

STRIKER 431

Chapter 431 431: A rescue by two city governors

City C (14th Zone):

Jeremy coated his blade with starlight energy. A white liquid flowed from his palm, enveloping the single-edged katana.

Swoosh!

With the blade prepared, he moved to confront the Tier-5 Worm Beast. At the same time, the three Head Guards, accompanied by their Lifeline Beasts, engaged the Tier-4 Worm Beasts.

Boom!

A fierce clash erupted.

The Tier-5 Worm Beast targeted Jeremy Night, sensing the human beast tamer was weaker. It decided to eliminate him first.

As the worm's massive body lunged to strike, Jeremy used a movement technique to dodge the attack.

Swoosh!

At the last moment, he evaded the blow, positioning himself close to the beast. He swung his katana.

The starlight-infused blade sliced through the worm's skin. To his surprise, the katana left scratches on the beast's tough hide.

Sparks of starlight flared, drawing blood. Jeremy retreated to widen the gap.

Meanwhile, the Head Guards and their Lifeline Beasts kept the Tier-4 Worm Beasts at bay, preventing them from advancing.

The Head Guards occasionally glanced at Jeremy, noting his ability to maintain distance from the Tier-5 Worm.

They understood his strategy: Jeremy wasn't engaging the beast head-on. They assumed he was stalling for reinforcements.

Unbeknownst to them, Jeremy was practicing his techniques against the worm. After his recent breakthrough, his starlight energy had grown stronger, its attacks now drawing blood.

As time passed, the Tier-5 Worm grew frustrated. It saw its group being contained by the human beast tamers and their Lifeline Beasts.

Determined to strike directly, the Tier-5 Worm spat corrosive saliva in a straight line toward Jeremy.

Under Jeremy's enhanced vision, the attack seemed to slow, giving him the chance to evade. He darted away from the spot.

Boom!

The corrosive liquid hit the ground, eroding it instantly. The green grass turned to ash in the blink of an eye.

Meanwhile,

Petra, Levy, and the others reached the outer area. They immediately took out their digital devices and called their fathers to report the situation.

At the same time, the Night Family Guards contacted their master, Ron Night. When the three City Governors heard the news, they were shocked.

Ron Night immediately left the city administration building and headed toward the wilderness. He knew a Tier-5 Worm Beast was dangerous.

Only Tier-5 Beast Tamers could handle such a threat. Petra's father also left the city administration building to assist Ron Night.

Levy's father stayed behind, as someone needed to remain at the office. They would all mobilize if the situation worsened.

They knew a single Tier-5 Worm Beast typically appeared with a small group, which two City Governors could handle.

Ron Night was worried about his son. He hadn't expected Jeremy to stay behind and confront the beast while sending others to safety.

He felt both pride and concern for his son's actions. Jeremy had just survived a Beast Invasion, yet now faced another perilous situation.

Ron Night hurried to rescue his son and the others, with Petra's father following close behind. A few people noticed the two City Governors leaving the city.

Petra, Levy, and the others waited anxiously. At that moment, another group arrived to help—the team that had been waiting near the cars.

They now stood together, all aware of the Tier-5 Worm Beast and the few remaining Tier-4 Worm Beasts.

Meanwhile,

Jeremy charged toward the Tier-5 Worm Beast again, using it to test his enhanced starlight energy.

The worm's massive body made it slow, allowing Jeremy to leverage his eye ability to dodge attacks and retreat when danger loomed.

The Head Guards noticed this strategy. They had already killed one of the four Tier-4 Worm Beasts, leaving three, all injured.

Cut!

Jeremy's katana blade struck the Tier-5 Worm Beast's skin again, but its tough hide resisted.

The blade risked breaking if he continued the test. Finally, a small trickle of blood appeared on the beast's skin.

Swoosh!

Jeremy retreated to a safe distance.

On the other hand, the Tier-5 Worm Beast grew increasingly frustrated.

It couldn't kill the elusive human beast tamer, who slipped away every time. Then it turned and saw that one of its group had been killed, leaving only three Tier-4 Worms.

Enraged, the Tier-5 Worm Beast shifted its focus, charging toward the Head Guards and their Lifeline Beasts.

Jeremy's expression changed. "Run!" he shouted.

The three Head Guards immediately recalled their Lifeline Beasts and began running.

A few seconds later, only Jeremy Night remained. He faced the Tier-5 Worm Beast and the three Tier-4 Worm Beasts alone.

Just as he prepared to confront the corrupted creatures, a loud noise came from behind.

Jeremy turned and saw his father, Ron Night. "Jeremy, get back. I'll deal with the beast," Ron said, launching an attack on the Tier-5 Corrupted Worm Beast.

Moments later, Petra's father arrived and joined Ron Night to confront the Tier-5 Worm Beast.

But Jeremy wasn't idle. The three Tier-4 Worm Beasts charged toward him.

He coated his blade with starlight liquid again. As the beasts closed in, he took the offensive.

Slash!

His blade danced through the air, slicing into the flesh of a Tier-4 Worm Beast. Unlike the Tier-5 Beast, the katana met no resistance, cutting easily through the beast's skin.

Cut!

Jeremy swiftly attacked the next two worm beasts in the same manner. Multiple slashes marred their bodies.

In the blink of an eye, a torrent of blood poured from the two corrupted worm beasts.

While the two City Governors were still fighting the Tier-5 Worm Beast, Jeremy Night had single-handedly brought the three Tier-4 Worm Beasts to the brink of death.

After delivering numerous slashes to the beasts' bodies, Jeremy retreated. He believed the three worm beasts would slowly bleed out.

This scene was witnessed by both Ron Night and Petra's father. Both were in shock, with Petra's father particularly terrified.

But their focus remained on defeating the Tier-5 Worm Beast in front of them. The Tier-5 Worm was cunning. After sustaining multiple injuries, it burrowed back underground.

It took the two City Governors ten minutes to drive the beast away. Meanwhile, the three Tier-4 Worm Beasts had bled to death, their corpses lying in pools of their own blood.

Chapter 432: Returned!

City C (14th Zone):

Ron Night and Petra's father exchanged a glance. Petra's father couldn't conceal his shock.

Ron Night quickly gathered his thoughts. He turned to his son and said, "Let's go."

Jeremy nodded in response. The three of them left the area and rejoined the group a few minutes later.

Ron Night remained mostly silent. He should have warned the others, but the shock of his son's actions was overwhelming. He was still processing it.

Petra's father was equally stunned. He looked at his daughter, wanting to say something. Finally, he told her to return home safely.

Ron Night then composed himself and instructed his son to stay safe. Afterward, he left with Petra's father.

At that moment, everyone stood in the outer area.

Most eyes were fixed on Jeremy Night. The two City Governors hadn't mentioned anything about the worm beasts before departing.

Jeremy noticed their gazes. He gathered his thoughts and turned to address them.

"The Tier-5 worm beast escaped back underground. The remaining Tier-4 worm beasts were killed," Jeremy announced.

Hearing this, everyone sighed in relief, assuming the two City Governors had eliminated the remaining corrupted beasts.

Unbeknownst to them, Jeremy Night had slain them all.

Jeremy considered something and added, "Let's head back to the city."

Petra and Levy agreed, visibly stressed and eager to return home.

A few minutes later:

Six flying cars began their journey back to the city. Everyone had endured a terrifying experience, but fortunately, there were no casualties.

The team was safe and sound, now returning to the city.

About 20 minutes later:

The six flying cars entered the city. Soon after, they parted ways, each heading to their respective families.

Jeremy told Petra and Levy he would meet them later at Central University 14.

The three flying cars of the Night Family arrived at the Night Family Mansion and landed inside the estate.

Jeremy stepped out and thanked the Head Guard and the other members.

The Head Guard had fought bravely alongside the others against the Tier-4 worm beast. He commended the team before heading inside the building.

The Head Guard was elated. He and the other members chatted animatedly. Some, who had missed the action, began asking about the fight.

The Head Guard recounted Young Master Jeremy Night's exploits, describing how he confronted the Tier-5 worm beast.

Though they knew Jeremy was defending at the time, it was no small feat. His actions had stunned the City Governors.

The Head Guard spoke proudly about it. Those who hadn't been present were shocked, unaware that their young master had grown so strong in such a short time.

A year ago, Jeremy Night was still in high school. Now, he was capable of facing a Tier-5 worm beast.

The staff and maids quickly caught wind of the news, which spread like wildfire throughout the mansion.

Nora Night heard about it from her husband, Ron Night. She was utterly shocked. Unlike the servants' discussions, the account she received from her husband was far more detailed.

Her son had fought the Tier-5 worm beast until help arrived. Then, he had cut down the Tier-4 worm beasts with ease, as if they were nothing. At first, she couldn't believe it and confirmed the details with her husband.

When she learned it was true, pride swelled within her, mingled with a hint of fear. Despite being only a Tier-2 Beast Tamer, her son had the strength to confront a Tier-5 worm beast.

She worried about the battles he might face in the future. He had only just survived the Beast Invasion, yet here he was, facing a Tier-5 beast.

Her concern deepened as she considered the existence of the Tier-5 worm beast in City C. It posed a significant threat. If left unchecked, it could trigger a situation akin to another Beast Invasion.

Meanwhile:

In his room, Jeremy Night was also thinking about the Tier-5 worm beast. He couldn't understand how such a powerful creature had been living in City C undetected.

They had already provoked the beast, which had fled, wounded. If it sought revenge, it could strike again.

Jeremy believed the two City Governors' failure to kill the Tier-5 worm beast was partly due to his presence.

He had come to City C to spend time with his family, not to encounter such a crisis. Determined not to let the beast live, he began planning to face it again.

To do so, he needed specific items to take it down. His starlight energy alone wasn't enough to kill the beast. In City A, he could have purchased the necessary equipment.

A spark of determination flashed in his eyes. He wasn't out of options. He could travel to City A to acquire the items and return to face the Tier-5 worm beast.

With newfound clarity, he decided to leave for City A the next day.

Meanwhile:

In the city administration, the three City Governors were discussing the Tier-5 worm beast. Unknowingly, their descendants had been the reason it emerged.

Even they were unaware such a beast had been living near City C. Despite their efforts, the beast had escaped underground, demonstrating its formidable power.

At the same time, Petra's father was preoccupied with another thought: Ron Night's son, Jeremy, and his remarkable combat strength.

Jeremy had effortlessly killed the Tier-4 worm beasts before their eyes, as if he had done it many times before.

Petra's father glanced at Ron Night, eager to discuss it. He knew Jeremy lived in the 10th Zone, and now he understood why.

With such combat prowess, Jeremy Night was undoubtedly a valuable asset to the organization.

Ron Night noticed Petra's father. He knew what was running through his mind. He was in the same state of shock.

At the same time, Levy's father sensed something was wrong. He immediately asked both of them, "What's wrong?"

Petra's father quickly recounted what had happened out there. At first, Levy's father remained calm, but his expression changed soon after. He couldn't believe what he was hearing.

Chapter 433 433: Going to City A (14th Zone)

City C (14th Zone):

Levy's father couldn't hide his shock. He asked Petra's father whether he was lying. Petra's father confirmed it was true.

Both men then turned toward Ron Night, their eyes fixed on him.

Ron Night said, "Yes, he's right. My son killed Tier-4 worm beasts."

Hearing this, both city governors were stunned. They realized why Jeremy had shifted to the 10th zone.

Before they could dwell further, Ron Night changed the topic.

"We should discuss the Tier-5 worm beast first. We can't let it live near City C," he said.

At that, both city governors snapped out of their thoughts, their expressions turning serious.

Petra's father said, "Yes, we should seek help from the Human Alliance. What if there's more than one Tier-5 worm beast?"

"I doubt they would dispatch someone to deal with a Tier-5 worm beast," Levy's father replied.

"I think it's better to ask for help from City A's governors," Ron Night suggested.

The other two agreed with his idea. They decided to contact City A's governors the next morning.

That night, everyone parted ways. Ron Night returned to the Night Family Mansion.

At dinnertime, the family gathered at the dining table. Servants brought out the food and left.

As they began eating, Ron Night and Nora remained silent but were clearly curious about the day's events.

Jeremy Night ate his meal, feeling the sharp gazes of his parents. Ron Night broke the silence with a question.

"How did you kill the Tier-4 beasts? They're two tiers stronger than you."

Jeremy replied, "It has to do with my lifeline beast."

Ron Night and Nora were stunned. They had nearly forgotten that their son had contracted a mysterious, powerful bloodline beast.

They knew it had been given to him by Lord Martha Smith, so they understood the source of Jeremy's strength.

"Has it hatched?" Nora asked.

Ron raised his eyebrows as well. They knew Jeremy had contracted an unhatched egg.

Jeremy smiled and said, "It's still in its egg state."

"What?" Nora exclaimed in surprise.

Even Ron was shocked to his core. They had assumed the egg had hatched, explaining Jeremy's increased strength.

But learning the egg hadn't hatched sent their minds into turmoil.

Jeremy sighed inwardly, understanding their shock.

A few minutes later, they collected their thoughts.

Ron Night said, "It seems we've been underestimating the bloodline grade of your lifeline beast."

Jeremy nodded in agreement. Even after consuming resources from the colorful spring water, the unknown beast egg hadn't hatched.

Nora said, "I guess even Lord Martha herself doesn't know its true nature."

"That must be it," Ron Night agreed.

Lord Martha had told them the egg belonged to her friend.

Ron Night continued, "Son, you need to be careful. You've already drawn a lot of attention. The other two city governors were shocked by your strength."

"You killed those Tier-4 beasts without summoning your lifeline beast. That will only fuel people's curiosity," he added.

Nora grew more worried.

She said, "Son, you don't have to fight every battle. There are other beast tamers. Tier-5 corrupted beasts and above are no ordinary creatures."

"Your mother is right. We still don't know much about the wilderness. The unexplored regions are vast, so don't take unnecessary risks," Ron Night advised.

Jeremy listened to them and assured them he would be more careful moving forward.

After having dinner, everyone went back to sleep. Jeremy was lying in his bed.

He couldn't help but think about the Tier-5 Worm. As he had planned earlier, he would leave for City A the next morning.

The following day, he woke up earlier than usual. Then he informed his father and mother about his departure.

They were surprised at first, but then they realized Jeremy was going shopping and would return within a day because there were continuous flights between City A and City C.

Jeremy then left his home and reached the airport 20 minutes later.

He didn't inform Petra or Levy about his trip. Soon, he reached the counter and bought a ticket for the next available flight. He boarded the flight several minutes later.

A few hours later, the flight touched down in City A. When he walked out of the airport, he immediately thought about Central University 14 and his STRIKER Department friends.

Earlier, he had considered visiting them as well, but the presence of the Tier-5 Worm had forced him to change his plans.

After giving it some thought, he decided to call his friends. He made surprise calls to Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone, telling them about his arrival one after another.

It was already noon. So, he decided to wait for them at the airport.

Meanwhile, Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone were inside Central University 14.

They were attending Instructor Jacob Henry's class. But the phone calls they received one after another silenced the room. Betsy and Daniel looked at each other in shock.

"What happened? Who's on the phone?" Instructor Jacob asked. He noticed their reactions were due to the calls.

Betsy Lowe collected her thoughts first. A bright smile appeared on her face. Daniel Stone was grinning as well.

"He's here," she said.

"Who?" Jacob asked.

"Jeremy Night is waiting for us at the airport," Betsy said with a smile.

Hearing that, Instructor Jacob was dumbfounded. Then he realized the Beast Invasion in the 10th Zone's City A was over.

Jeremy Night must have returned to meet his parents and was stopping by to see them along the way.

"Let's go. I'm coming with you," Jacob said.

Betsy and Daniel agreed. The three of them exited the building and quickly reached the exit.

Jacob didn't inform the Dean or Elder Derek about Jeremy because he was just tagging along.

He didn't know whether Jeremy would like it or not. It didn't take long for the trio to reach the airport.

There, they saw Jeremy waiting for them in the resting area. They quickly went to his side.

Jeremy saw them as well. He hadn't expected Instructor Jacob to tag along, but he was happy to see him too. They were all part of the STRIKER Department.

Chapter 434 434: Meeting with friends (14th Zone)

City A (14th Zone):

Instructors Jacob, Betsy Lowe, and Daniel Stone stood in front of Jeremy Night, eyeing him from head to toe.

Jeremy observed them as well. He noticed their ranks had increased significantly, surpassing most other first-year students.

At that moment, Jacob's heart raced. He sensed Jeremy Night's strength was at Tier-2, surpassing the first rank. He was stunned by such rapid progress.

He didn't know what to say. Betsy and Daniel Stone were equally shocked, seeing Jeremy after such a long time.

"Instructor Jacob?"

"Betsy!"

"Daniel!"

"How are you all doing?" Jeremy asked.

The three gathered their thoughts.

"We've been doing fine. What about you? We heard you faced a beast invasion," Jacob said.

Jeremy was surprised by their knowledge. He noticed Betsy and Daniel exchanging knowing looks, aware of his recent whereabouts.

Sighing, Jeremy said, "It was a dangerous experience. Corrupted beasts invaded the city. We were fighting them inside the streets."

Jacob was at a loss for words. He knew surviving a beast invasion was no easy feat.

Betsy and Daniel were also shaken by the thought of a beast invasion. They couldn't imagine themselves battling corrupted beasts within a city.

Trying to move past the heavy topic, they calmed themselves and changed the subject.

"So, what's your plan?"

"You've returned after a long time. Are you visiting the university?" Betsy asked.

Instructor Jacob and Daniel turned to Jeremy with hopeful expressions, eager for him to visit the campus.

Not only would they be delighted, but other students and instructors would be thrilled as well.

Jacob particularly wanted Jeremy to meet Dean Carolyn and Elder Derek.

Jeremy saw the anticipation in their eyes. He knew they wanted him to reconnect with everyone.

However, something else was on his mind. He decided to share it with them.

He glanced around, spotting a private area a few meters away where no one could overhear.

"I have something important to discuss. Follow me," he said, walking toward the empty spot.

They were now well outside the airport, standing a few hundred meters from the crowd moving in and out.

Jeremy looked at them and began recounting his encounter with a Tier-5 Worm Beast and its group.

The presence of Tier-5 Corrupted Beasts near City A was far more alarming than near City C.

A few minutes later, the trio's expressions shifted. They hadn't expected City C to face such a crisis.

No wonder Jeremy seemed tense.

Instructor Jacob said, "If the Tier-5 Worm Beast was injured and fled, it's likely to return."

"They're intelligent. They don't forget attacks. The City Governors need to address this quickly," he added.

Jeremy nodded. "That's why I'm here. I plan to track their whereabouts."

"I've also decided to buy equipment that can harm the worm beasts," he continued.

Betsy gasped in surprise. Daniel was equally shocked.

Instructor Jacob's face grew serious.

"Are you insane?"

"A Tier-5 Corrupted Beast could easily destroy you!" Jacob exclaimed in frustration.

He couldn't understand why Jeremy was taking such a risk.

Then it dawned on him, Jeremy's father was one of the City Governors. That explained his determination.

Betsy and Daniel came to the same realization.

Jeremy said, "I'm only trying to find their whereabouts, not fight them. The Tier-5 Worm Beast is dangerous."

Hearing this, Jacob raised his eyebrows in surprise. He hadn't expected Jeremy to show such restraint. It proved he wasn't being reckless.

"I'll ask for help from my grandfather," Betsy said.

"I can ask my family for help too," Daniel added.

Jeremy shook his head. "There's no need for that. It's just one Tier-5 beast. Mobilizing a large group could invite criticism."

"Jeremy's right. There's no need to involve so many people, especially without evidence of more than one Tier-5 Corrupted Beast," Jacob said.

"But one person could help you, Dean Carolyn. She could dispatch a Tier-6 Beast Tamer to assist."

"She has a lot of connections and could request support from the City Governors here," he added.

Jeremy frowned. "I don't think that's necessary. My father and the other two City Governors already have plans in mind."

"I'm just helping by tracking the whereabouts of the Tier-5 Worm Beast," he added.

Seeing Jeremy's reluctance, Jacob was unsure what to do. He worried Jeremy was taking on unnecessary risks.

Betsy and Daniel didn't know what to say. As Tier-1 Beast Tamers, they couldn't assist Jeremy in a fight.

Jacob quickly thought of something and decided to support Jeremy for now. He asked, "So, what's your next step?"

"I need something that can injure worm beasts. They must be allergic to something," Jeremy replied.

Instructor Jacob nodded. "They're sensitive to certain liquids that irritate their bodies. But where will you find them in large quantities?"

"Stores here only carry small amounts, enough for low-tier beasts," he added.

Jeremy was taken aback. He hadn't considered this. The Tier-5 Worm Beast was over 20 feet tall, and the liquids available locally might not suffice.

Jacob noticed Jeremy deep in thought. Betsy and Daniel remained silent, uncertain of Jeremy's next move.

They could tell tracking a Tier-5 Worm Beast was dangerous.

Jacob said, "I have another idea. The Beast Taming Association has developed a special liquid to lure worm beasts."

"I'm not sure if it works on high-tier worms, though," he added.

Jeremy raised his eyebrows in surprise. He hadn't known such a liquid existed for luring beasts.

Jeremy said, "I need that liquid. As long as I can confirm their whereabouts, it's enough."

"Then come with me. I'll take you to the Beast Taming Association," Jacob said.

"We want to go too," Betsy said.

Daniel nodded, expressing his desire to join as well.

Instructor Jacob agreed. The four of them left the airport, heading straight for the Beast Taming Association.

Meanwhile, Elder Derek called Jacob as usual, but Jacob didn't answer. Surprised, Derek assumed Jacob must be teaching a class.

Meanwhile, Jacob was traveling with the others. He was deliberately ignoring the calls, worried that Elder Derek might notice his absence.

Chapter 435 435: Assistance!

City A (14th Zone):

The group soon arrived at the Beast Taming Association's store. Instructor Jacob took the lead and entered the shop.

Jeremy swept his gaze across the place. Betsy and Lowe were wearing the uniform of Star University, making them easily recognizable.

One of the staff approached to assist them. Instructor Jacob inquired about a special liquid.

The staff was surprised, as few beast tamers purchased that liquid except influential figures. They guided the group to a guest room.

After settling them in, the staff informed the manager, who arrived a few minutes later.

He recognized the importance of instructors, especially those from Central University 14, a prominent beast-taming institution.

He couldn't ignore them. Meeting Instructor Jacob, he learned about their requirements and glanced at the students.

However, he didn't recognize the students and spoke only to Instructor Jacob. Jacob explained that they urgently needed the special liquid.

The manager didn't ask further questions and instructed the staff to bring the available special liquids, assuming it was related to a mission.

Jeremy, Betsy, and Daniel remained silent.

Shortly afterward, the staff returned with a storage ring containing one hundred small bottles, each filled with the special liquid.

The manager took the ring, checked it, and confirmed there were indeed one hundred bottles.

To ensure transparency in front of Instructor Jacob and the students, he took out one bottle, opened the cork, and a potent smell filled the room.

Jeremy was stunned, unprepared for the scent's intensity. Betsy and Daniel felt uncomfortable as well.

"This bad smell is supposed to lure the corrupted beast out?" Betsy thought.

Daniel, overwhelmed by the odor, immediately left the room, with Betsy following him.

Only Jeremy remained. He looked at the manager and Instructor Jacob. The manager declared, "It's the real one. If you want, you can check the remaining bottles."

"No need for that," Jacob replied.

The manager corked the bottle, placed it back in the storage ring, and handed it to Instructor Jacob. Smiling, he began discussing payment.

Hearing this, Jeremy stepped forward and asked, "What's the price?"

The manager was taken aback, but before he could respond, Instructor Jacob shook his head and said, "No, I'll cover this."

With that, Jacob walked outside with the manager. Jeremy, dumbfounded, sighed inwardly and followed. He joined Betsy and Daniel, who were engaged in a serious discussion.

Seeing him approach, Betsy turned and asked, "Do you think that liquid can lure the worm beast?"

"I don't know. Let's see if it works," Jeremy replied.

Meanwhile, Instructor Jacob completed the purchase and returned. Seeing Jeremy's expression, he said, "Don't overthink it. The corrupted beast problem concerns everyone."

Jeremy smiled and responded, "Alright, I'll do my best to track down those worm beasts. Give me the storage ring."

Jacob smiled, took out the storage ring, but hesitated before handing it over.

Jeremy raised his eyebrows, and Betsy and Daniel looked confused, unsure of Jacob's intentions.

"If you need any help, you can call us," Jacob said.

Jeremy nodded in understanding and accepted the storage ring. Betsy and Daniel sighed in relief.

The group left the store. Instructor Jacob asked, "What's your next step?"

"I'm heading back to City C," Jeremy replied. "If I find the Tier-5 worm beast, I'll inform you."

Jacob nodded. "Okay. Let's drop you off at the airport."

They left for the airport, where Jeremy parted ways with them. At the counter, he purchased a ticket and boarded his flight.

Meanwhile, Instructor Jacob drove Betsy and Daniel back to the university, arriving twenty minutes later.

He instructed them not to spread news of Jeremy's return, knowing it would spread like wildfire if it got out.

Betsy and Daniel headed toward the department building. Jacob's eyes gleamed with concern.

He didn't agree with Jeremy's plan. How could a Tier-2 beast tamer confront a Tier-5 worm beast? Still, he admired Jeremy's courage.

Betsy and Daniel, both Tier-1 beast tamers, knew their limits and hadn't volunteered to join Jeremy.

Jacob decided to consult Elder Derek. He couldn't leave Jeremy alone, though he knew Jeremy wouldn't accept help. His eyes reflected his internal struggle.

Why was Jeremy so determined to solve this alone? A single word from him could rally support, yet he insisted on handling it himself.

Jacob headed to Elder Derek's office, aware that Derek had tried contacting him earlier, but he hadn't responded.

Upon arriving, he announced his presence, and Elder Derek invited him in.

Elder Derek, seated behind his desk, raised his eyebrows upon seeing Jacob. "Take a seat," he said. Once Jacob sat, Derek continued, "I called you several times, but you didn't answer."

Jacob's expression grew serious. Noticing this, Derek paused his work, sensing something was wrong.

"What happened?" Derek asked.

"We went to see Jeremy Night," Jacob replied.

"What?" Derek exclaimed, surprised. Collecting his thoughts, he smiled and asked, "Did he come back to visit his parents?"

During the beast invasion, Derek had visited City C to reassure Jeremy's parents that their son was safe.

He looked at Jacob and added, "It's good he's back. Did he mention returning to campus to meet everyone?"

Jacob's face grew solemn. "Something's up."

He explained what had happened to Jeremy in City C. Ten minutes later, Derek's face was filled with shock. He hadn't expected Jeremy to encounter such serious trouble.

"This is a major issue. We can't let him face it alone," Derek said solemnly.

"But he refuses help. He wants to track the beast's whereabouts on his own," Jacob replied.

"Is he crazy? Do his parents know about this?" Derek asked.

Jacob shook his head. "His father and the other city governors likely have plans, but Jeremy wants to help them. City C lacks powerful beast tamers. If a Tier-5 worm beast attacks, it could be a disaster on the scale of the beast invasion."

"Let's inform the Dean. She might send someone to help. A single Tier-6 beast tamer could handle a Tier-5 worm beast," Derek suggested.

Jacob nodded, and they left to meet the Dean.

Meanwhile, Jeremy's flight headed toward City C.

Dean's Office:

Dean Carolyn was seated behind her desk when Jacob and Elder Derek arrived. Surprised by their serious expressions, she invited them in. As Derek explained Jeremy's situation, her expression turned grim.

After a few minutes, she felt conflicted, relieved that Jeremy was safe but worried about the new danger he faced.

"A Tier-5 worm beast near City C is no ordinary problem. Recent changes in the wilderness outside the city might be connected to its appearance," she said.

"Dean, we need to help him. He's planning to go alone and has no one from the 10th Zone with him," Jacob urged.

Her eyes gleamed with determination. "I'll contact City Governor Elton," she said, making the call immediately. After speaking with him, she learned new information.

Ending the call, she turned to them. "Jeremy's father and others have requested assistance from City Governor Elton. He's sending Commander Harris, someone Jeremy knows, a Tier-6 beast tamer."

Derek nodded, relieved. "That's good news."

"If it's Commander Harris, then he will definitely help Jeremy Night," Jacob said.

Because Jeremy Night worked under him during the Beast Invasion here. "Since he's going there, we can be at ease here," Derek commented.

Meanwhile, Not long after, Jeremy Night left. Beast Tamer Harris boarded the flight to City C with his small team.

Apart from him, there are four Tier-5 Beast Tamers. They are going to investigate first. If the threat is found to be large, they will request backup in return.

Jeremy, who is traveling ahead of them, doesn't know about it. A few hours later, the flight touched down at City C Airport.

After exiting the place, Jeremy calls the Night Family Head Guard to pick him up. It didn't take long for the Night Family Head Guard to appear.

He picks up Jeremy Night and starts driving back to the Night Family Mansion. Jeremy decides to start his mission the next morning.

There are risks, but he has made up his mind to do the search.

Soon, the flying car reaches the Night Family Mansion. Shortly afterward, Jeremy went inside the home and saw his father and mother.

He didn't speak much about his travels. After speaking a few words with them, he went back to his room. He entered the bath to take a shower. The bath lasted for 20 minutes.

Then he changed into comfortable clothes before going to sleep. Meanwhile, Ron Night was busy. He left the home and went to the City Administration Building.

He knows that a team of Beast Tamers is going to arrive from City A. He is going to pick them up at the airport.

The other two City Governors are here in the office. They are going to have a meeting soon.

An hour later,

Harris and his team arrived at the airport. When they walked out, Ron Night went to greet them.

Harris knew what was going on here. City Governor Elton had briefed him.

Chapter 436: Meeting Commander Harris again

City C (14th Zone):

Harris and his team started speaking to Ron Night. From the airport, they traveled to the City Administration Building in his car.

Soon, they reached the City Administration Building. Harris and the others were guided to their rooms. Beast Tamer Harris wanted to hear the information directly from the City Governor.

The other two City Governors arrived after hearing about his arrival. They greeted him and his team. Harris knew that the three City Governors' children had fought in the Beast Invasion.

In particular, he knew about Jeremy Night and his journey to the 10th Zone. It was considered big news, even by City Governors Elton and others.

Not only that, he had heard about the Beast Invasion in the 10th Zone as well. So he was surprised to learn that the kid faced such danger while visiting his family here.

"I heard your sons and daughter were involved in this incident," Harris commented.

Hearing that, the three City Governors nodded. They began to recount the events again, not hiding anything, including the actions of Jeremy Night.

The four Tier-5 Beast Tamers standing behind Harris were shocked. They refused to believe such nonsense, but Harris believed it.

No one would have hired that kid if he wasn't extraordinary. Harris knew the kid had joined one of the Beast Taming Forces in the 10th Zone.

It was their responsibility to protect the kid's safety as well. Otherwise, someone powerful from the 10th Zone might come knocking on their door.

"We'll start our investigation tomorrow morning," Harris said.

He thought it wasn't safe to explore the suspected place at night. If things had changed here, he believed it was best to start the investigation in the morning.

Their guest rooms were arranged. Staff members were available to stay all night. So the three City Governors left the place and returned to their homes.

The following day, early in the morning, Jeremy woke up. When he came to the hall, he saw his mother and learned that his father wasn't there. From her, he discovered that assistance from City A had arrived.

When he learned who it was, he was surprised. He had fought under Commander Harris during the Beast Invasion back then and had even received praise from him.

He didn't expect the City A Governors to dispatch that person. But Jeremy didn't know it was all because of him. Knowingly or unknowingly, the City Governors of City A and Dean Carolyn had started giving importance to this issue.

Jeremy felt good about having their support. He thought his father and the other two City Governors would be safe now. There would be no human backstabbing.

Then he chatted with his mother for a few minutes before returning to his room to get ready.

About 30 minutes later, he walked out of the mansion with an excuse. He brought the Night Family Guard with him to the wilderness. The Night Guard was shocked.

But after yesterday's events, he completely trusted Young Master Jeremy, so he didn't ask any questions. He didn't bring any other members with him.

Jeremy knew the members were Tier-3 and Tier-2 Beast Tamers. They wouldn't be of any help if there was a sudden change in the situation.

The Head Guard was a Tier-4 Beast Tamer. He could handle the sudden appearance of corrupted beasts. After arriving in the wilderness, Jeremy asked the Head Guard to follow him.

He was heading to the previous site where he had fought against the Tier-5 Worm Beast. He thought the Tier-5 Worm knew that place.

After smelling the special liquid, it might come out. He started heading toward the place. The Head Guard, with no choice, followed his young master.

Meanwhile, Harris and his team members were ready to leave. The City Governors decided to accompany them, but Harris rejected the idea.

His four team members were all Tier-5 Beast Tamers, more than enough to handle any dangerous situation.

After hearing that, Ron and the other two decided to stay back. Only Harris and his four members left the place. Harris had already gotten the location from Ron Night.

They started heading toward the wilderness.

On the other hand, the Tier-5 Worm Beast was angry. Four of its members had been killed. It had escaped with injuries and wanted revenge.

It wouldn't go back before fully recovering. It was now buried deep underground. The rich natural energy in the soil was speeding up its recovery.

About 30 minutes later, I arrived at the previous spot. The signs of fighting were still fresh here.

"Young Master, this is the place," the Head Guard said.

But he was confused about why the young master had brought him here.

Jeremy took out the storage ring and began removing the bottles one by one.

The Head Guard was shocked, not knowing what was happening. Jeremy saw him and said, "Open the bottles and pour the liquid around this area."

Hearing that, the Head Guard nodded and started working. He opened the bottles one by one and poured the liquid on the ground.

Though the smell was unbearable, he continued.

In the blink of an eye, he brought out a hundred bottles. He started working with him as well. The Head Guard didn't ask any questions.

A few minutes later, the ground across more than a hundred meters was covered with the special liquid. The Head Guard couldn't contain his curiosity.

Finally, he asked, "Young Master, what's going on here?"

Jeremy smiled and replied, "It's a special liquid. It helps lure out worm-type beasts."

"The Tier-5 Worm might come out after smelling it," he added.

"What?" the Head Guard exclaimed in shock.

His expression turned pale with fright.

"Young Master, it's dangerous. What if there are more than one Tier-5 Worm Beasts? It could be dangerous for our city," the Head Guard asked.

"Don't worry, a Tier-6 Beast Tamer has come to our city. It's the right time to lure out this b@stard. It would be good if all the hiding b@stards come out," Jeremy said.

Hearing that, the Head Guard understood. He thought the young master wanted to use the presence of the Tier-6 Beast Tamer to eliminate the threats around City C.

He couldn't help but be shocked again. He was once more surprised by Young Master Jeremy's courage. No one else in the city had such thoughts.

On the other hand, Jeremy started using his eye ability to observe the place while the Head Guard was still in shock.

The smell not only spread across the area but also seeped underground.

Not long after, Harris and the four Beast Tamers arrived at the spot. They were standing in mid-air. Upon seeing Jeremy and the Guard, Harris was shocked.

Thud!

He landed on the ground and walked up to Jeremy Night. The Tier-5 Beast Tamers behind him were surprised as well.

Jeremy Night saw them but wasn't surprised by their arrival. The Head Guard started panicking. He could feel immense pressure from them, like the City Governors.

Jeremy recognized Commander Harris but didn't know the other four Beast Tamers. He glanced at them before looking at Commander Harris.

"Kid, what are you doing here?" Harris asked.

He saw the hundreds of bottles and recognized the label as well, being part of the Beast Taming Association.

Jeremy smiled and said, "I'm trying to lure out all the hidden dangers here."

Hearing that, Harris was left speechless. He was angry but didn't know what to do. He knew the kid had survived two different Beast Invasions.

One of them was even more terrifying. He had seen the footage online. So he calmed himself. But the four Beast Tamers behind him didn't know Jeremy Night.

They thought a Tier-2 kid was unnecessarily causing problems.

One of them, a male, stepped forward, visibly angry.

"Kid, don't think being the son of a City Governor means you can do anything here."

"What if an army of corrupted beasts is attracted to this place?"

"Such a large gathering of corrupted beasts could trigger a Beast Invasion here. You're putting people's lives at risk," the man said.

Even Harris was surprised. He didn't expect him to interfere. Before he could say anything, Jeremy smiled first.

Then he replied, "I don't think there are high-tier corrupted beasts here in the wilderness. Even if there's an army, it would be of low-tier beasts."

"Besides, I knew Commander Harris would be here. That's why I came," Jeremy added.

Hearing that, the man was stunned. Then he realized he had made a mistake. This was City C's wilderness, not City A. So there was a low chance of high-tier beasts living here.

The natural energy in the surroundings was weaker than in City A. The three female Beast Tamers understood this as well.

Not only that, they learned that Elder Harris knew this kid.

So they let go of their anger. But only Harris figured out that the kid wanted to use him to eliminate the threat here. Yet he wasn't offended.

It was the job of every Beast Tamer to eliminate the threat of corrupted beasts.

Chapter 437: Part 1: Facing a multitude

City C (14th Zone): Wilderness

Harris said, "Alright, everyone should focus on the corrupted beasts right now."

Hearing this, the male and three female beast tamers fell silent. They began to pay close attention to their surroundings.

The worm beasts could appear at any moment.

"You should stand behind me," Harris instructed.

Jeremy Night didn't argue. He and his Head Guard positioned themselves behind Harris.

Harris also started scanning the surroundings.

Meanwhile, the scent of the special liquid had reached a group of worm beasts, including a Tier-5 Worm Beast and several Tier-4 Worm Beasts.

The Tier-5 Worm Beast awoke from its recovery, its injuries not yet fully healed.

However, the alluring smell was too strong. The Tier-5 Worm Beast wanted to investigate, and the Tier-4 and lower-tier worm beasts had a similar reaction.

The scent from the hundred bottles had also attracted other dangerous corrupted beasts, including insect-type corrupted beasts, scorpions, and centipedes.

Among them, the strongest were Tier-4 and Tier-3 corrupted beasts, unlike the Tier-5 Worm Beast. The lower-tier beasts began rushing toward the source of the smell.

Meanwhile, Jeremy Night used his eye ability to observe the area. Initially, he had intended to locate the Tier-5 Worm Beast.

However, Commander Harris's words made him realize his mistake. He had been careless.

Though the chances of encountering high-tier beasts were low, a large number of lower-tier beasts could be drawn to the special liquid's scent.

So, he waited for the corrupted beasts to appear. The Head Guard, a Tier-4 Beast Tamer, understood the situation.

His job was to protect Young Master Jeremy Night from the corrupted beasts, but he knew Jeremy could handle a Tier-5 Beast on his own.

He resolved to do his part to assist the young master.

Harris and the four beast tamers remained vigilant.

Boom!

Not long after, low-tier beasts appeared in their line of sight, flying insects over three to four feet in height.

There were more than fifty of them, all Tier-2 and Tier-3 corrupted beasts.

The sight of the bug-type corrupted beasts caused everyone's expressions to change drastically.

The male beast tamer, furious, turned to Jeremy and said, "Told you so."

Jeremy didn't respond. Instead, he focused on the bug-type corrupted beasts. He had never encountered them in such large numbers before.

"Okay, clear them out," Harris ordered.

At his command, everyone began using their talents to kill the bug-type corrupted beasts.

Harris refrained from fighting, instead observing the surroundings for larger threats.

No one summoned their lifeline beasts, as eliminating the low-tier corrupted beasts was manageable.

Jeremy drew his blade to attack, choosing not to use his starlight energy.

Slash!

A simple swing of his blade was enough to kill a beast. The bug-type beasts began attacking the group.

Puchak!

Jeremy Night effortlessly cut them down, cleaving the small-sized bug beasts in two.

Blood splattered on the ground, but he didn't stop swinging his katana blade.

As time passed, he continued to kill the corrupted beasts with ease. The Head Guard of the Night Family did his part as well.

Harris observed everything, unsurprised. However, the four beast tamers were shocked. They knew Jeremy Night was only a Tier-2 Beast Tamer.

Yet, he was taking down Tier-2 and Tier-3 corrupted beasts effortlessly without using his lifeline beasts.

Time passed, and within an hour, all fifty-plus Tier-2 and Tier-3 corrupted beasts were dead.

The ground was soaked with beast blood, and the beast tamers' clothes were drenched as well.

Suddenly, Harris raised his eyebrows. He sensed something dangerous approaching.

"Get back!" he shouted. "The Tier-5 Worm Beast is probably here!"

The four beast tamers quickly moved behind Harris.

Jeremy instructed his Head Guard to stand behind him, sensing that the Tier-5 Worm Beast might target him first.

Boom!

A few hundred meters ahead, the ground exploded. A Tier-5 Worm Beast, over twenty feet tall, emerged from the earth.

Following it were ten Tier-4 Worm Beasts and more than twenty Tier-3 Worm Beasts.

The special liquid had also attracted other hidden corrupted beasts. Several scorpions and centipedes emerged from the bushes.

The beast tamers were stunned.

Jeremy squinted his eyes and immediately coated his blade with starlight energy.

"Take down the Tier-4 beasts," Harris said before charging toward the Tier-5 Worm Beast.

The Tier-5 Worm Beast spotted the human beast tamers and recognized one of them as prey from the previous day.

Possessing intelligence, it deduced that the humans had lured it out with the special smell, which ended at this spot.

It noticed a middle-aged human charging toward it and felt a sense of danger.

Swoosh!

The Tier-5 Worm Beast attempted to flee, burrowing underground. Harris, keeping his eyes on the beast, pursued it.

Meanwhile, the four beast tamers summoned their lifeline beasts to deal with the Tier-4 corrupted beasts.

"Young Master, I'll take care of it," the Head Guard said before stepping forward to face the corrupted beasts.

He summoned his lifeline beast to fight as well.

Jeremy remained still, silently observing the situation. The Tier-5 Worm Beast had come and fled, but something felt off. He couldn't pinpoint it, but he trusted his instincts.

Something else was here.

Pfff!

A worm beast lunged at him. Jeremy swung his blade downward, cleaving it in two.

Blood spread across the ground as he continued to strike at the beasts approaching him, all while keeping an eye on the surroundings.

Occasionally, the male beast tamer glanced at Jeremy. Seeing the young man holding his own, he was shocked to the core.

The female beast tamers were even more terrified. They had never heard of this young man before, and they were astounded that he was fighting without using his lifeline beasts.

Then they turned to their own battles. As time passed, the team became separated as they tried to chase the fleeing beasts.

Only Jeremy Night and the Head Guard remained, standing and fighting at the original spot.

Jeremy told the Head Guard to stay back, saying he would venture deeper to investigate. The Head Guard hesitated.

But Jeremy assured him that he was only going to scout the area and would return soon.

Chapter 438: Part 2: Facing a multitude

City C (Wilderness):

Jeremy left the area and ventured deep into the wilderness, heading in a different direction from Harris and his team.

He had a reason for this. For some time, he had been feeling an unusual sensation coming from this direction. Now, he realized it was a faint sense of crisis.

Initially, he thought it was related to the Tier-5 Worm Beast, but he was now certain it had nothing to do with it.

The sense of crisis stemmed from something else, though he didn't share this with the Head Guard.

The Head Guard might be shocked, and more importantly, he could report it to Jeremy's father.

Jeremy didn't want his father or others to worry, so he decided to confirm his suspicions first.

About ten minutes later, he was deep within the wilderness. The area was vast and open, filled with boulders of varying sizes.

Some of the mountain rocks were taller than a human. Jeremy's eyes scanned the surroundings. He thought this rocky terrain was unsuitable for worm beasts to inhabit.

The ground was filled with rocks, and the underground likely contained more. So, where was this sense of crisis coming from?

Jeremy Night used his eye ability to scan the area, activating his second ability. The ground's surface became transparent.

He could see one or two inches beneath the surface, but there were no signs of corrupted beasts. Just as he was about to deactivate his ability, he saw something shocking.

A black and blue horn became visible. Following it, he saw the head and the rest of the creature's body.

It was over twenty feet long and six feet tall, a massive lizard-type corrupted beast, sleeping underground.

Its size suggested it was at least a Tier-5 corrupted beast, possibly higher.

The earlier fight must have disturbed its slumber. Jeremy continued to examine the creature, noting its hard, scaly skin.

Its legs bore sharp, claw-like talons, capable of tearing through a lifeline beast.

Jeremy didn't move an inch from his spot. The horned lizard was resting, and any movement could wake it.

If it was a Tier-5 corrupted beast, he might manage, but if it turned out to be Tier-6 or higher, they would need Harris's help.

Jeremy waited, hoping Elder Harris would find him first.

But soon, the ongoing fight continued to disturb the sleeping lizard. It suddenly opened its vertical eyes.

At the same time, Jeremy noticed this and took a few steps backward.

Boom!

The ground exploded as the massive lizard emerged. The next second, its oppressive aura spread across the area.

The pressure hit Jeremy, forcing him to retreat a couple of steps.

"Tier-6," Jeremy uttered in surprise.

He wasn't sure whether to be relieved or alarmed. He had lured out another dangerous beast, one even more formidable than the Tier-5 Worm Beast.

If he hadn't discovered it now, it might have attacked the city later.

The Horned Lizard spotted the human prey and unleashed its anger. It swung its tail suddenly.

The lizard's tail appeared in a flash before Jeremy Night. He quickly used the flat side of his blade to block it.

Boom!

The tail struck the blade, and the impact sent Jeremy's body flying backward like a projectile.

He arced through the air before crashing to the ground. Unfortunately, he was deep in the inner wilderness, far from help, as the others were fighting elsewhere.

The Horned Lizard, enraged by its disturbed sleep, wouldn't easily rest again. It moved toward the human prey, intent on consuming him to regain its energy.

Each step of the Horned Lizard created a booming sound as it advanced.

A hundred meters away, Jeremy leaned against a large tree, blood dripping from his forehead.

He hadn't expected to be injured so badly. As he struggled to stand, he heard loud footsteps.

His eyes flickered with understanding—the lizard was coming for him. Already badly hurt, he knew he'd be trampled if he didn't move.

With maximum effort, he stood up.

Using his eyesight, he saw the Horned Lizard approaching. He sheathed his katana blade and drew his handgun, coating the bullets with starlight energy.

As the Horned Lizard closed within a couple of meters, he fired.

Bang!

The starlight bullet shot in a straight line, striking the lizard's head in rapid succession.

Boom! Boom!

Small explosions occurred, but none of the bullets pierced the lizard's skin. They fell to the ground, ineffective.

Jeremy was stunned. He knew the Tier-6 Lizard was strong, but he hadn't expected the bullets to fail completely.

The Horned Lizard, now annoyed, quickened its pace.

Seeing this, Jeremy ran backward. He knew it was foolish to confront the beast directly, only Harris could handle it.

A few minutes later, he noticed the Horned Lizard still pursuing him. He changed direction, leading it away from the city.

The massive Horned Lizard followed, tracking the human beast tamer.

Meanwhile, after some struggle, Harris had forced the Tier-5 Worm Beast to surface. He could only fight it effectively above ground.

If the beast escaped underground again, it would be difficult to deal with.

So, Harris engaged the Tier-5 Corrupted Worm Beast, unaware of the danger surrounding Jeremy Night.

If he didn't find Jeremy soon, the young man could find himself in a dire situation.

Meanwhile,

The four beast tamers were still battling corrupted beasts, as the special liquid continued to attract those living in the area.

The male beast tamer was furious. He knew they were occupied because of Jeremy Night. There was no sign of Elder Harris returning.

Their lifeline beasts were growing exhausted as well.

On the other hand, the Head Guard was overwhelmed by the presence of numerous low-tier beasts. If he didn't act, these beasts could charge straight toward the city.

So, he created a gap between himself and the beasts. Then, he took out a digital device to report to the Family Head.

He called Family Head Ron Night and briefed him. Ron Night was dumbfounded. He hadn't known his son Jeremy was out there as well. He was shocked to the core.

Chapter 439: Part 1: Horned Lizard

City C (14th Zone):

Ron Night was furious. His son hadn't informed him before venturing into the wilderness. Upon hearing the news from the Head Guard, he was shocked.

His son had done something that attracted a large number of corrupted beasts. Ron immediately informed the other two city governors, who ordered patrol guards to prepare for the corrupted beast threat.

They also mobilized reserve teams to support the patrol guards. A small-scale beast invasion was unfolding, and it was caused by Ron's own son.

If this news were to leak, it would cause shock and panic among the populace. Ron also learned that his son had lured out a Tier-5 Worm.

Now, Elder Harris was fighting it. Ron quickly dispatched several teams to the wilderness to assist the Head Guard.

The Ross and Glass families did the same, sending their teams to support the Night Family's Head Guard.

The other two city governors were at a loss for words. Ron Night's son had lured out the Tier-5 Worm, aiding Elder Harris and others, but in doing so, he had also drawn out other beasts.

Now, they had to stop them. They knew Petra Ross and Levy Glass were still at their homes, forbidden from leaving.

Petra Ross and Levy Glass were confused. They spoke to each other, but both of their fathers refused to provide answers. Still, they sensed something significant had happened.

Wilderness:

The Head Guard of the Night Family continued to battle low-tier corrupted beasts. He had received a response from the Night Family Head earlier and knew help was on the way.

However, he was worried about Jeremy Night.

The young master had told him he would investigate deeper into the wilderness and promised to return.

There was no sign of Jeremy's return. As time passed, the Head Guard grew increasingly anxious. His primary duty was to protect the young master.

Since Jeremy hadn't come back, the Head Guard decided to search for him once reinforcements arrived.

Meanwhile, the four Beast Tamers were still fighting corrupted beasts. Compared to a few minutes ago, the number of beasts had decreased.

Two of the tamers were resting while the other two dealt with the remaining beasts. The three female Beast Tamers didn't complain, but the male Beast Tamer was angry.

He knew this situation was caused by the young Beast Tamer, but he was powerless to act for now.

The female Beast Tamers were pragmatic. They understood that eliminating corrupted beasts was their duty as Beast Tamers.

On the other hand, Jeremy Night had ventured deeper into the wilderness, entering an unexplored area. He was certain he had never been to this place before.

A Horned Lizard was still chasing him from behind. Realizing the danger, Jeremy decided it was necessary to find a place to hide.

Swoosh!

He fled from the Horned Lizard, searching for a hiding spot. The terrain was filled with boulders and rocks, uneven and treacherous.

Some areas were soft, while others were covered with hard rocks. A single misstep could cause injury. Jeremy treaded carefully, all while the Horned Lizard pursued him.

The beast was in no hurry. It sensed that its prey was heading deeper into the wilderness. As time passed, the Horned Lizard closed in. Suddenly, it swung its tail fiercely.

Jeremy, still on the run, felt a sudden sense of danger. Turning around, he saw the tail coming for him. He immediately drew his sword.

Boom!

The flat side of the blade collided with the tail. The impact sent Jeremy's body flying backward in an arc before he crashed to the ground.

Intense pain surged through his body, worse than anything he had felt before. He struggled to stand, but the ground beneath him felt unstable.

Boom!

The ground collapsed suddenly, and Jeremy fell into a small pit. He tried to get up, but the pain was overwhelming.

Unable to move, his expression turned grim. If the Horned Lizard found him here, it would be disastrous.

Shortly after, the Horned Lizard arrived at the spot. It saw its prey trapped in the pit and attempted to use its tail, but the tail was too large to enter the narrow space.

Even its sharp claws couldn't reach deep enough. Jeremy, stuck in the pit, was terrified. For the first time, he got a close look at the Tier-6 corrupted beast.

The Horned Lizard, frustrated, lowered its head to peer into the pit. Jeremy saw its razor-sharp rows of teeth, each capable of cleaving anything.

The beast tried to bite him but couldn't, its head was too large. Jeremy worried whether the Horned Lizard had any poisonous abilities. If it did, he could be killed easily.

As time passed, the Horned Lizard tried various methods to capture its prey. Possessing some intelligence, it soon realized its mistake. It decided to wait for the prey to emerge and moved its body away from the pit.

Seeing this, Jeremy sighed in relief, but he wasn't naive. The beast had chased him this far and wouldn't give up easily. He suspected it was lying in wait nearby.

As he had guessed, the Horned Lizard settled down to rest.

Jeremy, injured and in pain, began practicing his breathing method. Natural energy entered his body, coursing through his veins.

This triggered his healing elements, and he felt a cooling sensation within. He knew it was crucial to heal his hidden injuries first.

He also realized it was fortunate that the Horned Lizard was targeting him. If it had attacked the city, the consequences could have been catastrophic. He doubted the city governors could stop it without Elder Harris's help.

Jeremy assumed the Horned Lizard was Tier-6, as the natural energy in this area was weak, limiting the growth of corrupted beasts.

Yet, a Tier-5 Worm had appeared first, and now this Tier-6 Horned Lizard. He couldn't understand how these powerful beasts had remained hidden from the City's Beast Tamers.

He hoped no other beasts were hiding in the wilderness. These two beasts were already enough to cause significant destruction.

Chapter 440: Part 2: Horned Lizard

Wilderness:

The Night Family Head Guard was fighting while awaiting support. It didn't take long for help to arrive, including the Head Guards of the Ross and Glass Families.

Upon their arrival, they began battling the corrupted beasts, giving the Night Family Head Guard some breathing room. He recalled his lifeline beasts and started surveying the area.

Not only had the other family Head Guards arrived, but Patrol Guards had come to his aid as well. As a Tier-4 Beast Tamer, he decided to take the risk and venture deeper into the wilderness.

He informed the other two family Head Guards and the Patrol Guards of his plan, but they refused to let him go.

The intensity of the beast attacks had grown stronger, as a new wave of corrupted beasts had appeared, drawn by the special liquid's scent lingering in the area.

The others were clueless about the cause of these attacks. They didn't understand why the beasts kept coming.

The Night Family Head Guard was frustrated, as the corrupted beasts continued to swarm the area relentlessly. He believed the attacks would persist until the scent of the oil dissipated.

Meanwhile:

Elder Harris had successfully lured out the Tier-5 Worm Beast earlier and inflicted severe injuries on it.

However, the beast kept escaping underground after each attack, forcing Harris to repeatedly draw it out.

This was taking up his time. According to Harris, there was only one Tier-5 Worm Beast, but something was troubling him, an uneasy feeling he couldn't pinpoint.

While fighting the Tier-5 Worm Beast, he grew increasingly disturbed. He didn't know the source of his unease, but it prompted him to resolve to kill the beast more quickly.

On the other hand, Jeremy was still trapped in the small pit. He noticed that it was well past noon, and evening was approaching. He was counting on Elder Harris and the others to arrive soon, wondering why they were taking so long.

Jeremy pulled out his digital device, only to find the battery was dead. His expression darkened. He believed he wasn't far from his previous location.

The City Governors continued to receive live updates, but there was no news about Jeremy Night. He had ventured deep into the wilderness alone.

Ron Night ordered the Head Guard to search for his son, stating that the others could handle the corrupted beasts.

If the Head Guard failed to find Jeremy, Ron resolved to go into the wilderness himself.

The other two City Governors understood his reasoning. They hadn't expected Jeremy to take such a risk again. They were relieved that Petra Ross and Levy Glass were under house arrest and unable to leave.

Time Passed:

As evening approached, Jeremy Night decided to take action. The daylight was fading, and night would soon follow.

The pain in his body had subsided, and he could move again. Slowly, he tried to stand without making noise.

When he poked his head out, he saw the massive body of the Horned Lizard nearby. Using his eye ability, he observed that the beast was sleeping, its eyes closed. Carefully, he crawled out of the pit and stood on his feet.

He glanced at the Horned Lizard again, surprised to find this moment of peace. He had expected to be attacked or chased, but instead, he stood unnoticed in front of the beast.

Using his eye ability to scan the surroundings, he confirmed there were no other corrupted beasts nearby. He decided to leave quietly.

Moving slowly away from the area, he kept a vigilant eye on his surroundings as he headed back toward his previous location.

A few minutes later, Jeremy successfully distanced himself from the Horned Lizard's area. As he followed the path, he encountered the Night Family Head Guard.

The Head Guard, exhausted but relieved, brightened upon seeing Jeremy. He rushed to his side and asked, "Young Master, where have you been?"

Jeremy smiled upon seeing the Head Guard and ordered him to guide him back to the previous location. The Head Guard was stunned but noticed Jeremy's serious expression. Without hesitation, he led the way.

About thirty minutes later, Jeremy returned to the original spot. He saw the Head Guards of the Ross and Glass Families but no sign of Elder Harris or the other Beast Tamers.

As he wondered about them, he spotted Elder Harris and the four Beast Tamers approaching from the opposite side. Harris looked exhausted, which surprised Jeremy.

Harris noticed Jeremy Night as well. He walked up to him and said, "The special liquid's scent has expired. There won't be any more problems. I've killed the Tier-5 Worm Beast."

"We've eliminated the other Tier-4 Beasts," the male Beast Tamer added. "But this was all because of you. You put everyone's life at risk."

Harris grew angry at the accusation. "Rory," he said sharply, stopping the male Beast Tamer from further complaints. The three female Beast Tamers tensed.

Jeremy heard the accusation but ignored it. Instead, he said, "There's still one major threat that needs to be addressed."

Everyone was stunned. Harris squinted, knowing Jeremy wouldn't joke about such matters. "What is it?" he asked.

Jeremy hesitated, noticing the Patrol Guards and family Head Guards watching him. Nevertheless, he decided to speak.

He told Elder Harris about the Horned Lizard, explaining that it could be a Tier-6 Corrupted Beast. Harris was stunned, and the four Beast Tamers behind him were petrified.

"Don't tell me these changes have caused another beast to emerge," Harris muttered to himself.

"What changes?" Jeremy asked.

Harris collected his thoughts and replied, "You don't have the authority to know."

Jeremy was frustrated. His city was facing this crisis, yet he was kept in the dark about these changes.

"Where is the Horned Lizard?" Harris asked.

Jeremy pointed in the direction, and Harris set off with his team.

Jeremy was stunned. He hadn't expected them to act so quickly. He suspected the Horned Lizard could be a Tier-6 Beast, but he wasn't certain.

He turned to the Head Guards and said, "Report to the City Governors."

Upon hearing his command, they began reporting to the City Governors.