

STRIKER 211

Chapter 211: The True Forbidden Area Beasts

Forbidden Area:

Midnight,

Jeremy Night was practicing at midnight. But he was disturbed by a loud noise. He stopped practicing and opened his eyes.

Growl!

The next second, he heard a growling sound. He stepped outside of the tent. Then he saw a black-colored beast trying to enter.

Boom!

A loud explosion occurred as the black beast stepped on the poison bomb.

Grrroowlll!

The beast made a weird sound. The green poison began to spread across the area. Jeremy hurriedly swallowed the anti-poison pill.

Then he took out his katana to confront the beast. At night, he wasn't able to identify the beast properly.

The poison was trying to affect the black beast. Yet the black beast moved forward without minding the pain.

On the other hand, Jeremy took out his device and turned on the light. When the light illuminated the shed, the appearance of the beast became clear.

"What the f@ck?" Jeremy blurted out.

The shock was too much for him because the black beast was the crocodile black beast that lived in the lake. But the size of the black crocodile was not that big compared to the higher-tier beasts.

Jeremy broke out in a cold sweat. The appearance of the black lake beast was not at all on his list. He didn't know what to do now.

Suddenly, a good idea came to his mind. He believed that the poison must be affecting the body of the beast. He could use this opportunity to test out the beast's strength.

Growl!

The black crocodile was over 40 feet in length. It was actually smaller compared to those beasts he saw in the black lake that day.

The black crocodile found its prey. It started charging toward the prey. The speed was so high that it didn't give any time for the prey to escape.

Jeremy, on the other hand, placed the gadget on the floor. The light from it continued to illuminate the area. Then he used the starlight energy to cover the katana blade.

Swoosh!

When the black beast got closer, Jeremy tried to attack with the sword. But the beast swept its tail at him. The starlight-covered blade came in contact with the tail.

Boom!

The next second, he felt a strong recoil. His body was knocked backward before impacting the concrete floor with a loud crash.

Fortunately, this area of the floor didn't have poison bombs.

Argh!

A muffled grunt escaped his mouth. Jeremy felt his entire body screaming in pain. When he remembered the last scene, his expression changed.

"The starlight energy failed to harm the beast," he said to himself. The next second, a cold shiver ran down his spine.

This had never happened before. This was the first time. More importantly, the black beast was a Tier-3 beast. Now he knew about the black beast's strength.

The pressure he felt from the beast was reminiscent of a Tier-3 beast.

Boom! Bomb!

The black crocodile once again ran over the tiles that had bombs. One after another, deafening noises sounded.

The disturbance was so huge that it could attract other sleeping beasts. The loud noise brought his thoughts back to reality.

He then tried to get up using this opportunity. After standing on his feet, he saw that the black beast was running as if nothing had happened.

Even more harsh realization dawned on him. He found that the poison was not working on the beast. More than five bombs have exploded so far.

Yet the black beast was safe and sound. Jeremy's mind opened to a new world. For the first time, he was facing a dangerous corrupted beast that seemed unkillable.

Jeremy looked at the bruises on his body. He refused to believe that there were no weaknesses in the black beast.

He then tried to utilize his talent. He held the katana handle tightly. In the blink of an eye, his heart calmed down. The environment became quieter to his senses.

Then he found that the black beast's movements were slowing down before his eyes. Then his gaze settled on the beast's soft underbelly.

The underbelly looked soft from this distance. But he didn't know for sure. He could only verify it himself. He then imbued the starlight energy into the katana blade.

"Explosive Steps!"

He exploded with great speed and started charging toward the beast. He was going to target the underbelly of the beast.

Grrroowwwll!

The black crocodile beast noticed the prey and was ready to tackle as well. It opened its mouth to bite. Then the razor-sharp teeth could be seen.

Its jaw could tear apart the flesh of any colossal corrupted beast. An emotion appeared in Jeremy's eyes. But he quickly focused on the target.

In the blink of an eye, he appeared beside the beast. Then he thrust the katana blade into the beast's underbelly. The starlight energy-filled blade touched the underbelly.

Clang!

A metallic noise sounded. At the same time, sparks appeared at the contact points. Jeremy Night's expression worsened; he withdrew the sword before retreating backward.

An unbelievable thing was happening to him. He had never seen such a corrupted beast before. Nobody had told him about this type of beast. It's not even taught in his school.

Moreover, he hadn't found any information about the beast in the library. Ever since he started coming here, he had started reading about the forbidden area and its dangers.

There was common information that forbidden area beasts were different from beasts living in the open wilderness. He had thought there could be a slight difference in strength.

Now he understood that he had been a fool all along. The real forbidden area beasts were the ones found in Black Lake.

The beast in front of him had somehow slipped out and come here. He should have studied more. Previously, these beasts had completely wiped out more than half of the beast tamers who came during the Heath Family Mission.

Jeremy's mind was racing to come up with a solution. He didn't want to abandon his practice spot.

Chapter 212: Safe return and information gathering

Forbidden Area:

Boom!

Jeremy again collides with the black beast using his sword. But still, the result was the same. The black crocodile was unharmed. He didn't think it was a good idea to stay here for long.

So he picked up the gadget before fleeing from the place. It was his last option. He dared not take any gamble here.

Especially when he didn't know whether other Black Beasts had stepped out of the lake. It didn't take long for him to return to the entrance.

The Forbidden Area surprised him during his visit. But today's shock was huge. He hadn't come across such an unkillable beast before.

So he didn't feel safe anymore.

Swoosh!

Then he turned around to leave the place. As time passed, he exited the forbidden area and entered the inner part of the wilderness.

Next, he had to be careful not to come across Tier-4 Beasts and above. He had experience fighting against Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts, so he was not afraid of encountering one.

But he was wary of Tier-5 Beasts and above. If any Tier-5 Beast saw him, it would be difficult for him to escape.

So he continued to move forward silently. He made no sound to avoid attracting the beasts roaming at night.

About a few hours later,

Jeremy finally saw the City Gate. A hint of relief flashed in his eyes. During the journey, he had been moving at a slow speed, so it took him more than an hour to arrive.

After reaching the gate, he spoke to the guards. The guards checked his Beast Taming License before allowing him to enter the city.

But their expressions were filled with shock. They were in disbelief. How could a Tier-1 Beast Tamer spend the night alone in the wilderness?

They then assumed the kid must have some background.

Jeremy walked into the street and booked a flying taxi. His condition was dire. His whole body was drenched in sweat, his clothes were torn, and he looked dirty.

He wanted to take a bath first after his return.

Shortly afterward,

The flying taxi arrived. He got inside the car and told the driver his destination. The driver was taken aback.

He realized that the young kid was a Tier-1 Beast Tamer, and this place was the city gate. He could easily guess that the kid had come out of the wilderness.

He was truly shocked and became talkative. Jeremy sighed inwardly but couldn't avoid the enthusiastic driver, so he began to respond.

Soon, the flying taxi reached the University. Jeremy stepped out of the car and paid the fare. He then turned around and started walking back to the university.

While walking, he was already thinking about tomorrow. He had made up his mind to learn more about the Forbidden Area Beasts.

He returned to the dormitory about 10 minutes later. After entering the room, he shut the door and went to take a bath.

He quickly took a bath before stepping out. He then changed into comfortable clothes. The next second, a wave of tiredness washed over him. He had been alert all night, and it was only a couple of minutes before sunrise.

He decided to sleep. He fell onto the bed and quickly fell asleep.

Next morning,

The whole University had woken up. Yet Jeremy Night was still asleep. He finally woke up around 10 am. It was the time when everyone was attending their classes.

But Jeremy didn't feel any urgency at all. He got out of bed and started getting ready.

About an hour later,

He left the dormitory and went to the library. On his way, he came across many familiar faces and nodded to them. When he reached the library, he found the place to be quiet.

He immediately searched for information about corrupted beasts and their types. There were many books and articles on this topic, including some official records of the University.

While others were more like travel notes from Beast Tamers. Jeremy randomly picked a few travel notes and books on the subject before finding a quiet corner to sit at a table.

Earlier, Jeremy's actions had attracted everyone's attention. Seeing that he was studying now, everyone minded their own business.

Time passed,

Jeremy's return was noted by Instructor Jacob and others. Seeing Jeremy at the library, the others did not disturb him.

Meanwhile,

Something else sinister was happening among the senior years, especially the fourth-year students. They felt ashamed that the No. 1 Beast Tamer in the First Year was not from an existing faction but from a newly formed one.

It was humiliating for them. They couldn't wait to teach a lesson to the first-year juniors, but unfortunately, such actions were banned at the University.

Some fourth-year students found third- and second-year students to teach a lesson to them, thinking it would pressure the first-year students next.

Now, the momentum of Jeremy Night was high. The fourth-year students were aware of Jeremy Night's identity. Otherwise, they wouldn't let him have such peaceful days.

Time passed,

Jeremy Night left the library in the evening. He had gained some information about the different types of corrupted beasts.

Yet there was little information about the Forbidden Area beasts. He couldn't even find concrete information among the travel notes.

He even doubted whether the Beast Tamers who left behind travel notes had visited the Forbidden Area. So he thought he would need more time to collect information.

Jeremy then returned to the building. He had already sent messages to Instructor Jacob, Daniel, and Betsy. Since he had tasks at hand, he didn't have free time for long chats with them.

So he walked faster. Soon, he returned to the dormitory. He nodded to his dorm mates before going to his room.

Creak!

The room door opened. Jeremy walked inside and closed the door. He then sat on the sofa to relax. He started surfing online news to learn whether Goldcorp's people corpses had been exposed or not.

He spends an hour confirming that no such news was reported. He could then only put his heart at ease.

Chapter 213: Senior students conspire

City A:

Javier found out that he couldn't reach his men anymore. He had previously ordered them to go after the kid. So far, there is no information from them. Obviously, he was worried about them.

He wonders whether they have been caught by anyone. He has found out their last connection was severed in the wilderness. At least he knows that they had gone to the wilderness.

So he has decided to send another team to find out their news. His heart wanted to mobilize the entire team in the security firm. But he knows the city administration is conducting an investigation.

Any massive actions could attract their attention. His master was already facing trouble. He doesn't want to add a few more problems for him.

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Central University 14:

The following day,

After getting ready, Jeremy left the dormitory. He was on his way to the department building when he came across a group of people.

He recognized a few of the faces among them. The students were from the Attack Department. After his win against their Department Representative, Romeo Barrett, he hadn't had any interaction with them.

The Attack Department Beast Tamers were minding their own business as well. He wondered what had happened now.

A group of ten people came up to him. Jeremy swept his gaze across everyone.

He asked, "What now?"

Among them, those who were familiar with Jeremy Night stepped forward. One of the black-haired beast tamers opened his mouth.

"We received a message from our Representative. He is facing trouble right now," he said.

"Trouble?"

"If Romeo Barrett is facing trouble, you guys should inform your Instructor. Why bother me?" Jeremy asked.

He had genuine confusion on his mind.

The Black-Haired Beast Tamer looked at his friends before saying, "The 2nd Year Seniors have blocked Romeo from entering the university. Right now, they have taken him somewhere to teach him a lesson."

Hearing that, Jeremy's heart set off storms. He didn't expect the second years to have this kind of guts. He could understand what this was about.

"Was he being targeted because of me?" Jeremy asked.

A female beast tamer said, "Yes, the senior students are dissatisfied with us. They can't believe you are the strongest among the representatives."

"They are venting out their anger on our representative right now because he lost the duel against you," she added.

Jeremy understood. He doubted the University would respond to this situation quickly. He decided to help out Romeo Barrett.

"Where is he right now?"

"Did he send any clues?" Jeremy asked.

"He has sent pictures from the old factory site. Romeo was the one who requested help from you," the female beast tamer said.

"Old factory site?" Jeremy frowned.

If he could get information about this digital device, he could request the city administration to track his location. But that's a long process.

Suddenly, he remembered the store that buys and sells information. He believed they must know about such shady locations.

"Okay, I'm going to find him. You guys should inform your department instructor next." After saying that, Jeremy left the place.

The group of Attack Department beast tamers sighed in relief. They were worried that Jeremy Night would show no response.

Now, they had a better impression of Jeremy Night. They didn't have hatred like their senior students. They clearly knew about Jeremy Night's strength.

Jeremy Night could defeat May Lindsey, who is an S-Grade Talent. So their Department Representative's loss was justified. It's just that their senior students are not accepting the fact.

"Let's go and inform our instructor!"

"The senior students only know how to bully us."

The group of beast tamers then vacated the place.

On the other hand, Jeremy walked out of the University. He came to the street and started to think about it. He worried if there was any conspiracy behind it.

Considering the things happening in City A, he couldn't trust anyone. So he called Instructor Jacob. When the call was connected, he immediately told him about the matter.

Jacob Henry was shocked. He immediately warned Jeremy Night not to involve himself in this matter since it's related to the Attack Department. He advised him to let them handle it.

But Jeremy refused. He thought if he didn't help out Romeo Barrett, this would create a bad atmosphere among the first years. He didn't want that to happen.

Since Romeo Barrett himself requested help, he thought it was okay to get involved in this matter. Jacob Henry could only sigh. He didn't know what had happened to the senior students of the Attack Department.

In the end, he agreed with Jeremy's words. Since they were from the same University, it was necessary to help each other.

Jeremy ended the call and sighed in relief. He had thought Instructor Jacob was like others who wanted to avoid trouble. In the end, it was proven that Jacob Henry had a soft heart.

Jeremy then booked a flying taxi. He was sure that the senior students wouldn't go to the length of killing a person. He thought they would torture Romeo Barrett for a bit.

Soon, the flying taxi arrived. He entered the car and told the driver to go to the market. The flying car hovered above the ground, then it turned around and started moving toward the destination.

Meanwhile,

Jacob Henry couldn't keep the information to himself. So he immediately informed the First Year Department Head, Derek Gibson.

Old man Derek had been avoiding the limelight ever since he put Jeremy Night and others in the path of danger. After that, he hadn't dared to meet Jeremy Night. He had been planning to compensate them.

When Jacob Henry told him about the latest incident, he couldn't believe his ears. Then he confronted the Attack Department Instructor, who immediately revealed the truth.

Old man Derek was shocked. He didn't know where the courage of the senior students came from.

"You wait for me here. I'll go and talk to Dean Carolyn." After saying that, old man Derek left his office.

Jacob Henry touched his forehead. He didn't know why one trouble after another kept arising.

Chapter 214: Billy & Timothy

City A:

Jeremy Night reached the market area a few minutes later. Then he stepped out of the car and paid the fare. He then started walking along the path toward the shop at the end.

The old man in that small store had provided him with intelligence last time. He thought he would find out about the old factory site soon.

Shortly afterward, he arrived at the store. Seeing that the shop was open, he walked inside. Then he saw the old man sitting behind the desk.

It was the same old man who had given him the intel last time.

"Hello!" he said to the old man. The old man behind the desk raised his head and looked at him.

"You....!"

"Did we ever meet before?" the old man asked with confusion.

Hearing that, my mouth twitched. Then I decided not to reveal anything about the previous meeting. I collected my thoughts and said, "I'm here to buy some information."

The old man wasn't surprised, but he noticed the young man's uniform. His expression was solemn. People who mostly come here like to hide their identity.

But this young man had come here straightforwardly. He knew it was rare. It showed that the young man was not buying information for any shady reasons.

He asked, "What do you want to know?"

Jeremy said, "I wanted to know the locations of the old factory sites in our City A, especially those locations close to our university."

The old man was stunned. He thought it was going to be some kind of secret intent. But the kid was asking him about the locations. This information could be found anywhere.

Even the old person on the street could tell you the directions. The old man then stood up from his seat. Even if it was a small amount, money is still money.

"Wait for me here!"

After saying that, the old man entered the room. Seeing that, I nodded to him. I knew people were working inside. There are also ways to post anonymous tasks online.

I hoped Romeo Barrett was safe. If I was not wrong, they must be forcing him to do something.

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Meanwhile, half an hour ago.

An old factory site is located near Central University 14. Today the abandoned factory was used by visitors. They were 2nd and 3rd year students from the Attack Department.

The First Year Attack Department Representative, Romeo Barrett, was handcuffed. His hands and legs were tightly locked inside the room.

Outside the room, the senior students were chatting and laughing. There were 10 people—five from the 2nd year and five from the 3rd year.

"Do you think Jeremy Night will come here?" a black-haired man asked. He was one of the 3rd year students.

"Senior, rest assured. He will come. It's just that I'm afraid he might inform Dean Carolyn about our actions," a slender-looking man, a 2nd year student, replied.

"Harumph!"

"Don't worry, my father works under the Governor. Dean Carolyn won't dare to offend the Governor," the black-haired man said confidently.

"Let me go!!!!"

Romeo Barrett's voice came from the room.

The black-haired man was displeased.

"What a waste. We told him to stop the development of the STRIKER Department. Not only has he done nothing, but he got defeated at the hands of that STRIKER Jeremy Night," he said angrily.

"This matter we can't blame him for. Even the S-Grader May Lindsey lost against him. Another S-Grader, Victor Scott, is unwilling to fight."

"Because we were forced to take action against Jeremy Night," the second year student added.

"Billy, your parents are working at Goldcorp. They hold high positions as well. Surely, you are unafraid. But what about us?" a burly man interjected this time.

He was a friend of 2nd year student Billy. He was quite nervous at this moment. The mastermind behind this kidnapping was these two people—his friend Billy and 3rd year student Timothy.

The rest of them were their friends dragged into this mess.

Billy's face darkened. His foul-mouthed friend was panicking. He then raised his head and swept his eyes across the room. His friend who spoke and the rest of the four friends lowered their heads.

He could see they were panicking as well. Billy knew that they didn't have backgrounds comparable to his.

At this time, 3rd year student Timothy intervened. He had brought his friends here as well.

"Don't worry, guys. Our plan is not to kill Jeremy Night, but to injure him. We want him to be bedridden for a few months. This period will be enough for others to overtake him in the first years."

"Later, other department representatives can defeat him with his poor performance then. The resource allocation for the STRIKER Department will be less," Timothy said to his friends standing behind him.

"More importantly, there would be no STRIKER Department next year because of the flop show of Jeremy Night and others," Billy said with a smile.

"Well said," Timothy replied.

Hearing the assurances given by the two, everyone's face relaxed. They were not only friends but part of their hunting team as well.

Their two teams were among the famous teams in the 2nd and 3rd year known for completing various missions.

Normally, the rewards for the missions are high. The resources are allocated to the Mission Hall Building based on the number of Beast Tamers and departments.

A new department means splitting the resources. It will have an insignificant effect on the average Beast Tamers. But the rise of the STRIKER Department is going to affect those who are enjoying the rich resources right now.

Especially the senior students who have created powerful hunting teams. The recent incidents in the first-year area have already alarmed many teams.

Despite filing many complaints to their Department Instructors, they have received no answers so far. They were also aware of the identity of the STRIKER Department members.

All three of them have difficult identities. The senior students were aware that Jeremy Night was the son of City Governor Ron Night in City C. So, no ordinary people could take them on.

Chapter 215: Old factory site

Store:

Jeremy saw that old man returning after a couple of minutes. He had a digital device in his hands. He then showed me the digital device. There were 10 locations listed on the screen.

Jeremy took the device in his hands and started to memorize the locations. He paid most attention to those sites located near the university.

Since Romeo Barrett was kidnapped on his way, he thinks he was taken to the nearest site. He then thanked the old man before asking for the price.

He then paid a few hundred points before leaving the place.

Not long after, the customer was gone. The old man frowned.

"Strange?"

"Why does the young man look familiar?" the old man asked himself. He had not been outside the store lately. Finally, he came to the conclusion that the young man might have visited the store previously.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy picked one of the locations to investigate first. Then he quickly found an air taxi and entered. He told the destination to the driver.

The driver recognized the address, but he warned him that the area has many reported crimes. Jeremy understood that his uniform attracted the driver's attention.

He assured the driver, and then the driver focused on his driving.

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Central University 14:

Old man Derek came to the Dean's office. When he told her about the issue, Dean Carolyn held her forehead in headache. She was aware of the brewing problem.

But she didn't pay attention to the senior students. She knew some of them had influential backgrounds. That's why she had issued a warning to them when the STRIKER Department was formed.

Not only had she issued a statement, but the Heath and Knox families had issued a statement as well. To their warning being respected, she grew angrier.

"Dean, it must be someone with a powerful background. One could give a headache to the Heath and Knox families," old man Derek said after seeing her clutching her head.

He knew it was a sign of helplessness.

"Are you mocking me?" Carolyn asked.

"Dean, I'm stating the facts. Besides, it was clearly done to get rid of Jeremy Night. Otherwise, the senior kids wouldn't go against the university rules," old man Derek added.

"Take a few high-tier beast tamers with you. I want to know which family's kids they are," Carolyn said in anger.

Old man Derek sighed. He nodded to her before leaving the room.

"Jeremy Night is facing one problem after another. He has more reasons to leave this city and go to better zones," Carolyn said with a sigh.

She was already worried because of the situation in City A. The influence of the City Governors was weakening. It was causing people with ill intentions to appear.

If the City Administration didn't handle it properly, the crime rates would soar.

Then she ordered the First Year Attack Department Instructor to keep the information private. She didn't want the whole university to know about it.

Then she summoned the head of the second-year departments. She is another old woman, a high-tier beast tamer. Her name is Kayla.

She is the Overall Department Head like old man Derek. Usually, she stays low-key, but this time the incident that occurred in the morning shook her.

Old woman Kayla entered the Dean's office. Dean Carolyn immediately asked her to sit down. She knew that Elder Kayla was older than her, and she didn't want to make things difficult for her.

Kayla sat opposite her. Before Dean Carolyn could speak, she opened her mouth to speak.

"I tried my best, but some of the students were unwilling to see the emergence of the new department. So much so that they are planning to involve their families."

"I had thought they had changed after the Beast Invasion, but I made a mistake in my judgment. Those kids still harbor malicious thoughts."

"I don't know which kid has taken action now," Kayla said in a sad tone.

Dean Carolyn felt troubled as well. This is also why she wanted to have balance in the university. That's why she was not ready to offend anyone, even though she had all the reasons to do so.

Right now, she was worried about something else. Jeremy Night had a backer. If the person was involved, the situation would become more tense.

She didn't know why she had this feeling that it was better for Jeremy to leave the city.

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City A:

The cab driver dropped him at the location. Jeremy paid the fare before observing the area. When the air car left the place, his expression became serious.

This street was empty of shops and people. The shops on both sides were closed. Not a single person could be seen walking here.

Jeremy then used the digital gadget to locate the place. He found the old factory site on the map and started walking towards it.

When he got there, he saw the old rundown name board.

Seeing that, his expression became serious. He believed this place needed to be checked. He then walked toward the gate. The old iron gates were rusted.

He couldn't help but wonder who could be the owner of the old factory. Such a place attracted corrupted beasts. He hoped such problems were not here.

He then opened the door before walking inside. He looked at the high-story building before his gaze fell on the cars.

There were two flying cars parked before the building entrance.

Swoosh!

Jeremy swiftly reached the place. He took photos of the two cars before going inside. His eyes wandered around. Then he heard some noise coming from the upper floors.

He then took his Katana Sword out. He wished for no violence, but if someone attacked him, he would have no choice.

He then started climbing the stairs. When he reached the second floor, he could hear an increase in the sound of conversation, which confirmed the presence of people above.

He didn't know if they were the same people from the university. He could only go there and check.

Chapter 216: Pursued by a lifeline beast

Old factory site:

Jeremy quickly arrived at the spot where the sound was coming from. He then saw 10 warriors inside one room. They were blocking the path to one room.

He could hear voices coming from the room. Jeremy's expression changed drastically. He doubted Romeo Barrett was locked up inside.

"These senior students," his eyes flickered. He held the katana tightly because he could hear that they were slandering him.

He understood that it was a game to lure him here. He didn't know what to say. If he barged into the place, he might have to fight against the senior students.

"What to do?" Jeremy asked himself.

Buzz!

The next second, his digital device started ringing.

"Who is it?" Billy blurted out.

Timothy's expression changed as well. The next second, they saw someone standing outside the door.

"Jeremy Night!" Billy stood up from his chair.

"He...He...He...the rat has taken the bait," Timothy stood up as well.

The rest of the 8 Beast Tamers turned to face Jeremy Night.

"Damn it," I cursed.

Then I saw the contact name on the digital device and answered the call.

"Jeremy, where are you?" Old man Derek's voice sounded.

"Stop him from leaking the whereabouts," Billy shouted.

Swoosh!

The next second, everyone rushed out towards Jeremy Night.

On the other hand, I turned around to flee.

"Elder, I'm at the old factory site close to our university. I have already found Romeo Barrett here. The students from the 2nd and 3rd years have done this," I replied on the call while I was going downstairs.

I could feel the breath of people following me from behind. Fortunately, they couldn't bring their lifeline beasts inside the building. Otherwise, the whole structure would collapse.

Swoosh!

Timothy and Billy were leading the chase. If they allowed Jeremy Night to get to the street, then they could only watch him leave.

The whole setup was to lure him inside.

Romeo Barrett was unaware of what was going on outside. He had only heard some noise.

Shortly afterward,

Jeremy walked out of the building. He could understand the plans of these people. They couldn't deal with him inside the university. So they had lured him here.

But he thought it was their dumbest plan. They could have attacked him in the wilderness. It was safer.

"Stop it right there!"

Roar!

He heard a loud shout followed by a roar.

Jeremy turned around and saw a blue tiger getting closer to him.

"Explosive Steps!"

He used the movement technique to evade and retreat from the place. In the blink of an eye, he widened the gap and got a good look at the lifeline beast.

"Tier-3 Lifeline Beast," Jeremy uttered.

He could see that it was the Lifeline Beast of a 3rd Year student.

Roar!

The Blue Tiger, over 9 ft in height, roared at him. It was ready to act at any time.

Swoosh!

The next second, the 3rd year student Timothy appeared in front of his Lifeline Beast. His eyes flashed with a cold glint as he looked at Jeremy Night.

Billy and the others appeared next to him one by one. There were 10 Beast Tamers in total ready to go against Jeremy Night.

Billy's eyes flickered before bringing out his lifeline beast.

BROOOOH!

A huge black elephant beast appeared with a trumpet sound. It was a Tier-2 Lifeline Beast. The body of the elephant was over 15ft. It was taller than the Blue Tiger.

Billy revealed a cunning smile on his face. He gestured for the others not to bring out their lifeline beasts. Two of their Lifeline Beasts were enough.

Otherwise, the appearance of more lifeline beasts might attract the attention of outsiders.

Jeremy Night was surprised inwardly because he saw rare beasts today. The Black Elephant and Blue Tiger were not native to their zone.

They were not seen in their wilderness as well. But these two people were able to contract such species. His eyes narrowed.

Jeremy could tell that their backgrounds were not ordinary.

Timothy and Billy looked at each other. They too felt that they were running out of time.

"Jeremy Night, come with us!"

"Otherwise, our lifeline beasts will shred you into pieces," Billy said in a cold tone.

He didn't want to waste any more time.

"You are just a first-year student. If you follow us inside, then we will make it easy for you," Timothy cracked a wide grin.

Jeremy was looking at the seniors with a solemn look. It would be a piece of cake for him to take them down. But considering their background, if he fought them recklessly, then he could face consequences.

This type of reckless street fighting was banned in the city. They were from the university as well. It might damage the reputation of the university.

Since he had disclosed the location to the elder, he was going to wait for him to arrive.

Swoosh!

Jeremy rushed toward the gate. In the blink of an eye, he got there.

Roar! BROOOOH!

The two lifeline beasts let out a sound. The faces of everyone changed drastically. They thought they were going to pressure Jeremy Night.

But Jeremy Night was making things difficult for them.

"We don't have any choice!"

"Let's use our lifeline beasts to catch him," Billy said in a cold tone.

Swoosh!

The next second, the rest of them brought their lifeline beasts outside. One after another, lifeline beasts appeared beside their Beast Tamers.

Among them, there was a flying type lifeline beast as well. It was a Giant Sparrow.

Swoosh!

The Tier-3 Giant Sparrow gave chase. It wanted to catch the target with its claws.

Jeremy Night's expression worsened. He then exited the gate using the explosive steps and quickly came to the empty street. The Giant Sparrow was right behind him.

His heart turned cold. If he wanted, he could cleave the Tier-3 Bird in two. But he was thinking about the big picture.

The senior students were acting unscrupulously. Their background must be terrifying.

Chapter 217: Romeo Barrett was rescued!

Old factory site:

Chirrup!

Just as the Giant Sparrow was about to catch Jeremy Night.

"Harumph!"

A cold snort sounded.

It caused the Giant Sparrow to freeze. The next second, the pressure was released. The sparrow fled back to its beast tamer.

Swoosh!

When the Giant Sparrow was gone, Jeremy sighed in relief. He then raised his head and saw that the person who snorted was none other than Elder Derek.

A hint of relief flashed in his eyes.

"Kid, where is he?" Derek appeared before Jeremy and asked the question.

"Everyone is inside the factory. Romeo Barrett was locked up inside a room," Jeremy began to explain. He didn't fail to notice the higher-tier beast tamers.

Swoosh!

"Okay, I'll go and see," After saying that, old man Derek left with the higher-tier beast tamer. The conversation just took over a few minutes.

On the other hand, the Beast Tamer who contracted the Giant Sparrow told others that they were exposed.

Billy and Timothy looked at each other. A cold chill flashed in their eyes. They were a bit late.

Swoosh!

The next moment, they both took back their lifeline beasts. Seeing that, the rest of them did the same thing.

"Let's go," Timothy said.

But before they could flee from the place, the First Year Department Head Derek and several other Beast Tamers appeared before them.

Timothy and Billy's faces turned ugly. But they didn't show any fear on their faces. This was all part of their plan. They had calculated the risk as well.

But the faces of their friends behind them were written with horror. They couldn't deny the punishment from the elders.

Sigh!

A sigh escaped from Derek's mouth.

"Elder Kayla was right. You guys are overstepping your boundaries. This is not your company or city administration."

"If you break the rules, then you guys will never become part of the Human Alliance," Derek said in a threatening tone.

Hearing that, Billy and Timothy's expressions changed. They had to take the threat of the elder seriously. More importantly, they were acting on their own.

Their families didn't know about their actions. The beast tamers behind these two broke out in a cold sweat.

"We are not scared. We just came to rescue our junior brother Romeo Barrett. You can ask him if you want," Timothy said in a calm tone.

"Yes, we are here to rescue our junior brother," Billy supported his words.

Then the Beast Tamers behind him spoke in the same chorus.

Derek and other higher-tier beast tamers' faces changed drastically.

"You guys go and rescue him," Derek said.

Hearing that, a few beast tamers rushed to the building.

Billy and Timothy revealed cunning smiles on their faces. They looked at each other and gave a nod. Everything was within their calculation.

"Hateful," old man Derek thought.

Then he said, "You guys are not going anywhere. Wait for him to give his confession."

"We are not going anywhere," Billy said.

Timothy nodded to him. The Beast Tamers behind them sighed in relief. They understood that their friends had a plan. Not only were they likely to leave, but they wouldn't be punished as well.

On the other hand, Jeremy was watching from a hidden spot. His heart was set off with storms. He thought these people would have run off already.

Instead, they were confronting the Elder and the high-tier Beast Tamers. He had also heard their conversation.

"Romeo Barrett is probably going to hide the truth. What's their identity?" Jeremy Night figured it out.

They must have threatened Romeo Barrett. Even the University punishes them for their actions. They are not going to suffer much.

Instead, they might go after Romeo Barrett for revenge.

Jeremy Night gritted his teeth in anger. He could tell that it was because of the attitude of the Dean and the shareholders.

If they don't take care of their students, then who will take care of them? Right now, the University is interested in getting resources from various forces.

Probably, Dean Carolyn didn't want the resources to be stopped because of minor conflict between the students.

"Sigh," Jeremy sighed.

Meanwhile,

The High Tier Beast Tamers went to the top floor and barged into the room after hearing some noise. Then they found Romeo Barrett handcuffed inside the room.

They immediately rescued him before bringing him outside.

Romeo Barrett's gaze fell on the senior students before looking at Elder Derek. He felt his lost strength had returned.

Swoosh!

He swiftly went to Elder Derek's side.

Old man Derek nodded his head upon seeing him. He could see that there were no bruises or marks on Romeo's body. He knew that their target was Jeremy Night to begin with.

Billy and Timothy smiled at Romeo Barrett.

"Romeo, what happened to you?"

"Did they kidnap and bring you here?" Elder Derek asked.

Romeo Barrett was stunned. He didn't expect them to interrogate him here. He could feel the playful gazes of the senior students.

Most importantly, he knew the identity of Billy and Timothy. He didn't dare to offend them. If he did, then he could only hide and live inside the University.

If he went outside, his body might end up dead in some drainage.

"Say something?" Elder Derek said.

On the other hand, Jeremy felt bad. He already knew the result. Romeo Barrett was not going to tell the truth.

"No, it was not them. I was brought here by someone else," Romeo Barrett said with difficulty.

Elder Derek and the other high-tier beast tamers' expressions changed drastically. They were surprised by Romeo Barrett's answer.

Elder Derek's expression darkened. He was expecting this answer, especially after seeing the expressions of the senior students.

"Ha...Ha...Ha...", Billy burst into laughter.

Timothy was smiling ear to ear as well. The faces of the beast tamers behind them eased a lot.

"Ask him?"

"Who kidnapped and locked him up in here?" Billy asked.

Hearing that, Elder Derek was stunned. He thought Romeo Barrett was giving some excuse.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy Night was having a bad premonition in his heart.

Chapter 218: Breach of trust

Old factory site:

Billy's question caused a stir. Old man Derek frowned. He sensed some conspiracy behind it. He turned towards Romeo Barrett.

"Kid, what's going on?"

"Tell me the truth," Old man Derek asked.

Romeo Barrett felt the gazes of the senior students on him. He felt helpless inside. He didn't dare to offend them.

"I was kidnapped by Jeremy Night!"

Romeo Barrett's voice reached everyone's ears.

The faces of the high-tier beast tamers behind Old man Derek changed drastically. Even Old man Derek's expression darkened. His eyes flashed with anger.

"Ha... Ha... Ha...!"

A huge laughter erupted as the senior students began to laugh to their heart's content. Timothy and Billy were smiling ear to ear. They knew Romeo Barrett wouldn't dare to sell them out.

Romeo Barrett was scared. Even if he didn't offend the senior students, he was going to offend the elders and instructors. More importantly, he might offend Jeremy Night.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy Night, who was watching secretly, felt enraged. He had come to rescue Romeo Barrett, but he didn't expect him to be such an ungrateful person. He had falsely accused him.

Old man Derek said, "Maybe you don't know. We were informed by Jeremy Night. That's why we were able to come here sooner."

"If the university wants, then we can check your location by tracking your digital device. So don't lie to my face," he added.

Quiet!

Hearing that, the atmosphere quieted down all of a sudden. The loud laughter stopped as well. The senior students were not without brains.

They knew it was difficult to falsely accuse someone. In today's day and age, people can easily find out the culprit.

Billy looked at Romeo Barrett before turning toward the elder.

"Elder, I know you guys can learn the truth. But the problem here is you can't take action without Romeo Barrett's confession."

"Romeo Barrett won't tell. If you really want to arrest someone, then you will have to attract the STRIKER Department Representative, Jeremy Night."

"But if you are hell-bent on catching us, then I'll have to contact my parents," Billy, the second-year student, explained, standing cross-armed.

"That's right. I'll call my parents if the university falsely accuses us," Timothy said in a threatening tone. He was really not afraid of the university.

Old man Derek and the other elders' faces worsened. He came to realize that it was difficult for him to press them. He then sighed in his heart before saying, "You guys can leave."

"Harumph," Billy snorted.

Timothy revealed a cold smile as well. Then they left the place with others. They didn't know Jeremy Night was watching them leave.

Romeo Barrett was panicking. He knew these guys would leave unharmed. But he was stuck here.

"Trash!"

"I never thought the Attack Department Representative would be a coward like you," Old man Derek said to Romeo Barrett.

Romeo Barrett felt ashamed, but he couldn't refute his words.

"Let's go, we have wasted our time here." After saying that, Derek Gibson left with the elders.

Swoosh!

In the blink of an eye, everyone left the old factory site.

Romeo Barrett was the only one left alone inside, while Jeremy Night was watching from outside. He didn't leave and wanted to see what he was up to.

He hated his actions right now. But he knew that many people would make the same decision. No one wanted to offend powerful senior students for someone else's sake.

His kidnapping was a trap set by the senior students. Their goal was to thrash him. But it ended up in failure.

From now on, he had to be wary of the senior students' schemes. He believed they must have known about his background. Despite that, they took such actions. It showed that he should be cautious of them.

Then Jeremy saw Romeo Barrett leaving the place with a dejected look. He thought that he might not be going to the university today.

About a few minutes later,

Jeremy Night walked out of the place. After coming to the street, he booked a flying car. He was not planning to go to the university.

He was going to visit the Beast Taming Store before going to the university. Jeremy understood something: as long as he stayed in the university, he would face schemes from the senior students.

After seeing that the First Year Department Head had shut his mouth, he clearly saw no safety inside the university. Even if he did something out of anger, the university wouldn't stand behind him.

"All those righteous talks, yet people bend their backs when facing powerful backgrounds," Jeremy thought.

He didn't expect one day he would face such situations. He was the son of City Governor Ron in City C. He had walked freely in City C.

No one dared to plot against him. Even the heirs of the other two City Governors saw him as a rival. They didn't cross their lines.

While he was contemplating his situation, the flying car reached his place. He then entered the car.

About 20 minutes later,

The cab driver dropped him off at the store. After paying the fare, he walked into the shop. His eyes swept across the customers and staff before finding someone.

He then walked up to the desk. A male staff member approached him.

"Customer, how can I help?" he asked.

"Is there any poison more powerful than toad poison?" he asked.

"Uh," the staff was stunned.

"Don't worry, it's for a mission. If there is a more powerful poison, it can poison powerful corrupted beasts before escaping," Jeremy explained.

The staff understood. He then asked Jeremy to wait for a second before leaving. Jeremy was doing this for a purpose. He knew how dangerous the Black Lake beast was.

That beast was really unkillable. Even his starlight energy failed to harm it. He could only pin his hopes on more potent poison.

The next thing he wanted to buy was the sharpest knife. Right now, both his katana and knife were basic grades. They could harm up to Tier-4 beasts.

Right now, he had to find something sharper to break the skin of the Black Beasts.

Shortly afterward,

The staff came back with a small bottle in his hand. Inside the bottle, the poison was purple.

"Customer, it's the poison of the purple-spotted snake. It's a beast of Tier-6 rank. Since it's a Tier-6 corrupted beast, its poison is more powerful than toad poison," the staff said.

Jeremy raised his head and asked, "Is there any more powerful poison available in the store?"

Hearing that, the staff had black lines on his forehead. This was the stock they had left. They didn't have anything more powerful than the purple-spotted snake.

"Guest, it's the most powerful poison we have in our store. If you want anything more powerful than that, you can check other stores," the staff said.

Hearing that, Jeremy frowned. He didn't have time to go to other stores. So he decided to buy this poison. Then he asked about the sharpest knife, but the price of the knife was expensive.

Shortly afterward,

He walked out of the shop with reluctance. He didn't want to buy such an expensive knife.

Suddenly, a thought occurred to him. He considered that the university might have a weapon storage room. He could borrow a good weapon from the university.

His mouth curved into a smile thinking about it.

Then he booked a flying car and returned to the university 20 minutes later.

At the university, he returned to his dorm room. He didn't know whether the news of Romeo Barrett had spread or not.

But he wouldn't care about it anymore. He cleared his mind of those thoughts and started to prepare for the next day's wilderness trip.

Meanwhile,

Inside the dean's office, Dean Carolyn was speaking to the two department elders. Her expression was ugly. She was really pissed off.

She had heard everything from Elder Derek.

"Those two really crossed the line," Carolyn said with anger.

"What was worse?"

"Jeremy Night might inquire about the incident later," Derek told her.

A confusion flashed in the eyes of Elder Kayla.

She didn't understand why these two were worried about that kid. As far as she knew, that kid was the STRIKER Department Representative.

Sigh!

Carolyn sighed. She was now more worried about Jeremy Night. The senior kids would definitely go after him.

If something happened, then she really would have to pick a side. She felt a headache while thinking about it. She knew the root cause of the problem.

It was the STRIKER Department. So far, some families had tried to do something, but the warnings from the Heath and Knox families had stopped them.

Now the senior students belonged to different forces stirring up trouble. She knew she had to do something.

After the discussion, the two elders left. She knew Elder Kayla was confused. But there was something she didn't want to tell her.

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On the other hand, Billy and Timothy were attending classes inside their respective departments with their friends. Others had no clue regarding what they had done.

It was just the beginning; they would act against Jeremy Night even more in the coming days.

Chapter 219: Looking for a new shelter

The following day,

Jeremy Night left the university early in the morning. He didn't want to come across his seniors. After getting to the street, he booked the flying taxi. Then it didn't take long for him to reach the City Gate.

About 20 minutes later, he walked out of the city and entered the wilderness. At this time, he was familiar with the outer area of the wilderness. Basically, he was not afraid. So, he quickly disappeared into the woods.

Meanwhile,

Goldcorp Rick's assistant Javier was not done with the investigation. Basically, he had his men stationed near the City Gate. Coincidentally, they spotted the target, Jeremy Night, who was well and alive.

When the target went inside the wilderness, they quickly informed Javier, their boss. Old man Javier was not happy to hear the news.

Last time, his man died unjustly inside the wilderness. This time the security firm had many tasks to complete. He can't ask the high-tier beast tamers to change their tasks.

He then ordered his men to stay there. He would soon find any opportunity to eliminate that kid. Then only could he justify the loss of his men.

Old man Javier forgot about his master Rick's loss. He started to think of that kid, Jeremy Night, as his enemy. He wanted to keep his reputation; otherwise, his men would look down upon him.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy didn't even know that the men in black had yet to give up their revenge. His attention was all on dealing with the powerful black lake corrupted beasts.

Time passed.

Jeremy eventually arrived at his destination, which was the entrance to the Dangerous Forbidden Area. He held his katana tightly.

Last time, he was forced to flee in fear. He didn't know whether the rundown shed was still fine. Since it was daytime, he thought the chances of the black beasts' presence were low.

Swoosh!

He then started moving towards the shed. On the way, he came across low-tier beasts. But he ignored them. He soon reached the old shed.

But the place had changed compared to before. The roof had collapsed completely. Seeing that, his expression sank. His doubts increased.

He then rushed out towards the place. Then he saw the center of the shed had collapsed. It was the place where he used to arrange a tent. Now it was completely destroyed.

He could already guess the answer. The remaining poison bombs had all triggered, causing the old dilapidated shed to collapse.

Jeremy had to find a new location. Since the place had been a chemical plant before the mutation era, he thought there would be similar building structures around here.

Swoosh!

He then began looking for a new place. Not long after, he was hindered by a hound beast.

Pfff!

But his katana's slashes cut down the beasts one after another. He then resumed his search.

As time passed, he continued to look for a new area. But he didn't forget to pay attention to the unknown egg.

The unknown egg had started absorbing the pure natural energy here. It would be a matter of time before he achieved the next rank breakthrough.

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Central University 14:

The senior students were looking for Jeremy Night again. Timothy and Billy had created a scene yesterday. Not only did they escape unharmed, but they also didn't give up their plan.

Before coming up with the next plan, they thought of finding Jeremy Night's whereabouts. But their first-year juniors failed to find Jeremy Night.

Some of them even went to the Department Building. But Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe were not there. After some time, the senior students came to the conclusion that Jeremy Night might have gone to the wilderness again.

Among the first years, Jeremy Night was the one who visited the wilderness very often. It surprised the senior students because they knew Jeremy Night was a Tier-1 Beast Tamer.

The Tier-1 Beast Tamers are weak. If they come across any Tier-4 or 5 Corrupted Beasts, their end would be death. So they were taken aback by Jeremy Night's survival skills.

Almost everyone assumed Jeremy Night was training in the outer part of the wilderness near the City Gate. But if they knew Jeremy Night had been training inside the Forbidden Area, they would be shocked to the core.

The environment there is many times better than City A.

Meanwhile,

Dean Carolyn was wondering about Jeremy Night's whereabouts as well. She thought Jeremy Night would ask for justice. But there was no news from him.

She then spent a few minutes trying to find out the truth.

"That kid has gone to the wilderness again," Carolyn frowned.

She knew about his recent activities. Jeremy Night had been keeping a schedule of visiting the wilderness twice a week. Sometimes, he didn't even do missions. He went there for practice.

She couldn't help but wonder whether there was any kind of pressure on him. Suddenly, she thought of something.

"Is he working hard to leave the City?" she asked herself.

She then shook her head before collecting her thoughts. She wanted Jeremy Night to be safe from the senior students' schemes.

She was relieved that he was not there. The wilderness seemed to be a safer place for Jeremy Night than the university.

On the other hand, Department Instructor Jacob Henry learned the truth. He didn't expect the senior students to be this cunning and hateful.

Earlier, he used to warn Jeremy Night not to visit the wilderness. Now he thought Jeremy Night would increase his visits in the future.

When it came to Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe, they didn't have any clue at all. They were busy with their own practice. They didn't know about the schemes of the senior students.

So far, the senior students' focus was on Jeremy Night. They forgot about Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe. Instructor Jacob thought it was necessary to warn them about the future threats.

If the senior students decided to go against Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe, it could be dangerous. They didn't have the strength of Jeremy Night. They would easily fall into the traps set by others.

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Forbidden Area:

After a few hours, Jeremy found another man-made structure. From the building's architecture, he thought it might have been an office building.

But the building structure was in a ruined state. Jeremy took time to check whether the place was suitable for a stay.

A few minutes later,

Surprisingly, he found a complete room inside the building that was undamaged. He knew that the old structure wouldn't withstand any disturbance.

But it was not a problem for him. All he needed was a place to practice. He then entered the room. After investigating the place, he started to set up the poison bomb traps outside the building.

Then he installed some gadgets to alert him during the nighttime. Once everything was arranged, he took out the beast repellent odor and started to use it as well.

After a few minutes, he returned to the room and sat cross-legged on the ground. He closed his eyes and started to practice the Inner Healing method.

The pure natural energy in the surroundings began entering his body. At the same time, his unknown egg lifeline beast was absorbing the pure natural energy like breathing.

Time passed.

He didn't know when he felt the changes taking place inside the mental zone. Inside the mental zone, there was a new change in concentric circles marked in the black door.

The mid-stage sub-blocks of the Rank 6 circle were getting filled. In the blink of an eye, the light stabilized. Jeremy checked the concentric circles before verifying that he had reached Tier-1, Rank-6 Mid-Stage.

Jeremy's mouth curved into an arc. He thought that on this trip he might reach Rank-7. So, he shifted his attention back to the practice.

Time passed in the blink of an eye.

Night came. Eventually, the corrupted beasts that roamed at night appeared outside. They started their nocturnal activities.

Not long after, several black-bound corrupted beasts appeared near the vicinity of the old office building. But the beast odor repellent prevented them from exploring.

As time passed, more and more beasts appeared in the vicinity, attracted by the gathering of pure natural energy.

Jeremy and the unknown lifeline egg beast had attracted unwanted attention. Previously, it had been a huge rundown shed. That place hadn't attracted the attention of the beasts quickly.

But here, the office building was small. Only one room was intact compared to the other rooms that were literally open. If any beast successfully entered the vicinity, it could see Jeremy clearly.

Click-clack!

A black centipede over 20 feet in length approached the building. Upon sensing the aura of Tier-3, the other lower-tier beasts fled the area.

The centipede aimlessly reached the building and tried to find a way in. The gadgets immediately alerted Jeremy with a buzzing alarm.

Swoosh!

Jeremy opened his eyes and took his katana out. He could see a terrifying beast lurking outside the room.

He started moving forward to look at the beast. Then he saw the beast's appearance. It was a Tier-3 Black Centipede.

Chapter 220: Re-encountering danger

Forbidden Area:

Jeremy quickly circulated the starlight energy and imbued it into the katana blade. Under the dark night, his blade shone with white light.

Swoosh!

He started moving away from the rundown building in order to lure the black centipede away.

Click-clack!

The Tier-3 Black Centipede spotted its prey. It immediately turned its massive body and started bolting toward the prey.

In the blink of an eye, it reached the prey and then tried to kill it by moving its hind legs.

However, Jeremy Night had already reached the safe spot for the duel. He swung his katana around to block the attack.

Pfff!

The starlight-filled katana cut into the hind legs of the centipede beast. In the next second, a torrent of blood gushed out.

Using this opportunity, he leaped forward to strike the head.

Swoosh!

The beast darted away in pain. Jeremy, who was about to attack, was left speechless. He didn't expect the beast to flee at the last moment.

During this night, he couldn't afford to give it a chance, so he obediently returned to the small room to resume practice.

Shortly afterward,

He returned and resumed practicing the Inner Healing Method. Pure natural energy entered his body.

At the same time, he noticed that the unknown beast egg was absorbing the natural energy as well. He had just been through a fight, but the unknown beast showed no reaction.

It simply focused on sucking the pure natural energy from the surroundings, so he removed those thoughts and concentrated on his practice.

The following day,

Jeremy stopped his practice and opened his eyes. He felt that his veins were under stress. He had been practicing non-stop and didn't know how his lifeline beast managed it.

But he was mentally exhausted. He decided to go outside to catch a breath of fresh air. After stepping outside, Jeremy looked around.

Though he appreciated the view, he still held the katana tightly in his hand. His power was Rank-6 Mid-Stage. Before leaving, he wanted to reach Rank-7.

Only by taking this type of risk could he keep pace with S-Grade Talents. Suddenly, the faces of senior students came to mind.

His expression turned ugly. Even if he wanted to forget, their ugly faces kept coming back to him. He was facing such situations despite having a good background.

More importantly, it was actually happening in their Zone 14. If he moved to other zones, his background would be considered worse.

But it didn't change the fact that Zone 14 lacked resources. The better the zones, the more abundant the resources.

Not only did he want resources for himself, but also for his lifeline beast. If he were in the top 10 zones, the unknown beast egg would have already hatched.

Sigh!

He let out a sigh and spent a few more minutes outside before going back to practice.

Time passed,

Evening came. Jeremy felt changes in his mental zone again. One more sub-block of Rank 6 became active in the Tier-1 Concentric Circle.

Jeremy felt changes in his body as it greedily absorbed more and more pure natural energy from the outside.

At the same time, he was receiving feedback from the unknown beast egg as well. These two processes were helping him evolve faster.

Click!

At one point, the evolution came to a stop. His Rank had reached the Peak Stage. He was now a Tier-1, Rank 6 Peak Stage Beast Tamer.

Jeremy's mouth curved into an arc. Just one more step, and he would reach Rank 7. Once he became Rank 7, he could return to the City.

He then closed his eyes and resumed the running of the Inner Healing Method to stabilize his new rank.

Yet, the phenomenon outside attracted the attention of the corrupted beasts. The corrupted beasts sensed a large amount of energy concentrated in one spot.

It immediately made them move toward the location.

About 30 minutes later,

Different kinds of beasts surrounded the office building. The gadgets that were installed to alert Jeremy were buzzing non-stop.

Jeremy opened his eyes. He felt he was stronger than before. It was as if he had experienced a small increase in rank. But this small evolution had strengthened his body.

His eyesight became sharper, and his hearing and other senses were enhanced as well. Jeremy sensed that there were beasts gathered outside.

If he went outside now, he would be besieged by the corrupted beasts. So he stopped practicing and waited for the phenomenon in the sky to disappear.

Once it disappeared, the beast-repellent odor would do the job. He then began to wait.

An hour later,

The corrupted beasts left one after another. The beast-repellent odor kept them from acting. Now the odor had become unbearable for the beasts.

They started leaving immediately. Jeremy could see that and sighed in relief. He had been worried that his night practice time would be wasted.

Soon, all the corrupted beasts vacated the area.

He closed his eyes and started running the Inner Healing Method. His veins had relaxed during this hour.

Time passed,

Midnight came, and the Black Centipede Beast that had been injured last time returned for revenge. This time it was not alone.

More than 20 Black Centipedes had come, and among them was one that was dangerous, pitch black in color. It was a Tier-4 Centipede, over 40 feet in length.

The injured Tier-3 Centipede was leading the pack toward the prey, while the rest followed the Tier-4 Beast.

The aura of the Tier-4 Beast caused other nearby beasts to flee from the area. Especially during this nighttime, many corrupted beasts had come outside to find food.

The Tier-4 Corrupted Beast made them change direction.

Swoosh!

Soon, the injured Centipede Beast reached the office building. It sent a message to the Tier-4 Centipede beast.

Obviously, the beast-repellent odor was unbearable, but the Tier-4 Centipede Beast darted out to attack.

Its humongous body flew over the office room before striking it.

Boom!

Jeremy Night, who was inside the room, felt a sense of crisis. He immediately bolted out of the window.

In the next second, he saw the building collapse in front of him. A massive centipede body lay on it.

Seeing that, his expression changed drastically. The sense of crisis was proof that it posed a threat to him.

Jeremy's katana was in his hand. He looked at the Centipede Beast to judge its strength. From its length and size, he suspected it was a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

Click-clack!

The next second, he saw one centipede beast after another crawl toward the area. He felt goosebumps all over his body.

Jeremy Night was not without tricks. He had a trump card—the poison. However, he thought it would be a waste to use it now.

His shelter was destroyed, and there was no point in fighting against the Tier-4 Beast and putting himself at risk.

He also sensed a Tier-3 aura among the Centipede Beasts, so he knew it was suicidal to continue to stay there.

Swoosh!

He swiftly left the place. The beast-repellent odor had protected him just now. The Tier-4 Beast had attacked without thinking.

Seeing that there was no prey inside, it was confused for a few seconds. Then it saw the prey slipping away.

Swoosh!

In the next second, the Tier-4 Centipede Beast darted out to give chase, its numerous legs moving faster.

Jeremy Night felt the sense of crisis from behind.

He understood that the Tier-4 Beast was following him. Without thinking further, he fled toward the exit.

"Explosive Steps!"

When the sense of crisis tightened his heart, he used the explosive steps to increase his speed.

Despite that, the gap was closing. The Tier-4 Beast was already a stronger creature, and its natural strength was speed. So it quickly caught up.

After a few seconds, he felt the same threat again. Jeremy had gotten closer to the exit as well, so he decided to act right now.

He turned around and executed the "Rapid Trip Cut."

Swoosh!

His body moved at a rapid pace before striking the Tier-4 Beast's body with his starlight-filled katana three times.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

A metallic noise erupted as the blade left only a small dent on its back.

Swoosh!

Jeremy didn't dare waste any time before fleeing. He considered how to use the poison; only the poison could kill this Tier-4 Beast.

The small increase in strength today felt insignificant now. Jeremy knew that if it were another Tier-4 Beast in the wilderness, his sword strike would have harmed it.

Click-clack!

The Tier-4 Black Centipede was enraged. A massive power erupted from its body.

Swoosh!

In the next second, it charged toward the prey. In the blink of an eye, it caught up to him, and then its huge hind legs struck him.

Jeremy, sensing the crisis, felt his face change drastically. This time, the beast's speed was so quick; it caught him off guard.

Boom!

He turns around to block the attack with the katana blade.