

With The Gods 21

Chapter 21

[You have consumed the ‘Lifeblood of Giants and Demons.’]

[Giant’s Blood has started penetrating your body.]

[Demon’s Blood has started penetrating your body.]

[A fight between human, Giant, and Demon blood has started within your body.]

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It was hot. So hot that YuWon thought he was going to go mad.

The 「Pyromancy Robe」 that YuWon was wearing had no effect. If it weren’t for the fire resistance from [Cinder Eyes,] it might have felt like his internal organs were melting.

“Fuuuu—”

While squirming on the ground, YuWon exhaled a breath of hot air. He rolled around the floor, back and forth, flailing all around. His body was burning hot. His bones and muscles felt like they were churning, and his blood felt like it was flowing backwards.

It went on for who knows how many hours.

[Cinder Eyes is resisting Flames of the Giants.]

[Cinder Eyes failed to resist Flames of the Giants.]

As YuWon had expected, [Cinder Eyes] alone wasn’t enough. This damned blood was excruciatingly hot. Had YuWon not been in good condition, he might have already lost his mind and fainted. Unfortunately, there was no way to make this pain go away. The only option was to endure it with mental fortitude.

“Giant’s blood is something you normally cover yourself in, not something you eat.”

It was a warning he had received from Hercules, the Slayer of Giants.

“Eating that during the Tutorial is basically suicide, so no matter what, you need to first obtain Cinder Eyes. If you somehow fail to get the Cinder Eyes, give up on the heart.”

Fortunately, YuWon had managed to obtain [Cinder Eyes.] However, the pain was still agonizing. It just wasn’t to a degree that would kill him.

“You will only get one chance.”

That’s right. YuWon only had this one chance. That’s why he had to endure it.

‘Take in as much power as you can.’

If he wanted to ease the pain, he could always expel the power that was entering his body with mana. It was a pretty difficult and tedious thing to do, but that much control over mana would have been a piece of cake for YuWon. However, he chose not to do that.

[Your Strength increased by 1.]

[Your Constitution increased by 1.]

[Your Strength increased...]

His stats continued to rise. Though it was mostly Strength and Constitution that increased, Arcane Power also increased by a little bit.

Giant's blood and Demon's blood both thoroughly seeped into YuWon's body.

Crack, kk-crack—

His body started reforming as his musculoskeletal structure shifted.

Even more time passed.

[Your Strength increased by 1.]

[Your Constitution increased...]

YuWon's stats increased slowly and steadily. YuWon wondered how much he might have gained in stats. Normally, level-up messages were very much welcomed, but YuWon wasn't all that pleased.

‘It should be coming along any moment now...’

What YuWon wanted wasn't a few measly stats. What he was after was a skill that was worth dozens of stats. That was the hidden piece YuWon was after.

[Cinder Eyes and Flames of the Giants are clashing.]

[You are able to control Flames of the Giants through Cinder Eyes.]

[You have fulfilled the conditions for the hidden piece.]

[You have obtained Colossal Fire.]

This was an unexpected situation. YuWon didn't know if he should be happy or not.

“What... even is... Colossal Fire...?”

Despite the pain, YuWon was so baffled he couldn't help but let out an empty laugh.

The skill he wanted didn't appear, and instead he became able to control fire through [Cinder Eyes.] It was definitely a plus, but this would have all been for naught if he wasn't able to obtain the skill he was after.

[Time limit : 707 : 54 : 29]

Half a day had already passed by.

YuWon had gained quite a bit in stats, but these weren't the results he had in mind.

‘Were we wrong?’

It wasn't really a surprise. In order to obtain this skill normally, you needed to kill and get drenched in the blood of ten thousand Giants.

YuWon did obtain the 「Giant's Heart」 within the Tutorial, but it was still a pretty unlikely theory to try.

‘I guess I should be happy with this...’

YuWon couldn't endure it anymore. Slowly, his vision went dark, and his mind fell into a deep sleep.

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YuWon wondered how long he was unconscious for.

When he opened his eyes, he felt that truly anything could happen in the Tutorial.

[You have fully absorbed the ‘Lifeblood of Giants and Demons.’]

[You perfectly consumed the 「Giant's Heart」 within the Tutorial.]

[You have fulfilled the conditions for the hidden piece.]

[You obtained Gigantification.]

YuWon's eyes widened. The message he was waiting for finally appeared.

“I... did it...”

YuWon finally unclenched his teeth.

First after the fight with Suruhtra and a second time just now. YuWon had fainted a total of two times already.

‘What's the time...?’

[Time limit : 696 : 18 : 48]

Looking at the time, YuWon guessed that he had blacked out for about half a day.

Almost a day had already passed since the 5th Tutorial started.

‘Quite a bit of time has passed.’

A time limit of 30 days. Most people viewed it as plenty of time, but that didn't apply to YuWon.

‘I need to finish this as fast as I can.’

As far as YuWon knew, the fastest clear record for the final Tutorial was one week. It was a record established by Odin.

Odin was part of the 1st Generation that recorded the start of the Tower. He led the Giant faction of Asgard, and he was the greatest magic fighter that YuWon knew.

‘I won’t lose to him.’

Everyone was a competitor in the 5th Tutorial. Every single action you do gets converted into contribution points. From hunting, to the hidden piece, as well as special quests. You are scored on all these different factors and ranked accordingly.

However, YuWon didn’t consider any of them his competitors because YuWon’s mind was preoccupied by beings that were far higher. His true competitors were the Rankers of this tall Tower that absolutely dominated the rankings in their respective Tutorials.

[Rankings]

[1st – Hargaan : 1036cp]

[2nd – Yolche : 689cp]

[3rd – Paladinte : 637cp]

[4th – Lee SungYoon : 514cp]

[5th – Elador : 451cp]

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There was already a big divide within the rankings. The biggest share of contribution points would be awarded from defeating the boss, but within the 5th Tutorial, you could also gain CP from normal hunting.

First place was, of course, Hargaan. He had created a dominating lead over second place.

While looking over the rankings, YuWon noticed some familiar names.

‘Elador and Paladinte are both Pantemium-affiliated Rankers. They probably participated in the Tutorial from worlds that are at least two tiers higher... And Yolche. Is he a Pure-Blood? I’ve never heard of him.’

Yuwon actually didn’t know every participant in the Tutorial. During his first time around, he was a part of a 10-man group, and Hargaan ended up defeating the boss while he was still hunting.

‘As for Lee SungYoon...’

Despite being born in the same world as YuWon, he had managed to rank between two Pure-Blood participants from worlds full of magic and swordsmanship.

‘I never heard of him either.’

No matter how much he racked his brain, YuWon couldn’t remember anyone named Lee SungYoon. It’s not like he knew the name of every single Ranker, but there was no way he wouldn’t know a Ranker from the same world as him, and especially one that participated in the same Tutorial.

‘Maybe he died here.’

YuWon scratched his head while checking the rankings. He realized nothing would come from thinking too hard. Unless he was going to actually team up with some of them, it didn't matter to him what rank people were.

‘I wasted too much time.’

YuWon checked his condition one last time.

[Name : Kim YuWon]

[Level : 57]

[Strength : 72]

[Dexterity : 51]

[Constitution : 65]

[Perception : 47]

[Arcane Power : 60]

[Total Points : 5400]

[Unallocated Stat Points : 0]

[Skills Possessed]

[Basic Arcane Sword, Mana Blast, Cinder Eyes, Colossal Fire, Gigantification] – Details

TL/N: Uhm, I'm not sure why the raws are excluding Master of Mana and Heaven-Slaying Star.

Level 57. He had achieved it after leveling up five times from killing the Skulls and Suruhtra. And with his total stats being almost 300, he was actually very powerful for his level.

‘My Strength and Constitution are too high.’

YuWon didn't like his stats being too lopsided. The combat style he aimed for was an all-rounder. Because unless you were aiming to push ahead with just pure strength like Hercules, it was better to have a nice balance among all your stats.

‘As for Colossal Fire...’

YuWon took a close look at the mysterious new skill he obtained.

[Colossal Fire]

▷ Rank : B-

▷ Proficiency : 0.00%

▷ Fire kin are born with fire within them. The small fire within them will not extinguish even after death, remaining for a long time, and gets passed onto future generations.

▷ The power of the skill will increase with proficiency and Arcane Power.

A B minus-rank skill.

It wasn't all that bad. In fact, it was pretty good. [Colossal Fire] was a skill that made up for YuWon's lack of an AOE* attack.

*PR/N : Area of Effect. AOE abilities cause an effect/damage within a certain area.

‘This should be usable.’

Other participants might have flipped out over [Colossal Fire,] but YuWon wasn’t particularly impressed. It was simply usable, and that was about it. A skill of this caliber wasn’t enough for YuWon, who had been fighting against Outer Gods.

Step—

Yuwon stepped out of the cave for the first time in 24 hours. The sun was right above him. YuWon was blinded from being in the dark for so long.

‘Now, let’s see...’

Fwoosh—

Yuwon activated [Cinder Eyes] and started looking around the forest. His range of vision expanded, and he was able to see things he previously couldn’t. [Cinder Eyes] was able to make what couldn’t be seen visible according to YuWon’s will.

Dash—

Yuwon warmed up his feet and started getting a move on.

Yuwon followed the first track he spotted as soon as he came out. And that led him to...

“Tchwik, tchwee—”

“Tchweek*—!”

*PR/N: Pig sfx in Korean

A horde of monsters with gruesome cries.

With the head of a pig and green skin, they were monsters called Orcs.

“An Orc tribe...”

It was a huge hunting ground with hundreds of Orcs. This was adequate to be YuWon’s first hunting ground.

“Won’t be a bad place to test out my skill.”

The stage of the final Tutorial, Barragánda, was absolutely massive. The size of the island was big enough to be a small nation.

And on this island, there were plenty of hunting grounds. There was even a spot YuWon already had in mind. The Orc tribe was simply a pit stop along the way.

“Tchweek, tchwik?”

“Human-tchwik. It’s a human-tchwik!”

“Prey-tchwik!”

The Orcs spotted YuWon.

Orcs were one of the rare monsters in the lower floors that actually possessed intelligence. That's why they were able to form tribes, and it made them tricky to hunt for the amount of EXP they gave.

Of course, that last part didn't really apply to YuWon.

Fwoosh—

Fwoooosh—

Fire spread to all sides.

The armed and drooling Orcs that had approached YuWon had fallen into chaos.

“Tchweek! F-Fire!”

“It's hot!”

“The human, tchweek! Did it!”

Blazing flames circled around the tribe in an instant, making it so that the Orcs couldn't run away.

A few of them had already fallen, roasted to a nice pink color.

‘Six days left.’

The plan was simple.

‘I will finish this Tutorial faster than Odin.’

Fwoosh—!

Yuwon jumped into the fire he had created, starting the hunt on the Orc tribe.

[15104th – Kim YuWon : 67cp]

Yuwon would finally raise his rankings significantly.

And a day passed just like that.

[4th – Kim YuWon : 1288cp]

Yuwon, who had started late, was able to raise his ranking in an instant, joining the forefront of the Tutorial. And after four days had passed in the Tutorial...

[1st – Hargaan : 5479cp]

[2nd – Kim YuWon : 5266cp]

[.....]

Hargaan and the other participants were able to witness a record they couldn't believe.

Chapter 22

‘It's him.’

The guy that suddenly climbed up the rankings.

Hargaan took a close look at the name 'Kim YuWon,' which was now ranked second.

“So he’s coming up.”

That person had jumped up high on the leaderboard in no time. Though Hargaan didn’t actually know his name, he was pretty sure. It was him.

‘I thought he was just some guy that was really fast at running because none of these guys were catching my eyes.’

Hargaan grinned softly. The day the final Tutorial started, he was surprised and baffled by the fact that there was a participant that he couldn’t match in speed. However, this also excited Hargaan.

Who was he? What powers did he possess? Could he be someone that could fight and rival him? And could he become his comrade?

Seeing Hargaan’s face, a man that was following him asked, “What are you finding so amusing?”

It was Lee SungYoon, the newest participant to join Hargaan’s ‘team.’

“There’s a guy that I want to recruit no matter what.”

“Is it Kim YuWon?”

“Do you know him?”

Now that he thought about it, he realized that Kim YuWon and Lee SungYoon were from the same world. Their names were similar, and the fact that they both had talent was also similar.

Lee SungYoon. He was exceptionally talented among the participants from the world line called Earth. Though his physical abilities were so-so, his talent for controlling mana was uncommon, even in the Tower.

Not only did he start off with 12 Arcane Power as soon as he awakened his Arcane Power stat, he was already capable of using [Mana Blast] in the 5th Tutorial. Even in the history of the Tutorial, there weren’t many participants who were capable of such a feat.

‘He’s definitely full of talent.’

Earth was a planet inhabited by the weakest humans among the world lines. However, Hargaan had already discovered two monsters from there by the names of Kim YuWon and Lee SungYoon.

SungYoon replied while shrugging his shoulders, “Not likely. I think he’s from the same country as me, but I’ve never heard of him. I just knew who you were talking about as soon as I saw the updated ranking.

“At this rate, he might overtake your spot, sir. The gap in CP between you and him is shrinking fast.”

“Well, that’s because of you guys,” Hargaan said while looking back at the comrades following behind him.

Paladinte, Elador, Yolche, Lee SungYoon, and five others. A total of nine people formed a line behind Hargaan.

“The real hunt starts now,” declared Hargaan.

On the first day, Hargaan’s focus wasn’t on hunting. It was on gathering good comrades and forming a team. And he wanted to raise that team so they could climb the Tower together.

‘This is a pretty good team,’ thought Hargaan.

He had taken a big liking to the group he had formed. They were each highly skilled, and their levels were pretty high. Best of all, their various aptitudes and positions synergized well together.

Of course, the reason why these people could be gathered into one group was due to Hargaan’s dominating strength and background.

‘There’s only one spot left.’

Hargaan wanted to find exactly 10 comrades during the final Tutorial, and one of those spots was already reserved for someone.

‘So his name is Kim YuWon.’

Hargaan resolved himself to not let him go next time.

Hargaan was lost in thought after checking the rankings, when he was interrupted by a stoic male voice.

“Ahjussi.* That’s it, right?”

*TL/N: Korean for ‘mister.’ It’s typically used to refer to middle-aged men.

“Hey, I told you. I’m not an ahjussi.”

Hargaan looked towards the voice with a ticked off expression.

Paladinte, an Elf participant, was standing off to the side, pointing towards a hole in the middle of the forest.

Hargaan knew it was somewhere around here, but it took them half a day to find it, and without Paladinte’s help, it might have taken them days to find it.

“Okay, now let’s see...” said Hargaan, slamming his two fists together.

Bam—

The rest of his team spread out so they wouldn’t get caught in the shockwave. Wearing golden gloves, Hargaan tightly clenched his fists, raising them up high in the air. And then...

Boom—!

Crash, rumble—!

Hargaan pounded the earth, and the ground gave way.

Gugugugu—

Within the crumbled ground, a huge hole opened up.

Hargaan smiled as he exclaimed, “I found it!”

Barragánda, the Tutorial island. The center region of this island was filled to the brim with various dangerous monsters and hidden pieces. However, the problem was that the entrances to the central region were hidden across the island.

Vzzzt—

The electricity around Hargaan's hands lit up the inside of the hole. Without hesitation, he threw himself down the hole, slowing his descent by scraping the walls with his hands.

At the bottom of the hole, the ceiling was covered in bright stones.

"Is this it? The place you've been trying so hard to find?"

"It looks very spacious..."

"It looks like a cave."

Hargaan's teammates followed him into the hole and looked around the cave. They had thought it was just a large island. They didn't expect there to be a place like this.

Having found an entrance, Paladinte ordered his spirits to scout around. He then looked back at Hargaan.

"We should first scout it out before we start moving... Ahjussi, what's wrong?"

Hargaan, who was smiling widely when they first entered, now looked stoic. He didn't answer Paladinte's question because something was really off.

'That's odd.'

He was sure that a message should have popped up. He waited for the message, but there was nothing but silence. He tried listening closer, but there was still nothing. That could only mean one thing.

"Did... someone already find this place?"

There were no signs of someone having already entered through the entrance they had found, but there was more than a single entrance for this dungeon. This was a massive dungeon under the island, and it was unknown how many entrances to this place existed.

'But to have already found this place when it's only been a few days...'

"Captain!" shouted SungYoon. "The rankings! Please check the rankings!"

"The rankings?"

At first Hargaan was confused, but then his eyes widened. He immediately checked the rankings.

[1st – Kim YuWon : 5679cp]

[2nd – Hargaan : 5539cp]

He was able to see that within that short time, their positions had flipped.

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Boom, crash—!

Rumble—

A volley of electric attacks exploded, shaking the cave.

The centipede-like monsters that had appeared out of nowhere were blown up and shredded in an instant.

Crash—

Hargaan punched the air, and once again the sound of thunder echoed through the cave, shaking the earth.

“He seems pretty pissed.”

Paladinte and Elador walked together, arm-in-arm, watching the electric attacks fly out from Hargaan. His physical abilities and electric attacks were truly terrifying. Despite not being the target of his attacks, they could still feel light shocks.

“He seems less pissed and just really motivated to me,” said SungYoon.

Elador tilted her head after hearing SungYoon’s words. She stared at him intensely, her blue eyes juxtaposing her grey skin.

“You think it’s rivalry?”

“Yeah, something like that.”

SungYoon tried to calm down his heart. Whenever he got to see her face up close, his heart started beating like a drum.

Elador was an Elf. And on top of that, she was a biracial child between a fair-skinned Elf and dark Elf. With clear skin devoid of any imperfection, exotic blue eyes, and long ears, SungYoon thought she was more beautiful than any woman he could ever imagine.

“But we won’t be able to hunt properly like this,” said Yolche. She was a woman that kept her eyes closed, and had long black hair that reached her waist.

SungYoon and the rest of the team nodded their heads in agreement. Regardless of motivation, a normal hunt couldn’t happen while Hargaan discriminately killed all the monsters by himself.

“Let’s split the team in half,” suggested Hargaan. After quickly finishing his hunt, he spoke while wiping the sweat on his forehead with the back of his hand.

“Yolche, SungYoon, Elador, Fayle, and Typhoon.”

The members that Hargaan named looked at him as he continued.

“Since we’re at a crossroad, you guys go right. Elador and Paladinte can lead the way for each group and also keep us in contact with each other.”

“You really think the five of them will be okay by themselves?” asked Paladinte.

Hargaan responded, “They’ll have Yolche.”

“Hmm... That’s true,” answered Paladinte, while looking at Yolche, who was already headed down the right path.

She was a Pure-Blood like Hargaan, and she was a mercenary from a clan that specialized in magic. As she was the second strongest person in the team after Hargaan, she was definitely trustworthy.

Yolche and the others went down the path on the right and started hunting. Even though they no longer had Hargaan, they were able to hunt without any issues.

Up until now, Yolche had been holding back in order to not get caught up in Hargaan’s electric attacks. She finally unsheathed her two swords and weaved in between the monsters.

Swoosh, slash—

“Kkieeeegh—!”

Dozens of centipedes cried simultaneously, and SungYoon pointed the palm of his hand at them.

[Mana Blast]

Whirrrr—

Mana started condensing, forming a [Mana Blast.] Yolche and Elador had bought time for SungYoon to prepare a big attack.

“Please get out of the way!”

Boooooom—!

The [Mana Blast] wiped out the entire area, blowing up the centipedes to smithereens. It took a lot of mana to use, but its power more than made up for it.

In an instant, the pack of centipedes had been decimated, and SungYoon let out a deep breath.

“Phew...”

Currently, three shots was the max number of [Mana Blasts] he was capable of firing. Since he just fired one off, he now had to start conserving his mana.

“Good job.”

“Let’s keep going like this.”

At first, the hunt progressed smoothly. The group used the same method to hunt for hours. However, as time went on, the number of the centipede-like monsters increased, and the number of legs they had also increased.

“Yolche!”

“They’re targeting the rear!”

“Don’t stray from the front! Maintain your positions!”

The hunt started to get tougher and tougher. That meant that the amount of EXP and CP they gained increased, but in terms of quantity and toughness, the centipedes were on a different level from the monsters above ground.

“Phew.”

“This just keeps getting tougher.”

“What’s that door over there? It’s massive.”

Beyond the horde of centipedes, a five meter tall, giant steel door could be seen. It was the first door that had appeared after half a day in the dungeon.

“Maybe it’s like a boss room?”

“Boss room?”

“It’s similar to a game... So, I’ve experienced a dungeon similar to this before, and there was always a boss inside doors like that.”

SungYoon was recollecting a video game he played long ago, but Yolche ended up thinking that he must have been a mercenary like her, if not an adventurer, which changed her opinion of him.

The group decided to take a short break.

SungYoon gathered his breath, focusing on recovering his mana, but he also continuously checked the rankings.

[1st – Kim YuWon : 7149cp]

[2nd – Hargaan : 7081cp]

YuWon’s lead was starting to grow shorter. It was because Hargaan’s hunting speed was absolutely ridiculous. He also encountered a hunting ground with an excess of monsters at a good time, so he was collecting CP left and right.

But SungYoon thought that something felt off.

‘I don’t think it’s gone up for a while now...’

YuWon’s rapidly increasing CP stopped increasing at some point. Thanks to that, Hargaan was able to start catching up, and now they were at less than 100cp from each other.

“What are you doing?” asked Yolche.

“Pardon?” SungYoon was caught off guard by Yolche’s question.

“N-Nothing,” he answered.

“Don’t get too relaxed just because we finished hunting. You’re usually closest to death when lowering your guard.”

“I understand...”

While replying to Yolche, SungYoon's eyes widened.

Seeing the sudden change in his expression, Yolche asked, "What's wrong?"

"The rankings..."

"The rankings?"

Rumble—!

The ground of the cave started shaking. It was a tremor that felt like something heavy had just dropped.

"W-What's going on?"

"I think it's coming from that side."

The group stopped their break and started moving once again.

The shock had definitely originated from inside the doors.

"Everyone, raise your guards. And SungYoon. Go to the back and hold your position," directed Yolche.

SungYoon nodded at her orders. He had a hunch that this tremor wasn't unrelated to the CP rankings he had just seen.

[1st – Kim YuWon : 10149cp]

And just as he had expected.

Creeeeak—

"W-What is this?"

"Who in the world...?"

What was awaiting the group that entered the depths of the dungeon was...

[You have entered the boss room.]

[The boss room has been cleared.]

A mountain of centipede corpses, as well as the corpse of the boss that was dozens of meters long.

"You guys were a bit late."

And at the top of all those corpses...

"I just killed this guy."

... A person that looked like he had killed all these centipedes by himself was chilling.

Chapter 23

Thud—

The boss of the dungeon collapsed. YuWon, who was riding on top of it, showed his distaste.

“So fucking tenacious.”

The monster with hundreds of legs was commonly referred to as a ‘Parasite Dragon’ in the Tower. And despite its insect-like appearance, it was very hard to kill. Because of that, it took YuWon almost 30 minutes to defeat it.

Still, thanks to that, he was able to level up.

[You have leveled up.]

[Your Strength increased by 1.]

[Your Dexterity increased by 1.]

[Your Arcane Power increased by 1.]

‘I’ll have to be careful using Gigantification. The mana consumption aside, it’s too straining on my body with my current Constitution.’

Yuwon had gained a lot from defeating this boss. On top of leveling up, he was able to go all out with his arsenal of skills, letting him get a proper grasp of his current fighting power.

‘This should do it.’

Having defeated the Parasite Dragon, he had fulfilled his second objective for this dungeon. And on top of that, there was an unexpected bonus.

[You have obtained 3000cp from clearing the boss room.]

[Heaven-Slaying Star’s completion rate increased by 1%.]

To get only 1% from defeating such a tough boss. However, this was the first time [Heaven-Slaying Star’s] completion rate increased so much. He had only gotten a total of 2% from killing thousands of monsters in the past few days.

‘Does the completion rate go up faster if I kill higher class monsters?’

Yuwon was sure now that it wasn’t just about how many monsters he killed.

‘The completion rate is going up very slowly. I wonder if I have to focus on killing bosses in order for me to properly complete this skill.’

Except for the initial stat boost it gave, the [Heaven-Slaying Star] hadn’t demonstrated any effects. It did say in the skill description that it would give additional stats depending on the completion rate, but there was no way to know how much it would give.

‘One thing’s for sure—I have to complete the skill to see its full effect.’

Yuwon sat down on top of the giant centipede’s corpse and started massaging his right arm. Seeing as how he needed more Constitution, he couldn’t help but appreciate a skill that would raise his stats.

Creeeeak—

From the opposite side of the room that YuWon entered from, the steel door opened, and a group of participants came in.

“W-What’s that?”

“Who in the world...?”

They were shocked from seeing the state of the boss room, which was honestly a normal reaction. There were hundreds of dead centipede monsters, not to mention the corpse of the giant boss that resembled a dragon. The room was nothing but full of surprises.

‘They were lucky,’ thought YuWon.

This was a hidden dungeon inside the final Tutorial area. YuWon didn’t know how they managed to get in here, but he could get a rough estimate of their abilities just by looking at them.

‘Had they arrived here before me, they would have been wiped out... No, maybe only a few of them would have died, and the rest might have escaped.’

YuWon squinted his eyes, observing each of them. There were some familiar faces.

‘Isn’t that Elador? She’s usually with Paladinte. And that guy...’

YuWon spotted a participant that looked Korean like him.

‘Is that Lee SungYoon?’

They were all fairly high ranked participants. For them to be in a team together... It was an interesting party.

“You guys are a bit late,” said YuWon.

Alerted by his words, the party that was looking around the boss room spotted YuWon.

YuWon continued, “This guy. He just died.”

“You’re...”

“You killed all of them by yourself?”

Everyone in the party tensed up, preparing for a fight. It was unavoidable that they found YuWon a threat when he cleared a boss room by himself.

‘Could the captain also do this?’ SungYoon thought while looking around at the monster corpses in the room.

Shrouding himself in golden electricity, Hargaan was capable of killing a dozen monsters with a single punch. He claimed himself to be the strongest person in this Tutorial, and all his teammates agreed after seeing his skills.

However, the doubt still lingered in SungYoon’s mind. Would Hargaan also have been able to clear the boss room by himself?

‘That mark...’ thought SungYoon, noticing a huge hole in the ground.

He was puzzled. How were these the skills of a participant who grew up in the same world and went through the same Tutorials as him?

SungYoon gulped. The man standing in front of him was a wild beast.

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“Are you perhaps Kim YuWon?” asked SungYoon, remembering how YuWon’s CP had shot up just a moment ago.

YuWon nodded his head. There was no reason for him to keep it a secret.

“Do you have any party members?”

“I’m alone, as you can see.”

Hearing YuWon’s answer, SungYoon finally understood why Hargaan wanted him so badly.

At first, SungYoon couldn’t believe it. How could someone from the same world as him hold as much power as Hargaan? And after joining Hargaan’s party and hearing about his life, SungYoon became even more skeptical that YuWon’s skills were on par with Hargaan. However...

‘It was true,’ thought SungYoon. And he wondered what might happen if YuWon joined their team.

Hargaan and Kim YuWon. Yolche and the two Elf warriors, Elador and Paladinte. They were among the strongest people in the Tutorial.

Hargaan wanted to form a team, a team that could be led to the top of the Tower, that would become Rankers together, and receive recognition from Olympus. That was why Hargaan wanted YuWon so badly.

“Would you like to join our team?” asked SungYoon.

Hargaan had left a spot empty for YuWon. And now SungYoon and the rest of his companions also wanted to be part of the same team as YuWon.

The group looked silently at him, waiting for a response to SungYoon’s offer.

‘He’s definitely different from Kim MyungHoon,’ thought YuWon.

He had heard a similar offer from MyungHoon, but their offer was as different as night and day. MyungHoon had no intentions of forming a real ‘team’ with YuWon. He only wanted someone that would protect him and make his life easier.

But these guys were different. They didn’t want someone that would protect them, but someone that they could fight alongside as comrades.

‘I recognize Elador. Is that girl Yolche? These guys all have pretty strong mental fortitudes.’

YuWon looked at them like an adult looking at children that were growing up big and strong.

‘So these are the guys that Hargaan gathered? Not bad.’

In his early stages of the Tower, Elador and Paladinte climbed the Tower together with Hargaan. Around the midpoint, for a reason unbeknownst to YuWon, they split up, but he knew that they were still on good terms. Because when that event happened, Elador and Paladinte still sided with Hargaan.

‘It’s a pretty big team, and they all have potential. Yolche is ranked even higher than Elador and her brother. Seeing as how they managed to get here, they’re definitely the big fish in this Tutorial...’

Seeing as how Paladinte wasn’t with them, YuWon decided that Hargaan probably split up the team for now to hunt more efficiently.

YuWon was appreciative of the offer, but his mind was already made up.

“I’ll have to say no.”

“... I knew it.”

SungYoon slowly shook his head, having expected this response. YuWon was already powerful enough that he didn’t need a team, and Hargaan mentioned how YuWon had already rejected his offer before. So why would YuWon say yes to his offer?

While SungYoon was contemplating by himself, Yolche approached YuWon and asked, “Does that mean you’re planning on fighting the boss alone?”

The ‘boss’ she was speaking about wasn’t something like the giant centipede that was lying dead on the floor here. She was talking about the final boss that lived at the top of the Tutorial Island, Barragánda.

Yolche continued speaking, “We were given a month to clear this Tutorial. And we’re allowed to fight the boss by combining our strengths instead of fighting it alone.”

YuWon nodded his head, before asking, “So what’s your point?”

“The focus of the final Tutorial is ‘teams.’ It’s a matter of how much you can grow within the given timeframe, how many comrades you can gather, and how well you can work together with them.”

She was right. That was the design behind his final Tutorial: a boss that was impossible for a single person to defeat, a month to grow stronger, and no restrictions on the method. It was a stage where a ‘team’ was supposed to defeat a boss that no individual could defeat on their own. It was probably designed to teach the most basic method of climbing this tall Tower. However...

Crash—!

Rumble—

A loud noise erupted. Thunder boomed, and the ground shook lightly.

Something, no, someone was headed over here.

“I contacted the captain.”

It was Elador’s doing.

“I told him that we found Kim YuWon, and he said he’d be here right away...”

SungYoon was baffled by Elador’s words. He had traversed such a distance in a moment.

“It’s going to get pretty rowdy,” predicted SungYoon.

It was the guy that he’d been looking for all this time. There was no way the hot-headed Hargaan would simply remain still. Their meeting would not be peaceful.

And right on cue...

Flash—

Rumble—

A string of golden lightning passed by SungYoon. He was startled for a second by the light shock.

“KIM YUWON!”

Boom—!

Hargaan jumped up high, flying straight at YuWon.

“I finally caught you....!”

In that moment...

Fwoosh—

Hargaan’s vision went dark, and suddenly he was flying backwards.

‘Huh?’ thought Hargaan, wondering what was going on. But his train of thought was shortly interrupted by a hard impact to the head.

Thump—!

Hargaan landed deep inside the shell of the giant centipede. What had happened was that YuWon had grabbed Hargaan’s head, used his momentum against him, and threw him downwards.

“...”

“Huh...?”

Everything had happened in a flash, and SungYoon and the rest of the gang were speechless.

YuWon acted like nothing happened and looked down at Yolche, asking, “Do you guys simply desire ‘survival’? Or do you guys want to become Rankers?”

Yolche’s eyes widened. He mentioned Rankers. She wondered how YuWon, who wasn’t a Pure-Blood, knew about their existence.

People who prevailed through all the trials of the Tower and cleared all the floors, those people were Rankers. With fame, authority, and the power of eternal life, every player desired to become a Ranker so they could possess any mystical item that existed within the Tower.

“Because if that’s all you guys want, you can play house elsewhere. I don’t have any intention of playing along with such childish dreams.”

“Are you saying you’re different?” asked Yolche.

She no longer viewed YuWon as simply another Tutorial participant. She believed that he must have been a Pure-Blood like her. That his name was similar to Lee SungYoon must only have been a coincidence, and he was in fact a completely different being.

“No, I’m not that different. I have to become a Ranker one day as well. However, that’s only part of the process. It’s not my goal.”

They were definitely a good team. Elador alone was destined to become a great, famed Ranker in the Tower. It was the same for Hargaan. However, YuWon couldn’t go with them.

What YuWon wanted wasn’t simply to become stronger and make it through alive.

“I don’t have any intention of forming a team with people who have a different destination than me. That’s my answer.”

Yolche was baffled by YuWon’s answer. In the Tower, just wishing to become a Ranker was enough to become a laughingstock, getting ridiculed for having such an unrealistic dream.

However, YuWon was the complete opposite, saying that it wasn’t great enough of a dream.

“Are you saying you’ll become a High Ranker?”

“No. Even higher,” YuWon answered, pointing up with his finger. “I...”

A place far higher than a Ranker. The final destination that YuWon was aiming for in this life wasn’t something like a Ranker, a High Ranker, or the top of the Tower.

“... Am going to break through the ceiling of this Tower.”

Chapter 24

Yolche remained silent for a while. Breaking through the ceiling of the Tower? It was something she had never even imagined.

For someone like her who had remained in the middle floors for the longest time due to not being selected by the Tower, something like becoming a Ranker was nothing more than a dream.

The king that led her people was a Ranker that she greatly admired. But to YuWon, her dream was merely a process.

“What kind of nonsense is—?!”

“What do you think you’re doing?!”

Yolche was interrupted by Hargaan, who YuWon had buried in the Parasite Dragon.

Hargaan got up, growling like an animal and glaring at YuWon. He was baring his fangs, but he held himself back from attacking YuWon.

Seeing Hargaan's response, YuWon shrugged his shoulders as he said, "You were coming at me so ferociously, I thought you were attacking me."

"I was only trying to catch you."

At the start of the 5th Tutorial, Hargaan had failed to catch YuWon. That event must have left a lasting impression on him, but YuWon didn't care about his feelings.

"Anyone would get scared when you jump at them like that."

"Oh..."

After hearing YuWon's response, Hargaan scratched his head and nodded in agreement.

"I guess that's true. I'm sorry."

It was a surprisingly lukewarm response. YuWon had expected Hargaan to react more furiously.

Then Hargaan smiled widely and reached out his hand.

"Setting that aside, you should join our team."

This was an offer Hargaan was making to the guy that just pummeled his head into a monster. YuWon wondered if he had no pride. He felt annoyed, wondering if he should repeat himself.

"That guy can tell you..."

"I know. I heard."

"You heard?"

"I think you said something really fascinating. 'To break through the ceiling.' The idea is absolutely electrifying."

Vzzt, crackle—

Electricity started emitting from Hargaan's body. It was a sign that he was extremely excited. Also, Hargaan was pretty tough. He looked fine despite having taken a hard impact to the head.

"I heard it from my father before. That there is a greater power outside of the Tower."

"From your father?"

"You wouldn't know who he is, but he's an incredibly important person," Hargaan said with a smug look on his face.

It was apparent that he was immensely proud of his father, which wasn't all that surprising, because his father was Zeus, the king of Olympus, and one of the highest Rankers. With power that rivaled an Administrator, he was one of the few beings capable of controlling the humongous Tower.

"That's right. A sardine can't swim with a whale, but don't think of me as just a little fish. One day, I'm going to become the king of Olympus."

The person surprised by the grand declaration wasn't YuWon, but Yolche. She, like YuWon, knew the gravity the name "Olympus" carried. It was a faction comprised of numerous Rankers and High Rankers. They were godlike beings that ruled over multiple floors in the Tower. And Hargaan was here and now claiming he'd become their king.

"You got some pretty big aspirations," YuWon said, smirking.

However, the smile on YuWon's face didn't last long. He thought, 'Becoming the king... is that why...?'

Yuwon observed Hargaan, who was beaming with confidence. It didn't appear like he was joking. According to that event that YuWon remembered, Hargaan had the potential to be a pretty big wildcard.

'A direct descendant of Olympus...'

Yuwon knew that changing his plans wasn't necessarily a great idea, but he also thought, 'The future has to change.'

Hargaan could be a pretty useful ace up his sleeve.

'What should I do...'

While YuWon was lost in thought, Hargaan said, "If you really don't believe me, why don't I prove myself?"

Yuwon responded with skepticism, "Prove what?"

"Let's make a bet. See who can defeat the boss first and who racks up more CP. You're welcome to form your own team with as many people as you want."

"What about you guys?"

"Our team has nine people in total, and we won't be recruiting any more people."

It was a very appealing offer. YuWon was allowed to defeat the boss with a team of dozens or even hundreds of people, but they would try to do the same with only a nine-member team.

"However, if I win, you need to join our team."

This certainly piqued YuWon's interest. YuWon decided to take this opportunity and asked with a smug look on his face, "And if I win?"

"I'll serve you as my hyung-nim."

"That's not necessary. I don't need a li'l brother like you."

After taking a moment to think, YuWon nodded his head.

"Instead, if I win, help me just once when I need it."

"Just once?"

"You have a problem with that?"

“No. I was just wondering if that’s actually enough, but alright. I accept. As long as it’s not too ridiculous of a request, I’ll do anything. If you want, I’ll even give you my items.”

Hargaan was beaming with confidence. He seemed pretty certain that he would win no matter what.

YuWon nodded his head in approval hearing him say ‘items.’

“That doesn’t sound all that bad.”

As an Olympus Pure-Blood, Hargaan was sure to have some amazing items. And once he completed the Tutorial and entered the Tower, his influence would grow far stronger, so his assistance would be immensely helpful.

“So do we have a bet?”

“Yeah.”

“Awesome. Hehehe.”

Bam—

Hargaan couldn’t stop laughing in excitement as he smashed his fists together. He seemed completely unphased by the fact that YuWon had hit him in the head just moments ago.

“I’ll be seeing you on the 1st Floor, so prepare yourself,” Hargaan told YuWon as he turned around and walked back to his group.

Watching Hargaan walk away, YuWon scratched his head, having gotten an idea of how tough Hargaan actually was.

‘No wonder he was able to finish the Tutorial in 10 days.’

Hargaan was as straight as an arrow. In about a week from now, with his current team, he’d obtain enough power to defeat the boss.

“Alright now. You all heard that, right? Let’s get a move on. We’re on a tight schedule,” Hargaan said to his teammates, corralling them out of the boss room.

After checking the time, YuWon shouted to Hargaan and his team, “There’s no need to hurry so much.”

Hargaan turned around in confusion. What did YuWon mean by “there was no need to hurry” when they’d just made a bet?

YuWon shrugged his shoulders, explaining, “Check the time.”

“The time...?”

“Why does he want us to... Huh?”

Hargaan and his teammates were all shocked after checking the time limit for the Tutorial.

“What’s going on?”

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The time wasn’t ticking down.

None of them saw this coming, including Hargaan, who thought he had the most information as an Olympus Pure-Blood.

What was going on?

YuWon, reading Hargaan’s face, answered the question on his mind.

“Barragánda isn’t an island.”

The Tutorial wasn’t taking place on an artificially created island.

“It’s a mythical beast.”

The Tutorial was happening on the back of a giant beast as large as a small country.

Hearing YuWon’s response made Hargaan take another look at all the corpses of the centipede-like monsters littering the ground.

A thought came to Hargaan’s mind. “Does that mean that they are...”

“Parasites. They made a home inside this giant creature, and they were tormenting it by slowly sapping away its strength. Barragánda couldn’t stand them anymore, which is why it decided to submerge itself, since the seawater would drown the parasites.”

“So was this giant monster the king of these parasites?”

“Something like that. It was the one giving birth and raising more parasites.”

Hargaan wasn’t sure whether or not he should believe what YuWon was saying. It was something that not even Olympus knew about, so how did a mysterious Tutorial participant know about all this?

“So now...”

YuWon smirked and nodded his head.

“The time limit is obsolete.”

“The 5th Tutorial is a fight against time. It’s a matter of defeating the boss with as much time remaining as possible.

“So how did I defeat the boss within a week? I’m only going to say this because of the circumstances, but it actually wasn’t a week.

“Barragánda is actually...”

This was the secret to how Odin was able to defeat the 5th Tutorial’s boss in under a week. It was all thanks to this hidden piece.

“If enough time passes by, the Administrator or a Lackey will probably intervene, since they wouldn’t want the Tutorial to last forever.”

Having taken a long enough break, YuWon got back up.

“That’s when I’ll finish this Tutorial.”

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The time limit stopped counting down.

One by one, the participants of the Tutorial started noticing.

“What’s wrong with this? Is this an error?”

“It isn’t just me, right?”

“The time’s not going to just suddenly decrease all of a sudden, will it?”

“It’ll probably start working again soon.”

The participants went back to hunting. Within the time limit, they had to level up and gain as much CP as possible.

The participants of the 5th Tutorial were the Tower’s players-in-training, having made it through an extremely slim survival rate. They were thinking about the future as they learned how to grow stronger.

Meanwhile...

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> “He killed the Parasite Dragon... No one’s managed to do this since Odin.”

> “What about the Administrator? Has he received the news yet?”

> “He recently got into a confrontation with Olympus. He’s currently very busy because of that.”

The Lackeys wanted to kill themselves. The mechanism they had prepared for the Tutorial was defeated. Because of that, the Tutorial was in a state of ‘error,’ but there was no way to solve it right now.

> “Someone, please contact the Administrator!”

> “That wasn’t in a place where it could be easily discovered...”

> “Damn it. This hasn’t happened since Odin.”

The Lackeys were in utter chaos. They were trying their best to correct the course of the Tutorial, but because of the Administrator’s absence, that didn’t seem to be possible any time soon.

And just like that, the time limit remained frozen.

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Thud—

Flap, flap, flap—

A loud noise shook the forest, and a flock of birds flew up into the sky to escape from the heat that had engulfed the area.

A large Orc fell to the ground.

“Gurruk—”

“Tchwik, chief!”

“Tchwik, human! Tchweek!”

“Tchwik, he’s—tchwik—a monster!”

A horde of Red Orcs slowly walked backwards, trying to retreat.

They were in fear.

In the center of the burning forest, a giant, four-meter-tall Orc laid dead. And on top of that Orc stood a man.

“Who are you guys calling a monster?”

Sshlk—

YuWon pulled out his sword from the Orc Chief’s head and looked towards the horde.

“Tchwik! Danger! Tchwik! Run away!”

“Tchweek!”

The few surviving Orcs started running away in a hurry.

“Damn.”

YuWon sounded his disapproval in the middle of the chaos. Normally, he would have gone after the Orcs, but now wasn’t the time for that.

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While he was hunting the Red Orc Chief, the time limit had started counting down again.

It appeared that the Lackeys had managed to fix the broken ecosystem of the Tutorial, and this time, it would probably take more than just hunting the Parasite Dragon.

‘There’s no way they would just place the same broken mechanism back in.’

So once again, it was another race against time.

‘I managed to earn myself about four days.’

It was actually more time than he had originally expected, which ended up being plenty of time.

“Now...”

YuWon started heading towards the top of the island.

“... I think it’s about time I made my way.”

To the Tower where Gods lived.

Chapter 25

At the top of Barragánda, there was a deep crater.

This was a trial where you had to defeat the boss within a month and earn CP. And every skilled participant wanted to be the one to defeat it.

“Quite a few people are starting to show up.”

“That’s inevitable. They know that if they get left behind here, they’ll lose their chance to get ahead.”

“That team doesn’t look half bad.”

“They just have a lot of people. They’re basically scarecrows.”

Yolche, SungYoon, and Elador looked at the participants that started gathering around the crater.

They had split off from Hargaan after the bet was made so they could hunt more efficiently, trying to achieve as high a level as possible before hunting the boss.

“Most of them gotta be at least level 20,” said SungYoon. He had the highest mana sensitivity in the party. With his high Arcane Power, he sensed the participants around them and mumbled, “A few of them seem pretty strong.”

“They’re guys that made it this far. In order to enter the Tower, that’s a minimum requirement.”

“Are all the players inside the Tower able to control mana?”

“Players can. Most people who aren’t able to are residents of the Tower.”

“Residents?”

“They are people who were born inside the Tower, like me and the captain. And they become a ‘Pure-Blood’ once they are selected by the Tower and receive the system’s blessing.’

“I see.”

SungYoon nodded his head like he understood.

Dozens of people were forming groups to try and defeat the boss, but SungYoon had no expectations of any of them. He couldn’t believe participants of their weak skills were attempting to fight the boss. From what he had heard, the Tutorial’s boss was a creature that could never be defeated by the likes of them.

“Hey, noona.* Do you think that we’ll be able to defeat the boss?”

*TL/N: ‘Noona’ is a Korean honorific used by guys to refer to girls older than them.

Yolche was a Pure-Blood just like Hargaan. And thanks to her experience as a mercenary, she had met many players who had taught her a lot about the Tutorial.

Yolche took a second to think about SungYoon’s question before shaking her head.

“I’m not sure.”

“Are you saying it’s 50-50?”

“Yeah. Under normal circumstances, I’d tell you that it’s impossible, but...”

Yolche trailed off while speaking to look far down the trail before she continued, “I can’t get a proper grasp of how powerful our captain is.”

There was a group of five people walking up the mountain. That pack was led by Hargaan, who stuck out with his golden blonde hair.

“They got here a bit late.”

“Every minute was valuable time. I’m sure they wanted to make the most of it.”

“I wonder what YuWon’s doing right now?”

“Who knows. Right now, he’s probably—”

Elador, who was watching the crowd, answered SungYoon’s question. “Here he comes.”

“...?”

SungYoon turned his head to look at the trail in the opposite direction, where he saw...

“Already...?!”

... YuWon walking up the mountain.

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“It’s Hargaan!”

“That crazy bastard...”

“So he finally showed up.”

Hargaan’s presence rowdied up the participants that were searching for a team. Among them were guys that Hargaan had sent flying on the first day.

Hearing the commotion near the entrance to the boss room made YuWon laugh. It reminded him of the first time he met Hargaan.

‘What a celebrity.’

A few familiar faces were present in the crowd next to the boss’s crater. Yolche, Lee SungYoon, Elador, and other members of Hargaan’s team. It appeared that they had continued hunting in two separate groups.

‘They seem to have leveled up quite a bit.’

YuWon could sense that Elador and SungYoon’s mana flow had changed. They must have leveled up multiple times because the flow of mana that they radiated now was much denser.

They all had changed in just a few days, and Hargaan, their leader, was no exception.

Crackle—

At the top of the mountain, Hargaan also spotted YuWon and started giving him a look.

YuWon felt a light electric current.

Hargaan grinned widely, waving at YuWon.

“You’re finally here.”

It seemed that Hargaan already thought he had this in the bag as he warmly greeted YuWon as if he was an old friend.

Hargaan walked up to YuWon and started looking around at the nearby participants in confusion.

“Why is no one else with you? Have you not found a team yet?”

“I don’t have a team.”

“You don’t have a team?”

YuWon nodded his head.

“I’m all by myself.”

Hargaan was baffled by YuWon’s ridiculous response.

“Are you planning on defeating the boss by yourself?”

“I mean, that’s how I can get the most points.”

“I’ve been told that I was crazy many times in my life, but you’re on a whole ‘nother level.”

Hargaan was overcome with greed while looking at YuWon. During the past four days while the time limit was frozen, he had tried his best to catch up to YuWon. However, the gap between the two had only widened.

[1st – Kim YuWon : 28973cp]

[2nd – Hargaan : 21410cp]

A CP difference of over 7,000.

In order to flip the scoreboard, the only option Hargaan had was to earn more CP in the process of defeating the boss. All in order to recruit YuWon into his team and to finish the Tutorial in first place.

Hargaan was determined to raid the boss before YuWon no matter what.

“Could that be him?”

“You mean Kim YuWon?”

“He’s ranked even higher than Hargaan.”

“How strong is he?”

“Is this guy also a Pure-Blood or whatever?”

“I’m not sure. I’ve never heard his name before...”

The people around them murmured, eavesdropping on YuWon and Hargaan’s conversation. A few of the Pure-Blood participants even started giving each other looks to see if anyone recognized YuWon.

Soon after...

“From what I heard, it seems like you don’t have a team...”

“We’re actually about to start our raid.”

“If you don’t have a team, would you like to join us?”

A few participants started approaching YuWon. They were reckless and daring, making an attempt at defeating the boss. But none of them appeared to be adequately skilled.

“How dare you fucking weak-ass fruitflies try and—”

Vzzt, crackle—

At the thought of YuWon joining a different team, Hargaan started emitting electricity out of fury. He was okay with YuWon forming his own team, but his pride couldn’t stand to see him join someone else’s team.

“D-Dodge!”

“He was Hargaan’s teammate!”

“I-I promise that I was only just standing here. Really!”

The participants, having already faced his wrath a few times, immediately backed off from YuWon.

Thanks to Hargaan clearing away the pests for him, YuWon started making way.

Fizzle—

As YuWon walked away from him, Hargaan stopped gathering electricity in the palm of his hand. After realizing that YuWon was headed towards the boss’s crater, he asked, “Are you going for it right away?”

“Well, time inside the Tutorial is more valuable than gold.”

YuWon was right. Hargaan nodded his head in agreement and started walking right beside YuWon. Then Elador and her brother, as well as the rest of his team, started following Hargaan.

“To try and clear the Tutorial in five days. This is very exciting.”

After seeing YuWon and Hargaan make a move, the other participants also started following them. It was quite obvious what they were thinking. They wanted to forcibly become a part of the boss raid and earn some CP.

“These motherfuckers...”

While walking towards the crater, Hargaan looked back and shot them a glare.

Vzzt, crackle—

Between his glare and the golden electricity he was emitting, the other participants took a step back, unable to come any closer.

YuWon had been worried about getting pestered by the small fry, so he was thankful for Hargaan.

Tmp, tmp—

YuWon was finally right in front of the crater.

“Let’s go.”

And as soon as he took a step into it...

Fwoosh—!

... His body was sucked into the deep crater.

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[You’ve entered Boss Room No.1.]

[Please find the boss and clear the trial.]

A large, deep cave sprawled out in front of YuWon's eyes. This place was similar to the underground dungeon where he killed the Parasite Dragon.

This was the Boss Room. In order to meet the true boss, there were a few hurdles he had to get past first.

“Hissss—!”

Slither, ssk—!

Kling, klang—

Various monsters appeared out of the cave.

‘Acid Snakes, Land Eels, Lizardmen, Orc Warriors, and Goblin Warriors.’

Armed Orcs and Goblins, Acid Snakes and Lizardmen. Hostile monsters that couldn't cohabitate together were all staring down at YuWon. This was something that normally would have been impossible, but on this island it wasn't.

‘That guy is easily capable of this kind of control.’

There were at least a few hundred monsters just within his sight. This was a scale that should have been impossible for any one man to handle because it was never intended for anyone to attempt alone.

Klack—

The Goblin Warriors and Orc Warriors raised their shields, strengthening their defensive formation.

Klack—

The Lizardmen poked out their swords and spears through the openings between the shields. These monsters were like a well-trained army.

“Hisssss—!”

On the floor, a long, thin snake slithered around.

“Wow. What's all this?”

“There's a ton of them.”

Hargaan and his companions that came in after YuWon looked at the monsters blocking their path with fascination.

They didn't look all that worried because, to them, an army of monsters of this caliber wasn't much of an obstacle. Every single one of them were the dark horses of this Tutorial.

‘The boss is in room number three,’ YuWon thought to himself.

Tmp, tmp—

YuWon started walking towards the monsters' shield formation, thinking, 'I need to break through as fast as possible.'

Finally getting the opportunity to see YuWon's skills, Hargaan's companions stood by and observed him, despite all the CP that was laid out before them.

'Do we finally get to see him in action?'

'I wonder how strong he is?'

'The captain is already a monster... Yet he's ranked even higher than the captain.'

'I wonder if he only has a lot of CP, or maybe he is actually that powerful?'

'I can finally verify it with my own eyes.'

Even Hargaan, who was always the first to charge into battle, crossed his arms and watched YuWon go forth, as if signaling YuWon to go and do his thing.

And as if trying to meet their expectations...

[Colossal Fire x Arcane Sword]

Whirr, whirr—

Fwoosh—

A crimson mana pulsed from YuWon's sword. Extreme heat and a razor-sharp aura enveloped him. It was the result of combining two of his skills.

He continued to walk closer and closer to the monsters.

Tmp— Tmp—

There was a heavy tension in the air. He looked like he was taking slow steps, but the gap between YuWon and the monsters closed quickly.

It had only been a few seconds. After taking a few steps, in a flash...

Whoosh—

'He disappeared?'

'Where did he go?'

The gang lost sight of YuWon. The only one who managed to follow YuWon's movements was Hargaan.

After disappearing...

Wham—!

YuWon landed on top of the monsters' heads.

Fwoosh—!

The crimson Arcane Sword started flying between the Orcs, Goblins, and Lizardmen. The monsters cried out in pain as a crimson storm brewed around them.

The fiery heat burned their flesh, and every time the sword flashed, multiple heads dropped.

And in just a few seconds...

Thud— Thump—

A pathway was created between the Orcs and Goblins that were blocking the way.

“... What in the world?” SungYoon mumbled in shock.

In an instant, YuWon had penetrated the monsters’ defenses and committed a slaughter with just a single sword.

“He’s... even more of a monster than the captain.”

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Mumbling to himself, SungYoon looked to the side in fear. Luckily, Hargaan didn’t seem to mind SungYoon’s comment about him. Instead, he was smiling with extreme excitement.

“I knew it.”

Vzzt—

Electricity started gathering around Hargaan’s fists. He could no longer just stand by and watch.

Boom—!

The electricity in his fists let out an explosive sound, and Hargaan took a step forward. Then, just like YuWon, Hargaan disappeared in an instant.

Instantly...

Flash—

Crash— Smash—!

The Orcs’ shields broke into pieces, and the Acid Snakes that littered the floor were torn to shreds.

It was the power of Hargaan’s electric attacks.

“Like... we aren’t even needed, are we?”

“Yeah, but that doesn’t mean we should just stand around and watch.”

If you don’t do anything, you fall behind. That was the unchanging rule of the new world that they’d experienced since the 1st Tutorial.

SungYoon started charging up his Mana Blast. Yolche unsheathed her dual swords, and the Elf siblings prepped their spirits and magic respectively.

The real hunt had started.

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Boss room No.2 was a path filled with various traps—dozens of powerful arrows were fired at them while poison rained down, and swords and spears shot up from the ground.

However...

Crash—!

Hargaan managed to break through all those traps with sheer force.

It was the same for YuWon.

Fshh, fwoooosh—

Sizzle—

The fire that enveloped YuWon's body burned away the arrows and poison that flew at him, and the weapons shooting up were easily avoided with some acrobatics.

“There really isn't anything for us to do, huh.”

“It appears so.”

Hargaan's teammates passed through the pathway the two of them had created. There were some traps that weren't destroyed, but they weren't so weak as to get caught in them.

Slash, shing—

With her sword, Yolche cut down the flying arrows and spears.

Fsssh—

Elador and Paladinte stopped the poison that was raining down with fire and water.

[Mana Blast]

Boom—!

Any large obstacles that blocked their path were instantly blown up by SungYoon.

YuWon glanced back at the guys following behind him and nodded his head.

‘At least they're skilled enough to not be a hindrance.’

With the exception of Hargaan, YuWon had actually doubted their skills. He was worried they might have ended up holding him back.

Well, that wasn't exactly right, since YuWon had no intention of helping any of them, even if their lives were in peril. He didn't have the luxury to intervene and help out every person he passed by.

What YuWon was actually worried about was that they might accidentally get caught up in his business and die.

“I think it's that way.”

With an impatient personality, Hargaan was the one furthest ahead.

After clearing through all the traps, a large door could be seen in the distance. It was an old door that looked to be at least 10 meters tall.

After arriving in front of it, Hargaan waited for YuWon and his party.

“... What a strange painting.”

Hargaan looked at the paintings on the giant door. There were many different drawings all over it. Orcs, Goblins, Lizardmen, Kobolds, Gnolls, Ogres... Countless monsters were depicted. And at the top of the door, puzzling hieroglyphics were inscribed.

‘This is my first time seeing it in person.’

Sshhf—

YuWon wiped off the dust on the door.

In the center of the painting where Orcs and Goblins were clashing was a drawing of a round object.

“It’s a war,” Hargaan mumbled, understanding what the painting meant.

YuWon nodded his head. Hargaan was right. It was a humongous war that once occurred between various monsters on Barragánda.

‘And beyond this door...’

“Captain,” SungYoon called.

Hargaan turned around and saw that his teammates had all managed to catch up to him.

SungYoon said, “How about we take a short break?”

Hargaan looked over at YuWon. Though they were accompanying each other due to sharing a destination, YuWon wasn’t actually a part of Hargaan’s team. Not to mention the fact that he and Hargaan had a bet to see who could defeat the boss first.

“Is anyone exhausted?” asked Hargaan. He was in a hurry, so of course he didn’t like the idea of letting YuWon go through the door first.

“No, sir.”

“There wasn’t anything all that impressive.”

“Paladinte, that’s because YuWon and the captain had already broken through most of the traps.”

There wasn’t anyone in Hargaan’s team that appeared injured or exhausted.

Hargaan nodded his head. It seemed like they were ready to enter.

“Then let’s—”

Creeeak—

With a thick, heavy sound, the cave rumbled.

Hargaan turned his head and saw that YuWon was already opening the door.

“Come on, you’re going to enter without saying a thing?”

“I was planning on doing this by myself from the beginning.”

“But we’re working together right now, aren’t we? Couldn’t you at least give us a heads up before—”

“Kkyaaaghh—”

The cry of a monster echoed.

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Startled by the cry, Hargaan stopped talking and turned his head to peek into the open door.

There was nothing but pure darkness inside, but it wasn’t just the dark that surprised Hargaan.

“W-W-What was that?”

“W-Was that boss?”

“What kind of a monster is it?”

Its cry was petrifying, and its presence alone was spine-curling, making Hargaan’s teammates tremble.

Hargaan also gulped. He knew the boss’s identity, but this was the first time he was facing it directly. “He really is an incredible bastard,” he commented.

Tmp—

YuWon was once again quick in his steps. The door had opened just enough for one person to get through, so he started walking inside the room.

Hargaan couldn’t continue hesitating, so he looked back at his group and said, “Let’s go.”

Tmp— tmp—

Unlike the rest of the cave where there were torches lining the wall, inside of the door was entirely dark.

Hargaan gathered electricity in his hands to create some light. The inside of the room was a long cave, and towards the center, the ceiling got higher, forming a circular dome.

And at the center of the dome was...

Thump—

“Kkyaaagh—!”

... The source of the cries.

“W-What’s that?”

“What the fuck...?”

Thump, thump—!

Rattle, rattle—

The boss was locked behind giant steel bars, and it had a terrifying appearance. It looked like a disgusting mix of Orc, Goblin, Ogre, and more—the face resembling various monsters, the body of an Ogre, the legs of an Orc, the tail of a Lizardman, and black wings from an unknown beast.

This monster towered over 10 meters tall.

“Kkyaaagh—!”

The boss screamed at the group that had appeared within its sights.

Just hearing its cry made their bodies feel like they were going numb.

With the exception of YuWon and Hargaan, the rest of the gang took a few steps back, unable to withstand the pressure from the boss.

YuWon observed the boss, which was restrained with chains all over its body.

“A Chimera.”

The boss struggled in pain. It considered itself, a mix of various monsters, an abomination, feeling pain and anger. This mix of emotions condensed into bloodthirst and mana, which swirled around the Chimera.

The Chimera in front of them was a monster that didn’t naturally exist within the Tutorial, like Suruhtra. That’s why it was the final boss of the Tutorial and why it required the cooperation of tens of thousands of participants to defeat it.

[You’ve entered Boss Room No.3.]

[DEFEAT THE BOSS – THE ‘SEALED CHIMERA.’]

[Once the objective is achieved, the Tutorial will be finalized.]

Those were pretty simple messages, but there were more messages waiting for them in boss room No.3.

[1 person is able to break the Chimera’s seal and make it their familiar.]

[If you break the sealing crystal, the time limit will end, and you will be able to pass the Tutorial regardless of the requirements.]

[The Chimera’s master will earn additional CP respective to the participants they kill.]

Whirr—

Next to the cell where the Chimera was locked up, there was a staff glowing dark red. And at the top of the staff, there was a crystal emitting light. That was likely the “sealing crystal” that the message had mentioned.

“So if that thing is broken, this guy is going to be freed from its jail?”

“So it’s a trial where you need to kill the Chimera while also defending the crystal from other participants...”

“This doesn’t seem that hard.”

The trial would have been far more complicated if more participants were present, but only ten people were inside the boss room right now.

It wasn’t too big a number for keeping track of each other’s movements. And even if one of them tried to pull something, there was the force called Hargaan that they had to get through first.

Grab—

“Hey.”

YuWon turned his head. Before he realized it, Hargaan had snuck up behind him and grabbed his shoulder tightly.

“What do you think you’re doing?” asked Hargaan.

“Let go.”

“I asked what you’re doing.”

“I need that thing.”

“Are you planning on betraying me after all that? Did you forget about our bet?”

The bet between YuWon and Hargaan was either who could kill the boss first or rack up the most CP. That meant that in order for the bet to be resolved, one of them had to kill the boss.

However, if the sealing crystal was broken, the participant who broke it would be able to control the Chimera like a familiar. Thus they would no longer be able to bet on who could kill the boss first.

“I didn’t. I think I’m going to be the winner of that bet,” YuWon replied.

After hearing YuWon’s response, Hargaan froze for a second before shouting and squeezing YuWon’s shoulder even tighter.

“Then what are you doing? Why do you need that thing?!”

“... This is why I wanted to do this alone.”

YuWon let out a sigh while raising his hand. Before anyone even noticed it, he was wielding a sword from his inventory.

“Kim YuWon—!”

Vzzzzzt—!

Hargaan unleashed an electric attack on YuWon, but...

Whoosh—!

Shatter—!

YuWon had already thrown his sword, breaking the sealing crystal far off in the distance.

[The sealing crystal has been broken.]

[The boss – Chimera will be released from its seal.]

[PLEASE DEFEAT THE UNSEALED CHIMERA.]

[The Chimera's master is 'Kim YuWon.']

Chapter 27

Rattle, clunk—

Creeeeeak—

The chains and restraints on the Chimera were released. The steel bars that held the giant beast started fading and quickly disintegrated.

“How could you do this...?!” Hargaan shouted in anger, intensely glaring at YuWon, who had just broken the sealing crystal.

YuWon had become the master of the Chimera.

Hargaan felt like he was just betrayed by a trusted comrade. However, YuWon's next action was not what he had expected.

“Chimera,” YuWon said.

“Grrrrr—”

“Break that wall,” YuWon ordered.

Having been released from its shackles, the Chimera ran towards the wall. When it collided with it, it shook the entire cave.

Smash—!

Rumble—!

The wall crumbled, and another cave was unveiled.

Surprised by YuWon's unexpected command, Hargaan asked, “What are you doing?”

“Why don't you first let go of me, and then we can talk.”

Grab—

YuWon tried to push off Hargaan's hand.

Squeeze—

However, Hargaan wouldn't let go of his shoulder. He still didn't trust YuWon.

“Explain properly first.”

“That guy's not going to attack you guys because I'm the one controlling it.”
YuWon motioned at the Chimera with his chin.

The boss of the 5th Tutorial. YuWon had managed to get full control of it by destroying the sealing crystal. Now, it would only move on YuWon's orders. So as long as YuWon didn't intend on attacking the participants with it, there would be no problems.

"I have a different opponent to face."

"There's a different opponent?"

"The Chimera is a monster created from the various monsters on this island."

"What does that have to do with—?"

"So who created this Chimera?"

Hargaan's eyes widened after hearing YuWon's question, and he eased his grip on his shoulder. He stared at the wall the Chimera broke down. If the Chimera was the true boss, and there was no additional stage, the other cave shouldn't have existed.

'No way...' thought Hargaan.

But there certainly was a way, and YuWon started walking to the newly opened space with the Chimera.

It was an unexpected situation.

"Captain."

"What should we do?"

The message clearly said to kill the Chimera. He was the Tutorial's boss, and they were participants that had to defeat the boss. However, the situation before them turned out to be not so black and white.

"... Let's check it out first."

Hargaan and his team followed behind YuWon.

Inside the broken wall, there was a long tunnel, and inside was...

"What the—?"

"An arm?"

"... A head?"

... What looked to be human body parts hanging all over the place.

Thud, thud—

Yuwon continued to make his way through the tunnel with his Chimera.

The end of the tunnel appeared not long after.

Fwoosh—

It led to a large cave lined with torches.

This was the 5th Tutorial's boss room No.4, which the message had kept a secret.

[You've entered Boss Room No.4.]

[The boss has been updated.]

[DEFEAT THE BOSS – THE 'CHIMERA CREATOR.']

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“A new boss?”

“What's a 'Chimera Creator'?”

“Damn it. What's going on?”

Hargaan and his teammates were confused by the new messages that suddenly popped up.

Even before getting selected by the Tower, Hargaan had been told over and over about the Tutorial, but even he had never heard of room No.4 or the existence of another boss.

“This place is...” Hargaan said while looking around the room.

This was a cave that was far bigger than the other boss rooms. And inside the cave, the floor was littered with corpses.

“Are you participants of the Tutorial?”

“Grrrr—”

YuWon's Chimera let out a cry mixed with anger.

“Were you taking a nap?” YuWon asked while looking at the center of the cave.

Step—

There was a long desk and a very skinny man working on something with blood-stained hands.

“Chimera Creator,” YuWon called out.

“Well, this is a first.”

Creak—

The man stood up from his chair. His face was as bony as his body. He must have not seen the sun in a long time. His skin was beyond pale, which starkly contrasted with his black robe.

“Despite having control over the Chimera, you didn’t betray the other participants and instead came to my room.” The man’s raspy voice exuded an ominous feeling.

Amused, he smiled while looking back and forth between YuWon and Hargaan.

“Oho. So you’re a descendant of Zeus. You might only be a halfbreed, but you should still be quite useful.”

“Who are you calling a halfbreed?”

Hargaan’s forehead vein popped out.

‘Halfbreed.’ It was Hargaan’s most hated word.

Hargaan angrily asked, “Who is this guy?”

“The dark magician Childe. He’s a Ranker that disappeared from the Tower long ago.”

“Childe?”

Hargaan was taken aback. A Ranker... in the Tutorial? Setting aside the fact that a being that was once at the top of the Tower was somehow in the Tutorial, how were they supposed to beat a Ranker?

“Is this guy actually the Childe?”

“Yeah.”

“I’ve heard of him before. He’s a Ranker that was the test examiner on the 50th floor. I heard how he captured hundreds of players for experiments and made a Chimera by mixing various monsters.”

Hargaan’s teammates froze up after hearing Hargaan’s explanation. That was a pretty infamous incident in the Tower. A Ranker who wasn’t able to control their desires and impulses ended up messing with countless test participants despite being a test examiner.

“Don’t be such a wuss. He ended up losing to a player in a humiliating fashion, and due to breaking the rules of the Tower, he lost most of his powers.”

“He lost his powers?”

“Yeah. And due to that event, he’s been forced to make the Tutorial’s bosses for a thousand years. Though, even after a thousand years pass, he won’t be able to regain his powers.”

The smile on Childe’s face slowly wore off as YuWon continued to talk. He didn’t find it all that pleasing to hear someone else talk about his circumstances.

“You. How do you know about me?” Childe asked while staring closely at YuWon.

Seeing as how he must have hit a nerve, YuWon smirked while pointing at his own eyes.

“Do you by chance remember these?”

“Are you asking me to pull out your eyes? Why are you pointing at your...”

Childe stopped talking after seeing his eyes. They had turned red. It was the [Cinder Eyes.]

When he noticed them, Childe erupted into fury.

“You scoundrel—!”

Fwoooosh—!

Childe’s voice echoed as jet-black mana started circling around him.

YuWon reached out his hand in front of him to protect himself from the mana with [Colossal Fire.]

“Ugh...”

“What kind of mana is this...?”

“Didn’t you say he lost his powers?”

Vzzzzt—

Hargaan shot out an electric field, nullifying the black mana.

“This is him without his powers,” YuWon said.

Hargan grumbled, fighting against the black mana that Childe was exuding.

“If he was a real Ranker, we’d all be dead already,” YuWon continued.

Fwoooosh, fwoosh—

YuWon protected himself by shrouding himself with fire.

Able to feel Childe’s anger through the mana, YuWon looked back at Childe to mock him.

“So you still haven’t forgotten.”

“Those eyes. Those eyes! Where did you get them?!”

“I got them inside the Tutorial.”

“Scoundrel, are you a kin of that Monkey?”

Monkey. There weren’t many who could refer to “The Great Sage, Heaven’s Equal” in that manner.

Knowing the relationship between Childe and Son OhGong, YuWon continued to push his buttons.

“What are you so upset about? You’re the one that captured and experimented on participants despite being a test examiner.”

“Answer my question!”

“No. I didn’t come here just to satisfy your curiosity...”

YuWon’s eyes darted between the human-type Chimeras that filled the cave.

“I came here because I can’t stand letting scumbags like you continue to live.”

Those words fully flipped Childe’s switch.

“You bastard—!”

Rumble, rumble—

The cave shook.

The black mana flooded the floor, and the corpses that littered the cave started twitching. The corpses were covered in stitches with mismatched heads, eyes, arms, and legs glued together.

“Fine, I don’t need your answer. I at least know that you and that Monkey are related. I’m going to make you talk, and after tearing you apart, I’m going to turn you into a Chimera and present it to that fucking Monkey.”

The Chimeras in the room reacted to the bloodthirst in Childe’s voice. They were human-type Chimeras made from the body parts of Tutorial participants. And some of them emanated pretty dense mana.

‘So it’s these guys, huh,’ YuWon thought.

Approximately a hundred years later, a player that could control Chimeras would appear in the lower floors. The player’s Chimeras, unlike normal Chimeras, grew stronger as they climbed the Tower, as if they had received the system’s blessing.

Chimeras that could level up. Those were the Chimeras that Childe was researching here.

‘It seems that he was nearing completion, but...’

Luckily, it seemed that he simply had a large number of them, and they weren’t perfected yet.

“Chimera.”

“Grrrrr—”

The unsealed Chimera reacted to YuWon’s words. It bared its fangs like it was ready to charge at any moment. It was probably furious at Childe for turning it into such an abomination.

“Clear out all these mutts.”

“Kyaaagh—!”

Thud, stomp, stomp—

It was a fight between Chimeras.

The giant unsealed Chimera stomped and tore apart the human-type Chimeras.

“Fuck. I don’t know what’s going on, but...!”

“We just have to get rid of these things, right?”

Hargaan’s teammates started fighting against the monsters too.

The human-type Chimeras were a bit too strong for the average Tutorial participant to handle. However, these guys were all high-ranking participants.

Hargaan started shooting out electric attacks, slaughtering the Chimeras, which greatly helped the situation.

YuWon’s original plan was to have the unsealed Chimera keep the human-type Chimeras preoccupied while he fought against Childe, but thanks to Hargaan and his team, YuWon had one less concern.

‘This should make things a bit easier.’

No longer needing to pay any attention to the enemy Chimeras, YuWon felt at ease while looking at Childe.

Childe was pointing a staff made out of black wood at YuWon.

Whirr—

The black mana around YuWon pulsated, and from the staff, a shining mana shot out.

Whoosh—!

[Dark Casket]

Thunk—

A black casket appeared out of nowhere and swallowed YuWon whole.

“That is an unbreakable casket. Even the sealed Chimera wouldn’t be able to break out of it.”

Having caught YuWon much more easily than he had predicted, Childe laughed, forgetting about his anger.

“I might have fallen and lost my power, but how dare a lowly Tutorial participant look down on me? I’m going to turn you into a Chimera, and for eternity you’ll be neither alive nor—”

Crack—

The [Dark Casket] started to fracture.

“—Dead...?”

Childe questioned his own eyes. There was no way that a greenhorn that hadn’t even earned the qualification of being a player was doing this.

Thump—!

Kk-crack—!

“H-How the—?!”

But it was happening.

A shock reverberated inside, and this shock was breaking down the [Dark Casket.]

Childe quickly imbued more mana through his staff, but he had reacted a little too late.

Smash—!

Shatter—

The [Dark Casket,] an immobilization skill that Childe prided in, was destroyed by a mere Tutorial participant, of all people.

Crack, snap—

Having smashed through the [Dark Casket] with his bare hands, YuWon walked out of the fragments clenching and unclenching his fist.

“That arm...” Childe said in shock.

Yuwon’s right arm had grown over 50% bigger. The veins looked like they were ready to pop, and YuWon’s body had an irregular flow of mana.

As a Ranker, Childe had once seen a skill like this from a distance. Although, YuWon’s skill was almost pathetic in comparison...

Childe gave up on thinking in the midst of all the confusion.

“Scoundrel, what is your relationship with Olympus?”

In Childe’s eyes, YuWon appeared quite similar to a certain Olympus Ranker.

The key player in the Gigantomachy mythology. A son of Zeus, the main character of “The 12 Labors,” and the holder of the title the “Giant Slayer”...

The great hero Hercules.

[Gigantification]

Right now, that hero’s power was imbued in YuWon’s arm.

Chapter 28

If YuWon had to pick a person that he respected the most, he’d have picked Hercules.

He was a hero. Hercules never hesitated to punish evil, and he had enough power to do so. He was kind to the weak, and he never abused his powers. In terms of strength, he was stronger than anyone else in the Tower. That was Hercules.

“What I’m hoping for is ‘Gigantification.’”

This was right before the war against the Outer Gods broke out. It was during the time when Chronos had told them about the possibility of the 「Clock Movement,」 and they had started discussing who would be sent to the past.

Son OhGong, Chronos, Hercules, Odin. Many of the greatest beings in the Tower had gathered in one place to debate on what to obtain and what to toss aside.

“No. That’s too inefficient.”

Odin had rejected Hercules’s suggestion.

[Gigantification] was certainly a good skill. Even if you searched all over the Tower, there were probably less than a hundred skills that could be considered better. However, obtaining it was far too complicated.

“Besides, that doesn’t match up with our goals. You do know what killing 10,000 Giants and getting drenched in blood would mean, right?”

“The Gigantomachy isn’t the only opportunity to fight a Giant.”

Hercules looked over at Son OhGong, who was sleeping in the corner.

That was when YuWon understood what Hercules was trying to say.

“Suruhtra.”

“That’s right.”

“You want to catch him?”

“Were you only planning on running away from it until time ran out? Although I guess that would be much safer.”

Hercules shrugged his shoulders.

Hercules was among the candidates to return to the past. After hearing about Suruhtra, he thought he had found a potential key for [Gigantification.]

It wasn’t an unfounded idea. Giants were one of the ruling races of the Tower. So what would happen if one were to drench oneself in a Giant’s blood during the Tutorial? It might have been possible to obtain [Gigantification] with just a single 「Giant’s Heart.」

“We should kill it.”

“There isn’t really an opportunity for it otherwise.”

“I vote yes.”

“I vote no. It’s far too dangerous.”

“I’ll... abstain from the vote.”

The vote ended. The result was “yes.”

It was all thanks to the final vote in favor by YuWon.

“I guess now we need to start thinking about how someone can defeat Suruhtra.”

“They will need points. If they can just get the Arctic Steel Sword...”

“That won’t be enough. They’ll need an even greater ice attribute...”

The focus of the meeting had suddenly changed to ‘how to defeat Suruhtra.’

「Arctic Steel Sword」 and 「Ice Crystals.」 「Pyromancy Robe」 and [Cinder Eyes.] Ways to obtain points. Suruhtra’s weaknesses and patterns...

After talking over countless ideas, in the end, the conclusion was that it was possible.

“If you are unable to properly handle Giganfication, give up on going after the Chimera Creator.”

The true final boss of the Tutorial, Childe the Chimera Creator, was brought up.

“After causing a mess in the lower floors, he might have lost his powers and gotten exiled to the Tutorial, but he’s still dangerous. Not to mention, he’d also have human-type Chimeras.”

“Would it be possible to get proficient at Gigantification in just a few days?”

“It’d be quite difficult.”

After saying that, Hercules looked over at Son OhGong.

“Don’t you have anything to add? If I recall correctly, you were the one that defeated him while climbing the Tower.”

““Anything to add’?”

This happened when Son OhGong was in the process of climbing the 50th floor. He had become quite famous as a Ranker candidate. Childe ended up losing after attempting to capture him to make him into a Chimera.

Son OhGong was the only one there that knew anything about the Chimera Creator.

“I don’t really have anything to tell ya.”

Seeming disinterested, Son OhGong yawned widely before continuing.

“Nothing besides...”

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Crack, snap—

The muscles in YuWon's arm started convulsing. His arm didn't actually become as large as a Giant's. However, after activating [Gigantification,] the muscles in his arms became ripped like a Giant's.

[Your arm has been imbued with the power of a Giant.]

[You have a low proficiency.]

[Your Constitution stat will temporarily change into Strength.]

[Your Constitution is too low.]

[Partial Gigantification will occur.]

Only his right arm had been imbued with the power of a Giant. Due to a low proficiency and Constitution, YuWon couldn't properly utilize [Gigantification] yet.

However, this was enough.

'I see. So this is my limit at this point.'

YuWon massaged his right arm while stretching.

[Gigantification] was a skill that required more Constitution than Arcane Power. It worked by turning your Constitution into Strength so you could unleash explosive power.

Luckily, YuWon had gained quite a bit of Strength and Constitution from eating Suruhtra's heart, but he was still far from being able to unleash the full power of [Gigantification.]

'Still...'

Clench—

YuWon tightened his fist, feeling the power in his right arm.

"This should suffice."

Thud—

YuWon's feet touched the ground.

Feeling ignored, Childe's face once again turned sour.

"Alright, fine."

Wiggle, wiggle—

The black mana convulsed, turning into dozens of strands. Then Childe raised up his staff and arms while shouting, "I'll hear your answer after I've torn you to shreds. Even if you are a direct descendent of Olympus like that halfbreed, you're still just a li'l runt!"

Woosh—!

All of the strands of mana flew towards YuWon.

At the same time, YuWon stretched out his hands in front of him.

Grasp—

Riiip, snap—

“...!”

“You talk too much.”

YuWon’s grip tore apart the strands of mana, making them lose power and dissipate.

Shocked, Childe imbued more mana into his staff.

[Triple Dark Casket]

Thunk—

Rattle, rattle—

Three [Dark Caskets] popped up from the ground, swallowing YuWon one after another. This was a much sturdier restraint. However...

Smash—!

... Nothing changed this time around. The [Dark Caskets] easily crumbled under YuWon’s punch. But having expected that, Childe cast a follow-up skill.

[Corrupted Venom Fang]

Whirr—

Dozens of fangs appeared around YuWon and Childe. Each of them were tough enough to easily pierce steel, not to mention that they were poisonous.

“Don’t die from this.”

Childe laughed with a twisted smile as he swung his staff.

“I have a lot I want to hear from you.”

Woosh, woosh, woosh—!

All the fangs flew towards YuWon.

Fwoosh—

The red in YuWon’s eye became more saturated.

The fangs that were flying towards him all looked slow. YuWon didn’t even attempt to dodge them.

Smash—!

One of the fangs shattered into pieces, its fragments flying everywhere.

One was okay. Childe had expected that, but...

Smash, smash—!

Seeing his fangs get broken one after another slowly wiped the smile off Childe’s face.

“How is this...?”

Smash—!

At least half the fangs were destroyed.

Childe sensed the flow of mana in YuWon's arm.

[Gigantification] wasn't a skill that only raised one's strength. The skill basically turned one's body into a lethal weapon.

‘Even if he is a descendant of Hercules, how can a participant of the Tutorial break these with sheer force?’

YuWon had gotten closer to Childe.

To Childe, YuWon appeared like an angry bull, coming closer while demolishing dozens of fangs.

Childe prepared his next skill.

[Ebony Thornwall]

Rumble—

A double-layered black wall appeared. This wall made up of hundreds of thorns was currently the strongest defensive skill that Childe could use after falling to the Tutorial area.

‘Try and get through this. Before you can break through, your hand will—’

Wham—!

Crack—

Having thought he was safe surrounded by the thornwall, Childe was shocked. He felt the impact from outside.

A fracture appeared in the [Ebony Thornwall.]

YuWon was unphased, continuing to attempt to break it down.

“Crazy son of a bitch!”

Whirr—

Childe imbued more mana into the [Ebony Thornwall.]

Wham, wham—!

Rumble, rumble—

The wall continued to shake.

Wham—!

Kk-crack—

The crack continued to grow larger.

Sweat gathered on Childe's forehead as he continued to imbue mana into the wall.

Wham—!!

That was the final blow.

For a moment, YuWon's punches stopped.

"Haa... Haa..."

Childe collected his breath, having become drenched in sweat from using so much mana.

'Did he stop?'

The impacts had stopped.

Childe regained his smile slowly.

'Yeah. I bet he's also tired. He probably wrecked his hand trying to break the Ebony Thornwall.'

Crack—

His assumptions were quickly crushed.

The wall surrounding him started falling apart. And in the blink of an eye, a hand broke through the opening.

Grasp—

"Kugh!"

Childe was choked as he was raised up into the air by his neck.

Slam—!

After raising him up high, YuWon immediately slammed his head into the ground. Then YuWon imbued mana into his fist and started bashing his face in.

Wham, wham, wham—!

The ground shook as Childe's head was buried deep into the ground.

Blood dripped from YuWon's fist, a result of being injured from breaking through the Ebony Thornwall.

"I... will not... die..."

Despite the fact that his head was being pushed into the ground, Childe was smiling. Even after being pummeled with punches strengthened by [Gigantification,] he only had a broken nose and teeth. He didn't look all that hurt. His body was much tougher than it had appeared.

"You're as persistent as the rumors said."

Childe the Chimera Creator was no ordinary boss. He was a Ranker from a thousand years ago, and he was set to soon become a participant in the Tutorial and reascend the Tower as a player. It was for that moment that Childe had long been preparing his body.

"I'm... immortal."

After attaching body parts from countless participants and experimenting on himself for almost a thousand years, his entire body was harder than steel.

His body had been strengthened through dark magic experiments unrelated to the Constitution stat. This is why, in the future, when Childe started climbing the Tower again, he came to be known as the ‘Undead Chimera.’

This was the real reason why Childe was dangerous. He had a body that couldn’t be broken or injured. He was the true boss of the Tutorial, far stronger than the unsealed Chimera.

Despite that, YuWon reached out and grabbed his shoulder.

“You’ll be able to see everything as long as you have these.”

Snap—

Riiiiip—!

“Ahhhhh!” Childe screamed in pain.

Yuwon had forcibly torn off his right arm.

Childe grasped where his arm was so easily torn off.

“My arm. My aaaarm—!

“You attached body parts together like they were toys. No wonder it came off so easily.”

Fwoosh—

The cause of YuWon’s red vision, [Cinder Eyes,] the eyes that can see through all of creation, allowed YuWon to see the faint lines that connected Childe’s body together.

Yuwon reached for Childe’s other arm.

Grasp—

“P-Please... STOOOOOOP—!”

Snap—

Riiip—!

Even if it had been strengthened through experiments, it was still a body that was made from attaching the body parts of other participants. And as it was not a perfect whole, the conjoining points were bound to be weaknesses.

“Why are you asking me to stop?”

Yuwon grabbed Childe’s thigh next. While tightening his grasp, YuWon looked Childe straight in the eyes.

“Have you forgotten how many people you’ve torn apart?”

Chapter 29

The meeting regarding the Tutorial was almost wrapped up.

They had managed to discuss a few possible scenarios regarding the Chimera Creator:

If neither [Cinder Eyes] nor [Gigantification] were obtained, do not even try.

If only one of them was obtained, leave it up to the user's judgement.

But if both were obtained...

“You have to defeat the Chimera Creator.”

The Chimera Creator, after reascending the Tower, became a High Ranker that time around, bringing chaos to the Tower again.

He used the players of the lower floors as ingredients, and as a High Ranker, he had gained enough power to rival a guild between the power he cultivated for a thousand years and the human-type Chimeras.

So in order to prevent any more travesty, Son OhGong had to personally go after him again.

That's why the Chimera Creator had to be defeated.

“Getting both Cinder Eyes and Gigantification during the Tutorial...”

Eyes that can analyze the essence and weakness of all creation and the ability to exude the same power as a Giant, one of the dominant races of the Tower. With those two powers combined, it should be entirely possible to tear apart the Chimera Creator's limbs and snap his neck.

As the meeting regarding the Tutorial was ending, YuWon said the following:

“An unbelievable guy is going to be born.”

At that point, he had never imagined that the unbelievable guy would end up being him.

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[You have defeated the 'Chimera Creator.']

[You have accomplished an impossible achievement.]

[Due to accomplishing an impossible achievement, the calculation of your reward will be delayed.]

[The Tutorial has been finalized.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[Your Strength increased by 1.]

[Your Dexterity increased by 2.]

[Your Constitution...]

[Heaven-Slaying Star's completion rate increased by 8.24%.]

[Your Strength increased by 1.]

[Your Dexterity increased by 1.]

Yuwon's level had increased by two. It was an exorbitant amount of EXP, being able to level up twice at his current level. And on top of that, thanks to reaching a higher completion rate, YuWon also obtained two additional stat points.

‘So this guy was recognized as a boss, like Suruhtra.’

This was a good thing for YuWon. Had the system not recognized Childe as a boss, not only would he have not received EXP, he also wouldn't have received any bonus rewards.

Luckily that didn't occur, and as an additional bonus, the completion rate for [Heaven-Slaying Star] shot up, which was great news for YuWon.

‘With this, the completion rate is now over 10%. I got an additional two stat points. Does that mean it's one stat point per 5%?’

This meant that he'd be able to earn a total of 20 stat points unrelated to levels by completing the skill.

Yuwon had thought that the effect was pretty lackluster for an A plus-rank skill, but it turned out to be pretty decent.

Yuwon turned his head and looked around.

Thud—

Flop—

The human-type Chimeras that were in battle suddenly started dropping dead as if their souls had left their bodies. It was all because Childe, the one who was controlling them, died.

“What's wrong with them?”

“They suddenly flopped over.”

“Is it over?”

“They're not getting back up, right?”

“Grrrr—”

Hargaan's team and the unsealed Chimera stayed on guard against the fallen human-type Chimeras. They were concerned that the Chimeras might get back up at any moment and charge at them again.

“They won't be getting up, so don't worry. The boss is dead.”

Hargaan's team untensed after hearing YuWon's reassurance.

“R-Really?”

“Phew—”

“I thought we were actually dead.”

“Is anyone injured?”

Now that the battle was over, Elador and Paladinte started looking after their teammates with their healing abilities.

Quite a few of them had been injured. They might have been high-ranking participants, but their opponents were human-type Chimeras created by the Chimera Creator. Had the unsealed Chimera not helped them, more than half of them probably would have died.

‘The reason why none of them died is probably...’

YuWon looked over at Hargaan who was tending to his injured teammates.

‘... Thanks to this guy.’

He only got a few glimpses during the fight, but Hargaan’s skills far exceeded what YuWon had expected.

Hargaan used his golden lightning to slaughter the human-type Chimeras and protect his teammates. And despite all that, it seemed that he was neither tired nor injured.

‘He really is talented, even among the Olympians. He might have even been able to become the next Hercules...’

“Where’s the reward?” asked Hargaan. Seeing how it was taking a while for the reward to be calculated, he signaled to YuWon and turned around. “Come with me for a bit. You guys stay back.”

YuWon nodded his head and followed behind him. He had a rough idea what Hargaan wanted to say.

He led YuWon to boss room No.3 where the Chimera boss was originally sealed. Without the Chimera, the cave was completely empty.

“I won’t ask who you are or how you knew about the connection between that Ranker and the Tutorial.”

It bothered Hargaan. He had heard Childe speak about YuWon and Olympus. However, that had to be tabled for now.

“Yolche’s injured.”

YuWon nodded his head, listening to Hargaan.

The one who took the biggest injury during this battle was Yolche. It appeared as though she was stabbed in the hip, and Elador was busy treating her right now.

“Did you really have to do that?”

“Are you talking about the Chimera Creator?”

“Yeah. This was a Tutorial that could have been cleared just by defeating the sealed Chimera. We didn’t have to defeat that guy.”

“That’d normally be the case.”

“Normally?”

Hargaan couldn't believe YuWon's words. Saying something like "normally " when they had challenged the Tutorial's boss after only five days. Even Zeus, his father, had never managed to set this kind of record in the Tutorial.

Yet here YuWon was claiming that just defeating the sealed Chimera in record time would be "normal" after having challenged something far beyond that.

"You could have set the greatest record to date just by defeating the sealed Chimera. How far do you have to go until you're satisfied? Will you only be satisfied once you and all your comrades are dead?"

Yolche wasn't the only one who had fallen into danger. The reason why she got injured in the first place was because she tried to protect the rest of her teammates from the human-type Chimeras. And unlike Hargaan, she wasn't strong enough to fight while protecting others.

And it wasn't just Yolche. It was the same for the rest of Hargaan's teammates. They had faced a crisis where more people could have been injured, or worse, some could have even died.

"How far, you say..."

YuWon closed his eyes and took a moment to think. How far indeed did he have to go?

Even now, YuWon could vividly picture it when he closed his eyes.

The Outer Gods. The gods from another world outside the Tower. 《One Who Couldn't Be Born》, 《Despair that Reaches the Skies》, 《Gloom Trapped in a Swamp》, and... 《Foolish Chaos.》

'How far do I have to go?'

YuWon thought back to the fight with 《Foolish Chaos.》 In order to just defeat him, Asura, Vishnu, and various other Rankers had lost their lives.

And exactly how many bastards like him existed? There was no way for YuWon to know.

That's why YuWon couldn't let himself be shackled by the laws of this small and tiny Tower. He had to become endlessly powerful while purging the rotten parts of this world, leading it to become even stronger. Or else this world would meet its end.

"I..." YuWon shook his head in response, "... don't know."

He had never thought about it before. How far would he have to go in order to face the gods from another world?

YuWon felt like he couldn't breathe, and a suffocating pressure weighed down on his entire body. This was a much harder question to answer than fighting Childe.

"You don't know?" Hargaan asked back in confusion.

He tried to read YuWon's face. YuWon had always appeared confident and laid back up until now. He was absolutely certain that no one was as strong as YuWon during their time as a newbie. However, YuWon still didn't seem satisfied, as if he had only just taken the first step towards his goal.

Instead of responding to Hargaan's question, YuWon replied with a question out of the blue.
"You're looking for a team, right? One you can get through thick and thin with."

Hargaan looked confused, not understanding what YuWon was talking about.

YuWon continued, "This is why. This is the reason why I'm not looking for a team right now."

"What do you mean 'This is why...'?"

Hargaan suddenly remembered what YuWon had said before.

"I don't have any intention of forming a team with people who have a different destination than me. That's my answer."

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The reason why YuWon hadn't made a team. Hargaan had previously thought he was simply being stubborn, not wanting to work together with people who had a different goal. And it was only natural that he thought YuWon was just being stubborn back then.

It was very rare for a team created during the Tutorial to stay together forever. Unless they were connected by blood like Olympus, most people joined other teams or disbanded according to their needs. And Hargaan had thought YuWon didn't want something like that.

'So that wasn't it,' Hargaan thought.

YuWon wasn't worried about his team changing or disbanding part way through. A team that would stay together forever for a common goal wasn't what YuWon wanted.

What YuWon wanted were comrades that were strong enough to face extreme dangers. The team had to be made of people who could walk the same path as him because the path he was destined to walk was far more dangerous than Hargaan could ever imagine.

"That's why it's better if you give up now. If you pull someone like me into your team, who knows when something like this might happen again."

With that, YuWon turned away, but it wasn't so he could go back to where the rest of them were. It was because of the tall man that had suddenly appeared behind him.

"Have you been waiting a long time?" asked YuWon.

"▷ Well, it seemed like you two were having an important conversation."

It was the giant hobo, the Tutorial's Administrator.

Having been unable to notice the Administrator's presence until then, Hargaan was shocked to see the tall man.

Seeing YuWon and the Administrator greet each other, Hargaan carefully asked YuWon, "Who's this?"

"The Tutorial's Administrator."

"What?!"

Hargaan froze for a second, as if he didn't understand, before continuing, "T-The Administrator?!"

After shouting in surprise, Hargaan quickly shut up and measured the Administrator's reaction.

Even though YuWon had already met this one a few times, Administrators weren't normally so easy to meet. Unless you specifically requested a meeting with them, they rarely ever showed themselves. And they usually stayed on the sidelines, having delegated most of their work to the Lackeys.

The Administrators of each floor were beings on par with the highest Rankers. They were essentially in the same position as the "Big Three" of Olympus.

"A-As a son of Olympus, I'd like to thank you for your presence, Administrator."

It was only natural for Hargaan to show proper respect to the Administrator. Unlike normal participants, as a descendant of Olympus, he knew a lot about Administrators.

"▷ Oh, yeah."

The Administrator, however, didn't seem all that pleased with his greeting.

YuWon quickly guessed the reason behind the Administrator's reaction.

"Don't be like that. You should properly accept his greetings since he's got nothing to do with that."

"▷ I refuse."

"Do you really have to be like that?"

"▷ Just thinking about how much more work I have now because of those bastards makes me want to go pull out Zeus's beard right now."

"...?"

Not knowing the current situation, Hargaan was confused as to what they were talking about. However, he knew he couldn't just demand an answer right now in the presence of the Administrator.

Still, Hargaan could at least tell that the Administrator was currently hostile against Olympus.

"▷ Also, thinking about what I'm about to hear from the other guys again because of you..."

The Administrator sounded like he had a headache.

The Chimera Creator was a boss that had maintained the ecosystem of the Tutorial for almost a thousand years. It was all part of the Administrator's plan. Childe created the sealed Chimera, maintaining the Tutorial's system on repeat.

The Tutorial's Administrator had been preparing a different boss to substitute for the sealed Chimera before the thousand year contract ended. However, the Chimera Creator was suddenly killed, even though the preparations weren't ready yet.

“▷ For the foreseeable future, the difficulty of the Tutorial is going to seriously decrease.”

He might have to just throw in any boss, even if it didn't meet the difficulty requirement. And having to come up with a suitable reward, the Administrator felt like his head was going to explode from a migraine.

“Did you come here just to complain?”

“▷ Not just to complain.”

“Just give me the reward already, please.”

Technically speaking, the Chimera Creator wasn't a preset boss in the Tutorial. He was another hidden piece like Suruhtra. And the Administrator had made an appearance to give YuWon a reward for defeating that hidden piece.

“▷ You're much more impatient than you appear.”

“I'm sure you don't have all day either.”

“▷ That's true.”

The Administrator looked down at YuWon, not really thrilled with the situation, as he opened his hand.

“▷ Here you go.”

Flash—

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A bright light floated out of the Administrator's palm.

It was a black-colored light, emitting a holy glow.

Since it was black, one would think it would cause darkness, but instead it lit up its surroundings.

The light dissipated after a short while, and what remained was a small onyx crystal.

The Administrator handed the tiny crystal to YuWon.

“▷ Where you use it is up to you, and protecting it will also be up to you.”

YuWon took the black crystal from the Administrator's hand.

Fsss—

As YuWon grabbed the crystal, a foreign mana started circulating around YuWon's palm. It was the energy from the crystal.

‘This is...’

YuWon's eyes perked up.

[Dark Divine Crystal]

▷ A fragment that holds the darkness of the genesis. It contains mana with an unending dark property.

▷ It is still unrefined. A skilled craftsman is needed in order to unleash its full power.

▷ Classification : crafting material.

▷ Capable of [Stealth.]

▷ Can change mana to dark attribute.

▷ 20% increase in dark-type* mana resistance.

*TL/N: Type \neq attribute. ‘Dark attribute’ specifically refers to the element of darkness. ‘Dark-type’ can include the dark attribute and any attributes associated with darkness but is its own category.

20% increase in dark attribute mana amplification rate.

20% decrease in dark attribute mana consumption rate.

After checking the item's description, YuWon couldn't hold back his smile no matter how hard he tried.

The ability to change a mana's property. And not only that, but an increase in efficiency of the changed mana.

YuWon couldn't believe that this was only an unrefined crafting material.

‘I guess that's natural since it's called the Dark Divine Crystal.’

For an item of this caliber to appear at this point... It was the reward for achieving a better record than any previous participant as well as defeating the secret boss of the Tutorial.

YuWon had expected a pretty good reward. He had half-expected either an A-rank or above skill or an item that you'd only see a Ranker use. However, this far exceeded his expectations.

‘The other name for this is...’

Clench—

YuWon tightly grasped the 「Dark Divine Crystal」 in his hand.

‘The fragment of the Helm of Invisibility.’

Hades was one of the “Big Three” of Olympus. The 「Helm of Invisibility」 was one of the items used by him, one of the strongest items in Olympus. And an essential crafting material for the Helm was this 「Dark Divine Crystal.」

This was one of the items YuWon had to obtain after he returned to the past. He didn't really have an idea of how to obtain it, so he had planned to take it from Olympus much later, but he ended up finding it in an unexpected place.

‘At this moment in time, only the fragment of the Lightning Bolt exists. Out of the remaining two fragments, one of them is now in my possession.’

This was a reward that was not in his original plan.

‘I know where the third fragment, the fragment of the Trident, is. The problem is the fragment of the Lightning Bolt...’

Yuwon looked away from the Administrator, turning his head to Hargaan, who was waiting with great excitement.

‘I might be able to gather them sooner than I thought.’

“What? Why?” Hargaan asked, confused by the expression YuWon was making while staring at him.

Yuwon simply shrugged, not saying a word, and looked back at the Administrator.

“Will we be departing now?”

“▷ Now that all the conditions have been met, yes.”

The Administrator turned to glance over at Hargaan.

“▷ The others will get their reward according to their CP. Hey, Olympian kid. I'm not thrilled about it, but your reward won't be half-bad either.”

Hargaan had set the second highest contribution after YuWon during the boss raid. Though he couldn't be compared to YuWon, who controlled the unsealed Chimera and defeated the Chimera Creator by himself, Hargaan had managed to defeat dozens of human-type Chimeras.

“I-Is that true?”

“▷ That's right.”

“Thank you, Administrator, sir.”

“▷ ... Tch.”

Not content, the Administrator looked up and down at Hargaan before turning back to YuWon.

“▷ Anyway, this will be our last time. You're not planning on causing just as much trouble once you make it up there, right?”

“I'm not sure.”

“▷ That sounds like a ‘no.’”

The Administrator looked down at the fragment of the 「Helm of Invisibility」 in YuWon's hand.

“▷ Though that'd be par for the course. With that in your possession, you'll be able to rampage even harder.”

Rumble—

The ground started shaking.

No, it wasn't the ground that was shaking. It was the space they were standing in.

‘It's starting.’

This was something YuWon had already experienced once.

The world in front of them shook violently, and their ears were filled with white noise. Their bodies felt like gravity had disappeared, and they were levitating.

It was now time to say goodbye to the Tutorial.

“Now... again...”

Through the white noise, Hargaan's voice could be heard faintly.

For some, this was the end. Some people were satisfied with just reaching the Tower, remaining on the lower floors.

However, this was only the start for Hargaan, and for YuWon, this wasn't even the beginning.

Fwoosh—!

YuWon and Hargaan suddenly disappeared, along with all the participants in the Tutorial. The Tutorial ended for everyone simultaneously, and they went up a floor to the world above.

“▷ If you're going to cause trouble...”

The Administrator lifted his chin, looking up.

At first, YuWon was just a single participant from a small world he didn't even care about. However, YuWon had left an impression on him unlike anyone before.

“▷ ... It might not be that bad for you to become the wave that shakes up this Tower.”

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[1st – Kim YuWon : 674880cp]

[2nd – Hargaan : 121110cp]

[3rd – Yolche : 48960cp]

[4th –

[.....]

[TIME LIMIT : 598 : 55 : 40]

[Calculations for the rankings have been completed.]

[You have obtained 67488 points.*]

*TL/N: This is points as in their currency.

[You have set a new record.]

[Additional points will be rewarded.]

[You have obtained 50000 points.]

[You have obtained ‘?’s egg.]

[Welcome to the 1st Floor.]

Fwoosh—!

The white light faded as YuWon’s vision returned to normal.

Because of the string of messages he got, instead of checking the location he arrived in, YuWon first checked the rewards he obtained from his contribution points.

‘An egg?’

The reward was automatically placed into his inventory.

When he put his hand inside his inventory, he felt an egg the size of a fist.

‘What is this thing?’

YuWon thought he had obtained plenty of rewards, now that he was in possession of the 「Dark Divine Crystal.」 However, that didn’t mean he had no expectations.

He had racked up over 670,000cp, and since he passed the Tutorial in historic record time, he knew that there would be a reward fitting for it, but an unexpected and not even properly named egg was given to him.

“We’re here,” Hargaan mumbled, as YuWon looked up.

The unfathomably high ceiling was as high as the sky. One could only wonder how many kilometers high it might be.

Though this was only a single floor, the 1st Floor was practically a world of its own.

Around YuWon, there were tens of thousands of participants, no, people who had earned the title of 'players,' around him. They had arrived in the outer Tower region on the 1st Floor. Known as the 'Meadow of Beginnings,' this was the place where the players first stepped foot in the Tower.

And around the field...

"What the—?"

"Newbies?"

"Already?"

"Isn't there supposed to be quite a bit of time before the Tutorial is over?"

"No way! They already finished?"

Gazes descended upon the newly arrived players. It was the pre-existing players. They had been camping out, so they could welcome the new players that just cleared the Tutorial and entered the Tower.

Many guilds had acted quickly to recruit new players, but they were caught off guard by their unexpectedly early arrival.

"It seems like even Olympus is here this time."

"We're as busy as always. Some must have gone off somewhere though. Not everyone is here yet."

Seeing some familiar faces, Hargaan frowned. Making contact with guilds would be pointless, so instead, he turned to YuWon.

"What about guilds? You don't have any intentions of joining?"

"Are you talking about Olympus?"

"Yeah."

"Not really."

"Not surprising. You don't even have any plans of forming a team, so why would you join a guild?" Having expected this answer, Hargaan shrugged his shoulders. "Well, I'll keep my promise, since it's a no-brainer who earned more CP."

Hargaan was talking about granting him a favor since YuWon won.

YuWon nodded in response. Though it was a verbal promise, Hargaan wasn't the kind of guy to break a promise he'd made.

"Oh, and about earlier."

"Earlier?"

“Your conversation with the Administrator. Did something happen between Olympus and the Administrator?”

It seemed that Hargaan was concerned about what the Administrator had said, which of course he was. The Administrator had said he wanted to pull out Zeus’s beard if he could, and Hargaan had never heard of the Administrator feeling so hostile to Olympus.

“The Olympus you know is probably a place that’s righteous and uses its power to maintain order inside the Tower.”

“What are you trying to say?”

“If you want to know everyone’s true colors, you should slowly uncover it yourself. You wouldn’t believe me even if I told you.”

And with those words, YuWon walked away, following the signs.

The Meadow of Beginnings had signs prepared for the new players. It pointed towards the direction of the 1st Floor city, which was in the central region of the floor.

“When you get to town, first register as a player. That way we can at least stay in touch. Also...” While watching YuWon walk away, Hargaan hesitated before continuing, “Be careful of fruit flies.”

After hearing those words, YuWon paused for a second, nodded his head, and waved his hand.

Fruit flies. YuWon knew what Hargaan meant. Even though he also hadn’t joined a guild in his previous life, he had experienced them before.

‘Jackals.’

Tmp, tmp—

Uninterested in guilds, YuWon avoided the existing players as he headed towards the city.

‘Jackals’ was a nickname given to them for the silly wolf masks that they wore. It referred to the guys that had given up on moving to the next floor and simply waited for the end of every Tutorial. They were bastards that went after new players who weren’t able to join any guilds in the Meadow of Beginnings, and their favorite prey were new players that went around alone, like YuWon.

‘I knew it.’

When he turned his head, he heard breathing in the tall grass.

‘So they’ve started tailing me.’

He didn’t even have to use [Cinder Eyes.] His high Perception was enough for him to realize how many there were and where.

“He’s actually alone?”

“It wasn’t a dud?”

“He doesn’t have any companions.”

“Something feels off. Should we just let him go?”

“Why should we let him go? We just need to quickly take care of him. Can’t you tell? That’s a Pyromancy Robe.”

“A Pyromancy Robe?”

“Wow. We hit the jackpot...”

They whispered, watching YuWon. Though uninterested at first, after noticing the 「Pyromancy Robe,」 their expectations shot through the roof.

It wasn’t really surprising. The 「Pyromancy Robe」 was among the highest tier items a Tutorial participant could have obtained. Even if it was given as part of the final reward for clearing the Tutorial, it was something that could only be obtained if you had ranked pretty high.

‘There’s roughly 20 of them. There’s not that many... But a few of them actually have some pretty decent items.’

Yuwon smiled faintly. He felt the fragment of the 「Helm of Invisibility」 inside his pocket. His opponents were small fry, so it was the perfect time to test it out.

‘Why don’t I try it out?’

Whirr, whirr—

The 「Dark Divine Crystal」 started emitting black light from YuWon’s hand. And then...

Fshh—

[Activating Stealth.]

Yuwon disappeared.