

## Heaven 251

Chapter 251: Yasenia's scheme and torturing skills. Monolith completed!

Yasenia shouted, "Stop the carriage!"

Everyone was confused but followed her orders. This Guard Captain had already proved herself to be a force to reckon with, and they respected her orders.

Then, she gathered everyone and looked at their strength. No one was stronger than the seventh level of the Mental-Nourishing realm besides the carriage driver. Yasenia rubbed her chin and thought, 'Now then, are there any more spies besides the defective one?'

Yasenia walked in front of the eight guards and looked at them up and down. She didn't speak, but her expression was serious, and her eyes penetrating.

All of them subconsciously straightened. They didn't know if the dragoness was angry with them because of how they had handled the assassins until now, so their nervousness about suddenly being beaten down by Yasenia was quite high.

And this nervousness would prove to be the correct reaction as the next events followed.

Yasenia stopped in the middle of the seven guards and one carriage driver, five meters away from them, and directly used her [Dragon Strength] and her cultivation aura. The [Dragon Strength] wasn't only a strength buff but also made her presence extremely imposing.

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Together, they were like an enormous tide of pure pressure. The eight people couldn't even hold on for a second as their legs gave up, their bodies slamming onto the ground because of it.

The Queen and King looked stupefied at that scene.

Yasenia said, her voice terrifyingly calm in contrast to the situation. "We have little fleas hiding among us. Now I ask these insects, will you appear by yourselves so that I kill you swiftly and painlessly? Or will you try to struggle in vain until I kill you with the most agonizing of deaths?"

Yasenia was controlling her pressure enough so that they could lift their heads and look at her or speak whenever they felt like it. Since she had regulated it for the seventh-level Mental Nourishing guards, Yasenia knew that the driver was faking his current situation. 'Ho ho~, although his methods are defective, his acting skills are top-notch. I wouldn't have realized he was a spy with just this test.'

Yasenia waited for a moment and saw that the eight people had the same expressions of fear, yet no one spoke. She sighed dramatically. "I didn't want to go to those lengths, but you leave me without an option. I will warn you that I know who the spies are. As I'm feeling generous, I will give you five more seconds before we move to the next step."

After counting down to five, Yasenia shook her head, "What a pity."

Then, the dragoness took out a transparent vial filled with a green-red liquid and said, "This thing is called [Hundred Devouring Insects Poison]. As the name suggests, it will create one hundred devouring insect eggs inside you after a single sip. Then, these insects will secrete toxins that heighten a person's sensitivity and eat them inside out without letting them faint. They fed on not

only flesh but meridians, energy, and internal organs too. Of course, their favorite food is the Dantian of the cultivators... Quite scary, to be honest."

Yasenia looked at that vial that was created by her little fox and couldn't help but marvel, 'I didn't know that she isn't only a medicine and alchemy genius. Her poison mastery is extremely high as well. I've truly picked up a treasure~.'

Meanwhile, the eight people were frightened out of their minds. This kind of poison won't kill you in one or two hours. Besides paralyzing you almost instantly, it will take at least a week for your life to get consumed by the insects.

They didn't have to hear anymore. All of them began pleading innocence at the same time with terrified voices.

"Guard Captain! I'm loyal to the Queen and King!"

"Please, Guard Captain, think this through!"

"I swear to the Heavens that I'm not a spy! Do not let me drink that!"

Yasenia looked at them and smiled, "Yes, yes, I know. All of you are innocent, you are super loyal to our monarchs, and you wouldn't even hesitate to give your lives for them, right?"

Yasenia's expression cooled as she exclaimed, "Wrong! For example, I know for sure that the carriage driver is a traitorous scum! And I also know who his allies are, so I will feed this poison to him and wait patiently for the others to show themselves. I'm sure that after seeing the effects of the poison, you will want to receive a swift death~."

The driver was terrified and stopped hiding his strength. His half-step cultivation exploded from his body, and he stood up quickly, running away with all his strength.

However, when he took one step, the driver felt his leg being grabbed by something, and he lost balance, falling face-first to the ground. He hastily looked down only to see Yasenia's golden tail coiling tightly around his leg and a shadow covering his body.

When he looked up with trembling eyes, he saw Yasenia looking at him with a charming smile. But it only gave the feeling of a terrifying predator looking at its prey at that moment. "Did you think you could run away from me? Little naive man, your fate was sealed when you decided not to expose yourself~."

Yasenia increased the pressure and immobilized the man. Then, she forcefully fed him a sip of the vial.

The man tried to cough it out, using his muscles to induce vomit. But it was futile; this liquid had the property of going inside the person once it touched saliva, so it was almost impossible to spit it out.

They all saw the person holding his throat with fear, and Yasenia looked at the other seven with the same smile and glowing golden eyes, "I will give you one hour to come out on your own. If you do that, I will kill you swiftly, without any pain. If you don't... Well."

Yasenia looked at the man, who was already writhing in pain on the floor calmly and said. "I will tie you together with him and won't kill you until we reach the Kingdom. Of course, I will also feed you a sip of the precious vial~. Now, what will you choose?"

After saying that sentence, Yaseenia thought, 'One hour should be enough to let the effects of the poison appear fully on the Cultivator. His screams and pleas should weaken the will of the second spy, If there is one. Still, if this doesn't work, then I will just keep them away from the King and Queen until we reach the destination.'

"AAAAHHH!!!! PLEASE KILL ME!!!"

After only 20 minutes, the man was already wishing for his death. Yaseenia knew that the insects had reached the dantian. For a cultivator, the dantian was an extremely sensitive organ. A single injury on it would hurt as if their bodies were splitting in two, not to mention the feeling and pain of it being eaten by bugs.

However, even hearing the agonizing screams, Yaseenia's face was completely impassive as she looked at the man. Not everything that Tatyana had taught Yaseenia were beautiful things. In her training, torture methods, mental torture, and many more immoral things had been taught.

Tatyana had been careful not to let those teachings affect Yaseenia's psyche, teaching Yaseenia that those that had sinned enough to receive their torture were not worthy of even a single shred of sympathy.

Since the training had begun when she was very little and still didn't have the mental age to feel empathy, Yaseenia had grown not to feel a single thing as she tortured others. It didn't affect her in a good or bad way hearing the man's screams.

After witnessing the inhuman torture and Yaseenia's indifferent face, the last spy hiding in the group couldn't hold on any longer. He sobbed and said, "P-Please, I don't want to suffer like that."

Yaseenia looked toward him and lifted her eyebrow, "You finally come out. I was getting bored."

The man looked at Yaseenia's reptilian eyes and mumbled with a trembling voice, "M-Monster."

Yaseenia smirked and said, "Wrong. I'm a beast, a dragon, not a monster. Anyway, let's end this swiftly, as I promised."

The man slammed his forehead on the ground and said, tears dropping from his eyes. "Please don't kill me! Let me live, and I will be your dog. I will be your slave and do whatever you say! But please, I have a family and a recently born son. I don't want to die!"

Yaseenia's eyes flashed with a calculative light. Then, she smiled, "Sure, come here. If the remaining spies appear, I will also spare them."

The man felt Yaseenia's pressuring aura lifting, as if the weight of his worries disappeared. Then, he stood up and reached Yaseenia's side.

Yaseenia patted his head softly and said. "Good boy~, do you know if there are any more spies?"

The man tried to ignore the hoarse screams behind him and said, "N-Not that I'm aware of, Guard Captain."

Yaseenia hummed and didn't say anything more. She turned to look at the other six, waiting for the others to say something.

Yaseenia didn't see anyone move, so she said in her last attempt to find more spies. "Are you sure you want to keep hiding? Do you want to be like that?"

Yasenia pointed at the man that was clawing his face and bleeding. His eyes were completely maddened as the painful torture continued. Yasenia even said, "I even was somewhat merciful using one of the least devious poisons in me... If you don't come out now, I will use my other poisons on you~."

The image of one man rolling on the ground and the other being petted softly like some sort of pet beside the calm and attractive dragoness was unexpectedly terrifying.

Yasenia stopped pressuring them and stood up, "Good, don't regret it in the future. By the way, no one can approach twenty meters near the carriage, those that do... I will kill them. Am I clear?"

All of them nodded, and Yasenia's hand lowered through the man's hair to his nape. The man was feeling a convoluted pile of feelings, ranging from fear to comfort, confusing his heart even more. Yasenia's caresses were too comfortable, but the screams of the man were too terrifying.

However, he wouldn't have to worry about dealing with such messy feelings as he suddenly felt the hand on his nape tightening little by little. He looked toward Yasenia, confused.

Yasenia smiled and said, "Go painlessly, honest traitor."

**\*CRACK!\***

Yasenia closed her hand and broke his neck like a rotten branch, making his head tilt in a direction a head shouldn't bend. Yasenia loosened her hand, and the man's body fell to the ground limply and dead.

Yasenia used her spear-tail to pierce the tortured man's dantian, heart, and head in three consecutive downward strikes. Then, she flickered it to clean the blood and used her golden flames to kill any parasites that might have latched onto her tail. As a precaution, she even took the antidote. Those little bugs were dangerous even for her, after all. "Let's go. We will need at least two hours to reach the Empire."

No one dared disobey. After taking care of the two spies, the rest of the mission was quite easy because they could avoid the previously planned ambushes.

Moreover, Yasenia could now leave the carriage to join the fight easily. There were two fights against powerful cultivators, but Yasenia could deal with them rather effortlessly without even using [Celestial Dress].

The other three also passed it rather easily.

Angel surrounded the King and Queen with shield formations and summoned her golems. Even if the driver wanted to do something, he couldn't because the shields only covered the insides of the carriage.

Kali had summoned her golden crown, and since the area was forest-like, nothing could escape Valeria's wide sensing range, making the ambushes completely ineffective. The two spies just had to give up misguiding them and sent the King and Queen to their Empire because the Guard Captain was too strong and never left the King's and Queen's side, summoning hordes of plant creatures to kill any assassins.

Sarah had the system with her, which told her that the affection values of the driver were very low, reaching a hostile level, making her suspect of them. With its help, she was able to get rid of the two spies and return to the Empire.

However, the first arrow damaged Sarah's Queen, almost killing her, because she wasn't alert since the beginning.

Kali and Angel had always followed their dragoness's advice to the letter, so they were alert from the first second and managed to block it with relative ease.

#### Chapter 252: Unexpected Harvest!

When they finished the challenge, Yasenia, Angel, and Kali appeared in an empty room with one door on each wall. There were four rooms with different symbols on top. Yasenia guessed that the amount of aura leaking from them was the guiding factor to knowing which one had the best treasures. Yasenia looked at Angel and Kali with a smile and said, "Good job, Kali, Angel."

Angel puffed her bountiful bosom, "But of course! That arrow fired at the beginning almost got me, though."

Kali nodded, "I blocked it a meter away from the Queen. It was very close."

Yasenia asked with interest, "How did you discover the traitors?"

Both of them looked at Yasenia with puzzled expressions and asked simultaneously, "What traitors?"

Yasenia was momentarily stumped. Seeing their clueless faces, she smirked and pinched their cheeks, "The carriage driver and one of the guards were spies! Don't tell me that you really didn't realize."

Angel and Kali looked at each other, then at Yasenia, and they shook their heads in sync. Yasenia burst into laughter and hugged them, "You both are so cute. Were you so strong that they didn't dare go forward with their plans? Anyway, let's forget about it and choose an artifact."

They snuggled closer to Yasenia and smiled, not caring about it anymore. They separated and entered the place for Heaven Gate challengers. The reason the four gates were open was that a challenger could take treasures from their rank and those of lesser level. For example, an Earth Level challenger would have been able to choose treasures from the mortal treasury but not from the Heaven one.

Inside the Heaven treasury, there were plenty of treasures of different categories. There were treasures for Alchemy, blacksmithing, spear users, sword users... You name it; they had it. The lowest rank of the treasures was low-level Heaven Ranked. Almost ninety percent of all the treasures were in this rank.

Yasenia said, "Look around by yourself. If you find something you like, let me know. I don't really need anything for myself... Why are you looking at me like that?"

Angel snorted and continued looking at the items, ignoring Yasenia. Yasenia felt like someone had punched her gut with a metal gauntlet. 'My baby is ignoring me!?'

Yasenia instantly flashed beside Angel and nuzzled her cheeks with her, "Don't be angry, baby. It is true that I don't need anything. Unless there is a high-level Heaven-ranked dress or accessory I can equip, there isn't anything that I need."

Angel said, unconvinced, "What about an alchemy cauldron? Or the other profession tools? When you manage to understand why you can't do things, you will need them."

Yasenia waved her hand and showed her and Kali the nine treasures with a smile. "I already have them! Don't worry, baby."

Angel and Kali were speechless, 'Did she create them out of nothingness so that we don't get angry? When did she get them!?'

Yasenia saw their faces and laughed, "Mom gave them to me right before we entered the secret realm. I don't really know why she won't give them to me after we get out, but I can guess that something has gone very wrong on the outside. Moreover, I can use these nine treasures. Mom should have given them to me in case I don't understand how my energy works with objects after a long time."

Yasenia continued convincing them, "Moreover, my sword grows in strength, my battle dress is low-level Heaven ranked, my gloves and leather gauntlets are low-level Heaven ranked and high-level Earth ranked, and my energy gathering kimono is also low-level Heaven ranked. I have plenty of life-saving treasures, and my spatial ring is of a quality I can't even understand! I really don't need anything right at the moment! That is why I want things for you."

Angel sighed and hugged Yasenia, burying her little face between her breasts while looking up with a resigned face, "Okay, if I want something, I will ask you."

Yasenia picked her up and wanted to kiss her, but an invisible force stopped her. Yasenia and Angel blinked, confused.

They tried kissing again, and it was impossible. Their lips stopped five centimeters away.

Kali looked at the funny faces they were making and burst into laughter. "What are you two doing? Mimicking an octopus? Hahaha."

Yasenia put Angel down and said with interest, "Maybe this zone is protected so that people that come here don't do anything other than choose their artifacts?"

Kali thought about it and said, "Maybe, but let's not test the limits. We may be kicked out if we aren't careful. Worst case scenario, lighting will strike us down!"

Yasenia agreed, "Remember all the treasures you like. We may be able to come back here in the future after completing other Monoliths, but I'm sure that the number of times we can visit here is very limited."

Then, they separated and looked around. Since most treasures were low-level Heaven rank, they didn't take much time as that level of treasure was already lacking as a reward for them. There were few in the middle level, even fewer in the high level. Yasenia's treasure sense was going somewhat wild with so many treasures around, but she suddenly caught a powerful aura. Her eyes shone as she looked toward her right, 'Oh wow! A very powerful treasure is that way~.'

Yasenia followed her instincts with a money-grubber expression. "Powerful treasure~, come to mama dragon~."

Kali and Angel looked at how Yasenia was acting and giggled. They were curious as to what would trigger Yasenia that way, so they followed after the wagging tail of the dragoness.

After making some turns around the corridors, they reached a hidden door. Searching normally for treasures would be almost impossible to find it. Yasenia carefully pushed it open, and her treasure senses tingled powerfully. 'Oh my~, so mighty!'

They entered the mostly empty room and looked around. There were three platforms with one treasure floating above each of them. When Angel placed her eyes on them, she couldn't help but exclaim, "Transcendent-ranked treasures!"

That's right. They were transcendent ranked treasures!

Their auras were so profound that they had a hint of dignity in them, and their glow was as appealing as the stars in the sky.

Yasenia and Kali were naturally surprised as they didn't think they would be able to look at a transcendent ranked treasure so soon. The only one they had ever laid their eyes on, besides those equipped by the seniors, was the [Glass Heart]. The prize for the tournament.

Yasenia looked around the room, trying to spot any traps. But she was unable to find any hints of a trap.

Moreover, this place was the reward room. Creating a trap here would be absurd, as it wouldn't follow the intention of making this place.

Therefore, Yasenia was quite sure that it was safe.

The three of them approached the platforms and looked at them thoroughly.

The treasure to their left was a watermelon-sized rock. However, this rock's surface was similar to a cloudy sky, as patterns of moving clouds and rain filled the smooth, spherical rock. Furthermore, some lightning cracked across its surface when the patterns became more stormy, and even a chilling air enveloped it when snow formed.

It was a very mesmerizing rock.

The treasure in the middle was much more simple but as beautiful nonetheless. It was a light-blue key seemingly made out of crystal. The light that refracted on it would break and form various colors, creating a beautiful spectacle around it.

The final treasure was a fist-sized cauldron. It had images of rivers and mountains on it, looking like a miniature work of art than something usable.

The name of each treasure was written on their platforms, and after admiring the three treasures for a while, Yasenia read their names from left to right. "[Weather Controlling Primal Stone], [Truth Crystal Key], [Earth Refining Cauldron]."

Yasenia wasn't sure if they would be useful, so she asked, "Do you want any of these?"

Kali said something sensible, "How about we take the three of them? They may come in handy in the future. Even if we don't want them for the moment, I'm sure that transcendent ranked treasures won't be useless."

Yasenia nodded, "Well, it is true."

Angel said, "Yasenia, can I get that key? I can feel a small connection with it."

Yasenia nodded, "In case the treasures became linked to our souls after picking them up, let's pick the most suitable one for each other. I will take the [Weather Controlling Primal Stone]. Kali, you take the [Earth Refining Cauldron]. If it is an alchemy cauldron, your refining speed will take a giant step forward."

Kali agreed. She was quite eager to make some pills using that cauldron.

The three of them didn't doubt anymore and stored them inside their rings. Then, they disappeared from that place and appeared in front of the Monolith with Sarah and another random.

Sarah looked at Yasenia and whined, "Who can stop that arrow? It was too sudden. I lost my chance to complete it flawlessly because of that."

Yasenia patted her and said, "We can always repeat it in the future. I don't know if you can enter the treasury after failing to do so the first time, but it is worth trying. Let's look at the other five Monoliths we've planned and then repeat the most efficient one to gain points."

Then, without delay, they moved toward the next Monolith. While they were walking, Angel was looking at the key curiously. It was made of blue crystal and was semi-transparent with a mysterious aura around it. It was honestly mesmerizing.

Yasenia had to surround Angel's waist with her tail and guide her so that she didn't collide with other people. Angel said, "Yasenia, I think I can gain something from this. But I'm not sure...."

Yasenia smiled, "Let's ask the Guard Captain then."

They changed directions and reached the armory. This time they entered through the entrance without trouble and arrived at the Guard Captain's office.

Yasenia knocked on the door and said. "We would like to have a conversation with the Guard Captain."

"Enter." Said a man's deep voice.

Yasenia didn't delay and opened the door. However, her movements stopped as she saw three Demons together with two human Demonic Cultivators.

Both groups froze, but they knew they couldn't create trouble, so they didn't say anything. Nonetheless, Yasenia saw the surprise in their eyes quickly being replaced by a vicious and slimy gaze. Yasenia internally frowned even if her expression didn't change, "This is bad. Demons have started entering the town...'

Chapter 253: Learning about the Key and tricking the Demons.

Looking at how the two groups were acting, the Guard Captain felt something was off. Still, he didn't mind it and looked toward Yasenia with a smile. Even if the previous time was somewhat



terrifying, getting visited again by the big beauty was a pleasant surprise. "Welcome back. I've already finished with them, so you can sit wherever you like."

Yasenia looked at the Demons mockingly and said, "I prefer if they go out of the room first. I do not want to be less than five meters from individuals hunting me down. I can already imagine them trying to kidnap one of us the moment we are close."

One of the demons sneered, "At least you know how to be scared when powerful people don't surround you. You have been too arrogant, making many of our kind die on the outside of the town. Do you think that we will forgive you for causing so many deaths!? Like any other creature, you should have surrendered to us, and maybe we would treat you better, future breeder!"

Angel, Sarah, and Kali frowned, but they didn't say anything. Angel's and Kali's gazes were particularly cold as they looked at them.

Yasenia looked at him with a smile, "I hear resentment in those words~. Was your sister between the Demons I killed? Maybe your brother? Or the woman you loved? Hahaha, it is a shame that they are already dead!"

The demon became angry and was about to charge toward Yasenia when his companion stopped him. "Do not attack here. If you kill anybody, you will die."

Yasenia smirked, "To think that you could see through such a scheme... I will have to reevaluate the demons' intelligence from the human baby level to the human children level."

However, even if the first one to speak had his face twisted with anger and his fist tightly clenched, none of them answered.

Yasenia wasn't expecting anything, either. She was doing so because she wanted to mess with the demons.

A female Demon with purplish wings said with a lustful expression and licking her lips, "Leaving aside your poisonous tongue. Now that I've seen you, I can understand why our monarchs want to obtain you. I really want to have a taste of you~. After we capture you, I will be sure to take my time with you~."

Yasenia sneered, "Having a taste of me? My flavor may be too strong for you, demon. I fear that the moment you get a taste of me, your brain will melt, and you will become retarded."

The demoness's smile widened, and she asked, "How about we test it~? I really want to corroborate whether that statement is true or not. We can take our time in a nearby inn~."

Yasenia turned around without answering and left the entrance free for them to exit the room. "Scram, I have things to ask the Guard Captain."

The first demon laughed and said, "How about we also hear what you want to ask? We don't have any haste, after all."

"I will be waiting for the room to clear out, Guard Captain." Said Yasenia as she went outside with the other three.

The Guard Captain saw Yasenia leaving, so he frowned and said, "All of you, leave. If you don't, I will never answer any other questions you have. Moreover, I will tell the order the townspeople to not sell you anything."

"Huh? A mortal trying to threaten us? Do you think we are afraid of you!?" Said the rash demon.

The female demon grabbed his horn and dragged him outside. "Let's go. Do you think we can hinder her by staying here? She will just go do Monoliths as we lose time here. Then, she just has to check from time to time until we leave. Moreover, the person that just threatened you is the Guard Captain. He should have a lot of authority in this place, so don't be rash and move your ass out of the room!"

Yasenia praised from the outside, "What a clever girl you are. If you know all of that, can you be a little faster and leave already?"

The demoness exited the room while laughing, "Are you starting to like me? I will always be free for you, Yasenia~." Yasenia didn't even bother to answer as she saw all of them exit the room.

But would Yasenia let them leave just like that? Of course not. While Yasenia was speaking with them, Kali had stealthily used a colorless, tasteless, and odorless substance at the office door entrance. So now, as they walked through it, they were inhaling and getting smeared in it.

The demoness felt something wrong, so she frowned. Yasenia spoke at that moment, distracting her. "Demoness, if you really want to have a "match" of that, I will be waiting for you in the Forlorn Inn, two streets away from here. Two days later, I will prove to you that my taste is too strong for a Demon."

The demoness was surprised as she looked at Yasenia's seductive smile. She also smiled and said, "I hope you keep your word~. I will be there without fault, beautiful Yasenia."

Then, the demons passed across the door normally and didn't realize that they had breathed something that would get them in big trouble.

When they disappeared, Yasenia recalled the effects of the substance. The thing Kali sprayed was called [Dragoness Allure].

It was an aphrodisiac Kali researched with Yasenia's pheromones.

Kali used Yasenia's mating sweat as the base component and multiplied its potency almost fivefold. With that, you can already guess the extent of the effects. Moreover, she had mixed other components to make it burst with full strength after a while to avoid suspicions on her if she were ever to use it.

Our dear fox knew the difference between hating something and knowing its usefulness. Even if she hated aphrodisiacs, they could be useful in many ways, so she created them. She also had plenty of other drugs and poisons in her ring, together with their antidotes.

When the demons left completely, Yasenia and the others entered through the door, and Kali gave a white pill to Angel, Sarah, and Yasenia. Sarah was about to ask when Yasenia picked it up and made her eat it. "It is a good thing, so just eat it."

Sarah used her tongue to take the pill from Yasenia's beautiful fingers, blushing slightly. Yasenia then ate the antidote pill herself. Even if it was created with her own pheromones, it could still arouse her.

The Guard Captain didn't ask about it and went straight to the point, "What do you want to ask?"

Angel also didn't beat around the bush. She took out the [Crystal key] and showed him, "What is this? Where can I use it?"

The Captain's face changed, and he said with a grave voice. "Where did you get this, little girl?"

Angel was about to answer, but Yasenias interrupted, "You don't need to know. Since I can already guess from your expression that you know what this is for, answer our question."

Her serious draconic gaze made him recall the previous experience with this dragoness, and he answered honestly. "You have to speak with the town mayor. He will tell you what to do with it. I don't have enough authority to spread what this is for."

Yasenias didn't insist. She just turned and left. The others saw it and also followed after her. Yasenias left a single word as she crossed the doors. "Thanks for the trouble."

She would have normally asked more things, tried to entice him to tell him, or she could have used different methods to force the answer from him. However, seeing him speaking with the demons already made Yasenias's trust in him lower further than it previously was. 'Since everyone can ask him questions, I can't guarantee that he won't speak about the Key to others. Maybe it was a mistake showing it to him. Well, what is done can't be undone.'

\*RUMBLE!\*

Five loud and powerful lightning bolts interrupted Yasenias's thoughts as they were leaving the building. Yasenias and Kali looked at each other and smirked. Yasenias said, "Let's see what happened over there, shall we?"

Angel and Sarah didn't have any opinions, and they walked in that direction. After they arrived there, Yasenias approached one of the town residents and asked. "Ma'am, could you tell me what happened here?"

The middle-aged woman shook her head with a sigh, "Five immortals suddenly began stripping and having sex in the middle of the street like animals. That is not permitted, so the guards in the surroundings approached. Who would have thought that when the guards approached to stop them, they also tried to "attack" them and got killed by the Divine Lightning."

Yasenias said with a worried tone, "That divine lightning is truly powerful. I will have to be more careful."

The woman nodded, "Yes, miss immortal. Try not to make any trouble since the lightning is unforgiving."

Yasenias smiled, "Thank you for worrying. I will be on my way."

Then, she turned in a Monolith's direction and left. Before leaving, she looked at the corpses and confirmed their death.

Their rings had already disappeared, so she didn't bother with them. 'It went better than expected... This latent problem has resolved itself, fufufu~.'

The next Monolith was infiltrating a palace, assassinating the Emperor there, and then leaving safely. If you were discovered after or before the assassination, then you wouldn't be able to enter the armory. The Monolith was twenty-five meters tall, taller than the previous one, and the reward was obviously higher, 2,500 Trial Points compared to the 1,500 they received before.

Still, this time, the closest one to overcome the trial without being discovered was Angel. She used her [Mirage Formation] and avoided all the patrol guards, traps, and other things made to find out or even kill the challenger. However, she was spotted later, failing the trial.

Yasenia was also unable to overcome this test without being discovered. The same went for Kali and Sarah. None of them had any stealth skills, so they just managed to kill the Emperor and nothing more, gaining an extra 2,500 Trial points.

Yasenia said after the Monolith, "This one is good for points since we can just overpower the guards and kill the Emperor, but if we want to enter the armory, we will have to choose another monolith."

Angel pouted, "I was so close to passing it perfectly, but they closed the city, and I couldn't escape without blasting the doors open...."

Kali sighed, "My fox traits went against me this time, someone spotted my tail, and then it all went downhill. I had to poison him to death using thorns and escape using my summons to gain me enough time to escape.

Sarah said, "I was discovered by the royal guard in the main room. I was able to fight them off and kill the Emperor. Escaping also wasn't difficult."

Yasenia nodded, "Let's go to the next one."

Angel grabbed her hand and asked, "Where did you fail, Yasenia?"

Yasenia laughed, "I wasn't agile enough to avoid the vigilance of the archers at the top of the castle. They discovered me quite easily because I forgot that my tail glows slightly in the dark. A silly mistake."

Angel also chuckled, "You are so silly, hahaha."

Yasenia tickled her and said, "Hm~, is my baby making fun of me~?"

Angel burst into laughter and begged for forgiveness.

Shortly after, they reached the next Monolith. It was even taller than the previous one.

Sarah asked, "Are we going to a bigger monolith each time?"

Yasenia nodded, "These are the five biggest ones here. This one has a reward of 3,000 Trial Points. The next has a reward of 3,750, the next of 5 000, and the tallest Monolith gives tons of points, 100,000 Trial Points. However, I don't want us to challenge the biggest Monolith directly. "

Yasenia looked at her and said, "I wanted to go slowly up to guess its difficulty. Imagine entering the 100,000 Point one, and it results to be a death trap. To reward so many points, there must be something fishy about it."

Kali said, "Although difficult, these last two monoliths had a very low danger factor for the moment. If it continues like this, depending on its contents, we should be able to challenge it."

Sarah nodded, "I wonder what the 100,000 monolith is about."

Angel answered, "We don't know. We just got information about their places and the number of points they give. We wanted to read the stele directly rather than asking for it."

Yasenia chuckled, "Not so fast, dears. First, we go to this one!"

They reached the 3,000 Trial Point monolith, a thirty meters tall structure. Yasehia didn't lose time and read the challenge. "The mines are infested with unknown creatures, enter the nest and eliminate every single one of them."

Yasehia hummed with interest. "Since we are in underground mines, I suppose it will be dangerous... Be careful with diggers, creatures with camouflage, and attacks that can make the mines collapse."

The other three nodded, and Yasehia read the condition to make it flawless, "Do not collapse the mines."

Yasehia smirked and said, "Well, all the more reason to avoid collapsing them."

They didn't fumble around anymore and entered the Monolith.

Their bodies were transported to another location instantly.

Yasehia opened her eyes before the mine entrance. It was honestly bigger than what she imagined it to be. Its height was at least seven meters, and its width was ten meters. Yasehia looked around and saw no vegetation. She was in the middle of a rocky landscape. Moreover, there wasn't a single soul in the surroundings.

Chapter 254: Deep into the mines there is a...

After thoroughly observing the surroundings, she didn't find any sort of clue, so Yasehia decided to enter the mines. She took out [Draconic Heart], and all her senses became alert. Even if the strength of the enemies from the previous Monoliths didn't surpass the half-step level of the Mental nourishing realm, Yasehia wouldn't become confident because of that. Her life was on the line, after all.

As she walked, Yasehia used her tail in the Sword shape to mark the floor. She didn't know whether it would be a complex network of tunnels or something simple. Either way, this would be a good method not to get lost as easily.

Her tail was extremely sharp and durable. It had already reached the boundary between High-level Earth treasure and low-level Heaven treasure. Moreover, after being coated by her energy coat, its hardness and sharpness increased, cutting the hard soil like a heated knife would through butter.

Five minutes later, Yasehia felt movement from the right. She placed her sword like a shield in that direction.

**\*Bang!\***

Yasehia felt the impact and heard something sharp making a strident noise as it tried to claw through it. The impact was strong, but her feet didn't move. The world was going slowly as Yasehia observed the creature that hit her sword. 'It isn't very big. I can use my tail as the main weapon.'

The creature that slammed onto her sword had the size of a large dog, with sharp claws on its four legs and a furry grey body.

Without delay, Yasehia used her tail and constricted the creature's lower half, hardening her scales so that it couldn't damage her. Then, Yasehia she pulled with all her strength and swung the beast around, hitting the floor with it.

**\*BANG!\* \*BANG!\* \*BANG!\* \*BANG!\***

Yasenia's tail was relentless as she slammed the creature into the floor and walls, creating very shallow craters. The creature didn't even know where the direction of the floor was as its face kept meeting the hard surface of the mine repeatedly. The powerful momentum Yasenia created when flinging it was enough not to let the creature free from the tight grip of her tail.

This beating down continued until Yasenia saw that it had fainted. The dragoness stopped slamming the creature on the walls and floor and looked at it closely. "I may as well try to find a glaring weakness or something before I kill it."

She observed the fainted and ugly creature closely.

The thing that attacked her was quadrupedal with small back legs and very long frontal ones. The frontal limbs had five sharp and big claws, at least thirty centimeters. Yasenia took the claw and tried to hurt her tail with it.

Sparks flew between them as the piercing sound of metal scraping against metal was heard. 'It can't win against my scales. That is good news. Since they use them to dig, I thought they would be much sharper.

She continued observing and was surprised to see that the creature didn't have eyes on its head nor everywhere else. The furry grey skin was deceptive as it was solid like a rock.

The strength of this one was in the middle-level, approaching high-level, of the third rank.

She tried to remember the name of the creature, but Yasenia didn't have any memory of this beast's name. Driven by curiosity, she continued investigating it, covering herself with a protective membrane.

And she did well doing that because it suddenly awakened and directly spat something at her. It was a gooey blue liquid that certainly looked dangerous.

Yasenia dodged to the side, but it managed to touch her arm. Thankfully, the protective membrane made it so the liquid couldn't damage her in any way. Still, when the liquid touched the ground, it sizzled, creating toxic fumes. Yasenia raised an eyebrow, "Bad little thing. Let's see how resistant your body is."

Yasenia delivered an uppercut to the lower jaw of the creature with her whole strength.

**\*SPLAT!\***

That was the sound it created as the head burst like a watermelon, splashing everything on the walls.

Yasenia nodded and said, "Quite fragile."

It wasn't. Dear Yasenia, the creature isn't fragile.

The skin of these creatures was as durable as the rocks they ate, so Yasenia just said that earth-ranked stones were fragile. Still, it was true that for our dragoness, it really felt like that.

To block Yasenia's full physical strength, you had to have at least a high-level earth-ranked armor. Moreover, the bearer of the armor must be at least a peak half-step level.

In short, until reaching the middle of the nest, the dragoness wouldn't have any problems. So it began a journey around the mines, clearing every single creature she met on the way with little to no effort.

Meanwhile, Angel and Kali also advanced without major problems. Since the cave was quite big, they could surround themselves with their summons, tanking the surprise attacks and then eliminating them.

Sarah, even if she was a novice, was strong, so besides being surprised from time to time, she advanced continuously and without major problems. Her five elements synergized quite well, giving her an edge in the battle against these beasts.

Furthermore, these days she has been tempering her will with the monoliths, so she had now very little reservations when killing beasts. Killing humans was still hard for her, but there was a lot of progress.

Right now, she could see splattering bodies and only felt sick in the stomach, but not fearful or cowardly as before.

The system was glad at this progress. Even it couldn't help its host if the host didn't have the will to live. So making these trials was a very good thing that would prepare her for the future.

In the system's opinion, this town was practically tailored for someone like Sarah.

The four of them made quick progress and reached the middle of the mines, where the nest was, in three hours.

This was less than fifteen minutes in the real world, as one hour outside was the same as twelve in the trial.

The nest was a very large cave with tunnel exits in every direction, even in the ceiling. It looked like a honeycomb because of all the tunnels that filled everything.

In the middle of the nest, there was a much bigger than the normal creatures, reaching five meters in height, just enough to move through the tunnels.

Its strength was, to Yasenias and the others' surprise, in the low level of the fourth rank!

That meant that it had comparable strength to a Unification realm cultivator.

Yasenia looked at it with a solemn expression. 'Fourth-ranked... This will be difficult if I want to defeat it without collapsing the mine. Moreover, I bet it can scream and call all the others in the surroundings.'

Yasenia wanted to sneak around a little more, but the creature's mandibles suddenly made a piercing clicking sound. Yasenia frowned since she knew that this was one of the skills they had, echolocation. Moreover, Yasenia was sure that this echolocation was superior since she had tried not moving, but they would always spot her.

As Yasenia expected, right after the sound, its head whipped toward her releasing an intermittent clicking screech. Yasenia cursed in her mind, 'The echolocation is too powerful! I'm hiding my breath and presence, but it still can spot me.'

Then, she heard it making a series of clicking sounds in different frequencies, and all the small creatures rushed toward Yasenia.

Yasenia didn't dare hold back and directly used [Celestial Dress]. The white empyrean dress hugged her body tightly as her strength multiplied exponentially. Then, she activated [Dragon Strenght] and shot forward toward the army of creatures that were still pouring through the tunnel entrances.

**\*Bang!\***

Yasenia collided like a bowling ball against ceramic jars, bursting almost ten of them into flesh chunks. Her aura was extremely deep and profound, overwhelming those under the high level of the third rank.

Then, she began swinging her giant sword around as if it was a weightless branch. Her sword swings sent air gales around, blowing the third-level creatures flying. Whenever it collided with one of them, the strength behind the sword didn't slice it but exploded the creatures.

The fight was extremely gory and bloody, but Yasenia's face didn't even flinch as she continued massacring the hordes of creatures jumping at her without regard for their own life.

The fourth-ranked creature suddenly spoke the human tongue. Its voice was distorted and accompanied by clicking sounds, "Why did you come here to kill us, strong one? I don't remember attacking your race."

Yasenia continued swinging her sword, killing the creatures in batches of five beasts with each swing. 'I also wouldn't meddle with your colony if it wasn't a mission from the monolith. Focus, I better not reason with it and just kill everything with a cold heart.'

Yasenia made a full circular swing, using [Crescent Moon] with her sword and tail. This sent two enormous silver crescents, one before and one behind her, bisecting a big chunk of the creatures present.

The creature spoke again. Even though its voice was screeching, Yasenia could understand perfectly. "Destroying innocent life as if it was common grass under your claws. Do you really want to exterminate us? Don't you feel anything killing us like that?"

Yasenia's heart didn't move, and she continued swinging her sword. 'If you were real, maybe I would bother speaking. But you are not. You are just a challenge, and these words are things to test my will. Therefore...'

"[Absorption of Celestial light: Day and Night Cycle]."

Yasenia's eyes turned silver as a vortex of energy enveloped her figure.

**\*BOOM!\***

Her aura washed the whole cave like a tide, even scaring the fourth-level creature. Yasenia said, her voice having a majestic tone even though Yasenia didn't intend to. "Time to meet your death, creature."

Those questions were asked to the four of them once they began killing the army pouring through the holes in the walls and ceiling.

Kali and Sarah doubted whether what they were doing was correct or not, slowing down their attacks for a moment.

Sarah because of her human empathy and Kali because of her bloodline and personality.



However, Kali steeled herself within four seconds and continued commanding her growing plant army together with Valeria, the [Golden Crown].

Angel, on the other side, didn't mind much about it. The little girl's mind was focused, and she knew that she had to overcome this challenge if she wanted to become gain more points. Therefore, she had been running around and placing down many [Glass Nodes] while it spoke.

The [Glass Golems] helped her open a path between the tide of creatures and those that the golems couldn't block; Angel sent them flying with a shield bash or scorched them with a laser.

The being talking to her was in the unification realm, something she wouldn't be able to defeat if the match was fair.

But because the creature was speaking, she gave her enough time to combine two of her strongest formations. Angel answered with her silvery voice, "Sorry, but you must die for me to complete this challenge."

Then, she activated the [Laser Prison Formation], [Mirage Formation], and [Glass golem formation] at the same time. A colorful show of lights illuminated the gloomy cave.

The fourth level creature had its senses confused as the [Mirage Formation] made even sound behave strangely. This gave Angel enough time to do what she had been planning since the beginning.

The twenty, three-meter-tall golems ignored everything as they rushed across the army of confused creatures and jumped on top of the fourth-level beast. Then, Angel controlled her [Laser prison Formation] and shot one laser at each of the golems. "[GOLEM EXPLOSION]!"

The fourth-level creature felt those golems landing on it and was about to destroy them when...

\*BOOOOOM!\*

\*CREEE!\*

An enormous multicolored explosion rocked the mines, making its foundation tremble, closely followed by a piercing yet agonizing screech. However, thanks to the prison formation absorbing most of the impact, Angel avoided the mines collapsing because of the enormous explosion.

Still, Angel didn't relax and created attack formations to bombard the explosion's center with lasers continuously.

Of course, as she did that, she was weaving through the third-ranked creatures and blocking the attacks with her shield, killing some of them with shield bashes and other shield attacks.

The heavily injured fourth-ranked creature managed to get out of the middle of the laser barrage, but its state was a sorry sight. The body was open in many places, with the bottom part of its body basically gone.

Even if the difference in strength was high, with those serious injuries, it wasn't long before the fourth-level creature gave its last breath. Then, Angel cleaned the remaining low-level creatures with another two hours of effort.

Chapter 255: Valeria vs Fourth-level creature.

Meanwhile, Sarah was using her elemental attacks while dodging the fourth-level creature. They didn't hurt it much, but she was slowly tiring it. The beast's main attributes were its strength and endurance, lacking agility, and that's why Sarah could kite it around the nest. Even then, Sarah would end up without energy first since she was competing against a creature a realm above her.

To overcome this, Sarah spent the System Points she gathered from Angel and Kali to buy stamina pills, attack talismans, and other objects. With their help, her battle was leaning in her favor. Moreover, she also used some of the talismans she got from completing the initial monoliths.

The battle was intense, but after bombarding it with so much "wealth," the creature eventually breathed its last. Therefore, Sarah managed to overcome the trial completing the flawless condition.

Meanwhile, Kali was about to engage with it. After not gaining much more reaction from Kali and most of its brethren being slaughtered by the plant army, it moved.

One of its frontal limbs grabbed the soil and pushed forward with all its strength. Kali's pupils shrank as she saw the floor cave in because of the creature's strength. Then, it shot forward like an unstoppable force, smashing through the plant army as if they were dry branches.

Kali instantly used [Nature's blessing] and [Overgrowth] one time after another on the treants, trying to create a front line durable enough to take its beating. It took some time, and by the time she managed to be somewhat successful, more than half of her army was annihilated.

To keep it at bay as she buffed her army, Kali asked Valeria to focus on skills like [Root Entanglement], [Root Wall], and [Thorn Field]. Together with the caster dryads, they managed to slow its speed by half, creating enough time for Kali to buff the treants. Regardless, even after strengthening them, they would end up dying after a short exchange with the fourth-level creature. Kali frowned with worry as she moved away from the beast. 'Its strength is too high, and its defense is too hard for the archer dryads to pierce through... What can I do? Right, I could try and kill it from the inside. The thorns had created some open wounds in its weak parts. I will take advantage of that.'

Kali used the [Parasite Root] enhancement on the thorns, which covered the whole battlefield. A bluish-green substance spread from Kali's feet and smeared the roots until they reached beside the creature. Then, a cacophony of bestial cries filled the cave.

**\*SCREEECH!\***

All the creatures began shouting in pain as the thorns literally dug inside their bodies, consuming them inside out. The fourth creature's inner defense managed to somehow control it, but the pain was high enough to make its attention refocus on Kali.

Its body took a turn, and tried to approach Kali. However, many defensive measures barred its path as the remaining plant army came in its way. Kali's eyes flashed with cold light as she chanted again, "[Fatal Thorn Field]."

Unlike the last time, the thorns were created under her feet with a purplish color. The next instant, they exploded outward like a wave, spreading extremely fast and combining with the previous greenish-blue thorns.

The fourth-level creature felt danger from the combination of the two types of thorns, so as soon as they tried surrounding its body, it began thrashing around, sending the boosted treants flying as if they were weightless.

**\*BOOM!\* \*BOOM!\* \*BOOM!\***

The treants hit the wall with force, cracking their sturdy bodies. Moreover, the thorn field was being destroyed by the second.

Kali got nervous. At this pace, she wouldn't be able to win! Suddenly she felt a gaze from the side. When she looked over, Valeria was looking at her with those green eyes with golden-slit pupils.

Kali's heart trembled as she received the gaze from the three-meter-tall seductive lady beside her. She could feel some kind of determination in her eyes and understood what she wanted. "Do you want to hold it until the poisons consume it?"

Although Valeria didn't speak, she spun her staff and looked toward the almost free fourth-level creature. Her intentions were more than clear.

Kali hesitated for an instant. She didn't like seeing the [Golden Crown] being too hurt. For Kali, Valeria was much more than a summon. She was an important family member.

However, when she saw its eyes locked onto the fourth-level creature, Kali steeled her heart. She pointed toward Valeria with her sword and chanted, "[Nature's Blessing], [Overgrowth], [Wood reinforcement]."

**\*BOOM!\***

Valeria's aura exploded as her green hair became like branches and grew exponentially, filling the cave walls with it. The flowers in her dress bloomed with natural beauty, spreading a pleasant aura that boosted all plant creatures several-fold, making the struggling treants resist the Fourth level creature much more easily.

Her green eyes shone as her staff became more complex, adding patterns in the plain wood and increasing her own strength several times.

The skill [Overgrowth] forcefully unlocked the potential of a plant-based creature in exchange for its vitality, so casting this on Valeria against an enemy as strong as this one, was like sentencing her to death.

Even if Kali could resummon her in the future, a creature like Valeria, who had its own will, would remember its end.

Therefore, even if Kali knew that Valeria was a summon and dying wouldn't really affect it, she really didn't like using her this way. This was the first time truly using [Overgrowth] on Valeria. The other times she made sure to control the skill so that Valeria wouldn't be too hurt.

But this time, she had no other option than use it to its full strength.

Suddenly, something happened that made Kali's eyes widen.

"W-Wor..ry not.. M-Mistress safe... Important." An extremely beautiful, mature, and gentle nature-like voice left Valeria's smiling mouth. Her voice could make even the most restless relax its nerves.

Kali didn't expect that unlocking her potential would also make her gain intelligence for this period of time! She looked at the gently smiling summon and took a deep breath. Then, she said with a commanding voice as she pointed her sword toward the fourth-level creature, "Kill it, Valeria!"

Valeria leaned forward and shot toward the Fourth level creature. Her speed was so high that Kali only saw a blur.

Valeria's branch-like green hair extended behind her as blooming flowers appeared on it. She was leaving a trail full of beautiful vegetation.

The fourth-level creature turned toward Valeria only to be greeted by Valeria's staff to its chin.

**\*BOOM!\***

The fourth-level creature was literally sent flying without control against the wall of the cave.

Kali was so surprised that her mouth opened. 'What is this strength!?'

Since Kali had never used [Overgrowth] to its full extent on Valeria, this was the first time Kali saw the plant lady's true potential.

Only now did Kali realize that the [Overgrowth] enhanced Valeria would be able to even fight against Yasenia with [Celestial Dress] on her. She might not win, but she would definitely be an extremely tough match for the dragoness.

What happened next was a beating that Kali didn't expect.

Valeria commanded all plant lifeforms around in combination attacks that didn't even let the Fourth-level creature breathe.

A treant punched it, followed by a vine coiling on the leg and smashing it against the floor. Five dryads shot an arrow to the head, distracting it, as the caster Dryads entangled its claws to immobilize it. All of this allowed Valeria to appear before it and attack it with blurring speed.

**\*BANGBANGBANGBANGBANG!\***

The creature was hit so hard and often that its hardened skin split with countless cracks, oozing blood from the wounds. Then, through these wounds, Valeria penetrated poisonous and parasitic roots to weaken it even more.

Kali didn't even need to move as the fourth-level creature was completely overwhelmed with a beautiful yet deadly combination of all her summons, all of them guided by Valeria's masterful innate abilities.

The battle went on, and Kali realized that Valeria's burst from Overgrowth was coming to an end. Kali didn't worry too much since she was sure that her win was guaranteed with the amount of beating it received.

But Valeria didn't think so.

The [Golden Crown] appeared below its head and pierced upward with the staff.

Then, Valeria's voice echoed in the caves. It resounded clear like Nature, yet with an undertone of strength that Nature had when wrathful.

"[Life Blooming Tree]."

The staff broke through the fourth-level creature's jaw and pierced all the way to the other side, growing into a beautiful green tree crown instantly and killing it.

The result of the battle was unlike the others.

It left the whole cave filled with flourishing vegetation, flowers, and plant creatures, all surrounding the beautiful [Golden crown] that seemed to be holding a tree crown above her.

Kali was about to cheer for Valeria when Valeria's body expanded and transformed into a tree trunk, connecting with the tree crown above it and becoming an enormous tree whose canopy encompassed most of the cave's ceiling.

Kali's voice got stuck in her throat as she looked at Valeria's beautiful death.

Not a single creature remained in the surroundings besides her summons.

All summons but Valeria.

Kali choked up a little and approached the tree, hugging it. "Thank you, Valeria. My beautiful and strong Valeria."

The tree rustled even if there wasn't any wind, as if showing its happiness for accomplishing her master's wish, and finally, it stopped, becoming a soulless tree.

Kali didn't move and continued to hug the tree, waiting for the monolith to transport her back. However, until then, she will certainly continue hugging it and showing her gratefulness to her.

The four of them were transported to the armory more or less ten minutes after Valeria died.

Yasenia looked at the three of them and saw that Angel was practically intact, Sarah was tired, and Kali was slightly depressed. "What happened, honey? Any problems?"

Kali looked at Yasenia and dove inside her embrace, her voice slightly choked up. "Valeria died!"

Yasenia wanted to hug and kiss her, but kisses were forbidden in this area, so she just hugged her and tangled their tails. Yasenia consoled her depressed fox. "She must have done it to protect you, honey. Don't cry, my love. When you summon her again, she will be happy to know you managed to get here."

Kali nodded and hugged Yasenia a little more, pouring her feelings on her.

Meanwhile, Sara was looking around, trying to find something interesting. She had become somewhat numb to their constant shows of affection, so she didn't bother about it anymore.

Unexpectedly, the system told her to go to the waste room. It said that something interesting and powerful was over there.

Sarah complied and went that way.

Yasenia saw her and asked, "Where are you going, Sarah? The Heaven Gate is over there."

Sarah stopped and said, "I-I'm curious about the Waste gate's objects, so I wanted to look at them."

Yasenia raised her eyebrow, 'How does she know that is the Waste Gate room? There aren't any signals. Hmm... She is hiding something. What could it be? Since we are here to get a reward... Is a powerful item there?'

Yasenia frowned and expanded her treasure sense in that direction. However, the feeling she got made her want to stay away from that place. 'Only garbage is over there. Is she really going there just out of curiosity? I don't believe it...'

Yasenia smiled and said, "I will accompany you. It is true that the previous time we only looked around the Heaven Gate, so how about we make a tour through the Treasury?"

Sarah stiffened slightly but nodded. "O-Okay."

Angel suddenly asked curiously, "How did you know which door was for the Waste gate, Sarah?"

Sarah looked at the gate and was about to point at something, but she didn't see anything. 'Fuck.'

Sarah laughed nervously and said, "Intuition? The energy from there is the lowest...."

Yasenia patted Angel and said, "Let's go. Didn't we also guess like that the first time?"

Sarah relaxed, and all of them entered the Waste Door.

The room was dull, and all the items were scattered without any semblance of order. They were honestly speechless.

More like a treasure room; it seemed like the garbage room. More rooms were at the side of this room, so they decided to look separately. Sarah found this quite convenient, so she eagerly accepted. The perceptive dragoness didn't miss this little detail.

Sarah walked across three rooms and reached one of the worst, if not the worst, rooms inside the Waste gate. Only broken items could be seen scattered on the ground. However, Sarah entered and followed the system's instructions. She arrived before a dilapidated scroll, 'This one? It is impossible to read, though.'

[Host, I can sense high energy values coming from this item. I think the outward appearance is just a facade. If you use the appraisal item, you should be able to know about its true value.]

She was about to pick it up when she heard Yasenia's charming voice behind her. "Is that scroll interesting?"

Chapter 256: Giving up the scroll and the Impossible Monolith.

Sarah's heart jumped, and she almost shouted. She didn't expect the dragoness to approach behind her stealthily. With a somewhat stiff expression, Sarah turned and looked at the smiling tall dragoness behind her. "W-When did you appear behind me? You almost gave me a heart attack!"

Yasenia chuckled and asked again, "So, is that thing valuable?"

Yasenia knew that Sarah had all her rights to keep her secrets, but this didn't mean that she would let something that could help her dears go easily. There weren't things like fairness when competing for supremacy in this world.

Yasenia didn't mind taking it from Sarah if she could get another powerful treasure. Of course, she won't be too forceful in her approach, but that didn't mean that she wouldn't try to take it.

Sarah said, her voice somewhat nervous. "N-No, I just wanted to look at it. I'm actually surprised that broken things like these could enter the place where we should be getting rewards."

Yasenia walked around Sarah as she listened to her. Sarah saw Yasenia reaching for it with her tail, then lifting it from the ground and placing it on her hand. Yasenia used the whole extent of her dragon instincts to find some value in it. 'I can't feel anything... Was she truly looking at it for curiosity?'

Sarah was looking at Yasenia nervously as she asked the system, 'W-Will she be able to see anything, system?'

[Host, don't worry. No matter how heaven-defying her strength is, she is still young and inexperienced. She won't be able to feel anything from it. Not even a high-bloodline dragon within the Transcendence Realm would be able to feel its value.]

And the system was right; Yasenia couldn't sense anything coming from it. However, a quick side glance made Yasenia aware of Sarah's current nervousness as she held it. 'Since I'm not able to see anything coming from it... It must have been the thing possessing her that told her. Maybe it is even more precious than a Transcendence ranked item... But I find that too far-fetched... Why would the creator place something so powerful in this place?'

What Yasenia didn't know is that the ancient high-level cultivators and even many in this time and era loved leaving powerful treasures in their inheritances and leaving everything to Fate or Destiny. In their opinion, only those that have a connection with the item would be able to gain them.

Yasenia frowned, but something flashed inside her mind. She remembered her sword. Then, it suddenly didn't seem that impossible. 'Should I steal it and bet I'm right? There are other treasures I want for Cecile and Andrea, thought, and I don't know how many times I will be able to enter the treasury....'

Yasenia decided to take the most direct approach. Rather than play mind games, she rather bet on Sarah's nativity. Therefore, she looked directly into Sarah's honey-colored eyes with her goldens and asked, "Is this item powerful?"

Sarah looked sideways for an instant and then said with a smile, "It shouldn't be, right? It is just a tattered scroll. What is there to be valuable?"

Yasenia was silent for five seconds and then smiled, "Then, if I take it, you wouldn't mind, right?"

Kali and Angel looked from the side, wanting to see what Sarah would say. They caught something wrong as soon as Yasenia began following Sarah stealthily after entering the Waste Gate Treasure room.

They were also focused on the scroll in Yasenia's hand, unable to feel anything from it. It looked like normal papyrus used in common scrolls.

Even if her face remained calm, Sarah began sweating under Yasenia's penetrating slit eyes. She truly felt naked when those golden dragon eyes locked onto her.

The system saw that they might lose it at this pace, so it told Sarah.

[Host, that item isn't useful for them. It is a cultivation technique for people with five or more attributes, the only thing you still lack. Your cultivation will take thousands of years if you let it fall into her hands. I must remind you that you could only reach your current level thanks to a Heaven-Defying treasure.]

Sarah was internally shocked, 'Thousands of Years!?! I can't let it fall in Yaseenia's hands.'

She steeled herself and said, "Y-Yaseenia, in truth, it isn't a normal item. But it won't be useful for people like you."

Yaseenia hummed and flipped the scroll around, "Why is it useful to you and not to me? Don't get me wrong, I don't like stealing things from acquaintances, but powerful items are really important and, most importantly, rare in a cultivator's path. I can confidently say that sixty to seventy percent of a cultivator's strength comes from items like cultivation methods, movement techniques, and so on. Therefore, I wouldn't like to lose one."

Yaseenia locked eyes with Sarah and said, "You've maybe heard that dragons are hoarders of treasures, and well, those rumors aren't wrong. I rather take all items that may help me in the future. So, I would ask you, Sarah, to tell me why this item is not useful for me, but it is for you."

Yaseenia looked at Sarah and said, "Moreover, there is one strange thing. Not even my dragon-sense can detect value from this scroll that you are saying that it is powerful. This only means that it is not an ordinary powerful item, but an extraordinary one."

Sarah was somewhat cowered but kept being insistent. Even if she really liked Yaseenia and wanted to be lovers with her, she couldn't sacrifice taking thousands of years to cultivate. Therefore, she said. "This item is only useful for five-attributed cultivators like me. That is why it can't be of use to you. No matter if you keep it forever, it will never be of use to you."

Yaseenia asked with a raised eyebrow, "How do you know? You are naïve, innocent, and ignorant of most basic things in our world, yet you are strangely sure of this thing."

Sarah was now visibly sweating. 'I-I didn't know that Yaseenia's image of me was that bad...'

Yaseenia, of course, didn't want the thing possessing her to become suspicious, so she decided to give up for fear that this item would be something important to them. Therefore, she didn't let Sarah answer and said honestly, "Well, it doesn't matter. Take it, but I hope that you didn't lie to me about this when its value shines in the future, Sarah."

Yaseenia turned and said, "I will be brutally honest with you. I'm not letting you be beside me out of complete goodwill. Your strength and not scheming nature are why I'm letting you be beside me. If any of these two things changes... We will have to go separate ways, Sarah."

Sarah gulped, 'S-System, I really don't want to get on her bad side. What you said is true, right?'

[Host, I can't be completely sure. But I'm certain that what you said isn't a lie.]

Sarah wasn't too convinced by its answer, but she could only sigh and nod. "Don't worry, Yaseenia. I wouldn't lie to you."

Yaseenia threw the scroll above her, and it made a perfect arc, landing before Sarah.

Sarah caught it, and then they moved toward the Heaven Treasury.

Yaseenia sniffed around and found middle-level Heaven-ranked robes for Life-attributed cultivators. "Kali dear, your robes are only on the Earth rank, right? Here are some good ones you may like."

Kali went to them and picked them up. She really liked the feeling coming from them. "I will pick this [Spring Blossom Robes]. Thanks for finding it, Yaseenia." Yaseenia smiled and patted her with her tail.



She continued moving around and found a 10 000 cubic meter ring. "Baby, if you don't find anything useful, this ring can come in handy."

Angel looked at it but said, "Hmm... I don't need a bigger ring. I also found interesting earrings over there. They seemed to aid my cultivation speed when wearing them."

Yasenia nodded and searched for something that Andrea would need, 'Darling has everything and of high rank too... Ugh, why is she so rich? I don't know what to take for her!'

Yasenia chuckled as she remembered a funny thing Tatyana had told her.

"Little Treasure, if you weren't my daughter. Andrea could totally become your sugar mama."

"Hm? Sugar mama? What is that?"

"A rich woman that keeps you well fed in all the meanings of the word~."

Yasenia was still somewhat confused, so Tatyana explained it with some examples. After Yasenia heard the explanation, she completely agreed with it and even teased Andrea with that term from time to time every time Andrea bought something for Yasenia.

Yasenia chuckled and refocused. She continued sniffing around until she saw a big bucket. 'What is this? Wow, It is high-level Heaven-ranked...'

Yasenia saw that it was similar to what she saw within Elder Irina's smithy, but she couldn't clearly remember as she just glanced at it. "Angel, Kali, do you know what this is?"

They looked at the big wooden bucket and shook their heads.

"I don't know..."

"I've never seen it before...."

Sarah said, "Isn't it one of those buckets to hold water? I've seen it in the tele- \*Cough\* Books before. It is used to keep water to cool down the hot materials while smithing."

Yasenia remembered, "Right! Thanks, Sarah." Sarah smiled and nodded, happy to be able to help.

Angel suddenly remembered something, "Didn't Andrea say that she needed one of these?"

Yasenia nodded with a happy smile, "Yes, she did. The previous one was broken after a failed attempt; I think it literally exploded into pieces. Since I've never used them as I was taught to use my Moon energy to do what this is supposed to do, it totally went over my head for a second."

Yasenia picked that for Andrea and kept it in her ring. Then, they disappeared from there.

After exiting the Monolith, they decided to rest a bit before going toward the next one.

The next Monolith wasn't very complicated, not harder than this one, and they managed to complete it easily, in total, gaining 8,750 Trial points. However, flawlessly doing the 5,000 Monolith was almost impossible.

They needed to avoid being scratched when fighting against invisible creatures. Even if their senses were high, not even Angel, with her barriers, could complete it.

And finally, they arrived at the 100,000 Trial Points monolith. It was a tremendous one-hundred-meter-tall Monolith.

It was a structure that Yasenia had confused with a building before due to its height.

Yasenia saw that no one was challenging it and was confused. She approached it with her group and read the challenge. It wasn't something fancy or extremely complicated as they thought it would be.

What Yasenia read was a single sentence. "Beat your perfect self."

Yasenia's expression changed, and she said seriously, "We can't do this one. It is an unbeatable death trap."

Angel and Kali were surprised at Yasenia's instant negative toward this Monolith. Sarah asked, confused, "Why do you say that? It shouldn't be that difficult, right?"

Yasenia looked at Sarah and said, "It shouldn't be that difficult... Can you beat a perfect copy of yourself? Someone that can use everything you have but better?"

Sarah, Kali, and Angel thought about it. Yasenia looked at Kali and Angel and said, "Imagine if mom is controlling a copy of yourselves to fight against you. Can you beat her? Now, that copy is even stronger than Mom since it is literally your perfect self."

Angel and Kali got literal chills going up their spines with terror filling their hearts. A single word crossed their mind. 'Impossible!'

Yasenia saw their expression and said, "Correct, you can't, and so can't I. This Monolith will make us fight against a copy of ourselves that can perfectly use our bodies. If there wasn't a risk of dying, it would be the perfect training simulation. But there is. The copy will try to kill you without mercy, and I don't even know if there is an option to retreat once you accept the Monolith. Therefore, we can't enter this Monolith."

Yasenia looked at them and said, "Remember, being brave is not fearing challenging fights with small odds of winning. Charging against an unbeatable enemy is just stupidity and ignorance of your own capabilities."

While Yasenia was speaking, a group of three approached the Monolith. Yasenia saw that after reading the table, they spoke a bit and decided to enter.

Yasenia heard a sigh on the side coming from an old man, "Another three that won't come back... I haven't seen a single person beating this Monolith or even exiting it in my long life. It is just a mortal trap."

His wife answered, "Not only with this batch of cultivators. I've never seen anyone beating it or even exiting it."

The old man nodded, "We always try to advise the immortals, but they never listen. Well, they can do as they like. If they want to suicide, it is their own choice."

Chapter 257: Evelyn's and Sierra's Breakthrough.

Yasenia shook her head and turned, not even caring about the 100,000 Trial Point Monolith anymore. "I think our best bet is the 3750 Trial Points monolith. However..." Yasenia looked at Kali and asked, "Can you beat the fourth-level creature without using [Overgrowth] on the [Golden Crown]?"

Kali didn't answer, correcting Yasenia first. "It is Valeria."

Yasenia tilted her head, "Hm?"

Kali smiled because those cute gestures suited Yasenia unexpectedly well and said, "Her name. The name of the [Golden Crown]. It is Valeria."

Yasenia was slightly surprised at her firm tone, 'Her tone is strange. Why...? Right! It carries affection. Does my little fox like her summon? Then, I should be more respectful of it- Her.'

Yasenia suddenly had a wild thought, 'Would Kali have overcome her fears by herself without me thanks to the [Golden-, no... Thanks to Valeria?' After thinking about it, Yasenia found it quite possible.

'When we first spoke together, Kali was somewhat chatty. She wasn't as timid as later when she began falling in love with me. Maybe she regressed in her condition somewhat after keeping in contact with me. Well, she is much better than we first met at the moment, so I'm very proud of myself and Kali~.'

Yasenia could imagine the beautiful and heartbreaking story of a scarred woman and her summon who got closer as time went by, finally becoming a couple.

The dragoness scrunched her nose slightly. She couldn't help but become slightly jealous of Valeria. It wasn't a fit of bad jealousy, just a little unharmed feeling that disappeared almost as soon as it came. Regardless, her thoughts didn't wander much more since she would never know an answer to that.

Still, since Yasenia understood that her little fox liked Valeria, she wouldn't be rude enough not to call her by her name or address her like a person. Yasenia soon smiled and said, "Sure, then I will call her Valeria. I'm very grateful to her for all her hard work and always being at your side. If you want me to do something for her, don't hesitate to ask me for it, honey."

"Thank you, Yasenia. Without her, I wouldn't be here, so she is someone precious to me." Kali smiled happily under her veil, delighted at Yasenia's words. Her twitching fluffy ears and wagging tail clearly showed her current mood. Yasenia petted her with a gentle smile.

Of course, Yasenia wouldn't ask something as vain as who was more important. It would be unnecessary and bad manners since Yasenia would hint that she saw Valeria as a rival. And Yasenia was not like that.

Valeria was important to Kali, which is all Yasenia needed to know about their relationship.

Then, Kali thought about Yasenia's question and said, "I think we can do it, but the fight would be very close."

Kali's eyes flashed with determination under her veil, and she said, "But I will do it! I won't let Valeria sacrifice herself like that anymore."

Yasenia nodded, reassured at Kali's confidence. She knew Kali wasn't someone to speak empty words, so they decided to enter the challenge again.

However, before entering, Sarah said, "Yasenia. I don't think I can beat this challenge comfortably. I rather do the Queen and King escort mission. Moreover, I will be able to enter the Treasure room if I do that one flawlessly."

Yasenia didn't stop her, "Good luck."

Sarah said, "Umm, I will come back here from time to time. Don't forget about me if you want to leave for another place."

Yasenia nodded and caressed her curly brown hair. "Don't worry, Sarah. We will wait here for five hours if we want to leave. So I recommend you check every four hours. That way, it will be impossible for you to miss us."

Sarah nodded with a relieved smile and went to the other Monolith by herself.

After they saw Sarah disappearing in the crowd, they reentered the Monolith. It went much better than the last time.

Kali, this time, entered the nest with her summons already empowered and sieged the fourth-level creature with various fumes and attacks that didn't need to pierce its hard skin.

When it was weakened, she buffed Valeria with [Nature's blessing] and [Wood Reinforcement], leading to an attrition battle that Kali ended up winning. She didn't win by much, having only twenty percent of energy left and some injuries, but she managed to avoid using [Overgrowth] on Valeria.

Moreover, the vegetation she summoned maintained the integrity of the nest, allowing her to complete it with the extra condition, leading to a flawless result.

Yasenia and Angel also put different strategies into play and beat the fourth-level creature easier than before.

However, unlike what they expected, they didn't appear in the armory again after finishing the challenge.

Yasenia and the others were confused when they appeared outside. Angel asked, "Does it only let us enter once every monolith?"

Yasenia sighed, "Well, it would make sense. Otherwise, the first to be able to enter continuously would take everything. Since these are the hardest five monoliths, let's first make a round in each Monolith and take our chances to enter that place. We should gather the highest amount of treasures we can."

Kali and Angel agreed with her. Although Trial Points were important, the treasures inside could be much more valuable than the Trial Points. For example, the three Transcendence realm items they got before.

During the next three days, Yasenia, Angel, Kali, and also Sarah looked around, spotting a total of four more monoliths with chances to enter the armory. They completed them and gained different objects, none of them increased their attack power, and they were more recipes for pills, weapons, tailoring, cooking, and some formation books.

The Pill recipes Kali took were poison recipes since she already had tons of Medical and alchemy books. The only thing Kali lacked was knowledge and study material of poisons.

Angel was a fanatic of Formation books, so she took another four of them. Yasenia didn't tell her to take a better shield since she still had in mind finding Jaxon and killing him for the Transcendence level Shield, [Heart Of Glass].

Across the three days, they met with different people, demons, and beasts, but they didn't have any big problems besides badmouthing, some arrogant people, and things like that. Nothing worth mentioning. And so, our girls kept grinding and gaining more points.

Of course, it wasn't just our girls that were gaining strength and treasures. However, we will continue to focus on them.

In a hidden place in the Thunder Mountain area, unnaturally thick thunder and lightning rumbled. The strength of the lightning bolts in that place was enough to demolish small hills.

Of course, those bolts of lightning weren't falling there at random. They were striking one blue-haired and purple-eyed woman and a giant white wolf.

The woman's aura suddenly bloated and burst outward, making white lightning crackle around her violently.

The giant wolf was lying on the snow, looking toward the woman with a tranquil gaze. However, there was one difference from her previous self.

She was much bigger than before. Her blue eyes looked more aware and wise, her white fur sleeker and softer, and her aura profound and terrifying. Even when the terrifying lightning hit her, she was unbothered, as if rain was falling on her instead of lightning.

If before, Evelyn was unsure if she could win against the Wolf Queen. Now, Evelyn knew that a single paw strike would be able to injure her badly.

Under the wolf's gaze, Evelyn compressed the energy inside her dantian and pushed the barrier toward the next level. However, she wasn't rushing it; she was waiting for something.

Suddenly, a barrel-thick lightning bolt fell from the sky toward Evelyn. Her purple eyes flashed with lighting as a smirk appeared on her lips.

When the bolt was about to hit her, it slammed against an invisible barrier around Evelyn and shattered in abundant energy particles.

Then, she broke the barrier toward the next level like fragile glass using that extra energy and the energy she had gathered previously. Her eyes closed, and a thundering sound spread around!

**\*RUMBLE!\***

Energy filled Evelyn's meridians and nourished her body and mind at high speeds, increasing her strength, agility, and comprehension ability.

The comprehension increase was less abstract than one may think since, when this quality increased, the cultivator's mind would connect with the energy further, allowing the cultivator to see energy flows, rules, and patterns clearer and easier.

One hour later, Evelyn opened her violet eyes and looked toward the lazily laying Wolf Queen.

"Done! I've broken through to the ninth level~. How are you doing with your advancement, Sierra?"

The Wolf Queen, Sierra, said lazily, "I've advanced to the fourth level while you were absorbing the lightning here. I currently am in the low-level Fourth rank, as you call it. Or in the King Rank, as I call it~."

Sierra's mouth arched as she said, "I think you have no chance against me right now."

Evelyn rolled her eyes and snorted, "I didn't even know if I had a chance before! Now that you've advanced a big realm, you can surely slap me to death with one paw. However, don't be too happy since we will have a rematch after I advance to the Unification Realm!"

Sierra laughed and said with gratefulness, "I could advance thanks to you. Thank you, Evelyn."

Evelyn smirked and approached the now two-times bigger wolf. Sierra was eight meters tall, and taking into account her tail, she reached a terrifying fifteen meters in length.

Evelyn looked at her up and down and whistled, "You are a big girl now!"

Sierra lowered her wolf face, which was almost four meters long, and said with a toothy smile, "I can eat you like a snack now."

Evelyn laughed and grabbed one of Sierra's big fangs. "You could eat me in two bites before. Now you can eat two like me in one bite, hahaha."

Sierra gently moved her mouth, freeing her fang from Evelyn's hands. Then, she lowered her snout before Evelyn. Evelyn naturally caressed her as she said, looking into the wolf's blue eyes, "Let's go kill those you want to kill. Although I won't be able to help you a lot, I can support you from behind."

Then, Evelyn's tone became serious as she said, "However, Sierra, I hope that if the situation is not winnable, you choose to run with me. We can try as many times as you want if you are alive, okay?"

Sierra used her big tongue to lick Evelyn once and said, "Don't worry. I don't plan on perishing yet. Although my pack is important, I'm going to leave soon with you, so I just want to save them since I could only grow up into a mature wolf because of them. That way, I could leave my debt with them repaid. Mount on my back."

Evelyn raised an eyebrow, "You don't mind?"

Sierra smiled and pointed at her back with her snout, "I want to carry you up the mountain. Don't delay."

Evelyn laughed and said, "You seem very confident, huh?"

Sierra smirked, "You will see how strong I truly am when we reach there."

Evelyn jumped atop Sierra's head and said, "Let's see it then."

Sierra put strength in her legs, and in the next instant, Evelyn saw the surroundings stretching as Sierra zoomed through the mountain at speeds she wouldn't even be able to follow with her eyes accurately. "WOOHOO!! YOU ARE SO FAST!"

Sierra smirked, and a spark of yellow electricity wrapped around her four legs. Then, her speed literally multiplied, transforming into a white and yellow blur as she zoomed across the mountain.

Evelyn had to grab onto Sierra's white fur to not fall down from her. Her heart was pounding extremely fast as she saw the surroundings blur around her.

Chapter 258: Arriving at the wolves' den.

After half an hour of a crazy run, Sierra slowed down as she approached a forest with blue and white trees. These trees were big enough to make Sierra look like a normal wolf.

The weather was still the same snowy, windy, and stormy, but the temperature was clearly warmer. Still freezing cold, but not as cold as before. Even then, the vegetation in the forest was flourishing as a wide variety of blue, white, and green plants grew normally.

Evelyn could also see small animals looking at them curiously. Evelyn was impressed, "Wow. Even in this weather, life is flourishing in the forest."

Sierra said, "That's true. Even in the cold season, there is plenty of prey to feed one pack."

Evelyn's face froze, "What do you mean in the cold season?"

Sierra answered with slight confusion, "Hm? I mean, when the temperature stops being so warm."

Evelyn almost fell off Sierra's head because of how surprised she felt, "This weather is warm!? I'm almost freezing out here!"

Sierra snorted with laughter, "Freezing? Then, you would maybe freeze to death when the weather becomes cold, even for some wolves of my pack."

Sierra suddenly stopped and looked left. Evelyn was seated on her head, so she moved with her. Evelyn asked, "Is there something in that direction, Sierra?"

Sierra said coldly, "A group from their pack is approaching. They must have picked up my scent since I'm not hiding it on purpose."

Evelyn asked, "Why?"

"So that they guide me to their den. After dominating this whole area, they don't stay put in one place since they have to find food."

"How far are they?"

Sierra said, "Three and a half hills away."

Evelyn made a confused face before smacking her forehead, 'Am I stupid? How could a wild wolf know about the metric system? I will have to teach her about it in the future.'

After waiting for five minutes, a group of ten wolves jumped out of the woods and landed in front of them, showing off their auras and fangs.

However, they all froze when they saw Sierra, who was almost triple their size. Sierra was already bigger than a normal wolf before breaking through, so after doubling in size, it was similar to seeing a normal wolf beside a puppy.

Sierra looked at them with her icy blue eyes and sneered, "Weren't you so imposing just a moment ago? Appearing before me as if you were above me? Why are you suddenly frozen?"

Yet, the ten wolves were so terrified of Sierra's aura that they couldn't even answer. They were all frozen stiff with their tails between their legs. Evelyn almost laughed aloud.

Sierra didn't lose time and ordered, using her aura, "Get me to your pack leader. It is time I put an end to this."

The ten wolves didn't say anything, and they made way for Sierra with their tails between their legs.

Evelyn was barely holding her laughter, "Why are they acting like that? Shouldn't they try to bar your way? You are clearly going to fight their leader, right?"

Sierra was confused, "What do you mean? Since I'm strong, they won't attack me. Who would attack something that is much stronger than them?"

Evelyn smiled wryly, "I think you will be surprised once we leave this place together."

Evelyn thought about something and asked, "By the way, do all the wolves have the same level of intelligence as you? You were very clever since the first moment we saw each other."

Sierra shook her head and said bitterly, "No, they don't. Even before advancing, I was above all of them in terms of intelligence. The only reason I fell to his plots was that I was ignorant that rituals like that even existed."

Evelyn, who sat on Sierra's head, caressed her through the fur. "Don't worry. We will make them disappear soon."

Sierra smiled after feeling Evelyn's concern and the little hand rubbing her head.

Even if Evelyn's hand was very small for someone of Sierra's size, it spread a comfortable current of warmth inside of her. 'Although it was a desperate move I made in a desperate time, I'm glad I bet on Evelyn. I can feel through our connection that her heart is incredibly pure, free-spirited, and devoid of any restraint.'

Sierra shouldn't be able to feel anything since she was the slave end of the contract, but Evelyn didn't hide much from her new companion. She wanted to build trust between them, and actions spoke louder than words.

They walked for some minutes and reached a place hidden between some snowy hills. In each of those hills, there was an entry to a different cave system.

Looking from a distance, Evelyn could see that some caves were bigger and others smaller. Clearly, these wolves understood the concept of hierarchy better than normal wolves. Moreover, she could see some wolves bringing hunted prey to the bigger caves as a form of offering.

Around the place, wolves of all sizes walked around. Their colors were a mix of grey, black, and bluish-white. There wasn't a single wolf pure white like Sierra.

Sierra said to Evelyn, "The grey-colored ones are the ones we've come here to beat up. The black wolves were my previous pack, and the bluish-white wolves are from another pack that was assimilated before ours."

Evelyn was surprised, "You are so different from your pack. Did that ever bring you trouble?"

Sierra said honestly, "Yes. Until I proved my strength, I was always isolated by my pack. Even my mother got killed by the previous alpha since he thought I wasn't the same blood. But after some struggles, I managed to live and come back later, killing him and stealing the alpha position."

Evelyn laughed, "You are such a badass."

Evelyn continued, "Anyway, it is good to know who is in your pack. So, will there be any diplomacy, or will we just take the path of the strongest fist is right? I don't know if you want to have too many deaths. Also, if you need any help speaking, I can always speak for you."

Sierra answered confidently, "I will try to talk to him first to make more wolves gather. Once they see my new strength, they will surely ally with me. If the two sides have a similar number of wolves, I will be able to decide everything in a one-against-one fight."



Evelyn laughed, "You may not even need me."

Sierra chuckled, "You are the one that gave me this strength. Doesn't that mean that whenever I fight, it is your strength?"

Evelyn denied her assumption, "No, you are your own, and you advanced because of your talent and strength. Even if our relationship technically is master and slave, I don't want to treat you like that. We are going to be long-time partners, so treat yourself as such. That is why I told you to call me Evelyn and not master, remember?"

Sierra's blue eyes became tender, and she answered, "Yes, I remember. Thank you, Evelyn."

As they talked, Sierra walked forward fearlessly toward the center of the den. Every wolf that saw them followed after since they knew that something was about to happen, and Sierra's aura was filled with leadership, even stimulating those unintelligent wolves to follow.

They reached the middle of the lair, and Evelyn got down from Sierra's head. She was so small that she would be able to sit on her paw comfortably.

Sierra then gathered energy in her throat and lifted her head, a powerful howl exploding from her. "AWOO!!!"

Her howl spread through the surroundings like a tide, making every creature in the surroundings know about the return of the Wolf Queen.

In one of the biggest caves, a three-and-a-half-meter-tall wolf stood up from its nap with a start.

This wolf was clearly more intelligent than the others. His fur was grey colored, but it had some red symbols over it, resulting in a beautiful but ominous beast. 'What a great surprise. She has finally returned! I thought she would just die alone somewhere in the mountains. Did she regret it after feeling death coming after her?'

He immediately gathered his pack and rushed out in the direction of the howl. However, he had some doubts. 'According to my calculations, she should have died two or three days ago. Even if she managed to return, the curse should have already weakened her immensely. '

He reached the area, and his eyes automatically locked onto the wolf that was almost thrice the size of any other wolf.

At first, he was scared since he thought it was a wild, powerful wolf that had come here, but the snow-white fur and those blue eyes were impossible to miss.

This grey wolf only knew about a single wolf with these qualities, the one that he wanted to make his mate at all costs. He was doubtful and didn't rush forward. His dulled instincts were screaming that something was very wrong. 'What happened? How did she become so big?'

Evelyn shouldn't be able to understand the next conversation as they spoke in their own beast language, but her connection with Sierra translated it for her.

Sierra also didn't miss the wolf with red glowing markings. Then, she declared with a powerful tone, "I've come back to take my pack with me. Release them, or I will have to kill my way out!"

He was at first surprised and then angered. He snarled and barked, "You've become so confident after being banished! Do you think that with just your strength, you will be able to escape?"

Sierra looked at him coldly and let her aura burst out. The weather seemed to become stormier as an explosion of energy burst forth from Sierra.

Yellow electric arcs coursed her body as her presence seemed to multiply before all the wolves eyes. "Since you are so determined. I challenge you to a death match to become the alpha!"

The wolves that were scared of the red-grey wolf were completely paralyzed before Sierra's imposing aura.

It wasn't just a matter of strength now. What these wolves were feeling was bloodline pressure!

Sierra hadn't been a Wolf Queen since birth. It was a mutation that happened after being near a lightning treasure from the heavens and earth.

Because this transformation happened when she was already in the third rank, it didn't change her completely, and traces of her previous self remained, creating a murky "Queen" aura.

However, Sierra's transformation when entering the fourth realm eliminated all these imperfections and let her become a complete Beast Queen, similar to Cecile before and after her rebirth.

Taking all of this into account, the current Sierra would be able to even fight against the whole pack of wolves since her aura suppresses them.

Evelyn was standing beside Sierra with a proud smirk. She felt a slight resemblance to her dragoness from Sierra when Yasenias went all out. 'Sierra also has this natural monarch vibe around her. Aren't I lucky to get a companion like her after getting a wife like Yasenias? I will become the Beast Queen tamer- \*Cough\* The Beast Queen companion!'

That red-grey wolf and those near him were different from the rest because they had gone through strengthening rituals that had changed their physiology to that of a mixed wolf. Therefore, Sierra's aura just suppressed them in the sense of a fourth-ranked beast facing a third-ranked beast.

After showing off her new might and intention to fight, Sierra didn't waste any more breath and pounced forward like a yellow lightning bolt.

Chapter 259: Abyssal Abomination.

In a battle between wild beasts, there weren't any warnings nor formalities.

It started whenever one moved, and it ended with either one of the participants dead.

With a powerful howl, Sierra accelerated toward the Alpha wolf. Her momentum was terrifying as her size and strength looked imposing.

Meanwhile, the alpha wolf didn't fight one on one. He knew that the match would be over even before it could realize. Therefore, he howled back toward Sierra without moving. After he howled, a group of ten wolves pounced from the sides toward Sierra.

All ten of these wolves had a number of red runes inscribed in their fur, similar to the alpha. The number and density of the red runes changed depending on who was stronger. The alpha had a total of ten red runes, and the other ten had between six and eight.

The weakest one pounced toward Sierra with the intention of testing Sierra's strength. Sierra looked at the approaching wolf with chilling coldness and swiped her paw toward it.

\*Bang!\*

With an extremely loud sound, the wolf was sent flying with four terrible charred gashes on its side, broken bones, and internal organs ruptured. Its mouth was flooded with blood as if its insides almost shot out from the mouth.

The moment Sierra slowed down to slap that wolf away, another one tried to approach from behind to bite her hind legs. What it didn't expect was Sierra's big and fluffy tail to be covered by powerful lightning and smashed down on its head.

This time the crunch of bones harshly breaking echoed together with the explosive sound of the tail connecting with the wolf's head. The powerful strike made its skull collapse and killed it instantly.

Sierra's strength was tyrannical compared with these puny wolves. Evelyn smirked after seeing these two attacks, 'She is overwhelmingly superior. This isn't a fight, but a massacre.'

Without letting Sierra rest, another wolf jumped on top of her. It was somewhat comical since it looked like a small dog jumping on the back of a mature wolf.

Sierra let it land while a sneer appeared in her mouth.

The wolf was surprised that it managed to land, but it didn't delay its attack and bit down with all its strength. The teeth were covered in some sort of red miasma as they bit down on Sierra's back.

However, the wolf almost yelped in pain as the teeth literally cracked, unable to pierce through her tough skin. Then, Sierra summoned a yellow lightning bolt from the sky, making it fall over herself.

**\*RUMBLE!\***

The bolt fell, and that wolf was stricken down to such an extent that it was transformed into a piece of black charcoal in an instant.

Sierra calmly walked forward, and that dead wolf naturally slipped down her back, leaving behind pristine white fur. Her face was indifferent as she looked at the alpha and the remaining seven wolves. There weren't any words or sounds exchanged. Sierra's cold blue eyes spoke thousands of words already.

Meanwhile, the Alpha wolf was casting some kind of spell together with another three wolves. The red runes on their body glowed with a bloody light, and between them, a red circle with different symbols appeared.

The red ink from that circle crept up their limbs and combined with their marks in a mesmerizing yet oddly unsettling ritual. Evelyn frowned and prepared in case something went wrong.

Of course, Sierra wouldn't let him finish whatever he was doing. As a wolf, she was cautious in nature. No matter how strong she was, she wouldn't underestimate her prey.

Electricity rushed up her legs as she pushed forward, making the snowy land under her explode. Like a white and yellow blur, her giant figure zoomed toward the ritual area.

The last four wolves that weren't doing the ritual got in Sierra's way. They were the strongest of the pack besides the alpha, all of them having eight red markings.

Those markings glowed, and their bodies became bulkier, increasing their strength manifold. It was clear that it was some kind of berserk skill as the sanity from their eyes disappeared as they growled and jumped toward Sierra.

The Wolf Queen's eyes looked cold as she didn't slow down. The yellow electric arcs around her thickened and covered the front of her body.

Both groups collided.

Like a beast ramming a mortal, Sierra tackled the wolves with terrible strength. The enormous body of the white female wolf was like an avalanche, unstoppable, as she sent the four wolves flying.

The alpha didn't expect Sierra's strength to have increased so much! He was sure that they would be able to exchange some moves with Sierra using their trump card, but the Wolf Queen had exceeded his expectations.

Still, he didn't completely miscalculate, as the four wolves were still alive. However, Sierra's tackle was so strong that by the time they recovered enough to fight, Sierra would have been able to reach the ritual.

In short, the other four wolves couldn't finish the ritual before Sierra arrived, surrounded by powerful yellow lightning and murderous eyes.

All the slights she had received were about to be paid with the blood of the offenders!...

Or so she thought.

**\*BOOM!\***

A red vortex shot up from the unfinished ritual, making the four wolves begin to literally melt as they howled from agonizing pain.

The energy emissions were so high that Sierra got forcefully stopped and could approach!

She frowned and charged a powerful attack, sending a rain of lightning bolts that would send a chill down anyone's spine toward that place. However, even her attacks were repelled.

The leader managed to roar with rage as its body terrifyingly melted, "I've sacrificed myself to finish the ritual! I knew I would lose the moment you killed the first wolf, so I'm going to leave you a present you won't forget!"

However, a cheeky voice answered him, "You wish~."

The wolves that hadn't paid attention to the human because she looked insignificant beside Sierra turned their attention toward her at that moment.

Evelyn didn't want to move at first because she wanted Sierra to take revenge for herself, but the ritual they were doing was way too dangerous.

Even if Evelyn didn't understand formations and similar things, she knew some things, as Angel loved speaking about interesting and unknown formation lines with them.

Evelyn would always listen to her because she liked seeing Angel's enthusiasm when explaining these things, and also taught her a lot.

Of course, this ritual wasn't one of them. Coincidences like that would be too good to be true.

Nonetheless, some parts she had observed during Sierra's fight had a resemblance to an abyssal creature summoning Angel had shown her before. The moment the red vortex appeared, Evelyn knew Sierra would be unable to do anything against it, so she took action.

Evelyn took out a [Formation disrupting] stone, a rock with white formation lines engraved into it, gifted to her by Tatyana. Then, she threw it to where she thought the formation's core was. However, Evelyn's eyes had a hidden pain as this stone was extremely precious, and she didn't have many of them. 'I hope it truly is similar to that one, or I will bang my head with tofu until it is swollen. I pray to Heavens- No, I need something more powerful! I pray to Yasenias Heavenly Tits for it to be like that!'

Leaving aside Evelyn's strange prayer, her worries didn't last, as the rock ignored all the chaotic energies and landed in that spot with precision.

When the red vortex was gaining some stability and the four wolves were already consumed, transforming into particles that created a portal, that rock engraved with white lines created a small white-black explosion that covered half of the ritual circle.

That explosion didn't damage the land or the creatures, but the ritual lines were literally erased.

Like a chain reaction, the energy went completely wild, and as the shape of a terrifying creature began to appear, it wobbled, becoming unstable.

Sierra felt her instincts screaming, so she hastily moved in front of Evelyn, trying to protect her, and asked, "What is happening, Evelyn?"

Evelyn said with a serious tone, "First, tell all the wolves to disperse. This thing may explode."

Sierra didn't doubt her and howled powerfully, creating a visible sound wave.

All the wolves got the order and ran away. After Sierra's show of strength, they had all taken her as the new alpha wolf. The four wounded wolves didn't leave, or it would be better to say that they couldn't.

Their eyes were still lost in madness, and their bodies were swelling more than what would be seen as healthy. Evelyn looked at them with pity, "They are also going to explode, right? Well, this is your end for following such a strange and shady wolf instead of my beautiful and strong Sierra."

She didn't delay it anymore and jumped on Sierra's back. Then, they also moved away from that place. Evelyn explained while they ran away. "I didn't want to interfere with your revenge, but things were getting out of control. The thing they were about to summon was an abyssal beast of a similar level to you. Abyssal beasts are corrupt creatures that can even fight with the strongest dragon races, so I didn't want to bet on your safety. Sorry, Sierra."

Sierra reassured Evelyn with a gentle tone, "Don't be sorry. I know you wouldn't do something unless I were in real danger. I've already made what I wanted real, that was, freeing my pack from him, so I'm satisfied."

Evelyn was about to answer when she saw the energy vortex calming down. Evelyn said, "Wait, Sierra. Slow down slightly. I want to see if it really disappears."

Sierra slowed down and also looked back.

The wobbly energy vortex began losing shape and then collapsed on itself, slowly disappearing.

When Evelyn thought that was it, the collapsing energy swelled and exploded violently.

**\*BOOM!\***

The explosion created a black spatial rift, and from it, a claw with tentacles around it appeared. It was terrifyingly big, and the aura it carried was nauseating. Its deformed form scared even the strong-hearted Evelyn and Sierra.

Thankfully, the rift wasn't big enough to let the creature walk inside, but that didn't mean it wouldn't do anything. Those tentacles trapped the four wolves that were regaining their natural form. The four struggling beasts were then devoured as mouths appeared on the deformed claw, creating a bloody carnage of messy, raw eating.

Evelyn's face couldn't help but morph with pure disgust. No matter how trained you were to see death, that sight was still enough to make her want to puke. 'Oh, my heavens. What is that!? I will need a long session of looking at photos of Yasenya's naked tits to cleanse my eyes.'

Before the abyssal creature could do any more mental damage to our two girls, the rift closed and cut off that arm, making the creature release a distorted scream that made their vision dizzy for a second.

Evelyn recovered her gaze and looked speechlessly at that arm that kept moving and jumping even after the rift closed.

Sierra said with some fear in her voice. "Thankfully, you interrupted the summoning of that abomination."

Evelyn said, "Yeah... I didn't know that they were even worse than the drawings I saw in the books."

Evelyn and Sierra then summoned lightning and struck that thing continuously until it stopped moving. Even after it stopped moving, they continued for five more minutes, just in case.

Then, Evelyn kept it in her ring. Sierra was surprised and asked, "Why do you want that?"

Evelyn said honestly, "I don't know, but since I can store it, it should be dead."

Sierra blinked, "Well, whatever."

After all of that, Sierra spent the next hours killing all the wolves that she found problematic. Those included all the wolves from the grey-furred pack, some from the blue-white pack, and even some from her own group.

It was a completely subjective selection based on her judgment, but Evelyn didn't say anything and let her do as she wanted.

Then, Sierra chose an alpha that would not abuse her pack or any other wolf. She placed the rule of strength means everything, and other small ones to help those weak wolves if it doesn't endanger the whole pack.

It wasn't too much work as Sierra's strength coerced them to obey all her commands.

They also committed beast-like atrocities like killing the pups with red markings and forcefully making those female wolves pregnant with their bloodline abort. Evelyn helped this time by providing abortion pills for the beasts.

It was cruel, but Evelyn wasn't going to try to impose human moral values on a wild pack of wolves she would never see again.

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After finishing everything, Sierra approached Evelyn and lowered her head to rub Evelyn with her nose. "We can go whenever you like now, Evelyn. Thank you for everything."

Evelyn chuckled and hugged Sierra's snout, "I promised, so I delivered. I've gained the powerful you in the way, so I'm more than satisfied~."

Sierra licked her once with her big tongue, licking almost the entirety of Evelyn with that motion. Then, she gently bit Evelyn's robe and threw her up, making her land on her head. She lifted her head and said, "Do you prefer going up the mountain first or getting the lighting treasure? In my opinion, it would be better to go up the mountain. With the proper cultivation method, you should be able to assimilate the treasure easier."

Evelyn nodded, "We will do as you say. By the way, are you sure you are done? I don't mind spending one or two more days here."

Sierra looked at one of the males from her pack but then shook her head, "We can go. I already placed everything in order. Whether they perish or prosper is their responsibility now."

Evelyn caught her gaze and asked, "Who is he? I felt your gaze lingering on him right now."

Sierra said while walking away, "The mate I wanted to choose. He was the strongest male in my pack, so I would have chosen him if no one stronger than me had appeared. I'm sure that our cubs would be strong and healthy."

Evelyn wondered aloud, "Is he stronger than the grey wolf?"

Sierra nodded, "Yes, but that was before he gained those markings. However, we didn't manage to mate before all of this happened."

Sierra sighed sadly, "I don't even know if I will be able to have cubs after leaving here."

Evelyn sat on her head and reassured her, caressing Sierra's glossy white fur under her. "Don't worry, Sierra. There are a lot of powerful male wolves outside. I will help you find someone in the future."

Sierra laughed gently, "I will trust you with that. I don't really care about the male as long as they are pure wolves. I want my cubs to be strong and healthy, without strange mutations."

Evelyn chortled, "That will make things easier then. Now, let's go to get that treasure!"

Sierra put strength in her limbs and shot forward, disappearing from that place like a white blur.

In a place far away from Evelyn, an area with a very high temperature, lava, and ash, sounds of an intense battle could be heard.

Five lava-beasts, creatures with rock-like bodies and lava-like blood dripping from the wounds, we're fighting against a very small human.

Compared to the five enormous lava beasts, the silver human wasn't any bigger than the toe from their frontal legs.

However, each time the armored woman hit one of those beasts' limbs with her halberd, the frontal legs were blasted away as if a giant had hit them.

The hits were so heavy that they lifted the dense magma in the surroundings like waves each time they met with the creatures' attacks.

There was a one-meter-tall crab looking at the battle with his protruding black eyes spinning with shock. The little crab knew that this silver creature was strong, but seeing it beating its predators with such ease made it want to run away, yet also feel a strange feeling inside of it, 'What if it wants to eat me when it is hungry? I haven't seen it eating yet! Am I a snack reserved for later? But the silver creature wouldn't do something like that...'

The crab with turtle complex hid inside the gold mineral it used as a shell, only leaving the pointy head and protruding glittering black eyes outside. However, even its eyes hid after looking at the battle for five minutes.

Two minutes after it hid, a loud roar was heard together with the sound of something heavy smashing on the ground.

Three minutes later, a similar agonizing cry of pain was heard together with the shout of that armored woman, "Let's finish this, [Solar Halberd Barrage]."

The number of hits instantly multiplied as the painful roars of the beasts also increased.

Ten minutes later, the crab heard the fifth pain-filled roar from the predators it feared so much, and silence returned. 'What happened? Will I get eaten like a snack now? Did the bad silver creature die?'

A moment later, it heard a knock on its shell, almost scaring its soul away. However, its nerves relaxed after hearing the strangely soothing voice of the silver creature. "Little crab, you don't have to be afraid anymore. I've dealt with them."

The crab didn't completely understand the meaning, but the gentle tone made it take its long black eyes out and look at the silver creature. 'Is it hungry after fighting? Will it eat me?'

Andrea looked at the shy crab, not knowing whether to laugh or cry. "Why are you hiding, little one? I'm not going to hurt you."

Andrea had taken a liking to this crab during these days. She was even thinking of making a contract with it because it was truly too useful.

And it was also cute in its own way. Andrea liked cute and cuddly things, so this crab fit perfectly in the description. 'Although it is a crab, it is strangely fluffy and cute.'

The crab went out from its shell and looked at Andrea warily.

Andrea felt its wariness and crouched in front of it, petting it between the eyes softly. Her voice was gentle and deep, relaxing even the nervous crab. "I'm really not going to hurt you. Can you trust me, little one? When all of this is over, I can let you go wherever you want, or we can make a contract if you like."

The crab found the sentence too complicated to understand, so it took Andrea some time to make it comprehend. When it understood, it was silent for a moment. Its eyes spun as it thought, which made Andrea chuckle.

Then, it stood up and clacked its pincers twice, agreeing with Andrea. The way it did it was kind of arrogant, as if saying, 'Hmph, be glad this one is allowing you to remain by my side!'



Andrea smiled under the helmet, and they continued moving forward toward the entrance of the Volcano. Those five beasts were guarding it, and that is why Andrea fought against them.

Andrea guessed that there should be something inside. It was a rule that most of the time was correct. "If there are beasts guarding something, it is most likely to be powerful treasures nearby."

The entrance to the Volcano was similar to a cave, and it went down. Moreover, it was very wide, at least fifty meters. The size really dwarfed Andrea and the small crab, but the five corpses of the ten-meter-tall creatures around her spoke volumes.

Andrea had spotted some cultivators near. Between them, there were demons, beasts-humans, humans, and intelligent beasts. All of them had been observing her battle and waiting for a chance to strike. However, they didn't dare take the chance since she overwhelmed the creatures.

"Just some annoying mosquitos flying around the place. If they dare to approach, they will get burned." Andrea ignored them and gathered plenty of minerals with the help of the crab as she went deeper into the Volcano.

Thankfully, she had retrieved the previous two rings from the Demonic cultivators since her own was already filled with minerals. '1,000 thousand cubic meters is too small... I will have to upgrade my ring in the future. If some fools attack me, it will also be nice.'

Although Andrea didn't like initiating attacks to rob people, she had zero problems if they provoked her first. At first, she really wasn't like this. Andrea was someone that placed importance on honor and righteousness in battles.

Nevertheless, staying with Tatyana and Yasenya changed her values. If it was a tournament, she would fight as she wanted, but in the wild, she would use anything in her reach to kill her enemies.

After she entered the cave, many cultivators followed, attracted by the promise of riches and innate curiosity about the unknown. The number wasn't higher than twenty. They kept their distance from Andrea but slowly and surely followed after her.

Andrea felt the crab suddenly freeze through her spiritual sense, so she looked at it quizzically.

She saw with amusement how the crab danced and spun in place as if it was extremely happy.

Then, it clamped one pincer on Andrea's armored arm and began speeding in one direction, its legs making tap-tap-tap sounds on the ground.

It seems that no matter how excited, it still didn't forget the powerful protector beside it.

Andrea freed herself and ran beside it, amused. "Did you find something precious?"

The crab spun while running as its pincers made noises. It was practically shouting, 'Super treasure! Super Treasure!'

Andrea laughed and followed after it. She had her spiritual sense spread in the surroundings, alert of any danger that may jump their way.

They continued running through a series of tunnels until they reached a very wide and tall place. The place had at least three square kilometers and one hundred meters in height.

Veins of magma flowed around the walls, and the ceiling was no exception. The magma veins dripped on the floor, creating gravel made of solidified magma or rocks. Still, the magma inside the veins defied mostly gravity. It was honestly a dangerously beautiful place.

Andrea stretched her hand and caught one drop of that magma. She looked at the dense red-black liquid on her armored hand and analyzed the integrity of her armor.

After one minute, the drop cooled down and solidified in her hand. Andrea clenched her hand and pulverized the rock easily. 'Good, it isn't hot enough to damage my armor, and when solidified, it isn't hard enough to immobilize me. What about my little friend?'

The crab didn't even register those drops as they slid down from its "carapace" as if it was water. Andrea saw that it was some kind of aura that did this and not the mineral and was impressed, 'Is it immune to magma? It keeps surprising me in one way or another. What an interesting creature.'

However, Andrea also saw that the crab wasn't moving because it was paralyzed with fear. Andrea followed its gaze and looked directly toward the opposite side of the room.

On the opposite side of this place, there was an enormous grey and reddish gate with different carvings of creatures made of magma fighting with each other. Those carvings were life-like, creating a beautiful, intricate, and imposing picture.

However, this gate wasn't unguarded. There were creatures in front of it, and not one or two.

There were almost twenty creatures, ranging between the middle and peak levels of the third rank.

Andrea sighed with relief when she didn't find a fourth-ranked creature. 'I can somehow fight against that number of creatures, but if this is a trial of some sort, there must be something somewhere. I don't believe that the creator wanted the challenger to fight against that amount of powerful creatures.'

Andrea looked around the room, and while walking, something suddenly clicked, 'Wait, why aren't they reacting to my presence? They didn't even growl or look at me. They are just standing there.'

Andrea looked at the 20 magma beasts with her light green eyes and frowned. 'Strange, what is going on here?'