! Kihyeeeeeeee...!" Luna cried out, breathing a sigh of relief as she flew into the arms of the injured Beanie.

Once everything was sorted out, Minhyuk approached Beanie.

"Oiiiiink..."

Beanie, covered with injuries of varying degrees, truly did his best to protect Luna. Minhyuk gently placed his hand on the baby piggy's head and said, "You have to tell me next time, okay?"

"Oiiiiiiiink..."

Minhyuk fed the injured Beanie a potion. In no time at all, the baby piggy was back to his usual cheerful self. Beanie patted his chest and showed off his usual arrogant expression.

"Oink, oink. Oiiiiiiiink! (You saw it right?! You saw how great of a pig I am, right? Oink!)"

A sigh of relief escaped Minhyuk's lips when he saw Beanie back to his usual self. Fortunately, no one died. At the same time, it also made him realize that he should pay more attention to Beanie and Luna.

[I'm quite curious. I wonder how weak the dregs of the continent are.]

Then, at that moment, an unknown voice resonated all over the world through a world message.

"..."

Minhyuk could tell that something unusual was about to happen.

Joy Co. Ltd. was busy, as each and every team's members stared anxiously at their own monitors. Meanwhile, President Kang Taehoon sat together with all of the board members, team leaders, and executives inside the conference room.

"The story related to the Land of the Forgotten Heroes should have started with the Great Sage, Heaven's Equal Sun Wukong directly crossing through continents to ask for help in liberating Edea that was ruled by Rumacar."

"The players that accepted the requests of the four kingdoms would then do quests that will drive out the Jade Emperor's envoy, Commander Rumacar. The Episode Quest: 'Edea's Peace' should have been a fun and interesting event for the players."

"But now, the entire situation has changed. Originally, the kingdoms, including the Kingdom of Eden and the Kingdom of Rama, should have been under Rumacar's rule. The players would have to work together to save Edea from Rumacar's tyrannic rule."

"However, due to Food God Minhyuk killing Rumacar, he brought peace to Edea. It's fine if this peace could be maintained. However, the current situation is that the Jade Emperor and his other envoys have chosen to go on a different approach regarding this matter."

The flapping of a butterfly's wings could be felt on the other side of the world. The butterfly effect not only could happen in reality, but also in Athenae. The fate of the Land of the Forgotten Heroes, Edea, had been completely changed. It was fine if the people of Edea could maintain their peace. If so, then there would not be any unpredictable quests or big episodes that would be created.

However, the monitor in front of them was displaying the serious conversation that was being held between the Jade Emperor and his envoys.

'How will the episode change...?'

President Kang Taehoon felt his head throb. They initially planned for the current players to experience something novel and fresh as they bring peace to Edea by driving out Commander Rumacar and the Heavenly Army. However, things have changed now.

They watched on the TV screen as the Jade Emperor spoke.

In the world above the clouds.

The Jade Emperor sat on his golden seat as he watched his envoys speak and argue.

The Jade Emperor had a total of four envoys. Rumacar, the commander that was excellent in swordsmanship. Heron, the daoist envoy that was well-versed in wide-area daoist magic. Ferro, the envoy with a huge build and was a master of the woldo. And finally, Viel, the envoy that wielded the greatsword.

"There is no longer any person in Edea that worships the Jade Emperor."

“Rumacar tried to become the king of the Kingdom of Eden but he failed in the end. During the process, a god from another continent called the Food God intervened and helped the humans of Edea. Because of that, they started to deny the Jade Emperor.”

“The Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal, the king of the Kingdom of Rama, is rallying the four kingdoms and gathering forces.”

“We have to hurry! Shouldn’t we make a move and kill all those uncivilized and dirty humans?! Please give us your orders and we will immediately descend.” Viel said.

However, the Jade Emperor shook his head. Just like what Viel had said, the residents of Edea, which they viewed as nothing but insignificant and uncivilized bugs, no longer worshipped and served him. On the other hand, their faith and trust toward the Food God had reached an all-time high.

The Jade Emperor could not forget what happened back then. The Food God had taken advantage of his need for the jade seal and transferred Rumacar’s authority over the Heavenly Army to the Bull Demon King. It would be quite refreshing if he could just beat that bug and kill him right away. However, it would be a problem if he sent all of his envoys down to Edea.

‘They will definitely kill everyone if I send them down. Well, that doesn’t really matter to me.’

Everyone in Edea, including those kings, would die. In fact, the Jade Emperor would do it if he could. He truly wanted to kill those rebellious bugs. The problem was the presence of the Absolute Gods of the other continent, in particular, the greatest god, Athenae. He knew that Athenae would not sit idly by if he truly dared to do so.

Just when the Jade Emperor was pondering over how he should solve this matter, a voice sounded out.

“Great Heavenly Father, I can see that you are very worried about this matter. Why don’t you bestow upon me the Sword of Aeon? I will use the Sword of Aeon to cut down everyone that threatens the Heavenly Father’s rule.”

The Sword of Aeon was a sword that often appeared in the myths and legends of Edea. It was a sword that could easily surpass the supreme and mythical swords in the world. However, there was a problem.

“Rumacar is the only one that knows the whereabouts of that sword.”

“...Cough.”

“Damn it, Rumacar!”

The Jade Emperor trusted Rumacar the most even though he was far behind Viel when it came to individual power and might. However, Rumacar commanded and ruled the Heavenly Army very well. He was a perfect fit for the position. The Jade Emperor bestowed the Sword of Aeon to

Rumacar because he trusted him. Despite having the Sword of Aeon in his possession, Rumacar had failed to use it.

‘He hid it for me.’

The Jade Emperor might have several envoys but he never trusted anyone. Rumacar was the only exception. If Viel got the Sword of Aeon in his hands, then he might even try to use that sword against him. The truth was, the Jade Emperor knew where the Sword of Aeon was.

‘Anyway, no one will be able to find it.’

As he watched his envoys sigh in regret, the Jade Emperor said, “Let’s talk about that later.”

They had to solve the problem regarding the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal Sun Wukong, who stirred up the public’s sentiments and was rebelling against him. The Jade Emperor pondered over the matter for a while. Not long after, a deep smile bloomed on his face.

“Then, how about leaving Sun Wukong to the foreigners from another continent? Let’s have them kill him?”

“...You mean those insignificant bugs?”

“Hmm.”

The envoys thought for a moment.

With the orders of the Jade Emperor, they would give those insignificant humans a choice. Would they side with the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal, or would they side with the Jade Emperor? Since it was technically the choice of the humans, there was a high probability that the Absolute Gods would not be able to stop them.

Viel, who was also pondering deeply about the matter, grinned and said, “Then, does that mean that only the Food God will protect the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal?”

President Kang Taehoon sighed.

‘So, it’s going to unfold like this?’

The Jade Emperor chose to open a passageway that would connect the other continent to Edea and drive out the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal. Basically, it meant that there would be people that would come and protect the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal, and there would be people that would stand on the side of God’s Envoys.

“Who would even side with the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal?”

The Jade Emperor’s envoys would fight together. Then, who would fight for Sun Wukong?

“Of course, we would limit the number of times that the Jade Emperor’s envoys would appear. At the same time, we would also give preferential treatment and greater rewards to those that would side and protect the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal.”

“Even so, there won’t be that many people who would take the side of Sun Wukong.”

“That’s true.”

Kang Taehoon nodded in agreement. There was no one in the world that would take a quest knowing that they would eventually fail. They would definitely accept the quest that would guarantee success. In other words, Minhyuk might be the only one that would come to Sun Wukong’s aid.

Then, Team Leader Park Minggyu said, “Since the direction has been determined, we have to refine and coordinate the contents of the episode to the best of our abilities. We should make it so those that want to bring down Sun Wukong will have a hard time gaining contributions even if they hunt many enemies. On the other hand, the longer Player Minhyuk endures, the more contribution points he will gain, and the more special privileges he will receive.”

Everyone nodded. They should give at least a small window for success for Player Minhyuk, who would likely be the only one to side with Sun Wukong. Otherwise, this would not be considered an event, but a massacre.

Then, at that moment, Envoy Viel said something very unexpected.

[Then, if that’s the case, how about we show those dregs how scary we are before we let them choose?]

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

Everyone was shocked. At the same time, the notifications rang.

[Sudden Quest: The Jade Emperor’s Envoys.]

Rank: ???

Requirements: Players at Level 450 or higher that have accepted the quest.

Rewards: Acquisition of 100 platinum and permanent stat increase. If you succeed in hitting the envoy a hundred consecutive times, you will be able to randomly obtain one of the envoys’ treasure boxes.

Penalty for Failure: None.

Description: The envoys of the Jade Emperor are trying to issue an order to the strong men of the continent. But before that, they want to show off their powers. Once you accept, you will be warped into the ‘Land of Fantasy’ created through illusions to fight against them. You will not receive any penalty if you are forced to log out inside the Land of Fantasy. On the other hand, you will be able to randomly receive a variety of rewards, including platinum with every damage inflicted upon the envoys.

“...”

“...”

Everyone’s faces turned ugly when they saw the notification.

When Viel opened his mouth, his voice resonated and turned into a world message.

[I'm quite curious. I wonder how weak the dregs of the continent are.]

These words would definitely set the hearts of all of the players of Athenae on fire.

“Who did we base Viel on?”

The figures from the Land of the Forgotten Heroes were mostly based on several legendary and mythical beings from the legends. One look at the Jade Emperor, the Bull Demon King and the Great Sage, Heaven's Equal Sun Wukong was enough to see that this was the case.

The Story Team's Leader pressed on his temple as he replied helplessly, “Lu Bu.”

[You have entered the Land of Fantasy!]

[There are only 50,000 players that can enter the Land of Fantasy!]

[All 50,000 players have entered.]

[The Land of Fantasy will disappear after ten minutes!]

[You will not be able to enter the Land of Fantasy after that anymore!]

The players were in a buzz. They have all heard about the Land of the Forgotten Heroes, Edea. However, the envoys of that place had called them the dregs of the continent.

Because of that, the high-leveled players' will to fight grew wildly. After all, they were given the privilege to fight against the strong men of another world while being given surprising rewards.

“Hey, look at this! We will either get 100 platinum or a permanent stat increase if we can at least successfully land a hit and inflict damage just once.”

“Is that for real?”

“Wow. Won't we be able to get rewards just by using our skills right from the very beginning?”

“That's amazing!”

There were a considerable number of players that joined because of the rewards. Also, among the 50,000 players were some of the world's best rankers.

Meanwhile, Kentaro, Japan's top ranker, broke into a cold sweat.

‘The envoys of the Jade Emperor.’

They were transported to the Land of Fantasy, which was a dry land filled with hundreds of thousands of human corpses. Amidst this dry and terrifying land, three men appeared on a small hill. One of them was wearing a robe, while another stood at 190 centimeters tall holding a woldo.

“Guan Yu?”

The guy standing in the middle with a plain face stood imposingly with a gigantic greatsword in his hands.

“There’s quite a lot of dregs that appeared, huh?”

“...!”

The one that came forward was none other than Viel. Everyone’s expressions turned ugly when they heard his words.

Piiiiiiiiiiiiing—

An arrow flew swiftly toward Viel’s head.

Swoosh—

However, Viel only needed to turn his head to the side to evade the attack. The one that shot the arrow was none other than Master Archer Miao.

“That’s Miao’s arrow...”

“He only turned his head to the side to avoid it?”

Most of the players present had never fought against gods. God’s envoys were virtually god-like existences.

Kentaro was on edge. When he looked back, a very welcome figure greeted him. He could see a firm and determined expression on his face. However, not long after his face and body changed completely. It seemed like he had used the Great Demon Verus’ mask. This man was none other than Minhyuk. After changing his appearance using the Great Demon Verus’ mask, Minhyuk disappeared into the crowd.

Then, Viel stepped forward and said, “Come. I’m more than enough to deal with those dregs.”

Viel was immediately bombarded with a variety of lethal and one-shot kill skills the moment he stepped forward. Just one scratch and they would be able to obtain platinum and permanent stat increase as rewards.

“Let’s go!!!”

“That’s right! You f*cker!!!”

“Uwooooooooo!!!”

Tens of thousands of magic attacks, skills and arrows rained down on Viel. However, Viel only looked at them quietly and raised his hand before swinging the greatsword that was almost the size of his body.

Shwaaaaaaaaa—

At the same time, all of the skills that were flying toward him scattered and disappeared with the wind.

“Huh...?”

“Huh?”

“What, what the?”

Only then did they realize that something was wrong. Kentaro groaned when he saw Viel fly up and swing his greatsword once again.

Slash, slash, slash, slash, slash, slash, slash—

At that moment, gigantic sword lights fell down from the sky and killed all of the players that they came in contact with.

[More than 8,000 players have been forced to log out!]

“...”

“...”

A moment of silence enveloped the entire Land of Fantasy.

Chapter 804

“I’m quite curious. I wonder how weak the dregs of the continent are?”

After the unexpected quest notification, Viel’s voice turned into a world message that resonated all over the world. Hearing those words, some thought that it was a part of an episode while some fumed in rage. Regardless, when they saw the list of rewards in the quest window, all of them cheered.

‘Just one scratch, no, just one successful attack and one could get either 100 platinum or a permanent stat increase? On top of that, if you successfully attack him for 100 consecutive times then you will be able to randomly obtain one of the envoys’ treasure boxes?’

The players cheered loudly. Hidden quests or S-rank quests were often swallowed up by high rankers. However, for the average player, it would be a miracle if they could even receive hidden quests and the likes just once in their lives. Now, the opportunity to receive 100 platinum and even a permanent stat increase was just right around the corner. On top of that, they would not receive any penalty even if they died inside the Land of Fantasy.

A permanent stat increase just by attacking the opponent? It had to be known that food, artifacts or anything that could permanently increase one’s stats cost a fortune. That was why every single player that entered the Land of Fantasy saw this as a big opportunity.

Unfortunately, the moment they entered, more than 8,000 players disappeared without a trace with just a swing of Viel’s sword.

“...”

“...”

The players all went mute, their bodies shaking from both tension and anxiety. The world’s best high rankers hurriedly gathered.

“They opened the Land of Fantasy to trample on us,” Alexander, one of the world’s best rankers, said.

“...”

None of the players could refute that statement. At the same time, they were wary and nervous when they saw him.

‘I heard that he has been hiding somewhere to train lately.’

‘Alexander’s already at Level 599.’

‘What will happen once he reaches Level 600?’

Alexander was the one that stood at the top before Minhyuk appeared. He was once the world’s best ranker. They did not know what would happen once this man reached Level 600. However, as things stood, they quickly put this thought at the back of their minds.

Viel, who had been floating in the sky above them, held his sword tightly and fell like a meteor among the players that were gathered together.

Baaaaaaaaaaaaang—

Dozens of players turned into ashes and disappeared with the wind upon impact. All of the players that entered this land were at least Level 450 or higher. They tried to protect themselves and defend against Viel’s attacks using various buff and defensive skills.

Slash, slash, slash, slash, slash—

However, one swing of Viel’s swords and all of their shields, barriers and defensive skills were rendered useless.

[Viel’s greatsword can ignore all defenses! It also has an armor break skill!]

Slash, slash, slash, slash, slash, slash—

With another swing of his sword, dozens of players disappeared once again. Viel then crouched down.

“Beast’s Roar.”

Roaaaaaaaaaaaaaar—!

[Beast’s Roar.]

[All of your stats have decreased by 22%.]

[Your accuracy rate has dropped by 40%. All of your defenses have decreased by 30%.]

[The roar of the wild beast has left you in an extreme state of fear.]

The players were all subjected to an abnormal status and were left trembling in fear. In their eyes, the charging Viel looked like a vicious and fierce tiger. This was an illusion, something that was brought forth by that fear. It was akin to how one would feel if a tiger suddenly pounced on them with their mouths wide open.

“Hiiiiiiiiik!”

“Eeeeeeeek!”

“S, Save...”

Slash, slash, slash, slash, slash, slash—

The players were cut down, helpless against Viel's attacks. It was a one-sided massacre. Among the players inside the Land of Fantasy, there were also quite a few broadcasting station officers. The commentators were watching and relaying everything through the eyes of the station officers.

[These unknown men are all the envoys of the Land of the Forgotten Heroes, Edea's Jade Emperor.]

[The Jade Emperor is basically at the level of an Absolute God. If that was the case, then the envoys could be considered as ordinary gods.]

[However, just because they have the status of an ordinary god does not mean that you should ignore their power. In fact, we can safely say that there are only a select few players that have seen and fought against gods. Furthermore, even if that is the case, most of them will die under those gods' hands.]

[What's more surprising is the fact that the other two gods are just standing on the side and not moving. The only one that's making a move is Viel.]

[It seems like they are looking at our players and Named NPCs as nothing but a huge joke.]

[The players are dying without even being able to do anything.]

Rumbleeeeeeeeeee—

The ground cracked and shook as Viel slammed his sword on the ground.

“Petty and insignificant dregs.”

Viel deemed them to be insignificant beings.

Shwaaaaaaaaaaaaa—

“Tornado Shot.”

A strong wind swirled around one of the players, who pulled the string of her bows tightly. And when this player, Master Archer Miao, released her arrow, a powerful force accompanied it.

Baaaaaaaaaaaaaang—

Tornado Shot, a skill that engulfed an entire 30 meter radius, struck Viel.

Swish—

Blood slowly dripped down Viel's face as a scratch appeared on his cheek.

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained 100 platinum.]

However, Viel easily grabbed the swirling arrow and forced the overwhelming whirlwind to quiet down.

Crack—

Viel's face turned ugly as he snapped the arrow and threw it on the ground. “How dare you! You petty trash...”

Crackleeeeeeeee—

Before he could even finish speaking, Kentaro moved swiftly, leaving behind an afterimage. When he next appeared in front of Viel, dozens of his clones popped out all around the man.

Poof—!

Kentaro's dozens of clones swung their swords all at once.

Stab, stab stab—

Three of the sword strikes failed to scratch Viel's skin despite Kentaro moving to stab him. However, there was one successful attack.

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained +1 STR.]

[...successfully landed one attack!]

[...gained +1 AGI.]

Viel's expression grew even uglier. Despite the countless afterimages, the envoy was still able to easily pinpoint where the true Kentaro was.

Slash, slash, slash, slash—!

Viel swung his greatsword more than four times in a split second, and cut Kentaro.

“Keuhaaaaaack!”

Kentaro's HP instantly fell down below 10%. Thankfully, a gigantic sword struck Viel from behind.

“Sword of Disaster.”

[Sword of Disaster.]

[You can cut down and break anything in your path just like a disaster with an additional 11,000% attack power!]

[This is an attack that could not be stopped or prevented!]

An unstoppable attack passed by Viel's greatsword and struck his head.

Slaaaaaaash—

The impact of the attack forced Viel's leg to get buried deep underground. The world's best high rankers did not miss this opportunity and immediately launched their own attacks.

[Athenae's Supremes are trying to push Viel back.]

[All of the high rankers are doing a great job with Alexander at the lead.]

The commentators were very excited as they watched Athenae's powerhouses attack and put pressure on a god. Even the viewers were impressed by this scene.

[Kyaa... Athenae's Supremes are taking action!]

[He's helpless. Anyway, there are dozens of powerful high rankers there.]

[Do you think they'll be able to kill that guy named... Was it Viel or Niel?]

[...They won't.]

[Why?]

[Look carefully.]

Everyone focused on their screens when they saw one of the viewers dash their hopes. Only then were they able to see it.

[They're successfully landing their attacks but they aren't dealing any damage...?]

[...It's true.]

That was right. It was obvious that their attacks were landing successfully but there was no damage dealt. Were they able to cut Viel? No, it felt like their swords were trying to cut through iron. How about stabbing? It just looked like they were stabbing a wall.

[What the hell? How high is his defense...?]

[Even the best high rankers can't deal much damage to him?]

Haaa... haa...

Someone's rough breathing rang loudly in the area. Most of them had already used their skills and bombarded Viel. In fact, skills were still continuously raining down on him. However, there was something that the rankers realized.

'He did not even groan or scream once.'

Daoist Aeron, who was watching everyone attack Viel at the side, said, "That's enough."

Aeron did not look pleased with the situation that Viel created. He raised his hand and waved his finger, creating lines and circles in the air in front of him.

Shwaaaaaaaaa—

The moment he finished the circle, the ground was suddenly compressed and all of the players were gathered around. It was just like Golden Mage Ali's 'compress' magic.

"It seems like I have dragged the fight against these bugs for far too long, huh?" Viel said, appearing as the thick cloud of dust settled down. There was not even a single major injury on his body. Seeing this, the rankers could not help but groan.

"Let's hurry up and get this over with."

Aeron took out a talisman. As the amulet burned, flames burst out and created a circle around the compressed land that locked up all of the players in the Land of Fantasy.

[Flame Wall Talisman.]

[You will receive additional 6,000% damage if you touch the wall of flames around you!]

"..."

The players realized that they would not be able to easily get out of this place.

Then, Viel said, "Remember this." A huge force gathered around the blade of his greatsword as he raised it high up in the sky. "Remember how helpless you are in front of us, you bugs."

Crackleeeeeeee—

The moment he slammed his greatsword on the ground, the ground cracked as a powerful shockwave erupted and swept away the players.

“You are nothing but mere livestock.”

Viel wanted to use them to bring down the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal. But before that, he wanted to imprint in their heads the kind of existences the Jade Emperor’s envoys were.

Viel pulled back his greatsword then swung it again.

Thud, thud, thud, thud, thud, thud—

The heads of thousands of players rolled on the ground as their bodies turned to ashes. Among those that died were many famous high rankers, including Master Archer Miao.

Then, Viel jumped back as another of Aeron’s talisman flew in the air and burned into ashes.

[Berserk Talisman.]

[The triggered skill will be 1.6x stronger.]

“Tiger’s Massacre.”

It looked like a tiger was swiping them with its front paws, its sharp claws and herculean strength easily tearing apart the fragile human skin and flesh. Just like that, hundreds of sword lights that looked like they were filled with barbs and hooks stretched from Viel’s gigantic greatsword and rained down on the players.

Crack, crack, crack, crack, crack—

Instead of being just cut down, the players were viciously torn apart by the unusual form of sword light that rained down on them and forced them to log out. The rankers’ skills were also easily being nullified by Daoist Aeron’s talismans.

“Shit...”

The players felt helpless. They could only watch as they got logged out one after another.

“Have you finally realized it?” Viel asked, a nonchalant look on his face. “You are all nothing but bugs. We only need to lift our fingers to crush you.”

“...”

“...”

Overwhelming. That was right. Their power was truly overwhelming. Of course, not all of the world’s leading rankers were participating in this. Perhaps they were on some important quest, in boss hunts, or even busy fighting in a high-leveled hunting ground, that could be why they were not able to respond to the notifications.

However, everyone present here had realized how huge the gap was. Once their arrogance and self-esteem were crushed, all that was left was a sense of helplessness. The vicious hook-shaped sword lights did not disappear right away. In fact, it was still brutally killing and tearing apart one player after another.

“Next time we meet, make sure to properly act like a dog and bark well...” Viel, who was talking arrogantly, suddenly frowned.

Why? Because there was a golden light that burst from among the players.

‘A die?’

Frustration, helplessness and a sense of loss, that was what these people, who were charging forward to become stronger, were feeling right now. The strength displayed by these god-rank Named NPCs had brought despair to the players present.

Were they still not a match against these NPCs despite having a powerhouse like Alexander by their side?

“Next time we meet, make sure to properly act like a dog and bark well...”

As they listened to Viel, the players could tell that they would not even be able to fight and resist the next time they met. At that time, they would really be forced to log out and be faced with a penalty.

But then, a golden die suddenly appeared and released a bright, blinding light above them. Immediately after that, an imposing and majestic notification resonated in the Land of Fantasy.

[The Highest God has appeared.]

” ... ”

“ ... ”

The moment the notifications rang, a faint smile appeared on the faces of all of the players present. Alexander and Kentaro were grinning widely. There was even someone that let out a sigh of relief.

Twitch—

Viel felt his eyebrows twitch.

Flaaaaash—

And then, a man flew toward him. Viel’s hook-like sword lights immediately chased after the man, trying to rip him apart and cut him down.

‘The attacks are not reaching him?! What?!’

The man’s body was covered with a faint silver glow.

Viel knew who this man was. The man was tall with chiseled looks, and bright eyes shining from underneath his dark hair. There was also his signature white cape carrying the symbol of a fork and knife crossed together.

Viel immediately wielded his sword to try and stop the man’s attack. Alas, he could not stop the man’s sword. There was a force that made it so he would not be able to dodge or block his attack.

“Sword of Carnage.”

Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab—

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained +1 STR.]

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained +1 AGI.]

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained 100 platinum.]

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained 100 platinum.]

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained +1 DEX.]

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained +1 INT.]

[...one attack!]

[...one attack!]

[...one attack!]

[...one attack!]

[...one attack!]

[...one attack!]

The notifications rang nonstop, signifying the man's successful attacks. On top of that, they were not just successful attacks. They were accompanied by a huge damage that brought Viel tremendous pain. He felt like his body was being torn apart.

“Keuaaaaaaaaaaaaaack!!!”

The man landed right next to the screaming Viel, who had collapsed on the ground. He said, “Then what does that make you? Someone who's being beaten by a bug?”

The man was none other than Minhyuk.

Chapter 805

Minhyuk knew just how fearsome the Jade Emperor and his envoys were. He had once fought against Rumacar, the god's envoy and Heavenly Army Commander, who took away the Bull Demon King's kingdom in Edea. What would have happened back then if he did not have the 'Jade Emperor's Seal'?

‘I would have probably failed to protect the Kingdom of Eden, and lost Hanwoo too.’

That was just how strong Rumacar was. The envoys of the god of Edea were no different.

‘It's similar to how I can't beat Grandpa Ben in a one-on-one fight.’

The true gods had this sense of detachment that no player could dare to touch.

Minhyuk had just been taking a break after rescuing Black Dragon, Beanie and Luna when he heard the notifications. As someone that was aware of how frightening their existence was, Minhyuk immediately hid his appearance using the Great Demon Verus' Mask the moment he arrived at the Land of Fantasy. After all, he needed to prepare well.

‘If I make a move right away, then the one that would die would only be me.’

Not too long ago, Minhyuk had fought against the executives of the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom in a 10:1 battle. The result of that battle was a draw.

However, just because Minhyuk was able to beat them and force the result into a draw did not mean that his strength overwhelmed the other ten of them combined. It was similar to the case of ten Level 500 players that would have a difficult time fighting and winning against a single Level 580 player.

However, something noteworthy was that Minhyuk had not received any buff from his buffed dishes during the duel. To be fair, the biggest advantage of the Food God was none other than his buffed dishes. If Minhyuk received the effects of his buffed dishes, then he would be able to exert the power of someone at Level 700 at any given moment.

Minhyuk quietly took out the meal that he had kept in his inventory while trying to keep as much distance as possible from the other players. The meal consisted of a 30-cm-long MyWay Sandwich. The brand had plenty of stores globally. Its main charm was the fact that one could choose whatever type of bread they wanted, as well as the types of vegetables and sauces, on their sandwich. In Minhyuk's case, he wanted to eat the MyWay Sandwich so bad that he made one himself.

‘It's easy to store and very convenient to eat.’

Minhyuk always kept some high-grade dishes in his food storage inventory in case of emergencies. Even if he stored some fried chicken in his inventory for a long time, its crispy golden skin and warmth would not disappear. In other words, as long as his food was stored in his inventory, he would still be able to eat it at its peak condition.

He immediately used Double Food to replicate the MyWay Steak and Cheese Sandwich. Then, Minhyuk triggered ‘Overlapping Delight’ so he could get double the buff effects. After doing all of that, Minhyuk started to devour the steak and cheese sandwich.

The bread's slightly crispy texture, along with the ‘barbeque & mustard’ combination, created a perfect harmony. The biggest reason why Minhyuk loved MyWay sandwiches was because of the huge amount of vegetables one could get in it. One bite and he could taste the cacophony of flavors of the onions, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, olives and many other vegetables packed in his sandwich. Even the full and savory flavor of the steak and the melted cheese added to its charm. When he felt like his throat had gone dry, he would fill a glass with ice and cider and drink it all up in one gulp.

“Kyahaaa!” The bubbly and refreshing feeling that traveled down his throat made him shout in delight.

“Keuaaaaaaaaaack!” One of the players screamed after getting hit by an attack.

“Keheoheok! Urk! This, this crazy bastard! What the hell?!”

The player, who had been on the verge of death after getting hit by Viel's attack, looked dumbfounded when he saw a player run around with a sandwich in one hand and a drink in another.

However, Minhyuk did not care. He just continued to eat his sandwich while running around to avoid Viel's attack path.

[Overlapping Delight.]

[You can now receive the effects of two dishes.]

[The duration of the buff effect will depend on the number that the die will cast.]

The golden die shone brightly above the players who were trapped in a circle of flames.

[The die has been cast! You have rolled a four!]

[The Overlapping Delight's buff effect will last for three minutes!]

[You have rolled a six, your EXP Acquisition Rate will double for seven minutes!]

[You have received the effects of the Legendary Grade Steak and Cheese Sandwich and the Legendary Grade Steak and Cheese Sandwich.]

[Your STR and AGI have increased by 24%!]

[Your physical and magical defenses have increased by 22%!]

[Your Sword's Basic Attack has increased by 70%!]

[You can choose one of the skills in your possession and use it once without worrying about its cooldown!]

[Your Passive Skill Activation Percentage has increased tremendously!]

Minhyuk did not even delay the moment the number appeared on the golden die.

‘Did you say bug?’

Perhaps humans were nothing but weak and insignificant bugs in the eyes of the gods. After all, the gods could easily take the lives of these humans that served them.

Minhyuk used Absolute Defense, triggering an invincible barrier that would last for seven seconds, as he shot forward. Because of that, the hook-shaped sword lights could not tear Minhyuk apart even if they wanted to. Passing through hundreds of sword lights, Minhyuk finally reached his target.

“Sword of Carnage.”

A total of thirty-eight fierce and vicious attacks slashed at the arrogant god, Viel.

“Keuaaaaaaaaaaack!!!” Viel shrieked and fell to the ground.

Minhyuk, who got off of the god, looked back at him and said, “Then what does that make you? Someone who's being beaten by a bug?”

“...”

The shrieking and screaming Viel felt an unbearable shame and disgrace envelope his body.

The man who appeared in front of him was none other than the man who killed Rumacar, who almost became the king of the Kingdom of Eden. This man had also won the heart of the king of the Kingdom of Rama, also known as the Great Sage, Heaven's Equal Sun Wukong. Because of that, the residents of Edea slowly began to worship him instead of the Jade Emperor and his envoys.

Viel's screams finally stopped. Despite the blood spilling from his body, he took a step forward toward this impudent man, his expression one of fury.

Viel had been the Jade Emperor's envoy since he was young. In other words, he was a person who walked the path of Gods for his whole life. Since the number of gods in Edea was few and far in between, the arrogance that was bred in his bones knew no bounds.

Viel raised his greatsword. However, Minhyuk did not give him any chance to counter. He immediately used the power that he kept in his skill 'Save.'

Flaaaaaaaaash—

“Sword of Carnage.”

Once again, Minhyuk passed him swiftly, his sword cutting his body all over the place.

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained 100 platinum.]

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained +1 DEX.]

[You have successfully landed one attack!]

[You have gained +1 INT.]

[...one attack!]

[...one attack!]

[...one attack!]

Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab—

Viel was once again buffeted by a torrent of attacks, blood spurting all over his body. However, he endured the pain and glared at Minhyuk with bloodshot eyes.

“This f*cking dog...!”

“...”

Minhyuk was quite surprised. The Sword of Carnage's 38 attacks was not yet over, but Viel was still able to hold on to his sword and move to attack him. In other words, Viel chose to run toward Minhyuk while enduring the pain of his body being ripped and torn apart.

‘This guy is crazy...’

The Sword of Carnage had the power to unconditionally land a successful attack on Minhyuk's enemies. If Minhyuk could not control his enemy even with such a skill, then what could he do?

The worst part was that his opponent was still fine even after enduring the power of the Sword of Carnage twice.

‘His HP and defenses must be beyond one’s imagination.’

The man in front of him looked like a general, an arrogant and unrelenting one at that. Of course, Minhyuk would not just stand still. Once again, he swung his sword and passed by the charging Viel.

[You have chosen the ‘Sword of Carnage’ among all of the skills in your possession to be used once.]

Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, stab—

Blood spurted out of Viel’s body as the attacks ravaged him yet again. At that moment, Minhyuk realized, ‘I won’t be able to keep this guy in place.’

Crackleeeeeeee—

Blazing flames spurted out and covered his sword. If a wild beast was running rampant then he had to deal with it as soon as possible.

“Let’s leave it at that.”

Ping—

[Your HP has dropped below 81%!]

“...”

Minhyuk looked back in surprise. He did not even feel the presence of the huge man carrying a woldo. The man’s eyes were cold yet calm.

‘Guan Yu?’

The man looked just like Guan Yu of the Three Kingdoms. At the same time, a horizontal slash swept past Minhyuk’s chest. It was an attack that he could not avoid or defend against.

[Critical Strike!]

[Your HP has dropped below 55%!]

“Urk...!”

Blood dripped down Minhyuk’s chin. When he looked back, he saw three talismans floating and burning above the palms of Daoist Heron. The burning talismans turned into huge flames that moved to devour the other players.

To be honest, Ferro, the man with the woldo, was secretly shocked.

‘I can’t believe he was able to push Viel to this extent.’

Of course, the opponent only used skills that Viel could not fight back against, but it was obvious that the opponent was able to inflict severe damage on their fellow envoy. If Ferro and Heron were not here, then Viel might have already died.

Still, Viel was the strongest among them. The next time they met, Viel would most likely be able to read through all of his schemes and lock down the possibility of him being able to fight back.

“This is my win.”

However, Minhyuk still laughed despite the flames that fell upon the other players. Blood was still flowing out of his mouth from Ferro’s attack earlier. However, Ferro could only accept the words of the man who smiled through his blood-stained teeth.

“Damn it... how... you bastards...!”

Viel wanted to rip the guy in front of him to shreds and kill him right away. However, as one of the Jade Emperor’s envoys, he had to follow Ferro’s advice. They did not want to show anything more to their opponents. Besides, Minhyuk’s words were actually right. He truly won.

The flames fell on the ground.

Roaaaaaaaaaaaaaar—!

Crackleeeeeeeee—!

Blazing flames engulfed an entire area of a 300-meter radius and turned everything into ashes. At the same time, these notifications rang in everyone’s ears.

[The Land of Fantasy is over.]

[Players who have been forced to log out will not receive any penalties.]

Minhyuk, who slowly disappeared into the flames, raised his middle finger at Viel and said, “F*ck you!”

When he finally disappeared, another set of notifications rang in his ears.

[You have successfully hit the Jade Emperor’s envoy 100 times in a row!]

[One of the four envoys’ treasure boxes is being randomly selected.]

[You have acquired Rumacar’s Treasure Box!]

[You can choose the type of treasure that you want to obtain from the treasure box!]

During this event, Minhyuk was able to gain a total of 4,000 platinum and nearly 80 additional stat points, of which about 20 points were STR, 20 points were AGI, 10 points were STM and about five points each in DEX and INT. Even though he was angry that he died in the flames, he was still the real winner.

The Jade Emperor groaned as he sat on his throne. He had only raised one of his eyebrows when the man killed his most trusted envoy Rumacar, and even trampled on one of his envoys Viel, almost killing him. He was not agitated at all.

‘If, by any chance, he gets Rumacar’s Treasure Chest then...’

Rumacar did not have the qualifications to wield the Sword of Aeon. As for the other envoy, Viel, he should never get his hands on it too.

Viel was quite an ambitious man. If that sword fell in his hands, then the Jade Emperor was sure that Viel would definitely turn that sword on him. That was also the reason why Rumacar hid the sword.

‘That won’t happen.’

The Jade Emperor grinned. His envoys’ treasure chests were all special. Anyone that could get their hands on it would be able to get what they wanted. They could get money to buy anything, a special artifact, or even a unique skill that only his envoys had. Each item was obviously a great thing.

So, where did Rumacar hide the Sword of Aeon? He hid it in a cooking ingredient in his treasure box. The Jade Emperor recalled the conversation that he had with Rumacar back then.

—My Lord, the Sword of Aeon will only reveal itself if one cooks the ingredient and eats everything.

There was no way that someone would actually choose a cooking ingredient after all. With Rumacar’s voice lingering in his ears, the Jade Emperor opened his eyes. The power of both the god and the emperor filled his eyes as he took a peek of the man called Food God from the sky above.

He watched as the Food God browsed through the choices offered by the treasure chest.

“Perhaps he will choose to acquire Envoy Rumacar’s Ring...”

Envoy Rumacar’s Ring was not inferior to a God-rank artifact. What was interesting about it was that it could absorb an opponent’s attack and return it with 100% of the attack’s damage back to his opponent. However, it had a restriction where it could only be used once a week. Of course, the ring was not comparable at all to the Sword of Aeon. But, on the surface, it was still superior to any other artifact there.

Swoosh—

Minhyuk looked carefully over the items offered by the treasure box. Then, with a serious look on his face, he murmured to himself.

[Of course, what I’m going to choose is...]

The Jade Emperor looked relieved.

‘Yes, it’s just as you said.’

Of course, he would choose Rumacar’s Ring, which looked good on the outside, but was still lacking on the inside. After all, it was the best choice. As for the cooking ingredient that Rumacar hid the Sword of Aeon at? It was nothing more than the Sky World’s Native Chicken that he enjoyed eating before.

Not long after, the serious look on Minhyuk’s face dissolved and turned into a bright and wide smile.

[Keuhahahahahahaha! That’s right. Of course, the reward that I will choose is the Sky World’s Native Chicken!!! Hahahahaha!!!]

“...?”

For a moment, the Jade Emperor wondered if his ears were truly working. However, when the treasure box finally opened, what appeared in front of Minhyuk was truly the Sky World's Native Chicken.

"...?"

[Why should I choose that ring? I can't even eat that~ Eating is what's more important. Ah, it's only natural, right? Wahahahahahaha! Keuhahahahahaha!]

"...?"

After a long stretch of silence, the Jade Emperor said, "So, he's a crazy bastard?"

Chapter 806

Obtaining one of the Jade Emperor's envoys' treasure chests with just more than a hundred successful attacks could be considered to be a truly exceptional reward. Perhaps it was proof of the difficulty for a single person to hit the envoys more than a hundred times.

Minhyuk scrolled through the rewards list. He could see that each and every single one of the items listed was very outstanding.

If one chose gold, they would get as much as 100,000 platinum. If they chose artifacts, they would be able to acquire Rumacar's Ring, an overpowered artifact that could absorb the opponent's skill and return it back to them at full force. It was an item that would be very useful when fighting against Named NPCs or boss monsters. Even the selection of skill books that he could obtain was impressive.

And yet, the moment he saw it, Minhyuk's eyes solely focused on the Sky World's Native Chicken. He did not even ponder over this matter for too long.

"Of course, I will choose this."

In the end, Minhyuk chose the Sky World's Native Chicken, and he did not have any regrets over this matter.

"Why should I choose that ring? I can't even eat that~ Eating is what's more important. Ah, it's only natural, right? Wahahahahahaha!"

There was a saying that originated from ancient times that went, 'Eating would be better.'

[You have acquired the Sky World's Native Chicken from Rumacar's Treasure Box.]

A skillfully processed Sky World's Native Chicken appeared right in front of Minhyuk.

These days, there was a certain dish made of chicken that Minhyuk had been craving. It was none other than braised chicken. It was quite similar to the spicy version. However, the key difference was that braised chicken was a dish that was prepared in soy sauce.

Before everything else, Minhyuk checked the details of the Sky World's Native Chicken.

(Sky World's Native Chicken)

Ingredient Grade: Medicine

Special Effects:

- Additional 4% increase in both physical and magical attack.
- Additional 5% increase in total HP and MP volume.

Description: This is a tasty native chicken that has been raised in the Sky World and can instantly restore one's vitality and energy upon consumption.

Although it could not rival a God-rank artifact, it could permanently increase one's physical and magical attack, as well as their total HP and MP, which showed just how extraordinary the ingredient was.

Minhyuk began to cook. The first thing that he did was to soak the flat sweet potato noodles in cold water, before boiling the chicken once. After the chicken had boiled to some extent, he discarded the water. Then, he repeated the process and boiled the chicken once again. As the water started to boil once more, he added the sliced potatoes, sweet potatoes, and the soy sauce-based seasoning.

‘Spicy braised chicken and braised chicken are simple dishes but they taste really, really good.’

Eventually, the water started to boil down. When it came to braised chicken, Minhyuk personally preferred to have it on the sweet and spicy side. So, how should he make it spicy? It was simple. He only needed to chop some cheongyang peppers and add them to the boiling dish.

After letting it boil to some extent, he then added the soaked flat noodles from before. Adding the flat noodles would bring the flavor of the braised chicken to its peak, like a finishing touch of sorts.

Flat noodles were much thicker than regular noodles, so it would take more time to boil them. However, flat noodles could absorb more of the seasoning, which would retain more of the sweetness from the dish.

Minhyuk smiled happily as he finished cooking the braised chicken. The glossy and dark braised chicken with thick flat noodles that had completely absorbed the seasoning looked mouth-watering. Braised chicken did not need many side dishes. The dongchimi, covered with a sheet of ice, and the slightly purple pickled radish were more than enough.

The first thing that Minhyuk tasted was the icy-cold dongchimi. The moment the dongchimi touched his mouth, a cool, sweet and refreshing flavor immediately tickled his taste buds.

Then, he grabbed a thick and plump chicken leg. He had made sure to make cuts in the chicken before cooking the dish, ensuring that the seasoning would soak through its bones. Each and every single bite of the chicken truly was filled with flavor, the sweetness of the seasoning along with the spiciness of the pepper created a perfect harmony of flavor that spread in his mouth, along with the natural juices of the meat.

“Kghkkk...” With a small burst of admiration, Minhyuk picked up a huge mouthful of the flat noodles buried under the braised chicken's sauce and transferred it to his small plate.

Minhyuk then put a spoonful of the still warm rice in his mouth before slurping some of the flat noodles on his plate. His taste buds were teased with sweetness the moment the well-seasoned flat noodles entered his mouth.

‘Kghhk! As expected, flat noodles are important when it comes to braised chicken.’

It was all because flat noodles could absorb more of the seasonings and the sauce compared to the chicken meat. On top of that, it had a chewy texture that many loved. As he ate the noodles, Minhyuk turned his chopsticks to eat some of the slightly purple pickled radish.

Crunch, crunch—

Through its sweet and sour flavor, the pickled radish instantly washed away any greasy aftertaste, leaving behind a refreshing feeling in one’s mouth.

This time, Minhyuk turned his attention to the chicken wings. It tasted perfect and all Minhyuk did was put it in his mouth, bite it, and then pull out its bones.

After eating the wings, Minhyuk scooped out the sweet potatoes that he had sliced and boiled together with the rest of the dish and placed it on his plate. A smile curled up at the corners of his lips the moment he cut off a part of the sweet potato and placed it in his mouth.

“The sauce is amazing in and of itself.”

Minhyuk scooped some of the dark sauce with his spoon and drizzled it on his rice. Then, he mixed everything evenly and put a huge mouthful in his mouth. The well-cooked rice and the fantastic sauce made him feel good and happy. There was a bright smile on his face after cleaning his plate.

At that moment, the notifications about the stats that he obtained from eating the Sky World’s Native Chicken rang in his ears. However, there was an additional notification that followed right after.

[The Sword of Aeon that Rumacar had hidden inside the cooking ingredient is now being revealed.]

“...?”

Minhyuk looked at the notification in confusion.

‘Why is a sword suddenly appearing from an ingredient?’

At the same time, a bright light burst out as the space in front of Minhyuk opened. A sword appeared from within, glowing in black light even through its sheath.

[The Continent Destroyer Sword is resonating!]

“...What the hell?”

Minhyuk was flustered. The weapon, the Continent Destroyer Sword, hanging around his waist was a god-rank weapon, yet it resonated with the sword that appeared in front of him. But it did not end with just that.

[The Continent Destroyer Sword temporarily loses its power in front of the greatest sword!]

“...!”

Minhyuk’s eyes grew wide. This was just like the weak bowing itself in front of the strongest and the greatest. To his horror, more notifications rang out.

[The Sacred Papal Sword is resonating!]

[The Sacred Papal Sword temporarily loses its power in front of the greatest sword!]

[The Slaughterer's Armor is resonating!]

[The Slaughterer's Armor temporarily loses its power in front of the greatest sword!]

[Great Demon Verus' Mask...]

[Hepas' Legendary Frying Pan...]

All of the artifacts in Minhyuk's possession resonated with the sword. Minhyuk quickly checked the Continent Destroyer Sword, which had already started losing its momentum.

(Continent Destroyer Sword)

Rank: God

Requirements: Level 500 or higher, The One Brod has Acknowledged

Durability:

Attack: 1

Special Effects:

- The sword's special effects are currently in a temporary sealed state.

“...”

Minhyuk could not help but groan when he saw this. The attack of the Continent Destroyer Sword was reduced to one. Even the special effects and abilities of the sword were all sealed. To put it simply, the sword had lost all of its power.

‘No way... don't tell me that the sword will remain in this state...’

What kind of unexpected disaster was this?! Did Rumacar do this to take revenge before he died in his hands? Just when Minhyuk was about to shake from anxiety, a new set of notifications rang out.

[The Continent Destroyed Sword has started to regain its original power...]

[The Sacred Papal Sword has started to regain...]

[The Slaughterer's Armor has started to regain...]

The shaking and resonating artifacts began to settle down one after the other.

‘Are you saying that all of these artifacts had been pushed back by the momentum of a single sword?’

This was truly shocking. In all his years of playing Athenae, he had not heard of something like this happening. After a brief moment, the artifacts in his possession regained their full power once again. It took around two minutes for each artifact to regain their strength.

After confirming that all his artifacts were fine, Minhyuk walked toward the Sword of Aeon that was floating in the air in front of him.

‘What in the world is this?’

The Continent Destroyed Sword and the Sacred Papal Sword were god-rank artifacts, of which only less than ten had been released and unearthed in all of Athenae. Of course, they were currently in a time when several god-rank artifacts were being discovered and released one after another in the world. But even so, each and every single one of these god-rank artifacts were still very valuable. To think these god-rank swords were showing fear towards this Sword of Aeon.

Minhyuk reached his hand out to grab the hilt of the sword.

[You have acquired the Sword of Aeon.]

[The Sword of Aeon is currently in a sealed state.]

[You will only be able to unlock the first seal of the Sword of Aeon after meeting the conditions.]

Minhyuk smiled as he muttered to himself after checking the conditions to unlock the first seal.

The Jade Emperor's Envoy Viel's expression looked very ugly.

"How dare that dreg of the continent say that to me. If it weren't for you then I..."

Flames of fury blazed in Viel's eyes as he glared at Heron and Ferro. If they did not step in then that bastard named Minhyuk would have already died a horrible death at his hands.

"The flames on the blade of his sword were very unusual. Yes, it would have been very easy to kill him. However, the process would be very troublesome," Ferro said.

That was bullshit. Viel knew that he was more than enough to kill the dreg. However, Viel also knew that he would have to use plenty of his skills, and it would be likely that he would suffer during the process as well.

However, it was still a huge blow to their image since those from the other continent would view this as their 'win'. While Viel was getting lost in his temper and did not know what to do, Ferro sighed.

"The opportunity will come soon."

"..."

Only after hearing those words from Ferro did Viel finally calm down. Soon, they would recruit troops from the other continent to kill the Great Sage, Heaven's Equal. On that day, he would make sure to kill the man called Food God.

After that, they went for an audience with the Jade Emperor. When they saw the Jade Emperor, he was sporting a very unusual expression.

"What seems to be the problem?"

"The Sword of Aeon is now in the hands of the man named Food God."

"What...?!!!"

All of the envoys were shocked. How did that happen? They could not help but groan when they heard from the Jade Emperor that the Sword of Aeon was hidden in a cooking ingredient.

“More importantly, are you saying that he chose food over an artifact? Does that mean that he’s a god that likes to eat?” Daoist Heron smiled bitterly.

They did not really care that much, rather, they were more than happy at this outcome.

“Anyway, he would not be able to use that sword. Am I right, my Lord?”

After all, even Rumacar could not use that sword.

The Jade Emperor nodded. “No one has been able to unlock the first seal of the Sword of Aeon for thousands of years.”

The Sword of Aeon was sealed by the great and noble heroes of the past because they feared its power.

“What are the conditions for unlocking the first seal?”

“The condition is simple but it is very difficult to achieve. Basically, one has to inject the mana of the era’s strongest in the sword. Of course, they have to be recognized and acknowledged by the Sword of Aeon.”

“The strongest as recognized by the Sword of Aeon?”

“That’s right. You have to know that the sword will not even recognize a kingdom’s sword master.”

Viel grinned. If that was the case, then all he needed to do was to snatch the Sword of Aeon from the Food God and go to the other continent to kill their strongest and get their mana. As it turned out, it was a very good thing. After all, someone else found the sword, whose whereabouts were unknown, for him.

“Have you been watching the idiot?”

The Jade Emperor nodded.

“I would like to watch him too.”

Viel wanted to see the man run around wildly, unable to lift the seal of the Sword of Aeon.

“We won’t be able to watch him for some time. The Absolute Gods of the other continent hate to see those that try to interfere with the people living in the land under their control.”

Clouds slowly rose in front of the Jade Emperor at his words. Then, the clouds slowly parted showing the figure of the man named Food God.

“However, there’s something that I found strange.”

“What do you mean? What’s strange?” Viel looked at the Jade Emperor in confusion.

“Right. When that man saw the conditions for lifting the first seal, he said...”

“...”

“...’Isn’t this very easy? Freaking amazing.’ I don’t know what freaking amazing means though.”

“Keuhahahahahahaha!” Viel guffawed.

The condition was to inject the mana of the strong recognized by the Sword of Aeon. Yet, he was saying that it was easy? It was obviously because the guy was full of arrogance and false bravado. Fulfilling that condition was impossible unless one did it like Viel intended, killing the strong and taking away their mana.

Then, the Food God, who was leisurely walking down the street and munching on some chicken skewers, opened his mouth and spoke.

[Obren, can you come out for a bit? Wake up and put some of your mana in this sword, please.]

At the same time, an unknown and mysterious seasoning jar appeared. Then, a dark-haired handsome man with a frown marring his face also appeared.

[When will you bring Aruvel’s new work? The Creaky Magic Bed and the Girl Volume 2? Don’t you know how boring it is inside the seasoning jar?]

[Woah, woah. Calm down. Aruvel is doing his best in writing the second volume. Also, cut it off with those erotic novels. Look at your bloodshot eyes.]

[I’m going to tell you this because you’re very clueless. The story is about a beautiful genius girl, who is slowly losing interest in the world. Her sweat drips down her skin as the magic bed creaks every single day. That sound... the peak... and the feeling of going even higher than the peak of pleasure... Hooo...!]

The dark-haired handsome man exhaled shakily as if he felt extreme pleasure just by imagining the scene.

The envoys, who watched the scene with the Jade Emperor, looked at the man in confusion.

‘He’s going to ask someone like that to put their mana inside the sword?’

‘That uncivilized trash that gets off of erotic books?’

‘Ridiculous.’

Then, the dark-haired handsome man placed his hand on the sword and said...

[Give me volume 2 as soon as possible. I trust you.]

[Eyyy. Haa... Alright. As expected of PervBren.]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes the Evil that subdued and took over an era!]

[He might be weaker but the Sword of Aeon still resonates in fear of the great Evil that had once brought fear to both man and god!]

[The Sword of Aeon has gone past acknowledging the man and is now trembling in fear!]

[The rate of completion for the lifting of the first seal has increased by 11%!]

“...?!”

“...?!”

“...?!”

Everyone looked at the scene in shock. Then, someone muttered, “That pervert...?”

Chapter 807

The Jade Emperor was aware of how great the Sword of Aeon was. It was considered as the best sword even among the swords in the gods’ possession.

The heroes of the previous era feared the power of the Sword of Aeon and did their utmost to seal it. It was not just sealing it, they even put almost impossible conditions to lift the seal. One of the conditions to awaken its power was to have the mana of the current era’s heroes, or powerhouses.

Right now, the man that loved to read erotic books frightened the Sword of Aeon and raised the rate of completion of the lifting of the first seal by 11%.

“That’s absolutely unexpected.”

“However, if you listen closely to the Sword of Aeon, the man is the weakened Evil God of the past.”

The Jade Emperor and his envoys believed that this would be the one and only time that the Food God, the uncivilized and barbaric trash from the other continent, would be able to increase the completion rate of the Sword of Aeon.

Just like that, they watched as Minhyuk arrived in his kingdom with his chicken skewer in hand. He continued to walk down the street and met an old man not long after he entered his kingdom. The old man looked like he was well over sixty. However, strangely enough, his hair was black and glossy. They watched as the old man collected the cats’ poop, wrapping it carefully before savoring its scent.

“What the hell...” Viel looked furious at the old man’s frivolous behavior.

Given the old man’s age, he had to be an old veteran among the soldiers of the Food God’s kingdom. However, could he even go out and fight like that?

‘Well, is he smelling the animal’s poop because he can’t do that anymore? But why is he smelling the cat’s poop?’

The old man smiled kindly.

[Hoho. Your Majesty, the coffee beans that we will harvest this time all have a very good scent.]

[Grandpa Ben... munch, munch... please put some of your mana here.]

[Mana?]

Pfft—

There was a burst of laughter among the envoys.

“Does that old man even have mana? Is he going to squeeze his old bones? Huh?”
Viel mocked the old man openly.

However, the moment the old man placed his hand on the Sword of Aeon, shocking notifications rang out once more.

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes the Spear God that conquered an era!]

[He might have been a human once but the Spear God became a demigod to protect someone and eventually became a true god that overcame the previous Spear God for the sake of that someone!]

[The Sword of Aeon is left in a turbulent state after seeing the Spear God's will to never back down and protect what is precious to him while acknowledging the man!]

[The rate of completion for the lifting of the first seal has increased by 6%!]

Everyone present, including the Jade Emperor, groaned when they saw the notifications.

“That old man...”

“He's the Spear God?!”

Even though the Jade Emperor and his envoys were completely different from the gods of the other continent, they had also heard a lot of stories about the previous generation's Spear God.

The Jade Emperor groaned once again. “No, but how...” He was so surprised that a small tremor appeared in his voice. “The Spear God... the cat's butt...”

“Uhm...”

All of them could not take their eyes off of Minhyuk, who began to walk again. Of course, his mouth never stopped moving and he kept on eating. This time, he waved to a tall man with a huge build walking somewhere with a drove of pigs.

[Your Majesty, you're back.]

From the straw hat on his head, to the hay dangling in his mouth, to the pigs grunting and following him obediently, it was obvious that the man was a livestock farmer.

[Hyaaa. Every time I see the oinkies I always feel this way...]

Minhyuk's eyes were shining brightly as he looked at the pigs. The livestock farmer looked at him in surprise before speaking sorrowfully.

[Your Majesty, you have shocked our oinkies. Please refrain from saying that in front of them.]

At this point, everyone could see how much the livestock farmer cared for the animals. Minhyuk smacked his lips in regret, and hurriedly changed the subject.

[Brod, I need some of your mana here.]

[Alright.]

The moment the soft-hearted livestock farmer placed his hand on the sword, absurd notifications that they had never heard of before appeared in front of them.

[The Sword of Aeon is resonating with an unmeasurable force!]

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[The Sword of Aeon has grown infatuated with this strong power.]

[The Sword of Aeon wants to serve him as his master.]

[The Sword of Aeon is left in a turbulent state after feeling the power of a legend that represents the current era.]

[He possesses talent that even the gods covet. He is the Fallen Wretched Emperor and the Absolute God's Sword that even the Absolute Gods fear.]

[The rate of completion for the lifting of the first seal has increased by 8%!]

The Jade Emperor jumped up from his seat.

This man was completely different from the dark-haired, perverted, handsome man from earlier. The dark-haired handsome man was a transcendental being from history. But this man was a living and breathing supreme, standing tall above everyone in the current era.

It was unknown why such an existence was working as a livestock farmer. However, what was even more surprising was the fact that he was serving somebody else.

“Why is he serving the Food God?”

They just could not understand it. Why would someone who transcended those from the current era, someone that even the Absolute Gods feared, serve an ordinary god?

They kept on watching Minhyuk as he continued to walk around his kingdom. This time he spoke to a passing fisherman.

[Gorfido. Please put some of your mana here.]

[Alright, Your Majesty.]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes the Great Pirate that terrorized the seas!]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes him for being the only human who has united all of the pirates roaming the seas!]

[The rate of completion for the lifting of the first seal has increased by 3%!]

Then, he continued to walk again. At that moment, someone came running to him.

[Your Majesty, I have finally completed the cola-flavored Recovery Potion that Your Majesty has told me about.]

[Really? Gulp, gulp, gulp, kghhk! Excellent! Really excellent, Mandala!]

The man who ran to Minhyuk knelt down and cried when he heard Minhyuk's praise

[Your Majesty... I think I'm finally able to be of great help to you. This Mandala has really worked hard to complete this cola-flavored potion. Just the thought of Your Majesty feeling very happy while drinking this potion is enough to make me cry!]

[Good job. You really did a good job.]

Minhyuk raised his hand and patted the man on his shoulder. He was looking at the man warmly, showing how proud he was of the man and his achievements.

[Please take care of me from now on, Mandala.]

[Yes.]

[Then, please place your hand here.]

[Alright.]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes the one that has the talent that even the gods envied.]

[He is someone who has gone through all kinds of trials and adversities because the gods were envious of his talents.]

[He is someone who has saved the world from being ravaged by an infectious disease with just a single potion. He is the God of Alchemy.]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 5%!]

The Jade Emperor and his envoys continued to watch.

[Love, Hope, Happiness. Put your paws on the sword!]

The heads of Love, Hope and Happiness popped out from the dog house as they placed a paw on the Sword of Aeon.

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes Hell's Gatekeeper!]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal...1%!]

Then, they watched as he approached a bichon that was combing its thick and rich fur.

[Bichor, put your paw here for a minute.]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes the one that created traps and explosives that even the gods are afraid of!]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 3%!]

This time, Minhyuk approached a tall black-skinned man, who was standing on the side of the road and listening to music.

[Elpis, please put a bit of your mana here.]

[Alright.]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes the newly crowned Great Demon!]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 4%!]

Minhyuk filled the rate of completion for the lifting of the 1st seal up to 78% just by going around his own kingdom.

Viel, who had been laughing at Minhyuk, felt some dampness in his palms.

‘Sweat...?’

Viel had thought of immediately going to his kingdom to slit his throat and take the Sword of Aeon the moment he received the Jade Emperor's permission. However, it seemed like the one that would get his head decapitated if he went there. Just the thought of going there alone made him feel terrified.

“As expected, he cannot completely unseal the seal of the Sword of Aeon.”

In just an hour, the man was able to fill more than 70% of the sword's completion rate. This was an absurd achievement that no one could ever reach. However, this was only possible because of the people in his kingdom. As for filling the remaining 30%, it was definitely impossible.

As Minhyuk continued with his walk, a young woman appeared behind him.

[Your Majesty, it's time for the Continental Conference.]

[Hmm. Alright. Let's go right away. Ah, before that. Haze, can you put your hand on this?]

[My hand?]

[Right. It would be good if you can put a bit of your mana here.]

[Let me give it a try.]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes the woman who could make even the God of Fraud click their tongue.]

[She has the amazing talent of a con artist and scammer who can sell dirt picked up on the street for 100 platinum.]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 1.8%!]

After that, the Jade Emperor and his envoys watched as the two people warped and disappeared in a flash of light.

Continental Conference.

The Continental Conference was a meeting where those who were against the Great Luvien Empire gathered to discuss and understand the current trends in the empire and how they would respond in the future.

They had held the conference twice in total, and any representative or leader of a group, regardless of their race and status, could participate in this conference. Every time a conference was held, these leaders would bring a huge number of troops and leave them stationed outside the capital of the Eivelis Empire to show off their military might. Currently, there were millions of troops gathered outside of the capital.

As for the leaders that led these millions of troops? They were all famous people in the continent, including Continental Emperor Ellie, Collodis Empire's Emperor Asvon, Mercenary King Venteio, Dragon King, Elven King Argon and Overlord Raldo were all sitting inside the conference room to participate in this conference. And it was not just them, they also had knights that represented their empires and kingdoms by their side.

Of course, just by their force and might alone could be said to be warriors that represented their own empires and kingdoms. However, it was also very important to have overwhelming talent.

Even though they were all on the same side and were against the Luvien Empire, they were still leaders who stood above their people. It was only natural for a subtle contest of pride to ensue among them.

Minhyuk entered the conference room while they were still busy talking with each other.

“Hello, everyone!”

“You’re here, Minhyuk.”

“Hoho. My younger brother has come.”

“My nephew’s here.”

The atmosphere inside the conference room instantly turned friendly the moment Minhyuk entered. Of course, the Jade Emperor and his envoys were still looking at Minhyuk, who was completely clueless that he was being watched, at this time through the clouds.

Minhyuk was quite puzzled by the stern and harsh atmosphere that lingered in the air earlier. “Were you all arguing again?”

Since all of the people had gathered here were leaders, having a contest of pride was truly inevitable. At that moment, Minhyuk thought, ‘Hoo. Yes, that’s right.’

The completion rate of the Sword of Aeon still needed around 25%. Right now, there were some ideal candidates gathered here that could help him fill that remainder.

“You’re still fighting to see who’s stronger, no?”

Someone coughed in embarrassment when they heard Minhyuk’s words. However, he continued, “Then, how about we do it like this? I recently acquired a very interesting sword. How about letting this sword gauge your powers? The one with the highest score wins.”

Of course, he was just saying it as a joke. However, everyone showed great interest as if they found it to be fun and interesting.

Ellie glanced at Raldo. ‘Raldo, you might be a great king hailed as the Overlord. However, you’re still leagues behind when compared to me.’

‘Ellie, you might be the woman hailed as the Continental Emperor and the Sword Emperor. However, I’m someone that built my own kingdom myself. You’re nothing in front of me.’

Meanwhile, King Argon thought, ‘Perhaps this is our chance to establish the position of us, elves?’

Everyone looked at Minhyuk eagerly, interest evident in their eyes.

“Ah. Just so you know, something very shocking will happen once I take the sword out. It will only be for a moment though,” Minhyuk said as he took out the Sword of Aeon.

And just like he said, something very surprising happened. All of the weapons and armor inside the conference room were sealed temporarily the moment he took out the sword.

Minhyuk laughed when he saw the horror in everyone’s faces.

‘It’s very easy to fulfill this condition, right?’ He thought as he said out loud,
“Everyone, please gather round. Then, at the same time, place your hand on the sword and inject your mana!!!”

All of the people in the conference room gathered to where Minhyuk was and gingerly placed their hands on the sword. Then, Minhyuk said, “Go!!!”

With those words, everyone sent their mana to the sword. At the same time...

[The current era’s powerhouses have started to inject their mana at the same time.]

[The Sword of Aeon has started to resonate with the mana being injected to its blade.]

[The Sword of Aeon resonates with the mana of the greatest and the strongest.]

Rumbleeeeeee—

The inside of the conference room shook and trembled as the Sword of Aeon resonated with the mana that was being poured into it.

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes Sword Emperor Ellie, the only emperor that can unite the continent and the only one to refuse the position of the Sword God!]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 6.1%!]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes Overlord Raldo, the king that has built his own kingdom by wielding the greatest sword!]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 3%!]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes Argon, the king of all the elves!]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 3%!]

[The Sword of Aeon recognizes Mercenary King Venteio, the man that united all of the mercenaries!]

[The rate of completion... 1st seal... 4%!]

[The Sword of Aeon... the King of the Seas, the Dragon King...]

[...Sword of Aeon...]

[...Sword of Aeon...]

[...Sword of Aeon...]

Minhyuk’s mouth almost split with how wide he was grinning.

‘Easy peasy, right?!’

His smile grew wider and wider the more he listened to the notifications that rang constantly in his ears.

[You have achieved 100% completion rate and have fulfilled the condition to lift the 1st seal of the Sword of Aeon!]

[The 1st Seal of the Sword of Aeon will now be lifted!]

Then, a bright, blinding light burst out from the Sword of Aeon and enveloped the entire conference room. At the same time, a world message resonated all over the world.

[The skies, the seas, the land.]

[The greatest and strongest sword that can split the world has appeared.]

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[The skies, the seas, the land.]

[The greatest and strongest sword that can split the world has appeared.]

Athenae, the game loved by the people from all over the world, was turned upside down because of a single world message that rang in everyone's ears.

[We have never heard of a world message like this before, right?]

[That's right. It seems like someone anonymous has acquired a God-rank sword! I have only heard about notifications like this but this is the first time that I have seen one myself!]

[Wow. Sht. Who is it? So jealous...]

There were a lot of guesses and speculations.

[Maybe it's Alexander? Didn't this notification ring shortly after Alexander reached Level 600?]

[Omg? That's really possible... Maybe he got the greatest sword out of all of the god-rank swords as a reward for reaching Level 600?]

[That sounds really possible?]

[But what if it's not Alexander? What if it's another player? What if it's Akhan or the Food God?]

[Hmm... But if you obtained a god-rank sword then you should either be in a hunting ground or doing a hidden quest, right?]

[Yes, that's only natural. If you stayed in a village, then there's no way for you to get a god-rank sword.]

The players' guesses and theories definitely seemed plausible. After all, one could only possibly obtain god-rank artifacts if they obtained great achievements or did something that others did not before.

[Players, please tell us where the high rankers are currently at.]

There were plenty of Athenae players in the world. In fact, there were so many that their numbers reached the billions. Since the faces of the famous high rankers were well-known, it was not that difficult for the players all over the world to determine their locations. Everyone received several tip-offs from the billions of Athenae players that were inside the game.

[Akhan is logged out. It's been three days since he last logged in the game. I don't think it's Akhan.]

[How about Alexander?]

[Alexander's location is out! He has been staying in the Supreme's Plains for months now.]

[The Supreme's Plains? Isn't that a place that only those above Level 580 can enter?]

[It's a place where only the Supremes can enter. Maybe he got it by hunting boss mobs there after reaching Level 600?]

[Isn't Kentaro in the Supreme's Plain too?]

[Huge info about Asura Ascar is out too! I think she's been doing some class quests these days. Maybe she got it as a reward for her class quest?]

A lot of guesses came out. Even Food God Minhyuk's location came out.

[We have also confirmed Minhyuk's location.]

[He's attending the Continental Conference in the Eivelis Empire, hehe;;]

[Ah, so it's not the Food God.]

[There's no way that one can obtain a sword while attending the Continental Conference, right? Hahahahahaha.]

[There are a lot of players that have confirmed that they have seen Player Minhyuk attend the Continental Conference in the Eivelis Empire. At this point, we can confidently say that it's not Player Minhyuk.]

[Yep, yep. It's definitely not Player Minhyuk. Also, from what I heard, Player Minhyuk did not do any hidden quests or special quests these past few days.]

[But what if it's Minhyuk? As everyone here knows, Our Lord the Food God takes all the good rewards.]

[You sht. Hahahahaha. Use your head a little. Do you think someone in the Continental Conference would go to Minhyuk and say, 'Here's the supreme sword, take it.' or something? How can you even get a god-rank sword during a conference? Get it now?]

[Ah... uhhh... I see... So, who's the one that got it?]

Both true and false information was being tossed around among the players, bringing in more speculations and guesses among them. However, there was one thing that was certain. All of the Athenae players were extremely jealous of whoever the player that obtained the sword was.

Minhyuk hurriedly rushed out of the Continental Conference's conference hall.

‘What a relief.’

He actually did not expect that a world message would resonate. Fortunately, the Continental Conference was held in a place with tight security, which contained the white light that burst out from the sword.

Besides, most of the people that attended the conference were trustworthy and reliable. Minhyuk was assured that none of them would be talking about this to another soul.

After returning to the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom with a single warp, Minhyuk quickly checked the notifications that rang right after the world message.

[The first seal of the greatest sword, the Sword of Aeon, has been lifted.]

[You can now see the changes in the abilities and effects of the Sword of Aeon.]

[The conditions for lifting the second seal of the Sword of Aeon will now be released.]

(Sword of Aeon)

Rank: God

Requirements: God, the One that Lifted the First Seal

Durability:

Attack Power: 1,814

Special Abilities:

- Increase all stats by 18%.
- Reduce all skills' cooldown by 20%.
- Passive Skill: Double Basic Attack Damage
- Passive Skill: The Greatest Sword
- Active Skill: Skill Transformation
- Active Skill: The Annihilator's Sword

Description: Aeon. This is a sword that has been sealed for so long that one could not remember when it was first sealed. Only its first seal has been lifted, the sword still cannot exert its full power.

“...”

Minhyuk groaned lightly.

“This is the power of a sword with only its first seal lifted?”

The Continent Destroyer Sword had been used by the Absolute Gods' Sword Brod. It was a god-rank sword that was bestowed upon Brod by the God of Death for killing millions with his blade.

When both swords were placed side by side and compared with each other, there was no doubt that the Continent Destroyer Sword was better. After all, it was a sword that Minhyuk had reinforced to +5. The Continent Destroyer Sword had around 2,500 attack, a 41% increase in STR and AGI, as well as overpowered effects like 60% increase in cutting power, 60% increase in piercing power, and 70% increase in critical hit rate.

However, the reason for Minhyuk's surprise was because of the potential of the sword. There were many artifacts that could only be used after one had met a condition. Of course, there were also those where one needed to fulfill a second condition too. Artifacts like that would usually only exert around 55% of its total power after their first seal was lifted. What would happen if the second condition was met?

‘Of course, the remaining 45% of the power would be added back.’

If Minhyuk followed a simple formula, once the second condition was met, the attack of the Sword of Aeon would probably increase to around 2,600.

‘It’s even in an ‘unenhanced’ state?’

That was right. Back when the Continent Destroyer Sword was still in an unenhanced state, it only had around 1,800 in attack. But if Minhyuk was able to completely unseal the Sword of Aeon, then he would be able to increase its attack to be equivalent to a sword that had received +5 reinforcement.

“Crazy. If I can meet the condition and lift the second seal, then I will be able to get around 3,000 in attack power, right?”

—Enemies will melt with this much damage dealt!

These were the words that commentators usually used whenever they compared the damage dealt by the basic attacks of the strong. It might sound impossible but the Sword of Aeon’s attack could probably make it possible.

But that was not all. Even its special abilities were all overpowered. The Sword of Aeon’s ‘Double Basic Attack Damage’ had a 45% probability of being triggered, while the ‘Greatest Sword’, as seen before, had the power to render all artifacts useless for a moment. Even the Skill Transformation and the Annihilator’s Sword were both very good skills.

‘Are you telling me that all of these skills would become even better once I meet the conditions to lift the second seal?’

Minhyuk was speechless. With trembling pupils, he turned to look at the conditions to lift the second seal. However, he frowned when he saw it.

‘Huh...?’

[Go to the God of Death and find the conditions for lifting the Sword of Aeon’s second seal.]

“Of all people... why the God of Death?”

Special Players Management Team.

Employee Lee Minhwa looked bitter.

“Player Minhyuk looks a bit flustered with this...”

“Understandable. Among the Absolute Gods, the God of Death is the trickiest and most dangerous god. On top of that, he has to go to hell to meet with him.”

“Player Minhyuk going to hell... Come to think of it, aren’t there a lot of delicious things in hell?”

From what Lee Mihwa knew, that was truly the case. Hell was a place where all of those that did not enter the cycle of reincarnation after dying were living. It was a land filled with many hidden items. It also housed plenty of delicious and amazing ingredients and dishes.

However, disregarding the food, would Minhyuk even be able to receive the blessing of the God of Death on the Sword of Aeon?

“Team Leader, what do you think?”

“Who knows? I also don’t know what will happen this time. However, there’s something else that I know of.”

“Something else?” Lee Minhwa looked at Park Minggyu in confusion.

Then, Team Leader Park opened his dry lips and said, “The Sword of Aeon has three seals in total.”

“...!” Lee Minhwa jumped up from her seat. “No... No way...!”

The Sword of Aeon with its first seal lifted was already that strong. Once its second seal was lifted, it would already become stronger than the Continent Destroyer Sword. What would happen if the third seal was lifted?

“The true Supreme Sword will be born to the world.”

After leaving those words, Team Leader Park Minggyu moved to the conference room. The Jade Emperor and his envoys had released the quest not too long ago. Today was the day that they would release the video related to the quest to all of the players.

Minhyuk felt very flustered when he realized that he needed to go to Hell and meet with the God of Death to know the conditions for lifting the Sword of Aeon’s second seal.

Among the people that he knew, Ascar probably knew how to get to Hell. However, just when he was about to send a whisper to Ascar, there was the notification of the new episode.

[You can now view the video of the new episode: ‘Edea, the Land of the Forgotten Heroes’!]

[Would you like to watch the video?]

Minhyuk murmured, “Yes.”

Immediately after that, the scene in front of him changed.

The Jade Emperor and his envoys were currently gathered together in the world in the clouds.

Flash—!

The Jade Emperor, who was sitting on his golden throne, frowned. This was because a silver-haired man appeared in front of him in a flash of light. The man was someone that everyone in Athenae knew. He was none other than the ‘Battle God’.

“God of Edea, why is a god trying to exterminate those poor and pitiful humans?”

The surface on which they were stepping on, the clouds, parted in the middle and showed the residents of Edea flocking together under the banner of the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal.

The Jade Emperor snorted. “And why is the god of another continent trying to meddle in our affairs?”

“This place might be different from the land that we rule but the price of life remains the same. Doing this will tear down the order, and bring chaos and destruction to the world.”

The envoys immediately grew wary when they saw the Battle God take a step forward.

The Battle God was the greatest of the Absolute Gods. No matter how many envoys there were, they would still be unable to win against him. However, the situation would be different if the Jade Emperor teamed up with the envoys. But the Jade Emperor was not a fool. If he chose to fight the Battle God right here and now, then the other Absolute Gods would definitely come to the Battle God’s aid.

“They are criticizing and denying my existence as god.”

“That is something that us gods have to bear with.”

“Pffft. Are the gods on your side that weak?” Envoy Viel burst into laughter.

“Shut up.”

Rumbleeeeeee—!

“Keuaaaaaack!”

With just a snort, Viel was knocked down by the force that shot out of the Battle God’s body.

The players that watched the video knew that Viel was the one that slaughtered tens of thousands of players not too long ago. However, even someone like him was helpless in front of an Absolute God like the Battle God.

The Jade Emperor clicked his tongue at Viel, who had collapsed on the ground, then he turned to look at the Battle God once again, “Then, how about we do it like this?”

There was a grin on the Jade Emperor’s face as he looked at the Battle God with narrowed eyes.

“Aren’t you gods obsessed with ‘fairness’? Shall we leave it to the foreigners then? I will task the foreigners to clean up and drive away the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal. As for those that were of different opinion, they can align with Sun Wukong.”

The Battle God’s brows furrowed.

“Everything is up to them. You can’t say that it’s not fair, right?”

The Battle God was silent. That was right. It would not be someone else’s choice. Everything would be up to them. It was their own free will to choose what side they wanted to stand on.

However, the Battle God knew full well that there would not be that many people that would stand on the side of the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal. Still, this was better than having the Jade Emperor and his envoys intervene directly with the affairs in the human world.

After pondering for a moment, the Battle God nodded and said, “What a shallow trick.”

“...”

In the end, the one that was left gnashing his teeth was the Jade Emperor.

“I know that you are fully aware of what kind of situation would unfold.”

“I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

The Jade Emperor pretended to be none the wiser in front of the Battle God.

However, the Battle God said, “If that’s the case, then we should coordinate our opinion and draft an agreement.”

They finally drafted an agreement. There were various clauses and conditions written in the agreement. For one, only the Jade Emperor’s envoys were allowed to descend to Edea. There was also a clause that prohibited the Jade Emperor from giving aid to the foreigners that wanted to drive out the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal.

On the other hand, the Battle God had his conditions.

“I will provide aid to a brilliant and excellent warrior. It’s fine, right?”

“Alright. Let’s do that.” The Jade Emperor sneered.

Basically, those that could cut down many enemies would receive special privileges and preferential treatment from the Battle God.

With that, the agreement was drawn up. However, it seemed like the agreement was completely unfavorable to the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal. Well, it was only natural. In the first place, Edea was the land ruled by the Jade Emperor. As someone from another land, the Battle God could not recklessly interfere with the affairs of their own world.

After finishing what he came here for, the Battle God turned around to leave. However, just before leaving, he said, “Ah, did you know?”

The Jade Emperor and his envoys looked at the Battle God in confusion.

The Battle God smirked as he continued, “The man that you are thinking about? He is my successor.”

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

The eyes of the Jade Emperor and his envoys grew wide, their jaws dropping in shock.

Then, the video showed a close up of the handsome face of the Battle God as he said, “My successor, the Battle God’s Descendant...”

All of the people watching the video watched with bated breath as they listened to his voice. Not long after, the Battle God showed a bright smile.

“He will soon have all of Edea in his hands.”

“He will soon have all of Edea in his hands.”

The words that the Battle God left at the end of the video related to the episode were more than enough to arouse the curiosity of all of the players of Athenae.

[What does the Battle God mean when he said that Player Minhyuk would have all of Edea?]

[Do you not know? Edea is the land under the Jade Emperor’s rule. However, the Jade Emperor is trying to kill and slaughter all of the forces in Edea that are against him by making use of us players. What do you think will happen if Minhyuk works hard and protects the four kingdoms of Edea?]

[Uhhh... He will be loved by the four kingdoms, right?]

[You crazy bastard. Will he only receive their love? The residents of Edea will be left devastated after receiving continuous pressure from the Jade Emperor. Even if they can defend themselves with the help of Minhyuk, there will be no place left for them in Edea, the land ruled by the Jade Emperor. So, what will happen next?]

[...Uh... They’ll go to a place where there’s someone that they can trust?]

[Good. Good. You’re doing good, punk. So, who is the person that they can trust?]

[...Minhyuk?]

[Yep, yep. That’s it. Hence, even if they survive this ordeal, the residents of Edea will be left with nowhere to go. So, they will rely on Minhyuk, the benefactor who protected Edea. If that truly happens, then Minhyuk will be able to absorb all of the forces in Edea.]

[Oh... Ah? Omg... Wait...! Will he be able to absorb four kingdoms? Then...!]

[What you’re thinking is correct. If the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom can absorb the four kingdoms then...]

[They will probably be able to reach 95% of the conditions needed to become the Beyond the Heavens Empire...!]

Minhyuk hurriedly called for a meeting.

At that time, Minhyuk was still unsure of what effects protecting the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal and the kingdoms of Edea would bring. However, the words of the Battle God at the end completely shook his heart.

“Our Beyond the Heavens Kingdom should focus on protecting Edea, no?”

All of the guild members nodded in agreement.

“That’s right. Everyone should halt their hunting quests and put a pause on any other activities to defend Edea.”

Vice Guild Master Genie nodded in answer, finding the suggestion reasonable. Even Locke was shrugging his shoulders, expressing that he would go with whatever they decided.

“No matter how many players come, we will still be able to stop them as long as we have Spear God Ben and Brod with us. From what I heard, the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal is also very strong, right?”

Minhyuk nodded. The players from all over the world viewed this battle as a confrontation between the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom and the rest of the world. Everyone knew that the opportunity for their Beyond the Heavens to become an empire was just right around the corner. In a situation like this, the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom had to give it their all.

However, amidst their excited chatter, Haze sat there calmly. She thought, ‘Aside from His Majesty Minhyuk, the rest would take quite a while to arrive at Edea.’

Shortly after the video was released, a passage to Edea had opened. The problem was the passage was very long. There were also countless traps and monsters along the way. Even outstanding rankers would need two weeks to completely break through this passage. In other words, even though a huge crowd would push forward and head to Edea, they would not arrive until two weeks later.

It would likely also take a long time for the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom to reach Edea, even if they departed right then and there.

However, the thing that Haze was most worried about was something else.

“...However.”

Those who were clamoring loudly turned to look at Haze and immediately quieted down when they saw the serious look on her face. Haze might be young but she was the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom’s prime minister and was the one in charge of the finances of the entire kingdom. Not only that, she was recognized for her brilliant and cunning mind.

“Do you think that the Luvien Empire will stay still?”

“...”

“...”

Everyone turned mute when they heard her words.

The news about how Minhyuk would be able to establish an empire if he could save Edea must have already reached the Luvien Empire. Besides, fully aware that the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom would be empty and defenseless, the Luvien Empire would not let them be.

Abel, who had gone to check what the Luvien Empire’s stance was at Haze’s request, arrived at this moment. He sat down, pulled his mask, and said, “It’s just like Haze said. The Luvien Empire is rallying their troops.”

Their excitement immediately died down. Everyone finally realized how complacent their thinking was. The Beyond the Heavens Kingdom’s greatest enemy was just right in front of them. Besides, there was already a high chance that Nerva viewed Minhyuk as a thorn in his eyes. The greatest reason was due to Minhyuk becoming the ‘Battle God’s Descendant.’

“Once our troops leave, this place will collapse.”

Haze's words might be heartless and cold but they were the truth.

The only reason why the Luvien Empire did not recklessly touch the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom was because they had a large number of powerful people like Brod, Spear God Ben, Bichor, Elpis, and many more. So, what would happen if the Beyond the Heavens' Army left the kingdom?

"We will fall in three days. The reason why he's secretly gathering his troops is probably because they do not want any information leaked or to tip off their enemies."

They all perked their ears up and listened intently to Haze.

"This time, Nerva will truly march with his real army. Of course, it will still not be his entire army. However..."

All of the people present gulped dryly.

"We would have to use all of our power just to be able to match them."

The Luvien Empire had absorbed the power and military might of dozens of kingdoms. If the Beyond the Heavens wanted to survive this trial, they would have to give it their all in defense.

"From this point on, we have to gather all of our troops and prepare for this."

"..."

The dream that they thought was almost within their reach suddenly flew away.

Minhyuk was left in a state of confusion. 'Sun Wukong has come all the way here to help me.'

The same was true for the Kingdom of Eden which was once ruled by the Bull Demon King. Did he have to stand by and watch these people get slaughtered?

"We don't know if we can win this war. That's why we have to ensure that we will last as long as possible," Haze said as she looked at the people around her. Then, her eyes landed on Minhyuk, who was already sporting a bitter look on his face. "However, there is only one solution for us to cinch our victory."

"..."

Minhyuk looked at Haze.

"And that is His Majesty's victorious return after protecting Edea."

"...!"

Minhyuk's eyes grew wide when he heard those words. Even the other guild members were very shocked to hear that.

"Are you saying that Minhyuk should go alone and protect Edea by himself, Haze?"

"No, no matter how strong he is..."

“The troops from Edea will catch the Luvien Empire off guard. Besides, even if His Majesty Minhyuk remains here, our chances of winning the battle against the Luvien Empire are only at 8%. But what if he comes back with Edea’s troops? That probability will rise.”

What Haze said was the cold and hard truth. Even though Beyond the Heavens was a very strong kingdom, they would still be hard-pressed when it came to fighting a battle against the Great Luvien Empire.

“We have to face reality. We are currently being pushed into a corner. We need Edea’s troops to protect our Beyond the Heavens Kingdom.”

Everyone turned to look at Minhyuk. After all, he was the one that had to go alone.

“And I...” Haze smiled lightly. “...I trust you, Your Majesty.”

Among everyone present, Haze was the most realistic and most rational. However, she had a firm and steadfast belief that Minhyuk would be able to do it. She was just showing her faith in her king.

Minhyuk pondered deeply for a moment. They did not have any other choice. The establishment of their empire was just right in front of them. However, reaching for that dream might mean the destruction of the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom.

“I never expected that these words would come out of my mouth.” Minhyuk smiled bitterly. “Everyone, do whatever it takes to protect the kingdom. I will also do whatever it takes to protect Edea and come back victorious.”

Beyond the Heavens had received the attention of many players. Because they had an image to uphold, there were countless things that they did not dare to challenge or do. But now, these people would not pay any more attention to the means and methods that they would employ. Winning this battle was more important than maintaining their image. It was alright even if their prestige dropped for a bit.

Then, Minhyuk declared, “I will go to Edea alone.”

The meeting ended with that. Minhyuk began to move with Haze immediately following right behind him.

“Haze, prepare all of Mandala’s potions. And bring me all of the dishes above legendary grade in the kingdom. Also, relay my orders to Bichor. Tell him to create the most dangerous bomb that he can make.”

“I understand.”

“How much of the kingdom’s funds can we use right now?”

“We have around 320,000 platinum.”

“I’ll take half of it. Hmmm, that might be a bit short. Uhel.”

Calauhel, who was keeping pace with Minhyuk, turned to look at him. The other executives that were walking along with them perked their ears up and listened intently.

“Lend me a hundred billion.”

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

All of the executives were very shocked to hear those words.

‘A, h... hundred billion?!!!’

If one apartment in Seoul costs about a billion won, then a hundred billion won could very well buy a hundred units. Minhyuk wanted to borrow that much money?

Then, Calauhel replied, “A hundred billion? I don’t think that’s enough. Let me lend you two hundred billion.”

“Ah. Thank you.”

“...?”

“...?”

“...?”

Locke, who was sporting a blank look on his face, said, “Are we talking about the MXple game currency right now...?”

Minhyuk’s preparations had started at full steam.

Supreme’s Plains. It was a land where only the chosen supremes could walk on. Only a few players above Level 580 could enter this area. There was one powerhouse that stood above the rest in this place. And this powerhouse was none other than Alexander.

Alexander had recently achieved Level 600. The moment he reached that level, someone from the Supreme’s Plain called out to him.

[One of the Eight Pillars, the Master of All Weapons Fabro, has recognized your existence!]

[You are a man who has reached the peak of power with just an ordinary class.]

[If you can overcome the trials set by Eight Pillars Fabro, you will be able to change into one of the Eight Pillars’ classes, the ‘Weapon Master!']

At first, Alexander was beyond thrilled. He knew that Food God Minhyuk was just a candidate for the Eight Pillars and not one of them yet. As for Alexander, he stood above all of the rankers in America despite only having the most common class. However, even though he reached the top of his country, the limits set by his class had forced him into a standstill. Because of that, he could only look at Minhyuk’s back.

But now, an opportunity appeared in front of him. He was given the chance to obtain an Eight Pillars' Class, a class that perhaps might even be able to go beyond the power of an Absolute God Class.

[You have been forced to log out for the ninth time!]

[Because you are doing the Eight Pillars Class Change Quest, you will not receive any forced logout penalties!]

[You only have one chance left.]

[If you fail the Class Change Quest, you will lose -10 levels!]

Alexander felt very frustrated. The walls that blocked him in this trial were far too high.

The trial was divided into three parts. The first one was solving a trap. The second one was dealing with a monster army. And the third was successfully landing ten attacks on the Eight Pillars Weapon Master Fabro. However, he had always been stumped by the third part of the trial. The highest number of successful attacks that he landed was five.

It could be said that Fabro's trial was extremely forgiving and merciful to Alexander. After all, the successful attacks that he needed to land were ridiculously few. On top of that, he could also use all of the potions and parchments in his possession. He could even switch his artifacts freely.

However, Alexander had run into the limits of his character and skills. And now, he only had one chance left.

'I...'

If he failed this trial, he would not even be able to get a glimpse of Minhyuk's back. After all, a -10 in level for a high ranker was extremely fatal. Alexander took a deep breath. Then, he closed his eyes and immersed himself in his thoughts. Perhaps, he already knew what the outcome of this battle was.

'I will fail.'

However, Alexander was not someone who would give up that easily. Besides, the trial had a time limit so he had no other option. He could not back down. He clenched his fists as he moved to take his final chance at this trial.

"Alexander."

At that moment, someone called out his name.

Alexander immediately turned to look in the direction where the voice came from. There, he saw the man that he was chasing desperately after with a faint smile on his face.

"You look like you're having a hard time."

"...You, why..." Alexander looked at the man in confusion.

It seemed like even Minhyuk had guessed that he would fail this trial. But then, Minhyuk said to him, "How about having a meal with me?"

"...?"

‘I don’t care. I will use whatever means is available to me.’

This was Minhyuk’s first step.

Chapter 810

The agreement between the Battle God and the Jade Emperor contained a lot of clauses. Among those clauses, there was one concession that the Battle God was forced to make.

‘While the foreigners are crossing through the passageway, the Heavenly Army can attack the allied forces.’

Although the Battle God had tried not to yield on this as much as possible, he was forced to give in for both sides to settle on the agreement. Basically, it was the result of a lot of compromise.

There would be 30,000 soldiers of the Heavenly Army that would enter the battlefield at set intervals during the two weeks that the foreigners would need to cross that passageway.

“H, hiiiiiiiiiiiiik!”

“Aaaaaaaaack!”

“Keheok!”

“S, Spare me, please...”

“K, Kingdom of Rama, forever!!!”

The average level of the troops of the Heavenly Army ranged from 540~550. There was also the Heavenly Commander, who was at Level 600, that appeared among the troops. The Kingdom of Rama had rallied all of the forces of the four kingdoms, but even though they had a total of five million troops, the level of their enemies was still far too high.

Even when only 30,000 Heavenly Army soldiers entered the battlefield each time, it was still far too difficult for the allied forces to deal with them. Riding on their white warhorses with their golden full plate armor, the 30,000-strong Heavenly Army easily swept the allied forces of more than 150,000 aside.

The Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal Sun Wukong was the only one who had the strength to deny the Jade Emperor and rebel against him. Sun Wukong rode atop his Flying Nimbus with his Ruyi Jingu Bang, his weapon that could be adjusted at will, and flew at a high speed.

Staaaaaaaaaab—

The Ruyi Jingu Bang’s length extended, piercing through the chest of one of the Heavenly Army soldiers that tried to throw their spear at him, before returning back to its original length. However, there was no time to rest. Dozens of arrows flew toward him at the same time.

Flaaaaash—

Sun Wukong controlled his Flying Nimbus, moving swiftly to escape from the rain of arrows. However, he was not fast enough, as one of the arrows pierced through his thighs. He hurriedly pulled the arrow off of his body, his eyes scanning the allied forces as they fought fiercely against the Heavenly Army.

The difference in levels between the allied forces and the Heavenly Army was extremely difficult to overcome, even with their overwhelming number. That was not all, the voice of the Jade Emperor resonated all over the world not too long ago.

[In this land devoid of everything, I personally sowed the seeds and made both trees and grain grow and thrive.]

[Because of me, you did not go hungry and you were able to sleep, sheltered away from the wind.]

[All of you in Edea that rebelled against me, those greedy ones will march through the passageway connecting this continent to the rest of the world, to take everything away from you and crush you.]

[In two weeks, all of you will disappear and turn into nothingness.]

The Great Sage, Heaven's Equal knew that the Jade Emperor was referring to the foreigners from the other continent. These greedy foreigners would gather and form a huge army that would sweep this place away.

“Keuaaaaaaaaack!!!”

A scream rang from among the 30,000-strong Heavenly Army. However, Sun Wukong's face was still very ugly despite the loud scream. At that moment, another king approached Sun Wukong. This king looked a bit peculiar, with the face of a pig, a brawny body and a trident in hand. The king was none other than Zhu Bajie.

Zhu Bajie slammed his trident on the ground and said, “Great Sage, Heaven's Equal, I don't know about this.”

Zhu Bajie was the king of the Runt Kingdom and just like Sun Wukong, he also rebelled against the Jade Emperor. However, he just could not understand the situation that was presented in front of him.

“We just raised our voices to seek justice from God. But right now, my troops are dying, aren't they?”

“Can't you tell? The Jade Emperor will still take everything away from us later.”

“This is not the 'later' that you are talking about!!!”

Zhu Bajie was well aware of that. The reason why they gathered under the banner of Sun Wukong was because he was extremely outstanding and powerful. However, he firmly believed that they should have stopped before the Jade Emperor had opened the passageway and his envoys made a move.

“And how about that guy named Food God? He's just a king of a single nation at best. What difference would it make if he made an appearance here or not?”

The Great Sage, Heaven's Equal was able to bid his wife a final farewell thanks to the help of the Food God. He also helped the Bull Demon King protect his kingdom, even taking the said king as his subordinate. Basically, the people of the Kingdom of Rama and the Kingdom of Eden were indebted to him and deified him.

Zhu Bajie had never met the guy.

“We should quickly hold an ancestral rite for the Jade Emperor right here and now. If this continues, then everyone will die.”

Sun Wukong did not respond to those remarks. Then, another king approached him. The king was wearing a monk’s robe with a set of Buddhist mala beads hanging on his left wrist and a muyu[1] on the other hand. This king was none other than Xuanzang.

Xuanzang was known in Edea for his mysterious powers. He was able to awaken a person’s innate talent and impart upon them teachings that would help them grow stronger. If Sun Wukong was the strongest pillar that people relied on, then Xuanzang was the spiritual pillar of all of the residents in Edea.

“We have to keep on fighting.”

“But my soldiers are dying!!!”

Zhu Bajie absolutely loathed the situation. He had thought they were just going to be forced into bad living conditions.

“Whether I live or die, it is the will of Lord Buddha.”

“That goddamn Buddha’s will!!! The Jade Emperor is the one that’s real, what the hell...”

“Zhu Bajie.”

“...”

Zhu Bajie’s body shook at the cold and subdued voice of the Buddhist Monk Xuanzang. In fact, Sun Wukong, Zhu Bajie and the Bull Demon King had all been disciples of Xuanzang.

“Will you only come to your senses after you do the 108 prostrations to Lord Buddha?”

Zhu Bajie promptly shut his mouth. He remembered it clearly. Although it was called 108 prostrations, it was a never-ending cycle of praying and bowing. If, by any chance, they incurred the wrath of Xuanzang, he would use his muyu and knock it on their heads.

‘What kind of Buddhist monk is he, huh?!’

However, Zhu Bajie remained firm. “I will prioritize my life and the life of my kingdom.”

He did not want to fight a losing battle. Even now, his soldiers continued to die at the hands of the troops of the Heavenly Army.

Tap... tap... tap...

Xuanzang knocked on his muyu with a bitter look on his face.

Rumbleeeeeeeeeee—

[The Heaven’s Gate has opened!]

The Jade Emperor could send 30,000 Heavenly Army troops once per day. On top of that, the Jade Emperor’s envoys could send one of their attacks once the Heaven’s Gate has opened.

Crackleeeeeeeee—

At that moment, two talismans covered by blinding light shot out from the space that cracked open in the sky. The talisman burned, its flames growing tens of thousands of times.

The flames, which gathered into a cluster, grew until they were the size of a meteor. They looked fierce enough to burn the tens of thousands of Edea's troops and turn them into ashes. These blazing flames immediately flew to where Xuanzang, Sun Wukong and Zhu Bajie were.

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

They did not have any way to stop the blazing flames because they were too fast. In fact, even if they had enough time, they knew that they still would not be able to stop it.

At that moment, Xuanzang suddenly muttered in shock, “Fuck.”

“???”

“???”

Both Sun Wukong and Zhu Bajie tilted their heads in confusion when they heard Xuanzang's low curses. However, not long after, they realized that they might possibly die right then and there.

Flash—

However, a man suddenly descended atop the walls. On the back of the man was a white cape fluttering, carrying the symbol of a fork and knife crossed together. The man brought something out of his inventory. This something was none other than the Mixer and Bowl. He quickly put the mixer in the empty bowl and started to mix it.

Shwaaaaaaaaaaa—

[Cancel.]

[Cancels and nullifies all skills and magic within a five meter radius from the user.]

Just like that, the blazing flames disappeared as if nothing had happened.

This man was none other than Minhyuk. He had arrived here after he finished his preparations, using every means and method necessary in the other continent.

After nullifying the flames that were strong enough to bring down the walls all at once, Minhyuk stared at the battlefield for a moment before turning to look behind him.

His eyes, which were framed by his black hair, were soft and gentle. However, his straight nose and sharp jawline made him look very manly.

“...”

“You're here.” Sun Wukong smiled faintly when he saw Minhyuk.

Actually, the Great Sage, Heaven's Equal was already thinking that Minhyuk might not come. Their situation was truly dire after all. Still, Minhyuk had come.

Minhyuk approached Sun Wukong and gave him a hug. "Have you been well?"

"As you can see, we're not doing that well."

His gaze passed by Xuanzang and Zhu Bajie. At that moment, Xuanzang thought, 'His gaze is similar to that of a fierce tiger.'

It seemed like the man was born with the eyes of a true king, one that no one could beat.

"Hello, Buddhist Monk Ssamjang[2]!!! Hello, Zhu Bajie!!!"

'S, Ssamjang?' Xuanzang tilted his head in confusion.

"Haha. You really have a very deli... no, a very cool name!"

Xuanzang felt very strange. The man had just been sporting a gaze that was similar to the gaze of a tiger. But now, he had the pure and innocent eyes like that of a child. Then, Xuanzang saw the man turn to look at Zhu Bajie. However, the way that he looked at Zhu Bajie was especially terrifying.

'G, greed...?!'

Minhyuk's gaze was filled with endless greed. On top of that, his eyes seemed to be filled with desperation, as though he would do anything to get whatever he wanted, one way or another. Why would greed appear in his eyes when he was just looking at Zhu Bajie? Minhyuk's eyes sneaked a look at Zhu Bajie's belly.

'Can he feel the unknown power in Bajie's belly?!'

In actual fact, Minhyuk was only focused on Bajie's thick belly fat. At the same time, the sound of someone gulping their saliva rang loudly in the area.

"Haha. Lord Ssamjang and Zhu Bajie... I can see a beautiful harmony between you two!"

Gulp—

Why was he gulping his saliva? Xuanzang could not understand this person.

At that moment, Zhu Bajie spoke, breaking Xuanzang away from his thoughts, "Are you the Beyond the Heavens' King?"

Zhu Bajie's tone was hostile. He believed that the one responsible for this situation was Minhyuk. If he had not appeared to save the Kingdom of Eden and had not shaken the faith of the residents of Edea, then a path to survival might have opened for them. Zhu Bajie was a small-minded and petty being. Rather than fighting back, he would rather avoid it altogether.

"Where's your army?"

"There's none. I came alone."

"None? None?!!! How can you say that even after seeing the situation that we're in?! Why?!!! Are you afraid to lose your own soldiers, huh?!!!"

When Zhu Bajie saw Minhyuk's pure and bright face, he felt like people like this would usually be the ones hiding behind others. He even thought Minhyuk looked completely easy to deal with.

‘Is this guy truly the same guy that saved the Kingdom of Eden? Bullshit. He was only probably able to do that because he had the Jade Emperor’s Jade Seal. He allowed the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal’s wife to see once again with his excellent cooking? Well, all he had to do was cook for that.’

“Go and kneel down. Ask for the Jade Emperor’s forgiveness personally. Only then will we be able to liv...”

“...”

Minhyuk’s eyes grew cold. An overwhelming killing intent slowly spread out from his body, encroaching upon the entire area.

In fact, Minhyuk thought that the situation was ideal. He might be Edea’s benefactor, but those from the other kingdoms had never met him face to face before. Even the soldiers and people that were fighting today would not put their trust and belief in Minhyuk. These allies, without any trust or faith, would definitely hold him back.

“Shut your mouth.”

Xuanzang groaned. The man only said three words but he completely overwhelmed Zhu Bajie, a king of a nation.

Minhyuk, whose lips were twisted into a smirk, said, “Shall we make a bet, then?”

Named NPCs were fully capable of creating quests. Zhu Bajie was a king. This meant that he was more than capable of doing so.

“I will wipe out all of the troops of the Heavenly Army present on the battlefield. If I fail, then I will do as you say. I will kneel down and beg for the Jade Emperor’s forgiveness. But if I succeed, then you will have to do one thing for me.”

“Kgghhk, keuhahahahahahaha!!! Keuhahahahahahahahaha!”

Zhu Bajie guffawed. Even the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal was struggling against the Heavenly Army. They had killed 15,000 out of the 30,000 soldiers today. However, that was only half of the troops.

Yet, he was saying that he would kill all of them by himself? He was saying that he would do something that even the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal could not even do?

“Did you hear that? If he fails, then he will personally apologize and beg for the Jade Emperor’s forgiveness. Well, all of this will be solved easily. With that. Alright. Let’s do that.”

[Sudden Quest: The Bet Accepted by the Runt Kingdom’s King Zhu Bajie.]

Then, Zhu Bajie asked, “What do you want me to do? Even if I accepted this bet, I won’t listen to what you want if it’s ridiculous.”

Minhyuk, who had taken a step forward and went to the edge of the walls, turned back to look at him and said, “Ah. It’s not that difficult.”

Zhu Bajie crossed his arms and snorted as if he was encouraging him to speak.

“I’m just going to hit you, f*cker.”

“???”

Then, Minhyuk triggered God’s Voice, as it would give people and the soldiers the will and the power to gain victory with their own hands.

[I am the Highest God that wields the Greatest Sword.]

[Look...]

Minhyuk pulled out a sword from his inventory. From its blade to its hilt, the sword was emitting a black light. Then, everyone’s jaw dropped in shock at the notifications that followed.

[Zhu Bajie’s Trident is resonating!]

[Xuanzang’s Muyu is resonating!]

[Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal’s Ruyi Jingu Bang is resonating!]

[The Heavenly Army’s Full Plate Armor is resonating!]

[The Heavenly Army’s Faded Sword is resonating!]

[The Sword with the Breath of the Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal is resonating!]

[All of the effects and abilities of all weapons and defensive equipment will temporarily be sealed!!!]

After Minhyuk had asked his vassals and friends to put their mana in the sword, one of the sword’s skills had been unsealed.

“Hi, hihihihihihing!”

“Hihihihihihing!”

“Kihyeeeeeeeeeeeeeeck!”

Crack, crack, crack—

The horses reared their legs and threw off the soldiers of the Heavenly Army on their backs, before running away, while the birds that were sitting on the branches of the trees flew away. It was as if they had seen something very scary.

Vwoooooooooooooooooong—

The sword’s cry shook the land and made the sky weep.

Minhyuk finished his words with God’s Voice as he jumped off of the walls.

[This is the path to victory.]