Menu 349

Chapter 349: Contact, Confirm, Contain Me?
His body lightened, and Jason sat down again in the high-backed chair.
He was back.
Looking at the familiar, rustic round table with its dark tablecloth and silver tableware before him, Jason let out a sigh of relief.
After he had attended the funeral, the words before his eyes had notified him that he had earned the city's recognition.
Armed with an impressive 1500% city recognition rate, he left Newdeth City.
Phew.
Jason took a deep breath and his gaze shifted to the black notebook placed beside the silverware.
Rustle!
The sound of pages turning, the black notebook opened.

[Black cloth covered my eyes, but it could not mask my nose.]
[I followed the delicious scent.]
[The slightly hot food was even more appetizing.]
[Delicious.]
(Note: The first hot dish is sure to leave a lasting impression!)
The text sequentially continued, and more detailed explanations appeared one after another.
[Main Quest: Perfect! (Exceedingly Completed)]
[Hunting Performance: Excellent!]
[Cooking Performance: Mediocre!]

[Combat Performance: Excellent!]
[Search Performance: Excellent!]
[Overall Evaluation: Nearly Excellent!]
(Note: The more delicious the food, the more there will be—don't linger too much on it!)
After scanning through the text, Jason, with his two experiences, silently waited for what came next.
The next moment, an even more intense glow emerged from the notebook.
On the face of the card was an image of a wide-open 'mouth.'
[Mouth Enhancement: The muscles, bones, and nerves of your mouth have been strengthened, allowing it to open wider and swallow larger pieces of food directly!]

Just like [Tooth Enhancement], [Taste Enhancement], [Poison Resistance Enhancement], and [Stomach Enhancement], [Mouth Enhancement] appeared beneath the Talent [Hunter] and was marked as 'passive.'
At the very instant it appeared, Jason felt an itch around his mouth.
This itching sensation quickly spread across his face.
And uncontrollably, he opened his mouth wide.
Roar!
A mouth wide enough to swallow a whole watermelon opened up, the sound of the wind it brought to mind the roar of a great beast, and the sharp teeth within gleamed with a cold light, sending shivers down one's spine.
He held this expression for two full seconds before closing his mouth.
He wanted to touch his mouth.

But the restraint of the chair prevented him from moving.
The chair might have confined his movements, but it couldn't confine his thoughts.
"Am I still human?"
This doubt surfaced in Jason's mind.
Then, almost immediately, Jason answered his own question.
"Yes!"
"Having a bigger mouth doesn't make me any less human, does it?"
"Digesting faster, of course, I'm still human."
"So, I am a hundred percent pure human."

With this affirmative answer, Jason felt more grounded. It allowed him to experience his changes more carefully, and it seemed this change was more noticeable than the ones before.
"Is bronze higher than black iron?"
Jason speculated.
And the changes to the black notebook continued.
A blinding brilliance appeared above the black notebook.
A rich aroma began to waft through the air.
As the brightness reached its zenith, the silver dish also began to sparkle with light.
The two glows resonated with each other.
Then, simultaneously, the glow disappeared.
The notebook went back to its original appearance.

In the center of the plate, a fried meat crispy roll had appeared.
Its golden-brown crust was nearly translucent, clearly revealing the meat filling inside, and a rich meaty scent wafted toward him, yet there was also a hint of freshness.
Mint and cantaloupe!
In an instant, Jason identified the ingredients that contributed these flavors.
The next moment, Jason raised his hand and grabbed the fried meat crispy roll.
Crunch!
With his first bite, the crisp sound was accompanied by the crumbling crust, and he held the roll in one hand while catching pieces with the other.
In his mouth, the juicy filling spread throughout, and without taking time to savor it, Jason sucked at the open end of the roll.
Slurp!

The rich juice was not as heavy as he expected but rather light.
The slight addition of mint and cantaloupe enhanced the flavor of the meat, making it even more succulent.
Crunch, crunch!
Within two bites, the entire roll had gone into Jason's stomach.
He didn't waste the crumbs in his left palm, either, and poured them straight into his mouth.
The remaining crust enabled Jason to reminisce on the deliciousness of the fried meat crispy roll.
[Tasted an 'Almost Perfect' level 'Fried Meat Crispy Roll'!]
[Physical Strength, Energy, and Injuries fully restored!]
[Attribute Points +0.3]

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"The higher the rating, the more attribute points I receive?"
Jason watched the scene before him and speculated.
Then, he promptly allocated the entire 0.3 points to his constitution.
The reason?
Quite simple, he wanted a stronger constitution, he wanted to be harder, more difficult to kill, and to maximize his 'Undying Body' to its fullest potential.
With the 0.3 point increase in constitution, he jumped straight to 3 points.
Triple the physical constitution of an ordinary person gave Jason an extra sense of security.
His gaze returned to the black notebook.

[The more perfect the dish, the harder it is to taste it again.]
[But there's no fullness that can't be resolved.]
[Yes/No spend 75 points of fullness to return?]
"75 points!"
Jason was startled.
That was 25 points more than it cost to return to the 'Crab Salad' world.
"Is it because the rating is higher, so it costs more to return?"
Jason thought, as the black notebook flipped to another page.