

STRIKER 241

Chapter 241: Part 2: Averting trouble again

Dean's office:

Dean Carolyn was in her office. The day-by-day deteriorating situation of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-year students was bothering her.

Clearly, the students from humble backgrounds were influenced by the wealthy students. Even the students who came from neutral families started cooperating with the rich students.

She didn't know how to solve this problem right now. Suddenly, she saw Elder Derek requesting a meeting with her.

"What's with them?" she murmured.

She then allowed them to enter. She knew whenever the duo came to meet her, there would be a problem.

Shortly afterward,

Elder Derek and Instructor Jacob walked into the dean's office. They sat opposite her.

As usual, Dean Carolyn observed them. But this time, she found their expressions to be dreadful.

"What happened?" she asked with concern.

"Dean, the kid has encountered assassins in the wilderness," Derek uttered.

Hearing that, her expression changed, and she immediately asked, "What are you talking about?"

"Dean, this is what happened," Derek began to explain.

At first, her expression was calm, but slowly her face showed concern and disbelief.

A few minutes later,

"Despicable!"

"Who is daring to involve mercenaries to kill Jeremy Night? Don't they know his identity?"

"If something happens to that kid, his father won't let go of us. Especially since the kid has strong backing in the Human Alliance," Carolyn said in a cold tone.

Elder Derek's face grew pale. Things were getting out of hand, and he didn't know what to do, whereas Jacob was shocked. This was the first time he had heard the inside secret.

He had speculated that there must be someone backing Jeremy Night. But he had thought it was his father. He had never expected the kid to still have backing in the Human Alliance.

"No wonder that kid was confident," he thought.

"Elder, take a few other law enforcement elders to the city gate. If the mercenaries appear, catch them. I want to know who is behind this plan," Carolyn said.

"Okay," Elder Derek replied.

Then he and Jacob left the place.

Sigh!

Carolyn let out a deep sigh. She thought there would come a day when she would have to make a choice, and she didn't want to offend Jeremy Night.

Despite being an A-Grade Talent, Jeremy Night's combat strength was not that of a Tier-1 Beast Tamer.

He had already defeated May Lindsey. It can be said that if nothing happens, then Jeremy Night will become a High-Tier Beast Tamer.

A firm glint flashed in her eyes. She decided to report to the Human Alliance. If she couldn't control the family, then only the Human Alliance could do it.

Time passed,

Elder Derek, Instructor Jacob, and a few other law enforcement elders left the university and quickly arrived at the city gate.

Their appearance alarmed the city guards. When their captain saw the university elders, he recognized Jacob.

Not long ago, he had met him during the assassination attempt on the university student by a gunman. The captain went to meet them. But he quickly learned that a similar incident had taken place. He was shocked to the core.

The City Guard Captain advised them to inform the City Police. Captain Nathan had been investigating the case. He had requested information if the kid, Jeremy Night, was targeted again.

But they didn't know that the two incidents were separate and the attackers were different.

As night fell, City Captain Nathan and his team learned about the new incident. They immediately left their station.

Last time, they had paused the case because they didn't have any leads. But this time someone had targeted the victim inside the wilderness.

It was a great crime. Killing a rising beast tamer would not be tolerated by the Human Alliance. Especially since that kid came from the City Governor's family. He was one of them.

About 10 minutes later,

Captain Nathan and his team arrived at the city gate. The City Guard Captain, Elder Derek, Jacob, and others were waiting inside the admin building's guest room.

Captain Nathan walked into the room with his team.

"Thanks for informing me," Nathan said as his gaze fell upon the City Guard Captain.

Then he shifted his attention to the university elder. Especially, he saw Jacob Henry. He then walked up to him and said, "It's nice to see you again, Mr. Henry."

"Can you tell me what happened?" Nathan asked.

Hearing that, Jacob stood up, but he didn't know what to say for a moment. He then turned towards Elder Derek. Seeing that he was nodding his head, Jacob turned towards Captain Nathan.

He then started to explain.

A few minutes later,

"Mercenaries," Nathan uttered in a surprised tone.

Even his team members were surprised. No one can predict the human heart. The entire human population is facing threats from corrupted beasts.

Yet there are narrow-minded people who commit evil for small profit. There is no lack of such people. That's why there is a City Police division in each city under each zone.

Captain Nathan then suppressed his thoughts.

He then said, "I'll send a few of my people to investigate."

Hearing that, Jacob nodded his head.

Captain Nathan then left with his team. After coming out of the building, he instructed his team.

"It might be someone posting a job on the underground network. It would be difficult to find the mastermind unless we catch someone to interrogate."

"So, I'm staying here. You guys can separate and try to collect details from the imprisoned criminals," Nathan said to them.

There are chances that mercenary teams with bad reputations know about such things. Most of them do their evil work in the wilderness, so not many people can arrest them.

But if someone influential pressures them, then they will reveal the information.

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Meanwhile,

Jeremy Night had successfully led the worm beast into the Forbidden Area. He didn't stop his movements. He had been running nonstop for several hours.

He was not going to take a rest unless he saw the beast's death. So he was heading towards the Black Lake. He thought only the Black Lake could kill the terrifying worm beast.

At the same time, the Tier-6 worm beast had been following the culprit. But it had found numerous obstacles along the way.

Because some of the paths were filled with rocks. If not for its strength, it would have been impossible to cross the hurdle. Now the worm beast had acclimated to the new environment.

It suddenly sensed changes in the surroundings. It could absorb more natural energy from the environment. For a second, it stopped chasing and started to enjoy the pure, rich natural energy.

Then it recalled the lingering scene of their treasure. The worm beast snapped back. With its limited intelligence, it knew that it was necessary to kill the human prey.

Otherwise, the place would be exposed. Now it started to treat the new environment as a treasure land.

Boom!

Then it started to follow the human prey.

A few minutes later,

Jeremy got closer to the Black Lake. But he came across a four-legged Tier-3 beast.

Cut!

He immediately struck with his katana blade. The hybrid beast's body split in two. Blood dyed the ground.

He didn't have time to look at the scene. He continued to run. It didn't take long for him to arrive at the Black Lake.

The place greeted him with the same heart palpitations. He stopped at the entrance and started walking slowly towards the lake.

Looking at the pitch blackness of the night, he felt more dreadful. Fortunately, he had reached the limit of Tier-1. His eyesight was better than before.

So he could perceive things better. But if he took out the gadget to illuminate the place, then he might be hunted down by the beasts here.

Tremor!

Jeremy felt the ground beneath his feet begin to shake. His eyes flickered. He knew the worm beast had come.

Swoosh!

He brought his katana forward and started rushing toward the Black Lake.

Boom!

The previous spot exploded. A humongous worm beast emerged. After coming to the new environment, the worm beast was in a hurry to kill the human prey.

It was not as leisurely as before. The worm beast, over 50ft long, moved its body. It smelled the scent of the treasure.

It immediately saw that the human prey was running forward. It moved its gigantic body to attack him.

Boom!

Jeremy's heart almost reached his mouth. His senses were screaming at him. Compared to the terrifying worm beast, the Black Lake was more dangerous.

Swoosh!

Jeremy Night was so close to touching the unknown black lake shore water, which was black in color. He turned around and started moving away from the Black Lake and the worm beast.

Boom!

The Tier-6 worm beast found it difficult to change direction. Because it took time to move its whole body.

While doing that, the worm beast's side body touched the shore water of the Black Lake.

Zzzzz!

The next second, the black water started to corrode the skin and flesh of the worm beast. The worm beast tilted its body in pain the next second.

It forgot about the human prey. It was now facing something much more dangerous.

Chapter 242: Captain Nathan's questions

Black Lake:

Jeremy heard the sound from behind, but he didn't dare to stop. When he exited the Black Lake area, he turned around to see what was going on.

He could only see the outline of the worm beast, which was struggling. A hint of terror appeared in Jeremy's eyes. He knew the worm beast was above Tier-5.

To think it was suffering right now made him choose to leave despite his curiosity.

Swoosh!

He used the movement technique to leave. Fortunately, in the dim light, he could still perceive the path.

It didn't take long for him to reach the outer section of the Forbidden Area. If he wanted, he could stay here, but he chose to leave.

It was already a great relief for him that he could escape from the ferocious worm beast. He didn't want to be greedy and take chances.

So he exited the Forbidden Area and started back to the City Gate. If he traveled at night, he might reach the City Gate before sunrise.

As time passed, Jeremy came across a couple of Tier-3 Corrupted Beasts. He quickly killed them before continuing his journey. He didn't even bother to collect the corpses.

Time passed.

Jeremy returned to the City Gate before sunrise. Only after reaching the gate did he feel relaxed and a wave of tiredness washed over him.

Though he had reached the Tier-1 limit, he had been running non-stop for many hours since yesterday. He wanted a good rest now.

But to his surprise, the city guards looked at him weirdly after checking his ID. They led him to the admin office.

Upon arriving at the building, the guards informed someone. Jeremy was confused until he saw a middle-aged man stepping out.

It was a familiar face. The middle-aged man was none other than the City Guard Captain.

"Kid, you are alive!"

The City Guard Captain's expression changed.

Swoosh!

The next second, he appeared in front of him. He looked at the kid in disbelief.

When everyone heard that mercenaries were after this kid's life, they had thought he was unlikely to survive, but none spoke openly about it.

Jeremy was dumbfounded. He understood something had happened because of him. He guessed Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe might have informed the university.

"Let's go inside," the Captain said.

Hearing that, Jeremy nodded and entered the building. The city guards left the place.

When they walked into the room, he saw Department Elder Derek and Instructor Jacob.

"Jeremy, are you alright?"

Jacob immediately reacted. None of them were asleep; they were waiting for news about Jeremy Night coming in.

He was surprised to see him alive and well.

Not only him, but the old man Derek was dumbfounded as well. Everyone stood up from their seats. The City Guard Captain was relaxed.

He had decided to inform City Police Captain Nathan, who was not here.

"We heard mercenaries were after your life. What happened?" Old man Derek asked in a serious tone.

They knew it was impossible to escape from veteran Beast Tamers, especially since Jeremy Night was a Tier-1 Beast Tamer.

None of them paid attention to Jeremy's strength, as their minds were focused on the important matter.

Jeremy knew it must have been Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe. He felt glad that he hadn't revealed too much information.

He found everyone's gaze on him and then collected his thoughts before speaking. Obviously, he was going to lie.

More than against Tier-4 Beast Tamers, he had been able to save his life from the Tier-6 Worm Beast.

About 10 minutes later,

Everyone looked at Jeremy Night and sighed.

"Kid, you are fortunate. If not for the Tier-5 Beast troubling them, you wouldn't have found the opportunity to escape," Derek said with a relaxed smile.

"Who were the beast tamers?"

"What did they look like?"

Instructor Jacob asked back-to-back questions.

Hearing that, everyone wanted to know about it.

Jeremy was about to tell another lie when he heard footsteps.

"About that, I'll be asking him," Captain Nathan said.

When the City Guard Captain informed him, he was dealing with some other matter near the City Gate, so he was able to arrive quickly.

Upon seeing Captain Nathan, everyone became quiet. Captain Nathan turned towards the kid. Seeing that the kid was worn out and tired, he didn't want to ask questions.

But time was important for their investigation. His men had been looking for information, but none of them found any job postings related to assassination in the underground network.

He hoped to collect details from Jeremy Night.

"If you guys don't mind, can you give us a minute?" Nathan asked them.

"Okay, we will be waiting outside," Derek said before walking out of the room. Others followed him.

Jacob tapped Jeremy's shoulder before leaving. He felt relaxed since Jeremy was alright; otherwise, he didn't know what he would have done.

Everyone left, leaving behind Captain Nathan and Jeremy Night.

Captain Nathan said, "Last time, a gunman targeted you. You were lucky enough to escape. This time, mercenary members are after your life."

"But you were able to escape from such danger as well. Not many can do that," he added.

"Captain, you are over-praising me," Jeremy replied.

Compared to the terrifying Tier-6 worm beast, the Tier-4 Beast Tamers were nothing. If not for Daniel and Betsy being with him, he wouldn't have used that option.

"Now, tell me from the beginning what happened?" Nathan asked after sitting in the chair.

Jeremy nodded before sitting opposite him. Then he started to tell the same lie to Captain Nathan.

A few minutes later,

Nathan stopped the recordings and looked at Jeremy Night.

"Did you observe anything else?" he asked.

"Captain, they were well hidden. Each one of them was dressed in hoodies and their faces were covered with masks."

"Clearly, they didn't want to be exposed," Jeremy replied.

"What do you think happened to them?" he asked.

"I heard fighting sounds before fleeing. I didn't even turn around to check, so I don't know the result of their fight," Jeremy said in a calm tone.

Chapter 243: Jeremy is under a travel ban

City Gate:

Captain Nathan has collected all the details. He then looks at Jeremy Night and says, "You should avoid going outside for some time."

"I'll try my best to find out the culprits," he adds.

Hearing that, I nodded to them. Then Captain Nathan left the place.

Jeremy then appeared outside. Instructor Jacob and Department Elder looked at him. Oldman Derek didn't want to discuss anything here.

So he said, "Let's go back to the university first."

Hearing that, everyone nodded their heads.

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Central University 14:

Then with the flying taxi, everyone returned to the university 15 minutes later.

Jeremy was silent in his heart. He knew there was going to be another interrogation in the dean's office. It happened just like he had guessed.

The Department Elder took me to the dean's office. Dean Carolyn seemed to be waiting for me.

"I guess she hasn't slept all night as well. Kid, you are bringing us one trouble after another," Derek jokingly said.

Hearing that, Jeremy wanted to curse in his heart. He knew he was facing a problem because the university was unwilling to offend powerful people.

Creak!

We reached her office and walked inside. It was just starting to get sunrise, yet she was awake. Jeremy was surprised to see that she was looking at him.

She knew the elder must have told her.

"Jeremy, how are you?" Carolyn asked.

"Dean, I'm fine. I managed to escape alive," Jeremy replied.

"Take your seat," she said.

Then we both sat down. She started the same inquiry again. Jeremy once again began to tell a lie.

About a few minutes later,

"Jeremy Night, you should avoid going outside. We don't know the identities of these people. It's best for you to stay away from the wilderness until we find out about them," Carolyn said with concern.

Hearing that, Jeremy nodded to her.

"You can leave now," she said.

Hearing that, Jeremy stood up and exited the room.

After Jeremy left the room, she turned towards the elder.

"Watch over him. Don't let him go to the wilderness. I will put his name on the ban list. He won't be able to accept the mission," Carolyn said.

Oldman Derek nodded to her, but he sighed inwardly. He knew her actions were too much. But Jeremy Night's safety was important right now.

"It's good that City Police Nathan is investigating the case. Elder Derek, cooperate with him. At least we should know who is causing the problem. We can't blindly accuse those Beast Taming Families," Carolyn said.

"Okay, dean," Derek said.

After the meeting, he left, and Carolyn decided to take a nap as well. She hadn't slept at all. Only after knowing about Jeremy Night's safety could she relax.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy Night texted Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe about his return. But he told them that he might not be able to return. He was going to sleep all day.

Soon, he returned to his room. He closed the door and went to bed to sleep.

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Time passed.

After sunrise, the whole city awoke. People started their daily activities. Captain Nathan returned to the station after getting details from the City Guard Captain.

Since the mercenaries had tried to kill Jeremy Night, he thought they wouldn't survive because of the Tier-5 Beast. Even if one of them escaped, he could find out the details.

But he had collected information about the list of people who ventured into the wilderness. If the Beast Tamers were really paid to kill Jeremy Night,

He thought they must have entered the wilderness after Jeremy Night. From the name list, he could single out the Mercenary Teams and start searching for them.

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Central University 14:

The 2nd-year student Billy was waiting for good news. He knew that Jeremy Night and his two members had entered the wilderness last night.

But he had yet to receive any information from the Mercenary Team. This time, he had sent a strong team after Jeremy Night. The team was full of Tier-4 Beast Tamers, so he didn't think Jeremy Night could survive.

However, when he entered the class, he was shocked to know that two members of the STRIKER Department were alive. He asked his classmates to confirm the news.

They were senior students, and they immediately got the news from the first years. They were able to determine that Jeremy Night had yet to return.

But Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe were spotted.

Billy furrowed his eyebrows. He had given them clear instructions. If the Mercenary Team came across the trio, then they could kill the trio without thinking much.

Yet the two members had returned. Billy was confused. He felt this task might fail as well.

"I have paid so much. What are these mercenaries doing?" Billy said in his heart.

Nobody knew about his actions, including his classmates and the 3rd-year senior Timothy.

Billy decided to wait and see. He didn't think Jeremy Night could survive the attack of Tier-4 Beast Tamers.

Time passed.

Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone were training separately. They were not as worried as yesterday. After knowing that Jeremy Night was safe and sound, their mood improved. They knew that Jeremy was taking a rest today.

So they continued with their practice.

Meanwhile,

Instructor Jacob also learned that Jeremy Night was taking the day off. So he was relaxed. The Department Head had asked him to keep an eye on Jeremy Night.

He didn't know what had happened, but he could guess that it was difficult for Jeremy Night to take on missions anytime soon.

Time passed.

Post-noon, Jeremy woke up from sleep. The tiredness and mental fatigue were gone. He had recovered to his peak state.

After getting out of bed, he began to get ready.

About an hour later,

Jeremy Night was watching the news online dressed in comfortable clothes. He didn't plan on going outside today. He was taking time to figure out many things on his mind.

The joy of reaching Tier-1, 9th Rank- Peak Stage had faded from his heart. Now he was thinking about his enemies.

Chapter 244: Confronting the guards!

Central University 14:

Jeremy is pondering. He feels a sense of urgency to figure out the enemies. He knows someone from Goldcorp is targeting him. At the same time, he is suspicious of the senior students.

He doesn't know why, but he thinks the 2nd-year Senior Billy is up to no good. Billy and 3rd-year Senior Timothy have shown too much hostility before.

He doesn't think they would be patient enough to let the STRIKER Department grow. He is pondering where to start.

As a first-year student, it's difficult for him to investigate the Goldcorp organization. All he can do is investigate the killers. The worm beasts have taken care of his enemies.

It can't be said to occur the same next time. So Jeremy chooses to equip himself with weapons. He already has cold weapons with him: a katana sword and a basic knife.

He is thinking about getting firearms as well, such as handguns and long-range guns. Because of the Beast Taming Profession, these firearms are not popular nowadays.

But still, people use them to target low-tier beasts. In Particular, criminals use firearms for assassination because they are the most effective. Unless they have assassin-type Lifeline beasts, which are even rarer.

After gaining some clarity in his thoughts, Jeremy decides to visit the store. So he stands up and begins to get ready.

About 20 minutes later,

He is dressed in uniform. After seeing himself in the mirror, he walks out of the room. Soon, he reaches the first floor and exits the dorm building.

While leaving, he thinks about his parents. If his father learns about the assassination attempt, then he would surely request help from the Human Alliance.

Sigh!

A helpless sigh escapes his mouth as he thinks about it. Then he starts striding toward the entrance gate. It doesn't take long for him to get there.

Just as he is about to exit, the two guards block his path. A quick gleam flashes in Jeremy's eyes. He recalls these two people's suspicious gazes from the previous time.

He knows something is wrong with them.

"What are you doing?" Jeremy asks.

His gaze falls on the two middle-aged men.

The two middle-aged men look at each other. One of them steps forward and says, "We got instructions to stop you. You can't leave the campus without permission."

"What?"

"Nonsense," Jeremy utters before trying to walk past them.

The middle-aged man's face turns ugly. They have already been bribed by the 2nd-year student Billy. They have orders from the management to stop Jeremy Night.

So nothing is stopping them right now. They are Tier-3 Beast Tamers. They can easily stop a first-year student. The middle-aged man turns around to capture Jeremy Night.

Jeremy, who is getting closer to the gate, feels someone closing in. At this time, his senses are heightened as he catches a figure trying to grab him through a side glance.

Swoosh!

Jeremy evades him by moving his body sideways. Then he looks at the middle-aged man. The middle-aged man is dumbfounded.

The other guard, who is watching the scene, is stunned. They don't know how a Tier-1 Beast Tamer can have such reactions.

Without looking at them further, Jeremy rushes toward the gate.

"Stop him!" the middle-aged man shouts.

The other guard darts forward as well. But they are a step too late. They underestimate Jeremy Night. Because of that, he easily exits the gate and comes to the street.

Shortly afterward,

The two guards walk out with anger on their faces. They see Jeremy Night getting into a cab. One of them tries to stop him, but his colleague stops him.

"Let's complain to the management. He won't have an easy time after breaking the rules," the guard says.

Hearing that, his friend nods. Then he thinks of something before saying, "We have to inform Young Master Billy as well. He will surely reward us with money."

"Good idea," his colleague says.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy enters the air cab and leaves the place. He doesn't know why the guards tried to block him, but he guesses it has something to do with the wilderness incident.

Instead of catching the criminals, they are trying to restrict him. He is disappointed in them.

First-Year Department Head Office:

Old Man Derek is going through files. He receives a call from the management office. He answers the call and finds out that Jeremy Night has left the campus.

"What?" His expression changes drastically.

He stands up from his seat. His eyes flash with anger. He doesn't know why that brat is causing problems. Clearly, someone is after his life. Then why does he leave the campus at this time?

He then leaves the office and goes to the entrance gate. When he gets there, he sees Jacob speaking to the guards.

"What's going on?"

"Didn't you tell the brat not to go outside?" he asks Jacob.

"Elder, I didn't inform Jeremy because he was taking a rest. But I didn't expect him to leave campus right away," Jacob says in a sad tone.

"You..." Old Man Derek wants to say something, but because of the guards' presence, he stops.

"Both of you are Tier-3 Beast Tamers, but you can't stop a first-year student," Derek questions them.

Hearing that, both guards' faces turn pale with fright. They don't realize the matter is serious.

Seeing the frightened expressions of the guards, Derek glares at them in anger before asking them to return to their posts.

When the two guards leave the area, Derek turns toward Jacob.

"What's going on with the kid now?"

"Is he going to the wilderness again?" Derek asks.

"Elder, I'm calling him right now," Jacob says.

When the call is connected, Jacob asks Jeremy about his whereabouts. After learning that Jeremy is visiting the Beast Taming Store, he sighs in relief.

Then he tells him about the travel ban during the call. Jeremy is shocked, but he doesn't want to argue on the call. So he decides to discuss this after his return.

When the call ends, Jacob turns toward Elder Derek.

He says, "Jeremy is going to the Beast Taming Store. I informed him about the ban. He was displeased, but he is going to return."

Derek's eyebrows relax. He then utters, "He better be."

Chapter 245: One week training plan.

Store:

Jeremy arrived at the store related to the Beast Taming Association. He walked into the shop and found the staff to inquire about the firearms.

The staff looked at him in surprise because he was a Tier-1 Beast Tamer. Normally, beast tamers detest using firearms because you can't kill Tier-3 and above beasts with them; their scales are hardened.

Even the most powerful firearms are useless against the Colossal Corrupted Beasts. Only advanced energy weapons are useful, but they are restricted for public use.

They are used by the human alliance, so he could only settle for basic firearms.

"I'm buying for safety reasons, so bring me handgun types," Jeremy said with a smile.

The staff nodded before leaving to bring out the products.

Jeremy waited for a few minutes. Then he saw the staff coming back with a few products in his hands.

"Guest, we have a few handgun types with us. Can you tell us what you want?" the staff asked.

"I need an old-era semi-automatic pistol," Jeremy replied.

He could buy better weapons, but he didn't have any need for that. The basic weapon does the same job.

"Okay, we have this product called a cold handgun. It was popular back in the days before the mutation era. Nowadays, only a few manufacturers are producing it," the staff explained.

"Hmmm," Jeremy nodded before picking a black handgun. He then started to check the gun by removing the magazine.

Then he began to observe and check the frame, slide, barrel, trigger, striker, and magazine cartridge.

After checking the safety and sights, he saw that every part was in perfect condition. He decided to buy it and didn't even bother to check other weapons.

"I need this cold gun," Jeremy said before starting to assemble the weapon.

In the blink of an eye, he assembled the handgun and held it in one hand. Now that he had bought the weapon, he had to practice the necessary skill set as well.

As far as he knew, nobody taught firearms skills at the university. It was basically old school; he could only rely on himself.

The staff then took the cold gun and started packaging it. Jeremy then thought about something before asking the staff to bring some magazines loaded with bullets as well.

Shortly afterward,

Jeremy left the shop after buying the weapon. He came to the street, but he did not leave right away. He started to think about learning how to use the gun.

He thought it would be better if there were a training place. If it were normal times, he could go back to the university and search for one.

But he now knew that the management had banned his travel. The assassination attempt must have shocked them; he couldn't blame them.

So Jeremy decided to enter a coffee shop. He planned to search while enjoying the coffee. He then started to look around.

This road is one of the main roads of City A. There are shops running on both sides of the street. It didn't take him long to find the nearest shop.

Jeremy walked into the place. He then found a private room and entered inside. There was no one to disturb him here.

So he ordered the coffee before taking out his digital device to do some searching.

A few minutes later,

The staff brought him the coffee. He nodded to the staff before continuing his search. Jeremy's eyes flashed with a glint; he was surprised to find out there was a gun club in this city.

But the problem was that the gun club was not for the public; it was related to the city police. Only members of the city police were allowed to train there.

He thought that firearms were things of the past, but he hadn't expected the city to have a gun club here. Maybe they were trying to carry on the past tradition.

In any case, it was useful for him. He just needed a week's class to learn, and then he would improve his skills while training in the wilderness.

After making the decision, he started to enjoy the coffee.

Buzz!

Suddenly, he received a call from a known person. The caller was none other than City Police Captain Nathan. His mouth twitched.

He thought that Elder Derek had informed him. Then he answered the call.

"Jeremy Night, where are you?"

"I heard you went outside. It would be helpful if we could meet and discuss," Nathan's voice sounded.

Hearing that, Jeremy agreed and relayed his address. He wanted to have a week's training at the gun club. Since Captain Nathan was going to come here, he decided to ask him in person.

About 20 minutes later,

A middle-aged man entered the room. He was none other than Captain Nathan.

Upon seeing Jeremy, he was speechless. Usually, people targeted by their enemies would stay low-key, but this kid dared to come outside to have coffee.

He then smiled and said, "I heard you are giving headaches to the elders."

He sat opposite Jeremy Night.

Hearing that, Jeremy replied, "Captain, I came outside to take some measures."

Nathan raised his eyebrows in surprise.

He asked, "What is it?"

Jeremy thought it was the right time to ask him. He then started to tell him about his plan to use a handgun.

"Captain Nathan, if possible, I need a week's training at your gun club," Jeremy asked.

"Gun club," Nathan uttered in surprise. He hadn't expected Jeremy Night to figure out their gun club as well. It was old school; not many people used firearms in the era of beast tamers.

People who used firearms mostly didn't have beast taming talent, but he was impressed with Jeremy's plan. He had thought this kid was not serious about his life.

But now he has changed his mind. This kid was really serious. If he could learn to use firearms, then he could trouble those killers.

A quick gleam flashed in Nathan's eyes.

"Alright, I'll get you one week's permission. But don't forget to ask permission from the university," Nathan said.

"Okay," Jeremy replied. He was glad that things worked out.

Chapter 246: Gunclub!

Central University 14:

The second-year student Billy received the news from the guard a few minutes earlier. He was shocked to the core. He didn't know that the university had put a travel ban on Jeremy Night.

He was shocked again to find that Jeremy Night was safe and sound. He thought that the mercenaries' actions might have exposed him.

Otherwise, the university wouldn't react this way. He was still not clear about the management's decision. He chose to find out the details first.

He feared that his name had been exposed. He wanted to confirm that this matter had nothing to do with him.

Meanwhile,

Department Head Derek and Instructor Jacob were yet to report to Dean Carolyn. They were thinking that Jeremy Night would eventually return.

As time passed, Instructor Jacob couldn't stay calm. He then called Jeremy back and found that he was with Captain Nathan.

Only then was he relaxed. Eventually, Department Head Derek allowed Jeremy Night to spend a little more time outside.

They were already cooperating with Captain Nathan, so they felt it was normal for Captain Nathan to speak with Jeremy Night.

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Cafe:

"So, when do you want to practice?" Nathan asked.

"I would be happy if it's right away," Jeremy replied.

He had just gotten permission from Instructor Jacob, so he didn't want to waste the day.

Nathan's eyes flashed with a glint. They had yet to find any leads in this case. Clearly, Jeremy Night was targeted by someone.

According to the list, many mercenary teams failed to return to the city gate when Jeremy was attacked. He knew about the missing mercenary teams.

One of the teams had tried to kill Jeremy Night, but they were eliminated by a Tier-5 Beast, according to Jeremy Night's statement.

If he could have this kid around the police area, he could find out who was targeting him. He thought the people behind the attack could target the kid again.

"Okay. Let's leave. I'll take you to our gun club," Nathan said.

"Thank you, Captain Nathan," Jeremy said.

Then they exited the shop and went to the street. Jeremy entered the police car, and Nathan sat in the driver's seat. He then started driving toward the gun club.

About 20 minutes later,

They reached the private area. Only officials were allowed here. It's the safest place in City A. Not even the people of Goldcorp can come here.

Nathan parked the car in front of the building. It was the gun club building. Jeremy then stepped out of the car and started to look around.

He found that the place was enclosed on all four sides. The compound walls stretched over 10 feet high.

Jeremy sighed inwardly. There was no noise whatsoever. Hardly anyone could be seen walking on the street. The place was calm and serene.

"Jeremy, let's go inside," Nathan said.

Hearing that, he turned around and started following him from behind. Then they walked into the building.

What greeted them was a wide shooting range. With proper setups and safety arrangements, there were even noise-cancellation walls. No one could hear anything from outside.

Captain Nathan walked to the office. He then saw two staff members working there—one male and one female. They were police trainees. They had been posted here to look after the gun club.

Nathan looked at the staff before saying, "His name is Jeremy Night. He is a first-year student at Central University. He will be learning about firearms for a week."

Hearing that, both staff members were shocked. They hadn't seen anyone coming from the university before, as firearms skills were less sought after.

"Jessy, you can teach him how to use a handgun first, and then you can teach him other long-range weapons," Nathan instructed the female staff member.

Jessy, the brown-haired middle-aged woman, nodded her head.

Nathan then turned towards the male staff member. His name was Max. He was a short-haired middle-aged man.

"Max, I want you to monitor the gun club while the kid is training here. If anyone comes here during his training, you should inform me right away," Nathan said.

"Okay, Captain," Max replied.

He could tell that the identity of the young man was unusual. No one was allowed to come to their private area, especially civilians.

Since a university student had come for the first time, he thought that the kid's identity was extraordinary.

On the other hand, Jeremy walked around before coming to Captain Nathan.

"Jeremy Night, the two staff will help you learn about firearms. They are Max and Jessy. If I have any free time, I'll come by to see you."

"You don't have to wait for me here. I'll inform the guards. From tomorrow onwards, you can come here on your own," Nathan said to Jeremy.

Hearing that, Jeremy thanked him again. It was a great opportunity to learn new skills. Captain Nathan then left the place.

He was going to continue his investigation.

Jeremy then found the middle-aged woman guiding him to the shooting range. When they arrived, she started to explain to him about the different types of firearms.

A few minutes later,

She picked up a handgun and started to teach him about it. Jeremy's eyes turned serious. He couldn't be complacent, so he started to observe.

Like a sponge, he was absorbing the knowledge. Some of the information he had learned online, while some of it was new.

Finally, when she finished her explanation, she took a deep look at him.

Jessy said, "I don't know why you wanted to learn how to use firearms. It can only help you fight against lower-tier beasts."

"Since Captain Nathan has given me a task, I'll teach you now how to use it. But I won't be explaining the same thing again. It's up to you to grasp the knowledge," she added.

"Thank you," Jeremy replied.

Jessy nodded her head before picking up the handgun. Next, she raised her right hand and aimed at the shooting target. Her posture was correct, as if she had done it many times before.

Jeremy began to notice every detail.

Shortly afterwards,

Bang!

Jessy fired the shot at the target. A fast projectile was released from the handgun. It cut through the air before hitting the target over 10 meters away.

Gasp!

A low exclamation escaped from Jeremy's mouth because he saw her aim was accurate. The bullet pierced through the center black spot.

Jeremy thought if the small firearm had the power of the energy guns used by the Human Alliance, then people who were not Beast Tamers could learn to protect themselves.

"How is it?" Jessy asked.

"It was amazing," Jeremy didn't shy away from showing appreciation.

A hint of approval flashed in Jessy's eyes. She thought this kid was not arrogant, which improved her mood.

She then said, "First, let me teach you breath control. Once you can do it, then I'll teach you about the stance."

Hearing that, Jeremy replied, "Okay."

"I don't know how much you can learn in one week, but one week is not enough. There is breath control, stance, sliding, sights, and trigger control. Finally, you have to be distraction-free from the recoil effect."

"So it might take more than one week. Since you have only got one week's permission, try to learn it fast," Jessy said, sharing her honest opinion.

Hearing that, Jeremy was stunned. It was not that he didn't know about these concepts, but he was relying on his Supreme Combat Body Talent.

He could easily learn these things with the help of his talent, but he didn't think it was necessary to tell her.

"Okay, let's start with breath control," Jessy said.

Jeremy nodded to her. She then started to explain breath control, showing how to exhale and release the breath at the right time.

Meanwhile,

Max was monitoring the gun club. Even though it felt like a small task, he was taking it seriously. As a police trainee, it was already rare for anyone to get attention from a senior officer.

So Max didn't want to lose the chance. He started to pay attention to his surroundings.

Time passed,

Jeremy began to practice breath control as well. Thanks to his talent, he was able to learn and apply it quickly.

Jessy was shocked. She thought the kid would take a day or two to learn, but she didn't expect him to grasp it in just a few minutes.

Time passed

Seeing the kid's steady inhale and exhale, she was even more shocked. More importantly, she felt he was able to do the right pause at the end.

His grip on the handgun handle was firm from beginning to end. She was really impressed.

She thought if he continued to learn at this speed, then he could gain some expertise in using the handgun. But she didn't want to tell him.

She continued to maintain a stern attitude.

Shortly afterward,

She started to teach him about the slides, sights, and trigger control. It didn't take long for Jeremy Night to learn every concept, including aiming and withstanding the recoil effect.

Before he could practice with the live firearm, it was already nighttime, so he stopped and decided to come back the next day.

Chapter 247: A week gone by!

Gunclub:

A week passed in the blink of an eye.

Jeremy is spending his last day at the club. In this one week, he has grown his skills in using a handgun firearm. To be honest, he was shocked by the usefulness of his own talent.

He had made the right bet by trusting his own talent, and with the help of the Supreme Combat Body Talent, he learned to use a handgun well. Now he can shoot down the target with good accuracy.

But it was not at the level of Ms. Jessy. She has honed her skills for a long time, whereas he had merely taken advantage of his talent.

Jeremy picked up a handgun and started firing at the moving targets.

Bang! Bang!

The bullets pierced through the air before hitting the target accurately.

His posture was good, and the recoil force didn't affect him. Jeremy thinks that the time has come to try it on the lower-tier beasts. For that, he has to visit the wilderness again.

More importantly, he has been staying at the Tier-1 limit for more than a week. He thinks the time has come for him to reach Tier-2 as well.

But the problem is the university. He was only allowed to come and train in the facility; he was still banned from entering the wilderness.

On the other hand, Jessy was shocked to the core. She has seen personally how this young man has gone from knowing nothing to the level of handling a handgun well in the span of one week.

If he continues to improve at this speed, she thinks Jeremy Night will become a handgun expert. Captain Nathan has asked her to teach him about long-range firearms as well.

But Jeremy Night rejected it. He has simply stuck to practicing with the handgun. Because of that, he yielded results.

After seeing that he stopped firing, she walked up to him.

Jessy said, "You have learned well to use the handgun. Hereafter, you can practice on your own. There is nothing more for me to teach you here."

Hearing that, Jeremy Night thanked her. If not for her teachings, he would have had a hard time figuring things out on his own.

Meanwhile,

Max is monitoring the club for the last time. In this past week, none had come to bother Jeremy Night. He was safe here while training.

Shortly afterward,

Jeremy reported to Captain Nathan. Since it was his last day, he wanted to inform him before leaving. When the call was connected, Captain Nathan learned everything.

He was surprised by the learning speed of Jeremy Night. Then he figured out the reason for his fast improvement. After knowing about the Supreme Combat Body Talent, how could he remain still?

He made an offer to Jeremy Night. If he became a Tier-3 Beast Tamer in the future, he could assist their police department officially.

Jeremy said he would think about it. He is making plans to leave City A, so he didn't promise Captain Nathan anything.

Nathan didn't say anything. It's just that Jeremy Night's case didn't yield anything. He had thought someone would target Jeremy Night.

But nothing like that had happened in the past week. He thinks that they have given up after learning about Jeremy's current whereabouts.

Jeremy, on the other hand, made a request to Captain Nathan. He is planning to enter the wilderness again, but the university has imposed a travel ban on him.

So he asked Captain Nathan to talk to Dean Carolyn.

Captain Nathan agreed to do it. He doesn't think restricting Jeremy Night would do any good; the threat was always there.

After ending the call, Jeremy bid farewell to Jessy and Max. Then he left the gun club. It didn't take long for him to reach the university.

He didn't know whether Captain Nathan had contacted Dean Carolyn or not, but he quietly returned to his room.

Meanwhile,

Captain Nathan spoke to Dean Carolyn on the call. When he talked about Jeremy Night's travel ban, Dean Carolyn was puzzled.

But when she heard that Captain Nathan wanted to lift Jeremy's travel ban, she was taken aback by surprise. She didn't expect this request from Captain Nathan.

But she quickly figured out the ins and outs. The case was pending; there was no lead whatsoever. She understood Captain Nathan wanted to use Jeremy Night as bait.

She showed hesitation. Honestly, she had a few suspects in mind, but she didn't mention it to Captain Nathan. She thinks the families behind the senior students might have committed this act.

But it was her speculation alone. She doesn't want to confirm anything without getting input from Captain Nathan. She is also aware that Captain Nathan is in touch with Jeremy's parents as well, so she agreed to lift the ban in the end.

At the same time, she also made a request to him. She wanted to know every latest update regarding the case. Captain Nathan agreed on the call.

The following day,

Jeremy left the dormitory after getting ready. Upon reaching the class a couple of minutes later, he met with Instructor Jacob, who brought him the good news.

"Jeremy, you are allowed to leave. You can go to the wilderness now," Jacob said with a smile.

Hearing that, Jeremy was stunned before a smile appeared on his face as well. He understood Captain Nathan had succeeded in convincing Dean Carolyn.

Too bad, Daniel and Betsy were not there. Otherwise, he would have talked to them before leaving.

"Then I'm leaving for the wilderness now," Jeremy said.

A complex emotion appeared in Jacob's eyes.

He said, "Jeremy, wait a second. If you encounter a similar problem, what are you going to do?"

He doesn't think this kid can be lucky every time. If he gets caught by higher-tier beast tamers, then no one will rescue him.

"Instructor, don't worry. I'm not going deep into the wilderness. I'm just going to wander around the places near the city gate. If something comes up, I can always return to the City Gate," Jeremy assured him.

Jacob nodded his head. He knows Jeremy is smart, so he can trust him.

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Shortly afterwards,

Jeremy Night reaches the entrance gate to leave. But upon seeing the two guards, his eyes flash with a glint. He knows something is wrong with these guards, but he doesn't know how to find out the truth.

He shakes his head before casting his thoughts aside. Right now, his trip to the wilderness is important.

So he casts a glance at them before leaving through the gate. After coming to the street, he notices that the guards are looking at him. His eyes flash with displeasure.

He understands that these two are keeping an eye on him. Maybe they would share information with someone. And the likely person is none other than the senior students.

He then books an aircab.

Shortly afterwards,

When the aircab arrives at the spot, he enters the cab and tells the driver to visit the beast taming store. The cab hovers in the air before moving towards the destination.

Both the guards watch until the aircab leaves. Then they exchange looks with each other.

"He seems to be going to the same place somewhere in the city, but we don't know where. Let's inform young master Billy," the guard says.

Hearing that, his colleague nods before sending information to 2nd year student Billy.

Meanwhile,

Billy, who is in his class, receives the message. He takes a glance before minding his own business. A week ago, he learned that Jeremy Night was grounded.

The reason was unknown, but he was able to get answers from the City Guards. His actions had led to the involvement of the City Police. Now, a City Police Captain is handling the case.

So he has stopped his actions. Now, looking at the message again, he thinks Jeremy Night is going somewhere inside the city. So he ignores it.

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About 30 minutes later,

Jeremy arrives at the gate after finishing shopping. He has bought more poison for safety reasons. He then moves towards the exit to leave.

But the city guards recognize him. They immediately call their captain. When the thick-browed middle-aged man arrives, he is shocked to see this kid again.

"Kid, what are you doing here?"

"I heard you were grounded by the Dean of your University," he asks.

Hearing that, Jeremy doesn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Jeremy says, "I got permission to leave. Captain, you can verify it if you want."

The City Guard Captain nods before calling Captain Nathan. Then he quickly confirms that the kid got permission to leave. He ends the call and looks at the kid.

"Okay, you can leave. But if you come across any trouble again, you should return to the city," he says.

Hearing that, Jeremy nods to him and the others before leaving through the gate. He then looks around before entering the wilderness.

Today, he will know whether anyone is still following him or not. But his main goal is to reach Beast Taming Power Tier 2 and practice his handgun skills.

Chapter 248: Tier-2, 1st-Rank- Early Stage and New vision ability!

Wilderness:

Jeremy goes deep inside the inner part of the wilderness. He then starts heading towards the forbidden area. Not long after, he comes across a four-legged Tier-3 Corrupted Beast. It is gray in color.

Upon seeing the beast, his eyes flash with a glint. He puts back the katana blade and takes out his cold handgun.

Jeremy grips the handle in his right hand and points at the incoming beast. The corrupted beast circles around before dashing towards him.

Swoosh!

At this time, he calms his turbulent heart. His talents kick in, and his senses heighten. Because of this, he can aim better.

Bang!

At the right time, he fires at the beast's head. The bullet speeds through the air and goes straight through the beast's head.

Thud!

The beast drops dead on the ground. Jeremy looks at the gun in his hand and then smiles. This is his first kill using the firearm.

From now on, he can rely on the katana blade and handgun to kill the corrupted beasts. He then puts the gun back in his holster before leaving the area.

Time passes.

After a journey of more than two hours, he steps into a familiar place. It's called the Forbidden Area. Looking at the place, he can't help but think of the Tier-6 Worm Beast.

A quick gleam appears in his eyes. He is curious about the fate of the beast, but he is not going to check there right now. He believes that after reaching Tier-2, his strength will soar. Maybe then he can check out the black lake.

After entering the area, he starts looking around for the best place to practice. He has already felt the pure, rich natural energy here.

As long as he spends a few hours practicing the breathing method, he will evolve to Tier-2 power.

About 30 minutes later,

He comes across a man-made structure. The structure is in ruins. He is looking for a space to hide. The building appears to be a storeroom.

The first four rooms are in ruins, while the last room's ceiling and walls are somewhat intact. Seeing this, Jeremy raises his eyebrows in surprise.

Then he tries to enter the last room. When he gets inside, he sees a strange tree growing all over the place. Its roots have penetrated everywhere, and they are supporting the ceiling as well.

Jeremy is taken aback. He hasn't seen such a weird tree before. He continues to observe the tree. He doesn't feel any sense of crisis. Rather, he finds the tree to be an ordinary tree.

So he decides to practice here. He then takes out sensor gadgets and arranges them outside. Even if a higher-tier beast trespasses later, he will have a chance to react.

After doing that, he checks the surroundings before going back inside the room. He gives a look towards the weird tree before sitting cross-legged on the ground.

Then he closes his eyes and starts practicing the inner healing method. The pure natural energy in the surroundings is abundant.

Because of the weird tree, he finds that the natural energy is quite concentrated here. The natural energy enters his body, and he begins to circulate it according to the routes of the inner healing method.

The natural energy passes through his veins. As the energy flows, the body cells begin greedily absorbing it.

Feeling the long-lost sensation, his mouth curves into an arc. The natural energy here is many times better than in the city environment.

So, using this opportunity, he continues to practice. The unknown beast inside the mental zone is doing its part as well. It has been active ever since he walked into the Forbidden Area.

He doesn't need to remind me of it. The unknown beast egg is working tirelessly. Its energy requirements are so high that he has stopped thinking about when it will hatch.

After casting aside his thoughts, he continues his practice.

Time passes.

Night falls. At some point, he feels he has reached his limit. Then he suddenly gets feedback from the unknown beast egg.

His eyes flicker with a look of understanding. The next second, his heart rises with excitement. His unknown beast egg has reached Tier-2. Now it's giving him feedback.

Jeremy then focuses on absorbing the energy.

Click!

He feels some shackles breaking away from his body. His whole body continues to absorb the feedback energy greedily.

"Tier-2, 1st Rank - Early Stage," Jeremy thinks.

The change is also taking place in the mental zone. The black gate, which has concentric circles in it, begins to show changes.

These circles reflect the power stages of the Beast Tamer.

The first inner circle and its nine sub-blocks glow with white light, indicating the Tier-1 Power Stage. Now the second circle has been activated as well.

Now, the 2nd Circle's 1st - Early Stage sub-block is filled with light. It represents the Tier-2, 1st Rank - Early Stage power.

He then casts aside unnecessary thoughts and focuses on stabilizing his new strength. It doesn't take long for his strength to stabilize.

Just as he thinks it is over, he suddenly feels changes inside the mental zone. The white starlight energy surrounding the unknown egg begins to change.

The starlight energy coming from the unknown egg fills the mental zone. But its properties begin to change right now. The gas-like energy starts to condense. The white starlight energy is transforming into a liquid state.

Jeremy's heart races. It feels like he can do more with it.

Just as he thinks the changes are over and that he can try out the new starlight energy, the unknown egg starts shaking before shooting out two white streaks into his eyes.

Argh!

A muffled grunt escapes his mouth. Intense pain shoots through both of his eyes. He doesn't know what that is, but he can feel his eyes undergoing some changes.

Time passes.

He doesn't know how long it takes before the pain subsides. Jeremy rubs his eyes before opening them. Then he finds something amazing: his eyesight has changed.

He can see far away compared to before. His vision is crystal clear. He can zoom in and out. When he tries to do that...

Gasp!

A low exclamation escapes his mouth. He zooms in on the tiny water droplets on the leaves. When he zooms out, he finds that he can zoom in and zoom out over 50 meters away.

The next second, his eyes widened with ecstasy. He didn't expect the unknown beast egg to give him such a surprise. He had always thought that the starlight energy was a single ability of the beast.

But he didn't expect that the unknown beast egg would bring about changes upon reaching Tier-2. It has changed the starlight into a liquid state. It also granted him new vision abilities. The ability to zoom in and out is not an ordinary power.

He can spot the corrupted beasts from a long distance. Suddenly, he notices something happening in his vision. The wall has become transparent. He can see through it.

He can't believe his eyes, but he continues to stare at the wall. Then he sees it has become transparent. The green bushes on the other side are very visible to him.

Gasp!

Jeremy sucks in a cold breath of air. Then he closes his eyes and opens them the next moment. His vision has returned to normal.

"What?"

"What's going on?" Jeremy asks himself.

Then he calms his turbulent heart. He begins to ponder properly. He realizes that the new ability is a vision ability, but it has two functions.

First, he can zoom in and out. Second, he can see through objects. It's a transparent vision. Both of these abilities are deadly.

With the second ability, he can see through the organs of corrupted beasts. He can figure out their weaknesses and strike accordingly.

"Ha... Ha... Ha...", a joyful laugh escapes his mouth.

He is grateful to the unknown egg. It has given him an unexpected surprise.

Then Jeremy completely forgets about the outside noise, especially the enemies. Now that he has become a Tier-2 Beast Tamer, he believes in himself more.

He can handle things better. With the new eye ability granted by the unknown lifeline beast egg, he can do a lot more. He can even explore unexplored parts of the wilderness.

Not only that, but he thinks he could fight better against a Tier-4 Beast with his new eye ability. It had been a hard task for him to figure out the weaknesses of a Tier-4 Beast.

With his Tier-1 power earlier, he could only kill up to Tier-3 Corrupted Beasts with a little effort. But to fight a Tier-4 beast, he had felt pressure before.

Now, with this breakthrough, he feels more confident. He can't wait to fight against a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast. When the excitement settles down,

His expression turns serious. He decides to explore the black lake. He wants to see the fate of the Tier-6 Worm Beast. He doesn't know whether any remains of the worm beast are left.

If any corrupted beasts hinder him, he is confident enough to kill them with ease. But he chooses to go out in the morning. So, he closes his eyes and continues to practice.

Chapter 249: Experimenting with new ability

Wilderness,

The night passed, and no corrupted beasts passed by the place. When morning came, Jeremy Night opened his eyes. He looked at his strength, and a new wave of confidence rose in his heart.

The breakthrough was a timely one. He could now handle a lot of problems better. With morning light illuminating the place, he chose to leave.

Jeremy stood up and left the ruined building. He was now heading towards the black lake. He wouldn't be at ease unless he found out the fate of the Tier-6 worm that had threatened him that day.

Swoosh!

Just as he passed through the uneven path, an alarm went off in his senses. The next second, he thought the crisis must be nearby. He took out the katana blade and held it in his right hand. His eyes scanned for the threat.

Suddenly, his new eye ability came into play. He zoomed in and spotted a beast hiding behind the bushes. It was over 20 meters away. It was a green-colored snake beast.

It didn't give off any aura, but he thought it might be a Tier-3 beast because only Tier-3 corrupted beasts and above could give him a sense of crisis.

If it had been earlier, he wouldn't have doubted it. He might have had to engage it in close quarters. But right now, he could spot it from this distance. His mouth curved into an arc.

Not only could he see the snake clearly, but he could also spot its minute details as well. For example, he observed how thick the green scales of the beast were. He could only kill it by severing its head.

Swoosh!

Jeremy moved forward. While doing so, he started to circulate the new starlight energy for the first time. It felt like controlling a thick liquid in his body.

A stream of white liquid flowed from his palm and covered the katana's single edge in the blink of an eye.

A sharp glint flashed in his eyes. He sensed that the power of the starlight energy was stronger than before. The next second, he gripped the handle and dashed towards the beast.

Swoosh!

The Tier-3 snake was startled. It hadn't even engaged its prey; instead, the prey had spotted it. The beast's snake pupils flickered.

Swoosh!

It propelled forward like a projectile. Its body sped through the air while its fangs were aimed at the enemy.

Jeremy, who was moving forward, saw the beast's movement clearly a couple of meters away. He paused his movements and readied himself to attack the beast.

Both of his eyes focused on the beast. His heart calmed down. His senses heightened. As usual, the snake's speed slowed down in his eyes.

Not only that, but he could also zoom in on its neck. Seeing the transparent veins, his mouth curved into an arc. When the snake got closer to him—

Slice!

He swung the katana. The starlight-filled blade edge cut right through the neck before severing it completely.

Puchak!

Blood spread on the ground. The severed head and the rest of the massive body of the beast fell down to the ground. Jeremy was stunned. He looked at the blade because the blade's single edge was still covered with the starlight energy.

If it had been before the breakthrough, then the starlight energy would have disappeared. Now it has become a liquid state. The starlight energy would last longer.

Jeremy then cast aside his thoughts before heading towards the black lake. As time passed, he crossed the hard paths before arriving at the black lake.

As he entered the area, he felt the same heart palpitations. Even after becoming a Tier-2 Beast Tamer, the sense of crisis emanating from this place remained the same.

Jeremy then walked forward toward the shore. He then saw the remains of the beast, which was the hardened hydrostatic skeleton. The skeleton stretched over 30 meters.

Gasp!

A low gasp escaped his mouth. Jeremy stared at the skeleton while his heart set off storms. He recalled the previous memory.

At that time, escaping from this place, he had heard some noise. The worm beast must have been attached to something at that time.

Goosebumps spread all over his body at the thought of it. He knew this place was dangerous. Having satisfied his curiosity, he chose to leave.

Splash!

The next moment, something emerged from the water. A black beast touched the lake shore. Jeremy saw the beast from the corner of his eye without turning back entirely.

Swoosh!

Even before he reached the entrance to leave the area, the black beast came rushing towards him. Jeremy sped off without thinking further.

He used the "Explosive Steps" to escape. Though he had become a Tier-2 Beast Tamer, it was still risky to engage this strange beast.

He couldn't judge the tier of the beast. It could either be a higher-tier beast or possess stealth abilities.

On the other hand, the black beast was none other than the black crocodile. This fierce crocodile beast had threatened Beast Tamers before.

Seeing another prey fleeing from its territory, the black crocodile gave chase. It was not entirely bound to the black lake; it could still move around the forbidden area.

Jeremy Night was not naive. He had made mistakes in the past. He knew that a beast from the black lake had previously walked out. Now it is happening again.

So he ran nonstop without looking back. But he could still sense the beast chasing him from behind. He used his movement technique, yet the beast could still see his back.

Jeremy's back went cold at the thought of it. It didn't take long for him to return to the entrance land. Now the area has become more open and wide.

Nothing concealed the threats in the surroundings. The feeling of something chasing him was gone. Jeremy then stopped his movements and turned around. He wanted to see whether the black lake beast was still pursuing him.

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Rustle!

The black crocodile beast, about 40 ft in length, approached him. Jeremy was still clueless about the beast's strength, so he chose to use the handgun.

He put the katana blade back into his storage ring and took out the handgun.

His eyes stared at the beast. He found that the beast looked menacing when zoomed in. The black scales covered its body like a coat.

It would be interesting if he used his new starlight ability, but right now, he decided to use the handgun.

The black crocodile gently moved forward upon seeing the standstill prey.

Boom!

Yet suddenly, it propelled forward at great speed. The shockwave spread with a booming sound.

Jeremy's eyes flickered. He used his vision ability and zoomed in on the incoming beast's eyes.

Bang! Bang!

Jeremy fired a continuous round the next moment. The bullets cut through the air before piercing the beast's eyes.

Puchak!

The hot blood sprayed on the ground. The beast roared out loud the next moment. Jeremy didn't pull the trigger; he found that the beast's brain was crushed.

The next second, the beast died unwillingly. This all happened within seconds.

Sigh!

Jeremy heaved a sigh of relief. He didn't expect that he could kill the Black Lake beast. Then he walked up to the corpse out of curiosity.

From the very beginning, he had thought that the beast living in the black lake was quite special.

After arriving in front of the beast, he discovered one important thing, which sent shockwaves through his heart.

He then touched the beast's corpse and took out a knife to cut it open. He started from the soft abdomen and began to examine the body.

A few minutes later,

"It's a Tier-2 Corrupted Beast," he uttered in shock. He thought he was being chased by a higher-tier beast, but it turned out to be a Tier-2 Beast.

"No wonder it couldn't react to the gunshot," Jeremy thought.

If it were a higher-tier beast, he thought, the beast would have reacted better. After calming his heart, he looked at the beast. If he decided to sell it, it would fetch a good amount of money, but there was a risk.

He knew people might ask about its origin. He didn't think it was wise to tell anyone. This place was still a paradise for him; he could use it as a personal space for practice.

After gaining some clarity in his thoughts, he put the handgun back in its holster. Jeremy decided to leave the corpse here.

Swoosh!

After glancing around the surroundings, he turned to leave.

Time went by,

Jeremy came out of the forbidden area in a short time. His speed was fast because of the breakthrough, and he then continued to run towards the City Gate.

Before dusk came, he arrived at the outer part of the wilderness. The city gate was near but Jeremy was still keeping an eye on the surroundings.

He had left the forbidden area, but he knew that there could still be mercenaries around here.

Chapter 250: I slipped back quietly

City gate:

Jeremy soon reached the city gate. He did not come across any danger, but he was still vigilant. He was using his new vision to observe the surroundings after arriving at the gate, to see if anyone was following him.

His eyes were constantly zooming in and out. If he found anyone suspicious, he used his zooming ability to confirm their facial expressions. But so far, no one had looked at him. This indicated that there were no killers after him today.

"The new vision ability is a lifesaver," he thought, especially in situations where he was facing a threat.

10 minutes later,

Jeremy walked back into the city. Some of the city guards were already familiar with him because of previous incidents. Seeing him safe and sound, they didn't raise any questions.

Jeremy nodded to them before heading to the main street. He was glad that no one had tried to see through his strength. But he was worried that he would be exposed to either Instructor Jacob or Department Head Derek.

Though he thought it would be hard for people to figure out his strength unless he voluntarily released his aura, after gaining some clarity in his thoughts, he entered the flying cab to return to the university.

Not long after, he returned to the university. Both the guards saw him, but Jeremy ignored them and started heading toward the dorm room.

The time was already close to nighttime. Today was a great day for him, but he had experienced terrible emotions. The black lake beast had given him a real scare. Fortunately, things hadn't turned bad for him.

Soon, he returned to the room and went to sleep.

Meanwhile,

Both the guards did not fail to inform their benefactor. Billy, who received the news, didn't show any reaction. Even if Jeremy Night went to the wilderness, he wouldn't mind.

Ever since he had learned that the city police were investigating the case, he chose to stay low-key. So after getting the information, he didn't react but minded his own business.

This didn't mean that he had given up his actions against the STRIKER Department. He was going to create problems, but the problems wouldn't involve the city police or any other forces.

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City C:

Ron Night had been receiving updates from the private investigators who were handling the case of his son. There were unknown killers after his son. So far, their identities were unclear.

But the investigators helped him clear his mind. Though they failed to find Jeremy's real enemy, they were able to identify potential suspects.

Among them, the foremost were the Central University 14's senior instructors and students. Ron was shocked to the core when he learned the news.

Only after going through the full information was he able to know that the senior students and the families behind them didn't like the idea of redeveloping the STRIKER Department.

The private investigators suspected the rich families. They could employ mercenaries to deal with his son, although this was not confirmed.

As the City Governor of City C, he also knew about mercenaries—how they operated, their likes and dislikes. Therefore, he suspected the big families as well.

Unfortunately, he couldn't file a complaint without evidence. If he submitted his complaints to the Human Alliance with concrete evidence, then the Human Alliance would definitely help him.

So he had requested the private investigators to do their best. Currently, they are staying in City A, monitoring Jeremy Night discreetly.

But they didn't know that Jeremy Night had gone to the wilderness and returned without alerting anyone.

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The following day,

Jeremy Night woke up. After getting out of bed, he started his morning routine. It had been some time since he felt this refreshed, without tension in his mind.

Maybe it was because of the breakthrough or due to his new abilities.

Time went by.

When it was time for classes, he exited the dormitory and made his way toward the department building. He could be quickly promoted to the 2nd year because the 2nd years were just Tier-2 Beast Tamers.

If he showed his strength, the whole university would be alarmed. But he didn't want to do that. He knew that tall trees attract winds.

He had already made enemies. If he revealed his strength, he could make enemies of the families behind S-Graders. With this thought in mind, he arrived at the Department Building.

With his new vision ability, he could clearly see the different reactions from the students of the Medicine and Mercenary Departments. His mouth curved into an arc.

With this vision ability and new starlight ability, his future journey would be smooth. He then came to class and saw Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe.

"Jeremy!"

"Brother Jeremy!"

Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe called out his name.

"Hi, what are you guys doing?" Jeremy asked.

They had no clue that Jeremy had been to the wilderness.

"We were training hard separately. Brother Jeremy, why don't we go on another mission?" Daniel asked.

Betsy expressed the same sentiment on her face.

But Jeremy was stunned. He knew the dangers surrounding him. Previously, they had seen them too.

"Did you guys suffer any head injuries?"

"Captain Nathan is still looking for the mastermind. I'm not safe yet. If you come with me, we could face similar dangerous situations," Jeremy said in a serious tone.

He wondered whether these two were joking with him.

"Brother, we know. It's just that we wanted to gain more experience," Daniel said with regret.

"There's a chance that we could come across Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts in the wilderness," Betsy added with her beautiful voice.

"Sigh!"

Jeremy let out a sigh.

"You guys can explore the wilderness next year. Most of the seniors did the same. It's just that I can fight across tiers, so I'm taking the risk to enter the wilderness."

"But still, the wilderness is not safe for me," Jeremy added.

Hearing that both showed some understanding. But their disappointment was visible on their faces.