

## STRIKER 231

Chapter 231: Governor Elton's discovery and lies!

Wilderness:

The Tier-5 Worm Beast is moving fast underground. As it returns, following the same route, it doesn't have any obstructions.

Even Oldman Elton is somewhat surprised, watching the speed of the worm beast. Moreover, he figures out that the worm beast is leading him to a completely new location.

They are moving in the inner part of the wilderness, but he is sure they haven't been to this part of the wilderness before. This area was reported to be barren, and beast sightings were not noted.

Because of that, he and the other two City Governors ignored this area. Now, he is starting to regret it. If there is danger hidden in this unexplored area, then the consequences could be severe.

He feels fortunate that he has made the decision to deal with this worm beast. If it were others, there would surely be some casualties.

Soon, the worm beast returns to its territory. It doesn't stop there; it starts to warn other worm beasts inhabiting the land, including the existence of the Tier-6 worm beast.

The Tier-6 Worm Beast, in its natural terrain, can fight against a Tier-7 Beast Tamer.

Oldman Elton, who is standing on the giant bird, is observing the ground. He is sure this part of the land is unexplored.

It is the first time he has seen a worm beast coming from this place. He doesn't know what made the beast approach the city, but he chooses to eliminate the threat.

He then gives a command to the lifeline beast.

Chirp!

The Giant Bird makes a cry before communicating with him. He learns that there are multiple threats hidden underground.

From his lifeline beast, Oldman Elton receives the message that there are multiple Tier-6 Worm Beasts living here. His expression changes drastically.

Now he has to think twice before making a decision. The Tier-6 Beasts are intelligent; they must be aware of the existence of the nearby city.

If he goes on to kill one of them, there is a possibility that the worm beast army will attack City A. After considering the situation, he decides not to attack.

He is reluctant, but this is the conclusion he reaches. Since he has scared the beast away, he can do it again.

Elton glances at the worm beast territory before commanding the lifeline beast.

Chirp!

The Giant Bird turns around to leave. Until the giant bird leaves the place, there is no movement on the ground. But when they are gone—

Boom!

The land splits open in multiple areas. The next second, the bodies of worm beasts of different sizes emerge. The body of a Tier-5 worm beast is among them.

It remains unscathed and makes the attacker flee.

If Jeremy Night were here, he would be shocked to the core. His reasoning was correct; this area is worm beast territory.

Several minutes later,

The Giant Bird returns to the city. Elton lies to everyone, saying he has killed the Tier-5 worm beast, and no one suspects him.

Elton does this for a reason. He doesn't want to cause panic among the people. Most of the residents have yet to recover from the shock of the beast invasion.

If they found out such danger was lurking in the corner, people would start to leave the city. That's even more dangerous.

After his announcement, the people believe him and begin cheering loudly. The City Guard Captain and others relax as well.

Even the major beast taming organizations that were ready to support have stopped doing so. This is good news for everyone.

The City Governors have been receiving hatred lately. Now this situation is going to be face-saving for them. It doesn't take long for activities to return to normal.

People resume going in and out of the city. The broadcasters share the good news online. Because of this, the panic and fear among the public disappear.

Not everyone is happy about the outcome. Rick, a shareholder of Goldcorp, starts smashing furniture after hearing the news.

He had thought there was a good opportunity for him to strike back when he heard about the Tier-5 Worm Beast.

But he didn't expect City Governor Elton to step out personally to deal with the Tier-5 Worm Beast. If the Tier-5 worm beast had infiltrated the city, he knew for sure that it would be the last working day for the three City Governors.

Now, Elton has turned the tide. There is goodwill among the people. Rick is annoyed by it.

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Central University 14:

Dorm room,

"He killed it," Jeremy uttered in surprise.

There is no reason for him to doubt City Governor Elton's statement. He is a Tier-7 Beast Tamer, so he can easily kill a Tier-5 Worm Beast.

Since he had dealt with the worm beast, he hopes that people won't investigate the reason for its appearance.

Even if someone decides to find out the reason, there would be no result because he is the only one who knows the reason.

He had unknowingly attracted the attention of the curious Tier-5 worm beast, which had followed him all the way back to the city gate.

Jeremy then collects his thoughts before lying in bed.

The following day,

Jeremy leaves the dormitory after getting ready. He then starts walking toward the department building. He can't forget yesterday's events.

It was thrilling, but he won't dare to take similar chances next time. Just as he is walking toward the department building, he finds a group of people standing in the path.

Jeremy's eyes flicker. He sees 2nd-year student Billy among them.

"Looks like the coming days won't be peaceful," Jeremy thinks.

During his free time, he had gathered some information about this senior. He is shocked to learn that this guy's parents are employees of the Goldcorp Organization.

Already, he has forged enmity with this organization. Now, he has one more reason to hate them. But he doesn't know about Billy's parents' strength.

If they are not high-tier beast tamers, then he could solve this problem by using Dean Carolyn's help.

Chapter 232: Stern advise to Daniel and Betsy

Central University 14:

Jeremy collected his thoughts. He wanted to see what Billy was going to do now. He resumed walking just as he was about to walk past them. He thought Billy would stop him.

Instead, he simply gave a cold smile toward me. My eyes narrowed. I knew something was up. I turned around to leave.

Billy said, "He is lucky. If he goes to the wilderness next time, it will be his last day."

He just came here to check on Jeremy Night because his butler was unable to contact the Mercenary Team. He thought they had missed the target because of the Tier-5 Worm Beast appearance yesterday.

But it's been several hours since that incident, and there has been no response from them so far. So he thought he could get a clue after seeing Jeremy Night.

Yet he wasn't able to succeed. He found Jeremy Night's expression rather calm. It showed that the Mercenary Team hadn't caused trouble for Jeremy Night. Otherwise, Jeremy Night would have reacted.

"What happened to them?" Billy asked himself.

He then glanced in the direction of Jeremy Night before leaving.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy Night reached the department building a few minutes later. When he entered the class, he met Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone.

"Brother Jeremy, did you see the worm beast?"

"You didn't come yesterday," Daniel Stone said.

Betsy Lowe perked up her ears as well. She thought that Jeremy might have seen the Tier-5 Worm Beast.

Jeremy smiled and observed their reactions. He decided to hide the truth.

He said, "I returned early yesterday. Only after coming back did I watch the incident on live stream."

After saying that, Jeremy Night sat in the chair. He told an easy lie. If he revealed the truth, they would be terrified in their hearts.

City A is not as safe as everyone else thinks. There is a worm beast territory in the wilderness. For some reason, the worm beasts haven't attacked their city so far, but he thinks those days are not far.

"Brother, what are you thinking?" Daniel Stone asked.

He thought Brother Jeremy was not paying attention.

Jeremy collected his thoughts and turned toward them.

"On the way here, I saw senior students. They are from the 2nd year Attack Department. Did they cause any problems for you?" Jeremy asked.

Hearing that, Betsy's eyes flickered in understanding. Now she understood why Jeremy Night looked lost.

Daniel Stone nodded his head as well.

He then said, "Brother, you are right. They have already created problems. The 1st year Attack Department students are not speaking to us anymore."

"They were afraid of their seniors," he added.

"Not only them, but students from other departments are slowly following their pattern as well," Betsy said with displeasure.

Obviously, she had a bad experience with the female students.

Hearing that, Jeremy understood that the senior students had started acting. If not for his strength, the students from other departments would have targeted these two.

"Be careful when I'm not here. Don't trust senior students. If you feel anything suspicious, do contact me. There are a lot of things happening, but I can't tell you."

"So focus on increasing your strength," Jeremy advised them.

He was confident about defeating senior students. He had even killed Tier-3 and Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts. So he was not even afraid of 3rd and 4th year students.

Daniel Stone was left speechless and scared. But he knew he couldn't help Jeremy Night at all with his strength.

"If they truly mess with me, then I'll inform my grandfather," Betsy said.

Hearing that, Jeremy frowned.

He said, "Don't think about doing such foolish things unless it's necessary. I have checked the backgrounds of some of the senior students."

"Their families are not strong. Some of their parents work for companies that have business in other zones as well."

"And I'm not sure how far Dean Carolyn is willing to support us. As far as I know, she must be unwilling to offend these people. That's why the senior students are behaving this way."

Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe were dumbfounded. Obviously, she hadn't thought about their backgrounds.

"No wonder the other department students are terrified of their seniors," Daniel commented.

"So what are we supposed to do?"

"Wait for them to graduate," Betsy asked.

Sigh!

Jeremy let out a sigh.

"We should learn about Dean Carolyn. As long as we don't offend them, she will continue to support us. But if any incident occurs, I think she will take a neutral stand," Jeremy uttered.

"Hateful," Betsy Lowe said.

"We should not lose hope. If the Stiker Department does well, then she won't have any problem supporting us," Daniel said in an optimistic tone.

"Daniel is right. We should be optimistic. But if you guys face any problems, then inform me." After saying that, Jeremy stood up to leave.

Not long after he left, Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe looked at each other.

"Brother Jeremy is right. We should focus on improving ourselves first. Only then can we help him," Daniel said.

About 10 minutes later,

Jeremy reached the joint training facility. He strode toward the training room. While walking, he observed the reactions of everyone.

He could see the students avoiding his gaze, and he knew why. Mostly, the students without strong backgrounds wanted to stay away from him.

He reached the training room. Seeing that it was available, he entered to practice.

The students from other departments who were training outside heaved a sigh of relief.

"Jeremy Night is a strong beast tamer!"

"Only senior students can pressure him. It's best for us not to get in his way."

"The department instructor said the same. The senior students are not even listening to their own department instructors."

"If we talk to Jeremy Night, then the senior students will target us."

The students from various departments discussed in low tones. They have been pressured by their seniors to target Jeremy Night, but in no way can they do that.

Jeremy Night is someone who has defeated S-Grade Talent. He can easily handle others.

Chapter 233: Rick's biggest plan

The City A returned to calmness, especially after the last day's worm beast incident. Though City Governor Elton had slain the beast, the news reporters and analysts were still discussing it live on the news.

Because unlike other corrupted beasts, the worm beasts are different. They are underground-type beasts, making it difficult for the Beast Tamers to find and kill them.

Unless the beast tamers have the underground-type lifeline beast, it's challenging for the rest of the beast tamers to deal with this kind of underground-type lifeline beast.

So these people were discussing measures to prevent such things from happening next time.

Meanwhile,

Rick, the Goldcorp shareholder, was going through intense emotions. He had almost gone crazy. He was obsessed with the next Governor position.

But for some reason, the Human Alliance had yet to appoint the next governors. At the same time, City Governor Elton was working to gain good ratings from the public.

Since Governor Elton had saved the city yesterday, he thought Governor Elton's post might be extended.

Rick had just gotten rid of the investigations conducted by the City Administration. He was about to continue his plan. The worm beast incident took place yesterday.

"What to do?"

"Should I ask for help from others?" Rick thought.

His goal would be achieved when a major disruption occurred. He had used many methods so far, and he could only think of disrupting the next major incident.

It could ruin the reputation of the City Governors. When this idea came to his mind, he began to ponder.

"What's the next big event going to take place in the city?" Rick asked himself.

Then he took out a digital device to check online. He was going to check the City Administration's site.

It didn't take long for him to learn about the important events going to be held this year.

A few minutes later,

"The Best Beast Tamer competition conducted by the Beast Taming Association," Rick muttered to himself.

He knew about the Best Beast Tamer competition; it was a big event conducted by the Beast Taming Association annually.

The goal of that competition is to find out the best talent in each zone. City A conducts the competition on behalf of Zone 14.

It is a significant event because the Beast Taming Association is overseeing it. At the same time, the winner of the competition would receive rewards from the Human Alliance.

So the event is important for the Human Alliance as well. It's the event where they can find the next generation of beast tamers to invest in and nurture.

If something bad happens during the competition, it would be a huge loss for everyone, especially the Human Alliance.

Rick's eyes flashed with a cunning glint. He couldn't think about other zones, but in Zone 14, City A, he could use his means to disrupt the competition.

"If the City A event fails, then the Beast Taming Association would be dissatisfied with the three City Governors. Then it would be a matter of time before the Human Alliance fires them from their posts," Rick said to himself.

His eyes reignited with hope. The Best Beast Tamer competition was quite a big event for him as well, so he had to be careful with each and every step.

Rick then immediately called his assistant, Javier. He wanted to see him since he had thought of a plan. He was going to act on it without delay.

Meanwhile,

A few minutes ago,

Javier was at his security firm. He was in a grumpy mood because of failures in tasks. His security firm was not doing well because he had cut down many activities due to the City Administration's investigation.

It would take some time for him to get the company back to the top. Not only that, but he had also failed to eliminate the university kid.

His man's failed assassination led to an investigation by the City police as well. They were looking for traces everywhere. One of their teams continued to be stationed at the city gate.

Because of this, he had to stay low-key and avoid that kid.

Just as he was pondering, he received a call from his Master Rick. Seeing that, he immediately pushed down unnecessary thoughts before answering the call.

"Master, what is it?" he asked.

A few minutes later,

When the call ended, his expression changed drastically. Oldman Javier immediately left his firm and started going to his Master's place.

About 20 minutes later,

Rick was at his home. His assistant Javier arrived on time.

Oldman Javier walked into the living room. Upon seeing Rick's calm expression, he knew something was up.

He recognized that his Master had been in a bad mood lately because of the City Administration's investigation.

Now that it was over, he thought that Master Rick was considering the old ways.

Rick raised his head and looked at him.

He asked, "What do you think about the Best Beast Tamer Competition?"

Gasp!

Oldman Javier took a deep breath. His eyes turned serious. He didn't know what his Master was thinking, but he chose to answer truthfully.

"Master, the Beast Tamer Competition is a big event. The Human Alliance pays attention to it. If anything happens, then the Beast Taming Association would do everything to find out the reason," Javier said.

Hearing that, Rick cracked a wide grin. All that he wanted was the Human Alliance's attention on their Zone 14, City A.

"Tell me what would happen?"

"If Zone 14 fails to provide their Best Beast Tamer," Rick asked.

Tud!

Oldman Javier felt a tightening in his chest. They were just small-time criminals doing their activities in City A, but disrupting such a big event would invite the wrath of the Beast Taming Association.

He didn't think his master had a backup plan for escape.

Javier understood that his master wanted to target the three City Governors, but doing this would do no good for them.

He decided to stop his master from making such dangerous plans. If he didn't do anything, he could die along with his master.

## Chapter 234: Part 1: Team mission again

"Master, this plan of yours is not feasible," Javier told the truth. He wanted to say more, but he stopped. He thought that Master Rick knew the risks as well.

Rick was not stopping his grinning at all. He didn't know why he felt thrilled. If his plan succeeded, then he would be on cloud nine.

"I'm going to do it. My plan is to disrupt the event. It can be done either by simple means or a direct attack. I'm planning on using the indirect method," Rick said.

"Indirect method?" Javier uttered.

"Yes, the indirect method. When the competition happens, we will do nothing but wait for the final duel announcement. Before the final duel, we would kill the finalist."

"In this way, the final duel won't happen. The result of the Best Beast Tamer competition would end in failure as well," Rick said in a cold tone.

Gasp!

Hearing that, Oldman Javier sucked in a cold breath of air. He had thought the Master would disrupt the whole event or stop it from taking place.

But he didn't expect him to target the finalist. However, this plan of Master Rick was not that difficult.

As long as they executed it properly, leaving behind no evidence, Master Rick's plan would succeed without any problems.

Rick saw Javier considering the possibility. He was not stupid; he knew it was impossible to stop the competition from happening.

But he could target the finalists. If the City Governors failed to rescue them, then the Human Alliance and the Beast Taming Association would take their anger out on them.

"Master Rick, this plan of yours is good. We can do it," Javier agreed with the plan. He knew if he didn't agree, then his Master might come up with another plan.

"Good, then start searching for assassins. We can't get involved in the killings. We need outside help. There are many shadow organizations working behind the scenes."

"The Human Alliance has been trying to eliminate the root, but they have never succeeded. Maybe we can get help from them," Rick said with a smile.

"Okay, Master. I'll start working on the plan right away," Oldman Javier said.

"Ha... Ha... Ha... I can't wait for the competition to happen," Rick said with a joyful laugh.

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Central University 14:

Days passed.

Jeremy Night had been staying at the university, honing his new sword art skills. At the same time, he had been looking out for suitable missions to undertake.

Ever since the worm beast incident, he had completely focused on studying and practicing. Most importantly, the city police investigation had reached a dead end as well.

City Police Captain Nathan had asked him to report if a similar incident occurred again.

Meanwhile,

Second-year student Billy and his friends were waiting for an opportunity. They disliked Jeremy Night's growing influence among the first-year students.

Ever since they targeted him, the first-year students had become obedient. They didn't interact with the STRIKER Department students.

Especially, no one bothered Jeremy Night.

Billy understood that no one among the first-year students could take down Jeremy Night. Even the S-Grader had lost a duel against him.

So he was waiting for Jeremy Night to enter the wilderness. This time he would ask a different mercenary team to accept the tasks.

Billy knew the fate of the previous mercenary team. After the worm beast incident, the news channels had disclosed the deaths of the beast tamers.

Then he learned that the previous team was swallowed by the worm beast. After knowing that, he gave up his anger towards them.

On the other hand, May Lindsey and Victor Scott were working tirelessly. May Lindsey had been learning new fighting techniques to utilize her elemental talent well.

Whereas Victor Scott was becoming proficient in using poison. However, he had yet to challenge Jeremy Night. Considering his daily progress, the control department students had started nagging him again.

Even second-year control department students urged him to challenge Jeremy Night. But Victor Scott ignored them. Coming from a well-established family, he was not afraid of the senior students.

He didn't even listen to them. Rather, he was focusing on improving himself first. The senior students had no choice but to leave him alone.

They knew they couldn't afford to offend the Scott Family.

Similarly,

May Lindsey was approached by her senior sisters as well. But she had made a clear statement. She was not ready to challenge Jeremy Night yet.

If she was ready, she would make the announcement herself.

Because of this, the university days had been calm for the STRIKER Department students. Both Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe had seen progress as well. They had been discussing doing a mission with Jeremy Night again.

Their last mission had led to the exposure of the underground rat beast passage, and now they were considering doing a mission in the outer part of the wilderness.

A few days later,

Jeremy felt that it had been several days since he had gone to the wilderness. To be honest, he was missing the days of practice in the Forbidden Area.

He was still at Tier-1, 7th Rank - Early stage. He hadn't seen any improvement after coming from the Forbidden Area. Jeremy thought he needed to visit the dangerous area again to increase his rank.

But then the problem was that Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone had asked him to do a team mission with them. He knew they had been waiting for him ever since the underground passage collapse.

So he had decided to do a few missions with them before going to the Forbidden Area. He then walked out of the dormitory and started striding toward the Department Building.

Soon, he reached the department building. He entered the elevator to reach the top floor quickly.

A few minutes later,

He stepped inside the class and saw his two department members.

Looking at the anticipation in their eyes, he sighed inwardly.

"Let's do the mission. But before that, we should inform our instructor," Jeremy said with a smile.

"Great, we will do a good mission this time," Daniel replied.

"I have been waiting for you to say this," Betsy uttered with a smile.

Chapter 235: Part 2: Team mission again

Jeremy made a call to Instructor Jacob. When he told him about the mission, Instructor Jacob immediately agreed. Jeremy knew the instructor wanted to witness their progress as well.

After ending the call, his gaze fell on Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe. He saw through their current strength, which was Tier-1, 4th Rank-Early. This was not bad.

He thought they could fight against Tier-2 Corrupted Beasts, but when it came to Tier-3 Corrupted Beasts, he was not sure.

"I have informed him. Let's go to the mission building," Jeremy said to them.

Hearing this, Betsy and Daniel were ready to leave.

About 10 minutes later, the three of them arrived at the mission building. It immediately attracted the eyes of everyone. For some time, the STRIKER Department had been staying low key.

So everyone had stopped discussing them. Now, looking at them entering the mission hall, they thought the upcoming days would be interesting.

The senior students were clear about their intentions. They were targeting the STRIKER Department. Now that the STRIKER Department members were going to accept the mission, the senior students would act soon.

"Harumph!"

"I'm getting hostile gazes," Daniel Stone uttered.

"Ignore them; we don't have time to waste," Jeremy said without turning back.

Betsy also found a couple of unkind gazes, but the trio didn't react and walked up to the desk. Then Jeremy started to browse the missions on the screen.

He had an idea of taking them to the inner part of the wilderness if they didn't come across any corrupted beasts in the outer part.

Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe stood behind Jeremy Night.

Meanwhile, some of the students had already started to speak to their seniors. After learning that the STRIKER Department's Beast Tamers were going for a mission, they got excited.

Most importantly, the 2nd Attack Department student, Billy, was the most serious. His previous plan had failed because the last mercenary team had been unlucky; they were eaten by the Tier-5 Worm Beast.

This time, Billy arranged for a powerful mercenary team. They were all Tier-4 Beast Tamers. Initially, they had declined his job offer, but Billy had offered a large amount, which made them agree immediately.

The Tier-4 Beast Tamers were basically powerful figures in City A. They held various positions in many different organizations.

The senior city guards were all Tier-4 Beast Tamers, next only to the City Guard Captain.

Billy called them to inform them about the current situation. He provided them with pictures of the targets. If they entered the wilderness early, they would soon find Jeremy Night and his two department members.

Meanwhile, inside the mission hall, Jeremy Night found a suitable mission for them.

[Mission: Need corpses of Tier-2 or Tier-3 Corrupted Hounds. Time Limit: 7 days.]

[Rewards: 100 points for each Tier-2 corpse; 200 points for each Tier-3 corpse.]

"This mission is good. The rewards are better as well," Jeremy commented.

Hearing this, Daniel and Betsy looked at the mission description.

"Okay, it's doable," Daniel Stone said after seeing the mention of Tier-2 Corrupted Beasts.

"I'm okay with the mission as well," Betsy said.

"Good," Jeremy said before registering for the mission.

The STRIKER Department officially took up the mission. After receiving the notification, the trio decided to leave.

They smoothly exited the mission hall building. No one stopped or bothered them. A few of the Beast Tamers went to the staff to inquire.

But the staff knew about the seriousness of the matter. He refused to disclose anything. The students knew they were breaking the rules, so they didn't press further.

But it didn't stop the senior students from making plans. Already, the 2nd Year Billy had acted. There was also 3rd Year Timothy, who had been silent so far. He knew Billy was acting.

So he had been watching from the sidelines. If Billy needed any help, he would help him for sure.

Meanwhile, Jeremy, Daniel, and Betsy entered the flying taxi after exiting the university. It didn't take long for them to arrive at the City Gate.

The trio then stepped out of the vehicle. Jeremy paid the fare. Then he turned around and started walking toward the City Gate with his members.

Last time he was here, he had to flee from the Tier-5 Worm Beast. He couldn't figure out what made the beast chase him so far. He hoped he wouldn't be unlucky this time.

A few minutes later, the trio entered the wilderness after completing their check.

"Brother Jeremy, why don't we spend some time in the outer part of the wilderness? I want to kill a few low-tier beasts," Daniel said.

"Okay," Jeremy agreed.

Then the trio started their journey. But not long after, Jeremy began to feel a bad premonition. He had come across a few Mercenary Teams.

They seemed to be from the Beast Taming Association. They were minding their own business, but among them, one Mercenary Team clearly had their eyes on him.

At first, he was not sure, but their gazes lingered until he left their sight. Jeremy smelled trouble. He didn't know who was targeting him.

But he had a few suspicions in mind. For example, the group might work for the Goldcorp organization. Not long ago, someone from that organization had targeted him.

Jeremy thought the same people had arranged a new Mercenary Team to target him. But then the problem was he was not alone here.

He was here with Daniel and Betsy Lowe. He didn't want to involve them in his troubles.

"What to do?" Jeremy muttered.

He then pushed down these thoughts. If he was forced to make a choice, then he would have to kill those who were after him.

He then started looking for the Tier-2 Hounds to hunt, while Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe were looking for lower-tier beasts for practice.

Meanwhile, the new mercenary team who took the task from Billy had already left their place. They had marked the direction where Jeremy and his team members had left.

They were going to act after making full preparations.

Chapter 236: Part 1: Confronting new hoody group

Wilderness (Outer part):

Jeremy and his two companions came across low-tier beasts. They were Tier-2 wild boars. Apart from the dangerous tusks, there was nothing to be afraid of with these beasts.

So he allowed the two of them to wait. After doing that, he started to keep an eye on the surroundings. He had a feeling that someone would appear.

At the same time, Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe started attacking the beasts.

Jeremy took the black katana out and held it in his hand. He then started to pay attention. His sword skills were better than before.

From now on, he wouldn't waste unnecessary time on stances to kill the beasts. He had been trying to find an efficient way to kill the beasts with his katana.

But then everything would be possible if he became a Tier-2 Beast Tamer. Even if he wanted to try something, his strength didn't add up.

So he was hoping to become a Tier-2 Beast Tamer as soon as possible.

Time passed.

While Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe were successfully hunting, Jeremy Night noticed the movement of unknown individuals on the other hand.

Jeremy tried to see their faces and found that they were the same group of people who had watched him leave earlier.

But then his expression changed drastically after discovering their strength. Jeremy felt the aura of Tier-4 Beasts coming from them.

If his assumption was correct, then this group of people were Tier-4 Beast Tamers. If they had come with ill intentions, they would have no chance to escape.

He could see that the group was still watching over them. Jeremy thought that they were not going to take action right away. He believed it was the right opportunity to escape.

Swoosh!

He immediately went over to the side of Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe.

He said, "We have wasted enough time here. Let's go to the inner part of the wilderness."

Hearing that, Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe were stunned. They didn't expect Jeremy to say this. But looking at his serious face, they agreed.

Not long after they left, the new Mercenary Team found something wrong. When they arrived at the spot, they saw the trio fleeing toward the inner part of the wilderness.

The group of Tier-4 Beast Tamers didn't speak much. They were all wearing hoodies. They were clearly trying to conceal their identities. Even their faces were covered with clothing.

Undoubtedly, these people were veterans. The next second, they started chasing the group.

On the other hand, Jeremy held his katana tightly. He had been traveling to the inner part of the wilderness for quite some time, so he knew about some of the safe spots.

Time passed.

After passing through uneven terrain, he led them toward a cave-like structure.

"Brother Jeremy, what's with this place?"

"I don't think hounds are living here," Daniel Stone asked.

Betsy Lowe showed a suspicious look. She could tell that something was bothering Jeremy Night, but he wasn't saying anything.

"I don't have time to explain. Just get inside the cave. If I don't come back soon, then find a way to return to the city gate," Jeremy told them.

Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe petrified on the spot. They felt like a thunderclap had struck their heads.

"What's going on?" Betsy Lowe asked.

She quickly realized that something was wrong. Daniel Stone remained silent.

"Some people are following me. They don't have good intentions, so I'm going to lead them somewhere." After saying that, Jeremy left.

Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone were left speechless. But they understood that Jeremy Night was not joking at all. His expression showed seriousness.

"Let's wait for him inside," Betsy Lowe suggested.

Hearing that, Daniel Stone came back to his senses. He broke out into a cold sweat. If people were following Jeremy Night, that meant they were strong Beast Tamers.

Whereas they were just Tier-1 Beast Tamers. He then went inside.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy Night had changed his direction. He waited for the pursuers to see him. Not long after, he saw the group coming in his direction.

There were five Beast Tamers dressed in hoodies. All of them were middle-aged men. They were likely veterans. Jeremy's eyes narrowed.

He really wanted to confirm who was targeting him. If they had been sent by someone from Goldcorp, then he wanted to know about that person.

The black-hooded Beast Tamers spotted Jeremy Night alone. Seeing that he was looking at them, they realized they had been exposed.

And the target must have hidden his team members.

"Kill him," one of the hooded figures uttered.

Swoosh!

A bird-type lifeline beast flashed in front of everyone's eyes before it bolted toward the target. At the same time, one of them rushed out to attack after bringing out his lifeline beast.

On the other hand, Jeremy's eyes flickered. He quickly circulated his starlight energy. In the blink of an eye, he covered the blade with starlight energy.

He could see a bird-like figure coming toward him. His senses heightened. As his heart calmed down, the outside noise was canceled. He became extremely focused.

Swoosh!

Then he saw a small bird-like lifeline beast, which was less than 4 feet long. But its speed was extremely fast. Before Jeremy could make a plan, the beast reached him.

Not knowing why, Jeremy brought his katana forward. The next second, the blade came into contact with the bird's beak.

Clang!

A metallic noise sounded.

Tud!

Jeremy felt the recoil force, which made him retreat a few steps backward. At that moment, he understood that this small bird lifeline beast was actually a Tier-4 Beast.

Now that he had confirmed their strength, he decided to be careful.

Zzzzz!

The small bird flapped its wings before disappearing from sight. Jeremy immediately felt a sense of crisis. Even with extreme focus, the bird's movements were hard to track.

At the same time, the Beast Tamer arrived as well. Seeing that his lifeline beast was taking action, he stopped moving.

Clang!

The bird beast tried to poke a hole in his chest. He blocked the beast again.

Boom!

He retreated backward because of the impact. The small bird moved backward a little before stabilizing itself in the air.

Chapter 237: Part 2: Confronting new hoody group

Chirp!

The small bird beast made a sound. It was dizzy for a second. Now it has recovered its strength.

While Jeremy Night recalled the name of the beast by observing its appearance.

"It looks like a finch. Could it be a hybrid?" Jeremy thought.

But he had confirmed one thing: he couldn't fight against the hooded figures all at the same time.

Swoosh!

So he decisively chose to leave. He immediately disappeared from the spot.

The beast tamer commanding the finch lifeline bird was startled. He hadn't expected the target to flee without fighting.

He then informed his team leader, who was standing not far away from him. The team leader, who was wearing a hoodie, had watched the target flee from the spot.

His eyes flickered. He immediately thought of the target's other two companions. He didn't want to let them go. But their task's main objective was to eliminate the target named Jeremy Night.

Swoosh!

He moved from the spot and started to give chase, seeing that the other three followed him from behind. The beast tamer, who had the finch lifeline beast, followed them after putting the lifeline beast in the mental zone.

Time passed.

While fleeing, he came across corrupted beasts. But he ignored all of them by changing direction. But it's a pity no high-tier beasts found him.

He wouldn't have hoped for it during a normal situation. But the current situation is dire. If a higher-tier beast appeared, he could make use of it.

The killer would face the beast while he could use the opportunity to escape. But it's a pity he had been fleeing non-stop into the deeper parts of the wilderness.

There were no high-tier beasts in the vicinity. The current direction led him to the same place where he had faced the worm beast.

It was an officially unexplored area of the wilderness. Last time, City Governor Elton had slain the worm beast. But he didn't know whether other worm beasts were living in it or not.

But he had no choice other than to lead the group to the unexplored area. If it was one Tier-4 Beast Tamer, he could fight. But it was impossible to fight 5 Tier-4 Beast Tamers and their lifeline beasts.

Jeremy's eyes turned icy. He increased his speed by using the movement technique "The Explosive Steps."

Swoosh!

He started going towards the unexplored area at fast speed.

In contrast, the hooded mercenaries were still giving chase at a normal speed. It's just that they were more cautious of their surroundings.

They didn't want to be seen by a Tier-5 Corrupted Beast. A single Tier-5 Beast could kill one or two of them easily. It was just that they felt hatred towards the kid.

Their target was a mere Tier-1 Beast Tamer. He had been frantically running away, not minding the surroundings at all.

It's just that the New Mercenary Team misunderstood why Jeremy Night was running away.

"Ignorant kid!"

"His reckless behavior will kill him before he ends up dead in our hands," a hooded figure uttered.

Hearing that, the others agreed as well. They were veteran Tier-4 Beast Tamers. They knew the dangers of the wilderness.

Yet a single Tier-1 Beast Tamer was recklessly fleeing towards the depths of the wilderness.

It was just that they had taken up a task. They had to kill Jeremy Night. Even if he ended up dead from the mouths of the corrupted beasts, they had to collect his corpse.

So the group was neither fast nor slow in their speed. They continued to keep their eyes on the target's back.

If the target wanted to die in the mouths of the powerful beasts, they could watch from a distance without fighting against the beasts.

Time passed.

Jeremy reached the unexplored area an hour later. He recognized the change in soil type. This soil type allowed for free movement of the worm-type beasts underground.

Last time, he had failed to see these things. But during his break time at the university, he had gained a lot of knowledge.

Jeremy felt a sense of urgency. Now that he had come to their territory, it would be a matter of time before the worm beasts sensed the changes.

The killer group behind him was also catching up. He figured that they were deliberately maintaining their gap in fear of the higher-tier beasts.

His mouth curved into an arc. Thanks to their thinking, he was able to get away unharmed. Then his eyes swept across the worm territory before finding a dead tree.

The dead tree's branches were dead; only a wide trunk and roots remained.

Swoosh!

Jeremy immediately darted towards that place. He thought that spot was safe. He believed that the dead tree was located in the middle of the territory.

In the blink of an eye, he arrived at the tree. At the same time, the Mercenary Team entered the worm territory as well. They didn't have any clue about the land underneath their feet.

They were casually moving inside the worm beast territory.

Their leader saw the silhouette of Jeremy Night hiding behind the tree.

"Looks like the lad ran out of fuel," he sneered.

Then the team slowed their speed and started walking on foot towards Jeremy Night.

"Kid, you are brave. You dared to run around in the wilderness. It's a pity that you didn't die at the mouths of the corrupted beasts."

"It's your fate to die in our hands," the leader said in a mocking tone.

Hearing that, the other members smiled and laughed as well. They didn't feel any tension at this moment because the current land was quite vast. There were no beasts in the vicinity.

Even if any higher-tier beasts appeared, they could still escape from the place.

The leader removed his hoodie, revealing a scarred forehead visible under the light. He was still wearing a mask.

"You guys stay here. I'm going to take the kid's head." After saying that, the leader started walking towards the dead tree.

Jeremy Night's heart was racing. He was not at all scared of the Tier-4 Beast Tamers; rather, he was worried about whether the worm beasts would make an appearance.

If they appeared, he would have to use that chance to escape.

Chapter 238: Natural Treasure Pool

Worm Beast Territory:

A minute earlier,

The appearance of humans had alarmed the worm beast sleeping underground. One by one, the worm beasts woke up from their crawling positions.

The size of the worm beasts varies. There is a huge worm beast over 50 ft that is still in a deep sleep. Those under 50 ft woke up after sensing the changes on the surface.

Among them, there is also a Tier-5 worm beast that went to City A earlier. The worm beast, with little intelligence, felt hatred towards the humans above.

But then it was currently lying in a yellow fluid pool. Unlike water, the yellow liquid has high viscosity. But it is the result of mutation. It's one of the natural energy treasures.

This high-viscosity natural energy was like a lake when it first appeared in the area. Later, a mutated worm beast started living in it.

As time passed, more worm beasts gradually appeared. The whole place became their territory. Eventually, the lake-sized yellow liquid treasure was reduced to a small pool.

It can't accommodate that many beasts at one time. The size of the Tier-5 worm beast has occupied most of it.

It's just that the Human Alliance and the beasts didn't know about all the natural energy creations in the world. Especially since the vast world had expanded after the mutation.

There are many things waiting to be explored by everyone.

At this time, several worm beasts were enraged. They wanted to eat the humans who disturbed their sleep. The Tier-5 worm beast chose to act.

Swoosh!

It began to move upward from the treasured yellow pool. It started to create pathways using its mouth. It drilled all the way to the top.

The surface of the area is not an open field but is occupied by dead trees. Coincidentally, Jeremy was standing behind one of the trees, unaware of the danger below.

The leader walked up to the tree.

Jeremy retreated backward. He didn't know why his sense of crisis was tenfold right now. He was also looking at other beast tamers, who were looking at him.

They were sure that he was going to die here.

"What's wrong with the worm beasts?"

"Don't tell me the Governor has wiped out the whole beast," Jeremy thought before bringing his katana forward.

"Don't try; you are going to die anyway," the leader said as he walked past the dead tree.

Boom!

The next second, the ground split open with a booming sound.

The middle-aged man who was the leader of the Mercenary Team was caught off guard by the sudden changes. Just as he was about to do something, he saw a wide mouth swallowing him before death.

Boom!

The whole body of the Tier-5 worm beast emerged from the surface at full speed. Jeremy was in its blind spot. It failed to see him.

Instead, the worm beast darted toward the four Tier-4 Beast Tamers. Seeing the number of beast tamers, the worm beast felt greed.

"Our leader is gone!"

"It's a Tier-5 worm beast; run!"

"Let's go separately if you don't want to die."

"The kid is alive!"

"But he will die anyway. Let's escape."

The rest of the beast tamers discussed in low tones before fleeing.

Swoosh!

The Tier-5 worm beast was chasing after them.

Meanwhile, Jeremy sighed in relief. He had once again come close to death. He then decided to leave. But before he could do that...

Boom!

The land split open a few hundred meters behind him.

Jeremy's expression changed drastically upon seeing that. He didn't want to be chased down by a worm beast again.

This time, if multiple worm beasts attacked the city foundation, the consequences would be disastrous. He was not going to do something foolish again.

So, he chose to flee in a different direction. Yet the ground beneath split open. Out of instinct, Jeremy used the movement technique to escape.

Tud!

Just as his balance crumbled, he tripped over and fell into the underground hole dug open by the worm beast earlier.

Jeremy felt a sense of death hovering over his head. His whole body was falling down inside the hole.

Thud!

Jeremy thought he was going to die. But he ended up falling into something sticky and dense.

There was no light whatsoever—only a dim light coming from the surface, which shed small illumination.

Jeremy tried to move his body. He wasn't able to do it. He thought his body was stuck in the mucous liquid of the worm beasts.

He didn't know whether it was dangerous or not. So he wanted to escape from this place.

Buzz!

The unknown egg lifeline beast reacted. For the first time, it felt like a powerful natural treasure. It reacted and started to absorb the high-viscosity liquid around its contractor.

Jeremy, who was trying to move, paused his movements upon sensing the unknown egg lifeline beast's reaction.

"What's going on?" Jeremy muttered to himself.

Then he saw the natural energy begin coming from the mucous substance. He was left speechless. He didn't understand why natural energy was coming from this thing.

He knew his lifeline beast was picky. It only chose high-quality substances. Seeing that the unknown egg was absorbing the energy from this thing made his heart stir.

He calmed down his turbulent heart. He started to think logically. If this thing was helpful to the unknown beast egg, then it was useful to him as well.

So he cast aside negative thoughts and began to practice the inner healing method in this pitch-black darkness.

Right after, he confirmed that the mucous substance was actually a natural treasure. He became excited. He then focused on practicing this method.

Buzz!

The changes in the yellow liquid treasure were felt by the sleeping worm beasts. They had just gone back to their sleep while one of their members went after the enemy.

Now another disturbance had made them even crazier.

The worm beasts began to move toward their treasure pool.

Just as they got closer to the place, they bumped into a barrier placed around the treasure pool by the unknown beast egg.

Chapter 239: Tier-1, 9th Rank-Peak Stage(Strong promotion)

Wilderness:

As time passed, the Tier-5 Worm beast successfully hunted down the fleeing beast tamers. Last time, it was forced to flee from the human populace. But this time, it's venting its anger.

Meanwhile,

The yellow liquid treasure is depleting at a faster rate. At the same time, the Unknown beast egg started to evolve. Its rank rose from 7th rank early to mid-stage, then to peak stage shortly afterward.

Jeremy Night, who was practicing the inner healing method, was shocked. He didn't expect the lifeline beast egg to improve so quickly.

Because the natural liquid treasure was yet to deplete.

Boom!

Before he figured it out, he found that his body was receiving feedback energy from the unknown egg. Through the mental zone, the feedback energy entered his body.

It began to raise his rank from 7th rank early stage to mid-stage, then to the peak stage in the blink of an eye.

He thought it was going to be over. But he was wrong. The unknown egg continued to evolve again. Jeremy was dumbfounded.

He knew the unknown viscous liquid was a treasure, but he didn't know the exact value of the treasure. It continued to increase the ranks of the lifeline beast.

He was aware that the unknown beast egg was picky. Even an ordinary treasure, in the eyes of the unknown beast egg, could be sold for a huge amount in the city.

Yet he was afraid to put a price tag on this treasure pool. He had long wanted to find similar treasures. That's why he had visited the Forbidden Area.

Apart from the rich natural energy there, he hadn't come across any treasure land. Yet he stumbled upon one coincidentally here.

Boom!

The unknown beast egg moved from the 7th rank Peak stage to 8th rank early stage to mid-stage. Not long after, its power rose to the peak stage.

Shortly afterward,

Jeremy Night received feedback. His body continued to evolve. With evolution, his body was growing stronger in all aspects.

He could feel an increase in the strength of his bones, veins, organs, flesh, skin, and other systems in the human body.

The yellow viscous liquid had reduced to one-fourth. He thought the changes had stopped. He was just one step away from the 9th Rank, but he didn't want to be greedy.

The unknown egg didn't stop absorption. It had long waited to come across such resources. It wouldn't leave anything behind.

Meanwhile,

Boom!

The worm beasts were continuously slamming into the invisible barrier. They couldn't go to their treasure land, which had alerted the Tier-6 Beast that was under deep sleep.

But even the Tier-6 Beast failed to damage the invisible barrier. This unusual situation puzzled the beasts.

Some of the worm beasts left the place and started searching other parts of their territory. The beasts had become crazier.

The treasure pool was the source of their growth. If they lost it, the consequences would be disastrous for them. The Tier-6 worm beast, with high intelligence, commanded the other beasts in the search.

Boom!

The unknown beast egg entered Tier-1, 9th rank early stage from the 8th Rank Peak Stage. Then it moved into the mid-stage a few minutes later. The breakthrough didn't stop until reaching the peak stage.

The next moment, the unknown beast egg started giving back the feedback energy. Jeremy Night was already on cloud nine.

Now, the feedback energy entered his body again. He was left speechless. He could feel that the liquid energy in this small pond had completely depleted.

He could leave the place after digesting the feedback energy.

His rank entered the 9th rank early stage. In the blink of an eye, his strength reached the mid-stage. Then, with the continuation of the feedback energy, his strength reached the peak stage.

Finally, the feedback energy came to a stop. Jeremy could feel the energy brimming in his body. His whole skeleton had hardened and polished. Not only that, but his whole physique had evolved.

Even his height had grown. His senses had become stronger and sharper. His eyesight had improved, even in the dark. He could perceive some outlines.

Jeremy shifted his attention to the mental zone. On the huge black door, among the concentric circles,

The first inner circle was completely lit. It was shining in bright light with all the 9 sub-blocks completely filled with white energy.

The rest of the circles were still dim. Only after breaking through the 2nd Tier would the second circle be activated.

Jeremy was excited. But he knew this was not the place to celebrate. He saw that the unknown beast egg had returned to a normal position. It wasn't even vibrating; it remained like a stone.

But thankfully, the whole mental zone was filled with starlight energy. He could feel that the starlight energy had become thicker and stronger.

Jeremy then opened his eyes and raised his head.

Thud!

With force, he jumped high before grabbing the side wall. He then started to climb to reach the surface. Jeremy had no idea that the invisible barrier protecting him was gone.

Boom!

The different worm beasts rushed forward after the barrier was gone.

Tremor!

When Jeremy appeared above the surface, he immediately felt the strong tremor coming from this area. His expression changed drastically.

He almost forgot about the threat surrounding this place. He was so immersed in the treasure pool that he forgot the worm beasts.

"Explosive steps!"

He immediately used the movement technique without thinking further. The next second, he exploded with great speed.

He was moving in a flash before exiting the territory.

Boom!

The Tier-6 Worm beast emerged from the place. Its whole body movement had destroyed the land. The worm beast, over 50 ft tall, sensed that the enemy was fleeing.

But the scent of their treasure liquid was hard to erase.

Boom!

The whole body dove down to the ground before following the scent.

Jeremy didn't know he was carrying the scent of the treasure. If he made a mistake and stopped, he would be eaten by the Tier-6 worm beast.

Chapter 240: Part 1: Averting trouble again

Wilderness:

Jeremy's speed was fast. He couldn't believe the speed at which he was moving. Yet he knew the danger following him. He realized that a terrifying worm beast was chasing after him.

Last time, it was the Tier-5 Worm Beast. Now, he had caught a glimpse of the beast while running. The humongous size of the beast sent chills down his spine.

Swoosh!

He continued to flee without turning back. He had led those killers to the worm beast's territory earlier. Now that the killers were gone, the worm beast was after him.

Jeremy was moving in the direction of the forbidden area. He could have led it towards the City Gate so that City Governor Elton could slay the worm beast again.

But he didn't want to do that. If it happened once, it could be called coincidence, but if the worm beast came again, the city administration would definitely launch an investigation.

Last time, he had escaped somehow, but he knew it wouldn't happen again. Besides, he didn't want to put the lives of others in danger.

If his assumption was right, then the beast following him from behind could be above Tier-5. If such a beast appeared near the City Gate, it could immediately attack the city.

Before the rescue arrived, the loss of life could be great. So Jeremy didn't plan on going to the city. The only thing that could kill the beast behind him was the black lake of the forbidden area.

He had been using that place to his advantage, but he was careful not to explore the black lake. This time, however, he didn't have a choice. He had to face the death crisis.

Boom!

On the other hand, the surface was calm without disturbance, but the Tier-6 Worm beast was moving underground without hindrance.

It could smell the scent of its treasure. The beast was not going to let the human thief escape. The Tier-6 Beast had considerable intelligence.

It was aware that the disappearance of its treasure had to do with the beast tamer thief.

Meanwhile,

Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone left their cave hiding and started going back to the City Gate. Betsy was clever. She had marked their journey route.

Thanks to this, their return journey would be smooth. She was just worried about Jeremy Night. She didn't know who was after him and why.

She could only go back to the university and inform the higher-ups.

Daniel Stone was worried as well, but he was not showing it. After a long time, they had entered the wilderness as a team, yet Jeremy Night had met with danger again.

Last time, it was against the Tier-4 corrupted rat beast; this time, it was against beast tamers. Daniel was aware that among the Mercenary Team, there were bad groups as well. They did plunder and kill.

He thought that Jeremy had offended one such group.

"Let's go; only the higher-ups can help Jeremy Night," Betsy uttered. She could tell what was on Daniel's mind.

"Okay," Daniel replied.

Time passed.

At dusk, the duo reached the City Gate. After entering the city, they didn't waste any time. They quickly entered a flying taxi to go to the university.

They had tried contacting Jeremy Night a couple of minutes ago, but there was no signal. This indicated that Jeremy Night was still in the wilderness; he had yet to come outside.

It made them anxious. It was clear to both of them that Jeremy Night was hiding from the killers.

About 20 minutes later,

They returned to the university. Upon returning, they didn't even go to the Department Building; rather, they waited near the administration building before calling Instructor Jacob.

Jacob Henry answered the call. Knowing that the duo had something to discuss in person, he felt uneasy. He knew something was up.

Otherwise, he knew Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe wouldn't react like that.

Swoosh!

He quickly left his office and went to meet the duo. Upon arrival, he immediately asked, "What now?"

Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe looked at each other. They were speechless. They wondered how he knew.

"Don't be surprised!"

"Ever since I became your instructor, I'm used to your troubles. It would be something if you guys didn't encounter any problems," Jacob said with a sigh.

His furrowed eyebrows showed that he was tense as well.

Betsy stepped forward and told him the details.

A few minutes later,

"Jeremy Night is facing a life-or-death crisis?"

"A killer group?" Jacob's expression changed drastically.

He knew who was after Jeremy's life. Last time, two Senior Students had attempted kidnapping. If their families were involved in this plan, it would be troublesome.

Jacob didn't show any clue on his face. The matter of senior students' actions was hidden. Otherwise, it could cause panic and distrust among the first years.

"You guys don't tell anyone. I'll go and meet the department head." After saying that, Jacob left the place.

Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe felt relieved. They were just Tier-1 Beast Tamers; they couldn't help in this matter, which made them anxious and helpless.

They didn't know who was targeting Jeremy Night.

"Betsy, do you know the enemies of Brother Jeremy?" Daniel asked.

Betsy frowned. As far as she knew, Jeremy Night had two rivals before joining the university, but their status was the same as Jeremy's.

So she thought it was someone else.

"Let's part ways. We can only improve ourselves and help him when he needs it," she said before parting ways.

Daniel sighed. He could tell that she was hiding something.

He clenched his fists in helplessness, but her last words echoed in his ears. He chose to put in more time and effort into his practice.

At the same time, Jacob recognized the urgency. Compared to the things happening in the city, the wilderness was more dangerous. If someone wanted to eliminate Jeremy Night, it would be the perfect place.

On the way, Jacob Henry sighed. He knew that Jeremy Night's appearance had stirred a lot of people. Despite his identity, there were people who were not afraid of targeting him.

Soon, he reached the department head's office.