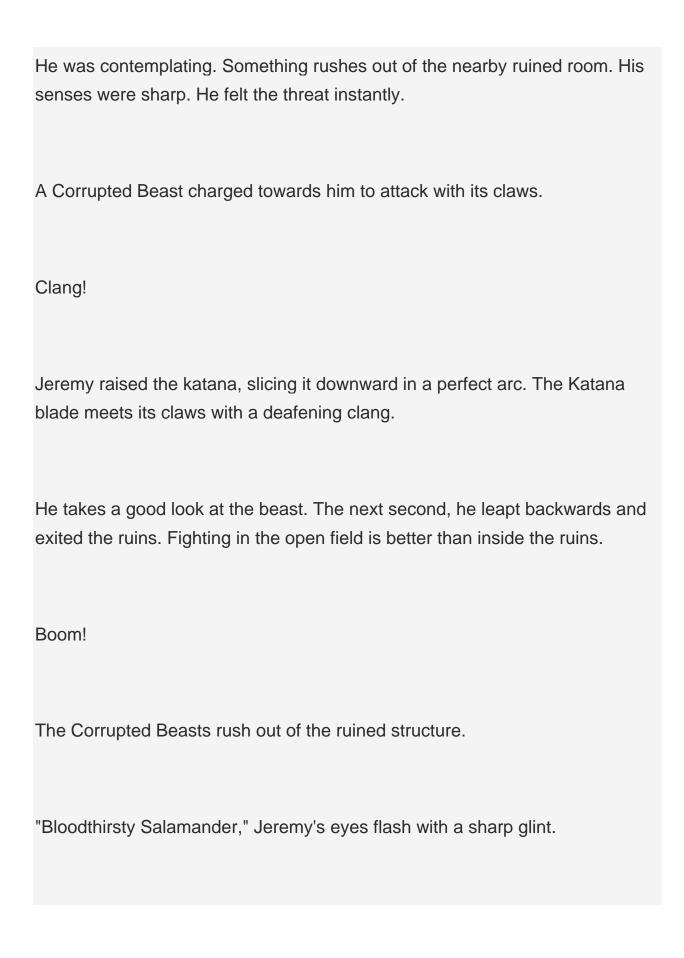
## STRIKER: INDEPENDENT BEAST TAMER

Chapter 9 Bloodthirsty Salamander
Jeremy furrows his brows, convinced that something is lurking inside the building. As he moves forward, he keeps his eyes fixed on the structure, gripping the katana.
After taking a few more steps, he reaches the ruined building. There's no visible entrance, and half of the ceiling has collapsed.
Jeremy takes a sharp breath before stepping inside the room. The broken bricks and fallen debris were all over the floor.
Old, worn-out items scattered everywhere.
Boom!



The Corrupted Beast is standing almost 6ft tall. Almost to the size of a human height. Its back has red and black scales.

The defense of the corrupted beast is stronger. To kill the Corrupted Salamander. One has to attack its weak points, which are the neck and belly of the Beast.

The Salamander Beasts are commonly corrupted ones seen around the human settlements. The Bloodthirsty Salamanders are known for ruthlessness.

The Corrupted Beasts won't leave unless it's completely killing the prey. So It's hard to kill them unless you are an experienced Beast Tamer.

For Jeremy, the Corrupted Beast is still a Tier-2 Rank. As long as he can target the weak point, he can kill the Beast.

The Corrupted Salamander attacked again, and Jeremy's Counter-Strike came immediately. A clean vertical slash that aimed for the neck.

The corrupted beast got closer to him. Jeremy leapt forward. The katana in his hand flashed. The next second, the blade went deep inside the neck.
Pfff!
Blood splattered on the ground. The toxicity of the blood immediately erodes the green vegetation covering the ground.
Cry!
The Bloodthirsty let out a weird cry. It tries to move away from the spot. But by using the opportunity, Jeremy continued the attack.
Jeremy's thoughts became clear, especially after the awakening. He could see the Beast's movements. So strikes were precise, landing a few more cuts in Beast's neck. Which went deeper, cutting the vitality of the Beast shorter.
Pfff!
Blood welled from the neck's deep cut.

The Corrupted Beast manages to turn and flee. But its movements were slow. Jeremy's eyes flickered. He could see that the Corrupted Beast was going to die.

But he wants to finish it sooner. The blood could attract others nearby Corrupted Beasts. He doesn't want to get surrounded by a group of Bloodthirsty Beasts.

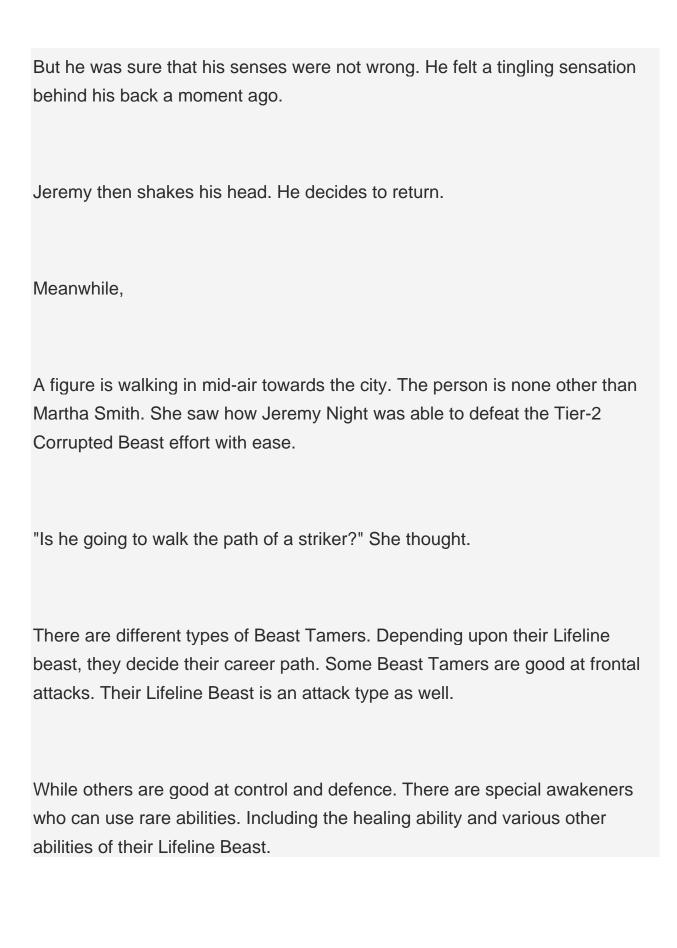
Swoosh!

So he gave chase, after catching up with the Beast. Jeremy strikes again, and the katana dances in the blur. Half of the neck of the salamander beast was severed within seconds.

Now, it stopped moving and fell to the ground. Jeremy stood there, watching the pool of blood forming in that place.

At the same time, he is keeping an eye on the surroundings. The smell of blood might attract another corrupted beast. Before that, he wants to take back the severed head.

Shortly afterwards,
The Corrupted Beast stopped twitching as its vitality dropped to zero. Jeremy then reacted. After confirming that the Beast was dead for sure.
He uses the katana to completely sever the head from the Beast's neck.
Tud!
The severed salamander's head rolled over the ground. Jeremy smiled and placed the head inside the storage ring.
Swoosh!
Jeremy felt someone moved behind him. He turns around to see but no one is there. He looks around the surroundings in confusion.



But even among the Beast Tamers, there is a rare career path called Strikers. Even rarer than the special awakeners. Strikers are warriors who don't rely on their Lifeline Beast to fight.

Some of them are good at hand-to-hand combat. Others use a wide range of weapons to deal with the Corrupted Beasts. They only depend on their Lifeline Beasts for evolution.

After seeing Jeremy's fight, she thinks Striker's path is suitable for him. It's just one thing left for him. It's the suitable Lifeline Beasts for evolution. Martha is going to make a final decision.

The unknown beast egg with her is going to have a good partner. With a smile on her face, she vanishes from her spot, moving back to the city at breakneck speed.

Meanwhile,

"Young Master, you are back," Captain Morris said with a smile.

