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"What's happening with the Clock Movement?"

Seeing the seconds hand start moving again, YuWon couldn't hide his confusion.

The Clock Movement was an item that had already exhausted its power. Chronos had been sacrificed, and the energy contained within it had been completely consumed, so it naturally became something like this.

He had it in his possession because he couldn't simply discard it, but it held no special meaning.

The fact that the hand was starting to move again meant that the power had returned.

Yuwon decided to use the system to find out more.

[? of ? broken]

#This is a completely ? item. It was created by ? combining their powers with various companions.

#It serves to ?

Most of the information was represented by question marks, so he couldn't correctly confirm the details.

However, in any case, the fact that he could check its status through the system meant that the Clock Movement was an "item" recognized by the system.

"Why...?"

-Do you ask why...?

Yuwon looked up at the voice coming from above.

In the midst of a white glow, a tiny fairy the size of a fingernail fluttered its wings.

It was an Envoy.

-Why are you looking at me like that? After all, you called me.

"Me?"

Yuwon was so bewildered by the situation that he had forgotten.

Until a little while ago, he had been searching for the Envoy. It had all been because of the Clock Movement, which he had momentarily forgotten.

He had thought that the last command had become a little blurry and had been canceled, but apparently, that wasn't the case.

Yuwon looked again at the Clock Movement, which had started moving in his hand.

"I'll have to figure it out later."

According to the information in the system, it seemed that the Clock Movement had regained some amount of power.

However, he had no way of knowing why it had activated right at this moment.

Moreover, he had more urgent issues to deal with at that moment.

Swish-.

YuWon stored the Clock Movement back in his inventory.

He couldn't even afford temporary functioning right now. For now, he had to find his destination.

"I need a means of transportation."

Perhaps because YuWon's reputation was well known, the Envoy responded in a hurried voice, clasping its hands together and bowing.

-Yes, yes. You've come to the right place. Do you need a means of going up, a means of going down, a means of traveling, speed. What do you desire?

"Speed. The fastest one."

-Costs range from 100 points to 1,000 points and 10,000 points.

"The fastest one."

A repeated answer.

The Envoy hurriedly found a means of transportation.

Negotiating the price with an Envoy to obtain Adamantium had been a quite famous story among the Envoys.

Although they sometimes whispered behind his back about his great wealth and strong temper, when they were in front of him, there was no one as generous as him.

About a minute later.

Just when YuWon's patience was about to run out, the Envoy brought out an item.

Teeheehee-!

-Here it is! A Celestial Horse that the 'Heaven' Guild released! It's hard to find one like this now...

"Good."

[You have spent 10,000 points]

YuWon quickly paid the points and mounted the back of the Horse that appeared in front of him.

The Celestial Horse with its outstretched white wings was a highly prized breed in Asgard.

Among them, it was said that the 'Heaven' Guild's Celestial Horse surpassed even the winged Angels in speed.

Although it couldn't carry as many people as the replica version of the Sun Chariot or Asgard's ship, it far surpassed them in speed.

It was a means of transportation that YuWon urgently needed.

"Is this also part of your plan?"

Danpung had devoured the Foolish Chaos's Ego. Foolish Chaos's plan had gone awry, and he had plotted a new one.

Chronos was a part of it.

If that were the case...

Teeheehee-!

Holding the reins, YuWon turned the direction of the Celestial Horse.

"I'll take the initiative here."

Craaaaaack-.

From the sky, a Golden Lightning Bolt descended.

Zeus grabbed Chronos by the neck and pushed him downward, toward the earth.

No.

He tried to crush him.

[Time Pause]

Stop-.

It took them only an instant to stop their fall.

There was no braking distance at the speed they were falling.

Time Pause.

Chronos's power, which forced the stopping of time that could not be stopped, was a skill.

In that moment when time stopped...

Swish-.

Chronos reached out his hand toward Zeus.

Crack-.

Along with the golden stream, Zeus's form disappeared from the spot.

About twenty paces away, Zeus reappeared. He found Chronos frozen in the position he had been trying to reach.

"Do you intend to fight?" Zeus asked.

"Isn't it obvious?" was the reply.

Chronos didn't have the skill to have killed the Administrator. From some point, he had started avoiding direct combat with Zeus and focused on gradually stopping time.

It was as if he had completed everything he needed to do.

Swish-.

Chronos turned his head to the side.

The flow of energy he could sense from afar and the agonized cries of those dying.
Even though several Guilds had gathered, the battle didn't seem to be going easily.
"Odin?"

Whether it was Zeus in front of him or the newcomer Odin, both were formidable.
Both were considerable opponents.

Even if there were several Grand Guilds, they weren't enough to face them. Moreover, due to Odin's order, there were fewer Guilds present than expected.

"They've handled the situation well."

Originally, there would have been many more Guilds present.

If that were the case, the spectacle unfolding before them would have been even more impressive.
Probably, things had come to this point because of Kim YuWon.

"Anyway, that guy, what's he doing?"

Actually, who is that guy?

From Poseidon's memories, he wasn't someone with a High Rank in the rankings. Even Chronos, who had taken over his body, had no memories of Kim YuWon.

However, this guy kept interfering with Foolish Chaos's plans.

Who knows, maybe this time could also be one of those cases.

"Well, thanks to him, the board is smaller than I expected, but that's not so bad either."

"It seems like you're really plotting something."

"Don't you already know?"

"Are you talking about the insects outside?"

Boom-!

A Lightning Bolt erupted from Zeus's hand.

The talk reached its end here.

"Come whenever you want."

The sky changed to purple.

That day, the sky opened up, and the outer presences entered.

Zeus finally stopped them with his own power.

"I will sweep you all away."

Crack-!

The Lightning Bolt that emerged from his hand engulfed Chronos.

The energy extending from Chronos's fingers halted Zeus's Lightning Bolt dead in its tracks. For a moment, the Lightning Bolt, frozen like in an image, changed direction due to Chronos's energy.

"I'll return it to you."

Crack-!

That same Lightning Bolt began to wrap around Zeus's body.

But there was no great impact.

Zeus, having regained his power, was unscathed.

Of course, Chronos hadn't expected Zeus to be injured in this manner from the beginning.

"You know nothing about them."

Chronos closed his eyes for a moment.

Even now, upon closing his eyes, he could still hear the voice clearly.

"I remember you."

Before opening his eyes for the first time...

When he heard that relentless voice, he felt fear and shock simultaneously.

"You're my son."

He couldn't see his face.

Even upon opening his eyes, it was the same. The robe he never took off was all Chronos could see.

Foolish Chaos. From outside the Tower, he appeared an unreachable presence, a being that Chronos's mind couldn't even begin to comprehend.

"So-."

Even in this moment.

He felt like if he reached out, he could touch him.

"Work for me."

Gruuuu-

A sharp pain in his head.

Though it felt like a long time had passed, the world around him was frozen. Realizing that, Chronos left behind the words he had been uttering just a moment ago.

"Of course... that applies to me too, I suppose."

I only know a little more than the people in this world.

Chronos looked at his descendant full of enmity toward himself.

A bit of strength returned to his once-empty eyes.

Was it just a whim?

Or perhaps it was because he was thinking that if he continued like this, he would be under Zeus's control for too long.

"Would you like to follow me?"

Chronos asked Zeus, who stood before him, blocking his way.

"To see what you're fighting against."

The Final Edge of Floor 1.

The impossibly high, ceilingless black wall represented the Tower's limit, the end.

Something that Players might consider visiting out of curiosity at least once, but in general, it was a place rarely ventured to.

However, something unusual in history, the final edge of that world was witnessing an endless crowd.

"Many have gathered."

"Is it because of the message?"

"How could we avoid gathering upon seeing something like this?"

"I guess so."

There was a reason why everyone had gathered here.

Players scattered throughout the Tower and Rankers had simultaneously received a message.

[You can obtain the Administrator's Power at the final edge of the world on Floor 1.]

The final edge of the world.

There was probably no player who didn't know what this wall signified.

They all descended to Floor 1 and headed to the final edge of the world, avoiding the city where the battle was raging.

They spent the points they had been saving to pay the costly usage fee and took transport vehicles like Sun Chariots, hoping to obtain the so-called "Administrator's Power."

But upon arriving at the location, they encountered other players who had the same thoughts.

"If I obtain the Administrator's Power, my life will change."

"How high will my position in the Rankings rise?"

"Don't talk. I fell recently. And it was a big fall."

"You're always drinking and wandering around, how could you not fall?"

"This bastard."

These were conversations among Rankers who knew each other.

Even Rankers who were practically as high as one could reach and were considered the pinnacle also looked at the Administrators as if they were the embodiment of their dreams.

If they could obtain the Administrator's Power, it was clear that their ranking would increase by two digits.

"So, where is the Administrator's Power?"

"Yeah, that's right. It's a message from the Administration Department, so it shouldn't be a lie..."

There was no way the Administration Department's message was false. It was a promise that had remained unchanged for hundreds of years for players who had resided in the Tower until now.

Therefore, they trusted it.

They believed that here they had the opportunity to change their lives.

"If we wait a bit, there will surely be something."

"Something like an event test."

Greed could blind people.

Perhaps that's why...?

Crack.

Although thousands of Players and Rankers had gathered, none of them knew...

Or rather, they weren't even interested...

Crack, crunch.

That a thin crack had begun to form in that wall that spanned the final edge of the world that no one in this Tower could break.

Except for one person.

"Bingo."

Gathering his lips, he let out a soft whistle as he looked at the crack forming in the wall.

It was YuWon, with a hat pressed deeply on his head to avoid being recognized and causing trouble.

Between the place where Zeus and Odin were and this place, YuWon chose the final edge of the world.

A place with at least a little more possibilities. And if his predictions were correct, a place where something much bigger would happen.

And now, he was watching with both eyes.

Although for now, it was just a small opening.

"It has begun."

Now, finally, 'that moment' was approaching.

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More time passed.

As those who had moved to obtain the Administrator's Power began to suspect...

Could it be that they were deceived? Perhaps the Administrator's Power was not something they could obtain?

When those doubts began to grow...

Crack-

The crack extended once again.

And then, finally...

"Am I seeing this wrong?"

"What?"

"No, over there..."

"There? Where? On the wall...?"

"A crack has appeared?"

People who found the crack that appeared on the wall began to appear one by one.

A curiosity that started to spread rapidly. Originally, it would have been something to be anxious about, but their eyes were already blind.

"Is this what I think it is?"

"The Administrator's Power?"

"The Administrators came from outside the Tower?"

"So their power comes from outside, and they only reserved the power for themselves."

"Wow, this is completely..."

The Players were astonished and angry.

They felt betrayed by the idea that the Administrators had built a wall and imprisoned them to monopolize power.

It seemed like their suspicions were correct.

After all, those Administrators were enemies of the Players.

But...

[The 'Golden Cinder Eyes' are watching the world]

Above their heads, a fierce gaze was revealed.

"Golden Cinder Eyes?"

"The Great Sage, Heaven's Equal?"

"Or maybe..."

The fact that the system displayed a message meant that the effect of an ability was starting to directly influence the Players.

The Players gathered near the wall turned their heads one by one, searching for the person using the Golden Cinder Eyes.

Then...

"If you don't want to die, make sure to protect your lives from now on."

Step-

A man wearing a hat deeply pulled down over his head walked among the Players.

He approached the wall that was starting to crack.

"What will come out of there won't be as kind as you think."

"Who is this guy?"

"Could it be that this guy is using the Golden Cinder Eyes...?"

"Then, maybe...?"

Whooosh-

In an instant, a strong wind blew.

It wasn't natural; someone intentionally used an ability to remove the hat from the man's head.

At that moment, the hat flew into the sky.

And the moment the face was uncovered...

"Cursed!"

"It's Kim YuWon!"

"So, is that guy also after the Administrator's Power?"

"Still, compared to The Great Sage, Heaven's Equal..."

Unwavering determination.

They intended to fight.

They thought YuWon was trying to monopolize the Administrator's Power for himself.

'This is total chaos.'

Although there were many, the Players gathered at the scene were not of a very high level.

Due to the concentration of those who were closer to the lower floors, the number of Rankers was notably low.

And among them...

"Mr. Kim YuWon?"

A familiar accent resonated.

"My name is Kim InGyu, I come from Korea just like you."

Black hair, dark beard, and tattered clothes, which were not common in the Tower.

A man who seemed to be in his mid-twenties, around the same age as YuWon.

The phrase "just like you" seemed to carry a special meaning. Kim InGyu approached YuWon and spoke.

"I've always wanted to meet you. Although I never had the chance..."

"Are you from my home country?"

"Yes."

"I understand. Nice to meet you. Take care."

"What...?"

Eyes widened.

He leaned back, bewildered.

"Oh, no, it's not that! I mean, you're still strong enough and living well, shouldn't you share a bit?"

"Exactly! Are you going to monopolize everything again?"

"Living like this, that's how you became a High-Ranker so quickly."

An angry voice erupted.

Vigilance, jealousy, anger, anxiety.

All sorts of negative emotions made their shoulders tense and their voices rise.

If it were a one-on-one confrontation, they probably wouldn't have raised their voices.

However, the strength that came from the power of the crowd was primarily courage.

"Monopoly, monopoly..."

YuWon laughed, incredulous. He had surely told them to protect their lives. Perhaps it sounded like he was trying to threaten them?

"Well, anyway, I suppose so."

It had been a warning, but if they reacted like this, there wasn't much that could be done.

YuWon's eyes scanned the crowd. The Rankers who knew YuWon lowered their surprised gazes.

Most of the people who were raising their voices were Players from the lower floors.

On the other hand, the Rankers who had conquered this Tower knew.

The High-Rankers.

Especially High-Rankers like YuWon, knew the power they possessed well.

'These fools. Do they even know what rank Kim YuWon is...?'

'Should I look for a chance to escape? I can't give up the Administrator's Power.'

"Join them? Maybe I can gain some benefit even if it's just a little."

'It's pointless even if there are tens of thousands of you, little ants.'

The phrase "the sky's the limit" was perfect for this.

Inexperienced players believed that all Rankers were more or less the same. After all, they couldn't climb any higher in the Tower.

However, even if you rise to the clouds, the sky doesn't seem any lower.

Some Rankers had started to prepare to retreat as they realized the situation wasn't so simple.

Quick money, power, and increased status were important, but what's more important than life?

YuWon sighed lightly as he observed those Rankers.

"There's no one who can help anyway."

After all, in time, they would figure it out for themselves.

At that moment, something else emerged to focus on.

"They arrived earlier than I thought."

Step, step.

Not far away...

He could feel footsteps drawing nearer. Unlike his leisurely stroll, the distance was rapidly closing.

Swish~

YuWon raised his head.

Not just on the ground.

In the distance, in the sky.

There were people following a bit later.

Odin walked lightly through the sky, bouncing in the air.

Behind him, several ships from different Guilds followed Chronos, mistaking him for Poseidon, and moved following his steps.

Snap.

The crack in the wall was gradually expanding. It was unknown how far it would reach, but it seemed its scale wouldn't be small.

'The day that wall collapses completely...'

That day passed through YuWon's mind.

'The Tower will collapse.'

The puzzle pieces began to fit together. The complete picture was probably a larger picture that hadn't existed before.

Swish.

As he gazed at the wall, YuWon turned his head.

They had arrived.

'It's here.'

A face resembling Zeus, with black hair and eyes.

'Ahjussi...' (아저씨)

Over the Golden Cinder Eyes, within Poseidon's face, the hidden image of Chronos was reflected.

Chronos glanced back for a moment.

Zeus followed him at a certain distance, and behind him, Odin also maintained a certain distance.

"Should we keep moving forward?"

Zeus, who was following him, opened his mouth as if he were bored.

Not much time had passed. It didn't mean much to Chronos in terms of time, as he could speed up time or Zeus could move dozens of meters in a single step.

However, there was a reason Zeus spoke.

The reason was that they were beginning to see the final edge in front of them.

Chronos didn't respond.

There was no response, but it didn't matter.

"Well..."

The answer was already starting to become visible.

"It seems like everyone is here."

The Players had gathered at the final edge of the world.

They had all received a common message and had gathered in the same place.

And in the midst of them...

YuWon and Chronos met from a distance.

Vzzzz-.

As YuWon looked at him from afar, Chronos felt a strange sensation.

The pupils of a giant monkey.

In front of those two fiery eyes, Chronos felt like his entire body was naked and exposed.

"He's staring at me."

The moment their gazes met, he knew.

He was seeing his true form. False appearances or disguises didn't work in front of the Golden Cinder Eyes.

Thump, thump.

He felt a shiver.

A sensation he had never experienced with Zeus or Odin.

A feeling as if he were a small herbivorous prey standing in front of a fierce predator ran down Chronos' spine.

Paf.

YuWon and Chronos began to walk towards each other.

Although Poseidon's arrival had stirred the crowd, no one dared to stand between the two approaching Rankers.

In fact, instead, they began to slowly move apart, perhaps to avoid any potential conflict.

Zeus also watched in silence, observing the scene.

Thus, YuWon and Chronos faced each other, and when they were close enough...

"It's you."

It was Chronos who opened his mouth first.

"Kim YuWon."

YuWon's eyebrows twitched at those words.

Although he had his doubts, in the end...

He didn't remember anything.

'I thought it would be like this.'

The man he knew wouldn't have done something like this.

How he had come to this point remained a mystery.

The Chronos YuWon knew had been at the forefront of the battle against the Outer Gods. In his final moments, he had consumed much of his life, his back had hunched, and his face was wrinkled with hundreds of wrinkles of old age.

The man in front of him, with only a few wrinkles on his face, was completely different from the Chronos he knew.

"What you desire-"

YuWon paused his greeting for that.

It made no sense to waste time on unnecessary stories if the person didn't recognize him anyway.

"Was it that?"

Crack.

The speed at which the cracks appeared was accelerating.

Now it was so clear that even the inexperienced could see it at a glance.

The corner of YuWon's lips curved upward.

"You've probably used enough Points the last time. Did you choose a more complicated path this time instead of the easy one?"

Twist~

Chronos' eyebrows twisted.

However, he didn't seem to show outward signs of discomfort. He quickly regained his usual expression and asked:

"What are you talking about?"

"Killing the Administrator, gathering the Rankers in a chaotic situation, making them fight each other. Earning Points again that way..."

He had planned it all very well.

What would have happened if he hadn't discovered it in time?

The hope of being able to overcome the Administrators would have become a spark that would have turned the entire Tower into a sea of flames, and the wall would have collapsed much faster and caused an even larger rift than planned.

"Exploiting the weakness of the wall due to the absence of the Administrator. The exploitation of that gap. Although for that to be possible, you would have had to kill the Administrator. You've planned this out very well in this short time."

Chronos showed no change in his expression.

At some point, he had given up on being surprised, closed his eyes with a sigh, and then, upon opening them again, spoke while looking at YuWon.

"Undoubtedly, you are the most dangerous."

Odin. Zeus.

And even Satan, who arrived late and watched from a distance.

In addition to that, several High-Rankers had arrived here like meteors.

Despite that, Chronos felt it.

More than some High-Rankers, more than any Ranker, right in front of him, YuWon was the most dangerous enemy.

"To whom do you owe this?"

The reason YuWon was here was because of the Clock Movement that Chronos had created.

Because he had sacrificed himself for everyone.

He could be in this place because he had been forgotten and discarded in everyone's memory.

"Well, it doesn't matter."

Crack, crunch!

The wall began to crumble rapidly, with cracks emerging and falling.

Looking at the black wall behind YuWon, Chronos spoke.

"Anyway, the results wouldn't have been very different."

Given the size of the world, it was just a small defect.

But even with that small defect...

Crack, crack.

The Tower began to shake violently.

['The Wall of the World' is collapsing]

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Tremble, tremble...

The table vibrated.

Hargan and his team, who were about to start eating, abruptly stopped.

"An earthquake?"

"Suddenly?"

It was too short to call it an earthquake.

It was so brief that not even the most sensitive Players could have felt it.

However, some of the Rankers certainly felt it.

That the vibration started from very far away.

And the same was true for Hargan.

"What was that just now?"

Sweat ran down his back.

Although he wasn't sensitive to such subtle reactions, a feeling of anxiety twisted in his chest.

And indeed...

"It seems like it's not just here."

Paladinte, who was having soup, turned his Player Kit.

It was customary to browse his Kit during meals, reading posts from various communities.

There were several posts on Paladinte's Kit.

[Floor 28: Is anyone on floor 28? I felt a tremor, am I the only one?]

└ **Floor 28. I felt it too. Floor 31.**

└ **I'm from floor 42, and I felt it too.**

└ **Me too. Floor 17.**

└ **I'm from floor 3, but I felt it quite strongly here.**

↳ **Look at how politely the person from floor 3 talks, haha.**

"What's this...?"

From floor 3 to floor 42 and up to floor 91 where they were.

There were a series of vibrations that happened on various floors in succession. If the confirmed vibrations only reached from floor 3 to floor 91, practically all the floors had experienced these vibrations.

And that meant...

That the Tower they were standing in was shaking.

['The Wall of the World' is collapsing]

Crack...

The black wall collapsed.

The boundaries between the Tower and the Outside. The collapse of that violently shook the Tower.

That meant it had suffered a significant impact.

Even on the first floor, it was like that.

For a moment, the Players in their seats felt as if the ground was sinking or rising.

But it was also brief...

Kyaaaah...

The roar coming from the other side of the fallen wall left everyone stunned.

"What's that sound?"

"A roar?"

"A monster?"

Any Player who had climbed the Tower had experience fighting monsters.

Well, it was just a matter of experience difference since everyone who had obtained Player status had gone through the Tutorial.

And at the pinnacle of those Players were the Rankers.

But even those Rankers couldn't keep their calm in the face of the roar coming from the other side of the fallen wall.

Rather...

"What is this?"

"It's not just a roar."

"It's something different."

They were feeling it more clearly.

The roar coming from the other side was different from any monster they had fought before.

It wasn't simply a stronger monster.

It was something more fundamental.

It was a roar that awakened fear deep in their hearts.

On the other hand, YuWon heard the roar and observed the collapsed black wall, feeling a certain relief inside.

"Fortunately, it's not that big."

Could it be that the original plan had a weakness?

The wall wasn't as damaged as he feared. If the crack wasn't larger than this, even the power of the Outsiders had its limits.

However...

Tunk, tunk...

From among the debris walked a small goat.

Beee...

It was a small goat with purple fur.

At first glance, it didn't seem like much. The goat was so small that it even looked cute somewhere.

Maybe that's why.

Players who had been deceived by its appearance began to relax one by one.

"What's this?"

"It's just a goat, right?"

Swish...

One by one, the Players approached the goat.

They thought there was a vast field behind the wall.

But...

"What the hell..."

Yuwon looked at the goat that had just appeared and muttered a curse before shouting.

"Get back!"

Fwoosh...

Whoaah!

Purple fire (Yuwon's Holy Fire) rose between the goat and the Players. Players who were approaching the goat took a step back, startled, as they saw the flames.

"What?"

"Fire?"

"Ouch, it's hot!"

The nearest Player complained about the heat from being close to the fire. While some of the Players stepped back to avoid being caught by the flames, others thought something different.

"Does the goat have something special?"

"Could it be that the goat is...?"

"If that's the case..."

Kim YuWon stopped those who were trying to approach the goat.

Some Rankers who noticed this began to invoke their power.

And in the next moment...

Whoaah!

With energy enveloping their bodies, some of them used armor and shields created with skills.

Three Rankers leaped into the flames. Due to the wide extent of the fire, the Holy Fire summoned by YuWon wasn't powerful enough to take the lives of expert-level Rankers.

That was the reason.

They had bet on the adventure.

Fwoosh...

Three Rankers crossed the flames and jumped inside.

When they arrived on the other side of the fire...

"That thing is mine!"

"No, mine..."

"It's mine..."

Thump~

There, as if waiting, was the goat with its mouth open like a flytrap plant.

The goose that laid the golden eggs.

The Divine Beast (신수) imbued with the Administrator's Power.

The opportunity to elevate them further.

That's what they had thought.

Crunch...

The three Rankers were instantly swallowed by the goat. There was not even a scream mixed with the sound of being chewed to the bone.

YuWon was the first to witness this scene and pursed his lips.

"...Tsk."

There was nothing he could do if someone misunderstood his attempts to save them as an attempt to strangle them.

The fire YuWon had created gradually extinguished.

And so, the figure of the goat was revealed once again.

"What happened to the Rankers?"

"In that thing's mouth..."

"Blood..."

The three Rankers rushed towards the goat.

The missing Rankers and bloodstains in the goat's mouth.

Anyone could understand the situation. A purple-furred goat from the 'Outside' of the collapsed wall had devoured the Rankers.

"What is that thing?"

YuWon turned his head to the voice coming from behind.

About a head taller than YuWon. Clean and penetrating voice and golden hair that shimmered even in the dark atmosphere.

It was Zeus.

"It's related to S####."

"What?"

In response to YuWon's answer, Zeus replied with an inquisitive look.

It wasn't because the name was unknown.

It was because YuWon's voice sounded so strained and unnatural, as if it were going through some kind of sound filter.

And in response to Zeus's reaction, YuWon nodded.

"I see I can't say it directly."

"Then, speak in another way. So I can understand."

"It's the 'Black Goat of the Woods with a Thousand Young'."

Beee...

Perhaps because it had heard its mother's name, the goat called out in YuWon's direction.

Beee, beee, beee...

Beee...

The goat's bleating gradually spread.

Calls from various individuals.

And upon hearing that bleating, YuWon felt sure.

"That thing is probably one of the 'Thousand Young'."

Thump...

The goat's mouth opened to an unreal size.

From its mouth, several times larger than its own body, another goat emerged. And that goat, in turn, spit out another goat.

From one to two. From two to three. From three to four.

The number of goat rapidly grew.

Beee, beee...

Beee...

The bleating of the goat echoed in the sky. A bewildered Zeus took a Lightning Bolt in his hand.

At that moment...

"Stop."

Crack...

The Lightning Bolt Zeus held in his hand began to dissipate.

The ring on YuWon's hand. The Uranus Heart had interfered with the Lightning Bolt in Zeus's hand.

Although he could have resisted, Zeus looked at YuWon without doing so, as if asking him why.

"If we attack the unborn young, their mother might move."

"Mother?"

Yuwon furrowed his brow.

Beyond the goat that kept multiplying.

Through the collapsed wall, red pupils were seen.

"...Do you mean that guy?"

He definitely looked dangerous.

It was to the point where his presence could be felt beyond the dimensional rift.

"If so. I'm not sure he can get through a rift that size."

"Then, it doesn't matter, right?"

"Perhaps, although the possibility is remote."

Yuwon shook his head.

"If something like that happens, everyone here will die."

"I didn't know you were as cowardly as to think even of the 'maybe'."

"That just means he's someone so dangerous that I think of the worst possibility to the end."

The Black Goat of the Woods with a Thousand Young.

It was just one of the many names given to it.

It was hard not to see motherhood in someone who carried so many youngs. However, strangely, the Black Goat of the Woods seemed to have a strong affection for the 'newborns'.

The reason YuWon stopped Zeus was also because of this.

Truly, even if there was only a small chance.

If the Black Goat of the Woods, unable to contain its wrath, passed through the collapsed wall, everyone here would lose their lives.

'It's not the time to face it yet.'

Fortunately, if the Black Goat of the Woods crossed, there would surely be some issue on its side as well.

Through an opening of this size, its power would also decrease significantly, and the waste of Points due to overload would be considerable.

A situation in which both sides would lose.

Therefore, YuWon waited.

Until the eyes of the Black Goat of the Woods closed completely.

And after a while...

Zshh...

Through the gap in the wall.

The eyes of the Black Goat of the Woods, which had been looking this way, closed. It couldn't wish for bread it couldn't eat for a lifetime.

And that was the beginning and the end of motherhood for the newly born young.

Beee...

Beee, bee, bee, bee...

The bleating of the goat echoed in the world. Outer Energy mingled in that bleating.

An energy entirely different from magic and Arcane Power.

The many goat with the same purple fur looked like a giant monster with hundreds of heads attached to a single body.

Zshhh...

Flop...

"What, what is this?"

"Hey, why are they like this?!"

"We have to run! Run...!"

In the face of monsters that were beyond recognition, the Players turned and fled in a mass.

But that too lasted only a moment.

Among the Players who encountered the goat, those with low mental resistance had their eyes turned upside down one by one and collapsed, losing consciousness.

Thud...

Thus, approximately half of the Players lost consciousness.

Most of them were lower-level Players.

Since most of them had been near the first floor without any special means of transportation, it was a natural outcome that they rushed here.

Squish, squelch...

Crunch-!

The goat began to chew on those unconscious Players.

The time for predation had come.

For the hungry newborns, the players in front of them were nothing more than a tasty meal.

And so...

"Baa!"

The same happened to this one.

"With this, you should be able to fill your stomach."

Grrrr...

A hungry sound echoed from above.

Droplets of Danpung's saliva fell on YuWon's head.

The goat that appeared in front of him seemed like a rather delicious meal in Danpung's eyes.

The Black Goat of the Woods began to show interest in this side.

There was no longer any reason to resist.

Thump...

Temporarily leaving Chronos behind, YuWon began to move alongside Danpung.

To fill the last 0.01 percent of hunger that remained in Danpung.

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Beee...

Beee, bee...

The bleating of the goat resonated in the air.

A tall man with black hair, a slim body, and a high stature gazed at the goat. He wore a tunic so thin that it was see-through, showcasing his slender figure.

Thump, thump...

His heart pounded strongly in response to the goat's bleating. He didn't realize that the corner of his lips, which had been in an elevated position for so long, had lowered. Had he been so cheerful in the past?

His expression, wondering if it would change every hundred years, opened wider than it had ever been before.

Satan murmured as he looked at the goat.

"It has finally begun."

A moment ago...

He had found pupils that existed on a completely different plane on the collapsed side.

What kind of form did it exactly have?

Despite his efforts to see, he couldn't confirm it. In Satan's eyes, all he could see was that hundreds of goat gathered, dispersed, and reconnected again and again.

Was it an entity with many shapes or a form that seemed to have many?

Or perhaps it had simply become absorbed in something.

In reality, it didn't matter what the answer was.

All he wished for was the disappearance of this world.

And to achieve that...

Swoosh...

Satan's gaze moved.

Not far from there.

Guild ships that had failed to react to the appearance of the goat were in sight.

Thump...

Odin advanced toward the goat.

After sensing the existence that transcended his perception beyond the collapsed wall.

Odin could understand why Chronos had gathered so many Players and Rankers.

"Were they all just prey?"

Thud, thud...

He saw Rankers being caught by the goat and devoured alive.

Although the goat were not easy to suppress despite their deceptive appearance.

Rather, they were doing the exact opposite.

There was even a scene where a single goat completely engulfed a small-scale guild ship.

Hundreds of goat.

In comparison, the number of Rankers and Players gathered here easily exceeded tens of thousands.
Although about half of them lost consciousness the moment they saw the goat...

"This is quite miserable."

In the blink of an eye, the first-floor world had turned into chaos.

Under Poseidon's control, the land had been flooded by the sea, and unknown monsters had appeared at the ends of the world.

Although he didn't know what was outside...

As the King of Asgard, he couldn't allow such an easy defeat.

Beeee...

A goat rushed toward Odin.

Unlike its peaceful bleating, this creature opened its mouth wide and lunged at Odin in a single attack.

Crunch...

The goat's fangs sank into Odin's shoulder.

Normally, the shoulder would have been torn off as it had happened to other Rankers.

But...

Beeee-?

Odin's shoulder showed no damage at all.

His skin didn't even break when bitten. The goat, surprised at not being able to bite or tear, tilted its head in curiosity.

And at that moment...

Boom...

Bang-!

Odin's fist struck the goat's head.

Crash...

The goat's head shattered, and the broken fragments splattered into the air.

Mweah-.

A strange moan came from the shattered head. Although the head had burst like a balloon, the goat still breathed with difficulty.

Grr...

Odin's fist clenched tightly.

Something an ordinary creature could never have survived.

From the beginning, the goat that appeared in front of him seemed not to be their true form.

"It really feels like a slug."

In cases like this...

Odin knew how to fight.

The solution was simpler than he thought.

Hwaak...

Odin's palm opened widely.

Under his palm, a blue magic circle appeared.

He advanced towards the contorted goat.

Woong, woong, woong...

Dozens of magic circles appeared around the goat.

"Let's see if you can survive even if everything that makes up your body disappears."

Hwaah...

Dozens of magic circles began to brush against each other and expand. With each passing second, their power increased from tens to hundreds of times, tearing the goat's body into fragments.

A blue pillar enveloped the goat, shaken by the power of the magic circle, it rose into the sky.

Kwah, kwauuu...

The pillar of light instantly illuminated the area and drew attention.

For a moment, the movements of the goat stopped, and the gaze of the Players, who were fighting or fleeing, turned to Odin.

"Odin..."

"It's Odin!"

The expressions of the Players who had ignored Odin until now lit up.

He was one of the strongest fighters among the current assets, an individual known for his great power. His presence alone was enough to boost everyone's spirits.

Hwaah...

The blue pillar gradually began to lose its light. The form of the goat that had been trapped inside disappeared completely.

[You have defeated the 'Black Goat of the Woods Young']

A message appeared in Odin's mind.

Odin's eyes narrowed slightly at the message.

""Black Goat of the Woods Young'..."

That was what he had seen beyond the wall.

It seemed that the name of that creature, which had planted its offspring and then quickly departed, was that.

'And those kinds of monsters will come here someday.'

Kwaaah...

Odin's fist clenched.

In a way, he thought that maybe today, in this moment, he was fortunate that the wall had collapsed. If it hadn't, he wouldn't have known what lay beyond.

Beeee...

Beee, beeee...

The goat bleated.

The death of one offspring made them all bleat. Although not all the goat had gathered, the hundreds that had were livelier than any monster Odin had encountered so far.

Beeeee, bee...

The goat bleated in unison.

In Odin's eyes, they blended together and seemed to form a single giant entity.

"They're furious."

Thud...

Odin stepped on the ground.

Uuuung...

A large magic circle unfolded in the sky. He walked towards the large multi-headed goat.

However, at that moment...

Crunch...

A crunching sound echoed in Odin's ears.

"What is that?"

Fangs even larger than the goat's were devouring them.

It was the moment when a Predator larger than the predator had appeared.

[The 'Predator' devours the 'Black Goat of the Woods Young']

[Your Arcane Power has slightly increased]

'With this, it's already three.'

Crunch...!

The Predator that had devoured one goat now moved in search of another prey.

Danpung's summoned Predator hunted the goat as if they were meat in water.

Each of them had a presence that rivaled that of many Rankers.

The goat that had already filled their bellies in the previously prepared feast were enough to satiate the Predator's hunger.

This was how it consumed the fourth goat.

[Your Arcane Power has increased by 1]

YuWon gained an additional increase in his stats.

'Not bad... the results are not bad.'

Although the size of each goat was small, their presence was significant.

They were the Black Goat of the Woods Young. They had taken so long to digest, and naturally, their digested power was also great.

However, the problem was that he had not yet reached the remaining 0.01 percent.

"Well, it doesn't matter."

For now, it was not bad to devour them and increase his stats. YuWon freed himself from impatience.

"In fact, this is favorable."

Blink...

YuWon looked towards the collapsed wall.

The passage through which the Black Goat of the Woods Young had arrived.

He couldn't afford to ignore that forever.

"Now I need more Arcane Power, even if it's just a little."

"Baat, baat!"

YuWon glanced at Danpung beneath his feet.

Not only the Predator was excited, but Danpung was also.

"Can I leave them alone?"

YuWon's gaze turned towards the Predator devouring the goat.

Beee...

Crunch...

The goat writhed in agony and screamed as other goat ran toward the Predator.

It was more like one-way hunting than a battle.

Moreover...

"It seems everything is fine."

YuWon looked towards Odin, who was amidst the goat.

As long as Odin was there, there wouldn't be any problems for a while. After all, after obtaining his Divinity, Odin had enough power to not only survive against the goat but even against his mother, the Mother of Goat.

So...

"Danpung."

"Baat?"

"Keep eating more."

YuWon stroked Danpung's head.

Although it looked fragile compared to his power, it was a real concern because its appearance didn't match its actual strength.

But for now, he needed to step away a bit.

What mattered now was not just the Black Goat of the Woods Young.

"Baaat!"

Danpung thumped his chest as if to say, "leave it to me."

His adorable gestures were quite reliable. Feeling that there was no need to worry further, YuWon stood up from his spot.

Odin and Danpung.

He could trust those two.

"Let's leave the goat aside."

Whoosh...

YuWon's eyes were tinged with two colors.

Toward the direction he had just turned his head.

"Should I go consult?"

Crack-le...

A Golden Lightning Bolt struck from the sky.

Crack...

Chronos caught the descending Lightning Bolt.

He felt as if his hand were being burned. Even if he stopped time, he couldn't catch all the Lightning Bolts.

It was a natural task.

Crack, crackle...

Zeus's Lightning Bolts were not just one.

"What have you summoned?"

Dozens of Lightning Bolts were aimed at Chronos.

Zeus asked as if he were investigating a secret.

"The question is, where did they come from."

"Even if I tell you, you wouldn't understand."

That voice again.

In the past, he wouldn't have believed such a claim, but now he couldn't do otherwise.

"It's related to S####."

YuWon's response sounded muffled, as if it were filtered.

He couldn't think that those words had come out of his mouth. As if the world rejected those words, they didn't reach Zeus's ears and dissipated into the air.

It was probably the same for what was outside that place.

'After all, can't we know anything?'

It was frustrating, but he couldn't do anything about it.

Although he wasn't the type to give up easily, it seemed that he didn't have to choose the difficult path when an easier one was available.

Finally, Zeus descended back to the earth.

And at that moment...

Zap, zap...

The Lightning Bolts that were in the sky disappeared.

"Can you hear it?"

Step...

Just as those words finished, someone walked between Zeus and Chronos.

"Of course."

It was YuWon.

With his Golden Cinder Eyes burning, YuWon looked down at Zeus and then at Chronos.

He had been worried that Zeus wouldn't yield.

Fortunately, it seemed that Zeus no longer had much attachment to Chronos.

Instead...

Zeus: "Then, I'll go over there."

Crack...

Zeus headed towards where the goat and the collapsed wall were.

Chronos looked bewildered.

YuWon came to find him.

He was sure he would be fighting the goat.

"Do you have any business with me?"

Only Chronos and YuWon were left.

"Aren't you curious?"

YuWon directly threw his question at Chronos from the beginning.

"Why were you banished from this world?"

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He didn't remember when he had left.

He only knew it had been after giving birth to Zeus and his other sons, based on assumptions.

Banished from the world he lived in, not knowing what he had become.

Chronos wandered outside the world in that manner.

"You've been abandoned."

When he was banished from the world like that.

Swish...

Someone grabbed Chronos's hand.

"Foolish. Why do you look back at the world that abandoned you?"

Foolish Chaos.

No, in the world Chronos arrived at after being banished, it was called by another name.

'Ni####to####.'

A name he couldn't comprehend or express with words.

Chronos followed the hand reaching out to him and became what he was now.

But now...

Someone he had never seen in his life was speaking as if they knew everything about him.

"Why was I banished from this world?"

Chronos's expression twisted into a fierce one.

"Do you know the answer?"

A feeling of injustice and anger.

Various complex thoughts passed through Chronos's eyes through this connection.

His face remained the same, his abilities were still the same. The only thing that changed was that he could feel the energy of the Outsiders through Chronos, in addition to Arcane Power.

That is...

'It seems like it hasn't been fully assimilated.'

It was a kind of luck in the midst of misfortune.

If he had been fully assimilated into the other side, like Foolish Chaos or the Black Goat of the Woods, he couldn't have even had a conversation like this.

"Answer."

Tic, tac...

When Chronos increased his energy, YuWon felt the flow of time around him warping.

Clearly, there was an indistinct energy. He couldn't take it into his hands; it was like ungraspable fire or the force of gravity.

But time was an even higher energy than that.

The only energy in this Tower that only Chronos could handle. That energy was holding YuWon so that he couldn't move.

["Golden Cinder Eyes" resist "Chronos's Clock"]

["Gigantification" resists "Chronos's Clock"]

Swish...

Tic, tac...

Yuwon's ability began to resist Chronos's energy.

It made no sense to have a conversation in this state.

A conversation must take place on equal ground. And for that, he had to resist this energy.

Crack, crackle...

["Uranus Heart" resists "Chronos's Clock"]

[Resistance successful]

Clang...

His fingers started to move a bit. They were the fingers holding the Uranus Heart.

So, when YuWon's arm rose.

Boom...

The Arcane Power released through the ring rushed onto Chronos.

Crack, crackle...

A Bolt passed swiftly, and the ground it traversed changed noticeably. Chronos crossed his arms to block the Bolt attacking him, and finally, YuWon found total freedom.

Chronos was pushed back by the force of the Bolt bursting out. There didn't seem to be physical damage, but his expression was one of surprise at finding out his ability had been evaded.

"Don't you want to talk?"

Thud...

YuWon took a step at the same time Chronos was pushed back.

"I don't just want to fight."

"It's more convenient to suppress you first to make you talk."

There's no moment when someone is more sincere than when facing death.

Chronos believed that.

That's why his plan was to first dominate YuWon to make him speak. He wanted to know how he knew him and why he had been rejected by this world.

However...

"No need for more words."

YuWon had no intention of having a lengthy conversation with Chronos.

Instead...

"I will show you."

Swish...

YuWon's two irises surged fiercely.

["Golden Cinder Eyes" resonate with "Chronos's Clock"]

[Sharing the Vision]

Golden Cinder Eyes.

An all-seeing eye that pierces truth and falsehood, understanding the essence.

And in those eyes, there was also the same power he had at that moment.

Swoosh, swoosh...

The world that YuWon and Chronos saw began to change. Their eyes started to resonate, and they saw a landscape completely different from the real world.

A long time ago, YuWon had shown similar memories to Son OhGong.

Back then, it was the joint manifestation of YuWon and the representation of Son OhGong, but now...

'I can do it on my own.'

Swoosh, swoosh...

The surroundings disappeared completely, and a new landscape was revealed.

The Rankers fighting against the goat weren't far away. Zeus, who had started releasing Bolts. Odin, squeezing a goat's head with one hand and punching it with the other.

Everything vanished.

A desolate wasteland.

However, not everything had changed.

"...What are you trying to show me?"

Chronos raised his head.

He didn't resist YuWon's ability. He could have, but his desire to know "why" outweighed any desire to resist.

At that moment, just after Chronos threw his question.

Thud...

A man with a hunched back appeared before him.

"It's annoying to see that sky over and over again."

His gaze, which seemed to have awakened recently, was drowsy.

Judging by his facial wrinkles and hunched back, he seemed quite elderly.

Although he had never seen that face before, it didn't feel strange.

It was natural.

After all, Chronos had imagined that face for a long time.

"Me... is that me?"

The image of himself aged and weathered from spending too much Time.

It was a distorted reflection of the image he had in mind.

"There's no other choice. Until the Outsiders completely disappear."

"Are you still there?"

Chronos, finding YuWon seated at the temple entrance, asked. Future YuWon, with disheveled hair, waved his bandaged arm.

"As you can see, my arm is like this."

His arm injured from the battle with the Outsiders.

More than half of the arm was in a state where it couldn't be properly used in combat.

"Is there any way to heal it?"

"It's not completely impossible."

"You've been through a lot. Should I try to heal it?"

"Don't worry."

"It's alright. If there really is no other way, we have no choice but to try it that way."

Chronos's ability was time.

Time.

Always present somewhere and at some moment, but because of that, he felt his power was nothing exceptional.

However, depending on the situation, time had a greater power than any medical skill.

If you rewound time and reversed a wound, it could heal completely.

But YuWon didn't.

"If you age more, you'll be an ugly old man, Ahjussi."

"Hahaha, you worry about everything. It's okay. It won't be noticeable if I age more here."

"If you want me to call you grandpa, you can go ahead."

Chronos knew that as soon as he used his power, he would age more and more.

It wasn't just the outer appearance. He became physically weaker, and he was gradually fading away.

"Would you like me to give you a little spoiler?"

YuWon raised his arm.

"In the end, my arm healed. You fixed it."

"Did I really risk my life to fix your arm?"

As if it were unimaginable, Chronos frowned.

Definitely.

YuWon was now a completely different person from back then.

"In reality, it was like that in the future, I should say."

"The future..."

Puzzle...

In Chronos's head, a puzzle that had been beyond his reach was solved.

Finally, he began to understand.

How the Player named Kim YuWon was created.

"I sent you here."

"Yes."

"We were much closer than I thought. We even had trivial chats like this."

Future YuWon and Chronos, facing each other, passed the time chatting without worrying too much.

A world on the brink of destruction.

The comradeship and camaraderie that had accumulated in that world, despite their current appearances, gave an idea of how solid they were.

However...

"So, what does all this matter?"

Chronos didn't care about that.

"Are you asking for consideration because we were close in the future?"

The events of the future hadn't happened yet.

They were events that were not important to Chronos, who lived in the present.

"During the time I got to this state, what did you guys do? You didn't do anything."

Woosh...

Chronos recalled what he had experienced outside that wall.

A second felt like decades, even centuries. Within that time, Chronos had been waiting for someone for a time as long as the universe, buried among countless Outsiders.

In the end, Chronos met Foolish Chaos.

Therefore, he couldn't accept this situation in the slightest.

A bond that didn't exist in the future wasn't important to him right now.

In the end, who rescued him was the existence outside there.

But that wasn't what YuWon was trying to say.

"It's not the time to blame anyone."

"What?"

"It was your choice."

Zzzz-

The scene surrounding the two began to change.

The sky turned purple.

A blurry figure lying on the ground. YuWon and Chronos surrounded her.

And several comrades.

It was the last day of the future that YuWon remembered.

It was the memory of the day when Chronos sacrificed himself.

Crunch!

The Predator's fangs tore through another goat.

Beeeeee!

The goat emitted a bleat. In an instant, the goat stopped attacking the Predator and instead started to flee.

"Baa, baa!"

And in the midst of the Predator and the goat, a small child danced as if excited.

"Heh."

Odin let out an ironic laugh as he watched the child.

He had no idea where that kid had come from, but it was clear that the Predator he had summoned was being of great help in the battle against the goat.

"I suppose for now, we'll consider it an ally."

While Odin's attention was focused on Danpung for a while.

"Mmm-."

Then, a goat grabbed Odin and bit him.

Boooooom-!

Crash-!

Odin's elbow struck the goat's head. Then, the goat's body burst like a balloon and flew off towards the collapsed wall.

Thump, thud!

The goat that Odin had thrown was quite large.

It had likely increased in size by eating other Players.

Odin, having gained the attention of the goat, surveyed his surroundings.

Thud!

Squish, squish...

A golden rain of Bolts fell from the sky.

Zeus joined the battlefield. Furthermore, in various other Guilds, the fight against the goat had also begun.

With the help of the Predator...

"It seems like it will be resolved somehow."

Even if just one of the goat had appeared at the beginning, it would have been a big problem.

Still, it was fortunate.

Thanks to Chronos summoning so many Rankers, he had been able to prevent the goat flowing from the Outside from scattering throughout the tower.

'I've been too careless.'

If Zeus or he had been absent here, who knows what would have happened.

Anyway, Odin was confident in victory in this fight.

However...

-Beee-.

A bleat completely different from the bleats he had heard so far.

In an instant, a chill ran through his body. It wasn't simply because the bleat was inaudible or incomprehensible; he knew very well what a bleat was. It was because of the direction of the bleat.

'It can't be...'

Hoping it wasn't so.

Odin looked towards the still-ruined wall.

And in that moment...

-Beee-.

Odin could see it clearly.

Clearly, that thing had started to take interest in this side.

The gaze of the mother leading the "Thousand Young" was turning back towards him.

Chapter 376

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Among about twenty people, familiar faces were engaging in conversations.

"Is this really the end?"

"I never thought it would be a farewell like this."

"Yeah, you're right. Whatever ends, will end..."

The Hero of Olympus, known as the Giant Slayer, Hercules.

Son OhGong, a High-Ranker with the prestigious title of Great Sage, Heaven's Equal.

And the leader of Asgard Guild's Valkyries, Brunhilde.

Besides them, all the others were recognized Rankers.

"We can't fail. It's not over yet."

While everyone fell into despair, someone still held their courage.

Great Sage, Heaven's Equal.

With his body full of wounds and shattered, Hercules responded to his words.

"You speak well for someone who's dying."

Hercules wasn't in perfect condition either. He had lost an arm, and his face was pale.

What had exactly happened?

Chronos's gaze turned to an elderly man sitting alone with closed eyes in a corner.

An old man who now looked notably older than a moment ago.

'Am... am I him?'

OhGong and Hercules were in the midst of a lively and animated conversation. While each grappled with their own determination, their future selves watched the struggle with closed eyes, as if waiting for something.

Then...

YuWon appeared, in a much more haggard form than usual.

"You've returned."

"I thought you were dead."

YuWon sat down heavily in a chair and lowered his head.

When he mentioned the deaths of his other comrades, the room fell silent.

And right after...

"Who is this guy?"

"Foolish Chaos."

"What?"

An unbelievable conversation reached Chronos's ears.

'Is... is he dead?'

He couldn't believe it.

Foolish Chaos.

Chronos had seen his true nature up close more than anyone. It was hard to even imagine him dying.

And everyone shared the same thought.

Then...

The future Chronos, who was sitting in a corner with closed eyes, stood up.

"We can't win. At least not right now."

Chronos held a pocket watch in his hand.

Looking at YuWon, who asked if there was another way, Chronos replied.

"Go back to the ancient timeline. And start over."

"Is it really possible? I thought it was just a theory..."

It was something impossible.

At least that's what the present Chronos thought.

Of course...

It's not that there was no way to do it.

"On my own, it would be impossible. Mimir and Odin helped me."

If he couldn't do it alone, then with two people.

And if they couldn't do it with two people, then they could do it with three.

Time was much more complicated and delicate than one thought, and it was nearly impossible to intervene in another timeline with just one's own strength.

But even if that were true.

It was hard to believe that he, who was already aging and weakening, had the power to do it.

"It can't be..."

Then...

In Chronos's mind, the next scenes began to anticipate.

And so it was.

"In the timeline one of you will return to, I'm likely to have disappeared. That's the only way to reverse time and alter the timeline, and it's a fair price we must pay."

That was the only choice.

Squeeze out the remaining strength and pay the necessary price to intervene in another timeline.

"That's impossible... (It's a lie...)"

It was hard to believe.

That Foolish Chaos had died.

That he had made this decision for them.

It was a hard story to believe in this brief moment.

"Phew..."

YuWon sighed as he saw Chronos deny what he had seen with his own eyes.

He had already anticipated it.

YuWon reached into his inventory.

It was an item he had been keeping in his inventory for a long time.

Tick, tock...

A clock that kept ticking despite being very worn out.

The Clock Movement.

At the moment he discovered it, Chronos couldn't believe it.

Chronos reached out for the Clock Movement as if possessed by something.

And the moment he held the Clock Movement again...

Tick-tock, tick-tock...

Whoosh!

The memories that had been left in the clock flooded Chronos's mind like furious waves.

"To intervene in the Tower's laws using the Clock Movement, I will have to endure a considerable penalty."

"Then, maybe..."

"I might end up in the same situation as them."

Expulsion from the Tower.

Whether the result would be death or ending up like the Outsiders, that remained to be seen.

Chronos had been preparing for that possibility for a long time.

"...It was real."

Although he no longer had much power, and the clock seemed little more than scrap.

Chronos could feel his own power, Odin's, and Mimir's inside him.

An object from his future.

There was no better proof than that to support what YuWon had just said.

Fireee~

Then, through the Golden Cinder Eyes, the scene they were both seeing disappeared, and the original world was revealed.

The Chronos who had returned from the past had a stunned expression on his face.

Slurp...

Yuwon retrieved the Clock Movement from Chronos's hands.

As he stored it back in his inventory, Yuwon continued to speak.

"Intervening in the Tower's laws and other timelines is not the same as intervening on a lower floor. You, Odin, and Mimir knew that better than anyone."

The three of them were the ones who directly created the Clock Movement.

Naturally, they also knew better than anyone the consequences.

"Especially you."

Chronos had contributed greatly to making the Clock Movement work.

The Clock Movement had been completed, and the process for using it was rushed. Because of this, Yuwon couldn't properly think about what would happen to Chronos once he used it.

So Yuwon wanted to know.

"Let me ask you one question, Ahjussi. Did you really not know this would happen?"

Had Chronos really anticipated an outcome like this?

The disappearance of his existence as a price for violating the Tower's laws, being expelled from the Tower and cast outside of timelines, being forgotten in everyone's memory, did he really not know?

The Chronos in front of him was different from the Chronos YuWon knew.

But...

YuWon didn't believe that Chronos hadn't anticipated this outcome when he, Odin, and Mimir first devised the Clock Movement.

"Take it easy and think it through."

YuWon didn't need to keep persuading. He walked past Chronos and patted him on the shoulder.

"Think about what you really wanted."

"..."

Chronos, now alone, seemed lost in deep thought.

Where had it all gone wrong? Had it really been his choice to arrive at this situation? And now, where should he be?

'This is confusing.'

Before meeting Chronos for the first time, YuWon had been willing to intervene without hesitation if Chronos was entirely on the side of the Outsiders. He had contacted Zeus as a first step and had even considered using Chronos as food for Danpung in case communication didn't work.

But now, Chronos was in an intermediate state where he didn't belong anywhere. Therefore, there was still a possibility of his return.

'What I can do reaches here.'

From now on, it all depended on Chronos's choice.

So, as YuWon walked past Chronos.

-Beeeeeee!

In the distance, a bleat that shouldn't have been heard sounded.

And the moment he heard it.

Zzing...

YuWon's head throbbed intensely, as if it was about to split open.

"This is madness..."

A sharp, biting pain...

YuWon turned his head and looked beyond the collapsed wall.

"...Curse."

On the other side of the wall, the mother of the goats emitted a bleat.

Thud...

Thump...

The Rankers who were fighting against the goats began to stagger one by one, then fell unconscious.

"Why suddenly...?"

Slurp...

Although there was a time difference, most seemed to be falling into a similar state of unconsciousness.

Beeee...

Beeeeee...

The goats turned towards the mother in response to her bleat.

The Rankers who still retained their consciousness muttered as they watched the goats return to where they had come from.

"Are they fleeing...?"

"Yeah, damn it, where to...?"

Despite their bodies trembling, their lips remained alive.

The Rankers who had been on the brink of death now sighed with relief, knowing they were still alive, and also mourned the death of their comrades.

But that didn't last long.

"It's a mountain beyond a mountain."

Agni, the High-Ranker of Veda, pushed his disheveled hair aside after the fight with the goats.

Beeee-.

The goats jumped towards the wall.

Upon hearing the mother goat's bleat, Agni almost lost consciousness right then and there.

That bleat had tremendous power.

Although they heard it, they couldn't understand it or hear it clearly. The number of Rankers who lost consciousness and fell due to that bleat easily exceeded a thousand.

A being that knocks down a thousand Rankers with just its bleat.

They had never considered that something like that could exist.

Beeee-.

Beeee-.

Odin grabbed a goat by the horns.

The goat wanted to escape him, but it couldn't due to Odin's brutal strength.

Of course, Odin had no interest in the goat he had already captured.

From the beginning, his interest had been outside.

"Is it coming?"

A presence larger and more grandiose than all these goats combined.

As long as he was present, it was difficult to see the end of this fight.

That's why...

Until now, Odin hadn't used the Gungnir.

But...

He could no longer keep the Gungnir concealed.

Kwaaah-.

Odin held the Gungnir in one hand.

He prepared to activate it at any moment and watched the backs of the goats that were retreating.

And the same went for Zeus.

"What happened to my father?"

Zeus asked YuWon, who was approaching from behind.

YuWon, like Zeus, looked at the large mother of the goats outside and replied.

"I've already said what I had to say. Now he will choose."

"Is that so?"

Despite being his father, what Zeus remembered of Chronos were recent events.

Even those memories were fragmented and did not extend to the parent-child relationship.

Instead...

Zeus's interest was elsewhere.

"So, now only that guy is left."

Zeus, who had been busy dealing with the goats when he put Chronos aside, had also been focusing his attention on the Black Goat of the Woods for quite some time.

It had been quite some time since that thing started looking in this direction with bright eyes.

However, what was completely different was that it was now beginning to influence this side not only by watching but also through its bleats.

"We must ensure it cannot enter."

-Beeee-.

The bleat was getting closer and closer.

Facing this creature was not in YuWon's plans.

"Once it enters, it will truly be a disaster."

Twist~

Through a crack that was too small compared to its size, the Black Goat of the Woods began to reveal its presence.

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It was a bleat that sent shivers down the spine no matter how many times you heard it.

YuWon vividly remembered the first time he encountered the owner of that bleat.

He couldn't forget it.

"The Black Goat of the Woods with a Thousand Young."

"Really? I thought it was the Dark Fertility Goddess."

"I thought they called her the All-Mother..."

There were countless names people referred to that creature by. These were names that people thought of when they saw it, names they couldn't help but give it.

Among all of them, YuWon remembered that being as: "The Black Goat of the Woods with a Thousand Young." Because there were always thousands of goats around the Black Goat of the Woods.

And on the day they clashed with this being...

Bang!

"Leave for now."

Odin, with an appearance ready to face death, sent his comrades away and confronted the being alone.

Facing Odin's figure, YuWon recalled the image of the Black Goat of the Woods approaching while trampling the Outers that could be considered on the same side as the Black Goat of the Woods.

A being in the form of a giant goat, much larger than Odin.

An Outer God.

Odin threw the Gungnir with all his might at that being.

Kwung!

YuWon quickly lowered his head.

He had to stop dwelling on the past. What was urgent now was to ensure that the Black Goat of the Woods couldn't enter.

-Beeeeee-.

The mother's bleat was getting closer.

Through a hole in the wall, the Black Goat of the Woods was advancing towards them. If they didn't act quickly, the Black Goat of the Woods might cross.

Kwok-.

YuWon pulled a spear from his inventory.

An item he had obtained after passing the Administrator's trial.

It was the Nir, an item that could rival Odin's Gungnir.

["Nir" is activating]

Kwuuung!

A powerful energy began to emanate through the spear he held in his hand.

Zeus, who was witnessing the activation of the Nir up close for the first time, showed a rather surprised reaction.

"A pearl on a pig's neck."

Regardless of how much he increased and strengthened his power, in Zeus's eyes, who had reached Divinity, Yu Won was not a source of admiration.

The reason Zeus valued YuWon is that he always did things that were much more difficult than what Zeus himself could do.

However, even as Zeus, he couldn't help but acknowledge the Nir.

"Don't say nonsense and prepare yourself as well."

Fireee~

The image of the Rankers who had gathered under his gaze appeared in YuWon's view.

Then, in the next instant...

-When the signal is given, we will all attack.

YuWon's voice transmitted directly to their minds.

And the same happened with Zeus, who was right beside him.

"Attacking a guy who hasn't even fully revealed himself yet..."

Crack, crack, crackle-!

From Zeus's hand, a Lightning Bolt formed.

Unlike the other Lightning Bolts he had created so far, this one was a highly compressed single Lightning Bolt.

"It's reasonable, so it's fine."

Rankers who had reached a certain level of skill were bound to be proud.

It was natural.

The path to becoming a Ranker is tough, and the path to becoming a High-Ranker is even tougher, to the point where it seemed like a bed of roses in comparison.

That's why it was more natural for them to have too much confidence in their own abilities.

But Zeus had none of that.

He was as objective and rational as anyone.

And perhaps that was his greatest strength in creating Olympus.

And one more thing...

Kwuuung-!

Odin's Gungnir began to activate in his hand.

The other Rankers were in sync too.

"I don't know what this is, but..."

"First, we must stop him, right?"

"Who will give the signal?"

Crack, craaack-!

Hwaaaaah!

Uuuuuuung-!

Thousands of Rankers began to prepare their abilities. They gathered all their Arcane Power and prepared for a joint attack.

-Beeeeee-.

Step-.

Through the hole in the wall, purple-haired legs began to enter.

Only a few minutes passed.

In those minutes, the Black Goat of the Woods had completely dyed the sky purple.

And then...

[The Black Goat of the Woods with a Thousand Young wishes to reveal its form]

The signal everyone had been waiting for had finally arrived.

"It's time!"

Odin's shout.

"Get out of here, monster!"

"Curse it! I don't know what's happening, but for now..."

"Get that one first!"

Thwaaaaah!

Hwaaaaah!

Kwagagaga, gaga-gak-!

Countless Rankers' abilities were unleashed towards the Black Goat of the Woods.

Odin's Gungnir activated with enough power, Zeus's giant spear dyed the sky golden.

And finally...

From YuWon's hand, the Nir was also fired.

At that moment...

"You..."

Pat-

"Come and fight me."

A man dressed in black appeared before Yu Won's eyes.

Kwauung!

Crack, crack, crack...

The man caught the Nir that YuWon had thrown with his bare hands.

Although he couldn't block it completely, he was pushed back and sent flying.

But that wasn't all...

Thwack!

The man who blocked the Nir had one of his hands shattered and torn apart by the force of the impact, and he looked at Yu Won with wide-open eyes in pain.

"Satan..."

YuWon had thought that he would eventually move, but he didn't expect it to be now.

Satan's shattered hand trembled for a moment. It seemed he had singled out YuWon as his prey on this battlefield.

While Satan blocked YuWon's path in this manner...

Kwagwagwagwag-!

The abilities of the other Rankers extended directly towards the Black Goat of the Woods.

Hwaaaaah!

The abilities of the other Rankers precisely aimed at the Black Goat of the Woods.

Hwaaaaah!

A surge of Arcane Power that resembled a storm roared inward. The figure of the Black Goat of the Woods trying to enter the Tower from outside was temporarily hidden beneath this storm and the explosion of Arcane Power.

And during that moment, YuWon looked at Satan, whose arm had turned into a mass of rags.

"Is his goal to bring that thing inside?"

So far, Satan had remained still. Given his hatred for the Tower and his desire for its destruction, it was obvious what Satan's purpose was. Entities outside the Tower, including the Black Goat of the Woods, were his cards to fulfill this desire.

Tudung, tududu-.

Bloody pieces of flesh dripping from his shattered arm.

Satan stared at his own arm, shattered for a moment before responding.

"Don't get in my way."

"Who's getting in whose way?"

Of course, YuWon wished to move quickly and focus on the other side. But he thought maybe it could be possible.

YuWon had had enough time to activate the Nir before shattering Satan's arm. And the man had intentionally flown to block it.

On the other hand, he thought Satan's body, which lost an arm just from receiving a direct impact, was quite impressive.

YuWon looked towards Chronos.

So far, he hadn't made a decision.

Or maybe he had a different plan than what YuWon expected.

Kuuuuuu-.

The explosion of Arcane Power that occurred once finally gradually subsided.

When the remnants of the dust cloud mixed with Arcane Power faded away, the collapsed wall was finally revealed.

And furthermore...

Twisted-.

Even the opening in the wall that had remained intact until now displayed the shape of the Black Goat of the Woods' legs breaking through.

-Beeeee-.

The bleating much clearer than before.

Moreover, from the protruding legs through the opening, the nearby Rankers could see what lay beyond.

"The legs..."

"They are goat..."

Beeeee-.

Beeee, meeeeeeee-.

Until a moment ago, the heads and horns of the goat fighting as if they were about to die were attached to the legs.

It was as if a thousand goat had merged into a single form.

That form constantly changed before their eyes. From a giant goat leg with thousands of fused goat to a unified goat leg with purple fur.

Twisted-.

The leg that had temporarily stopped due to the attacks of the Rankers began to crack open the rift once again.

On the other side, the gleam in the eyes of the goat that had thrust a leg into the Tower grew more intense.

And the moment they met that gleam in the eyes...

"It's the end of the world..."

"How did I end up involved in this fight?"

Agni and Kubera felt their minds drift for a moment.

If they hadn't instantly focused their minds and firmly grasped the situation, their legs might have gone weak.

Even if they were High-Rankers, it was already too much, so what about the others?

It was then that they realized.

The moment that thing entered, it would be a battle they couldn't win under any circumstances.

"A single blow and it's all over..."

In one of the constantly shifting leg shapes, there was a small wound. Probably the area struck by Gungnir and Zeus's spear.

"Don't stop..."

Kwaaang-!

Kwalung-!

A voice that roused the Rankers mired in despair.

YuWon and Satan's gazes turned to the voice that disrupted the atmosphere.

Crack, craack-.

Zeus, rising into the sky surrounded by countless Lightning Bolts, creating swirling Lightning Bolts around his body.

He shouted as he rode the clouds.

"Stop them from entering! I'll lead the way...!"

Crack-.

Zeus grabbed one of the numerous Lightning Bolts floating around him.

"Follow me. To me!"

Baaaaang-!

He hurled the spear with all his might.

The thunderous noise echoed on the ground. Thanks to Zeus's power, the morale of the Rankers who had been prostrate on the ground slowly rose.

Zeus wasn't just strong.

He, who had once been the King of Olympus, knew how to influence the battlefield's mood.

"From now on, it's a race against time."

For now, YuWon had no choice but to leave the situation on the other side in Zeus's hands. Since they entered the Tower, this was probably the toughest fight yet.

Yuwon approached Satan, who was blocking his path.

And just after that...

[The power of the Giant accumulates throughout your body]

[Gigantification is complete]

[Golden Cinder Eyes is activated]

[Sensory Field is activated]

[Holy Fire is activated]

Yuwon activated all his powers and abilities.

"We don't have time."

Whooooosh-.

The sound of Arcane Power filled the air as YuWon and Satan began their confrontation.

"Come."

Kqong, kkwaaang-!

Craaack-.

Countless abilities were unleashed, and Zeus hurled dozens of Lightning Bolts one after another.

Not far away, the battle between YuWon and Satan had begun. It seemed that Satan had targeted YuWon.

Odin looked at Gungnir in his hand.

"It seems peace has been long."

Even he thought his skill was a bit rusty. Not only throwing the spear but even his mindset for facing the fight felt weak.

Ranked second.

Excluding the first place recognized only by Administration Management, it would be correct to say that the name "Odin" was the biggest in the Tower.

Odin knew this very well.

Since reaching that high position, he hadn't really had a proper fight for a long time.

Kwang-.

Odin tightened his grip on Gungnir.

However, he no longer intended to throw it. Throwing the spear had already come to an end.

Instead...

Step-.

Odin began to walk towards the Black Goat of the Woods entering through the rift.

Now was the time to face it head-on.

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Kwung!

Zeus's Lightning Bolt struck the Black Goat of the Woods. Despite being pierced, its legs twisted and began moving forward again.

"Block them! Block them!"

"Damn, how resilient is this damn thing?!"

"Throw another one before you talk!"

Kurung, kwuuuuu-!

As thousands, even tens of thousands of skills were unleashed in succession.

Zeus, who had shot powerful lightning bolts a dozen times, sweated on his forehead as he muttered to himself.

"This guy is annoying."

Craaack-!

Zeus prepared to throw another spear.

A single powerful attack was much more effective in stopping the enemy than throwing several attacks.

Zeus raised his Arcane Power in his hand as he imagined. The largest and most powerful spear he could create.

"I need a bigger spear."

Craaaackle-!

The sharp tip of the spear was forged in his hands.

"I need a sharp spear."

Crrrrrack-.

The sharp tip of the spear was shaped in his hand.

Zeus had always been a ranged attacker.

Because he was so strong, Zeus could fight in any position, but since he started climbing the Tower with the Three Gods, he specialized in throwing spears.

Zeus's spear was more powerful than anyone's.

He didn't need to aim precisely.

Zeus's spear had such a wide range that it could sweep everything in sight.

But now...

"I need one that can pierce a single point..."

Craaaaack, craaaaack-

The sharp tip of the spear was forged even more.

'I need an extremely sharp spear.'

Craaaaaaaack-

The sharp tip of the spear was honed to the maximum.

That's how the spear was forged in Zeus's hand.

"Stand aside."

Thud-

A heavy step passed by him.

"...?"

It was as if a massive mountain was moving. Despite having similar height and shoulders, Zeus felt like he was as tall as a giant.

Odin.

The King of Asgard and the strongest in this Tower.

He began to approach the Black Goat of the Woods.

"Are you trying to stop it up close?"

Zeus's gaze shifted to the Black Goat of the Woods, which was still constantly changing its appearance even at this moment. Most of the Rankers could barely see it directly, and their only option was to cast their abilities from afar.

Of course, getting close to it was unthinkable.

The reason was different, but Zeus had no reason to get close when he could throw his spear from a distance.

However...

Thump.

Odin approached the cracking wall.

While being so close, Odin looked up at the Black Goat of the Woods.

-Beeeee-.

The creature pushing the crack with half its face exposed was surprisingly strong. Even someone like him seemed unable to easily penetrate this "wall," which was truly solid.

"I don't know what kind of world is outside, but-"

Woosh, woosh~

Above Odin's head. Several dozen large magic circles, all intricate and made with complex formulas, appeared.

"Go back to your world."

Woosh, woosh~

The magic circles that were expanding as if covering the sky entered Odin's palm and stacked on top of each other.

"Huh-!"

He grunted, his muscles swelling as if he were using Gigantification, but this was just one of the many spells in Odin's arm.

Kwack, kwagakagak-.

Dozens of spells intersected and constantly circulated energy. Amidst another direct confrontation, the Black Goat of the Woods let out another bleat.

-Beeeee-.

Woosh~

Odin's arms began pushing the Black Goat of the Woods out of the crack.

"R-Really?"

"Is he fighting that thing alone?"

No matter what they did, it seemed like this creature would never die.

No, it didn't even seem possible to disturb it as it entered the crack.

But there was Odin, pushing the Black Goat of the Woods with both hands.

Craaaaackle-.

In Zeus's hand, the Lightning Bolt gradually became blurry.

Why didn't he throw Gungnir and decided to intervene himself?

Odin seemed to have chosen to push the Black Goat of the Woods instead of trying to defeat it.

'It seems this guy is not just empty fame...'

Woosh, woosh-.

The magic circles kept generating and disappearing in Odin's hand.

With Odin and the Black Goat of the Woods facing off, a power struggle began.

"It seems you know more than just throwing spears."

Odin was one of the few High-Rankers recognized by Zeus.

He had established the Kingdom of Asgard in a lawless land that used to be a chaotic territory, bringing order to it.

Odin didn't reach second place in the rankings just by possessing Gungnir. Gungnir was merely an item symbolizing his power. The true strength lay within Odin himself.

'Let's leave that for later...'

Zeus turned around.

If they stayed so close to each other, it would be challenging for him to throw his spear from here.

Instead...

Zeus decided to deal with the issue that had been bothering him before.

"I'll have to remove that annoying obstacle first."

Swish-.

Long fingers stretched toward YuWon's neck.

With a power that could penetrate even adamantite, the hand silently and swiftly approached.

In the blink of an eye, Satan appeared on the opposite side of YuWon.

Spit-.

['Sky Steps' activated]

[Movement speed increased by 100% for 5 seconds]

YuWon's body jumped upward as if propelled by springs, harnessing the power of the Hermes Steps. Satan, who had been playing in the empty air, turned his head.

And at that moment...

Craaaaaack!-

Fire and lightning intertwined on YuWon's sword as it cut across Satan's chest.

Clang-!

A sound like hitting hard metal with a blunt weapon.

YuWon frowned at the sensation transmitted to his grip through the sword.

The cutting sensation was minimal.

Zzziik-.

Satan's body was pushed backward.

He looked at his chest, where blood flowed from a superficial wound.

If this were merely a brute force battle, YuWon wouldn't stand a chance.

Fireee~

But YuWon had several abilities in his arsenal.

"Those eyes are annoying."

Since the start of the fight, Satan had never been able to fully catch YuWon.

Hermes Steps, vision through the Golden Cinder Eyes, and reflexes through his Sensory Field made it challenging for Satan to engage YuWon in hand-to-hand combat.

"Mmm."

YuWon examined some wounds on Satan's body.

All of them were marks from his sword strikes. Some of them might be better described as scratches rather than deep cuts.

Never before had he faced an opponent with such a resilient and tough body.

"How high must his endurance stat be?"

Excluding Nir, Satan hadn't suffered any significant damage to his body due to YuWon's attacks.

Thanks to the Golden Cinder Eyes and the Sensory Field, YuWon had managed to somewhat level the playing field, but Satan, who ranked seventh in the rankings, remained a formidable opponent for the current YuWon.

'Should I use Holy Fire to launch a stronger attack? Fight in the long term using the Dark attribute? Or use Susanoo as a shield and activate Nir...?'

As YuWon contemplated the upcoming battle against Satan, something unexpected happened.

Flutter~

Two bat-like wings unfolded on Satan's back.

Woosh-!

At the same time, a Dark Attribute Arcane Power began to spread around him.

ZzZzZz-.

YuWon's arm, which was shielding his face, suddenly turned completely black. It was the corrosive force of the Dark Attribute Arcane Power.

As Satan spread his wings and the Dark Attribute Arcane Power began to expand, YuWon stared straight ahead.

And at that moment...

Swaaah-.

A serpent-like cry echoed in his ears.

[The power of a Giant resides in your left arm.]

Buuuuuuuum-.

At the right moment, YuWon extended his fist.

Kwaaaang-!

A loud boom resounded as their fists clashed. Even with Gigantification, it was still too early to directly face a High-Ranker of the seventh place like Satan.

However...

ZzZzZz-.

What YuWon didn't know was that he hadn't directly collided with Satan.

"It'll probably sting a bit."

A Lightning Bolt flashed above YuWon and Satan.

Kwaaang-!

The moment it made a deafening noise.

"Caaaaaarr!"

Satan's body lit up with a golden glow. Watching Satan writhing in pain, YuWon mockingly said:

"I told you it would sting a bit."

YuWon turned his head back, dissipating the electrical discharge he had in his hand.

Crackle~

Zeus approached YuWon. Right after entrusting Chronos to YuWon, Zeus showed interest in Satan.

"Are you busy dealing with that guy?"

"I probably would have handled it fine even without your help."

If Satan had both arms in good condition, he might have had a chance, but there was no way to deal with YuWon having only one arm.

Anyway, YuWon had an item called 'Nir' that could pierce through Satan's body.

Of course, Zeus didn't believe YuWon's words.

In his eyes, YuWon seemed to be struggling as if he were in trouble until just a moment ago.

"Really? Then I should have left you alone."

"Why did you suddenly come over here?"

"For now, Odin is dealing with the guy who calls himself the 'Black Goat of the Woods'."

"Odin?"

While YuWon fought relentlessly against Satan, focused on the battle, YuWon noticed that in the distance, Odin was having a confrontation with the Black Goat of the Woods.

At that moment, YuWon remembered something that had happened a long time ago.

-"Leave for now."

Odín had blocked their path, turning his back to stop the Black Goat of the Woods.

That ancient incident seemed to be coinciding with the current moment.

"Are you worried about that?"

After YuWon looked there without speaking for a while, Zeus asked.

"Did you already anticipate this situation?"

YuWon shook his head.

He had anticipated everything else, but he had never thought that the Black Goat of the Woods would try to cross through that narrow gap.

It was too big a risk even for them.

"Is there no way to block it?"

Currently, Odin was deploying dozens of spells and sacrificing himself to block the Black Goat of the Woods.

But that would only delay things.

It wasn't a permanent solution.

"It's not impossible."

"How sure are you?"

"I'm not sure."

It was the first time YuWon had given such an uncertain answer.

That meant the situation was not good at all.

After thinking for a moment, Zeus nodded.

It wasn't a satisfying answer, but it was better than nothing.

"Then should I leave it in your hands? Go over there."

Craack, craaackle-.

Zeus looked at Satan, who had been staggering after being hit by the Lightning Bolt.

If the obstacle that had been sticking to him so far had been preventing YuWon from acting freely, then everything would be resolved once he removed it.

It wouldn't be a difficult task.

"It shouldn't take me long."

Huuaaaa-!

Satan released a powerful Dark Attribute Arcane Power as he stared at Zeus.

Crack-!

Zeus gripped his spear once again as he observed him.

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Kwaang!

Satan's fingertips flew towards Zeus's neck.

His outstretched wings cut through the trees in their path.

A black line reflected in Zeus's eyes.

Pum!

In an instant, Satan's hand pierced through Zeus's neck.

At that moment.

Crackle~

Zeus's body, impaled by Satan's hand, transformed into a brilliant golden discharge.

Craaaack!

"Kaaaa!"

Zeus's body exploded as Satan, caught in the discharge, screamed.

At the same time, Zeus disappeared. Satan, enduring the pain, raised his bright eyes.

When Satan lifted his head...

"You're quick to catch on."

Crack, craack!

In the sky just about 20 meters away...

Riding a small cloud, Zeus was seen holding a Lightning Bolt in his hand.

Pahat!

The reaction was swift.

Satan endured the shock coursing through his body and leaped upward in his place.

Given the short distance, it wouldn't be long before he got close enough.

Satan trusted in his own body.

He believed he could withstand the electric spear in Zeus's hand and get close to him.

Flash~

Light erupted from Satan's sight.

Intensifying his focus and keeping his gaze on the tip of the spear, Satan's wings moved.

Kwung!

The Lightning Bolt Zeus had thrown at Satan fell to the side.

Satan dodged it.

The corner of Satan's lips curled upward. He had dodged the spear, now it was his turn.

He had to do it.

But at that moment...

"You successfully dodged one."

Crack, craackle!

In Satan's pupils, which had leaped upward, the light of dozens of Lightning Bolts flickered.

He had clearly dodged one, but there were still more than a dozen Lightning Bolts remaining.

"So try to dodge the rest as well."

Craaaackle!

Zeus's hand descended slowly and calmly.

Satan's steps quickened. If at least one of those Lightning Bolts hit him, he would fall again and receive a series of Lightning Bolts one after another.

Crack, craaccckle!

Satan's wings moved rapidly. To avoid the Lightning Bolts falling from the sky, Satan moved desperately.

One, two, three.

When he dodged more than ten Lightning Bolts, one of them finally tore through Satan's wings.

Crackle!

The hole in his wing made him stagger for a moment, but Satan remained unaffected.

His agility and endurance. Those two qualities were his best weapons. So Satan avoided the Lightning Bolts falling from the sky and finally reached where Zeus was.

"Ze-us-!"

The last remaining Lightning Bolt passed in front of Satan's eyes.

The moment Satan's hand turned into five scythes to attack Zeus...

"Did you think you could win just by getting close?"

As if he were waiting for that, Zeus raised his fist charged with electricity.

"You don't know your own limits."

Kwung!

Zeus's fist crashed down on Satan's head.

Like a giant Lightning Bolt falling from the sky.

Satan was engulfed by the discharge without even being able to scream.

At the same time, Zeus disappeared. Satan, caught in the pain, fell deep underground.

And thus, returning to the sky above the clouds...

"Rise back up."

Zeus looked down at the hole where Satan had fallen.

There, Satan, who had been struck by the fist and had fallen to the ground, looked up with flickering black eyes.

-Beeeee-.

The Black Woods Goat emitted a bleat.

The power struggle with Odin was also brief.

Kagagak-.

Odin's legs began to retreat.

The fight didn't last long. Although Odin intended to somehow push him outside and make him return to the Outside, he lacked the strength.

Thud~

Odin looked at his legs, which were retreating further and further, wondering how much strength he had exerted. Blood flowed to his head, and red blood mixed with his beard flowed from his nose.

"...I need to change my strategy."

Kwaahak-.

Odin, who dropped one hand, forcefully struck his fist.

Kwaaang-.

The shapes of the magic circles constantly changed. Until now, his magic had amplified his own strength and diminished the opponent's strength, but now it was time to change the focus.

Thud, kwaang-.

A constant pounding of fists.

Blood was about to spurt from his hand. Although his bones were injured and hurting, Odin didn't stop the pounding.

-Beeeee-.

The Black Woods Goat emitted a bleat.

The feeling of its bleat was different from before. Instead of being threatening, this time the bleat sounded more like a cry of agony.

"Does it hurt?"

Kwahk-.

Odin's fist clenched tighter.

Although his flesh had been completely torn apart, and his bones were visible, Odin felt no pain.

One of the spells he had cast on his own fist included one that shielded him from pain.

"Then, try it more."

Kwaang-!

Odin's pounding continued.

A constant repetition of brutal attacks. However, there was no other choice in dealing with an opponent who was breaking through the cracks.

However...

Gkgik, ggikggik-.

Odin's body was still being pushed back constantly.

Now, more than half of the entity's face had broken through the crack.

'I can't push it.'

Odin growled and raised his head.

Unbeknownst to him, the Black Woods Goat was watching him. On the face of the creature resembling a giant goat, Odin felt that the creature was smiling.

It wasn't an illusion.

The eyes of the Black Woods Goat and Odin met.

And at that moment...

Beeeeee~

The bleat of the goats that had disappeared a moment ago was heard behind Odin.

Beeeeeee, beeeee-.

Since when had this happened?

Odin noticed that there were countless goats gathering around him.

They were looking at Odin as if they had a feast before them.

Kwaduk-.

Odin's shoulder was bitten by one of the goats.

Originally, it wouldn't have been possible for a newborn goat's teeth to penetrate Odin's body.

Odin, being one of the most powerful Mages of the Tower, always had multiple spells surrounding his body.

But now it wasn't a normal situation.

All the spells Odin could use were concentrated on blocking the Black Woods Goat that was breaking through the cracks.

Kwaak, kwaddkkk-.

Beeeeee-.

Odin's body was buried under dozens of giant goats.

The weight of the giant creatures, like buffaloes, crushed Odin's body. The goats' teeth bit into Odin's shoulders, arms, and legs firmly.

"...This is bad..."

Blood spurted from his body as the goats' teeth dug into him. Although he felt no pain, Odin found himself at a crossroads.

Should he give up on trying to stop the Black Woods Goat and face the goats instead, or should he press on?

It was a difficult decision.

Neither of the two paths at the crossroads had a clear destination.

But then...

Woosh~

A blue barrier appeared around Odin.

Bee-?

The barrier pushed away the goats that were clinging to Odin's body and protected him from their fangs.

It could even be considered an aura-like skill.

But strangely, it felt refreshing.

["Blessing of the Sea" has been activated in your body]

Blessing of the Sea.

When Odin saw the skill's name, he thought of a person.

Surely, someone who used skills related to the sea.

"Poseidon?"

"Are you so exhausted that you can't even distinguish people anymore?"

Kraaaah!

The bodies of the goats surrounding Odin were split in half.

The goats' bodies were split in two, with half of their bodies on each side. YuWon, who had cut the goats with his flaming sword (Holy Fire), appeared in front of Odin.

"Taking the vanguard on your own, just like always."

"Are you... you?"

It was a somewhat tepid reaction.

It was a relief that YuWon had eliminated the Goats. However, his arrival wasn't of much help to Odin.

To resolve this situation, he needed someone else.

"What happened to Chronos?"

Odin's question made YuWon realize that he was thinking the same as him.

YuWon responded as he burned the goats with the Holy Fire and cut them down.

"About half of it has been resolved."

"About half?"

"The rest will probably resolve itself."

Only YuWon could persuade Chronos, who existed both inside and outside the Tower. Only YuWon, who knew the future and had returned to the past, could do so.

Of course, YuWon didn't think Chronos would change his mind so quickly.

He couldn't pressure or persuade him.

He could only leave him be.

Of course...

"We don't have time."

They didn't know how long that decision would take.

"I know."

"Is there any way to move him aside right now?"

"For now, no."

Wooosh~

Flames erupted from YuWon's sword.

['Holy Fire' consumes 'Black Woods Goat Offsprings']

To defeat the resilient goats with great regenerative power, they needed a power superior to theirs. Among all abilities, YuWon thought fire was the most effective.

YuWon didn't stop and continued killing the goats.

These goats had also come from the Black Woods Goat, and killing them was a way to weaken the Black Woods Goat's power.

"So, what are we going to do?"

"Even though we can't move him aside right now, at least we have a safe way to buy time."

"Buy time?"

Odin could sense the question in YuWon's look about how he was going to achieve that.

YuWon shrugged in response to Odin's skeptical gaze.

"You seem skeptical. Too bad."

"Seeing you make jokes, it seems like you have confidence in yourself."

Unlike Odin, who was fighting alone against the Black Woods Goat at the cost of his life, YuWon seemed to have some kind of confidence in himself.

YuWon's gaze rose to the sky.

In his now red pupils, a cloud entered.

"That guy, though I don't know if he's good at other things, at least he's good at fighting."

["Golden Cinder Eyes" resonate]

Hwarr-.

Right after the message appeared.

Boooooooooooooom-.

In the distance, a large staff flew towards them.

Tw hwack-!

The end of the staff pushed the Black Woods Goat outward. Odin narrowed his eyes as he looked at the staff rising above his head.

"This is..."

A long staff that seemed connected to the sky.

Such a large item was unique in the Tower.

Ru Yi Bang.

Originally used in the Dragon Palace to measure the depth of the ocean, this item had more destructive power than a common weapon. It was also known as the weapon of the Great Sage, Heaven's Equal.

"I have arrived."

A loud and energetic voice echoed from the long and large end of the staff.

Despite the situation, it was a cheerful and energetic voice. However, hearing it gave them courage.

The first bet that YuWon had been waiting for.

His most powerful ally, who had fought and won against countless Outer Gods.

"You arrived quickly!"

When had he been called?

Looking at Son OhGong riding the Flying Nimbus and flying towards them, YuWon muttered with a smile.

"Monkey."

The Great Sage, Heaven's Equal.

It was the moment when Son OhGong appeared.

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Son OhGong, along with Zeus and Poseidon, began their trials.

The process to break through the Tower's ceiling and attain Divinity differed for each individual. However, it was said that Son OhGong's trial was the most challenging and required a considerable amount of time among YuWon's companions.

Therefore, YuWon expected him to arrive late.

[Son OhGong: It's done]

A message that had reached YuWon's Kit a few days ago.

He had no intention of interfering with Son OhGong, who had already completed his trial. Until that moment, Chronos hadn't killed any Administrators or caused cracks to spread on the wall.

OhGong would need time to adapt to the new power he had acquired, especially after obtaining the "Golden Headband."

But it wasn't the time for that now.

Before descending to the first floor.

YuWon sent a message to Son OhGong.

[YuWon: Stop what you're doing and come down to the first floor as quickly as possible]

At that moment, they didn't even know they would be facing the Black Goat of the Woods, but...

"Anyway, the timing is amazing."

It was appropriate to call Son OhGong at that moment.

Swish.

Son OhGong, riding the Flying Nimbus, jumped down from the sky.

Son OhGong's figure, which looked like a distant dot, quickly approached.

In an instant, when he landed on the ground.

Kwah!

The ground sank, and there was a slight vibration in the area due to that impact.

YuWon frowned as he watched Son OhGong land on the ground.

"Do you need to make so much noise?"

"You said to come fast, right?"

"After visiting the Celestial Floor (天竺), haven't you learned the Flash Step (**Shunpo**) yet?"

"Oh, right."

"What do you mean, 'right'?"

Son OhGong scratched his head and turned it.

Looking at the Black Goat of the Woods pushed by the Ru Yi Bang, Son OhGong asked.

"Anyway, how did this happen? It's not that guy's turn yet."

"I don't know."

"You don't know?"

"Originally, only the goat offspring were supposed to come..."

Beeee-.

YuWon replied as he looked at the goats.

"For some reason, it turned out this way."

The surrounding goats were also on guard at the appearance of Son OhGong.

Instinctively, they felt that the presence that had appeared before them was something they couldn't underestimate.

"Even so, things have already come to this point."

-Beeeeee-.

The mother of the goats emitted a bleat.

Son OhGong, who held the shrunken Ru Yi Bang again in his hand, muttered as he looked at the creature.

"To think we'd see Shub-Niggurath again so quickly."

Shub-Niggurath.

The name that Son OhGong murmured resonated clearly in YuWon's ears.

It was unclear whether it was because both of them knew that name or if Shub-Niggurath had partially arrived at the Tower.

Odin, who was discreetly watching, hadn't heard the name correctly.

-Beeee-.

As if asking who dared to mention its name, Shub-Niggurath looked at Son OhGong and bleated.

Shub-Niggurath.

A being that bore hundreds of black goat offspring, known as the incarnation of madness and All-Mother.

If compared solely by its power as an Outer God, Shub-Niggurath was even more outstanding than Foolish Chaos himself.

"You know it too, right? I can't defeat it now."

Son OhGong pointed to the Golden Headband encircling his head.

"If this comes off, who knows what will happen."

Golden Headband.

A seal that restricted Son OhGong's power, obtained upon reaching the Celestial Floor after passing the trial.

Each time this seal was broken, Son OhGong would reach a higher level of power.

However...

"Don't brag. Even if the Golden Headband's seal is broken, it doesn't mean you can beat it."

"I've heard that a hundred times before."

The situation was a complete mess. From Son OhGong fighting inappropriately with an aggressive look on his face to YuWon's indifferent reaction to his words, everything seemed out of place.

Odin wondered what was going on.

Son OhGong, who had been displaying some pride for a moment, finally pursed his lips and asked in an irritated voice.

"Anyway, can't we just push it back?"

"First, let's think about buying some time."

"Time?"

"Chronos is here too."

"Chronos? Didn't that guy disappear? Then why is he here?"

"...Stop talking. I don't have time to explain to you right now. For now, let's try to figure out how to deal with that thing."

Expecting Son OhGong to understand anything was difficult.

He didn't know what was going on, and Son OhGong, who scratched his head while looking at Shub-Niggurath's offspring, finally lifted his head to look at Shub-Niggurath.

"Buy time, huh?"

Now that he had just passed the trial and obtained the Golden Headband, Shub-Niggurath was a challenging opponent even for Son OhGong.

However, Shub-Niggurath was still in an unstable state, trapped in the cracks without fully passing through the wall.

Son OhGong's eyes narrowed.

Burning pupils.

He, like YuWon, also remembered the fight with Shub-Niggurath.

"At least I'll be able to vent on you."

Bang, bang, bang, bang...

A dense smoke rose around Son OhGong.

And when that smoke completely dissipated.

[Cloning Technique]

Hundreds, thousands of Son OhGongs revealed their appearance.

The Cloning Technique, one of the abilities that represented Son OhGong along with the Golden Cinder Eyes.

What was different was that there were many more than the world knew.

"Now it's your turn to face me."

"And me..."

"And me....."

"And me....."

The Son OhGongs simultaneously assumed the same posture as if they had made a pact.

At the same time...

Several thousand Ru Yi Bangs pointed at Shub-Niggurath, who was trying to enter the cracks.

"Grow..."

"Grow..."

"Grow..."

Uuuuuuuu...

The tips of the Ru Yi Bangs trembled violently.

On behalf of representing the thousands of clones, the real Son OhGong spoke.

"Ru Yi."

Twack-!!

Twack, thwack, thwack!

Bum, bum, bum, bum.

Thousands of Ru Yi Bangs struck Shub-Niggurath's body. Even its body the size of a small mountain was like a small goat in front of the Ru Yi Bang, a sacred item used to measure the depth of the sea.

"Heh..."

Odin sneered at Shub-Niggurath as thousands of Ru Yi Bangs extended toward it.

Each of the Ru Yi Bangs, which flew out from where they were, contained a threatening power.

That number of clones, they all had High-Ranker-level power.

Even if he had heard rumors, it was still hard to believe.

'I've heard it in rumors, but...'

The Great Sage, Heaven's Equal.

A High-Ranker who killed the Jade Emperor of the Celestial Realm and wreaked havoc in the Celestial Realm.

He was the Traitor of the Celestial Realm who had recently risen to single-digit rank.

Most importantly, he was an entity that had returned to the past alongside YuWon. However, as much as that was the case, no one expected his power to have changed so much in such a short time.

-Beeee, beeeee!

Shub-Niggurath's bleating grew louder. It wasn't just a bleat; it also attacked the minds of those nearby, like Odin, YuWon, and Son OhGong's clones, making them stagger.

Odin, who was nearby, stumbled, and YuWon's nose and ears began to bleed.

Bang, bang, bang, bang...

Son OhGong's clones, who had been blown away one by one by the sound of Shub-Niggurath's bleating, disappeared.

Creak, creak...

The tip of Son OhGong's arm trembled as he struck the end of the Ru Yi Bang with the palm of his hand. Light gradually began to emanate from the Golden Headband that encircled his head.

"Ugh..."

Eiiiiing...

Son Goku frowned at the light of the Golden Headband.

Taking one hand off the Ru Yi Bang, which he held with both, Son OhGong clutched his head as if he were suffering from a severe headache. The more intense his headache, the stronger his power became.

Kagagak...

Slowly, Shub-Niggurath began to retreat to the other side.

Of course, this meant that Son OhGong was also getting closer to death.

Kim YuWon: "This guy... why the hell is he doing this?"

No matter how much he thought about it, it was strange.

Even if the Administrator had disappeared and the wall had weakened, applying so much force to the crack would waste a considerable amount of Points.

And even more so, if the one doing it was Shub-Niggurath.

"He must be driven by something."

"But what?"

"What else could it be?"

Yuwon's gaze shifted to Shub-Niggurath's eyes.

A fixed gaze on something.

The gazes of YuWon and Son OhGong followed Shub-Niggurath's gaze.

And there...

"Thump-."

Danpung stood there with a vacant expression.

"For him?"

"There's no other explanation."

"Why?"

"Because even Foolish Chaos took an interest in Danpung."

It was just a little while ago.

Foolish Chaos, who had opened a crack and drawn power from outside the Tower inward, decided that he could no longer use Points and tried to stop the fight.

But after seeing Danpung, Foolish Chaos changed his response.

It was because Foolish Chaos hated more than anything else for his plans to be ruined.

"Him...?"

Thump.

Shub-Niggurath began to stir.

Kagagagagagag...

Ru Yi Bang trembled.

Some of the clones had already disappeared due to Shub-Niggurath's bleating.

"Wow, wow, do you really plan to keep going until the end?"

Son OhGong smiled.

Eiiiiiiing...

The light from the Golden Headband grew stronger. Son OhGong continued the battle against Shub-Niggurath, enduring the shakes as if his head was going to explode.

Meanwhile...

"Hey, but can you keep blocking like this forever..."

Son OhGong's forehead furrowed as he looked at YuWon.

"What's wrong?"

His eyes seemed unfocused somewhere.

It wasn't like he was dazed by the chaotic situation, but something in YuWon's reaction seemed strange.

"Eh? Hey! Wake up!"

He shouted so loudly that eardrums could burst, but it was in vain.

Both YuWon and Danpung.

Both had lost consciousness, and their minds had gone far away amid this tumultuous situation.

"Damn it..."

At this moment, when there was no one to rely on.

Blocking Shub-Niggurath from entering immediately seemed difficult.

"There's no other choice."

At this moment, there was no way to prevent Shub-Niggurath from entering.

Instead...

Maybe Shub-Niggurath had spent a lot of energy entering the Tower and overcoming the crack. Furthermore, after opening the crack and entering, it wouldn't be able to use all its power right away.

"Perhaps it's better to decide the outcome now."

Shub-Niggurath.

An enemy they hadn't been able to defeat until the end before returning to the past. Shub-Niggurath was one of the few Outer Gods with a higher rank than Foolish Chaos. So, at some point, they would have to face him, even if it wasn't now.

"Come, I also want to see how this will end."

Eiiiiiiing...

At that moment, as the color of the Golden Headband gradually turned golden...

Tic...

A small second-hand ticked in Son OhGong's ear.

"Eh?"

It was definitely a sound he had heard somewhere before.

Woosh...

The cracks in the wall that Shub-Niggurath had widened were slowly closing.

Breaking a glass was easy, but restoring it to its original state was difficult.

But Son OhGong knew of someone who could do it.

"Chronos is here."

Son OhGong remembered what YuWon had said and lifted the corner of his lips.

"What are you doing?"

Tic...

['Time Reversion' is starting]

"So, that's it."

If YuWon had heard, he would have looked at him with contempt and mockery for not realizing it until now.