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The fight with the other Quaint Snow Foxes has already been concluded. The number might not be as much as the Quaint Snow Rabbits, but they still numbered to be less than thirty. The exhaustion of fighting has been lessened because of Vortex but they still needed to kill off the weakened Quaint Snow Foxes.

Just as Adrian is wondering how Sirius is faring in getting the Variant of the Quaint Snow Fox, he receives a series of notifications that assured him that everything is fine.

[Sirius has successfully recruited the Quaint Snow Fox (Variant) to be part of his pack.]

[One of the two slots in Sirius' pack has been populated.]

[Sirius' stats increased by 5 points per stat.]

[The Quaint Snow Fox (Variant) level has decreased to Sirius' level]

[Please select a name for the Quaint Snow Fox (Variant).]

Adrian did not know that he also has to name the part of Sirius' pack, but he already found a good name for her. He chose the name Yuki as it also means snow in another language, and she is also a white fox. The level has also been changed because the Alpha must not be lower in level compared to the members of the pack.

"Let me check the skills that is available for her. Only three of the five are available." Adrian stated as he only saw five skill slots available. It seems the members of the pack are restricted as well.

Skill Name: Frost Fox Fire

Tier: Epic

Type: Active with Status Abnormality

Effect:

- Sap the heat from the surroundings and create a cold flame that can be controlled. Deals 100% of the magical damage of the user to the enemy target.

- Can create two at a time (dependent on the number of tails)

Cooldown: 5 Seconds

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Instant

Skill Name: Snow Fur

Tier: Rare

Type: Passive

Effect:

- Protects the user from extreme temperature changes that can affect the psyche of the skill bearer.
- Cannot be affected by the Frozen status ailment.

Cooldown: None

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: None

Skill Name: Sacrifice Tail

Tier: Unique

Type: Active

Effect:

- Sacrifice one of the tails temporarily.
- Increase the spell power of the user for a given duration by 100% per tail sacrificed.
- Tails can be recovered by special food or by waiting for a given period.

Cooldown: None

Duration: 30 minutes

Tail Recovery Duration: 2 days per tail

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: None

"As expected, the tails of a fox monster are the source of its immense power." Adrian muttered as he looked at the obedient Yuki.

Yuki could be seen sitting behind near Sirius that emerged from the Shadow Realm. There is still immense fear written on her face, but she seems to be very obedient to Sirius. Sirius had this smiley look on his face as he wanted to be praised for the thing that he did. Adrian did so and patted Sirius' head which made him wag his tail.

"Did you make it your soulbound, Big Brother Equinox?" Soleil asked as Vayu also looked intrigued.

"Something close to that." Adrian stated as he explained the concept of the skill that Sirius has.

"Awesome!" Soleil stated as she patted Yuki, but the latter does not like the heat emanating from her.

"We should proceed as the High Ice Elemental is already pointing us near the location." Adrian stated as he could see that the beam of light that the guide produces can be seen getting close.

The group followed the beam of light after they healed up a bit from the fight earlier. Upon reaching a clearing, they can immediately tell that it is different. The beam of light that the High Ice Elemental produced has ended here. They wondered if there is a ruin in the location but all of it is just made covered in snow.

"It should be here, but we cannot see it. Is it buried in the snow?" Adrian muttered but something unexpected happened.

The High Ice Elemental that is under the control of Vayu and Soleil suddenly went rogue. The cute little snowman suddenly flew towards the location where the beam of light landed. The scariest fact is that Vayu and Soleil no longer poured their concentration on the High Ice Elemental.

[Vayu has lost control of the High Ice Elemental. Stats will return to normal.]

[Soleil has lost control of the High Ice Elemental. Stats will return to normal.]

The two notifications appeared all of a sudden and Adrian felt something terrible is about to happen. He could see the snow on the ground started to become thinner. The small snowman suddenly started to expand to a degree that they look like ants. Everyone immediately knew that this will be the opponent that they need to fight in order to live.

"This is messed up!" Adrian reacted as he immediately teleported everyone away as the first attack needed to be dodged.

Monster Name: Quaint Snowman (Anomaly Dungeon Boss)

Tier: Legendary

Level: 300

HP: 100% / 100%

MP: 100% / 100%

Description: A monster born from the fusion of elemental magic and the Great Frost Memory Crystal. It has been guiding those towards the hidden ruin of the Great Rider of the North, but it is actually the guardian of the ruin as well. It has become more powerful because of the presence of Ice Elemental Magic in its system.

Abilities: Winter' Wind, Avalanche, Snow Down

Adrian saw the abilities that the Anomaly Dungeon Boss could use which is quite new. It seems that his evil eye is also affected by the anomaly dungeon. The Quaint Snowman is definitely not something wonderful to look at as it is more snow monster than neighborhood snowman.

The Quaint Snowman is about ten meters tall with the Great Frost Memory Crystal embedded on top of its head. Its arms are also incredibly thick as a small house. One strike from those can mean death by blunt force.

[The Quaint Snowman is now preparing its attack called Winter's Wind.]

"That is new as well." Adrian muttered as attacks from monsters rarely notify the raiding team, but he soon found out why.

The surrounding wind started to become dry not because of heat but due to the Quaint Snowman sucking all the heat in the surroundings. A cold wind suddenly started to emanate from the body of the Quaint Snowman that blasted everyone in the surroundings.

The barrier that protected all of them suddenly shattered easily with one attack. The most frightening fact is that the attack called Winter's Wind did not even feel like an attack. They only felt a breeze pass through them but the barrier that covered almost half of their health got reduced to nothing.

"Grand Flame Tornado!" Soleil casted as she immediately chanted the spell the moment she could.

"Wind Splitter!" Vayu stated as he slashed the wind which created three wind blades that slashed at the large flame tornado.

The three wind blades separated the large flame tornado into three smaller ones that hit the large Quaint Snowman. The boss monster did not even flinch as its body got engulfed in flames, but its health did get reduced greatly. Parts of its body could be seen melting but the snow around it is regenerating the parts that become water.

The parts of the body that do become water is turned into snow in the end due to the low temperature. Vayu made his move and charged towards the Quaint Snowman. He managed to cut off its arm with his powerful strike, but it just got absorbed back into its body to regrow. It seems that the Anomaly Boss Monster is once again immune to physical attacks as it was not hurt by Vayu's slash.

The members of the Mokesi Tribe could barely damage the boss monster so they are relegated to smaller tasks. The Mo Tribe will be the ones to kite the boss monster so that it will not focus on Vayu easily. The Ke Tribe members are in charge of defense as they shifted their weapons from flails to shields. The Si Tribe used their magic to create ice shields so that they can protect the others.

Adrian then immediately used Perfect Assimilation with Kimat and summoned his Primordial Armament: Axe. Among all of his Primordial Armaments, only the axe could carry great force that could blow away snow. His armor immediately changed to a heavy armor style while he looked like a demon tiger human hybrid.

Lightning could be seen crackling from Adrian's armor as he has gotten Kimat's affinity for the lightning element. The metal element is also present as Adrian's armor that should only be made of dark metal is now lined with silver which is the conductive metal that Kimat's Silver Thunder Armor has.

Adrian summoned Sirius, Kanlaon and Saena to assist him. Saena is now the most important healer in the team as their immunity to frostbite is no longer available. All the blessing that the High Ice Elemental has given them vanished as it became their greatest foe.

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[You used Perfect Assimilation with your soulbound, Kimat.]

[Kimat's stats will be fused with your stats for the duration of the skill.]

[Two abilities will be given to you in random.]

[You have obtained the skill: Silver Thunder Armor]

[You have obtained the skill: Metallic Copy]

"It seems I got lucky this time and got the skills that are perfect." Adrian stated as he immediately activated Metallic Copy.

A silver looking metal oozed out of the ground near Adrian. The silver metal then started to form into a humanoid shape until it is a perfect copy of the current Adrian. Unlike what he thought, the copy is moved by an AI instead of him, but he could still command it.

The Metallic Copy could understand two commands which is protect and attack. The protect command will make the Metallic Copy shield Adrian from any damage that will strike him. It will not attack the enemy though as it will entirely focus on defending Adrian from attacks.

The attack command is simple and that it would attack the enemy that Adrian designates. It will have the same moves and attack patterns that Adrian usually uses. He is very curious to see how an AI could copy the way he attacks the others.

"I am curious if this will also take effect." Adrian stated as he suddenly thought of something even more broken.

"Limit Break: Summoner!"

"Nether Domain!"

"Netheros True Form!"

Adrian activated all his skills that can turn the tides. He has no choice but to do this as he does not want to suffer. He also needs to safely deliver the six NPCs that are with them in order to gain brownie points from the Mokesi Tribe.

The surroundings suddenly got covered in Nether mist as Adrian's form also changed. It is not only Adrian's form that changed as all his soulbounds as well. The most surprising thing that changed as well is the Metallic Copy. Adrian is practically beaming with joy upon seeing this because another him in this powerful form could body a boss monster of the same level as him.

"This will be fun! Attack! But it seems that Sirius' pack member is not affected by the nether mist as it did not transform into a nether monster. Yuki is still affected by the buffs that Sirius has done though. Such a shame that I cannot strengthen a pack member directly." Adrian commanded as all his soulbounds and even his Metallic Copy attacked the Quaint Snowman.

The Mokesi Tribe members could not believe what they are witnessing. They could see two titan warriors and titanic monsters pushing around the Quaint Snowman. The most terrifying thing is that they were getting pushed back earlier but now it is the boss monster that is getting pushed around.

It is not only Adrian that gave his all as even Vayu and Soleil activated their powerful skills. Every time they could hear a buzz in the wind would be Vayu passing through unseen. Soleil also used Regulus in its greatest form which is the antithesis of an Ice Elementa monster. The danger that they initially felt is suddenly gone from their hearts.

[The Quaint Snowman is now preparing its attack called Avalanche.]

The Quaint Snowman that is severely melting suddenly exploded with force that knocked the others away a few feet. It suddenly roared as its body suddenly combined with the snow. The Quaint Snowman cannot be targeted suddenly as the surrounding suddenly started to rumble.

"It has fused with the snow we are standing on." Adrian shouted as he immediately ordered Kanlaon to carry those that cannot fly up the sky.

"Metallic Copy! Perform Earth Splitter with me." Adrian commanded as both him and his copy jumped to the sky.

The axe that they are using suddenly glowed as it became twice as big. Adrian made sure to infuse as much nether energy as possible inside the two axes. He and his copy crashed down on the snowy ground at the same time that the Avalanche skill that the Quaint Snowman got activated.

Contrary to its name of Avalanche, the skill is more like snow eruption as Adrian and his metallic copy got a face full of snow. Thankfully for Adrian, the metallic copy is the one that landed first which is why it tanked most of the damage from the skill. It is a truly fearsome ability because the metallic copy got destroyed upon taking a full hit.

"That copy has all of my enchantments and buffs, yet it got destroyed immediately. Fortunately, I still have a backup in place. Rewind!" Adrian stated as he reversed the time of the metallic copy.

The shards of metal that made up the metallic copy are the target of the Rewind Spell. The numerous fragments suddenly floated back up and the scene looked like time is reversed. The destroyed metallic copy got restored back to what it was before getting destroyed.

"Sirius use Realm Ender!"

"Kanlaon use Genesis Dragon Breath!"

"Metallic Copy use Nature's Punisher with me."

Adrian issued commands one after the other as the whole world looked different from the effect of the different skills. Kanlaon fired off his Genesis Dragon Breath at full power and full enchantment towards the Quaint Snowman. Even if it is a level 300 boss monster, getting hit by an attack like that can never be great.

The next thing that hit it is the two Nature's Punisher that Adriana and his copy performed. The axe became ten times as large which is already great in size since he is in his true form. The moment the two axes landed on the ground where the Quaint Snowman is located, the power erupted from the ground that sent the hulking body of the boss monster flying.

Sirius did not let this stop as he became even more ominous looking as he attacked the Quaint Snowman as it was still on the air. Soleil then followed with up with a flame tornado to keep it flying. Vayu then finished it off with Storm Execution Slash.

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[You have successfully defeated the Quaint Snowman that serves as Anomaly Dungeon Boss.]

[You have gained massive amounts of experience points.]

[The surroundings will return back to what it was.]

The anomaly dungeon suddenly started to shake as if space itself is being destroyed. Adrian could see that this Anomaly Dungeon is some sort of pocket dimension. It acts as the same way that a pocket dimension being destroyed but with the living beings inside being safe.

"There are no drops!" Soleil stated as she could not see any dropped items. They did level up by a frightening degree though.

"It is fine because we got five levels instead. Even if the boss monster was level 300, there are still nine of us that share the experience points. It would take us a week just to level up once." Vayu stated.

"The fact that the help that we got became leeches in the end. We might have leveled up more if only us three is present." Adrian muttered but he did not expect things to turn out the way it was.

[You have pushed yourself too far that even the body of a greater demon cannot handle.]

[Your stats will decrease by 30% for two days and all skills used will have a cooldown of one day before you can use them again.]

Adrian suddenly got hit with a weakening state that he almost fainted. He knew that something would happen as the thing that he did is very broken. He basically defeated a boss monster that is seventy levels higher than him with just two other players. Granted that he has soulbounds, it is still a great feat that can surely be reported as broken.

Adrian did not see this notification as a downside as there is a key in that small notification. The notification said that he could not handle the strain because he has the body of a greater demon. It seems that pursuing the body of an Arch Demon is the only thing that he needs if he wants to recreate everything without drawbacks.

Not only did Adrian's stat decrease but his health is also getting drained. It seems that his body is also starting to break down which is why he summoned Saena to maintain his health. It seems that his own regeneration has been rendered useless because of the strain in his body.

"Are you fine?" Vayu asked as he is worried.

"I can manage but it seems that any enemy that comes will be for you two to handle." Adrian stated.

Just as Adrian rested, the Great Frost Memory Crystal that the Quaint Snowman had suddenly floated in the sky. All of them thought that another enemy will be generated by the memory crystal, but it suddenly pierced something. The thing that it pierced is actual space which stunned all of them.

Adrian then started to laugh as he suddenly realized why the beam of light that the Great Frost Crystal generated points to a location that cannot be seen. The actual ruin is in a pocket dimension instead of the main world. It seems that the original three war mothers were not pushovers and are extremely powerful.

"If they could utilize space to hide the ruins then the three war mothers were definitely demigods at the very least." Adrian muttered which the Mokesi Tribe heard.

If anyone made that claim, then they will not believe it but to someone that could be said close to godlike beings then Adrian is definitely a somewhat reliable source. If that is indeed true, then they are descendants of people that were very powerful beings. They suddenly felt a feeling in their hearts that overwhelmed their emotions.

The Great Frost Memory Crystal pierced actual space and it suddenly released ice from its very core. The ice then ran down towards the ground as it created an opening. A cavern with walls made of diamond ice could be seen created by the Great Frost Memory Crystal. If one looked behind the cavern created, then they would see that is only an entrance.

Vayu then led them inside while Adrian is in the middle since he is still weakened. They disappeared from the main world when they entered the cavern. Unlike what it seems on the outside, the cavern is actually a long corridor that is filled with diamond ice. The diamond ice might be cold to look at, but it is actually quite warm.

In fact, the whole cavern might look like it is cold, but it is actually warm. It is also not dark as the diamond ice seems to create its own light or refract light which made the cavern extremely well lit. About ten minutes of walking in a straight path, the end of the cavern could be seen.

The ruin inside the cavern could be said as made entirely of diamond ice. Four statues could be seen inside the ruin. A great man riding a horse made of ice with three beautiful maidens around him. It might look strange that the Rider of the North looked like a being that is revered by the three war mothers then.

Adrian then looked at the walls that covered the bottom of the ruin. In the walls are text that even he has difficulty reading. It is not that he cannot recognize it but the runes themselves cannot be read as it vanishes if he focuses on them for one second.

"I cannot read it. Can you guys?" Adrian asked the others.

"I cannot. The runes disappear." Vayu replied.

"Same. They vanish as if they are illusions." Soleil replied as well.

"I can see the runes, but I am not able to read it." One of the members of the Mokesi Tribe stated and the others confirmed as well.

"If that is the case then only people of the Mokesi Tribe can read the runes. Please write what you see on this paper." Adrian stated as he gave them the paper. He gave three people paper to make sure that they are reading the same thing instead of different runes.

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The Mokesi Tribe members wrote what they saw in the walls and all of them are identical. It seems that they were not lying when they said that they can see the runes. After confirming and reading the notes, Adrian started to slowly decipher the runes.

"Born from the great winter snow on the day where the moon was like ice itself. Grunsven was destined to lead the tribe as he paired with the great winter horse called the Hrímfax. Only people that have been chosen by the great winter moon goddess could ever ride the majestic beasts that freely travel the frozen tundra.

The three of us were once at odds yet he united the north with just his great might. He did not even go to war against the three of our tribes. In a battle of might, he bested our fathers and was given permission for our hand in marriage.

The three tribes became combined, and the north was the strongest it has ever been. Even the ones known as the Frost Giants showed him great respect. Alas, the peace that we have felt did not last as the foreign gods from other places have come to destroy everything.

He became a great warrior not only for his people but also for the world. He even took on the burden of the fallen gods by wielding a scythe made in their power and honor. With the great scythe, he gave hope towards the world but it seems that hope is not enough for those of ill will.

Our Great Rider and husband led his army to quell the foreign god army. Victory was given by him but was betrayed in the end by the searing light. The light was jealous of winter's might and trapped the cold with its blinding light.

Even our Great Rider could not handle the searing light by himself and fell into darkness. Now his great ability that could peer into the weakness of any being has also fallen into darkness. May he achieve rest as he has been fighting for so long. To our successors or those that get inside the ruins, we ask you to save our Great Rider."

Adrian read the long passage of the runes engraved in the wall. The moment he read all of the runes perfectly, the group suddenly felt a force push them out of the ruins. The next thing that they know is that they are outside the ruins and inside the Quaint Snowfields.

[You have unlocked the hidden content related to the Rider of the North.]

[You have been given the special mission passed down by the Three War Mothers.]

QUEST NOTIFICATION

Quest Name: Bring the Great Rider of the North to Peace

Description: The Three War Mothers have engraved their wills in a forgotten ruin in the north. They want those that read their wills to find the Rider of the North and defeat him. They want their beloved husband to gain eternal peace as they are waiting for him in the afterlife.

Difficulty: S

Clear Condition: Be in the raid party that defeats the Horseman of Death and survive until he gets killed.

Failure Condition: Do not have anything to do with the defeat of the Horseman of Death.

Reward: Title – Savior of the Forgotten Rider of the North and Max Affinity with the Mokesi Tribe

Failure: None

Note: The reward for this quest could be changed depending on the contribution on the raid against the Horseman of Death. This quest could be shared but the effects of the title will decrease every ten people that have the quest.

[You have found a part of the trace regarding the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.]

[You have found two of the four parts. Find the other two in order to complete the trace.]

The Great Frost Memory Crystal detached itself from the space and fell on the ground. It seems that its use is no longer needed for the moment, or it needs to be recharged once again. They do not know how to activate it again anyway, so they just brought the pale colored crystal back to the tribe.

Adrian shared the quest with Vayu and Soleil since they are currently with him right now. He did not know why they are getting individual quests for each horseman but that made him even more wary. If each horseman gives a specific quest, then that would mean they are more powerful than he has thought.

The time they have left before the deadline is only twenty more days. They took their time in finding the clues as they needed to see the individual ability of each horseman. The Horseman of Famine could change the rules of an area by changing the expected outcomes.

Now, they have learned that the Horseman of Death actually has the ability to see the weakness of anyone. It is a very dangerous ability for a Horseman attached with the description of death. It seems that the horseman is still in their early stage and will awaken if the four traces are not found.

"I just hope that the other players can find the remaining two within the timeframe." Adrian muttered as he returned back to the Mokesi Tribe.

Upon returning to the tribe, Adrian explained what they found in the ruins to the three war mothers. The three war mothers looked confused, but it seems that they are now uniting for a common enemy. The ones that have betrayed their Great Rider will face their combined wrath.

"Thank you all for your hard work. Let us praise you more because you manage to send our warriors back. They are even more powerful now compared to before. As a reward, please take that Great Frost Memory Crystal. If you ever need our assistance, then do not be shy in asking for our aide. Also, can we ask for a favor?" War Mother Crya stated.

"Sure. What is the favor? As long as we can complete it then we will not shy away from the favor." Adrian replied as he knows that great rewards come from quests regarding high level NPCs.

"The favor might be quite absurd but when you face the Great Rider of the North or rather the Horseman of Death as you call him, we ask that you come for us. We want to be part of the battle against our ancestor. We want the wish of the first war mothers to be granted and lay their beloved husband to rest." The three current War Mothers stated.

Adrian did not smile brightly as he did not want to seem so happy upon their request. He knew that the favor is serious, and he needs to reciprocate the same feelings as well. He already knows that he cannot defeat the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse with just their group which is why he needed allies.

A lot of the top guilds already agreed in working with him, but a lot more rejected his proposal. If the Mokesi Tribe will join in their raid, then it might become less burdensome. The Mokesi Tribe have vanguard, archers and spell casters which makes them perfect for raids.

The only worry that he has is that the Horseman that they want to defeat is the Horseman of Death. He basically feeds on the energy of the dead. He fears that the Mokesi Tribe might get wiped out if

they were to come in battle. He needed to help them increase their chances of winning and he already knows how.

"If that is the case then that is fine, but I need to tell you the dangers of this battle as well. I have seen even the undead fail because the greed of the living. There are a lot of factors when it comes to fighting against the Horseman of Death." Adrian replied as he explained the current abilities that the Horseman of Death have or at least those that were observed.

"If that is your worry then we thank you for your kind heart. All three of us must repay the grace that our ancestors have given us, and we must also destroy those that have slighted them." The Three War Mothers stated simultaneously as if they are sharing one mind.

Adrian can more or less guess that the three war mothers are actually in sync with each other's ideals. The only reason that they split the Mokesi Tribe into three is to ensure that a healthy competition is present in their society so that everyone will strive to get better. From the way all of them mingle with each other, one can clearly see that they do not have hatred in their hearts but mutual respect. That also extends to their tribe members.

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Creepysoo, Lycan and Solstice headed south of Avalon as they got near the forbidden area called Misty Forest. Contrary to the name, it sounds like an innocent forest filled with mist, but that mist is the reason why it became a forbidden zone.

The monsters in that mist are not normal because they have evolved to become Mist Beasts that can become with it. There are a group of elves that have come to reside in this forbidden zone that even the other elves dare not to annoy. They are called the Mist Elves and have resided inside the Misty Forest since time immemorial.

The Mist Elves rarely go outside the Misty Forest as it has been their home. They have also become one with the mist as they have bodies that can hide inside the mist. The Mist Elves have the same features as normal elves, but they have different skin tone and eye color.

The Mist Elves have white skin tone and black sclera which is why they have been sometimes called demon elves. They are not related to the demons or even the devils but have evolved to a species that can live inside the forbidden zone. Although even the Mist Elves can only live in the outer areas of the Misty Forest since the middle and inner area are dangerous beyond belief.

"Do you think we will find them?" Creepysoo asked and the faces of Levin Cloud and Solstice could be seen no longer interested.

"You have been asking that every ten minutes. Can you tone down your energy a bit?" Levin Cloud answered as he is also chatty but only when they are in a big group. He also does not like to repeat what he says as he finds repetitive things very annoying.

"You are really a certified chatterbox. Even the news about you in the professional scene is about you being very charming. You are basically the exact opposite of my brother and his friends. He usually only has friends that are very behaved, and they rarely make noise when they are in the house." Solstice stated as she remembered the times when Adrian's friends are inside their house.

"You mean, your house is too big, and Adrian's room is also big which is why you cannot hear us even if we are loud. Also, your mother is actually scary which is why we tend to enjoy in a normal sounding environment." Levin Cloud retorted.

"Can you give me the story of how you guys met? I have never heard of it before. It would also kill time as we explore the outskirts of the Misty Forest. We cannot casually stroll inside the forbidden zone as if we own the place after all." Creepysoo stated.

"I am curious as well. My little brother is not the type to talk much about his experiences with other people. He tends to keep it to himself and will not say anything unless you question him. Even I was shocked when he brought a friend over after two days of entering his new school." Solstice added.

"Let me see... I remember meeting Adrian back in first grade, but I actually met him in the park before going to school. I remember a silent kid back then who was just sitting in a swing. I was more bombastic as a kid like him." Levin Cloud stated as he pointed towards Creepysoo.

"If I remember correctly, we just recently moved in that place as we got a good deal on our current land." Solstice stated as she reminisced the old days.

"By land, you mean the hill then you are correct. You guys were the talk of the town back then because someone actually bought that land. I did not understand it back then, but our neighbors could not stop talking about it." Levin Cloud stated as their land is indeed not small.

"We were not always that wealthy. I know that we were well off back then, but it also takes a lot of patience and hard work to earn that much. I remember it took exactly four and half years to earn that much money. It is still a great feat from other's perspectives, but we also lived in a smaller house back then.

Our parents married early when they met, and they do not have much to their name. They had to work hard for that and us siblings experience that as well. It is also the reason why we did not grow up like those people that had everything since the beginning.

I also remembered that Adrian was often bullied by smaller kids as a child. It is also one of the reasons why we moved away since the social environment in our previous place is not great. They picked on him because it was often me who walks him back to our home and not our parents." Solstice stated as she remembered the difficult times.

"Seriously! People really need to grow up and mind their own business. They even project their insecurities against a child which leads their children to think that it is fine to look down on others." Creepysoo stated which made Solstice smile.

"Anyways, back to my story since we are killing time. It was actually Adrian that first approached me back then. He was at the swing if I remember correctly but no one was pushing him. So, he actually told me that we will take turns pushing each other since I also wanted to be on the swing. We then met at the same school the next day and the rest is history." Levin Cloud stated as he smiled.

He also remembered that Adrian barely got to push him since he was fetched by his mother early. Adrian did give him consolation candy as a way to apologize but that was the first time that Marlon

felt he got a genuine friend. Due to his mother wanting him to get a better future, she had to work multiple jobs to support the schooling fees.

The school that Adrian and Marlon attended back then is not cheap, but the academic guarantees are immense. It also came at a cost, but Marlon vowed that he would graduate with honors to repay her mother's kindness and even make friends, but the latter was more difficult because of his social standing.

When the other parents learned of his social standing, Marlon lost the friends he thought he got on the succeeding days. It seems that their parents have told them to not socialize with him, but Adrian was different. He was the most genuine of all the people there and he even remembered that he was the boy in the park.

"I rather have one true friend than a thousand fake friends anyway." Levin Cloud said to himself as he also thinks that Adrian is his lucky charm since his life became better the moment he came in his life.

"Wow! The story of how you met is really inspiring. I am almost in tears. If this was a manhwa, then you would be the protagonist while Big Bro Equinox would be your wealthy best friend that always supports you." Creepysoo stated as it is often cliches in gaming stories that the main character has a wealthy but true best friend.

"I am glad that you liked my story because it seems that they also liked it as well. Am I correct?" Levin Cloud stated as he looked in front of him but neither Creepysoo nor Solstice could see the people he is talking to.

A few seconds later, humanoid silhouettes started to appear in front of them. At first it was only a handful but now they are surrounded by at least fifty people. They also do not look welcoming as their glowing white irises are looking at them with intent to kill.

"We are surrounded." Solstice whispered.

"Any idea on how we can escape if they are not friendly?" Creepysoo whispered back as he intends to fight back if they suddenly attack.

"Leave this forest. Did you not see the signs outside that this forest is dangerous?" A female voice came from one of the silhouettes inside the mist.

"We know that the forest is dangerous but is it you that makes it dangerous?" Levin Cloud asked but one of the silhouettes suddenly shouted back in anger and fired a warning arrow near his foot.

"That is your last warning." One of the silhouettes farther away stated.

Levin Cloud smiled at this exchange as this is usually how elves were back in the day before the war with the dark gods. He has read of the history of the elven ancestry where elves looked down on the lower races since they were part Fae. This story was told to him by Jianna as he was learning alchemy from her.

"It seems that the Mist Elves has lost touch with their Fae blood for they cannot distinguish when one is among them." Levin Cloud stated as he activated his powers as an Elder Leshy.

One may think that Levin Cloud would not achieve becoming an Elder Leshy easily, but he has. One of the factors in him becoming one is saving the Tree of Life from monster hordes. He did not know that it was actually a unique thing to do in order to become one, but he lucked out.

The Tree of Life in Neo Alfheim basically gave him a blessing that increased his mastery over plant life. He was already a unique existence as a Leshy that has both life and death energy inside of him which is why he also needed both to increase his Persona.

Levin Cloud already has incredible death energy with him because of the numerous monster killings that he did. Just like Adrian, Levin Cloud also has an imbalance in the life and death energy within him but his is not as difficult to solve compared to Adrian.

Levin Cloud just needed a push in life energy quantity to balance everything out. He even underwent the metamorphosis process immediately upon receiving the blessing that the Tree of Life in Neo Alfheim gave him. Like the other Elder Leshies or Elder Dryads, Levin Cloud's features became more pronounced while he now has this aura that can bend life and death energy.

He has yet to fully master everything that he knows about being an Elder Leshy but he could control the forest in his vicinity to a certain degree. This included every forest that has both life and death energy which the Misty Forest has both. One could say that the Misty Forest is a forest perfectly tailored for Levin Cloud.

Levin Cloud could feel that the Misty Forest is trying to resist his control but the title of Elder Faekin is not something that could be declined. The Misty Forest has to obey the will of the Faekin that wants to move it even if it is one of the forbidden zones.

Title: Elder Faekin

Tier: Legendary

Effect:

- Able to control plant life in an area of a hundred meters with the Elder Faekin at the center.
- This does not consume mana but will consume stamina.
- The user must focus in order to manipulate the fauna and flora in the surroundings as it will not move with just a simple direction.

Description: The real reason why the Leshy and Dryad species are called the Guardian of the Forests is due to this title. They can freely manipulate anything inside the forest as long as the energy that is inside their body is present in the surroundings.

This title is also the reason why Leshies or Dryads tend to prefer the forest as their homes. They tailor their abilities into them but that does not mean they are weak when out of the forest. They are just extremely compatible with forest brimming with the energy in their bodies. The forest also transforms because of them which is why some forest inhabited by Leshy or Dryads that use mushrooms are infested with them.

The trees inside the misty forest that tend to behave and sleep all woke up. The roots that they have suddenly came out of the ground to bound all silhouettes that suddenly appeared. Levin Cloud could see them clearly because he has already synced up with the forest which is a trait that any Leshy or Dryad could do.

He has already sensed them even before they announced their presence, but he does not know if they are friend or foe. Thankfully, they warned them first which could already determine their hostility level. They are hostile but not the ones that immediately attack on site. Even the attack aimed at him only landed two feet beside his feet.

[You have gained control of all plant life in the surrounding area.]

[You unexpectedly could also control the mist in the area as long as you concentrate.]

"I did not know that. Let me try." Levin Cloud muttered as he not only controlled the plants but also the mist.

He did not easily understand this ability at first which is why he asked Adrian how he does it. He remembered that Adrian has a form where his eyes are basically blind, but he has vision all around him. This is also his view when he activates the effects of the title.

Adrian described the effect of the vision as him manipulating a chess board. He could see everything on the board as he has the perspective of the chess player. He also told Levin Cloud to take it slow as mastering that vision is not easy or fast which is why he practiced.

He practiced until he could freely control at least half of the things around him. He also made sure that he could also spare effort for his team members if needed. He did not manage to capture all the Mist Elves that surrounded them, but he did get their attention. The most noteworthy achievement that he did is pushing away the mist which made all the Mist Elves drop their hostilities.

Levin Cloud could feel that the mist contains death energy but not the kind that is poisonous to the living nor dangerous. The mist that he controlled seemed to have stemmed due to a certain plant hidden deep inside the Misty Forest. He tried peeking towards the middle on what this plant is but his vision could not reach that far.

"I guess all of you are now ready to talk seeing that I caught half of you." Levin Cloud state as he released his aura as an Elder Leshy.

The Mist Elves that are left standing could be seen fighting their instinct to bow. This is what you call the hierarchy of species that cannot be resisted easily. Levin Cloud only stopped releasing his aura when he felt an almost equal aura clash with him. A silhouette is making its way towards them and they could clearly feel the power that this being emits.

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"We greet a great ancestor. Forgive the sudden outburst of your fellow people as it has been so long since they encountered one of your kind. The Guardian of the Misty Forest died five hundred years ago which is why some of the newborns do not know your aura." A beautiful sonorous female voice sounded as her figure could now be seen as she made way into the path where the mist is parted.

The one that came forward is Mist Elf that seems to be in the late stages of twenty, but she is clearly older due to her elven heritage. There are two things that the elves received from the Faekin which is their ethereal beauty and longevity. Although the longevity is determined by one's elven species.

All the Mist Elves in the surroundings are a few levels above Levin Cloud but his bloodline basically suppressed them. This is further amplified because of the forest setting which both his life

and death energy are present. He could basically go toe to toe with a level 280 Mist Elf as long as he is careful.

"You are?" Levin Cloud asked as he did not catch a name for the sudden powerful being that presented herself.

My name is Ceo Foraoise but you can just call me by my first name. I am the current head and elder of the Mist Elves. Can you please release them as we do not want to antagonize a great being such as yourself? They are only a hundred or so years old so please be merciful." Elder Ceo stated as she bowed towards Levin Cloud which the other Mist Elves saw.

Upon seeing their elder bow towards Levin Cloud, the mist elves that were not captured proceeded to bow as well. Levin Cloud suddenly felt like a villain or awkward since he initiated the attack first. To also give them a favorable impression, Levin Cloud immediately let go of the mist elves that he captured.

"Thank you very much, Esteemed Guardian. May we know the Esteemed Guardian's name?" Elder Ceo stated as her eyes twinkled as if she is smitten.

"I am called Levin Cloud and the two laughing at my face are my companions. The female in shadowy armor is named Solstice while the hooded one is Creepysoo." Levin Cloud stated.

"Are they your servants, Esteemed Guardian Levin Cloud?" Elder Ceo asked which made the two burst out into laughing because they could see Levin Cloud's red face.

"No, they are my companions for this journey we are on. We wanted to ask you something if that is alright." Levin Cloud stated in a slightly formal tone as he could not cope up with the sudden attention he is getting. It was a good thing that Peridot is not with him or else she might have punched Elder Ceo in the face.

"Whatever the esteemed guardian wants, we the Mist Elves of the Misty Forest shall grant it." Elder Ceo stated.

Elder Ceo led the way to their settlement which is a hidden clearing inside a group of willow trees. If one is not able to see through the mist and darkness, then they will not be able to find this place. Elder Ceo even said that the pathway changes every full moon which is why one needs to memorize all twelve locations.

"Is it me or is she unnervingly welcoming? I am an undead which is not that accepted by other elves that are not part of the Church of the Twin Gods, but they do not seem to mind." Creepysoo stated which Elder Ceo overhear.

"If that is what you are concerned about, companion Creepysoo then you do not need to be alarmed. We, the Mist Elves, are not the only intelligent beings inside the Misty Forest. There is also a Wight like you that is living here, and he often trades herbs with us for his potions. If you want to know why we are not repulsed, then the mist might also be a factor to this." Elder Ceo stated as they finally reach her place which is just an open area in front of her tree house.

"As expected, the mist of this place is filled with death energy albeit subtle and not poisonous to the living." Levin Cloud stated.

"As expected of the Esteemed Guardian Levin Cloud. You are correct as the mist does contain small amounts of death energy which comes from deep inside the Misty Forest. Even we do not know what is expelling this mist, but our bodies have already evolved to be familiar with it." Elder Ceo state with a big smile.

"Did your deceased guardian not tell you what is causing the mist? Also, how did your past guardian die?" Levin Cloud asked as he is curious.

"It is not just him that died back then but a lot of us as well. We were not this far off into the outskirts of the Misty Forest back then. We actually lived in the middle area when our guardian was still alive and at the peak of his strength.

Until one day, a star from the sky descended towards the deepest part of the Misty Forest. All the monsters in the deepest parts suddenly became insane and thrashed about for a month. We thought that we will be safe from them since the guardian protects us, but he fell protecting us.

We were forced to abandon our original settlement and migrated here. We did investigate after the situation has calmed down but the mist in the deepest parts of the Misty Forest has also changed. It has become more potent with death energy that only an elder such as me could get near it.

It is a good thing that the death energy is thin here in the outskirts. Even our Wight neighbor could not carelessly go into the deepest area of the Misty Forest. I have seen his hand slightly disintegrate upon just reaching out there." Elder Ceo stated with a grave tone.

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It is a good thing that the death energy is thin here in the outskirts. Even our Wight neighbor could not carelessly go into the deepest area of the Misty Forest. I have seen his hand slightly disintegrate upon just reaching out there." Elder Ceo stated with a grave tone.

The mist is filled with death energy which is great for those that can absorb it in their body. Levin Cloud could easily do so because of his constitution. Creepysoo could also do so to an extent, but it is also limited to the amount his body could transform to the one circulating in his body.

"If even the Mist Elves are having a difficult time in the middle area, then only those that can purify death energy or those with strong life energy could travel safely there. Anyways, we have gone to a tangent, but we are not here to ask you about the mist here. We came here because we need information about the Horseman of Pestilence." Levin Cloud stated.

Elder Ceo is shocked as she thought that the new guardian that visited them would be the one that will stay with them. Even though she thought of this, she heard a title that she never really wanted to hear ever again. The Horseman of Pestilence is considered both the blessing and the shame of the Mist Elves.

Elder Ceo then proceeded to tell them about the things that she knows of the Horseman of Pestilence. She was an Elder of the Mist Elves that is famed for her amazing prowess when it comes to handling a bow. She also has the ability to infuse the mist circulating in her body to the bows that she releases.

"That is all that we know of but there should be a more detailed history of her in our ruined village. The only problem is the fact that we cannot easily get there because monsters are now occupying those ruins. The records should still be intact as it is located in a very secure place." Elder Ceo stated.

"If it not much to ask, can you guide us to the secure place that you are talking about. We really need to know of the weaknesses of the Horseman of Pestilence. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse have been released upon the world because of the greed of men for their powerful weapons." Levin Cloud stated but Elder Ceo is thinking whether she should agree.

Elder Ceo also wants to put their ancestor to rest as they knew what happened to her as there have been people from her previous party that returned albeit incredibly injured. The Mist Elves know that their species has been betrayed by those of the ones they call the Church of Light. It is also the reason why they actively hunt any member of that church when they are in the Misty Forest.

"I will help you not because you asked but we also need to get a treasure that the deceased guardian has left us. It should still be in our ruined settlement, and we were not powerful enough to get it, but we can get it with your assistance." Elder Ceo stated as she knows that Levin Cloud could part away the mist.

"Agreed. Thank you very much." Levin Cloud replied as Elder Ceo informed the other Mist Elves that she will move.

"I really wanted to meet that Wight though, but it seems that he only comes here once a month. It seems that he was an alchemist when he was alive." Creepysoo stated as he wanted to meet another Wight as the only ones, he knows is him and the Undead King Arthur.

"We can always return but the things about the Horseman of Pestilence comes first. I am just glad that the hierarchy still affects them which is why things became easy. It was a good thing that I chose the southern part." Levin Cloud stated as he wanted to praise him for his good decision.

"You mean, it is a good thing that you suck at rock, paper and scissors and lucked out in getting the south one." Solstice stated which made Levin Cloud blush a bit.

The Mist Elves are not all riders of mount, but their elite unit are all comprise of them. The leader of that elite unit is none other than Elder Ceo. Their mounts are none other than the mist monsters that appear near the outskirts. The most common of their mounts are the Mist Ram that is the easiest one to take care off.

The Mist Ram are monsters in the Misty Forest that have the appearance of a ram that is two meters tall. Instead of fur, its body is literally comprised of mist like fur, but it could be physically felt. They also have strong horns that could easily kill anyone that gets rammed. It is also easy to maintain as it eats the mist and any other plants that contain the mist.

There are currently two mist elves riding a Mist Ram accompanying Elder Ceo. The elder of the Mist Elves on the other hand has a different mount which is the Mist Panther. The Mist Panther is mostly found in the middle parts of the Misty Forest and is a great predator of incredible strength.

The Mist Panther is about two and a half meters tall with its fur also looking like the mist. The most noticeable ability that it has is its ability to fuse with the mist. It can blend with the mist in order to

go into stealth which makes them perfect ambush predators. Its footsteps are also non-existent which makes it the perfect assassin as long as the mist is around.

This mist might be the perfect thing for the Mist Elves and all those that live in the Misty Forest, but it is also the thing that restricts them. They are no longer as special or as powerful when they leave the Misty Forest. One could say that they are birds that caged themselves in their nests in order to be safe from the world outside.

"Do you need a ride, esteemed guardian? We are still safe at the outskirts part as the death energy in the mist is not that harmful. We will proceed with caution once we reach the entrance of the middle area." Elder Ceo asked as she does not want Levin Cloud to walk towards there.

"No need as I can ride with my friends." Levin Cloud stated as Solstice summoned her yeti while Creepysoo summoned Don Quixote.

"Please follow us closely as my Mist Panther could scare the monsters in the outer area but there have been times where monsters from the middle area come here. We shall lead the way!" Elder Ceo shouted in order to increase the morale.

"May the Wandering Mist protect you in your journey!" All of the mist elves stated as they slightly bowed to Elder Ceo.

The group went on their journey and the monsters in the outskirts are indeed wary of the Mist Panther. With Elder Ceo in the lead, the three friends could have more time to observe the surroundings. They were slightly relaxed until both Levin Cloud and Creepysoo could feel a change in the density of the death energy.

"We have reached the entrance of the middle area." Elder Ceo stated as all of them dismounted.

They all agreed to stop before the entrance of the middle area as three wanted to test out their theory. They will also proceed at a slower pace here as they took the longer route so that they will go straight to the ruined settlement.

Levin Cloud looked around and could see that the mist in front of him is definitely darker in color compared to the current ones that are in the outskirts. He touched the mist or rather stretched out his hand to test his theory and a rush of death energy suddenly jolted him from his thoughts.

The touched felt like a small current is passing through his body but not to the point that it detracts him. Creepysoo also reached his hand out as he was told that the Wight that did so turned its hand into bone ash. Just as Creepysoo reached out his hand, an immediate shock greeted him, and he started taking damage.

"The damage to me is bearable since I have a covenant with the God of Death Abaddon, but a foreign substance is indeed mixed in with the mist. If it was just pure death energy, then I will not even get bothered." Creepysoo stated as he retracted his hand.

The others did so as well, and they had the same reaction as the two being jolted but they lost health much more. Levin Cloud knew that they cannot proceed easily if that is the case since the mist also negated regeneration which means he really needs to do something.

Upon identifying the reactions to each of their bodies, Levin Cloud proceeded to cast a spell called Life Shield first. It is basically a spell that will act as another layer of health towards the group casted upon. It is also a shield that is easily destroyed but it acts as a powerful layer of life energy towards those that have it.

Skill Name: Life Shield

Tier: Rare

Type: Active Defense

Effect:

- Create another layer of defense using life energy to your targets.

- This shield will have the same health as the target's maximum health, but it will not have any defensive reinforcement.

- This skill can only be cast towards the target once per day and will receive twice the damage from attacks and spells.

Duration: It persists as long as the Life Shield is not shattered.

Cooldown: 5 seconds

Mana Cost: 100 Mana Points

Cast Time: Instant

This is one of the spells that he received when he became the Envoy of the Twin Gods, but it is also one that he forgot. This spell might look good on paper, but it is actually very useless in battle. It might seem like another life because it is the same maximum health as the target, but it does not copy the defenses of its target.

The Life Shield usually shatters after ten normal attacks or one powerful spell damage. It is just something like a clutch skill that may save someone from death. He thought it was really useless until this time where he needed to counteract the strong death energy that the mist is spewing out.

Levin Cloud immediately cast Life Shield on Creepysoo first and asked him to reach his hand out towards the mist. The moment Creepysoo got covered by a green aura, he naturally did as Levin Cloud has told him. To his great shock, the mist no longer hurts him or restricts his regeneration.

Even the Mist Elves that has seen this interaction have their mouths agape. They also knew some spells that utilize life energy, but this is the first time that they have seen a spell that could produce that powerful radiance of life energy. Levin Cloud did warn them though that the spell cannot be casted on the same target per day.

"I thought that it would not work but my test has proven useful. With Life Shield active on you, the damage from the mist is almost nonexistent. It is imperative that you do not get hurt by anything inside the mist. We shall focus on traversing the middle region to arrive at the ruined settlement." Levin Cloud warned them as it takes a day for him to cast it again on their bodies.

After Levin Cloud explained to them the details and casted the Life Shield on them which included their mounts, they proceeded with caution. The Life Shield is holding out pretty well, but it is still

losing health points per second. The loss of health points for the Life Shield is around one per second which is doable as long as they do not encounter anyone in battle.

The others asked Levin Cloud why he could not just part the mist as he once shown earlier, and he answered honestly that it was difficult. It is not that it was impossible, but it is difficult as he needed more concentration to do so. He also needed to familiarize himself with the mist at the middle region which is why he told them to give him some time.

Levin Cloud is currently riding the Mist Panther while he is familiarizing himself with the mist. He asked them to protect him for as long as they can so that he could control the mist in the middle region. One might say that it is not a heavy task, but it is the most difficult task in a forbidden zone where one needs healers the most.

Due to this, Creepysoo summoned all of his undead knights that protect him. The Mist Elves are actually quite surprised when they learned that Creepysoo is the Prince of the Undead. They knew that Wights were special types of undead, but they did not know that he was even more amazing than their neighbor.

Solstice is a bit more relaxed this time around as she can walk on her real form. She usually struts in her golden armor that protects her from sunlight, but she is her full Princess of Darkness form inside the Misty Forest. One could say that this forbidden zone is perfect for her as even sunlight does not dare to peer inside the mist.

The group proceeded slowly but carefully with the guidance of Elder Ceo. She and the two other mist elves are the ones leading while the others followed closely. They are wary of the monsters that are similar to the Misty Panthers in the middle region. Some monsters in the middle region could become invisible inside the mist by standing perfectly still which are the ones that they avoid.

The monsters that are commonly found in the middle region that have this ability are the Mist Hoppers. The Mist Hoppers are basically variants of large grasshopper monsters that have the ability to become undetected once they stay still for a few seconds. They just camouflage themselves in the mist and not assimilate into it so one can crash onto them if they are not careful.

The Mist Hoppers are afraid of fire which is why the mist elves would often cast a small fireball in front of them. They would hurl this fireball in a distance of ten meters as they are afraid to provoke other monsters if they hurl it even further.

Fighting in the Misty Forest is also quite difficult as the vision is obscured in a twenty-meter radius. Levin Cloud could detect monsters in a larger area if, but he is currently focusing on giving them a safer way of transport. Just as they thought they became lucky, Creepysoo suddenly stopped them.

Creepysoo might not be able to detect life forms like Levin Cloud, but he can detect death. He developed this sense since he spent a vast majority of his time at the presence of the gods and goddesses of death. One could say that he is blessed by death itself because of how they treasure him even though they treat him like a helper sometimes.

"There is one dying being in front of us about less than a hundred meters. It could be a dying animal or a hunted prey." Creepysoo stated in a serious tone as his usual playful side has vanished.

"I also smell the scent of fresh blood in the direction he is pointing at. It seems that we will have guests if we are to proceed in that direction. Can we take a detour?" Solstice stated after she focused her senses to smell the scent of blood.

"Unfortunately, we cannot because the other paths are all protected by more vicious monsters. Another detour could also land us to the place where the Blood Sucking Mist Trees are. This is the safest path that we can traverse. Maybe we could wait it out and see if those predators will leave upon eating their prey." Elder Ceo stated as they could just wait it out.

"That is also a valid option but one of us should at least check to see if it is just predators hunting prey. If the ones that killed that being is actually living in the ruined village, then that is another story." Creepysoo stated.

"If that is the case then I will go check as I am the stealthiest amongst all of us." Solstice stated as she volunteered.

"We cannot let the companions of the esteemed guardians be the ones to check. One of my riders should be able to check." Elder Ceo stated but even she is not confident about that decision.

"Are the Mist Rams good for covert missions?" Solstice asked but Elder Ceo slightly hesitated in answering.

"How about this...Big Sister Solstice will go accompanied by one of the mist elves without the aid of the mount. Both of you should be able to conceal yourselves easily if it is just both of you." Creepysoo suggested and they agreed with that in the end.

Solstice and one of the mist elves went to check on the direction where Creepysoo felt the reaction. Since it was only a few meters away, they did not take too long to reach it, but Solstice immediately noticed the dire expression of the mist elf that accompanied her.

The two concealed themselves on top of the trees that spread out around the entrance of the ruined settlement in order to avoid being seen by the predator. A large bison like monster could be seen gorge out near the entrance as a large three-meter-tall pale gray lion is eating its flesh. The mist elf that accompanied Solstice could not believe his eyes as this was one of the fierce beasts located at the deepest parts of the Misty Forest called the Mist Mane Lion.

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The Mist Mane Lion is one of the monsters located in the deepest parts of the Misty Forest. It might not have been an overlord of the deepest part, but it is still relatively strong in that area. The fact that it is now using the ruined settlement as its territory is very troubling.

The Mist Mane Lion is a three-meter-tall pale gray lion with its mane being made of mist. It is different from the Mist Panther as it does not have invisibility abilities, but it has one troublesome ability. It could quasi teleport using the mist as long as it is inside of it.

It could travel using the mist by transforming its body to mist in a short duration. Not only is the Mist Mane Lion invisible during the process, but it is also immune to physical attacks as long as it is in mist form. The two of them did not wait for the Mist Mane Lion to notice them as they immediately retreated.

They immediately returned to the direction of the group and reported their findings. Even Elder Ceo is not confident that they could defeat the Mist Mane Lion. It is powerful enough to even scare the

Mist Panther. They need some sort of plan if they are going to defeat it but driving it away is what she thinks is the most viable option.

"Do you think we could defeat it?" Levin Cloud asked as he is still looking at the possibility of defeating the Mist Mane Lion.

"I do not know yet. I did get the description of the monster. It is considered as a field boss, so the fight is definitely difficult." Solstice stated as she presented the description of the monster.

Monster Name: Mist Mane Lion (Field Boss)

Tier: Epic

Level: 300

HP: 100% / 100%

MP: 83% / 100%

Description: A powerful monster of the Misty Forest that has been driven out of its previous habitat and claimed another's. It is incredibly powerful when it comes to attacks as it has the ability to phase back and forth from physical and mist form. It is a ferocious monster that will not stop until its prey is dead.

"So, it killed the monster without even getting injured. I guess it is a monster from the deepest parts, but a field boss is a different struggle. Do you think we can win?" Creepysoo stated.

"I think that we can win since most of us deal magic damage. Even the blood sword that big sis uses can deal magic damage when she is in that form. Our only problem would be the fact that we need to keep them alive." Levin Cloud muttered as he looked towards Elder Ceo and the others.

"What is our action plan, esteemed guardian? It seems that the Mist Mane Lion's territory is our ruined settlement. We can divert its attention, but we might sacrifice one of us in order to do that." Elder Ceo stated as one of the warriors have already decided to be the bait if they are to lure away the Mist Mane Lion.

"No need to bait it away as we do not know if it would actually follow anyone that provokes it. We need to plan out our attack. We need to at least incapacitate it if we cannot kill it." Levin Cloud stated.

He knows that it is a tall order to kill the Mist Mane Lion field boss but if they can incapacitate it then they would have free reign in the ruined settlement. The plan that Levin Cloud thought of is to make sure that the Mist Mane Lion is not able to stand up. They need to not only prioritize the legs so that it will not be able to move.

Levin Cloud thought of this plan because the mist elves are great archers that their aim is steady even mounted. They can definitely strike the Mist Mane Lion's legs even if they are riding their mounts. The plan of action is to make sure that the field boss is not able to move. The best-case scenario would be killing it.

Upon agreeing to the plan, the group finally moved towards the ruined settlement. The body of the prey that the Mist Mane Lion defeated is no longer at the entrance. Even Levin Cloud could not

detect the Mist Mane Lion near them which means it has already retreated deeper into the ruined settlement.

The ruined settlement is different from their new one as there were some buildings. It seems that the Mist Elves also had a progressive civilization back then, but the current generation has regressed. They had no choice to turn back to primitive ways as they needed to be strong in order to live in the Misty Forest.

"Where do you think it is?" Creepysoo asked.

"I can faintly feel its presence in that direction." Levin Cloud stated as he pointed towards a large dead tree silhouette.

"That should be the previous body of the guardian. It dares to disrespect our heroic guardian! We shall kill this beast for desecrating its holy body." Elder Ceo stated as she got enraged.

"Being mad is good and all but it seems that it also knows that we are in its territory. It started to move from its location." Levin Cloud stated but he suddenly lost track of the presence of the Mist Mane Lion.

The next moment, a large feline creature suddenly appeared behind Elder Ceo and her Mist Panther. It seems that they were the first target as they have been judged as the most powerful among them. The two mist elves moved to block the attack, but they are not fast enough.

The claw of the Mist Mane Lion is crashing down towards Elder Ceo and she is unable to dodged. Levin Cloud reacted immediately and dedicated the area where she is as a Sanctuary. The area around Elder Ceo and the two mist elves suddenly glowed as a pillar of golden light came own upon them.