

STRIKER 281

Chapter 281: Part 1: Evaluation for Genius List

Room:

When the call was connected, Jeremy learned everything from Instructor Jacob. After ending the call, he began to ponder.

He didn't expect the 2 S-Graders to accept the facts quickly.

He thought they would create a problem since they were convinced it meant the families behind them were convinced as well.

Then he heard that his ban was lifted as well. Now he could go to the wilderness without any problem.

It's time for him to reach the Peak stage. After gaining some clarity in his thoughts, he went back to sleep.

The next morning,

After getting ready, he checked his storage ring, seeing that the combat uniform, basic knife, gadgets, and other important items were there.

He decided to leave. After turning around, he exited the room. Then he walked out of the dormitory and started walking toward the main gate.

Soon, he reached the main gate and exited through it. The 2 guards didn't pay that much attention.

He then came to the main street and booked a flying taxi cab. The cab arrived at the spot shortly afterward.

Jeremy entered the cab and sat in the back seat. He told the driver to drop him at the City Gate entrance.

At the same time, Jeremy watched the surroundings through the window. The unsolved case was still at the back of his mind.

The Red Squad Team didn't seem to be taking any action either, so he could enter the wilderness for training.

Buzz!

The cab driver started driving. The car hovered above the ground before it started moving toward the destination.

In the cab, he couldn't help but recall last night's conversation with Instructor Jacob.

He wondered what May Lindsey and Victor Scott were doing right now. He doubted whether they could kill a Tier-4 Beast with their current strength.

Then he thought of something. He seemed to have left abruptly without informing Instructor Jacob.

So he called him and informed him about his plan to practice in the wilderness. Jacob was not surprised; he was expecting this to happen.

But he made one point very clear, which was to keep updating him. Jeremy agreed to do that.

About 10 minutes later,

The driver dropped him at the entrance of the City Gate. There were already Beast Tamers standing in line.

Jeremy quickly joined the line. The City Guards started to check IDs before allowing Beast Tamers to enter the wilderness.

Soon, it was his turn. The Guards were surprised upon seeing him. This time he came alone without Instructor Jacob.

He could see the doubt in their eyes.

"The ban was lifted," Jeremy said.

Hearing that, the Guards were stunned.

"Wait for a second!"

"I'll report to the Captain," one of the guards said before leaving.

Seeing that, Jeremy frowned. It didn't take long for the thick-browed middle-aged man to arrive.

"Is this true?" he asked.

"You can ask my instructor," Jeremy replied.

Then the City Guard Captain made a phone call on the spot. After confirming the news was true, he let Jeremy Night enter the wilderness.

Jeremy felt it was too much, but he understood that it must be Captain Nathan behind all of this.

He wondered whether he was still looking for the identity of the mastermind.

With all the things happening at the University, it was not difficult to see the problem with the senior students.

He then pushed down the unnecessary thoughts before starting to go toward the Forbidden Area.

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Human Alliance HQ:

Somewhere in a distant land, a place surrounded by mountains. The place is located in such a spot that even the colossal beasts can't invade.

High-tech modern building structures can be seen. The place is a highly fortified facility. This place is the Headquarters of the Human Alliance.

In one of the buildings, an important meeting is taking place. Several people are discussing the Genius List.

The Human Alliance received more than 100 recommendations for this year, but not everyone's name can be included.

The people here are going to evaluate the information of recommended Beast Tamers. A few of the people here are Genius High-Tier Beast Tamers.

Most of their talents are S-Grade. Only a few exceptional cases have A-Grade Talent here. They are going to select a final few to add to the Genius List.

There are numerous benefits for Beast Tamers on the Genius List.

If any powerful beast-taming talents are discovered in advance, they can be recruited for a special training program.

As time passes, the officials begin to go through one beast-taming talent's information after another.

When it's time for Zone 14, the name Jeremy Night appears on the screen with the evidence.

[Name: Jeremy Night.

Tier: Tier-1, 9th Rank - Peak Stage.

Talent Grade: A Grade.

Beast Taming Talent: Supreme Combat Body.

Lifeline Beast: No record.

Zone: 14

City: A

Current Status: 1st year, STRIKER Department Class Monitor.

Record: Tier-4 Fierce Hound Beast Kill.

Evidence: Video footage.]

The officials' gazes fell on the screen. Both the male and female officials were taken aback by the information.

Especially the information mentioned in the record. Some of their interest waned after seeing the A-Grade Talent.

For their special program, they needed truly exceptional S-Grade Talents. Then they noticed it was a physique-type talent.

This made them lose further interest.

Those who were interested asked the assistant to play the video. Then everyone saw the talent named Jeremy Night.

Seeing how the young, handsome kid was facing the Tier-4 Hound Corrupted Beast, everyone was impressed right away.

Because it's not every day you can see Tier-1 hunting Tier-4 Beasts. It usually happens in the case of S-Grade Talents.

But here, an A-Grade talent was facing the Tier-4 Beast. Then they saw how Jeremy Night slayed the Tier-4 Fierce Hound in two moves.

Quiet!

The next second, there was a pin-drop silence. They could tell that the person behind the camera was shocked as well.

When it comes to authentication, they would do the rest after the selection. But right now, everyone is dumbfounded.

For geniuses, fighting beyond levels is a common thing. But here, a Tier-1 Beast Tamer had fought beyond 3 levels to complete a kill.

After a few seconds of silence, a fierce discussion started. If the evidence turned out to be true, then some were ready to give chances to Jeremy Night.

Because not every day can you find the talent who fights across three levels. Yet there is another group that is against it. They simply wanted an S-Grade to take a place.

Because if Jeremy Night takes the place, then some S-Grade talent might miss out on the chance. So they still prefer S-Grade talents over Jeremy Night.

If no S-Grade talent impressed them, then they could consider Jeremy Night.

After an intense argument, the officials decided to go through the rest of the list before making conclusions.

Time passed,

They waited until dusk before going through the review of other recommended geniuses. Unfortunately, Jeremy's brilliance was overshadowed by the emergence of S-Grade talents and their high bloodline lifeline beasts.

After going through more than 100 recommended talents, the officials selected the final 20 to add to the genius list. Those who supported Jeremy Night earlier became silent.

Because the appearance of a few S-Grade talents had shocked them. Compared to Jeremy Night, they were willing to invest in the S-Grade talents more.

Apart from Jeremy Night's record of impressively killing a Tier-4 beast, his other records didn't impress the officials. His lifeline beast was not recorded as well.

This further reduced his chances. Still, there are people who noted down Jeremy Night's name. Though he can't enter the genius list, they think Jeremy's talent can be used in case of emergencies.

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Wilderness:

Jeremy returned to the Forbidden Area. Then he went to the previous cave spot which was surrounded by numerous mounds.

The next second, the unknown beast egg started to absorb the natural energy from the surroundings. After noticing that, he quickened his pace towards the cave.

When he arrived there, he saw that the place had remained the same. There was no sign of corrupted beasts' presence here. It made him up his guard.

Last time, he saw that same situation. But he didn't take it seriously at that time. Now this place had no corrupted beasts, which puzzled him even more.

"How could one place be so different from others?" he thought.

Before getting into the investigation, he decided to attempt to break through first. Last time, he broke through to Mid-Stage. This time he wanted to break through to Peak Stage as well.

He quickly entered the cave and started to check the place. After making sure there were no beasts hiding there, he started taking out the gadgets and placed them at the entrance of the cave.

If a beast trespassed here, he would know. After doing all of that, he found a bedrock and sat cross-legged on it. Then he started running the breathing method.

Slowly, the natural energy entered his body. During the circulation, the natural energy was being greedily absorbed by the call.

Seeing that, he continued to repeat the process.

Chapter 282: Part 2: Evaluation for Genius List and Shadow Moon Organisation

Human Alliance HQ:

The meeting ended with a good result. They were able to review and select top geniuses. Those who were left behind were not truly left behind.

These officials came from different zones, even though they are part of the Human Alliance now. Before coming here, they were part of different Beast Taming Forces.

More than 100 names were recommended, but only the final 20 were selected. The rest of the geniuses could still become pillars of other Beast Taming Forces.

It's like the second-best thing is going to happen for them, though they failed to enter the genius list. If their future achievements are good enough, then they can become part of the Human Alliance.

Among the beast taming forces, there are powerful factions from the top 10 zones, including the Beast Taming Association, Beast Arena, Beast Taming Families, Mercenary Organizations, Private Corporations, Dark Underground Organizations, and other forces.

The top cream talents have entered the genius list. The officials representing each of the forces started to send back the news.

If the forces in different zones receive the list, then they can recruit the geniuses to their forces. Some of the geniuses are not part of the top 5 zones.

If the beast taming geniuses receive offers from the forces in the top 5 zones, then they would join without hesitation.

An hour later, several forces in the top 10 zones got the list. Their higher-ups quickly convened a meeting to recruit the second-best talent.

The list includes the names of a few S-Graders who were left out of the genius list. There are also many A-Graders and a few exceptions such as B-Graders.

As the meeting convened in several zones, all the remaining S-Graders were selected by the powerful forces in the top 5 zones.

While the meeting was ongoing, they immediately sent their staff to contact the S-Graders to make contracts.

Then they turned their attention to the A-Graders. Though the A-Graders are not as powerful as the S-Graders, they are more numerous.

Time passed,

The forces from the top 5 zones immediately selected the best offensive and defensive A-Grade talents. Some exceptional support-type talents caught their eyes as well.

It didn't take long for them to notice the record of Jeremy Night. Seeing that someone with Physique-type A-Grade talent was able to cross-kill across 3 levels surprised them.

But the absence of the Lifeline beast shocked them. Many of the forces ignored the profile with incomplete information.

While others found the other A-Graders impressive, they didn't bother to look at this profile. In the end, all the top 5 zones ignored this profile.

Fortunately, in the other zones from the 6th to the 10th zone, they had chances. They knew it was difficult to compete against the top 5 zones in terms of resources.

If they truly want to get the best A-Grade talent on their side, then they have to upgrade their contract grade and pay.

But this won't benefit them. Only some of the forces in the 6th to 10th zones are willing to go out and compete with the top 5 zones.

The name of Jeremy Night crossed their minds as well during their review. But like the top 5 zones, most of the forces rejected the profile because of the incomplete information.

Only a few weak forces with no significant background and new emerging forces have watched the footage where Jeremy Night fought against the Tier-4 Hound.

Still, they were reluctant to accept someone with Physique-type talent. They still had other options to choose from.

So Jeremy Night's name was at the bottom of the list. But then one of the beast taming forces in the 10th zone thought of recruiting Jeremy Night and included his profile in their discarded list.

The organization's name is "Shadow Moon." It's one of the Mercenary Organizations in the 10th zone, but their reputation is low.

They are neither an emerging force nor an old legacy one. They are medium-level forces with fewer members. Since they can't compete with the huge forces in their zone, they have decided to settle for the next best option.

Which is to select the discarded profiles. Once they select discarded profiles, they can offer contracts on their terms.

Since the discarded beast tamers won't have other choices, they have to choose them if they want to leave their zone to enter the top 10 zones.

The residence permit is not easy to get. Only if someone joins a big force can they enter the top 10 zones.

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10th Zone, A City:

Shadow Moon,

Inside the massive pointed arch medieval-style building, a meeting is taking place.

The higher-ups of the Shadow Moon Mercenary Organization are discussing the discarded profiles and whether to proceed with contracts or not.

Because they can't recruit all the discarded profiles, with their resources, they can only select a few among them.

Right now, an old man with white hair and dressed in a tuxedo is sitting in the main chair. He is the founder of the organization, Neil Moon, a Tier-8 Beast Tamer.

The other 20 people in this meeting room are Tier-7 Beast Tamers. There are 10 leaders representing each team in the Shadow Moon Mercenary Organization; others are staff.

Looking at more than 20 discarded profiles, Old Man Neil furrows his eyebrows. He was a bit disappointed in his heart. He wants to recruit top talent as well.

But unfortunately, for a medium-sized organization like theirs, no top talent is willing to join. Those who are sending applications are B-Grade talents.

That's why they are in this situation of selecting a few people from the discarded A-Grader profiles. Only if some strong talents join the organization can they grow to the next level.

Quiet!

The atmosphere is quiet. The team leaders are waiting for their founder's response. There are 10 team leaders here; the remaining 10 are staff working at the office.

They had quit their field jobs before starting to do office work.

"Cough!"

Old Man Neil found everyone's gaze on him. So he let out a cough. The next second, his gaze fell on the 20 or so discarded profiles.

He said, "There are 10 team leaders here. You guys can select which talent you want. Finalize among yourselves."

Commotion!

Hearing that, noise from the discussion started. Everyone had already gone through the profiles and watched their supporting evidence as well.

A few minutes later,

Some of them had already selected their talents.

A brown-haired middle-aged man who leads the second team said, "I want the kid with the knife talent named Miles. He can be taught. I think he could become an asset to our team."

"Okay," Old Man Neil said.

Then everyone started to discuss their selections. Those team leaders who selected the same profile began to negotiate.

The team leaders are careful in their selections. They want someone who can join their team and help achieve their goals.

As usual, the profile of Jeremy Night was left out. Since there are 20 profiles, the 10 team leaders have multiple choices.

Suddenly, the 10th team leader, a middle-aged woman dressed in a black combat uniform, selected Jeremy Night's profile.

Her action was noticed by others, and they were taken aback.

"Gisela, what are you doing?" one of the staff asked.

Everyone's gaze fell on her.

Gisela is a middle-aged woman with long silky black hair and eyes. Her skin tone is fair. No one would take her kind appearance for granted.

Her true strength can rival all the faction leaders here.

She replied, "I'm going to take another look at this profile."

"We can see that, but this profile is incomplete. We only have supporting evidence to show his talent. We are not sure about the other information," the staff replied.

"I will verify it myself," she uttered before going through the profile again.

Sigh!

The next second, the faction leaders and staff sighed and shook their heads. They were used to her attitude. Since she is going to make the decision, they are not going to interfere.

Old Man Neil's eyes flickered. Earlier, he had seen the profile of the kid named Jeremy Night as well. He could tell that the evidence was real.

"This kid can fight across 3 levels, which even kids in the 10th zone could not accomplish these days," he thought.

He thinks that compared to other A-Graders, the combat strength of Jeremy Night surpassed them. It's just that his Physique-type talent disappointed him.

But he could tell that the kid used a lifeline beast ability to kill the Tier-4 Beast. If the lifeline beast had been recorded, then he could provide a better assessment.

Then he saw one of the team leaders select his profile. Since Gisela showed interest in the kid's profile, he wanted to hear her opinion.

On the other hand, the 10th team leader Gisela is pondering. Unlike others, she values the kid named Jeremy Night's combat strength.

Currently, their city is facing threats and attacks from the corrupted beasts. They can take care of high-tier beasts.

But the corrupted beasts below Tier-5 have become daily problems. Not many Mercenary teams are interested in dealing with these threats.

Only the City Guards of their City are facing these current problems.

Chapter 283: Tier-2, 1st Rank- Peak Stage (Breakthrough)

Shadow Moon Organisation:

A few minutes later,

Gisela made up her mind. She looked at the other team leaders and staff before turning towards the founder, the head of the organisation.

"Head, I think this kid named Jeremy Night could be useful to us, especially when it comes to the city administration missions that our organisation is missing out on."

"If he could get some of these missions, our organisation's name would further spread. Right now, no mercenary organisation is taking jobs from the city administration."

"Since their pay is low, no one is ready to risk their lives," Gisela said.

Gasp!

Hearing that, some of the staff took a sharp breath because they hadn't thought it through. But Gisela had the foresight to see this problem.

But the next second, a rebuttal came.

"Gisela, no one does the job anymore. We are facing far more threats, such as inside and outside threats. We need talents who can grow our organisation."

"So we can't afford to waste the quota. We can only recruit a few people," one of the team leaders said.

He was worried that he might not be able to get talent for his team.

At this time, the Head, Neil, said, "Alright, don't fight over the numbers. There are 10 teams. Each of you can at least select one. If there are exceptional talents, the team leader can request more than one talent."

Hearing this, Gisela relaxed her eyebrows.

She said, "Head, then I want to recruit this young man into our team."

Gasp!

Hearing that, the staff and other leaders were taken aback. They didn't know why she was not interested in other talents with complete profiles.

Some of them had high bloodline lifeline beasts. Their potential was sigh-worthy. They couldn't understand the point of hiring body-type talent. They were looked down upon everywhere.

Gisela found everyone's gaze on her. But she didn't know why she thought the ability to kill across three levels was high. What if the kid became a Tier-4 Beast Tamer? Would he be able to kill Tier-7 Corrupted Beasts?

That's the level of the team leader. She was willing to take the bet.

The staff and the team leaders looked at each other's faces. They didn't understand the mind of Team Leader Gisela.

On the other hand, old man Neil furrowed his eyebrows. He still didn't think the talent named Jeremy Night was going to be good. There were other discarded profiles who could do better in the 10th squad.

But then, since Gisela had spoken, he decided to trust her on this.

"Alright, you can go ahead. But don't regret it later," Neil Moon said in a serious tone.

Hearing that, Gisela stood up from her seat and thanked him.

The other leaders and staff sighed. Since it was her team, they could only watch in silence and sigh.

"She will regret it," one of the leaders said.

Hearing that, others supported the argument.

Gisela ignored their comments before taking Jeremy Night's profile. Unlike others, she could see many things. It was reported that Jeremy Night's talent was body-type. But she saw exceptional blade skills.

That kind of stance and execution when facing off against a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast wouldn't happen without talent. This was another reason she was willing to make a bet.

An hour later,

The meeting ended. Among the 20 discarded profiles, 12 people were selected. Now it was up to them whether they would succeed in contracting them or not.

Gisela walked out. Since Jeremy Night's information was incomplete, she decided to visit City A, zone-14, to see things for herself.

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Forbidden Area - Wilderness,

The next morning,

The unknown egg lifeline beast began to feedback the energy.

Click!

The next second, he knew he had broken the barrier to reach Tier-2, 1st Rank - Peak Stage. His body was greedily absorbing the feedback energy and started transforming.

The evolution to the peak stage from the mid continued for an hour. Then Jeremy began to run the breathing method to stabilize his new strength.

30 minutes later,

He opened his eyes. His eyes gleamed with a twinkle. He had come to the wilderness before everyone learned about the footage.

He didn't know whether they were going to publicize it or not. If it was released, then everyone would question his strength. Last time, he had defeated May Lindsey.

This time, everyone would be interested in confirming his strength. Jeremy thought that it would be a matter of time before everyone learned about his Tier-2 strength.

"I bet Instructor Jacob knows about it. But he is acting clueless," Jeremy thought.

He then shook his head. He disliked publicity. He worried that if the unknown person from the Gold Corp learned about his strength, they wouldn't be silent.

After pushing down the thoughts, he decided to spend more time here to hunt the corrupted beasts before returning.

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Central University 14:

Elder Derek's cabin:

"Hey, Jacob. Tell me honestly. What's the strength of this kid?" Derek asked the person sitting in front of him.

The person was none other than Jacob Henry.

Jacob Henry knew it was about Jeremy Night. He was trying to act clueless. But Derek looked at him fiercely.

"I had thought kid Jeremy was one step behind S-Graders. But I was wrong. He must have reached the Tier-1 limit as well. Otherwise, it's difficult to kill a Tier-4 Beast at his level," Derek said.

Hearing that, Jacob was stunned. Then he tried to recall the duel scene in his mind. At that time, he was engrossed in Jeremy Night's battle. But he knew something had changed in Jeremy Night.

At that time, it hadn't crossed his mind. But now, as he looked at it calmly, he recalled a few clues.

"Jeremy has more muscles now. His aura has changed as well. This kind of glow-up only happens because of evolution," Jacob thought.

But the glow-up was excessive. He had only seen it among major breakthroughs. For example, when a Tier-1 Beast Tamer breaks through to reach Tier-2 Beast Tamer.

The glow-up is not that apparent in the smaller stages, but the clues were real. If he went by clues and what he saw, then Jeremy Night must have become a Tier-2 Beast Tamer.

"It's absurd," he blurted out.

"What is absurd?" Derek asked.

Jacob's heart set off storms. He thought if Jeremy Night had become a Tier-2 Beast Tamer before the end of the year, then it would be major news.

But he didn't dare to speculate. He was going to take a look at Jeremy Night once he came back.

He then turned towards Elder Derek and said, "I think he reached the Tier-1 limit long ago."

"It must be then," Derek nodded at him.

"But still, you are clueless about his progress. As a Department Instructor, you should be better informed. That kid has had successive breakthroughs, but we didn't know about it," Derek uttered.

"I think Jeremy Night doesn't want attention. He has been dealing with enough problems already. If unwanted people knew about his breakthrough, it could only invite more troubles for him," Jacob quickly found out a reason and spoke.

"Sigh!"

Derek let out a deep sigh. He totally forgot they were discussing a kid, not some adult.

He said, "He must be under a lot of pressure. So he hid information from us."

"The Dean has already reported to the Human Alliance. I don't think the people behind the scenes will continue to harm Jeremy Night," Derek added.

"Yes," Jacob nodded.

But his heart was not calm. If he told him about Jeremy Night's possible Tier-2 breakthrough, then he would probably think of him as crazy.

So he was not going to do that without confirmation. He could already see that Jeremy Night's future lay in the top 10 zones, not here.

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Elemental Department:

May Lindsey couldn't listen to the class. She found her classmates' gazes on her. They wanted to know the follow-up details regarding the challenge duel.

But she didn't tell them. Not only the university management, but her family also wanted her not to disclose the news.

If everyone learned about the news, there could be a huge commotion. Already, many were questioning her S-Grade talents. This news could further damage her reputation.

Her family didn't want that to happen. They were willing to play fair and square. Tomorrow, she will go to the wilderness with her family of beast tamers.

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Control Department:

Everyone was discussing Victor Scott. But he was not here at all. The students were thinking that their Department Representative was preparing for the challenge duel.

Only the middle-aged man instructor knew the truth. He thought the Scott Family was going to let Victor Scott hunt the Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts.

He shook his head thinking about it. The control talent was different from offensive talent. If Victor Scott was not careful, he and his lifeline beast could get hurt during the fight.

He didn't know what was going on with the Scott Family. At least they should ask his opinion on this matter. He was disappointed. He had decided to contact Victor Scott after the class.

Chapter 284 284: Tier-5 Red Black Worm Beast!

Forbidden Area:

After stabilizing his strength, he stood up to leave. When he walked out of the cave, Jeremy's gaze swept across the surroundings. He wanted to investigate this place earlier.

Jeremy used his eye ability for far sight. His pupils expanded as he surveyed the area from a distance. Not a single living activity was spotted. This forbidden area was extremely quiet.

He took out the katana and started walking toward the east. The land was flat; he could walk for a long distance to explore.

The plants covering the field were 3 ft long in size. But still, there was no sign of corrupted beast activity. Through far sight, he saw that the area behind a certain range was pure darkness.

He didn't know what it was, so he continued his walk.

After walking along the straight path, he finally reached a dead end. He stopped using the eye ability and noticed what was ahead.

It was a long, wide trench covered with bushes and dense green vegetation. He couldn't see the depth of the trench, but he had an ominous feeling.

Right across the trench was land of black soil. The darkness he had seen earlier was this land.

"Why are there corrupted beasts here?" Jeremy thought.

Boom!

The ground beneath his feet began to shake. His eyes flickered. Jeremy didn't lose his composure. He knew there must be a reason behind this.

Then he saw something happening at the trench, as if something deeply hidden was coming out.

Swoosh!

Jeremy retreated backward. When he created a wide gap between him and the trench, something emerged from the depths.

Boom!

It was a black and red, worm-type corrupted beast. This worm beast was different from the yellow one that he had previously fought.

When the whole worm beast emerged from the trench, he noticed something serious.

This worm beast gave him a greater sense of crisis. Then his eyes flickered with understanding.

"Could it be a Tier-5 Corrupted Beast?" Jeremy thought.

Boom!

The red-black worm, over 50 ft in size, opened its razor-sharp mouth. A fierce wind blew from its mouth. In a flash, Jeremy felt the cutting blades targeting his body.

"Explosive Steps!"

Jeremy used the movement technique to gust forth with great speed. Then he evaded the incoming wind blades in the blink of an eye.

Taking advantage of the opportunity, he retreated further back. He was dumbfounded. It was the first time he had encountered a corrupted beast that could use abilities.

He had no doubts now. He was facing a Tier-5 Corrupted Worm. If he wasn't careful now, his situation could turn dangerous.

Boom!

The red-black worm moved its body to come out of the trench. It didn't want to let go of its prey. Its humongous body began to coil before sprinting toward its target.

Jeremy, who was in a dilemma, felt a sense of crisis. He immediately circulated the new starlight energy and covered the katana blade's sharp edge.

At the same time, he kept an eye on the beast's movements with his eye ability. The worm beast's enormous mouth was aimed at him. If he didn't move in time, he could be eaten whole by the worm beast.

Swoosh!

Just as the beast was a few meters away from him, his body moved. In a flash, he evaded the deadly mouth. At the same time, the katana in his hands moved.

Slice!

The blade in his hand made contact with the worm beast's scale.

Clang!

The next second, a metallic sound occurred, followed by a loud crack. The new starlight energy managed to break through the skin of the worm beast, but it didn't leave any injury.

In a flash, Jeremy crossed the beast before appearing on the other side. He saw the injured spot on the beast and understood it was not enough.

He needed to attack a few more times at the same spot. But he doubted the beast would let that happen.

Screech!

The huge worm beast made a weird noise again. Because of its massive size, it found that its prey was slippery. But it didn't stop making the sound.

Jeremy, on the other hand, was looking for a way to fight. He could leave whenever he wanted, but he wouldn't have this kind of opportunity again.

He wanted to make use of this chance. He gripped the katana tightly.

If this scene were witnessed by others, they would be shocked to the core, especially those who were still doubting the skills of Jeremy Night.

Right now, he and the beast were alone in this empty land. There were no signs of other beasts. He thought there must be a special reason behind it.

Just as he was ready to engage the beast again.

Boom!

The red-black worm beast bolted out toward him. Seeing that, Jeremy used his eye ability again. At the same time, his other senses heightened, giving him terrible combat awareness.

Swoosh!

This time, instead of facing the wide mouth, he was confronted with the entire body again.

Seeing this, he used the explosive technique to retreat backward. Yet still, he wasn't able to cross the worm beast's long body.

Right before he could leave, he faced the tail end. Jeremy used the katana blade to block.

Boom!

The huge tail end struck the sword. Like a fast projectile, his body was sent flying back. Jeremy's whole body trembled. The impact force caused pain throughout his body.

At the end of the day, he was just a Tier-2 Beast Tamer. He could use various abilities to fight, but his body was that of a Tier-2 Beast Tamer.

If he wasn't careful, his body could shatter.

Boom!

His body smashed onto the ground.

Aaaahhhhhh!

A muffled grunt escaped his mouth as his whole body ached with pain. But he didn't have time to think. The Tier-5 Worm beast must be coming for him.

Jeremy got back on his feet and faced the beast again. As he had rightly guessed, the worm beast was coming toward him. The red-black worm beast didn't have eyes; otherwise, it would have used its handgun.

His whole body's senses heightened. He was using his second eye ability, which gave him transparent vision. He wanted to find the weakness of this worm beast.

The next second, he could see the internal system of the worm. It had a straight tube digestive system. If he wanted to harm it, he would have to break the outer shell, which was its skin.

But Jeremy knew how dangerous that was. Right now, his whole body ached from pain. If he took multiple hits from the Tier-5 beast, he was sure something bad would happen.

Swoosh!

He then used his movement ability before the beast could reach him. He turned around to run, wanting to widen the gap again.

Screech!

All of a sudden, there was a weird sound coming from behind. Jeremy thought it was the red-black worm beast again. He felt that this red-black worm beast was more resilient than the yellow worm beast, which had mucous liquid covering its body.

This red-black worm beast had hard scales. It was far stronger than the previous beasts. He had been running for more than a minute.

He slowly turned around to see. The next second, he was shaken to the core. The scene in front of him was nothing less than horror.

He saw four more red-black worm beasts coming out of the trench. Their humongous bodies were clearly visible from this distance. With his eyesight, he could easily identify the beasts.

Now he understood why there were no signs of other corrupted beasts. Clearly, it was the territory of the red-black worm beasts.

More than one was living in the depths of the trench. Now he had to change his plans. He wasn't going to engage in battle against all of them; it was suicidal. So he continued to use the movement ability to leave this place.

Fortunately, this time he had started to flee in advance. Otherwise, he would have received another hit from the beast.

Behind him, the five red-scaled worm beasts continued to chase down the target. They didn't want to let go of such prey. Not every day do other corrupted beasts come here.

If any such corrupted beasts appeared, they would become food for the worm beasts.

As time passed, Jeremy was able to return to the usual spot. He was close to the entrance. But he didn't know whether the red-black worm beast would continue to chase him down.

But he didn't want to take any chances. He continued his run toward the entrance.

Boom!

On the other hand, the red-black worm beasts stopped after reaching the end of their territory. If they left their territory, other Tier-5 beasts could appear as well. It could lead to another territorial fight.

Thirty minutes later,

Jeremy Night was able to leave the forbidden area. He didn't expect the cave structure he was practicing to be so close to the trench.

Chapter 285: Exposed?

City A:

Time passed.

Before midnight, Jeremy returned to City A. After showing his card, he walked back into the city. Then he came to the main street and found the cab driver.

A few minutes later,

A flying cab started flying toward the University. Jeremy was sitting in the back seat. He sighed inwardly. Today's experience was crazy for him.

He hadn't expected the forbidden area to have another dangerous spot apart from the black lake. Now there was another one with the same dangerous zone. He was going to call it the Black Trench.

One territory was dominated by hybrid crocodile beasts. The other territory was dominated by red-black worm beasts.

He then pushed down these thoughts. He was going to spend a few days at the University before thinking about going to the wilderness.

He just broke through. It would take time for him to accumulate for the next evolution.

About 10 minutes later,

The cab driver dropped him at the University gate. He was glad that he returned at night. Otherwise, he would have attracted a lot of unwanted attention.

He still didn't know what had happened to the footage evidence. Shaking his head, he walked onto the campus and started going back to his dormitory room.

The next morning,

Jeremy left the dormitory after getting ready. He was going to the department building. Last night, he had fallen asleep after coming back.

He then woke up late today. He didn't have time to go through the online news. Soon, he arrived at the department building.

He saw two other department students roaming the first floor. His arrival immediately attracted their attention. Upon seeing him, they started their discussion among themselves.

But none of them came forward to disturb him. He quickly reached the elevator and then arrived at the top floor shortly afterward.

Jeremy then came to the class and saw two of his department members, Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe. They were chatting and laughing as usual.

He then walked into the class, interrupting their discussion.

"Brother Jeremy, did you go to the wilderness again?" Daniel asked.

Hearing that, Jeremy simply smiled and replied, "Don't worry about me. Tell me about yourselves. What were you guys doing?"

Betsy raised her eyebrows before Daniel could reply.

She said, "Our daily schedule was fixed. We were just worried about your challenge duel. But strangely, no one came to bother yesterday."

"It appears that two S-Graders have something to do with it," she added.

Jeremy was stunned. He wanted to hear about this news as well. He didn't know whether Instructor Jacob had shown the evidence to the Dean.

Daniel and Betsy noticed Jeremy's reaction. They thought Jeremy knew about this matter.

But before they could ask, they saw Instructor Jacob Henry entering the room.

Daniel's eyes lit up. He immediately asked, "Instructor, Jeremy is back. Now you can tell us what happened about the decision to confirm the duel."

Jeremy's eyes flickered. He turned around and looked at Instructor Jacob. He had the same doubt as well.

But then he found Instructor Jacob's eyes were on him, as if he was trying to see through him.

Jacob Henry was indeed trying to see through Jeremy Night. Then he discovered Jeremy's real strength. It was at Tier-2 level. The aura was stable as well, which meant Jeremy had reached Tier-2 level some time ago.

His heart set off storms. Jacob Henry's facial expression almost collapsed, but before that, he communicated with his lifeline beast.

When his lifeline beast confirmed Jeremy's strength, he was truly shocked to the core. He and Elder Derek thought that Jeremy Night had perhaps touched the Tier-1 limit.

But Jeremy Night had already reached Tier-2. He felt Jeremy had small stage breakthroughs as well.

Daniel, Betsy, and Jeremy were looking at him. He was still contemplating whether it was okay to disclose Jeremy's strength to the two of them.

If the two members were frightened by the gap between them and Jeremy Night, it could have the opposite effect on their progress.

On the other hand, Jeremy furrowed his eyebrows. He found that Instructor Jacob was shocked by something. What could it be?

A sudden realization struck his mind.

He recalled that Instructor Jacob had started noticing him a few seconds ago.

"My strength is exposed," Jeremy thought.

Sigh!

A soft sigh escaped his mouth. He knew the day would come. It was impossible to hide it forever, especially when he had shown his strength in front of him during his fight against the Tier-4 Hound.

He had thought the Instructor noticed that day, but still, it took time for him to realize.

"Instructor Jacob, are you okay?" Betsy Lowe asked.

"I'm okay," Jacob replied with a smile on his face.

"Alright, what are you guys discussing?" Jacob asked.

Daniel said, "We were discussing the challenge duel. No one bothered us yesterday."

Jacob nodded. Then he looked at Jeremy Night before turning toward them.

He said, "About that, the two S-Graders have accepted the condition of Jeremy. Only after killing a Tier-4 beast would they come back to challenge Jeremy."

"What?" Betsy blurted out in surprise.

Daniel widened his eyes in disbelief.

They looked at each other's faces because they didn't believe the condition could be fulfilled by anyone.

"Cough," Jeremy let out a cough.

He could see that their shock was about the condition as well. They didn't expect anyone could complete it.

Betsy and Daniel recovered their thoughts after hearing the cough.

"There is no need to be surprised. I killed a Tier-4 Fierce Hound in front of Instructor Jacob two days ago," Jeremy revealed the truth.

"What?" This time Daniel exclaimed in surprise.

Betsy was astonished. Now she understood why there was no commotion yesterday.

"No wonder the two S-Graders accepted your condition. But how did you make them believe?" Betsy asked.

"Brother Jeremy, you have kept this hidden from us," Daniel said.

"I'm not planning to hide it. I left for the wilderness the next day. I had thought Instructor Jacob would have shown you the duel footage," Jeremy said with a smile.

"Duel footage?" Betsy uttered in surprise.

Jacob smiled, shaking his head. He could tell that Jeremy was still keeping his Tier-2 strength secret from them.

Considering the threats faced by Jeremy Night, he could only go along with it.

He said, "It's true. Let me show you the footage."

Then he took out his device to show them.

The video started to play. Both Betsy and Daniel's eyes were fixed on the video. They saw how Jeremy Night fought against the Tier-4 Hound Beast.

Then they saw how quickly Jeremy Night killed the beast in two moves. Right now, both of them were terrified in their hearts.

Earlier, they had doubted whether Jeremy Night could kill a Tier-4 Beast or not. So they thought that the condition was too much.

But now they were left speechless. Jeremy seemed to have killed the Tier-4 Beast with ease. It took them more than a minute to calm down.

Daniel then asked, "Brother Jeremy, what's your strength?"

Betsy Lowe's expression turned serious as well.

Jacob Henry sighed in his heart. He knew the blow would be too much. But still, seeing the reaction of the two members, he was satisfied.

At least they were not in denial. Jeremy had saved their lives before, so they both knew he could fight across ranks.

Jeremy wasn't surprised by their reaction.

He said, "I have reached the Tier-1 limit. With my combat talent, it's not that difficult to kill a Tier-4 Beast."

"Tier-1 limit?"

"Brother, you are truly hidden," Daniel said with a smile. He now completely believed Jeremy's words. Before, Jeremy had a track record of killing Tier-3 Corrupted Beasts.

Now that Jeremy had reached the Tier-1 limit, he thought it was normal for Jeremy to kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

Betsy Lowe calmed her turbulent heart as well. She hadn't expected Jeremy's progress to be this fast. He had reached the Tier-1 limit, the same as the two S-Graders.

Like she had previously thought, Jeremy's talent was not less than that of S-Graders. She thought someone must have mistaken his talent grade during the awakening ceremony.

"Jeremy, your talent should be S-Grade. Maybe you should reassess your talent in the future," Betsy said in a serious tone.

Jeremy shook his head before replying, "My talent is A-Grade. It just gives advantages during the fight. That's why I was able to compete with the S-Graders."

On the other hand, Instructor Jacob didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Seeing Jeremy Night downplaying his strength, he didn't know what to say.

But he agreed with Betsy Lowe's words. With A Grade talent, Jeremy reached Tier-2 before the two S-Graders. It showed that Jeremy's talent was not an ordinary A-Grade talent.

Jacob decided to report to Elder Derek as soon as possible because it was impossible for him to keep this secret.

"You guys, if you need anything, you can call me. I have some important work to do," Jacob said to them.

"We are leaving as well," Betsy said.

"Yes," Daniel said.

Jeremy furrowed his eyebrows as he noticed Instructor Jacob's gaze on him once again. But before he could ask, Instructor Jacob walked out.

Chapter 286: Dean was thunderstruck!

When everyone left the room, Jeremy was standing alone. He was sure that his strength had exploded. But then Instructor Jeremy seemed to be tight-lipped about it.

He didn't know why, but he thought it was good. Already, Daniel and Betsy were in disbelief because of his strength. If they knew his real strength was Tier-2, he could understand their shock then.

After pushing down those thoughts, he decided to spend some time in the library. Then he exited the room and started walking downstairs.

It didn't take long for him to reach the library. After arriving there, he began to browse books about the top 10 zones. After becoming a Tier-2 Beast Tamer, his idea of leaving this zone had become stronger.

There were not many things tying him down here, except his family. If there was a good opportunity, he wanted to use it to leave.

He then browsed a couple of books and articles. Then he picked a few magazines from the bookshelves before finding a study corner to settle.

He found the study desk, sat in the chair, and placed the books on the desk. He could feel the students' gazes on him, but he ignored it.

He picked up the first book and began to read.

Meanwhile,

Instructor Jacob was inside Elder Derek's office. He told Elder Derek about his discovery.

"Are you sure about it?" Derek asked.

His old face was full of disbelief. He couldn't believe Jeremy Night, the kid, was a Tier-2 Beast Tamer. Not even a year had passed. Yet the kid was able to break through before the year's end.

Jacob Henry was taking time to respond. He could see that Elder Derek was still digesting the news. Even he was in disbelief. If Jeremy's enemies learned about this, he was sure they would not stop their attacks.

"Let's go and report to the Dean in person. She should know about this information. This kid is more talented than we thought. If we don't do something, then the kid will leave for the top 10 zones sooner or later," Derek said in a serious tone.

In his eyes, Jeremy Night was more important than a half-baked 4th-year student because Jeremy Night had already killed a Tier-4 beast and proved his strength, whereas 4th-year students had yet to go through such trials.

Next, they both left the room and went to meet Dean Carolyn.

Shortly afterward,

Both of them were in her office. Old lady Carolyn was sitting behind her desk, with Instructor Jacob and Elder Derek sitting opposite her.

Carolyn knew something was up.

She asked, "What happened now?"

"It's about that kid, Jeremy," Derek replied.

"Jeremy," she uttered before her eyes flashed with complicated emotions. She had sent his name for the genius list.

But then she received the news that his profile was rejected during the meeting. Jeremy Night had incomplete profile information despite amazing supportive evidence.

The officials were more into S-Graders than A-Graders. No one was willing to take risks for the talent they hadn't seen for themselves.

She then turned toward them and asked, "What happened to that kid? Did he go to the wilderness again?"

She recalled lifting the ban not long ago.

Elder Derek said, "Dean, it's something serious."

Then he turned toward Jacob, signaling him to reveal the truth.

Jacob nodded to him before replying, "Dean, I have found Jeremy Night's real strength. He is a Tier-2 Beast Tamer. He didn't tell me this news, but I found out during my observation in class."

"What?" Carolyn blurted out in surprise.

Her expression turned serious. She was the one who edited the profile before sending it out for the genius list. She mentioned that kid's strength as Tier-1 limit.

Because she knew only a Tier-1 limit could provide the strength for Jeremy to go against a Tier-4 Beast. Yet she didn't think of him as greater than the 2 S-Graders.

The 2 S-Graders had recently reached the Tier-1 limit, so she had thought Jeremy Night's strength was the same. But now she regrets it. If she had known earlier, she could have filled in the correct information.

It would have caused chaos during the human alliance officials' meeting. But it's a pity. Now it's too late to change anything.

She then turned toward Jacob and said, "You have made a mistake. You should have found out this news earlier. Maybe the kid wants to be low-key because of the previous assassination attempts."

"It's a pity that he didn't know he had missed a great chance," she added.

Jacob immediately apologized. He didn't know what chance the dean was talking about, but he agreed with her judgment. It was his fault. He should have found out this news a bit sooner.

Compared to other instructors, he had not conducted that many classes. Because of it, he wasn't able to keep an eye on Jeremy Night's progress.

Elder Derek sighed inwardly. He could understand Jacob's mood. Who would have thought that kid would have such monstrous progress?

Even he was fooled by that kid.

He then thought of something before asking, "Dean, I think we should take that kid's words seriously. If he wants to leave Zone 14 for the top 10 Zones, he has better chances right now."

"With the talent shown by the kid, it would be easy for him to get a residence permit," he added.

"Yes, it's true. I'm also thinking about it. But it's not easy to catch the attention of the forces in the top 10 zones. There are plenty of young beast tamers there with similar talents."

"It's not going to be easy for him to leave," Carolyn said.

But she didn't know that she was wrong. Jeremy Night had already attracted the attention of forces in the top 10 zones. It's just that they didn't want to make a decision based on incomplete information.

Then there was a force in the 10th zone that took notice of Jeremy's achievements.

If Carolyn and the others knew about this development, they would be shocked to the core. They didn't know how dire the situation was in the cities of these top 10 zones.

Chapter 287: Day of many happenings

After the meeting ended, Jacob and Elder Derek left the dean's office. Dean Carolyn is still keeping her hopes high. She thinks Jeremy won't have an easy time leaving Zone 14.

She doesn't know how soon her hopes would come crashing down.

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Shadow Moon Organisation:

Gisela left the organization. She is going to the Beast Taming Association's flight to get to Zone 14.

The association's flight is carrying members and goods there. Not many flights are available to all the zones. If she misses the flight, she would have to wait a couple of days.

She doesn't know whether she is making the right decision or not. But she trusts her instincts. She is going to verify the talent named Jeremy Night herself.

So, she is not going to make her arrival public. No one knows except Shadow Moon Founder Neil Moon that Gisela has left for the talent hunt.

Old man Neil gave her the authority to decide on the contract matter. If she finds Jeremy Night's talent to be worthwhile, then she can make a direct decision on the contract.

Once the contract is signed, the organization would officially register Jeremy Night as their member and seek a residence permit from their City A administration.

It's not easy to reach other zones. The zones are protected within the city walls. They face open threats from the corrupted beasts living in the wilderness.

Considering all the threats and the long distance into account, it would take more than one day for the flight to reach each zone.

Gisela calculated it would take at least 7 days to get to Zone 14. She was not disappointed. Rather, she is happy that she has time away from the chaotic city and wilderness.

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Zone 14, wilderness:

May Lindsey and her family of beast tamers have entered the inner part of the wilderness in search of the Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

For her safety, her father has sent 3 Tier-5 Beast Tamers to protect her. May Lindsey was keen to achieve their record.

Hoo-hoo-hoo!

The next second, she summoned her lifeline beast outside. A snow-white owl more than 5 ft tall appeared.

It made a sound right after its appearance. May Lindsey asked the lifeline beast to scout.

Swoosh!

The huge snow owl flapped both wings before disappearing from the spot.

Seeing that, May Lindsey curved her mouth into an arc. Not only has she become stronger, but her lifeline beast was strong as well.

That's why she was confident she could defeat Jeremy Night. But all of that confidence was gone after watching that footage.

She doesn't know whether she can defeat a Tier-4 beast with ease. All she can say is that it's impossible to defeat a Tier-4 beast without the help of her lifeline beast.

But Jeremy defeated one without relying on his lifeline beast. This feat alone widened the gap between them.

She thinks even with the help of her lifeline beast, it would be difficult to fight against the Tier-4 Corrupted Beast. She has already given instructions to the family beast tamers and protectors.

She wanted to fight alone. If someone intervened, it could waste her effort.

Meanwhile,

The Scott family is no different. Since Victor Scott is a control-type beast tamer, his family is selecting a Tier-4 beast for him to fight.

Jeremy Night's condition was to defeat a Tier-4 beast. He didn't state any kind of beast. So the Scott family is going to prioritize Victor Scott's safety first.

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While so many things were happening on the same day, the senior students and the families behind them were frustrated as well.

They didn't want to see further developments of the STRIKER Department. They thought a duel challenge between 2 S-Graders would damage the rise of the STRIKER Department.

But unfortunately for them, there was no news about the duel challenge. Everyone thought the condition proposed by Jeremy Night was accepted by the 2 S-Graders.

But no one was there to confirm it. Only the instructors of the 2 departments knew what was going on. But they refused to reveal any news to others.

Outside,

The 3rd-year student Timothy's father is still keeping an eye on the university news. After withdrawing the task from the underground network, he is still looking for ways to complete his plan.

But the recent news coming from the campus and a few things said by his son left him disappointed. According to his son, the rise of the new department is going to happen.

In the future, resource allocation will happen. His son has still one more year to study. Next year, he might receive fewer resources.

He doesn't know why other families are staying silent. But Simon chooses to wait for a couple more days. He thinks the duel challenge is going to happen.

Once the 2 S-Graders win the duel, then the first-year limelight would be on them. People would eventually forget about the new STRIKER department.

He thinks there is no need for him to take risks right now.

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Time passed.

Jeremy walks out of the library before the start of dusk. He is now heading towards the joint training facility. On the way, he saw other students. They were going about their business.

He simply nods at those who greet him with a smile. Apart from those two departments, the other department students behave normally.

Soon, he arrives at the joint training facility. He quickly walks inside and heads towards the available room.

Those who were training inside with tools paused their movements for a second. They continued to stare at Jeremy until he found an empty room to enter.

Once he was gone, the other students immediately looked at each other and started discussing.

"He is here!"

"Looks like he went to the wilderness yesterday."

"But there is no news about him going to the mission building."

"Maybe he went there for practice."

They discussed in a low tone. They couldn't help but talk about the insane condition. They don't know whether the 2 S-Graders have accepted it or not.

Even their department's students are unaware of it.

Chapter 288: Fear paralyzed May's efforts

Wilderness:

2 hours ago,

May Lindsey and her team came across the Tier-4 Beast. It's a Tier-4 Sand Lizard. This corrupted beast has amazing defense. This particular beast is even stronger than the Hound-type beast.

May Lindsey doesn't want to miss the opportunity. She has been looking for the beast. Now she has one. She intends to go against this one.

Hoo-hoo-hoo!

The next second, her Lifeline beast launched an attack. Powerful, long ice spikes shot at the back of the beast.

Boom!

At breakneck speed, the ice spikes landed at the back of the lizard one by one. But upon contact, the ice spikes shattered.

The skin of the lizard beast is thick. It's not easy for the ice attack to penetrate the skin.

After the failed attack, the snow owl continued to circle around in the sky.

At the same time, May Lindsey is watching the scene in disbelief. She had expected the outcome. But still, she was shocked to see none of the ice spikes had hurt the beast.

Boom!

The Tier-4 Sand Lizard became enraged. It saw the group of attackers blocking its way. It bolted out toward them to attack.

May Lindsey's eyes flashed with fear. Her heart filled with a sense of crisis. She was frozen in a panic.

Hoo-hoo-hoo!

The snow owl made a noise to alert her. The lifeline beast sensed her contractor was in a state of panic.

Swoosh!

The Tier-4 Lizard reached her in a flash. It would attack with one single strike to kill her. But before the beast could launch an attack—

Boom!

A 6-foot-tall Tier-5 black bull hit the lizard from the side. The next second, the lizard rolled sideways. It couldn't withstand the attack from the Tier-5 Beast.

Then the Sand Lizard fled the area after stabilizing itself. Only then did May Lindsey heave a sigh of relief.

The sudden attack from the Tier-4 Beast had petrified her earlier.

Hoo-hoo-hoo!

The snow owl came down to the ground and landed in front of her.

"Don't worry, I'm fine," May said as she patted her snow owl.

Swoosh!

"Miss, you are not ready; we can go back," a middle-aged woman said. She is one of the three Tier-5 Beast Tamers protecting her. The Black Bull was her lifeline beast.

The family Beast Tamers and the other two protectors came forward as well. They were shocked by the scene just now.

If the protector hadn't intervened, then their miss would have been dead.

May Lindsey could feel the concerns of everyone. She calmed her heart. She is not stupid. The sense of crisis from the Tier-4 Beast had caught her off guard.

If she came across a couple of Tier-4 Beasts, then she might get used to it. But she has also decided to hunt down the Tier-3 Corrupted Beasts as well.

Then the group started searching for the beasts.

Time passed,

In the evening, she came across another Tier-4 Beast. This time it was an ape. The Ape beast is stronger than the previous Sand Lizard.

Before she could think further, the three Tier-5 Beast Tamers stopped her from fighting against this beast. Their expressions were filled with helplessness.

They understood why their miss wanted to do this. It's because of Jeremy Night, who has done something unbelievable.

It was not easy to kill a Tier-4 beast at the Tier-1 level. It was something that could only be possible in the top 10 zones. But then Jeremy Night proved them wrong.

He had done it here. He didn't even have S-Grade Talent. So the protectors and the family Beast Tamers understood the pressure faced by May Lindsey.

May Lindsey's eyes flashed with anger. But then she felt really helpless. She lacked courage right now. The aura from the Tier-4 Ape had frozen her again.

She finally understood it was impossible to engage the Tier-4 Beast in close combat. The Corrupted Ape could easily kill her.

What's more? She doesn't have weapon skills like Jeremy Night. Otherwise, she could have used weapons to target the weak parts of the beast.

It was already evening, and she decided to go back for everyone's safety. In the end, she was not going back without a result.

She had killed a few Tier-3 Beasts as well. She could tell that she had improved compared to before. But she didn't dare to be complacent.

After going back, she would try to learn how to use one of the weapons. She had seen Jeremy Night using beast abilities to wield the sword.

She had the ice element as well. She could follow the same trick to injure the Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

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A few days passed:

The Beast Taming Association's flight entered Zone 14's City A. It didn't take long for the flight to land at the airport.

About 20 minutes later,

Gisela exited the airport. She found an air cab and went to the nearest big hotel to stay. She was going to start her investigation slowly.

Soon, she reached her hotel. She quickly found her room and entered inside. The first thing she did was to investigate the room.

Seeing that it was fine, she went to sleep.

The next morning,

She woke up late. After getting ready, she came to the hotel lobby. She then sat on the sofa and began to read the magazine.

There was also live news streaming on the big screen in the hotel lobby. It didn't take long for her to find female staff to collect some information.

The female staff was happy to help the guest. She was excited to learn that the guest was a rich customer.

Gisela didn't reveal her identity. But the room she booked was the premium suite, so the staff immediately understood she was wealthy.

She decided to go along with it. The staff began to tell her what she knew about the city and other nearby cities.

20 minutes later,

The staff left. Gisela's mouth curved into an arc. Just as she suspected, the City Governors were strong, but they were at the same level as her.

She didn't have to face any other threats. But then she was surprised about another matter

She found out that there is an underground network here in the city A. She was surprised to learn that the underground network has a branch here as well.

Instead of going around and meeting people, she can easily get information from the underground network. All she has to do is pay money.

Time passed.

After having breakfast, she returned to her room. Then she contacted a few of her connections to get the address of the underground network here.

About one hour later,

She exited the hotel room and left the hotel. She was going to meet the underground network operatives. It didn't take long for her to reach the center of the city.

It's a commercial street filled with businesses. Her cab arrived in front of a high-rise building. The underground network, which is a dark organization, operates under different businesses here.

Gisela's eyes flickered with surprise. She thought that the City Governors must know about this place, but they have allowed the dark organization's operations.

She was surprised, but then she realized that the underground network is more of a black market than an actual evil organization.

She collected her thoughts before walking into their establishment. She entered the front lobby and turned around to look at the place.

There was no one at the front desk either.

Shortly afterward,

A middle-aged man and woman dressed in tuxedos came to meet her. They didn't know about her identity, but they knew that anyone who came here was looking for the underground network.

"How may I help you?" Clark asked.

Gisela was surprised to find that they were both Tier-6 Beast Tamers.

"To think this faraway zone has high-level Beast Tamers hidden," she thought.

"I'm here to buy information," Gisela said.

"Name?" Anna asked.

"His name is Jeremy Night. A first-year student at Central University 14," Gisela said in a serious tone.

Hearing that, both operatives looked at each other's faces. The name was well known to them. The matter of Central University has always been a focal point.

"The price is 1 million points," Clark said.

Hearing that, Gisela's eyes flickered. Her expression turned serious for the first time. Why does a first-year university student have this number?

The middle-aged woman saw through her thoughts.

Anna said, "Pay the money, and you will know."

For Gisela, it wasn't a large amount of money. She has become truly interested now. Not even S-Graders have such a price tag on their intel.

"Okay," Gisela said before wiring the money to their organization's account.

Seeing that the customer was paying directly without asking about the account, they both realized it must be a regular customer.

"You wait here. I'll go and bring back the file," Clark said before leaving.

Gisela found a sofa and sat on it. Anna sat on the opposite sofa as well.

She wanted to know what was so significant about the information. She was hoping to find the incomplete background information as well.

She knew the founder was only dissatisfied with incomplete information. Otherwise, he was happy with Jeremy Night's recruitment.

Chapter 289: Gisela's plan!

Corporate Building:

Clark returned a few minutes later. He was carrying a flat digital device and a digital copy.

Gisela looked at him and the device in his hands.

"You can check out the digital copy here," Clara said.

Gisela nodded her head. Then she took the digital device and turned it on. Next, she inserted another small device into it, which contained files about Jeremy Night.

She then began to access the files. She opened the first file and began to read in front of them. Clark and Anna looked at each other.

Clearly, both were curious. They didn't know why big figures were after that kid's information, as people usually buy information about the S-Graders.

This was the first time they had seen people showing interest in A-Grade Talent.

On the other hand, Gisela's expression was more interested as she continued to read. The information was about Jeremy Night's family background.

After reading that, she began to read the next file, which was about Central University 14.

About 10 minutes later,

Her heart was a bit shaky. She was feeling it for the first time. She didn't expect information about the talent in Zone 14 to shake her heart.

"An A-Grade Beast Tamer is doing better than two S-Graders," she thought.

The file also had information about Jeremy Night defeating S-Grade Talent May Lindsey before. It showed that Jeremy Night's combat talent was greater than she had thought.

What shocked her was the ability to fight across ranks. It was reported that Jeremy Night had killed a Tier-3 Beast during the admission test and beast invasion.

Now he had become strong enough to defeat a Tier-4 beast. This intel was enough to back up Jeremy Night's background information.

She thought the founder, Neil, would be satisfied with this information. Next, she needed to meet him in person before thinking about the contract.

She and her organization were interested in recruiting the talent. But she didn't know whether Jeremy Night was interested.

There was also additional information mentioned. It was about unknown people after that kid's life. Her eyes flashed with a glint. She was not surprised.

There had always been such groups of people existing everywhere.

Gisela then stood up and stored the devices in her ring. She then looked at them and said, "Thanks for the information."

"Don't mention it. If you need anything, you can come again," Clark replied in a respectful tone.

"Thanks for the visit," Anna said from the side.

Gisela nodded to them before exiting the building. She then came to the main street and found a flying cab to enter.

Swoosh!

When the cab was gone from the place, the two people inside the building looked at each other.

"Did you find something?" Anna asked.

"Yes, she is stronger than us. Only City Governors can stop her," Clark said in a serious tone.

Gasp!

Anna took a sharp breath before saying, "I felt the same way. But why is such a powerhouse after that kid's information?"

"It doesn't matter. It could be the Human Alliance. We should be careful not to offend them," Clark said before turning around to go to his room.

Anna nodded her head as well. It's not good to mess with the Human Alliance people.

About 20 minutes later,

Gisela returned to her hotel. After entering her room, she locked the door and began to go through the information again.

She then spent time going through the information again. Then she started to think about her next plan. She had made up her mind to meet this kid in person.

In person, she could discern unknown details. If she wanted, she could visit the university, but by doing so, she feared the exposure of her identity.

Nobody knew about her visit to Zone 14. If the forces in the 10th learned about her, then it could lead to an unwanted situation.

She just wanted to meet him to talk about the Shadow Moon Organisation. If Jeremy Night agreed to join the organization, then she would make him sign the contract on the spot.

She started to think about a plan. From the information, she learned another fact: that kid had a habit of going to the wilderness to train. Maybe she should visit the wilderness to meet the kid.

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Days passed:

Central University 14,

Jeremy Night exited the dormitory and started going towards the entrance. He had been staying on campus for several days. It was time for him to visit the wilderness.

He had been planning to upgrade his combat gear. For that, huge money was needed. With his ability to fight against Tier-4 Beasts, he was thinking of making more money.

Soon, he reached the campus gate and walked out of the place. When he came to the main street, he found a few flying cabs waiting for customers at the platform.

Jeremy walked up to the platform. He then spoke to one of the cab drivers before entering his cab.

Buzz!

Shortly afterward, the flying cab left from the spot. At the same time, the other cab driver took out his digital device and made a call to someone.

Meanwhile,

Gisela had been camping in the wilderness ever since that day. She was staying close to the city gate and keeping a close watch on the beast tamers.

She had also bribed a few cab drivers stationed at the university's platform and the city gate's platform.

A few minutes later,

She received a call from one of them. Then she learned about Jeremy Night's departure from one of the cab drivers. Her eyes lit up. No one knew about her presence.

She had been staying here anonymously. Now that kid was going to enter the wilderness. She got an opportunity to observe his performance.

Swoosh!

After pushing down her thoughts, she went close to the city gate.

Time passed,

Jeremy Night arrived at the City Gate. After stepping out, he paid the fare to the driver. After turning around, he looked at the place. He used his eye ability to observe the city gate and the people passing by.

He wanted to confirm whether people were still after his life. Jeremy's eyes were zooming in and out. He could tell that there were no suspicious people around.

He didn't know what happened to the Goldcorp Organisation. He knew that their people were really after his life. Yet all of a sudden, they had quieted down.

He could understand the senior students' situation. They and their families behind them had all been silenced by the Dean. But he didn't know anything about the Goldcorp Organisation.

After spending a few more minutes, he started walking towards the City Gate. When he arrived there, he stood at the back of the queue.

The city guards were checking people's identities one by one. He had been to the wilderness so many times that he was familiar with the city guards there.

When his turn came, he was about to show his card. But the city guard smiled and allowed him to leave. Jeremy thanked him before walking out of the city gate.

He then started going towards the wilderness. Not long after, he noticed a shadow starting to follow him from behind.

Jeremy had no clue whatsoever. He was looking for Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts to hunt.

As time passed, he came across lower-tier beasts. But he ignored all of them. Soon, he entered the territory of the inner part of the wilderness.

It didn't take long for him to come across a Tier-3 Wild Boar. Jeremy's eyes flashed with surprise. It was very rare to see a wild boar reach the level of Tier-3.

He decided to ignore it. But the wild boar dashed out towards him. Seeing that, Jeremy shook his head before unsheathing his katana.

He covered the sharp edge of the blade with new starlight energy in the blink of an eye.

Swoosh!

His senses heightened. When the wild boar was a few meters away from him, he used his eye ability to look for its weak spot.

Cut!

Right then, he swiftly moved his body to attack the beast. He swung the sword.

Pfff!

The blade in his hand came in contact with the neck of the beast. In a flash, the blade penetrated the skin.

The next second, a torrent of blood gushed forth from the beast's neck.

Screech!

The wild boar tried to make a sound. But before it could do anything, its head was severed from its body.

The decapitated head rolled over the ground. The beast's corpse slowly fell to the ground.

Jeremy's mouth curved into an arc. It was a pity that a rare Tier-3 beast had died at his hands. But it was the beast's fault.

He then pushed down his thoughts before storing the decapitated head and the corpse.

He knew it was going to sell for good money. Then he collected the beast's corpse and decapitated head into the storage ring.

Just as he was about to leave, he felt someone standing behind him. His eyes flashed with seriousness. His senses couldn't even detect it.

Chapter 290: Recruitment for the 10th Zone's organisation!

Wilderness:

Jeremy Night was shocked. His senses were right. There was something or someone standing behind him.

"Could it be a Tier-6 Beast?" Jeremy thought.

"Jeremy Night, I have been waiting to meet you."

A beautiful female voice came from behind. Hearing that, Jeremy Night was stunned. Then he realized there was no killing intent from the other person.

He turned around to look at her. He saw a middle-aged woman with black hair and eyes, dressed in a combat uniform.

A hint of nervousness appeared in his eyes.

He hadn't seen this woman before, but his instincts warned him that she could be strong. Maybe a powerful high-tier beast tamer?

"Who are you?" Jeremy asked. His whole body was tense. Even if he wanted to escape now, it would be impossible.

"At ease," Gisela uttered. But her heart was in turmoil. She found that the kid was a Tier-2 Beast Tamer. Not the Tier-1 limit.

She found the aura was stable. Which meant he broke through some time ago.

Jeremy was stunned. Then he recalled reading the exact phrase in the library. It meant to get relaxed.

"Sigh!"

A sigh left his mouth. His turbulent heart calmed down.

He then looked around the surroundings before looking at her.

"Can you tell me now?" Jeremy asked.

A hint of approval flashed in Gisela's eyes. From the very moment she had seen him, she had started assessing him.

Seeing how quickly he was able to cool down his nerves, she was impressed.

She then said, "I'm Gisela Reyes. I'm a Tier-7 Beast Tamer and the 10th Team Leader of the Shadow Moon Organisation from the 10th Zone."

Jeremy felt a thunderclap strike his head. He was petrified on the spot. The information was too big and shocking to digest.

He had always been fascinated by the top 10 zones and the people living there. But he didn't expect to meet someone from there today.

Gisela smiled and continued to observe him. She let him soak in the moment.

About 5 minutes later,

Jeremy's expression turned serious. He could confirm that she was not hostile, so he ruled out her name from the Goldcorp people.

He thought her introduction was true.

"Since you seem to be ready now, I'll tell you my purpose for visiting," she started, explaining how they obtained Jeremy Night's profile from the discarded genius list.

Then she described her organisation's plan to recruit some of the suitable talent from the discarded profiles.

A few minutes later,

Jeremy's heart started to beat faster in excitement. Someone wanted to recruit him from his dreamland. Though she was not from the top 5 zones, joining the 10th Zone's organisation was not bad.

Jeremy started to consider his options. He couldn't reveal anything about the lifeline beast; otherwise, it could cause unnecessary problems for Lord Martha.

Gisela Reyes was standing with her arms crossed. She raised her eyebrows in surprise. She thought the kid would agree on the spot.

But now she saw that he was considering his options.

"Don't tell me he has offers from other forces," she thought.

Jeremy raised his head and asked, "I'm more than happy to join an organisation in the top 10 zones. But I have one condition."

Hearing that, Gisela eased her eyebrows. She was curious about the condition and didn't take offense.

So she asked, "What is it?"

Jeremy took a deep breath before replying, "I can't reveal anything about my lifeline beast. It should be confidential. If you can agree to that condition, then I'll join your organisation."

"What?" Gisela uttered in shock.

She was starting to realize why the kid's information was incomplete. It was done purposely. If the kid had complete information, then his name could have been on the genius list.

"What's going on?" she asked.

Because it was nearly impossible to conceal some information, for example, the information about the lifeline beast.

Only after knowing about a beast tamer's abilities and their lifeline beast could any organisation assign a job to them.

"The lifeline beast was given to me by someone from the Human Alliance. I can't say anything about it," Jeremy replied.

"Human Alliance," she said.

Her eyes flashed with surprise.

For a second, she didn't know what to say. She knew the founder wouldn't agree to such a condition. She hadn't expected the kid to put her in a difficult spot.

She really wanted him to join her team. But she couldn't help but wonder; if someone wanted his lifeline beast to remain confidential, then it could mean only one thing.

This kid's lifeline beast's bloodline must be high. For his safety, they had kept it confidential. It wouldn't be a problem once he crossed Tier-4 level.

"Kid, you have put me in a difficult position. Your talent is real. But it's hard to convince others about your situation. If you want to keep it a secret, then you could miss out on many chances," Gisela said in a solemn tone.

She knew the kid had already missed one chance at the Genius List. She didn't know whether it was okay to tell him.

"I know. But I'm firm in my stance," he replied.

Jeremy's voice sounded resolute, but he was getting nervous inside. He had dreamed about going to the top 10 zones.

But the real reason behind his condition was something else. His unknown beast egg had yet to hatch. If others knew about it, then the consequences would be disastrous.

Even his identity as the son of the City Governor wouldn't be able to save him.

At the same time, Gisela Reyes fell into deep thought. She recalled the information recorded in those files, which she got from the underground network.

It didn't mention anything about Jeremy's lifeline beast. It was reported that no one had seen him summoning his lifeline beast.

"How could that be possible?" she thought.

She knew about the underground network's information-gathering abilities. They must have collected news from university students as well.

If no one had seen him using the lifeline beast, then there could only be one explanation. The kid was really keeping his secret.

"What kind of lifeline beast is it?" she wondered in her heart.

She was clear on one thing: this kid's ability to fight across levels was inseparable from his lifeline beast.

Gisela Reyes was going to make a crazy decision, one that could anger the Shadow Moon Organisation.