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# **Life Mission**

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The opportunity is when she is separated from them and alone. The 2 against 1 Vanessa combination is burdensome, but there is a higher chance that he can win than if Odelia is included in there to make it 3 against 1.

If he is lucky, he might be able to kill 3 of Evil Queen's daughters. He cannot doubt that the reward is as sweet as it is dangerous. It will more than cover the costs of the Universe Eyes and there is the possibility that it will be a level A special mission.

It is 3 level 8s. Difficulties will overlap so there needs to be discretion.

It is the worst case scenario. Cha Jun Sung is thinking of just killing Odelia and getting out. He will only put himself in a bad situation if he needs to. The circumstances do not call for that right now.

'A blow won't be able to kill her. She's a level 8 even if she's weak. It needs to be fatal!'

Cha Jun Sung went at Odelia like a beast going after its prey.

He is so fast that reacting would be impossible, but Odelia managed to react.

Hundreds of hairs reflexively attacked Cha Jun Sung. The route of the hairs shooting at the battle suit's hologram draw out in a line.

Papapat!

"Die, you red sadist."

Odelia was taken aback. It is surprising that he was able to fool her senses and hide, but it should be impossible to completely detect her attack.

For an instant, the dozens of pairs of eyes between her upper and lower body look towards Cha Jun Sung's belt. Her instincts warn her that it will become dangerous if he pulls that out.

Odelia is rushed and throws the Lifer she is holding, at Cha Jun Sung. He cannot tell if

the Lifer is alive or not, but his decision did not take long.

Hades came out, went through the Lifer and flew toward Odelia. A clear color does not come up, but the sharp feeling is there.

But for the moment Cha Jun Sung was in consideration, Odelia increased the distance with sleek body movements and avoided the sword.

Brandishing from bottom to top, horizontally. Odelia concentrated her skills and watched the aura of the weapon passing right under her nose.

It is a haze.

She can tell without having it touch her. It is dangerous if she gets hit.

When Odelia avoided it, the building behind her splits. If the extracted energy is that much, she can guess how much the sword itself has.

When Cha Jun Sung's surprise attack failed, he put the Overbooster in reverse and took position to go into real battle.

Assaulting while in the air with just the output from the booster does not bring out as much speed as would come from kicking off from the ground. There is nothing to support his lower body.

Air war is something that he is relatively confident in, but Odelia is not a flying mutant. There is no need to act like a bird.

Boom boom boom!

A part of the building that was hit by the force, collapses. The sound was so loud that it was like thunder, but no one inside cared about the sound. Lifers who had been tortured, the Lifer who lured them there, even Odelia who avoided the hit – no one could understand what was happening.

“What – what are you?”

“I don't have time to talk. I need to end this within 3 hours.”

The Overbooster emits the refined flames and gets excited. It prepares to charge like

a bull going at a red flag.

If it weren't for Narsiel and Vanessa, he would have talked to her about Evil Queen to get some information, but he does not have time for that.

Cha Jun Sung needs to keep one thing in mind in his battle with Odelia – that he needs to kill her as quickly as possible. That is this battle's goal.

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung's body becomes hazy with maximum output from the Overmode.

It is not teleportation. He is moving with incredible speed, so much so that it leaves an afterimage.

Ping ping!

Odelia launches the fur all over her body everywhere.

She could not determine Cha Jun Sung's movements precisely with her transcendental senses. She covered all directions. A living creature needs to reveal itself and that method works.

At Odelia's side in the air where there is nothing, the hairs are cut into pieces. That is where Cha Jun Sung showed himself.

"You're smart!"

"Who do you think I am, coming at me!"

Cha Jun Sung laughs. Whatever her personality is like, her combat style is outstanding. Since she can't see him, she'll just attack everywhere surrounding her.

But how long can that last?

It is just a temporary measure, but it just becomes a way of buying time if she is pushed back in specifications. There's no way they don't know that!

'Odelia's weakness was her upper body, right? If I cut that off, half of it's done.'

He can win even if he doesn't go for the upper body, but what's good is good. It is just that the center is in the lower body so it is not easy to land a hit.

Odelia does not know that Cha Jun Sung knows her weakness. That is why she is not hiding it.

"You cullion! I'll make you beg me to kill you!"

Odelia got the hint that Cha Jun Sung does not want to talk. If he won't answer when she asks, there's no point in doing so.

Papat!

Bang bang bang!

Odelia's 8 legs squirm and go near Cha Jun Sung. She crushes any obstacles with her trunk.

Odelia is a mid-sized mutant. There are constraints if there are a lot of buildings. The terrain here is not complicated. It is not an urban area with buildings everywhere so after repeating the same actions a few times, they created the optimal area for battle.

"What a useless trick."

Dust comes out of the collapsed building. Odelia uses her clustered fur like a fan and flies at Cha Jun Sung. Vision becomes blurred.

Humans depend on sight the most. This is not very different for Cha Jun Sung, so he feels frustrated if his sight becomes paralyzed.

But when a Lifer who has gone through body modifications and has a battle suit loses sight, other senses make up for it.

Kyak!

Odelia watched Cha Jun Sung's back, twisted her fur, and transformed it into the shape of a spear. Odelia is not a mutant that can mutate her whole body or parts of her body. She just knows how to maximize use of her body.

Cha Jun Sung used his sense of hearing to avoid all of the attacks. The fur that became

a spear go into the ground. It does not hit him, but keeps chasing and stabbing at him wherever he moves.

His sight is fine. The battle suit's heat sensor and UV detection mode show him which direction Odelia is moving in and how. Odelia took color from him.

“So you're slowly starting to change your pattern!”

Her spider's lower body, or more precisely her hip, twists and launches a thick needle at Cha Jun Sung. It is almost like a missile. Fur attack is basic. Odelia has various patterns.

Being hit by that needle is dangerous in itself, but it contains a vicious poison that can kill most things with basic tolerance just by grazing them.

Cha Jun Sung brings his sword down. The end of the large poison dart, a part that is so small it cannot even be measured in mm, is split in half by Cha Jun Sung's sword. Poison spills from where it has been split, but it did not touch the battle suit.

Looking closely, a purplish shield is acting as a barrier between the battle suit and poison. It is a barrier built into the battle suit.

The poison flows down the barrier. The poison that fell on the ground was already melting whatever it came in touch with. It is made of acid.

Cha Jun Sung broke the poison dart and with his body maintained by the Overbooster, he turned his waist and landed a powerful kick to the spider lower body.

Kyak!

Red blood that is appropriate for her red body flies through the air. Something strange, that is hard to discern whether they are teeth or claws, break and fall all over the place.

Boom boom!

Odelia stumbles.

It is no joke. It is a kick full of power. She is probably hearing bells in her head and seeing stars.

'Now!'

Boom boom!

Cha Jun Sung stepped on the ground by the law of gravity, got power from the Overbooster, stepped on Odelia's lower body and ran toward her upper body.

She won't die because he cuts that off, but her strength will be reduced and her regenerative power will weaken. It is not her nucleus, but it is just as important.

Bees swarm. Boosters all over his body burst.

Hades' booster adds power as well. There is nothing that says he needs to apply it to drawing. If he cannot control it, he can keep controlling it with the booster while brandishing it.

"Oh - oh no!"

"You said you'll make me beg for you to kill me? What a joke! I'm just going to kill you!"

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A volatile situation.

Time grows slower.

It did not actually get slower, but it was an important moment to both Cha Jun Sung and Odelia. Vacuum waves form from Hades. These vacuum waves surpass the speed of sound and is similar to a sonic boom. It pushes the air.

Odelia's upper body swells like a balloon and a smooth and sturdy shell covers her. It is too late for her to avoid the attacks, so she will try to block them.

Then the fur all over her body wrap tightly and block Cha Jun Sung's way. A series of courses occurred in the blink of an eye.

Cha Jun Sung thought he had stabbed her like in the first surprise attack, but Odelia coped with it well as a level 8. She copes so well it is annoying.

"Damn it!"

Cha Jun Sung shouts in frustration. The 1st wall of fur blocking his way is cut through and the 2nd wall of thickly wrapped fur is also cut through.

More than half of these 2 barriers are blown away Hades' aura.

The shell is broken in the 3rd round but as a last attempt, Odelia's muscular upper body withstands the weakened Hades' cut.

"You persistent bitch!"

"A mere human!"

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung recovered Hades and hit Odelia's chin with his knee. Her chin broke and her neck extended to the point where it looked like it would break, but Odelia's left

hand grew several times larger at the same time and hit Cha Jun Sung's stomach.

With that one hit, Cha Jun Sung's body goes flinging out 200 meters.

He went through buildings and was covered in asphalt. It is an impressive power.

Cha Jun Sung is stronger than Odelia, but he cannot underestimate the difference in mass. Cha Jun Sung wearing the battle suit is about 400 kg. On the other than, Odelia weighs dozens of tons. He probably has an advantage overall, but he can only fall behind in muscular strength alone.

Odelia is in pain. Her neck bone is broken and her muscles have been ruptured. Her chin is broken, too. The more serious injury is that she consumed a lot of her nutrients because of Hades' waves. It is not a shield that she created easily.

"Ugh! Save -!"

"Ack!"

Odelia shoved Lifers on the ground into the mouth on her lower body. She is in a rush.

She does not know why he is after her, but he is as strong an opponent as her sisters. Odelia knows that she does not have anyone in the vicinity to help her and she needs to handle this situation on her own.

"You bitch! Stop it!"

Cha Jun Sung reappeared suddenly and interfered in Odelia's disgusting meal.

He is not a saint to sacrifice himself.

That doesn't mean he is a pessimist who looks at the world in a crooked way either.

He is just powerful in combat ability, but he is a normal person who accepts something if it is advantageous for him and wants to leave something if it is disadvantageous to him. He has no intention to put his life on the line to save these Lifers, but he cannot pretend he has not seen this when he has already interfered in the situation.

Odelia is centered after eating the Lifers.

Cha Jun Sung went under her lower body and cut one of her 8 legs.

She did not fall over but she could not avoid shaking up her balance.

Bang bang bang bang!

To the regular Lifers, the battle between Cha Jun Sung and a level 8 mutant looked like that of a war of gods. A few even forgot the pain they were feeling from torture.

They may not know, but Cha Jun Sung is pulling Odelia away little by little so as not to sweep the Lifers up into the battle. He is also trying to prevent her from filling her nutrients by eating the Lifers. He is fighting with his life. He cannot only think of others.

Cha Jun Sung met eyes with a Lifer who is hiding far away and watching the battlefield. It is the Lifer he suspects was luring the Lifers to Odelia.

He cannot see his face because the battle suit is covering it, but he wants to talk to him if he has time to after the battle. He wants to know how he came to do something so horrid. He will kill him on the spot if he is a psycho, and if he had a reason... he will make the decision then.

Beep beep!

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He has the time up on the hologram at the side of his helmet so he can check it at any time, and it says that he has reached 3 hours. He has 2 hours left now.

Injuries form one by one on Odelia's large body. She did not stop at the fur and poison darts, and is now attacking with string characteristic of a spider.

Spider webs are tricky to deal with because there is a variety of them, but that is it.

She is holding out but at this rate, there is no problem in finishing in the time he allotted for himself. It is helping him out a lot that he has fought her before.

When he developed as a Perfection in the virtual version, he worked hard to adjust to her changing patterns of attack. Her fur, her poison darts, her web, and...

Kyak!

“This little rat! It’s over! This is my area from now on!”

Red liquid sprays out of Odelia’s pores. It is poisonous blood she created by combining the blood she had saved in her pocket and her poison. The poisonous blood spreads out to a radius of hundreds of meters.

Cha Jun Sung blocks the blood with an energy shield. It is a disadvantageous environment for him, but he does not despair.

“You’ve reached your end.”

Her poisonous blood is proof that she has been pushed to the edge. Since she has declared her area with confidence, he needs to break her with power.

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Bang bang!

A red fog covers everything in poisonous blood so nothing is visible. It is so thick that he cannot even see with battle suit functions.

A blocked space.

Every time Cha Jun Sung and Odelia collide, shockwaves come out and the poisonous blood rocks like a wave, but it does not scatter.

It actually just looks like it is not scattering. The color is growing lighter as time passes. Odelia is a subject producing the blood. She cannot produce it indefinitely, so she is bound to become exhausted. The amount is decreasing and the color is getting lighter – she is in a disadvantageous situation in various ways.

“He can’t... he can’t kill her...”

The Lifer who lured the other Lifers to Odelia, Hector, stammers. Hector is standing far from the two and watching their battle. It is not a fight that he can interfere in. He will be overpowered the moment he enters, and he will die even before then because

of the poisonous blood.

Hector goes near the blood. It is dangerous, but there is nothing he can do. Odelia did not just capture his brother. He has been neutralized with a poison. As far as he knows, the only one who knows of the antidote is the subject herself.

The unknown Lifer who appeared suddenly has incredible power, but the situation his brother is in is a separate issue. If Odelia dies, his brother also dies. This is a brother he wanted to protect even if it meant becoming a murderer himself. He cannot leave him to die now.

Inside the poisonous blood, Cha Jun Sung realized that Odelia's strength has reached its end and exploded the energy barrier protecting his battle suit. A purple magnetic field spreads out like water and pushes the blood away.

Is it because there was damage to the space?

Cha Jun Sung's surroundings become distorted and electricity sparks. This phenomena lasted for a while and then disappeared.

[Remaining energy 68.2%, 31.8% is good against a level 8.]

Odelia really is weak, but she does her level's worth.

Cha Jun Sung even has a high probability of getting level 7s with a single blow. But he fought for several hours.

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Cha Jun Sung saw the time and is satisfied. He has 45 minutes more than he had initially expected. It is a time attack he had not had in mind, but he has evaluated a level 8's strength.

The poisonous blood was gathered together in one place and disappears as though blown away by wind.

It is the blood that had not disappeared even after Cha Jun Sung burst his barrier.

The covered Odelia appears.

She looks miserable and has protected her human body for the most part, but her spider body has been reduced to rags. Her fur that had once been full now looks as though she is balding, and she has blood flowing from various wounds in her flesh.

The 8 legs that had been in charge of her mobility are also barely standing with only 4 leftover. Her tail, which can sting, is also opened up. She cannot even fill up her nutrients because he has pulled her away from the Lifers. She might be able to move, but Cha Jun Sung won't just let that happen.

In a situation where she cannot regenerate, she can't do anything and is basically defenseless.

“How – how could this be... A human. A mere human! To the great me!”

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung is annoyed with the noisy Odelia, and cut off 2 more legs. She cannot keep her balance and falls to one side.

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“By what standards are you great? Are mutants so great? Go to hell.”

Cha Jun Sung steps on Odelia’s lower body and goes up.

On TV, there is always a reversal at the end because people drag out the time, and he does not want to see that happening.

Cha Jun Sung brought Hades down. It is against Odelia’s upper body. He brought it down easily because she is not in a state to defend herself.

Nuclei of top level mutants are flexible and move constantly.

In Odelia’s case, if he destroys her upper body which is her weakness, he can stop the nucleus’ flow. That is why the order is getting rid of the upper body and then the nucleus.

Clang!

“What are you doing?”

“You – you can’t kill Odelia. Please!”

“Are you normally crazy or did you go crazy because of Odelia?”

Cha Jun Sung frowns. Hector blocked Hades with a reinforced rifle. He can’t kill her? This isn’t something someone can do in their right mind.

The strength in Hades becomes more and more powerful. Hector is unable to withstand the difference in the pressure of body modifications and battle suit, and falls to his knees.

Hades’ movement toward Odelia strays.

Cha Jun Sung is annoyed and throws Hector by his face.

But he regains his balance mid flight and comes back.

He would not have been able to regain his posture so quickly if Cha Jun Sung had thrown him with intent to kill.

“My brother has been poisoned by Odelia and captured by her. If you kill her, he dies too. Please! Don’t kill her. I’m begging you!”

“Poison?”

Odelia uses a variety of poisons, but her poisonous blood is the best. If there is an antidote for the poisonous blood, there has to be antidotes for other poisons as well.

“Ye – yeah! His brother dies too! He he! I heard humans are weak in the face of affection.”

“Shut up, you wretch. I thought you said we’re mere humans? Don’t use English when you’re a mere mutant. I guess you learned it well since you are Evil Queen’s daughter.”

Kyak!

Cha Jun Sung cut off the remaining 2 legs. She is disturbing his thinking. She is experiencing this kind of pain for the first time in her life.

“The detoxification method...”

It is surprisingly simple.

In the virtual version, the antidote was touching her nucleus. It is unknown whether that method will work in reality as well.

He feels sorry for Hector, but he cannot let her live even if it does not work as the antidote.

Wiing!

[Lifer Cha Jun Sung! Narsiel and Vanessa have sped up! Calculating speed... Calculation complete. They have increased by 157%! End it quickly!]

157% means they have more than doubled their speed. Odin substituted the speed in

the time attack and recalculated.

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When they are moving outside the Universe Eye's radius, Odin cannot track their speed either. He can only estimate around when they will arrive.

However, they were exposed to the Universe Eye installed in Austin when they arrived faster than was expected. That means that there had been a change in speed from when they were not watching.

"Why are they doing that!"

[It seems like a last-minute spurt.]

Is their thinking that they'll arrive quickly instead of slowing down since they are almost at their destination?

It is not a good sign.

"Tsk!"

"Ack! No!"

Cha Jun Sung cut Odelia's upper body. She is not dead yet. It just looks like she is dead. If he leaves her like this, she will regenerate a while later. Hector is devastated. His face has darkened as though he has lost the world. But there is nothing he can do.

"Odin, find Odelia's nucleus. Quickly."

[Search mode activated. It is on the left side of her heart in the spider body. If you split Odelia's bottom half, you will be able to reach it easily.]

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung put Hades in its hilt and moved by power.

Odelia's body split with one blow because it is defenseless. Odin marks where the nucleus is via hologram. Cha Jun Sung sticks his arm into the disgusting flesh and forces the nucleus out.

Then he broke it into pieces.

He did it just in case because the mission complete notice did not come up.

[You have killed Evil Queen's youngest daughter, Princess of Fresh Blood Odelia. You have earned 1.5 billion points and 300 million achievement points. You have completed level A mission, Path of Blood. You have earned 1.1 billion reward points.]

The 10 times rule used in levels 1 through 7 really is broken. A weak level 8, Odelia, is worth 1.5 billion points. This is an incredible gap.

Fortunately, he has earned a little more in points than what the Universe Eyes used up.

There are more additional explanations than when he normally completes missions. They show the importance of level 8s. But that's not what is important.

"Give this to your brother. You can't feed it to him. Ever!"

It is a level 8's nucleus.

It is basically a living mutant. If he eats it, the precious brother could become the dead Odelia.

"Can this – can this save my brother? It can really save him?"

"There is a chance. Listen to me. You need to run away from here quickly. Odelia's sisters Cruel Narsiel and Two Faced Vanessa are coming here now! Hurry!"

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There isn't much time.

Cha Jun Sung left Hector and ran over to the dying Lifers. Most are dead, but a few are still alive. There are only 35 minutes left. He has given Hector as much attention as he can.

Beep beep!

Cha Jun Sung manually activated Lifers' battle suits. Basic medical functions are

installed, so they will extend their lives even for a moment.

A special mission was applied to these Lifers because of Odelia, but it was released because of Cha Jun Sung. They can go back.

Cha Jun Sung sent the Lifers back one by one. Only about 8 survived of the 100. The rest were unable to endure the aftereffects of the torture.

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The time became 21 minutes while he was moving around busily.

It is close, but there is fortunately enough time to get himself back.

“Odin, can you see them?”

[Yes, I am pulling up the video.]

Woong!

The video that the Universe Eye pulled up filled the hologram.

He can see Narsiel and Vanessa going through the badlands in a straight line. They are in human form, but they are moving so fast their feet are not visible.

They are a few dozen km away. He is done with his work, so he does not feel rushed. All he needs is 5 seconds to return to reality. It is a pity because he would have fought if Narsiel or Vanessa had been alone.

“Let’s go back.”

[You are returning to reality. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Huh?]

As Cha Jun Sung was thinking, ‘What should I do when I get back to reality?’ Odin could not apply it to himself or Cha Jun Sung.

Returning does not work. It seems like saying they cannot return is a better expression. He completed the mission. A mission regarding Narsiel does not activate because they are still too far away. There is no reason they should not be able to return.

“What’s wrong?”

[...I cannot return.]

“What are you talking about? There’s no reason returning shouldn’t work. Try again.”

Odin is not human. He is artificial intelligence. He can figure out what works and what doesn’t at once because he does not make mistakes.

He is sure. Their return is blocked.

[Lifer Cha Jun Sung cannot return to reality because you have not completed the mission you are in. Other helpers unreachable. External communication blocked.]

If Odin were a person, he would have been sweating right about now. He mobilized all authorities of a helper, but the return gate is not opening.

The completed mission comes up as being in progress and his contact with the outside has been blocked.

[Ret – returning is impossible. I’ll try to resolve this quickly.]

“Hang on.”

Cha Jun Sung took a capsule the size of a fist from his space compression bag. He bought it a long time ago, but it is an urgent return portal that he has never used.

“Portal open.”

Pat!

As soon as he used the urgent return portal, the blocked return path opened up.

Cha Jun Sung was about to go in asking Odin, ‘What do you think?’.

Right as he was about to put his foot in, the portal crushed strangely and disappeared without a trace. Cha Jun Sung just blinked at this unbelievable situation.

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“...Odin, do something.”

Cha Jun Sung took out his rapid charging device under the ominous atmosphere. The battle suit's energy is not complete. So much has been consumed that 1 will not do, so he needs to charge with multiple devices. He is getting an understanding of the situation.

He does not know why, but this situation is not one that Odin can figure out either.

Narsiel and Vanessa are coming.

Cha Jun Sung is watching this in the video. He is in a state of disbelief.

“Can you figure out why this happened?”

[There is something I am guessing. But I cannot handle this with my authority. First, I'm sure that returning is not possible.]

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Odin thought that the one at the top had used that method for examination. With his authority, he was plenty capable of creating a situation like this. He is one of the top 3 executives who designed Life Mission after all. Of the 3, he is the one who put his all into getting results from Life Mission, but he did not always gear in a good direction. What occurred in Africa had happened because he pushed hard for it as well.

At the time, the other 2 executives had agreed to go along with it because were not forcing each Lifer, but were completely shaking up a mission system that they had created.

The situation this time is different.

Putting the fact that they were making it impossible for Lifers to return even after completing their missions aside, intervening with Lifers' items cannot happen.

The Africa incident was a bigger problem in size, but the problem now is bigger in the details. This is a full intervention of the responsible party.

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9 minutes left.

He needs to decide on his actions now, whether it will be to fight or run away.

“This has nothing to do with you, right?”

[I can promise you. It absolutely does not.]

“Then tell me what’s happening once this situation is all settled.”

No matter how much Life Mission has the upper hand and they are at a disadvantage, he has no intention of becoming a puppet.

There is a lot that he must know. If they are going to operate this however they want, it is better to forget Life Mission and live normally in reality.

Beep beep!

Odin heard Cha Jun Sung and quickly skimmed through Life Mission's clauses. But nowhere could he find any provision applicable to what he said.

It is made so that he cannot confess any secrets regarding Life Mission, the executives, or the helpers. They are absolutely in the advantage.

[Huh?]

Odin's system stops at one section of clauses.

Wouldn't this work? It looks like it could work. This is what was written.

If an incident arises in which a Lifer's unique permission is infringed upon by Life Mission's arbitrary purposes, he must be compensated with a reasonable recompense.

However, this is only possible if the Lifer launches a formal complaint. A helper cannot make a statement that creates a problem.

This is an adverse clause to Lifers as well. They must make formal complaints.

Helpers cannot confess "It is our fault!" If they do not know and move past it, the situation becomes buried.

[Does that mean that you are making a complaint against Life Mission right now?]

"Complaint?"

[Will Lifer Cha Jun Sung file an official complaint against Life Mission as it has infringed upon your personal authority? Please state your stance.]

"Whatever. I'll do it. It's a complaint."

[The 2nd officer infringed upon Lifer Cha Jun Sung's rights first.]

[According to Lifer Compensation Law article 9 clause 26, I will answer your questions regarding the specified provision when this situation is safely settled.]

Cha Jun Sung was thinking that Odin was being strangely accommodating today, but that was just for a moment.

He needed to be prepared for Narsiel and Vanessa.

“From the way things are going, it looks like they’re trying to instigate fights. Am I crazy to fight not just one, but two? It’s over if I just run.”

Papat!

Cha Jun Sung released the Overmode and quickly abandoned his position. The Overmode consumes a tremendous amount of energy even when it is sitting inactive. There is no reason for keep it active when the battle is over.

[Where are you planning on going?]

“I don’t have a destination I’ve decided on or anything. I just have to put out the immediate fires first.”

He needs to get as far from Austin as he can. He is running with his booster on. It says 200km/h on the speedometer that comes up on his hologram. Cha Jun Sung’s battlesuit is on the slow side, but it is the speed of a decent sports car. Objects speed by quickly.

[Narsiel and Vanessa have just arrived where we were. We are getting further away because they are not moving.]

This is welcome news.

It is a terrible situation that his return route has been blocked. Once he gets away from here, he can take his time to think of solution. The getaway was fine. At this rate, he can get away from Austin without any large complications.

But the 2nd officer is not that accommodating.

Woong!

A 30m diameter gate opened up in the sky. It is the biggest gate Cha Jun Sung has seen since playing Life Mission. A square shaped machine that he did not recognize, showed itself. Even at a glance, it was giving off an unusual vibe.

“What’s that?”

[Goodness! Heavy Gravity! Summoning gear that hasn’t been completed yet!]

While Cha Jun Sung was puzzled and Odin was astonished, a transparent veil appeared at a 50km radius around the machine called Heavy Gravity. Since it had appeared with Cha Jun Sung as the target, he did not make it far before he had to stop. A hazy wall was blocking his way.

[Calculating range... Calculation complete. Narsiel and Vanessa are trapped inside as well. It is exactly the distance from here to Austin.]

“It just looks like a thin membrane. Should I turn on the energy barrier and go through it?”

[You can’t! Heavy Gravity is a gravity field. Not even a fully remodeled battlesuit is guaranteed to withstand it.]

Cha Jun Sung tried throwing a rock the size of a human head at the barrier.

The rock turned to dust the second it touched the barrier. It was not just crushed.

It really became dust.

The kind of dust that will fly away in the wind.

[It might look like a thin membrane, but that barrier is made of a material that contains 100 times the standard force of gravity. It does not end with one pass.]

If he tries to get past it, a gravity field could be activated 2 or 3 times, maybe even 4 times in succession. The 2nd officer is throwing everything in. It is machinery that has not been completed yet. They experimented on narrow ranges several times, but they don’t know if it activates in an extensive area. But he even used an incomplete machine in order to instigate a fight.

“Ha! Have I become a toy?”

Cha Jun Sung promised to return to reality even if he had to awaken into a mutant and break through. There is something he needs to hear from Odin.

[I have bad news.]

“What could get worse from here... What is it?”

[The Lifer who handed over Odelia’s nucleus and the sibling have been captured by Narsiel and Vanessa. It looks like they were unable to run away in time.]

Cha Jun Sung held his forehead in his hand.

In his hologram, he could see Narsiel dragging the two with a finger that she had turned into a tentacle.

It looked like she was mumbling something, but he unfortunately could not hear it. He wants to rescue them, but he did not want to risk the danger and go back either.

Woong!

Is it because they knew what he was feeling?

The Heavy Gravity makes a sound. Then the gravity field narrows. Cha Jun Sung took steps backwards. He really felt like he was about to go crazy.

They are making it so that they have no choice but to meet. This is a shitty situation he can’t make disappear with cursing, so his only option is to fight.

“I’ll pay back as much as I’m being wronged. I’m feeling it deep within my bones.”

Cha Jun Sung grind his teeth and changed his direction to Austin.



“Human, what happened here? What happened to my sister!”

Narsiel harrasses the two Lifers.

She just bothers them because she cannot kill them, and she vents that anger on the older brother. Because he was wearing his battlesuit, he had an advantage over his

brother in enduring this.

“I, I don’t know any... Hack hack!”

“Brother!”

Hector won’t say anything as if he does not know anything, but Narsiel is not stupid. She is asking because she has a hunch.

“The smell is telling me that this nucleus is my sister. There’s no way someone like you could kill my sister! Who is it! Who killed my sister!”

Vanessa stopped paying attention to what Narsiel was doing, and examined Odelia’s corpse. Like Benukiz, the wounds look as though she was attacked unilaterally.

The focus of the attacks and the traces of wounds are similar as well. The probability that they are the same person is 99.9%. To think that 2 of her sisters were killed by a mere human. She is incredibly surprised, she is just not showing it.

Woong!

It is a fairly large distance.

He can still hear them clearly, so he turned his head toward Vanessa and Narsiel’s location. He can see a large life form.

“Is it a machine.”

Vanessa has also encountered a fair amount of machines. Among the humans who live off of her mother, Evil Queen, there are a few who are well-versed in machines. They let them live because they are convenient at times, but there is something different about this.

As the gravity field produced by the Heavy Gravity swept the waste buildings of Austin, they blew away in the wind like the rock that Cha Jun Sung had thrown. The Heavy Gravity did not stop until it had reached a radius of 5km.

It is the limit.

It cannot narrow beyond this because there is a set minimum.

## Chapter 205

They could not see the scattering particles clearly, but this was not a phenomenon that Narsiel and Vanessa could understand with the scientific knowledge that they had.

Narsiel harassed Hector for the information that she wanted, and Vanessa got some information from Odelia's corpse.

"The body temperature is being maintained. It hasn't been long since she died. He could be nearby."

Odelia's corpse is not warm but it is not cold either.

A lot of time had passed in Benukiz's case, so her corpse was already in the deterioration process.

Vanessa turned her body and approached Narsiel. She elongated her fingernail and cut Hector's brother's arm off without any hesitation.

Ack!

"Where is he? If you tell me, I'll let him live."

"I'll – I'll tell! I'll tell you everything I – I know! Just let my brother live!"

Vanessa stopped moving. Hector relayed everything he had seen and felt. But Vanessa was not satisfied.

What was it?

It felt like the essentials were missing. It was hard to guess who it was.

Eyes full of despair – Vanessa saw the truth in those eyes.

Mutants can sense others feelings, whether it is a thirst for blood or hostility.

It seemed like he really had told her everything he knew. That's why she was annoyed.

They had come here without delay. But their youngest had still died.

What would they say to their mother?

They cannot go back empty-handed.

'If, perchance... he's near. If he's watching us.'

There was no sign of him.

If he has the ability to kill Benukiz and Odelia unilaterally, of course they cannot find his location by sense.

"I will rip a limb from those two in intervals from now on. They will live if you appear in front of us, and they will die if you hide."

Since they do not have an accurate watch to calculate the time for them, she intends on waiting by feeling it out.

Vanessa started with cutting the younger brother's arm.

When it became time, the other arm was cut off. Blood comes out.

He is hanging on right now because of his body modifications, but he will only last minutes at most once his legs are cut off because of excessive bleeding. After all, blood is not unlimited.

'I can't go out.'

Cha Jun Sung was watching Vanessa, but he did not go out.

While playing Life Mission, he had become numb to the death of others and knew that his life was more precious.

He did enough for them. He will not do something useless like acting on feelings.

'I would've crushed it already if I could have, but this is crazy in so many aspects.'

Cha Jun Sung looks up at the Heavy Gravity floating in the air. If he could, he would use all of his power to crush that imposing figure. Odin said that there are small gravity fields nearby beyond those spread out on the ground to protect the gas.

The space is distorted under the immense pressure, and any object that tries to force its way through will be crushed.

Whether used for offense or defense, it is the ultimate airborne weapon that Life Mission's scientific vortex could create. The only thing that could work in his favor is that it cannot maintain its state for a long period of time, but that is just Odin's guess. The procedure to activate that weapon is complicated, even for the 2nd officer.

Woong!

While Cha Jun Sung focused on Narsiel and Vanessa, Odin kept an eye on the Heavy Gravity and tried to connect to the system but there was no use. The 2nd officer had placed restrictions on the system. This means that only the general manager and 3 executives can connect to it. There is no way for a helper to get through.

Zing!

When Odin attempted to connect, a part of the Heavy Gravity suddenly opened and a large, round bar came out. It is a gunport.

[Lifer Cha Jun Sung, get away no...]

Boom boom!

A few bombs fall from the open gunport. They did not hit Cha Jun Sung directly. It was just a threatening shooting nearby. Odin had not been able to finish his sentence, and Cha Jun Sung was surrounded by a loud roar and dust. The serious issue was somewhere else.

"Sister."

"Is that where he's hiding?"

Papat!

Vanessa calls out with certainty. Narsiel raced to where there had been a change. It

was a distance of hundreds of meters, but that did not matter.

When Narsiel arrived, she spread her senses wide.

The first sense to react was her hearing. The roar of a devil bursting out from the hazy dust. Narsiel's body trembles slightly. Rather than feeling fear, her skin is reacting to the intrinsic aura held in that roar. Was what killed her sisters not a human, but a mutant?

Boom!

Cha Jun Sung activates his battlesuit and gets rid of the dust. He barely held on to his sanity and came back to his senses. He nearly awakened. Until now, he did not express it even if he felt rage.

It was because it had been bearable. But this time, his mind was blank. What could be the purpose of letting mutants know of his location? He was full of an impulse to split the head of whoever was doing this to him to pull out his brain. He had lost all trust.

[Li – Lifer Cha Jun Sung... What happened...]

Cha Jun Sung had removed a part of his battlesuit to stop Odin from figuring out the state of his body and realizing that he has become a mutant.

But he had not been able to suppress a moment of rage, and half awakened while inside the battlesuit. So it seems Odin realized that something is weird. But what can be done. There is no use crying over spilt milk. It already happened and there is no way to undo it. He needs to just push forward.

There had been no external change because he had not awakened completely.

When Cha Jun Sung ignored him, Odin put his questions to the side and prepared to support him in the coming battle. Getting through this is first.

“I'm going to rip all of them apart! Those bitches! And those bastards! All of them!”

Cha Jun Sung looked at Narsiel and Vanessa in front of him and the Heavy Gravity in the air, and then rushed at Narsiel. He is omitting introductions with his attack.

“Was it a human? Then what about that roar just now? I'm certain that was a mutant.”

“Shut up and die!”

Cha Jun Sung moved without stepping, and pulled Hades out first. The Overmode flashes through the space by way of the Overbooster. He is now right in front of Narsiel, who had been standing on a wreck.

And as soon as he approached her, he gave off the energy of one who intends to slash her up, while brandishing Hades in the air. It results in a strong air pressure. Narsiel, who is only in a half awakened state, is half a beat late in reacting but she is not Odelia. She cannot avoid it. She has to get hit. She will get hit enough to avoid a fatal wound.

Narsiel compresses her body and retreats. She waves around like a leaf flying in the wind. Hades grazes Narsiel. A wound formed on her entire body, but it was not severe because she had been injured with the intention of taking the hit. And there was something Narsiel believed in.

“You’re paying too much attention to me.”

“What?”

He can feel movement behind him. He can tell who it is without looking. It is Vanessa. Cha Jun Sung ground his teeth as he stopped his attack.

He held Hades inversely and stabbed it between his upper arm.

“That doesn’t mean you should underestimate me.”

“Damn it!”

Bang!

While his attention was elsewhere, Narsiel swung her thick arm and hit Cha Jun Sung. He plummeted to the ground under the tremendous shock.

Is it because they’re sisters? It seems they are good at passing. Cha Jun Sung had been unable to prepare himself because he had not encountered anything like this in the virtual version either.

Cha Jun Sung cleared off the wreck as he stood up. Narsiel smiles as she watches this. Her expression is that one of watching something fun and interesting.

“Are you okay?”

“That was dangerous. That guy isn’t a human.”

“Are you saying that because of the roar?”

“You’ll know when you see.”

Narsiel and Vanessa stand together. They did not think that Cha Jun Sung would die from a hit to the face. He will be fine.

“Look here, human.”

“Oh! Great. I’m supposed to kill anyone, whoever, right?”

“Human.”

“Stop calling me, you disgusting mutant.”

“What do you think?”

“Definitely... There’s no way he would have understood what we’re saying if he were human.”

Cha Jun Sung was about to tell them to stop talking nonsense, but suddenly glared his eyes. Bells go off in his head. Narsiel and Vanessa are not speaking in English like Odelia had been. They are speaking in mutant language. But Cha Jun Sung had understood it.

Narsiel had not been able to understand him because he had spoken in Korean, but they knew that he had understood. The few words of dialogue exchanged during a short battle. Narsiel found the crucial point among the confusion of Korean and mutant language.

“Odin.”

[I’ll hear the explanation later.]

# Chapter 206

“Ah... Is this why they say that stupid people shouldn't even lie?”

He let out the secret he had been hiding because he had become over excited with rage. How bothersome will it become from now on? Will they harass him to test him?

“How did you know?”

“I tried it out just to see what would happen after hearing the roar, and you just understood it.”

He had fallen for it. Cha Jun Sung thought that Narsiel might be much smarter than he is. If that bitch had been a person, she would have gotten the Nobel Prize.

Vanessa takes a few steps forward. All of a sudden, Narsiel had taken a step back. Cha Jun Sung thought it was attack and took position.

“I'll ask you a question. Did you kill Odelia?”

“Yeah, I did it. Don't worry. I'll kill the both of you soon too.”

Vanessa asks in English. The human language is more precise in expression. Cha Jun Sung responds to Vanessa's question. He speaks in Korean, but it is automatically translated to English through his translator.

“And Benukiz?”

“The 3rd daughter? Your little sister?”

“So it's right.”

“What's right? What are you talking about?”

What is she talking about, asking about Benukiz all of a sudden while talking about Odelia? Hang on. Does that mean Benukiz is dead? And the perpetrator is himself?

“Benukiz is dead?”

“Don’t act as if you don’t know. I know you killed Benukiz and then Odelia. We came here because we thought you might be here, and we were right.”

Narsiel’s voice becomes low. She is like a venomous snake full of poison.

His question had been answered. He had been wondering why there wasn’t a mission with Benukiz, but his theory that she was already dead was right.

But they had something wrong. Cha Jun Sung has never met Benukiz. He never even saw her shadow.

“How funny. If I got caught for killing Odelia, I would say that I killed Benukiz too if I killed her. Why would I hide that? Are you going to go easier on me?”

Cha Jun Sung taunts them. Vanessa frowns because he makes sense. He is giving off the air of someone who is ready to kill them.

It’s strange that he is denying killing Benukiz in this situation.

“The traces left on her corpse are the same as the ones you left on Odelia. So much so that it looks like they were done by the same person.”

Narsiel adds to the explanation that the wounds were made by a human, not a mutant. Was it someone who uses a sword? A level A Lifer? Maybe level S?

Cha Jun Sung starts thinking. He is the first Lifer to open up level A. There is no doubt about this. However, Life Mission is expansive. Someone could have appeared after him. On top of that, the system is a complete mess. It wouldn’t be weird for something to happen, whether it is a bug or an error.

‘Maybe?’

Black Demon told him that the one he needs to meet in order to kill Evil Queen went over to North America. Did he kill her? That is possible.

“Aha! I think I know who it was.”

“Who is it?”

Narsiel was still sure that Cha Jun Sung is the perpetrator, but not Vanessa. No matter how she thought about it, there is no reason for him to lie about this.

“Do you guys know if I tell you who it is? Not even I know exactly who it is.”

Do they want his name? His nationality? Cha Jun Sung doesn't know the specifics, but they wouldn't matter to the mutants anyway.

A playful smile forms on Cha Jun Sung's face. It isn't visible because of his helmet, but he's had an idea of how to play with those two.

“I don't know who it is, but I think I know why he killed Benukiz. And what he wants. Even what he'll do going forward!”

This he knows for sure. So he is going to tell them. Something beyond force is necessary in order to overpower the enemy. For example... swaying their minds?

“Tell us and we'll let you live.”

“Who are you trying to scam? A mutant making a promise? Don't be stupid. And who are you two to let me live or die? You're weak.”

Cha Jun Sung hurt Narsiel's ego. Vanessa just watched. She must know about the person who killed Benukiz before they kill Cha Jun Sung.

The 3rd and 4th daughters are weak. Narsiel could take both of them on alone. Even if she could not win, she could create a close match. She herself is confident she could take on 3.

“Evil Queen.”

“What?”

“His goal is to kill Evil Queen. I tried drafting a basic mental picture. It seems he got what he wants, and now that he has what he wants, he left.”

When Benukiz died in Louisiana, Narsiel and Vanessa came all the way to Odelia. Evil Queen's protection has become weak.

“We've met by chance, but it looks like he wanted to distract you. Look look. Isn't your

mother alone as a result?”

Cha Jun Sung stopped repressing his original nature. He had a fairly serious personality when he was a human, but he started to be faithful to his instincts when he became a mutant.

“Hah! A human killing our mother? A mere human?”

“I don’t know if he is a human or a mutant either. I just know his goal.”

“I don’t care what species he is. Mother is great! Everything is a trivial insect in front of her. He’ll be crushed into a handful of dust.”

“Try thinking if you have a brain. Benukiz died shamefully like Odelia, right? I can tell by the way you’re talking about it. There’s no way she’s weak since she’s your sister. That must mean the opponent had that much strength, right?”

Vanessa’s eyes narrow as she listens. They’re discussing the opponent’s strength?

“I hope he leaves her injured if he can’t manage to kill her.”

“Why?”

“What do you mean why? I intend on killing you two here and then going to slice her up.”

Bang!

As soon as he spoke, he pulled out Hades and jumped forward. The scene has already been set. All that’s left is to kill them.



Bang bang bang bang!

The middle of Austin. Unrecognizable figures keep colliding. Each time they collide, the atmosphere changes. The sky falls and the ground is turned over. That is how incredible the aftermath is.

Everything near the point of collision is crushed pitifully. Everything, whether it is a

building or a car. The only things that are fine are themselves. The battle is 2 against 1 – 2 are focusing their attacks against 1. On top of that, it looks like 2 strong mutants against a weak looking human.

Boom!

Cha Jun Sung is wearing a fully remodeled battlesuit, and reaches almost 2.5m in size. It is not a small size, but he looks smaller than a child compared to Narsiel and Vanessa. It is a difference that must be taken into account in the fight.

The 2 mutants, Narsiel in particular is twice as large as Vanessa, are considered medium sized mutants. Their enormous size did not make Cha Jun Sung back off. If he were to be scared off by their size in the first place, he would have surrendered to Odelia as well. Physical appearances are not indicative of their ability to fight.

Papapat!

Cha Jun Sung used his petite size to bring a battle of speed. The ability to overhead a battlesuit, it is one of the Overbooster's strong points.

There is no way to predict the result of the battle. It is not visible which side is at an advantage and which is at a disadvantage.

'I'm going to go crazy.'

With attacks coming from everywhere, the world he sees from the battlesuit is dizzying. There is no comparison to when he was going up against Odelia. They are easily stronger by half.

The more annoying thing is that two of them are coming at him. Just because there are two of them does not mean that there is twice the pressure. It may be due to the fact that they are sisters, but they are well coordinated. Narsiel takes Cha Jun Sung's attacks with her massive body, and Vanessa skillfully hits and falls back.

If he gets one back, the other comes in. They are not an easy opponent because he cannot win with one attack.

The battle method Narsiel and Vanessa are using against Cha Jun Sung is what they can do to take on a single opponent two against one.

He is just one person, so the pressure is indescribable.

That is why it feels like he is going up against three and not two. They know each other well, so they compensate for the other's lacking aspects.

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Narsiel waves her hand blade horizontally. She is aiming for Cha Jun Sung's neck and chest. Even if she gets him, she couldn't kill him with one blow. Cha Jun Sung maximized his armor's strength, and he is maintaining the energy barrier. The Overmode is in 70% activation.

Cha Jun Sung ducked to avoid the attack, and shot up to the sky with his Overbooster. He flew up about 20m before reversing the booster and falling again. He is holding Hades behind his back with both arms, and its booster turns on.

Diversion. His target is Narsiel, who is slower than Vanessa. He is so fast that he thought he would be able to get in a knife wound.

Hades cut through 4 of Narsiel's 12 arms. If he just cuts through a little more, it looks like he could cut through the remaining 2 as well.

A sharp attack. A sharp thorn with a white base pierces through the energy barrier. Fortunately, he slowed down and avoided it on time.

The bone attack is a characteristic of hers, not something she got from Evil Queen. It is just a snippet, so there is no way to know what it is.

Tatat!

As soon as Cha Jun Sung avoided the thorn, the exhaust stopped and distance formed between them.

He almost ran into trouble by trying to go for flesh and bones from the beginning of their battle. Those two want his life, not his flesh. So they take gains and retreat without being greedy. It is not a situation where he can end it with one blow like with Odelia.

"You have the ability to kill Odelia."

"The one who went to Evil Queen is stronger than me. Whatever. We'll just die together."

Cha Jun Sung provokes Narsiel and Vanessa. It only half worked. They are worried about their mother, Evil Queen, but they also believe in her. Just as Red Eye thinks of Black Demon as a god, Narsiel and Vanessa see Evil Queen as a mountain that will not bow to anyone.

‘Does it not work? Vanessa is worrying. She won’t show her strength.’

Vanessa does not come to the front, and only supports her sister. Narsiel is the power. Her battle style and patterns are generally the same as in the virtual version. But just because he knows her patterns does not mean something strong becomes weak, so it would have taken more time than with Odelia even if they had been fighting one-on-one.

She has the power of a lion resembling 4-legged beast, but she has 12 arms that act as legs. Level 8s are all unique in appearance.

Vanessa is a little over 5m tall. A gray hide covers her body as if a female body is wearing tights. Her face is bizarre, but it is bearable to look at. Her sharp arms and legs are bent like scythes, and are her main means of attack.

Cha Jun Sung stays alert with Hades, and skims Vanessa. She has awakened. Being awakened means that there will be no further changes to her physical appearance.

He was unsure of the source of the hidden strength, but he can guess.

Either she becomes firm in order to block the opponent’s attack, or she becomes so fast the opponent cannot see her, or she becomes so sharp she can pierce through barriers.

A triplex is the most important thing to a mutant.

Cha Jun Sung did not activate his Overmode 100% either. It does not seem like Vanessa will overcome the Overmode, but there is a way if she does happen to get over it.

Becoming a mutant on Narsiel’s mutation. He does not know how much Odin figured out, but he will reveal everything if he is wrong. The power being consumed now is overwhelmingly high. Cha Jun Sung’s power is just from maintaining the human body while strengthening it.

Even if he loses to Narsiel and Vanessa in this state, it is just his shell that has lost and

not his person. He will hide as much as his enemy hides.

Woong!

“Human. You know what that is, right?”

“I don’t know. I wouldn’t tell you even if I did, so don’t ask me you bastard.”

The Heavy Gravity crying loudly in the sky. Odin said that it is not a weapon that can be summoned for long, but it has already been over 5 hours.

He does not know if the gravity field is still in effect. He has not tried to escape the battle region and he has not tried to attack the Heavy Gravity.

He cannot pay attention to something else when he has two powerful level 8s in front of him.

Odin left the battle to Cha Jun Sung and searched for a way to break through this situation. They are both doing their best in their respective fields.

‘Why is this guy so quiet? He hasn’t spoken for months now.’

He is talking about the other entity, the Oriax. Recently, ever since he met Black Demon, the Oriax began to talk less and one day just disappeared.

He won’t respond even when Cha Jun Sung tries to reach out. If there was a problem in his body, the Oriax could just communicate what it is but he is just quiet.

The more surprising thing is that Cha Jun Sung is gradually forgetting about the Oriax. He does look for the Oriax, but it feels like it’d be okay even if the Oriax isn’t there when he’s looking for it.

Truthfully, he had regained control over his own body while the Oriax is a gate crusher that butt in one day, a mutant.

If the Oriax disappears for whatever reason, Cha Jun Sung will go back to normal when he was a normal person with one personality and body. The only thing that bothered him a little was that he cannot become a human if the Oriax does not separate itself. He does not know how to separate it on his own.

These days however, he has the thought that it isn't so bad to live as a mutant either. There are no disadvantages. There are only advantages. He is starting to take on the personality of a mutant without realizing it.

The kind of personality to see something to an end once it is started. If Black Demon is another version of himself existing in this world, doesn't that mean that he himself could become level 9 as well?

Cha Jun Sung grazes the ground with Hades. The resting period is over. He has no intention on running away anyway, but he can't do so as long as the Heavy Gravity is here.



Click!

Hundreds of cameras on the Heavy Gravity either filmed or took pictures of the battle between Cha Jun Sung and level 8s.

The filming has been going on since the beginning of battle until now, even though half a day has passed.

A crack similar to the one that formed when the Heavy Gravity was first summoned is forming behind it. It is still small, but it is getting bigger.

It lasted longer than Odin had calculated, but it was proof that it was reaching the limit of its summon time. The gravity field nearby blinks.

That was not the only change. The gravity field seen at a wider range is fading. Cha Jun Sung and Narsiel's group did not know this.

Boom boom boom!

Cha Jun Sung approached Vanessa and head butts her. She is twice as big as he is, but the battlesuit flung her away. Vanessa's body gets buried deep in a building. Cha Jun Sung turns on the Overbooster and follows her. His speed is faster than flying.

Bang bang!

Narsiel smashes the building. She cannot go in because she is so large. Cha Jun Sung

attacked again while Vanessa was trying to regain her balance. This is his chance. Vanessa has been separated from Narsiel. Just attack? He uses all power. A thunderous sound comes from his battlesuit.

“This is something a little different, since it’s an attack to make sure I kill you.”

The entire Overbooster turns on. His body twists and is about to lose control. It is not a skill that Cha Jun Sung can maintain consistently. If he mistakes the booster output by even 0.1%, it becomes impossible for him to stand. He needs to gear everything to keep balance in focus.

Cha Jun Sung’s best one-shot attack is drawing his sword. It can deliver a deathblow with a burst from the booster. What if he could do this dozens, hundreds of times?

The air is divided. Once? It is hundreds of times. Vanessa’s eyes open wide because of the chilling wind pressure created from Cha Jun Sung and Hades.

This is completely different attack from what she had seen so far. As mentioned before, it is an attack meant to kill no matter what. What should she do? She needs to find a way to survive.

‘I’m too slow to avoid it. My shell won’t be able to withstand it to block it.’

Narsiel is entering late from outside, but she is a few beats too late. Her eerie enemy’s teeth will arrive first.

Cha Jun Sung’s face is covered by his helmet, but he does not doubt his victory.

The battlesuit’s energy is at 30%. It was a difficult fight. He knew Vanessa is hiding her strength, but he can just kill her before she uses it. If he kills Vanessa now and then kills Narsiel who will be left alone, he can just barely block his battlesuit’s blackout.

Vanessa’s body is cut up into pieces. Her arm, her leg, her body.

“Ugh! You’re, you’re the third.”

“What is?”

“Seeing... Seeing my other face!”

Bang bang!

# Chapter 208

Cha Jun Sung had been cutting her up when he was hit by something and flung away. Looking around, Vanessa's body was reconstructing quickly. The thing that hit him was a tail that had come from her rear. A long tail that looked like hundreds of arrowheads entwined together had hit the stomach of his battlesuit.

Kya!

Vanessa's body shrinks. She grew smaller and smaller until she was almost Cha Jun Sung's size.

He cannot see her clearly because strange chunks of flesh cover the surface, but he can tell that she is becoming optimized for battle.

"Is this Two-Faced Vanessa..."

It is an incredible aura. A murderous spirit explodes. It soared so much his skin started to crawl. She was supposed to be the strongest of the 4 sisters. Is this what that meant?

The chunks of flesh are taking on a clear shape. It is a bizarre sight – white bones are constructing an exoskeleton. Vanessa calls this her true armor.

'This will be a bother.'

The armor's skeleton is tight. He'll need to try to know, but it looks like he could jab through a certain amount but he could also get stuck before reaching the main body.

The sword is specialized to cut. That means it could cut Cha Jun Sung as well. It is a big handicap that he cannot use it freely.

Inside the completed armor, Vanessa is made of something like a sticky liquid as she watches Cha Jun Sung. The left and right side of her face look different. The left side is calm and looks like the normal Vanessa, but the right shows the original atrocity of a mutant. That must be why she's said to have two faces.

"Secondary awakening..."

“I’ve never shown this to anyone other than my mother and father. Not even my sisters.”

This seemed to be the truth. Narsiel is also surprised by Vanessa’s sudden change. She had heard about it, but this is the first time she is seeing it as well.

Cha Jun Sung was floating in the air when he turned off the Overbooster and settled on the ground. He comes in front of the building Vanessa had been buried in, and looks down.

They are 50-60m away from each other. It is too far to attack bare-bodied without firearms, but that is only applicable to ordinary creatures. Cha Jun Sung and Vanessa could cover the distance in less than 1 second. The same goes for Narsiel.

“Va – Vanessa.”

“Stand back, since you can get swept into it too.”

Narsiel did not argue, and fell back far away from the battlefield. Cha Jun Sung thought that he was at a disadvantage.

The key is how strong Vanessa had become. Is she level 9 now because she awakened while a level 8? If that’s right, even one-on-one is hard. He isn’t confident he’ll be able to maintain his battlesuit. Mutant strength will be lessened incredibly as well. It is too much for him to fight Narsiel in that state.

“Odin. Why isn’t a special mission being activated? Say something.”

[For a special mission to be applied, those at the top need to do it, but it was blocked when everything was stopped.]

It would be helpful if he could tell how many reward points he would get for Vanessa or if he could know the mission description, but they are hiding away and don’t look like they want to show themselves. Odin tried connecting and hacking, but the firewall is too strong. He can understand. If the 2nd officer is the mastermind of this incident, Odin can never break through it with his power.

[Huh?]

“Why? What is it?”

[The firewall is fading. It means the Heavy Gravity's summon time is almost up. Right now! Time – we need time!]

The gravity field outside blinked and showed its limits inside as well. It was starting to show explicitly.

Odin focused on his work again. The atmosphere feels like he should not get in the way. Reclaiming a Lifer's rights was more important than the battle.

The ground of the building that Vanessa is standing on cracks. It felt like it might flood in at any moment. She had become smaller in size, but she had become much more intimidating. Narsiel released her awakened state and was standing by, resting. Her recovery will be fast because he had not been able to injure her.

'Remaining energy... 28%.'

Cha Jun Sung thought of the rapid charger in his space compression bag.

If he plugs one in, he can charge about 15% energy in a short period of time. He can plug it in when he's replacing it, but it's not as easy as it sounds. It can fall out if they fight too wildly. On top of that, if Vanessa realizes that the device is his battlesuit's source of power, she will try to block it.

He will watch the situation and charge at the right time. It is too early to take the battlesuit off. This shell is stronger than Cha Jun Sung as a mutant. Vanessa's image from the battlesuit became hazy and all of a sudden, she was right in front of him. At this rate, it might as well be teleportation.

Bang!

As if expecting it, Hades came out of the scabbard before Vanessa appeared. Vanessa had been trying to take the offensive, but was instead in a situation that could be reversed.

Vanessa avoided Hades by a hair. The speed of sound – the interval is short.

"You're slow."

"Damn it!"

There isn't enough time to recover Hades. Cha Jun Sung looks down. A hand blade resembling a scythe is approaching his stomach area. Cha Jun Sung fell back with his reverse booster. The range is small because Vanessa wrapped her tail around his body. He had no choice but to hit the blade with his knee.

Bang bang bang!

There is nothing heavier than a man's pride. Cha Jun Sung's anger rose from this mocking tone, creating a close range battle.

Neither Cha Jun Sung nor Vanessa did not create distance greater than 3m between them. Cracks formed in his battlesuit and her armor, but they did not pay it any mind and kept facing off. They are going head to head one-on-one – no – Cha Jun Sung is at a slight disadvantage.

Cha Jun Sung had been in a position of offense when he changed Hades' direction and turned into a position of defense. Vanessa was freely brandishing both her hands as scythes.

Entirely different attacks came in from the left and right sides. The battlesuit's system calculates the route of both attacks. The hologram is dizzying. There is only one opponent, but it feels like he is fighting two.

Bang bang!

Cha Jun Sung was being pushed back when a few big hits came in. Her scythe cut through his energy barrier and destroyed the battlesuit's outer armor. Her tail digs into this aperture. It becomes raised like a knife, following the path created by her scythe to reach Cha Jun Sung's chest.

Kyak!

Cha Jun Sung grabs hold of the tail embedded in his chest, and cuts it with Hades. The tail quickly regenerates and cuts his left hand, one of the hands holding onto Hades. The left arm parts of his battlesuit and his arm roll on the ground.

Cha Jun Sung ignores his left arm and penetrates through an empty space in her armor.

Hades pierces Vanessa's hip. The two of them are basically leaning on each other. They are so close to each other that they can feel the other's breath.

“My strength is almost 80% that of my mother’s. Someone like you couldn’t kill my mother, much less me. The one you spoke of will end up like this as well.”

Drip drip.

Red blood seeps from the part that has been cut off. Cha Jun Sung and Vanessa each gave each other a hard hit, but Cha Jun Sung is the one who had lasting damage.

Cha Jun Sung speaks at a volume so low only an ant could hear. It was like a child murmuring, but Vanessa heard clearly.

“I thought you were quiet, but you talk too much.”

His arm regenerates. It is black and thick, and covered in muscle. It is Cha Jun Sung’s mutant arm, not fitting with the battlesuit.

Boom boom!

Cha Jun Sung grabs hold of Vanessa’s face and runs.

Bang bang!

He slams her on the ground as if she is an object and scrapes her along, even smashing into buildings without stopping.

Vanessa struggles as she attacks Cha Jun Sung with her scythes and tail. But his weak energy barrier and outer armor reduce the impact. She even tried to aim for the part of his battlesuit that is broken, but there was rapid regeneration inside. The outside is a battlesuit, but the inside is a mutant.

[You can’t! You need to stop! The gravity field has not disappeared!]

Cha Jun Sung did not stop even at Odin’s warning. He has not gone crazy like he did before, but the madness of the battle stimulates his mutant instincts.

If Vanessa gets out, they need to face off again. He’ll push her in one go.

He can see the blinking gravity field ahead of them. Cha Jun Sung ignored it and kept going. He knows what will happen if he goes through that.

[Prepare ejection. Countdown to crash: 10, 9, 8.]

# Chapter 209

Odin prepared the PDA's ejection. Cha Jun Sung and Vanessa might be able to withstand the pressure of gravity, but the PDA will be destroyed the second it makes contact. Fortunately, there is no need to worry that he will be separated from Cha Jun Sung as happened in Public Underground.

Cha Jun Sung's EEG shown on the battlesuit is normal. He does not seem to be in his right mind, but the readings show that he is behaving like this while in his right mind.

The first was Vanessa. He has his left arm stretched out in front of him, so Vanessa will inevitably be exposed to the gravity field first.

Boom boom boom!

White dust comes from her armor and breaks into several pieces. The liquid and form resembling Vanessa that were behind protected by the armor become distorted. Vanessa doesn't know what the gravity field is or why it was formed, but she cannot move a single finger or toe under its horrible pressure.

That is how Vanessa got through the gravity field. All she had done was to go through a transparent veil, but her healthy body had become like a rag. Next was Cha Jun Sung. His left arm holding Vanessa's face had looked like it was made of steel, but became wrinkly like that of an old man's.

His muscles, flesh, and bones become extremely compacted by the gravity and become useless pieces of flesh. It would be easier to just cut it off and regenerate.

1 second – the time left until ejection keeps growing smaller. Cha Jun Sung's arm and battlesuit are destroyed sequentially within that time.

Woong!

When his arm got close to the wind pressure of the gravity field, it completely disappeared into the gate opened in the Heavy Gravity. The heavy pressure that had been squeezing Cha Jun Sung felt washed away. But only the pressure had gone, and the traces were still left clearly on his body.

The battlesuit splits in large sections like dried land, and falls from his body. The shell breaks down and Cha Jun Sung's bare body is exposed. The only defense he is now wearing is a thin set of impact tights.

[Lifer Cha Jun Sung?]

Odin cannot speak through the helmet, so he spoke through the PDA.

Cha Jun Sung let out black smoke and stands up. His wounds are less debilitating than Vanessa. His battlesuit absorbed most of the impact.

'I can't.'

He wants to go into his awakened state, but he stopped himself. It would be stupid to waste precious strength now when it is difficult to recharge. Vanessa and Narsiel are alive.

Cha Jun Sung takes the battlesuit part on his right arm off, and puts his PDA on his wrist like when he was just a beginner. He can't remember how long it's been since he's worn it like this.

Cough!

"What... is this..."

Vanessa coughs up blood. This was like lightning for her. It was an incredible hit from out of nowhere, in the most unbelievable way. Her balance crumbled in one hit.

He picked up Hades. Even without awakening, he has the strength of a stage 10 modification. This body is as powerful as a level 6 or 7.

"A special mission is far away, right? If I kill her now, I won't be able to get the points, will I?"

If the special mission isn't activated, he might not be able to get the reward points or – if he's super unlucky – even the basic mutant points.

He doesn't need them that badly, but he'd gone through hell. He won't work for nothing. It isn't just millions or tens of millions. It's hundreds of millions. He needs to get those points.

[The block has been lifted for a moment. I am contacting the authorities.]

“Let’s end–!”

Cha Jun Sung was about to stab Vanessa when he suddenly stopped and rolled his body.

Boom!

A giant palm so large it could crush a human, slammed down where he had been standing. It was Narsiel, who had been standing back.

“Vanessa!”

“I need... time to rest. Narsiel... you take him for a few hours.”

Vanessa’s awakened state automatically becomes released. Perhaps because Evil Queen is a mutant created from a human, Vanessa also has the image of a human.

Cha Jun Sung looked back and forth between Vanessa and Narsiel, and thought carefully.

He healed his wounds in a half awakened state, but he is not completely back to normal. He used 50% of his strength inside the battlesuit and while withstanding the gravity field.

The situation was not bad, but it wasn’t good either.

‘I need to overdo myself if I want to kill Narsiel. And then Vanessa?’

Narsiel is also a top level 8 mutant. There is no way she’ll be easy even if he has wounded her, and there are no Lifers around to ask for help from.

He’ll have to figure it out alone. And then will he have the strength left to take care of Vanessa, who will have somehow recovered her strength while resting?

He might be able to, and he might barely get out. It is a rotation. It’s laughable to even say it, but it’s unfair that he needs to go between two enemies as if they were a tag team.

“Well, since it doesn’t get resolved just by complaining.”

Cha Jun Sung dropped Hades to the ground.

Narsiel was puzzled when he threw his weapon away, but did not let down her guard. The opponent looks like human, but is a mutant.

[Level A special mission The King’s Blood activated! Since this is unlike systems in existing missions in that there are two mutants, the goals are divided into two.]

Confronting Narsiel.

Cha Jun Sung leisurely pulled up the hologram on his PDA, and checked the new mission description.

[Level A Special Mission: The King’s Blood]

– Goal: Attainment

– Description: Get rid of Evil Queen and Bon Lord’s first daughter Narsiel, and second daughter and the vessel of Disasters Two-Faced Vanessa!

– Special Note: This is a mission where partial completion is possible.

Death of Narsiel: 2,000,000,000 points

Death of Vanessa: 5,000,000,000 points

Death of both: 10,000,000,000 points and lucky box. If you kill Vanessa, a level A advancement mission will be applied, and you will be able to open level S.

Strange for a level A, the description is simple. This is normal. There is no reason to be long-winded about it. All he has to do is kill them.

He gets 2 billion with Narsiel and 5 billion with Vanessa since she is nearly a level 9. A complete level 9 will be worth much more.

And if he kills both, he'll get an advance mission. The start is hard, but the field is pretty much set with this.

“Odin. What do you think will happen to me now?”

He's been found out as a mutant.

When the authorities took a sample from him before, he had not been contacted in any particular way. Cha Jun Sung forgot about it as well, but he was sure it would become bothersome.

[I do not have anything to say on the matter because it will be something for the authorities to decide on, but I will do my best to see that Lifer Cha Jun Sung is not adversely affected.]

Even if there was a problem in Cha Jun Sung's body, what the 2nd officer did went too far. Full intervention isn't something that the General Manager gave permission for. This is justification for Odin to go against his superior's commands and take Cha Jun Sung's side. At the minimum, they will not be blocked from returning.

“Wow! That's the first welcome thing I've heard from you.”

Cha Jun Sung took off the PDA and put it down lightly next to Hades.

He cannot lose it. He needs to protect it from the battle that is about to happen.

His impact tights did not just rip, they exploded. Cha Jun Sung's body rapidly swelled in size and became as tall as Narsiel.

Narsiel took several steps backwards because of the intimidation coming from this black demon. Vanessa, who was unable to fight, had already retreated from the battlefield. Cha Jun Sung's 9 eyes take in what is in front of him, to the left, and to the right of him. He will of course kill Narsiel, but he cannot lose Vanessa either.

“It's the 2nd act.”

Now, it is a battle between monsters. Not as Lifer Cha Jun Sung, but another mutant, Cha Jun Sung as the Black Lord of a different world.

# Chapter 210

Cha Jun Sung felt extreme fatigue. He has been in constant battle, starting with Odelia to Vanessa and Narsiel.

His mind and body are depleted.

He's so tired he could just lay down right now, but he doesn't stop fighting.

The second he stops, that cunning and sinister Narsiel's attack will destroy his nucleus.

What can he do since he doesn't want to die?

He has no choice but to fight.

And another reason to keep fighting is that this drag of a fight will finally end with this.

He transformed his left arm to resemble Hades. If only he could slice Narsiel's upper and lower body in half!

Narsiel has 6 arms on her left and 6 on her right for a total of 12. He cut off a few while fighting in his battlesuit, but they regenerated and mutant Cha Jun Sung needs to fight against all 12 again.

At the end of an intense fight, he cut off 10. There are 2 left.

Those 2 arms cut Cha Jun Sung's right arm and right leg at the same time. He doesn't care about his arm, but his balance is off because of the leg. Rather than losing mobility, it was more of a disadvantage to lose his stability.

"I - I won! I won!"

"You're delusional."

Cha Jun Sung's tail split into hundreds of pieces and bind up Narsiel. She cannot move because they have wrapped around her entire body like compression bandage. She

was wrapped up so severely that she looked like a mummy.

“Let me go!”

“Die.”

He brought down his left arm’s weapon. Cha Jun Sung’s tail and Narsiel both get split in two. She’s split from her shoulder to her torso.

They’re both so tired neither of them are capable of rapid regeneration. Regeneration might somehow be possible if he gathers all the strength left in his body, but even that will take time.

He needs to kill the enemy. He needs to drive through while he can still kill her. He cannot give her time to regenerate and regain strength.

He had been moving elaborately before, but is now moving like a beast. Cha Jun Sung sliced up Narsiel’s body as if butchering meat.

There is a sweet taste in his mouth.

Cha Jun Sung did not regenerate his right arm and leg. It is much more important to kill Narsiel.

Cha Jun Sung dissects Narsiel, looking for her nucleus.

Ordinary mutants don’t have a distinct nucleus. If major organs like their brains and hearts are damaged, they die just like humans.

But beyond level 7 – especially at level 8 – they form a separate lump that is special like their source, and that is the nucleus.

There is a good chance that level 8s can die if something goes wrong with their brains or hearts as well.

He won’t know unless this happens to him, but there is a peculiar object that can regenerate his brain and heart if something happen to them. That’s what Beholder said. That’s why he needs to be sure to find and destroy the nucleus in level 7 through 9s. That’s the surest way of killing a mutant.

A grey, round organ comes out in Cha Jun Sung's hand.

The nucleus.

The life goes out of Narsiel's eyes as she watches this.

"How could I... In a place like this..."

"I'll send you off one by one. Don't worry. I'll take this."

Cha Jun Sung eats Narsiel's nucleus.

It is just a temporary measure, but this will help recharge his nutrients. Right now, he's grateful for even this much. It's disgusting but it tastes pretty good, whether that's because he's a mutant or because it fits his appetite. The effects of eating the nucleus appeared only minutes after.

His right arm and leg regenerate and the wounds all over his body heal.

Narsiel's nucleus isn't Cha Jun Sung's. He might be able to control it if he was healthy, but he lost agency when he became a mess of injuries.

That was the only role the nucleus played. He is satisfied with the results.

Cha Jun Sung's body shrinks. He has released his awakened state.

He's gone back to human form of his own will and not because he was forced to. This is to leave enough strength to take on Vanessa in his human form. Simply maintaining an awakened state consumes a lot of energy.

"This is so hard."

He is being sincere.

He's so tired he wouldn't be able to express it in words.

He went to where he had left his PDA and put it back on his wrist. He also picked up Hades, which had been next to it.

[You have killed Evil Queen's first daughter, Narsiel. You have earned 27 trillion points and 5 trillion 40 million advance points. You have completed part of the mission. You have earned 20 trillion points with Narsiel's death.]

Cha Jun Sung realized that the mutant and reward points for level 8 mutants are similar after killing Odelia and Narsiel.

The mutant points were slightly more than reward points.

With this formula, Vanessa's reward points must amount to 50 or 60 trillion. An obstacle is gone. He can now go kill Vanessa too.

The last time Cha Jun Sung saw Vanessa was 30 minutes ago. As the battle grew fierce, he hadn't been able to focus his attention elsewhere.

He wants to take his space compression bag as well, but it is too far away. He dropped it when he was struggling with his body as he dragged Vanessa through the gravity field. He'll waste time if he goes all the way just to come back.

"She's not here? Did she run away when her big sister was fighting? Tsk tsk! Odin, can you look for her location with the Universe Eye? She wouldn't have been able to get far, would she?"

[I did find her... but I do not suggest you chase after her.]

"Let's hear it."

[She is northeast bound at about 40km distance, and getting further away. She has recovered a relative amount while resting.] [Lifer Cha Jun Sung, not only will chasing after her be hard with your current body state but even after you catch up to her, there is a risk in sustaining yourself in a battle.]

Does this mean he should let her go?

Cha Jun Sung thought about it and went back to where his space compression bag is. He spoke as he ran.

“Not even if I use the extra battlesuit in my space compression bag?”

Since it is an extra, it is just the basic battlesuit that can be purchased in a level C store. It is the basic type with the power of level 5. He may not benefit from it, but it will at least help him save what little energy he has left.

[43km, 44km. Once you start the chase, you will be more than 45km away from her. Even if you use the battlesuit booster, there is a limit in the basic form.]

He would only be able to catch up if Vanessa stops. But wouldn't she keep running for her life?

45km only sounds like a simple number.

Odin is telling him to keep what will come after in mind. Quitting a mission is up to the Lifer, and helpers cannot interfere.

“Ugh! It's an advance. Fine.”

Cha Jun Sung took Odin's advice. He can just ignore it if he wants to, but it makes sense. There isn't anything he wants to gain by overdoing it.

“Huh? Where'd it go?”

Cha Jun Sung arrived where he had dropped his space compression bag, and looked around. He was sure he had left it around here, but he doesn't see it.

[Searching Lifer Cha Jun Sung's location saved in space compression bag.]

Beep beep!

[This is a nonexistent location. Nonexistent... location?]

“No! You know how much the stuff in there is worth? It's over 100 trillion!”

Odin searched the location, but he cannot find the space compression bag. It's a

treasure chest with items worth 100 trillion points.

Is it another system error?

It has a recognition function because it is a level A space compression bag, so it would be of no use to other people. But more than that, why can't he find it?

"This has to be a dream!"

He earned a tremendous amount of points after killing Odelia and Narsiel, but it is all meaningless if he loses that bag.

On top of that, he needs to find the bag no matter what because of the Universe Eye, an item he bought in the level S store.

Cha Jun Sung will search through Austin.

Naked.

# Chapter 211

In the open air.

So high the buildings below just look like a dark mass and the clouds are at eye-level.

Someone is looking down at a naked Cha Jun Sung. They're so far apart that it is impossible to distinguish, but the battlesuit made this possible. The booster is keeping the wearer's balance at minimal output. There is nowhere to rest in the air, but there is no shakiness as if standing on ground.

"Why is a guy who should still be wandering around in level B, here?"

An unknown presence. The future Cha Jun Sung is looking at the present Cha Jun Sung. He has been watching from beginning to end, and he still cannot understand.

Let's say he was able to get through the hellish level B advance mission. If so, he needs to show the abilities of a level A Lifer. But that's the ability of a level S Lifer, though he does fall short a bit because of his gear.

The worst part is that he is going the path of Black Demon, when he should be on the path of a Lifer. And it's funny that it's just half at that.

If he had been a true Black Demon with level 9 strength, he would have been able to easily kill Narsiel and Vanessa even if they teamed up against him.

He's in a state where he is neither a complete Lifer or mutant. It seems like the notebook has had a strange influence.

He doesn't look negatively at it. At the least, this Cha Jun Sung isn't going on the same path he did. If they had the same future, there would have been no meaning to his going back in time.

"Did he get the card and open the store? I guess that could be possible. But how did he become a mutant? Whatever. It's enough that it's made him stronger."

Cha Jun Sung murmured to himself in question.

It isn't worth worrying about. It can even be seen as a good thing. He has two weapons that other people find hard to have even one of.

As long as there aren't adverse side effects, it could be helpful in getting him through difficult obstacles.

"He'll be a little relieved."

When he first got to North America, he had gone looking for Evil Queen in her home, Washington, but he hadn't been able to find her. So he had changed his target to the 4 sisters.

Cha Jun Sung is here because of Odelia. After searching through all of North America, the first one he had been able to find was the Corrupt Odelia. He had thought after killing Benukiz that it might take him all of his time to find all of them.

The gears in his head started turning.

He would make the sisters look for him instead of going to look for them himself.

While waiting after he killed Benukiz, Narsiel and Vanessa had appeared.

He had been delighted.

He had thought about taking care of them on the spot, but decided to killed Odelia first. Then he came here.

And when he saw Cha Jun Sung, he watched the battle instead of interfering. He was going to step in if need be since he cannot let Cha Jun Sung die, but he fought well. He can tell just by the way Vanessa ran for her life.

"He wouldn't have been told I'm here, right? I don't want to have to come face-to-face with him."

They may be the same person because they are the present and future, but they each have their separate lives. They will end up meeting if that is their fate, even if he tries to stop it. But that time isn't now.

"I'll use this well."

Cha Jun Sung touches the space compression bag. He had slipped it away during the battle. By the way he's creating a huge fuss over this, there must be great things inside.

He doesn't like stealing, but he's an irregular. He can't use the store. He needs to fight Evil Queen with what's given to him. It had taken him a long time to find the 4 sisters because he didn't have the proper gear. He needs to save everything until the very end when he will need to use everything.

"Odin, can you release the recognition system?"

[There is no reason to release it. The two of you are a 100% match.]

"I just asked because I was bored."

Woong.

Cha Jun Sung puts his hand inside the space compression bag.

Other people would have gotten caught with the recognition system and would not have been able to take items out of the bag.

"Wow! He has 4 Universe Eyes. Jackpot! This is a total treasure chest!"

Cha Jun Sung hadn't been able to bring much along with him when he came to the past. There is a limit to the mass that Odin can bring over with his power.

There is so much of what he needs here. This is what rain at the end of a drought must feel like. The person who lost it will be upset, but he hopes he will understand.

"Anyway. Did that bastard 2nd officer do something at this point?"

The 2nd officer thoroughly bothered Cha Jun Sung with things like summoning the Heavy Gravity. That's immutable. The 2nd officer's pattern changed as the future changed, but his ability to piss people off didn't change at all.

The exact starting point of when Odin had started to go against his superiors was when they began to blatantly persecute Cha Jun Sung.

The conflict will probably get worse, and it will eventually explode.

[We've wasted too much time. At this rate, she'll have gotten out of the Universe Eye's range. You only have a 2 minute margin. You need to go.]

Vanessa is using all the remaining strength she has in running away.

She is pretty fast. It'll become difficult to find her if she gets out of the Universe Eye's range.

But he needs to take care of this situation. He's become weaker.

Present Cha Jun Sung has 6 Universe Eye's out. Future Cha Jun Sung can use these as well. It's the same concept as the space compression bag.

It feels like he is being a burden in many ways. He will repay that much as well.

"Cheer up. You're not going to live like me. I'm not going to let that happen."

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung activated the Overbooster. Austin is getting farther and farther away. They need to separate without speaking to each other once, but he feels good. Really.



How could she look so different from when she got here?

Vanessa only has her lower body awakened as she focuses on running away. She doesn't care if she's called a coward.

She needs to put as much distance between them as she can while Narsiel is holding him.

She rested a few hours, but she really doesn't have the strength to recover.

It is impossible to fight Cha Jun Sung with this amount of strength. That would be suicide.

She had hidden her body in her armor and reserved her strength, but her true strength had come out when the armor broke. There is no way to fill in the difference. Narsiel is probably dead now. 3 out of the 4 sisters are dead. She needs to tell her mother, Evil

Queen, about this.

“He must be exhausted too, right? There’s no way he has the strength to come after me.”

Even if he has that strength, she’s confident she can avoid getting caught. She can run away as much as he follows. He can’t just shorten the distance between them.

Vanessa’s name Two-Faced isn’t because of her second awakened state, but because of her duplicity. She appears calm on the outside, but she has thirstier instinct than anyone else. A need for survival is included in that instinct.

All living creatures have the common desire not to die, to live.

Boom!

Vanessa looks up at a sound bursting in the air.

White smoke spreading suddenly in the air. This powder is a phenomenon only seen when an object breaks the speed of sound.

Bang!

The object falls to the floor. It falls so heavily that the ground cracks like a spider web and debris flies. Amongst the dust, a blue light shines bright.

“Hey.”

“You! You! How!”

Cha Jun Sung waved at her in a friendly manner. Vanessa is astonished.

Does this mean he had spare armor?

It’s a misjudgment. She knows how powerful he is because she has fought against him in his battlesuit while she was still healthy and in her second awakened state.

There was no way for Vanessa to even consider that he might not be the same person.

Cha Jun Sung had no intention on revealing it to her either.

There is only one thing he wants to hear from Vanessa. Where Evil Queen is. He doesn't care about anything other than that.

“Vanessa, you cute little thing! You two-faced bitch! I'll let you live if you answer my question. Evil Queen – where is she? Just tell me then. I promise I'll let you live.”

Those who have more tend to yearn for life more. Vanessa is strong. If she is left alone, she becomes a Disaster level mutant like Evil Queen. They and Bon Lord invade Asia and succeed in killing all of the other Disasters except Black Demon. There's usually strength in numbers.

The Black Demon that future Cha Jun Sung encountered in Life Mission went missing with Evil Queen and Bon Lord's alliance, but he presumed he is dead.

This is because there weren't any missions regarding him in the mission list.

# Chapter 212

Vanessa killed Red Eye and Dragon. At the time, White Empress had been betrayed by ally Cruel King and they had been engaged in a war of attrition. There had been no way for them to withstand it when they should have been combining their power. They were swept away by the power of North and South America.

While busy in a war against Evil Queen and Bon Lord, Cha Jun Sung had been defeated humiliatingly. The rest of his group were killed in that mission. This place won't become like that. Black Demon will have formed an alliance with White Queen, and they will have taken care of Cruel King. He had explained it to them for them to understand.

"Hurry up and tell me. Should I just kill you?"

The Overbooster roars. Cha Jun Sung is about to pull out Hades. Vanessa knows by intuition that she'll die as soon as that gets pulled out.

She can't avoid that attack with this body. She'll be split in half with one hit.

"M - Mother is in the eastern region!"

"East? Washington?"

"Pr - probably."

"This bitch."

Hades cuts both of Vanessa's legs. She's lying. He searched everywhere, but hadn't been able to find even a hair.

"I looked everywhere there. I'll give you a last chance. This time, I'll chop you up and destroy your nucleus."

Vanessa in withering on the ground. She can't believe that she's in such a wretched state when she's the 2nd strongest in North America.

“Mother is in South America! It’s the truth! I’m not lying!”

“South America?”

“Yeah!”

“Why there?”

“That’s – that’s!”

South America? Has she gone to Bon Lord? Why now? Disaster’s don’t leave their regions if they can help it because there’s no reason to leave.

“Is she trying to have another child?”

Cha Jun Sung said it in jest, but Vanessa’s body trembles.

What is this?

This must be the answer.

It’s so ridiculous, he’s speechless. He should give her an award. She isn’t the Queen of Evil, but the Queen of Fertility.

While he was thinking, Vanessa began moving strangely. Cha Jun Sung pretended not to see. She can try if she wants to.

Ping ping ping!

Vanessa’s rib bones comes out. It’s disgusting. They’re raised on both sides like a trap, and it is an attack that can skewer an entire body.

“Ugh. I was going to let you live. Farewell!”

“No – no!”

Hades moves at a high speed and slices Vanessa into hundreds of pieces. The approaching bones are cut and fall to the ground like straw.

She dug her own grave. He hadn’t had the intention of saving her in the first place. He

needs to kill a pest like this. This is a shortcut to world peace.

Boom boom!

He took care of the corpse with a super-heated shot, the highest level of heat bombs.

Since he can't go to South America, he'll just clean up North America while he's here. There are a few level 8s left who are following fertile Evil Queen.



This is the inside of Cha Jun Sung. There is something living in this place so secret and deep that he didn't even know it existed.

[I'm uneasy... I feel like I might disappear. I'm becoming someone else.]

The Oriax is nervous.

His identity has been growing weaker ever since Cha Jun Sung met Black Demon and he began establishing his own identity.

Even if he wants to get out, the body won't split as if there are shackles. The Oriax's part as a mutant is being absorbed as well.

The thing that Beholder bothered – whatever it is – is awakening. It isn't visible yet, but it is getting stronger little by little. Once the latent cells are completely awakened, he might automatically become a level 9.

He is being consumed. It isn't the will of Cha Jun Sung or the Oriax. Just as drops of water naturally combine, they are pulling at each other.

The only difference is that the center axis is Cha Jun Sung.

Over time, the two personalities will become one, stabilizing the mind and body. It is a good thing, but not for the party being consumed. The Oriax wants to live. He doesn't want to disappear like this.

What should he do?

[I'll crouch. I'll eat him before he eats me. I'll hide myself until then.

A body growing stronger. If he can just take over the body, he will be able to surpass all limits of his species and become a being that stands over everything else.



Beep.

A giant door with several obstacles blocking it.

A middle-aged man in a soft white coat is standing in front of the door. He is there to authorize entry.

A tent of light passes over the middle-aged man. Everything related to the man's body such as height, weight, blood pressure, heart rate, and iris are checked.

[Security level Z. Releasing 7 nested security devices. Project command, Life Mission's 2nd officer Borteth's entry has been authorized.]

Borteth walks a silent hallway. All he can see are silver walls and ceiling. It is a straight line like a tunnel.

1 minute at a normal walking pace?

He did not walk for a long time. In that time, the distance would be about 100m.

Wiing!

A dead end. As soon as he arrived, a 2m rectangle formed, and a laser came out of each corner. Those lasers widened the range and wrap around Borteth. This is a type of gate, and the lasers act as a barrier protecting the passenger.

Electricity comes out near the dimension gate, and the space becomes distorted.

Borteth is expressionless. He waited for this phenomenon to end as though used to experiencing it.

When the distortion ended, he was standing in a conference room that looked to be about 300m. Everything he had gone through had been to get here.

“Borteth, you’re here.”

“Sorry I’m late.”

The room is filled with dozens of chairs, but only two people are seated. Borteth sat to the left of the head of the table to make them a total of three.

“Ha ha! You’ve made a mess. To think you used the Heavy Gravity.”

The person sitting across from Borteth, laughs at him.

Gabenu, the 3rd officer. Their numbers are different, but their authority is the same. Thus, Borteth ignored the laughter and mocking.

“It’s nothing you need to worry about.”

“Hah! Don’t talk nonsense. You’re saying that total interference isn’t something to worry about?”

Borteth ignored this again. Truthfully, Gabenu is right. The rule all of the executives decided on was non intervention. He had gone against that.

But people tend to not want to hear negative comments even if they did wrong.

“Borteth.”

“...Yes.”

The person sitting at the head of the table spoke. He spoke a little more politely than he had to Gabenu. This is someone he must do that to.

The general, the person in charge.

Life Mission’s general manager, Jigneon.

He's the one who made the greatest contribution to Life Mission, from the structure to details. His authority is similar to that of the 2nd and 3rd officers, but he has a few privileges that they don't have.

"Africa happened because Gabenu and I agreed with your suggestion. But this is different. Explain yourself."

They interfered with the Lifers' mission in Africa because they had all agreed to do so. This had allowed them to gather a lot of information.

However, he had decided on his own to use the Heavy Gravity, placed a block on returning from a fairly completed mission, and even interfered with items. It is right that he be reprimanded for using total interference in order to pressure a single Lifer without their permission.

"It was all for testing purposes."

"I know there are results, since we found out what kind of mutants Cha Jun Sung can fight against as a Lifer, and that he came back as a mutant after disappearing in Public Underground."

There is a lot that they gained.

They had not been able to find anything weird in the sample they collected from Cha Jun Sung before. It is understandable. He would be able to control his body freely if he had become a mutant, so what wouldn't he be able to do?

Borteth had said repeatedly that they should collect another sample or threaten him, but Jigneon had been against it.

No matter what doubts they have, there is a thing called timing. Fruit should be picked when ripe. There is a decrease in value if it is picked too early.

Jigneon knows Borteth is the type to disregard the start and process as long as the results are certain.

Results?

They are important.

Even if the start and process were perfect, it is a failure if there are no results.

“Results are good, but you can’t understand why I’m like this?”

“Honestly, no.”

“Once you stray, it’s hard to stop. Why? Because you’ve gotten a taste. The first time is usually the hardest. That’s why the first button always needs to be done right.”

It is the wrong way. Borteth will act on his own again.

The fastest and surest way of getting results by going against the rules set by the executives, is right in front of him. There’s no way he will be able to withstand the seduction.

“E, D, C, B, A, S levels are smooth. Lifers going from level E to B are providing us with a lot of help in our experiment.”

Cha Jun Sung who reached the vertex of existing Lifers has even completed level A.

Jigneon only has one thing he wants to say to Borteth. It’s not to be blinded by ambition, messing up their work.

# Chapter 213

Allies who can't be controlled aren't much different from the enemy. If he pursues just the results, they will be ruined. They need the patience to wait.

Borteth frowns at Jigneon giving him a sermon. He is extremely annoyed, but he cannot ignore him like he did with Gabenu.

"Fine. Let me ask one thing. How were you going to take responsibility if Cha Jun Sung had died? You would have wasted a special sample from our study."

"Responsibility? What responsibility are you talking about? If he dies, he dies. Don't we have plenty of Lifers anyway? The 36 Rankers will become level A Lifers soon, too."

Borteth refuses to listen, so Gabenu sighs. He is so single-minded, only thinking of himself.

Even Gabenu thinks that they need to take Cha Jun Sung all the way. If he dies, they will have lost a level S Lifer, which they aren't sure they'll get again.

He may have skipped some steps with the advanced store opening card, but his fighting ability surpasses level A. He has the ability to take on a level A advance mission, so he might as well be called a level S Lifer.

If the 3 officers want to, they can create as many level S and A Lifers as they pleased. They can just release the restrictions on the store like they did with missions. But they don't have enough items to give out to so many Lifers, so there wouldn't be use for so many advanced Lifers anyway.

It is like taking an exam while looking at the answer sheet. They cannot experiment with Lifers without differentiation, as if they were products created in a factory.

Life Mission was created as a long term project of experimenting between Lifers and mutants for about 10 years. Not even half that time has passed. They cannot begin to stray from their path already.

"You have no signs of being sorry. Then I'll ask in another way. Do you admit that you

used the Heavy Gravity arbitrarily and forced a Lifer?”

“Yes.”

“You’ve broken a rule that we created, that you agreed with yourself. With the authority as General Manager, I take you out from experiments for a few months.”

Gabenu was more surprised than Borteth, who had received the punishment. It is just a few months, but he hadn’t expected Jigneon to take Borteth away from the front.

“Be grateful we don’t report this to the top, and reflect on your actions.”

Borteth grinds his teeth. It’s so loud that Jigneon and Gabenu can hear, but he does not disrespect them.

Borteth isn’t such a lightweight as to find fault in position.

“Go. Gabenu and I need to hold our meeting about the rest of the agenda.”

Borteth glares at Jigneon, slightly bows his head, and gets on the dimensional gate. He is the General Manager. He cannot act out of line just because he is angry. He did not even acknowledge Gabenu before leaving.

“Will it be okay? There’s no way he’ll behave with his personality.”

“I don’t think he’ll listen to me either. This is just a strong warning I’m giving him.”

Gabenu spoke respectfully to Jigneon unlike Borteth, and Jigneon also maintained formalities toward him. It means that they respect each other.

Borteth had the ability to participate in the meeting taken away by the General Manager’s authority, but he intends to engage with Life Mission in his own way.

However, he will refrain from acting arbitrarily for the time being since he has been reprimanded.

“Sometimes, it looks like you look out for Cha Jun Sung, Jigneon.”

“Look out for him? That’s not how I would put it, but I guess I would say it’s similar. He’s the one who provides the most information for headquarters. Alright! Let’s move

past this. Isn't there something else that's important?"

Wiing!

A large hologram shows them North America. They are not looking at the current situation. They are looking at what happened in the past again. They examine the hologram without speaking. It shows someone fighting with Benukiz and killing Vanessa.

But they couldn't see who they are, as if they were in mosaic. This is proof that they are fooling the satellite's eye. That is impossible. The satellites installed on Earth are created from their current technology, on an entirely different level from the technology of the old world.

They use this to keep track of mutant locations and construct or reconstruct missions. They can see anything they are looking at clearly.

"There isn't even an item in the level S store that can help someone avoid the satellites."

"I'm suspicious about that too."

They have to watch the Lifers. They wouldn't have made something like that.

The 3 officers, their scientists, and the helpers did not even touch items that would act at a disadvantage to the system.

"We won't be able to find this man, will we?"

"No. He's gone missing ever since he killed Vanessa."

"This isn't a matter that we can just move past. From the report... creating this equipment is possible. With our technology, not the technology of Earth."

Jigneon considered the number of cases, but there isn't a clear measure.

It seems like they will have to dig into it over time rather than trying to solve it immediately.

This kind of variable isn't welcome because it isn't predictable.

“Let’s move on. Next?”

“It’s the type 5226 cocoon that formed in Africa. A level 8 parasite has succeeded in getting into Cruel King’s body, and is developing.”

The hologram changes.

They can see Parasite King’s cocoon. It has been over a year since it became a cocoon, but it still isn’t waking up.

Mutants of various colors gather near the cocoon. There are thousands of them. They have both the purposes of acting as protection and nutrients.

The mutants providing nutrients are mostly blood-sucking insects the size of a human head. They follow the Blood King’s orders and burn their bodies to fill the cocoon’s appetite.

“Which guarding mutant is the strongest?”

“Red Eye and Inferno, Blood King, Beholder. It seems like White Empress and Black Demon predicted the cocoon would be a problem, and sent them out.”

“A Disaster might be difficult for those four, but they will have more power than something similar to Vanessa. It’s the best combination. I can tell they put a lot of thought into it.”

If Red Eye and Inferno, and Blood King take on the close combat encounters while Beholder brings a psychological attack from behind, they are a force to be reckoned with.

On top of that, Blood King has countless armies through Blood Devil. They could push through with volume alone.

“Is that a level 9 if it wakes up?”

“When calculating the virus level, it isn’t as if there is no possibility, but it does seem like it will be difficult for it to become a Disaster. We expect it to be something like Vanessa.”

“Whatever it is, I guess we just have to wait and let time tell.”

“Waiting is our specialty.”

“Huh? So that’s how it sounds.”

“We can solve North America and Africa while we watch Cha Jun Sung’s mutation. There is a lot of mystery. I think it’ll be fun.”

“What about Cha Jun Sung’s sanctions?”

“I think it’d be better if we don’t apply them. Odin is bringing up laws and resisting. Though he has become a mutant, it seems there are no problems with his sanity. What do you think about leaving him alone for now?”

“Alright. There’s an order to things. We have a lot of time, so let’s go slowly.”

Jigneon and Gabenu ended their meeting, boarded the dimensional gate, and went back to their respective domains. They have a ton of work to take care of.

Borteth returns to his laboratory and throws everything within his reach. It would be an appropriate expression to say he turned everything over.

The laboratory is full of quality items though monetary standards are different from those on Earth, but he pays no mind and uses them all to vent his anger. He did not stop with his selfishness and dirty nature until everything was devastated, but he was still fuming.

“Those damn rules! Rules! They need to use all means and methods if they want results! How long must we stay entangled in order and procedure?!”

Even in Borteth’s eyes, Cha Jun Sung is an impressive Lifer. But it doesn’t mean he’s irreplaceable. There are quite a number of Lifers who could take his place.

Life Mission’s virtual version is like a training center for the reality version. It’s a system in which talent can bloom because the reality was created with a foundation.

Luck is necessary in body and battlesuit modifications, but luck is also a skill.

Frankly, Cha Jun Sung skipped advancement with an opening card. He became a level

S Lifer with shortcuts. He hadn't gone through the normal process. Borteth's stance is that the 36 Rankers can advance as much as Cha Jun Sung has if the officers give them a little help.

He broke the rules with total interference, but he achieved that much in results. What he had earned through Cha Jun Sung wasn't bad. That's why he says that it doesn't matter if Cha Jun Sung dies. There has to be another person with abilities like Cha Jun Sung's in a planet with a population of billions.

World Federation and Bloody Kingdom are trying level B advancement right now.

They have put completion as their goal at the end of significant sacrifice. There will be a clear separation between winners and losers, but there will be quite an increase in the number of level A Lifers.

"Jigneon and Gabenu – I'm positive they're working together against me!"

This is the way Borteth sees the world.

What he sees is what he gets. If he sees it from the side, he understands it as from the side. If he sees it backwards, he understands it as backwards. Misled values make him see his bad behavior as justified, and others' just actions as bad.

"I'm a creator. I'm one of the three creators of Life Mission."

Creator – it is misleading to say it means God, but it is not wrong.

# Chapter 214

Creator.

An owner who makes something that was not there before.

Interpreted like this, Borteth is Life Mission's Creator.

"Since it's a rule I created, I can get rid of it! I'll do as I please in the areas I have authority in from now on!"

He won't do anything obvious like activating the Heavy Gravity. He'll do enough so Jigneon and Gabenu will acquiesce even when they know. He is tiptoeing, but he is being penalized. He needs to refrain from actions that bring attention to him.

Zing!

Borteth waves his hand in the air, a satellite installed in a mission region connects with North America, and he can see an active Cha Jun Sung. A managing position like an officer or helper can watch a Lifer's every move without going through a complicated process.

"A trivial creature..."

Borteth grabs the edge of his desk and the steel rips. The officers are fundamentally strong. They have to be strong.

The officers are the ones who created body modifications and items like the battlesuit.

"Huh. I'll have to make my own chess piece. One that'll listen well."

The satellite's view changes.

Borteth finds someone conducting a mission in the new view.

He's perfect.

They're hard to control if they're smart. His influence and skill are outstanding, but he needs to be greedy and independent.

Since Jigneon and Gabenu created the monitoring network, he will be able to put good use to him if he plays his cards right.



Cha Jun Sung had lost Vanessa but he had been able to kill Odelia and Narsiel, but he did not go back to reality, and remained in the mission. He has lost a tremendous amount of points with his battlesuit destroyed and his space compression bag gone. He's scared to even calculate the loss.

It might be a question as to whether he can stay in a mission area with his bare body, but he has already been found out as a mutant. All he needs is the PDA. Cha Jun Sung sweeps through mutant congested areas while awakened as a mutant, wearing his PDA, and holding Hades with his tail.

To mutants, he is a disaster and a nightmare. They lose the will to fight in front of a top level predators' attack. Their confidence dwindles before they even start. It might seem like a good thing, but it isn't. He doesn't have to chase them around if they charge at him, but they all scatter and run away.

He accumulated points without much problems even without his space compression bag and battlesuit. He even caught a couple level 7s.

Perhaps because he had completed his mission, a mission was renewed each time he stepped into a mission area and he was able to bring in a considerable amount of points.

He worked one day, rested the next.

He hunted every other day in order to maintain his condition. He returned after earning 50 billion points. The retention period is 2 months. He earned 50 billion points because of the battlesuit.

With the points he got from Odelia and Narsiel on top of that, he can repair his

damaged battlesuit.

He can buy basic items as well. It is fortunate that only the shell was broken and a lot of the inside remained intact. The biggest worry was the battlesuit. He invested over 100 billion in creating a level S full remodeling, and it would be impossible to buy before advancing no matter how many points he had.

When Odin laid the judgement that regeneration is possible, he really almost cried. Whatever had happened, The Path of Blood and King's Blood missions were completed.



Odin kept his promise to Cha Jun Sung. He answered all of his questions to the best of his abilities as long as they were not regarding Life Mission's secrets.

In return, Cha Jun Sung made Odin a promise as well.

He promised not to tell anyone what he heard.

Odin said that if he breaks this promise, Cha Jun Sung and those who hear the information will face unimaginable penalties.

He felt uncomfortable, but agreed.

As a result, he had two secrets he couldn't tell. Those regarding Life Mission and the fact that he is a mutant.

"So you're saying the asshole who played me is the 2nd officer, one of the three architects of Life Mission?"

[Yes. He is currently receiving punishment for that.]

Cha Jun Sung had thought that the helpers were at the very top. But he had been wrong.

Comparing Life Mission to a major company, they are classified by high and low positions. It is a simple and easy system.

The highest are the 3 officers and the investors who support Life Mission.

The second are the managers who participate in Life Mission's systems or errors, and item production, and helpers like Odin. The helpers' special right is moving dimensions. It is impossible if blocked by the powers that be, but there isn't a limit as long as their energy allows for it.

The world that Life Mission was created in is Earth hundreds of years in the future, where the science is so developed even dimensional movement is possible.

This is something that Cha Jun Sung had assumed. It had been mentioned on Lifer World that this was the case or that it was the work of aliens.

Apparently, Lifer World was created by Life Mission and not in America. He said something about using it as a method to watch Lifers' communications.

"Huh? Then does that mean all employees working for Life Mission are cyborgs?"

[In hundreds of years, the population on Earth is just 1% of what it is now. We don't have the manpower to send humans to the past. There's no reason to send them, either.]

His questions are being answered.

If he conducts the reality version and returns to where he came from, nothing can find him.

Cyborgs were a specially created camouflage team. He understands why not a single piece of information had been leaked even on the Internet.

"Hah! Only I can know this stuff?"

This information was too valuable to know alone.

It is so provocative that if Lifers, if the world knew, it wouldn't just be a scandal but everything would be flipped.

He is itching to tell, but he has to keep it to himself. He is hearing this on that condition.

"Why was Life Mission – specifically Lifers and mutants – created?"

[Humans do not change in the present or the future. They pursue and crave something

constantly. Science advances, but the nature remains the same.]

It's funny.

Humans develop science, but humans themselves do not develop.

How contradictory is this?

[You can think of Lifers as something like the superheroes in movies, who maintain their essence while possessing the power to transcend limits.]

Cha Jun Sung clenches his fists.

Though he has become a mutant, he still has the lingering effects of the body modifications he went through as a human. He can understand.

Superhero?

It's possible.

“What about mutants?”

[They're a mutation from experiments trying to transcend the limits of humans. It's easy to taint something with pure intentions.]

There are things that are discovered without intention. A side product?

They discovered the A virus by chance while trying to create superhumans.

What they had wanted was a superhuman in human form, but what they had gotten was a monster. It wasn't on the good side, but scientists had been overcome with scholarly ambition.

[They were experiments that couldn't be done on cyborgs, but it was a time when there wasn't access to enough life.]

So they opened two dimensional gates. Both are the same Earth. There was a slight time difference, but they were the same as though they had been copied and pasted. That's how they spread Life Mission and the A virus in each world.

“The documents we found at the Institute of Biological Sciences! Right. It said ‘suddenly.’”

Everything is falling into place. The puzzle is coming together. Come to think of it, Black Demon had said this, but it feels different coming from Odin.

“What’s your ultimate goal?”

[We’re trying to see who can dominate between Lifers and mutants.]

“So what are you trying to do once you find out who the dominating species is? You said the population in that era is 1%, right? Does that mean we all become mutants?”

[Sorry. I did not receive permission regarding that information.]

Cha Jun Sung tsked.

He did find out a lot, but it seems there is more that Odin is not allowed to tell him. It’s a pity, but he left it alone.

“Last one.”

[Yes.]

“What’s the exact relationship between Life Mission and Lifers?”

[Creator, or Creator and Creature. This is something that Borteth says often. This is cruel against you, but there’s no other way to express it.]



Once Cha Jun Sung’s long questioning was over, it was Odin’s turn to ask. His question was something unexpected.

[Why did you let him live? That’s worth the death penalty according to our laws.]

He is referring to Hector. It may have been to save his little brother, but he lured hundreds of Lifers to Odelia. He deserves death.

Cha Jun Sung responded, “The world is so twisted, who gets to judge who? I would’ve

just killed him if he had been a madman, but I couldn't.'

That's why he gave him Odelia's nucleus, too. Hector tried his best in a competition of survival. His method was bad, but his intention wasn't. Cha Jun Sung can't say that he wouldn't have done the same in that situation.

'Odin. Sorry, but just listen to one more thing. You guys made this world.'

A stabbing remonstrance. Odin couldn't refute. It's the truth.

# Chapter 215

“Huh? You’re saying the entire city was covered in Head Quarters?”

“To be precise, that’s not it. How many Head Quarters were there?”

Park Jin Hyuk frowns in thought and looks at Kyoko. He can’t remember how many there were.

She looks at him pathetically, “There was one level 7, about 30 level 6s, and hundreds of nests and hatcheries, so we couldn’t count properly. The volume... Phew!”

It’s horrible to even think about, and Kyoko shakes her head.

Park Jin Hyuk, Kyoko, Violet, and Basil get a cold sweat when they even think about what happened.

Before Cha Jun Sung entered Path of Blood, Park Jin Hyuk’s group created a raid with the World Federation and entered a level B advance mission first.

But they didn’t come out until about half a month after Cha Jun Sung, who had remained inside his mission for some time.

The mutants they met inside that mission were the Head Quarters they had encountered at the Institute of Biological Sciences before, and there had been dozens of them. A large city had been contaminated by level 7 Head Quarters, but the only person in their group who had tried catching them in the virtual version had been Nine Tail.

“They’re layered by sequence of evolution like a hamburger, and the outside looked like a hatchery. I’m not lying, but levels 1 and 2 created several tens of thousands within moments.”

Levels 1 and 2 mutants aren’t big threats to level B Lifers. They’re so weak that they can be swept away with just automatic cannons or reinforced rifles.

Even if there are tens of thousands of them.

The problem is that once this was repeated a few times, they started to use up all of the equipment they had brought. They can't kill without laying a hand on them. After getting through the hatchery wall, it is a nest. Mutant levels went up to levels 3 and 4 as well. Those are still weak levels, but they rebel more.

"Head Quarters and nests are big, and they're visible from far away, right? And wasn't it a big city? Couldn't you use something like a white phosphorous shell?"

Park Jin Hyuk shook his head.

There were so many hatcheries gathered together that there were a lot of different mutant types. There were all different types.

"Jun Sung. You know what Red Blood Worms are, right?"

"Ugh! Red Blood Worms? If those were there, that means they would have been everywhere."

Level 4 Red Blood Worms.

They spit out a liquid that is as red as blood, that becomes as hard as steel. They are weak in offense, but strong on defense.

A massive amount of Red Blood Worms completed a block in the shape of a dome over several years, with Head Quarters living inside. Only a hole for Lifers to enter had been created, and the rest of the paths in and out had been blocked. The Lifers had struggled fiercely to create a way out.

They found out later, but the thickness had been 4m. That means it was like a steel wall 4m thick. They tried throwing bombs at it, but it only affected the outer wall. They were only able to reach the hatcheries once they had gotten through the wall of Red Blood Worms, and they took care of those sequentially.

"More than 600 people died. We had to fight head on against two level 7s and hundreds of level 6s that the Head Quarters created."

Head Quarters created a massive amount of powerful soldiers while the hatchery and nest created time.

And they created a total war.

“Ugh...! If it hadn’t been for Nine Tail, we might have been completely wiped out.”

Nine Tail had said that they cannot leave the Head Quarters’ main body. He said that once they’re backed into a corner, the sub-objects suck nutrients from the main body.

Something about how if that happens, they could pick off the level 7s by the hour.

Park Jin Hyuk’s group works well together, so they took on the Head Quarters. The rest of the people fought the level 6 and 7s, but a lot of them died in that battle.

There weren’t 30 Lifers who advanced even with that sacrifice. Fortunately, Park Jin Hyuk’s group’s contribution was high, so they all advanced along with a few Rankers.

“Jun Sung, tell us what happened to you too.”

“Me?”

What can he tell?

Cha Jun Sung explained his battles against Odelia, Narsiel, and Vanessa. Everyone listened with interest.

Rankers Koharu, Violet, and Basil in particular know that level 8s’ offense is stronger than people think.

It is difficult for even a total trailblazing level A Lifer to fight one-on-one against a level 8. Even with the weakest, they need to stick with at least a party.

“Just because a mission level is high doesn’t always mean you need to enter with a force or raid. There are restrictions with larger numbers.”

The maximum entry for level A missions is a 10,000 member core or corps.

If they go around in hordes, it is easier for mutants to spot them.

This means they could end up in an unnecessary battle.

Cha Jun Sung had not been bothered by other mutants in the Path of Blood while fighting against Evil Queen’s three daughters. He only fought with them.

If they had entered in threatening numbers from the beginning to fight the three daughters, there is a high probability that they would have had to go to war.

North America is Evil Queen's region.

If she is the queen, her daughters are princesses. If a princess gives an order, soldiers do not have the authority to say no.

Sometimes, less is more. Having more people is better, but there are times when having small numbers is advantageous.

No matter how excellent the Lifers are, if there are too many people on a boat, the boat is bound to sink. Everyone has their own tendencies, so they are bound to make missteps. If they want to survive level S and A missions going forward, it is important that they take these kinds of matters into consideration and create maximum efficiency.

Park Jin Hyuk's group took Cha Jun Sung's words to heart.

This is advice from the experience of the only level S Lifer at this point in Life Mission.

Beep beep!

Park Jin Hyuk's PDA rings.

He checks his phone reflexively. It isn't a voice call, but it is a message someone left.

"Oh! Jun Sung?"

"Yeah."

"Strategist wants to see you. Stop putting him off and pick up."

Someone who doesn't know might think that he doesn't like Strategist. Cha Jun Sung isn't avoiding him because he doesn't like him. He just ignored him because he had something to do every time he called.

"Alright."

"He said he's preparing some kind of project, so it'll probably be about that."

“Project?”

“I don’t really know. Ask him yourself. Aha! We can go together.”

Park Jin Hyuk wrote a response and decided on a time to meet.

Cha Jun Sung thought about the project.

What could it be?

He’ll know once they meet, right?



Cha Jun Sung’s jaw dropped when he saw the thousands of drawings laid out on the wide table.

He looked back and forth between the drawings and Strategist.

He doesn’t understand what the drawings mean. It is too complicated for him to be able to comprehend. Strategist stuck his tongue out too.

“So – so you’re saying you’re going to create what’s on this drawing?”

“I thought while completing the level B advance mission that no matter how much we raise our specifications, there are limits if we don’t have a giant weapon like Life Mission.”

Cha Jun Sung looks down at the table again.

He cannot understand, but he knows what the drawings are meant to create and what it’ll be used for.

[Albatrus Blueprint]

– Albatrus: 1 billion points, 20 million achievement points

– 70% of Earth, it is an unknown world more than twice as large as combining all six

continents. Even with scientific technology that can go beyond the sky and space, they could not take on the sea. The primary reason is that the tremendous pressure gets worse the lower they go in the deep sea! Defenseless nature has the power to crush any submarine. On top of that, ever since the A virus spread, ocean mutants increased and changed the environment for the worse. Since Life Mission was created as an all-in-one strategic weapon with all of the science they know, that is the Sub Albatrus. If Lifers are able to make the Albatrus descend, there is the possibility that they become rulers of the sea!

To say it plainly, these thousands of drawings are a blueprint to create the Sub Albatrus. It even has the materials needed written down.

Strategist is thinking of making the Sub Albatrus.

“Wow. Won’t it be better to buy the finished product?”

Cha Jun Sung asked thoughtlessly.

It is a strategic weapon beyond the battlesuit. It is hundreds of times what a single individual is capable of buying.

“This is a drawing of something that can’t be found in level A, but level S.”

Cha Jun Sung looks surprised.

Level S store?

There is no way Strategist would have opened level S. Could there have been another card?

# Chapter 216

“I opened up the lucky boxes I had gathered the other day, and I found one.”

“If it’s an item from the level S store... will you be able to find all of the materials you need to make it? It’s bound to use materials from the same level.”

Looking at the conclusion, they can create a downgraded version if they fill in the missing parts from level A. This is what his helper had told him.

“He said it’s performance might be just 30% of a level S, but there shouldn’t be apparent differences. And they don’t sell the completed product anyway.”

That had been the decisive reason for his wanting to create it.

Think about it. A completed product needs to be purchased by an individual, and how many points would that call for?

There is no standard for them to distinguish whether the current drawings are right or wrong, but what if they really could dominate the sea?

This is just my personal thinking, but I have no doubt that the Sub Albatrus was created as a weapon against Sea God Levadan.”

The last of the six Disasters, Sea God Levadan.

None of the 36 Rankers saw Sea God Levadan with their own eyes. Underwater battles are trickier than those above ground.

The sea is more than twice as large as the six continents. The deep areas are more than 10,000m deep. Where would they even go looking for him?

The funny thing is that it is a problem even if they find him.

There is no way to catch him.

Just as fish cannot live on ground, humans cannot live under water.

This is why even in the virtual version, they were more averse to water mutants than they were to flying mutants.

“Levadan...”

“Is there an exchange if it’s a weapon that lets us take on Levadan? That’s why they don’t sell the completed product. It’s impossible to buy.”

Cha Jun Sung looked over the drawings of Albatrus, and stopped at the last sheet. It has all of the materials they need written on it.

“1000 level – level A energy cores?”

“At least. We don’t have level S energy cores to be at the center.”

Cha Jun Sung instinctively touched his chest.

He has a level S energy core. The one in his fully modified battlesuit.

Strategist smiles. They need dozens of them. It would be nice to have them, but he can’t ask Cha Jun Sung for his.

Trillions of points will be used up in building this. There are 1000 in just level A. The numbers in levels B, C, and lower are enough to make his head spin.

“It’s a downgrade, but I’m expecting the points to come out to be in the tens of trillions.”

Cha Jun Sung choked on Strategist’s words.

That’s more than he had been thinking. It’s a number that would be impossible even for a group.

This is only possible for the World Federation, which is formed by large guilds receiving aid from dozens of countries. It is too much even for hostile force, Bloody Kingdom.

“I’m going to get the materials from Lifers in World Federation. Those who have over billions are Rankers and masters of large guilds and cadres. We’ll get a little from those below them. Won’t it be possible out if we all work together?”

“How will you make it?”

He says that he can get the materials through tens of thousands of Lifers. But he is curious as to how they will actually create it.

“I’m going to leave it to the cyborgs. I showed this to famous shipyard engineers, and they said that they’d rather heal a patient with an incurable disease.”

They can create it if they enter the drawings into artificial intelligence.

Lower and mid levels lack the skill, so they need to be higher level.

It means that cyborgs become laborers.

Hundreds of points will go into just this purchase. But what can they do? Humans can’t do it.

It is because of the difference between the science of Life Mission and the current Earth.

4 and 5 year olds can learn addition and subtraction if they are taught. If they are taught even more, they can even learn multiplication and division.

However, they could never learn equations, calculus, functions, and sets with their ability to learn.

The standards of the two worlds had become the difference between the earth and the sky in the first place.

“How long are you expecting it to take?”

“It seems like 3 or 4 months will be enough since cyborgs aren’t humans.”

They can work 24 hours a day, 720 hours a month without rest. One advanced cyborg can work the same amount that 100 humans can.

What if there are over 1000 of those?

The production speed will be fast.

Cha Jun Sung had one question. Why is Strategist trying to make the Albatrus? It costs 100 trillion.

“We can’t just keep depending on battlesuits. We can try various strategic tactics, but even if we’re not infantry, the end is a handful of guns.”

Lifers utilize items that fit each of their dispositions. They use weapons ranging from artillery, guns, to swords. The only difference is being at a distance or close range.

There are machines other than these weapons in Life Mission’s store that Lifers make themselves like tanks, jets, and helicopters. They perform incomparably better than those of contemporary times, but they have fatal drawbacks. They are expensive and difficult to operate.

Basic battlesuits are 10 million. Basic tanks and armored cars are on the fringe as well. They need to learn to drive them or make a cyborg do it for them.

Compared to the expensive points, there are a lot of things that they need to keep in mind like double sensitivity. They perform well because they are deadly weapons created to defeat the enemy. The problem is that rather than investing points there, they benefit more by investing in battlesuits and using the rest of their points to get auxiliary equipment.

The ground isn’t a suitable environment for hundreds of tanks or armored cars to move on. Efficiency decreases in places that are impossible to enter.

It is also hard to hide the noise, so it is easy to become targets for mutants.

So if they are using a battlesuit, there is no reason to add on more gear to make it more complicated. That only brings bad results.

“There are too many obstacles on the ground. No matter how I think about it, there isn’t anything more efficient than fighting with a battlesuit.”

Powerful and easy.

These are the battlesuit’s greatest advantages.

“But the Albatrus is different. This giant weapon can take on tens of thousands of Lifers at one time, and it has tremendous combat power. This makes the genocide of

mutants possible.”

How is the power of an aircraft carrier?

It is impossible to compare to tanks or armored cars. If they board the Albatrus, they can reduce the Lifers sacrificed while wasting points.

It's just a theory because they haven't practiced, but Strategist stayed up all night to check the specifications and it seems there is plenty of possibility.

“Rather than the sea and shore, it is the difference between weapon quality and application.”

“That's right.”

The sea is a tricky area for Lifers to act in. There are very few missions related to the sea, and Lifers avoid even those.

If a means of attack forms, they don't fall behind on the merits of above ground war. With the Albatrus, they can kill mutants without even touching them.

There are no boundaries in the vast ocean. They can keep going up and down.

They can move as they please and kill everything in sight because there are no towering mountains or cumbersome things like buildings. Moving around is easy too. They can just float around.

“The Albatrus is a weapon sold in the level S store. We need to use it.”

He wouldn't have made work like this if it had been an ordinary marine weapon. It's the type of thing that they can't get now like the opening card.

“After hearing you out, it really doesn't seem bad.”

There is a giant tank that 100 Lifers can board among above ground weapons as well.

It is a weapon in the level A store. They can buy this through drawings as well, and a bus would look like a toy car if placed in front of it.

Since they're able to make the Albatrus, there's no reason for them to buy it now.

Strategist was actually thinking of using this kind of item too.

“You might have heard from Mr. Park Jin Hyuk, but more than 600 people died during the level B advance mission. It’s a terrible loss since they were a valuable power.”

There was a collision immediately after getting through the Red Blood Worms. They had wide range weapons but if they come in hordes, they have no choice but to engage in close range battle.

“I was able to get to this high position due to the sacrifice of others. I’d like to protect lives I can protect.”

They need a sturdy and large shield that can protect them from any attack.

The Albatrus would be able to play that role.

“And there is someone who can support my decision. Come in.”

Wiing!

Cha Jun Sung looks at the automatic doors of the office. At the moment, they are the only two people in the room.

Who is going to come in?

As the automatic doors open, a fairly old middle-aged man enters. This is someone Cha Jun Sung has never seen before.

“Introduce yourselves to each other.”

“Cha Jun Sung, I’m Overload.”

“We’ve met a few times in the virtual version, but it seems you don’t recognize me because I look different. I’m Yann Clark. I’m a Sea General.”

“Huh?”

Sea General.

He is a unique Lifer, the only one of the 36 Rankers who worked with the sea in the

background. No user is better versed in Life Mission's ocean than he is.

Had he been in the World Federation?

"Alright. Then shall we get started?"

He thought they were coming to an end, but they're now just getting started?

It seems this will take a long time.

# Chapter 217

Most Lifers are prejudiced towards the ocean.

This is referring to the abnormal ocean where sea mutants live. This is the same for Cha Jun Sung. The ocean is where they can't move properly without specialized equipment.

Sea General worked in the ocean for 10 years. A few users also worked in the ocean, but he is the only one who caught a level 8.

An underwater level 8, not a level 8 above ground. It's incredible.

"There's something that Lifers are mistaken about, but sea mutants are weaker than above ground mutants. It's just that Lifers are handicapped because their activity is in the ocean, making people feel like these mutants are stronger."

He said that he had been completing missions in the ocean since the reality version was launched.

"Above ground mutant are as smart as humans once they get to higher levels. Isn't it kind of a definite since some of them are evolved from humans?"

Sea mutants aren't like that. Humans can't live in the ocean.

Since evolution begins from marine life, they become smart animals rather than as smart as humans.

Sea mutants can't approach human intelligence, and they can't get close to absorbing human knowledge. The level 8 that Sea General caught was also smart and shrewd, but he had finally been able to catch it.

"Are you saying that the ocean would be easier if we had the proper equipment?"

"It'd be good to change the battlesuit to act in the ocean."

This was the point. If they could just create the Albatrus, it'll become the best weapon

to attack with and hunting level 8s could be easy. Cha Jun Sung cannot sympathize because he used all his energy in killing Odelia and Narsiel.

“1000 people can enter a level B mission and 10,000 people can enter level A. What do you think would happen if these kinds of numbers of Lifers roamed above ground?”

Since they are big even after hiding their traces with the battlesuit, they would soon be found out by mutants.

Cha Jun Sung agreed.

This is right.

“But the Albatrus could move that many people secretly.”

There are more docile sea mutants than there are aggressive ones. A lot of them move in hordes because they haven't been able to evolve past their animalistic habits, but it's game over if they just torpedo it in the middle.

“I bought a submarine in the level B store and have been working in the Pacific Ocean. I worked on a boat in real life, did it for 10 years in the virtual version, and lived in the ocean for over 4 years in this place too.”

What he heard from Strategist is that the Albatrus is the top combat weapon. People with level A specifications would be able to catch level 8 mutants.

This would strengthen them to level S and once completely filled with Lifers, they might even be able to catch Sea God Levadan. A man needs to have a goal. Sea General wants to catch Sea God Levadan and quell the ocean.

He isn't making an appeal for the Albatrus with personal ambition.

There's no reason to only go through missions on land. If they just succeed in creating it, they could move their main stage to the ocean. Simply put, they can kill with the Albatrus instead of working themselves to the bones with battlesuits.

Cha Jun Sung listened and thought that something was missing.

He had listened to Strategist and Sea General's impassioned speeches and enough of the explanations, but he doesn't know why they have called him here.

“But why have you called for me?”

“I’ll be straightforward. Have you purchased anything from the level S store that could be used for the Albatrus?”

He doesn’t. Of course he doesn’t.

He plummeted when he lost his space compression bag. He’s still going crazy when he thinks about what a loss it is.

Cha Jun Sung told them the truth. It doesn’t make sense that he lost something so important, but what could he do? It’s the truth.

“What a pity. Then will you be able to help us in creating this?”

It seems they’re asking him to become an investor. What they want from him won’t be several millions of points. It’ll be in the billions at the least.

“There isn’t really any item to buy.”

He doesn’t have anything to buy in the level A store since he hasn’t opened level S.

All he has left to do is to save up points for future use. If he wants to, he could help. The key is what benefit there would be to him.

“How much support do you need?”

“It’s 1 trillion. Rankers are 50 billion, cadres 20 billion.”

0.1% of 100 trillion.

It is a small portion overall, but thinking of all of the Lifers who will invest, one person will have to take on 1/1000.

“If you help us, we will put you in the level A advancement.”

“Advancement?”

Cha Jun Sung’s eyes grow wide. Level A advancement missions are extremely limited. There are only 50 level A missions, and there aren’t even 3 advancement missions.

High difficulty. Of those, there isn't a mission related to the ocean.

He was going to wait until Park Jin Hyuk's group met level A specifications, but they'll get him in?

"Yes! It's a level A advancement in the ocean."

Huh?

Life Mission's satellite cannot watch the ocean's ecosystem, so there are only a couple level B missions, much less level A.

"I was near the Pacific Ocean when I found Deep-Sea Teeth."

Sea General speaks.

Deep-Sea Teeth are level 8. He had discovered them in the virtual version as well and went looking for them thinking they might live in the same place, and it had been a hit.

"When I found them, a level A advancement mission came up. Haha! It's a good thing I ignored them and just went on, or else I could have died."

"You say 'them'?"

"There's a male and female pair."

He's saying there are two.

Of course. There have to be two level 8s to make it an advancement mission.

"Do they live in the Pacific Ocean?"

"Yes. They have a newborn baby, so they won't move."

There's no reason for them to move. They are below Levadan, but Sea Teeth are a top predator in the ocean. They will hold that position now too.

"But if we kill them with the Albatrus, we won't be able to advance because we wouldn't get enough contribution points."

“I think it’s enough to support when fighting against two of them, since what the helpers look at is whether we qualify to advance or not.”

Cha Jun Sung’s combat power is beyond level A.

It doesn’t seem like he’ll fail even if he gets support. It would be comfortable to be backed up by a large military force.

It could be fine to leave it half killed and finish up. Cha Jun Sung had actually been thinking about getting help from the Federation when entering level A advancement.

If the Rankers go, he was confident they could complete the mission with him at the center. But from the way things are going, it looks like Strategist’s group is going to attack the ocean with the Albatrus. He needs to follow them whether he likes it or not.

“Can I think about it a bit before answering?”

“Alright. I hope we can hear good news within a month.”

From the perspective of Strategist’s group, they can create the Albatrus without Cha Jun Sung. They are trying to get him to join because of his combat power that goes beyond level 8.

Cha Jun Sung held off on making a decision. He could invest in something worth 100 trillion points if he has to. He needs to weigh what is more beneficial to him.



A building that collapsed under bombing.

Cha Jun Sung and Park Jin Hyuk’s group are sitting at the top of the wreck. They are on high ground, so the panorama is in full view.

Corpses laid out at the foot of the wreck, near the debris.

They have killed nearly tens of thousands of mutants. Causes of death vary, too. They were cut up, punctured, or ripped up. And this is in progress. A lot of mutants are coming in to them. As many mutants die as well.

6 automatic cannons use up a mountain of bullets piled as high as they are. There are

so many that the pile does not seem to get smaller.

There is one installed in the east and northwest directions, and 2 are supporting where they are being pushed back from the center. Cha Jun Sung's group occasionally pulled the triggers on their reinforced rifles. Where Cha Jun Sung's group is sitting and drawing out the scene is so disconnected from the atmosphere outside that they're scared it might come out in their dreams.

Can they say it feels like the automatic cannons are a boundary?

Park Jin Hyuk yawns in boredom.

He occasionally throws a bomb in places where it looks like they can get through.

The number of corpses only increases.

"There are two months left, right?"

"Yeah."

Cha Jun Sung responds to Park Jin Hyuk. They are nearing the completion of Albatrus. They have been laboring ever since Cha Jun Sung agreed to support the project. He is actually entering a mission with his party members for the first time in a while, and they are hunting mutants in a one-sided massacre. They chose level B missions to do these in.

It is harrowing to think of trying to gather 100 billion points, but his party members fortunately helped take on the burden. All 5 people agreed to help him with 10 billion each for 50 billion.

Strategist pulled Park Jin Hyuk's group in, too.

Each person promised to support with 20 billion and since they took half of Cha Jun Sung's with 50 billion, that's 30 billion.

It is hard to do alone, but it's easy when divided up because of reward points.

If 6 people enter a 50 million point level B mission, there are 3 billion reward points.

What Lifers need to provide for the Albatrus is not points, but materials. As long as

they meet the conditions, it doesn't matter how they achieve it.

Party members help each other and in the case of Park Jin Hyuk's group, they provided 70% of the materials and Cha Jun Sung hadn't been able to match that. Even so, he is performing the role that Strategist gave him well. There are 2 months left till completion, and it seems they should more or less be able to make it.

“If it goes according to plan, we should be able to gather the points comfortably.”

# Chapter 218

The Albatrus' performance is being revealed during the production process. There is a big difference between looking at it through drawings and while it is being created. The physical appearance itself is overwhelming. The boat is as large as the city seen in Dead Ark. It is smaller than a ship but top of the line in combat power.

There is no need for the average Lifer to kill mutants himself. As long as they board, the Albatrus brings in 1/n of mutant points. Cha Jun Sung is aiming for the advancement mission, but this is creating the optimal environment for Lifers who are completing missions with points as their target.

For Park Jin Hyuk's group who has just become level A, Rankers, and below level B Lifers, matching the specifications for their respective levels was more urgent than advancement. They are doing this because they need the points, but repeatedly hunting is boring and is a source of considerable stress.

To think that points accumulate once they board the Albatrus even though that means that all they do is eat, sleep, and play?

That itself is paradise.

"It doesn't matter much to me since the World Federation will take care of it, but the maintenance cost must be considerable and repairs will cost a lot if it takes a big hit."

Albatrus is an item similar to the Universe Eye. There is a maintenance fee in points for Lifers that board it.

The payment system is by paying a fee.

If several Lifers fill the points for Albatrus, they get used from there. If it isn't filled, it is a definite that they can't activate it. 1000 in just 1 second – maintaining it for one day sucks up 86.4 million points.

It is at a level A standard. If they upgrade to level S, they don't know how it'll change.

It is worth doing, but the numerical value is horrifying. What would happen if the

supply of points is cut off in the middle of the sea? They would be buried. In the worst case scenario, they all have to squeeze out points.

“The sea...”

“I’ve wanted to go deep into the sea ever since I was very young. I’m sure everyone’s had that thought before. It’s the world of the unknown.”

The only body of nature that hasn’t been touched by humans. Mutants may be wild in the world of missions, but Cha Jun Sung’s world is where seeing a big whale is more fascinating than a lion or tiger.

There is a lot more that hasn’t been revealed compared to what’s on land.

Cha Jun Sung’s party alone has 4 Rankers. But they don’t know anything about sea mutants.

“Do you think there are 100m whales and octopus too? Or a tuna as large as a boat?”

Park Jin Hyuk has an expression full of expectation. He has a childlike innocence. He is in his early 20s, but curiosity has no correlation with age.

“There are stingrays that big too.”

Cha Jun Sung has never seen it either, but he has heard that there are mutants that large. There are stingrays as large as buildings.

“Was its name Bergon?”

“Bergon is right.”

Violet remembered the name. It is a sea mutant that is the second fastest in the ocean.

Aka Sleeping Scissors.

It is called that because it is known to be calm, but cuts everything up when it gets angry. It is also Red Eye’s pet mutant, but Cha Jun Sung has no way of knowing that.

“But what are Deep-Sea Teeth?”

“I don’t know either. I didn’t ask for details. I tried looking on Lifer World, but there’s no information. Though I wasn’t expecting to find anything since it’s a level 8 ocean mutant.”

“I can’t wait! A fight with a battleship and monsters! I feel like it’ll be better than a sci-fi movie!”

“Don’t depend on Albatrus too much. There’s going to be a lot of struggle because there are two level 8s. We might have to battle under water.”

Ejection.

They can’t rule out the possibility of having to use a battlesuit that can be active underwater in order to fight.

Hundreds of small diving vessels will protect the Albatrus, but in the event of an emergency, Lifers on board will need to make up for what’s lacking.

It’s fine to believe in the Albatrus’ performance, but blind dependence isn’t.

While mutants were being massacred by the automatic cannons, two giant lizards appeared with a tremendous roar.

Level 7 Basilisks. Bullets bounce off of their thick skins.

Cha Jun Sung stands up.

Park Jin Hyuk’s group stays seated. They are level A Lifers, but they cannot fight against level 7 mutants because they have only gone through stage 7 of body modifications.

Rankers didn’t get past the stage 7 wall either. There are side effects in stages 5 and 6, too. They are slowing down because they can tell what is beyond that without seeing it.

Cha Jun Sung had searched for a solution to the side effects, and had found a basic answer thanks to Odin. The solution had been closer than they thought.

It is him.

“For now, it’s me.”

Papat!

It is a bother to think of how many level 7s he will need to kill from now on, but he’ll just do it because he already has a foot in. It’s just for two months.



This is the production site of Albatrus.

Different from ordinary shipbuilding methods, building the ark is full of the unfamiliar from the foundation work to materials.

A buzzing scenery of workers’ chatter and the sour smell of sweat is missing.

Of course it is. The workers aren’t human.

Boom boom!

Advanced cyborgs move black metals.

It is black iron alloy from the level B store. 200,000 points for a large stick. Most of the Albatrus’ keel and hull is made out of this. The World Federation used 8 trillion points in purchasing 40 million of these black iron alloy sticks.

The 10 trillion budget that they had initially estimated increased to 12 trillion, but there wasn’t that much more of a burden on Lifers. It just increased slightly. They decreased the types of items they can change as if they were batteries like energy cores and weapons, and considered what they can’t.

With materials from the level A store and a downgraded version, they can kill two birds with one stone. They’re on the fringe about getting even one. Strategist chose Albatrus’ durability. If it can collapse like a sand castle under the enemy’s attack, it is deadwood no matter how great the equipment is.

The external shape has already been completed. It has been half a month since they started production on the inside.

When even this is done, they have to bring in and install the thousands of energy cores

to the designated locations in order to attack. For the past few months, 15000 cyborgs created the Albatrus without stopping for even a second except when they charged the energy cores.

The drawings themselves were input into artificial intelligence, so they were carried out without a single error. The production speed was fast.



The inside of Albatrus.

Cha Jun Sung's group and Strategist's group are gathered at the place that will become the headquarters.

Since nearly 20 Rankers are gathered together, it looks completely full even though that isn't a large number.

There are Lifers like Nine Tail and Light Shooter who aren't bound to groups and take on personal activities instead, but they went against their personalities and decided to work together because of the difficulty of the advancement mission.

If Cha Jun Sung's combat ability hadn't been above average, it is so difficult that they wouldn't be able to complete it without overdoing themselves.

They will be massacred if they enter a level A mission without Cha Jun Sung now.

So they need to work together even if they don't want to, and they can't take on a level A mission if they don't advance. Now, their greatest concern is body modification.

When they get together, they only talk about topics regarding body modifications.

Rankers think that Cha Jun Sung is in stage 10 of body modifications. Even if he used the card, there's no other way to explain completing a level A mission. Cha Jun Sung talked about his body like this:

'Ever since I got infected by the Oriax in Public Underground, it seems I've gained immunity. That's why I'm free from the side effects of body modifications as well.'

He just said what came to mind because he can't tell them that he's become a mutant, and they bought it just as he had expected. The side effect of stages 5 and 6 is delirium.

They were even more envious of Cha Jun Sung because death is a possibility in stages 7 and 8.

Not long ago, Cha Jun Sung heard something fun and interesting from Odin.

[Gauging your awakened state, you're above level 8.] [This means that there's the possibility an immune system is in your blood. If you drink this, it could get rid of or reduce the side effects of body modification.]

There is no guarantee of what will happen if an ordinary Lifer drinks Cha Jun Sung's blood, but Lifers already have a diluted strain of A virus inside them.

They all have some kind of immunity to the blood.

These are all just hypotheses. It's just that Cha Jun Sung thinks it's worth a try.

He only told Strategist about this. It would be fortunate if he didn't take it as his being crazy, but he thought about it positively like a human.

"We leave two days after it's complete. I want to test it, but the maintenance points are too much. It looks like we'll just have to do it during the real thing."

They don't really need it.

The cyborgs created it without a single error.

It doesn't make sense for level S combat weapons worth 10 trillion points to malfunction.

It's the helpers' job to move the Albatrus into their mission area.

The minimum number of passengers to board is 1000. They need to match that number no matter what.

The normal gate opens separately for each person. The helpers will combine their power to open a giant gate, to move the Albatrus whole. When that happens, the Lifers

inside will be able to follow automatically. As the level goes up, a lot of strange things happen. They all learn that much more.

Strategist looks at Cha Jun Sung.

He knows what that means. They can't advance if they can't get past stages 7 and 8, regardless of survival.

'I'll set up the meeting. They'll make their choices.'

He might have to give a lot of blood.

The Rankers might worry too, but if they could raise the possibility by even 0.1%, they won't turn down the proposal.

Cha Jun Sung looks over the construction site from headquarters. They borrowed Mechanic City's largest stadium. Nearby, thousands of World Federation Lifers are walking around standing guard.

It's because Bloody Kingdom could create a ruckus.

But Rankers were also standing guard, so they would have to go back even if they tried to challenge them.

'Getting closer.'

It seemed as though it was only yesterday that they were level E Lifers, and now they are suddenly level As. If they become complete level S, only one mission is the goal.

'Evil Queen.'

It is delusional to try to try all level S missions solo.

What will there be past level S?

Will they be able to completely understand Life Mission?

Let's go. All the way.

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Strategist expected the Albatrus' completion to take 3 or 4 months. They finally saw results a few more weeks after 4 of those months.

1000 members going.

Their group is made up of Lifers who are all level B or beyond. The cyborgs behind them are also at the top.

They will assist with the Albatrus' system and take care of what Lifers cannot. They can be thought of as seamen.

The Albatrus' huge form shaped as bilateral streamlines is appearing on top of the support fixture entangled in a complicated manner. Because they created most of the ship's hull out of black iron alloy, it looks black from the outside and is glossy as if coated.

950m in length, 250m in width, 250m in height, total weight including load 1.2 million tons.

The width and height are the same to create a circular hull. It's impossible to tell where the front and back is and where the entrance is by sight. They can't do it, but it looks like it'll just go rolling if they push it over.

Its appearance, configuration, and even its weight did not make sense.

Zing.

When Strategist sent a signal from the head, a part of the hull opened dozens of square structures 5m by 5m came out into the air and came down. The method of boarding is unusual as it is a cutting-edge level S store weapon. When they stepped onto the structures, they were automatically taken on board.

The Lifers went to their designated rooms in order to unpack their bags but after this, their roles become clearly divided by level. None of them can be looked down on because they're all level B Lifers. However, there are clear distinctions in

those higher and lower.

The lowest were on standby in waiting rooms placed throughout the Albatrus under their respective party leaders control so that they could go into battle at any time.

The main system from headquarters will be activated soon. Force leaders took their places where 8 sub-systems had been placed in order to assist.

Cha Jun Sung's group and Strategist's group go into the command room.

Dozens of cyborgs are sitting in front of computers under the command room. Strategist took the chip out of his PDA and stuck it in the command room's main system.

Then the Albatrus, which had been running on minimal energy with a level C energy core, began to run properly.

[Albatrus' main system activated. I, Uranos, Ollaborke Den's helper, will carry out duties as the General of this ship, the Captain.]

It is impossible for these simple Lifers to control the Albatrus. Even the 8 sub-systems will be controlled by the force leaders' helpers.

The subs are being submitted to the main temporarily. They act independently, but the main system gets the final say so that they cannot act arbitrarily. Put negatively, Uranos is basically the king while aboard Albatrus. But still, he's just a helper assisting Lifers.

Albatrus' engine grows hot due to the energy cores and there are sudden changes on board, but this did not show outside.

The ship is being activated, but they have not turned on the propeller that will take them forward.

If they turn the propeller on while on land, it will break through the stadium walls and wreak havoc in Mechanic City.

It might as well be a 950m missile.

Modern submarines gain driving force from propellers, but the Albatrus is different.

Energy cores bring driving force while discharging air to the base. When it goes into the ocean, this is used as water power. That's why they need to maintain this state until they go to the ocean.

[Currently boarding. Enjoy your time exploring the ocean.]

Strategist's gentle voice can be heard.

Lifers utilize their PDAs at the same time. They'll start their first entry with a level B mission.

There aren't level A missions in the ocean. That's why there are 1000 people as well. There's a limit beyond that because it's a level B.

Vroom!

The space near the Albatrus becomes completely distorted. This is what happens when the 1000 summons gates for each person becomes integrated.

The Lifers watching this strange scene from outside, could only blink. Someone even tried filming it.

Then the moment the distorted space swallowed the Albatrus, the huge ship disappeared from Mechanic City's stadium.



When the Lifers and Cha Jun Sung became aware that they had entered the mission, the Albatrus was already floating somewhere in the broad Pacific Ocean.

[Front mirror image change. Welcome to the underwater world.]

Once Uranos' command was entered, the front became a screen.

Hundreds of cameras attached to the Albatrus give them the impression of looking at the ocean through a glass wall.

It feels like they are walking on water.

Cha Jun Sung looks down.

Rather than the hard ground, there is the deep sea that looks like it'll swallow him up. The ocean does not fit inside a narrow screen. The entire headquarters becomes a screen so the Lifers can check the ocean with their own eyes,

It does not apply to the Lifers in waiting rooms, but there are similar screens in the 8 places with sub-systems.

'How interesting.'

Cha Jun Sung looks on in wonder.

He has been on such a huge ship very few times in the virtual version. He's almost never been on such a ship.

He has been on an armored tank as large as a 4 or 5 floor building and a ship bigger than an apartment building, but this is the first time he's been in such a large submarine. Albatrus is a submarine, but they can take the top off to make it look like a ferry.

It is versatile and has all the functions possible for the ocean.

At the bottom of the Albatrus, the propulsion engine uses the energy core's power to go in reverse and float 1.2 million tons of weight. It is just floating, and does not advance. Everyone is awed by the mirror image of the sea. They don't care because they have plenty of time.

[Water barrier deployed. Energy core output 20%, simulation result shows it can easily block the destructive power of tons.]

Woong!

Something like a transparent veil covers the Albatrus.

This is also technology that utilizes water power, and it is a defense against the enemy's attack.

The basis of battle is hitting without getting hit, whether it is a war in the air, on the ground, or in the water. If they need to get hit, they can hit while getting hit. No matter how well Uranos controls Albatrus, it is not possible to protect this kind of large body against the enemy 100%.

[Sound wave, Raider confirmed. Energy core output 10%, exploring life and geographic features within a 50km radius.] [Porthole opened. The arrangement of 100 hydraulic guns, 10 water pressure guns, 3 water artilleries, and 300 combat-type small submersibles completed.]

Uranos got an understanding of the Albatrus step by step.

They tried several times before going out, but practice and combat experience are different even for artificial intelligence. Even thousands of energy cores need each system's output to be distributed properly. It is important that it does not get concentrated in any one place.

If they only focus on the barrier, other things can't help but be neglected.

Energy isn't infinite.

They cannot forget that.

Ready to go. Set up a seaway to perform the mission.]

"Open map."

Uranos reacted to Strategist's signal.

On a cubic hologram, a map showing Pacific Ocean opens up and is marked with a red dot.

The red dot is Albatrus. They entered into the mission and they are completely done preparing to go through the mission. All that's left is setting up the seaway.

"General."

"203. 936. 582. 162. Those are the coordinates for where I found the Deep-Sea Teeth."

Beep beep!

Strategist enters the coordinates that Sea General tells him.

Then on top of the map, another red dot appears. It is where the Deep-Sea Teeth lives.

Right now, Cha Jun Sung's location is towards the end of the middle where Asia and North America connect. Red dots are more than 8000km apart.

"Wow! It's far. We need to hunt as we go, so it'll take at least a couple months."

Park Jin Hyuk looked at the number marking the street and clucked his tongue.

Since it is the ocean, it will not take a long time if they penetrate in a straight line.

However, Strategist's goal is not limited to completing a level A mission.

Albatrus' performance test – that's the real thing.

[A large number of mutants emerged 3km away. Enlarging in the view.]

Everyone looks at the screen.

A group of mutants that are long water cocoons resembling cutlass fish a dozens times as large, come swarming in. They are not trying to attack because they recognize the Albatrus as the enemy. They are just extremely unlucky fish passing in front.

"They're level 3 Spiky Cutlass. There are so few of them. Have they been attacked by a predator?"

"They look just like their name."

"Hurry up and try catching it."

Nuclear urges Strategist on.

He wanted to see Albatrus' performance as well. Everyone else looked on in interest as well.

"Let's try earning some points. Uranos."

[Water pressure guns loaded. I'll send them in one clean hit.]

Woong!

The porthole for one of the 3 hydraulic guns on the Albatrus' head opened and sucked

in an unmeasurable amount of seawater.

[Launch!]

Ping!

An extremely compressed 5m diameter water lump fired from a huge porthole, and reached the center before the Spiky Cutlass scattered. Dozens of them were swept away by the water lump and are crushed under the pressure gathered inside. That is nothing more than a simple show.

Bang!

A hydraulic gun fired.

A 50m radius area of sweater pushes out and captures the Spiky Cutlass. They have been taken care of with one hit just as Uranos said would happen.

“It’s no joke.”

“Is that the power of a giant weapon?”

Cha Jun Sung was just as surprised as the other Rankers.

It looked like there had been about 400 to 500 them, so it is impressive. It’s easy for any one of the Rankers to kill a level 3 of their own size. It’s just that the problem with killing is an efficiency problem.

A one hit is too much no matter what, but it takes a long time. If hit with the hydraulic gun, even a giant mutant can’t avoid being wounded.

“Odin. My battlesuit would be able to take it, right?”

[Maybe not with water artillery, but a level A battlesuit is plenty capable of handling rapid fire shot from a hydraulic gun.]

Odin’s simple and clear response. This means that he can withstand it.

“But why can’t this impressive level S battlesuit withstand the Heavy Gravity?”

[Heavy Gravity is Life Mission's most powerful method of offense and defense, so it is more valuable than the Albatrus.]

Cha Jun Sung's battlesuit is nautical adamantium.

This broke into pieces like plastic. He has no doubt because he already experienced it with his own body.

"About 800,000 points came in, but it doesn't feel like anything because we have to split it up between 1000 people."

"I'll say."

When they caught the Spiky Cutlass, nearly 1 million points came in. It doesn't feel like they're getting anything because the points are getting divided between all of the Lifers.

'Is it 1700 points?'

Cha Jun Sung checks the points they tracked.

0.2% distribution ratio.

Except for the few supplying Albatrus' maintenance points, it is unrivaled.

Ordinary level B Lifers are 0.05%, and there are 3 party and force leaders who are 1%.

Some are a lot and some are a little. There can be dissatisfaction, but they just moved past it because this is just how the world works.

Uranos who massacred Spiky Cutlass, turns on the propeller.

Albatrus advances with hydraulic power. The speed wasn't that fast.

All systems including weapons activate normally.

Since they haven't come to look at the sea, there was no reason for them to stay in one place.

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Dozens of hydraulic guns shoot out water.

They can fire once every 10 seconds, so they controlled the hydraulic guns' shooting speed with continuous fire.

The hydraulic gun passes through the bodies of fish that are so deformed they look burned. It isn't an exploding method like hydraulic impact guns.

Since it is a penetrating weapon capable of creating a large hole like a hard rock, it is better for hunting small numbers of mutants rather than large numbers.

Uranos caused overall damage with the hydraulic impact gun when they discovered a school of mutants, and used the hydraulic gun to kill the rest.

The energy core recovers power with time no matter how slowly. They brought along the chargers they needed.

They cannot use the store inside a mission however, so items are finite. They cannot know what will happen in the future. They need to manage efficiently.

'It varies. The whole ecosystem is different from what's on land. It revolves completely around mutants. Is it because Lifers haven't touched it?'

Even if the land is destroyed now, it is where more than 50 billion people live so there are traces leftover in whatever shape it takes.

Even that will gradually disappear but with the inflow of Lifers, there are traces that humans lived there.

But not in the sea.

It is not an area that they can be active in in the first place, but the ecosystem revolves around mutants and animals.

There is no inflow of Lifers, so it is a different world from what is on land.

It has been several weeks since they set out to sea.

Albatrus submerged as deep as it could go.

They are going down close to 2000m.

Boom!

They kept repeating the boring pattern of shaking up the mutants' center with the hydraulic impact gun and then taking care of the rest with hydraulic guns.

Battle is always lukewarm.

Except when they were resting in the guest rooms, Cha Jun Sung's group watched this kind of scene hundreds of times. They didn't do anything, and just ate up points.

There are so many mutants in this vast expanse that hundreds of them appeared in blocks of just several minutes. Levels 1 and 2 were like sand on a beach. There were less of levels 3 and 4, but it is at a proportion compared to land.

Once they reached levels 5 and 6, they appeared less than the lower levels.

It's a party when they appear.

They come in hordes.

The levels are mixed, but they come in thousands at the least and tens of thousands if there are a lot.

Sea General told them that solo actions decrease and they tend to act as teams because there are more predators in the sea than there are on land.

When they face level 5 and 6s, they can get at least 5 to 10 million points on the spot. They divided it up, but it's on such a large scale.

"Compared to the beginning, the number of people coming in periodically is less than half."

Basil speaks while looking at the screen.

About 10 of the 20 Rankers aren't seen.

One person basically disappeared every two days.

They have a similarity.

When the situation grew boring, they stopped coming to headquarters telling them to call only when they are needed.

None of the Lifers were happy about this.

All they can do is watch. It didn't matter if all of the Lifers became lazy. The Albatrus moved by way of the 8 helpers and cyborgs.

"...we're doing something in less than half too."

"...I see."

Cha Jun Sung's party has 6 people. But 4 of them have disappeared and only 2 are left in headquarters. Cha Jun Sung and Basil.

Park Jin Hyuk and Kyoko are gone and hiding somewhere.

Headquarters is just one part of the Albatrus. They must be going around spending quality time together.

Koharu and Violet didn't even pay attention to them, saying that they were having fun.

Nuclear, who has been coming in diligently, is next to a cyborg asking something. From what they can tell, he is learning to steer.

Other than that, they are all in cliques.

Strategist and Sea General are in a deep conversation. As they get deeper into the water, the mutants get stronger.

Uranos is Strategist's helper.

He makes his own judgements on the situation, but he cannot help but rely on Strategist for the final decision. Strategist recognized this and learns about the ocean

from Sea General whenever he can. He learns quickly because he is smart.

“Thank you.”

“Excuse me?”

“If we didn’t have the immunity, we would still be stuck in stage 6.”

He wasn’t sure what to make of Basil’s sudden gratitude. Cha Jun Sung was invited to a meeting that Strategist had set up 6 days before leaving.

It was to talk about Cha Jun Sung and his potential immunity to the A virus, and the 7th stage of body modifications that is bothering the Rankers.

Explaining is easy because they all saw it.

He ran around unconscious when he was infected by the Oriax, and had gained the physical ability of stage 10 of body modifications when he came to his senses.

Cha Jun Sung said that and then said one more thing.

He asked if they were going to accept his blood, that has a high possibility with immunity.

The people for and against became clearly divided.

There were the Rankers who accepted and those who declined. For those who declined, there were two reasons.

In Weapon Master and Chamma Sword’s case, their pride wouldn’t let them get help from others and decided to find their own way.

Boom Buster, Longines, and Sea General said that it felt strange and took a negative stance, considering what could go wrong.

The rest of the Rankers accepted.

Park Jin Hyuk’s group happily accepted the blood, whether it was because they trusted Cha Jun Sung or they didn’t have fear.

Odin said that just a handful is enough.

He suggested they wait 2 days to see how their bodies accept the blood and change, before going through body modifications.

The Rankers who accepted help didn't do so because they trust Cha Jun Sung or were convinced by him, they did so because they listened to their helpers.

Odin took out a part of Cha Jun Sung's information and shared it with the other helpers to show that there is validity. Those at the top know that Cha Jun Sung is a mutant, but the helpers don't know. This is because Odin hid it and the authorities blocked it.

Those who drank Cha Jun Sung's blood were able to get through the 8th stage of body modifications.

They were surprised.

Immunity – they experienced it themselves, but they cannot believe it.

Weapon Master, Chama Sword, and Strategist broke through. Boom Buster, Longines, and Sea General felt the burden of stage 8 and stopped at 7.

“It's done. I won't die from taking some blood out. All I have to offer is blood.”

“Are you going to give this opportunity to others?”

“It's just this one time.”

Those who turned it down and stopped at stage 7 wanted to get Cha Jun Sung's help as it had definite effects, but that bus has left.

“What do you think of Strategist's proposal?”

“There's no reason to even think about it. Am I some kind of livestock to keep taking blood out of?”

Strategist asked Cha Jun Sung to supply blood periodically.

It's ridiculous, but they know why.

If they can have a lot of strong Lifers to push out Bloody Kingdom and rebels, they can do whatever it takes whether it is going into missions.

Cha Jun Sung agreed with this, but they handle it themselves. He could sweep up Bloody Kingdom alone if he wanted to.

He doesn't want to get involved in a conflict of interest. He's busy enough chasing his goal.

Park Jin Hyuk's group got a lot of help from the World Federation when he went missing, so he did them a lot of favors but this is it.

He has done enough.

Lifers, with the exception of Rankers, need to take the risk like Weapon Master and Chamma Sword and go through with body modifications.

Cha Jun Sung was given a 2% distribution ratio in return for giving blood.

He is getting a lot of points through the Albatrus while doing nothing.

If they keep coming in like this on their way to where the Deep-Sea Teeth live, they would be gathering several hundreds of thousands of points while doing nothing. With the additional reward points, they can recover the 10 million points they invested in Albatrus.

It depends on how they think about it, but it could be that he benefited from it.

Ring ring!

While the boring sight continued, Rankers listened to a clear notification sound.

They have been out at sea for a few weeks, but this has never happened.

[A giant vital reaction has been detected 20km ahead. It seems like it felt the Albatrus' presence and is approaching fast.]

They have experienced this several hundred times, so it isn't a special case that a mutant appeared.

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It is just that the part of it being giant gets to them. The range of its sense of searching is incredibly wide for it to be able to detect something 20km away.

“How many are there?”

[There’s one. It’s appearance is being drawn through sonar detection.]

Uranos draws out what it looks like through a 3D video.

It looks strange. Like a mix of an octopus and jellyfish.

“It’s a Penomina.”

“Ah! I’ve heard the name before. What is it like?”

Sea General saw it being drawn out and spoke for Uranos.

Level 7 Penomina.

They live in the deep sea, so finding them is like finding a pin in a haystack.

Penomina is like that just as underwater mutants generally are.

“I won’t need to explain what it looks like. Its method of attack is its hundreds of tentacles that have a powerful poison on them. And there’s something disgusting inside of those tentacles. I guess they can be called something like mouths.”

Cha Jun Sung entered a level B mission.

It’s not a mission aimed for completion. They just picked it to have a mission in the Pacific Ocean.

That’s why they are ignoring it and out at sea, but the Penomina had appeared.

“And it’s strong.”

[Level B special mission Sea Watchman has been applied.]

As soon as Sea General's notice ended, the special mission was applied.

Advancement, 50 million points.

It wouldn't be applied as a sub-concept if the standard were lower than a level B mission, but the mission was applied because it is high.

The 1000 Lifers who boarded Albatrus found this out.

Even the Rankers who had been yawning, opened their eyes with the appearance of powerful mutants. They have become level A Lifers, but it is an opponent that they could or could not take on while on land. That means there's a higher chance that they will lose while fighting in water.

It had been boring for the past few weeks because there had only been trivial ones, but wouldn't something like that be able to show them what Albatrus can do?

"Let's try using the spiral swill artillery."

"We can't."

Nuclear wants to use the spiral swill.

Strategist turned him down right away. It is Albatrus' top weapon, eating up an incredible amount of energy. It takes a long time and is complicated. They can't use it on a mere level 7.

[I see it. Should we attack?]

"Wait a moment. Watch it so we can record it."

Not much is known about high level underwater mutants. It's good to get an idea of them while they have a chance. It'll make attacking easier if they encounter them again.

Kyak!

The Penomina's dull figure appeared in the front screen mirror image and suddenly

went near Albatrus.

Penomina watched the enemy that invaded its area rather than attacking.

Its tentacles wave gently and allow it to move here and there.

It easily moved 100m every time it waved them.

“It’s huge.”

“It looks like it’s twice the size of Metal Giant.”

It looks meager because of its long tentacles.

Its real body is a fourth of that?

About 70m is the tentacles.

But it’s still a level 7 and the intimidation it gives off from pure size is at the top of the underwater mutants they have seen until now.

Penomina watches the Albatrus and creates distance.

950m.

There is a 10 times difference from what can be seen by the naked eye through just comparison.

It isn’t strong just because it’s big, but mutants are sensitive with sight.

It is the fear of an intruder.

“Uranos, try challenging it a little.”

[Hydraulic gun loaded. Launch.]

Boom boom boom boom!

Dozens of hydraulic guns that are always opened, attack Penomina.

It is 30% power.

They adjusted it weakly in order to watch its behavior.

The Penomina avoids all of the hydraulic guns. Then it created more distance.

It sees it as a danger.

“What if it runs away?”

“It might.”

[The distance has now reached 800m. If you want to fire the hydraulic guns, we have to raise the output to 70%. I recommend killing it with the maximum output.]

Hydraulic guns have short range.

Even when output is up to 100%, it can only reach a couple kilometers. Hydraulic impact guns go farther, and spiral swills even farther.

“It won’t come near.”

“From his perspective, the Albatrus will probably look like a higher predator. It just has no life.”

It’s similar.

Albatrus is a machine. It doesn’t have the energy of a living being.

It is moving however, so the Penomina slowed down its approach.

“It’s just right.”

“What?”

When Cha Jun Sung didn’t make sense, Basil looked at him in puzzlement.

“I’ll be right back.”

“What? You’ll be right back?”

“I thought about it but if the Albatrus is dangerous, don’t we need to go out and fight in the water whether we like it or not? I think it’s better if we fight in this relaxed state rather than being forced out.”

“I see!”

Basil immediately understood what Cha Jun Sung was saying.

He intends on experiencing the underwater world in advance just in case. It’s a fitting thought for him.

“What about support?”

“It’s fine.”

Strategist brought up support in worry after listening to Cha Jun Sung and Strategist talk.

Support?

They don’t need it.

They don’t need support for a mere level 7.

They already made their battlesuits specialized for underwater activity. There was no need to change the configuration method. They just adjusted it to withstand water pressure and to allow Lifers to breathe underwater.

“We’ll be able to see the difference between our battlesuits during battle in water and on land.”

Cha Jun Sung, who can freely adjust his Overbooster, has the confidence to fight better than any other Lifer.

Boom!

The Albatrus' hatch opened, and Cha Jun Sung ran out.

The Lifers who had been spending their days bored with nothing to do, heard of Cha Jun Sung suddenly jumping out of the ship, stopped whatever they were doing, and focused on the screens.

Guest rooms, waiting rooms, headquarters, support headquarters.

They were all in different locations.

"It'll be a good spectacle... The chance to see what a level S Lifer can do."

Weapon Master spoke in a low voice while leaning against a wall with his arms crossed.

He had been resting in a guest room when he had gotten a radio from Strategist and made his way back to headquarters.

If he wants to examine Cha Jun Sung's movement in detail, he needs to watch on a mirror image and not a normal screen.

Other Rankers had the same thought.

Park Jin Hyuk and Kyoko also appeared from their hiding place.

'Ollaborke, you were smart.'

The Rankers know better than anyone why Strategist included Cha Jun Sung in the World Federation's creation of the Albatrus.

To get 10 billion points in support?

That's too much for a single Ranker to take on, but that wasn't the reason. If they can't do it alone, they need to do it in numbers.

It means that they can't include him by force.

Strategist wasn't looking for points. He wanted Cha Jun Sung's situation and power.

Lifers who had advanced to level A were thirsty for level A missions.

If they hadn't gotten the Albatrus drawings, they would have made their target level 8s living on the six continents with the Rankers' experience.

They had put their lives on the line for level B advancement, too.

Making an attempt at level A in that state is a suicide mission.

This is where Cha Jun Sung comes in.

He's the only lifer who has gotten through a level A mission alone.

But they hadn't been able to get in contact with him.

If Rankers assist him with him at the center, they could get through a level A easily.

While discussing matters related to level A, Strategist got the drawings for Albatrus. Their path had been cleared.

The Rankers thought that it wouldn't be possible with their own abilities, so they would get the help of machines.

They can take on a level 8 with the Albatrus' abilities.

That's when they had been able to reach Cha Jun Sung.

Strategist thought that they would be able to complete a level A advancement if they had the strength of Albatrus and Cha Jun Sung.

A picture of everyone being satisfied was drawn out in Strategist's mind.

Then they got in contact with Cha Jun Sung, baited him with advancement, and succeeded.

'It probably means that level A advancement is hard even for Overload with his abilities.'

Though they are the same level, an ordinary mission and advancement mission are completely different.

If he could do it with his own party, there would have been no reason for him to accept

this.

The fact that he accepted Deep-Sea Teeth is proof that Cha Jun Sung wants the World Federation's help as well.

Cha Jun Sung's party and the World Federation work well together like gears, so they are doing what they can do now.

'Blood is... It was unexpected...'

When they heard that Cha Jun Sung's blood was the key to immunity for body modification, they thought that he was crazy.

Except for a few, they completed stage 8 of body modifications and became total level A Lifers.

Even they however, could not work up the courage to fight one-on-one against high level mutants.

They aren't as well practiced in using the booster as Cha Jun Sung is, but there are a lot of other things that hold them back as well. But one of the two hidden cards in this level A mission, Cha Jun Sung, scrambled to face the level 7 Penomina himself.

Though they tried not to show interest, it couldn't be helped.

'Show us what you can do.'

Weapon Master's eyes take in Cha Jun Sung's form, who is showing in the mirror image.

He won't miss the movement of even a single finger.

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[Energy barrier 100% deployed. The battlesuit's functions have been brought down 20.8% because of water pressure. Movement will feel a little unnatural.]

Level S battlesuit.

Even though it has been configured according to the environment, he is 2000m into the water. Cha Jun Sung isn't a fish. Of course there are restrictions.

The only proper thing Cha Jun Sung purchased in the level S store is his battlesuit. He only looked at the level S support gear in awe because he didn't have enough points.

He lost what he had, so the only difference from other Rankers is his battlesuit.

'Heavy.'

That was the first feeling Cha Jun Sung had when he left Albatrus.

His energy was consumed faster than normal as well.

It's because he's maintaining the energy barrier at 100%.

This is the only way to resolve the issue of water pressure. 20% was taken off, so he can only show 80% of his true abilities.

[You can last 1 hour with the air from your oxygen tank.]

[It is a compressed oxygen tank, but it was measured on the standard of normal breathing volume. So as an aftermath of battle, he will run out of breath more quickly.]

"1 hour? It won't take even 30 minutes. Don't worry and just watch."

Kyak!

Penomina detected Cha Jun Sung's presence.

However, it did not approach him.

Rather, it kept watching the Albatrus behind him and kept getting further away.

[View radius! Sound wave mode!]

Because it is inside the ocean, his heat detection and infrared ray detection don't pick up Penomina's movement easily.

[Overload, are you okay?]

[Other than my body feeling a little heavy, it's generally pretty okay.]

Penomina is swimming 2km outside.

That is definitely an invitation.

It is an invitation to come and try catching it.

[I'll follow it.]

[It's too dangerous. It could be a trap. If we focus an attack of hydraulic guns and hydraulic impact guns, even the Penomina wouldn't be able to withstand it.]

He collected basic information about Penomina.

He can kill it now.

[It's okay. Even if it's a trap, it won't be like I can't get out of it. An opponent like that is perfect to start my exploration of the underwater world in.]

Cha Jun Sung had underwater battle in mind when he first boarded the Albatrus. He hadn't interfered until now because the opponent had been too weak.

Underwater battle is only doable if it is up to standard. He can't open the hatch and go out for lower level mutants.

[The Penomina will completely run away if the Albatrus moves, so we will leave the hydraulic guns loaded.]

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung turned the Overbooster on.

His body shoots through the ocean.

The Penomina must have thought it succeeded in luring him because it stopped once the Albatrus was only slightly visible.

It thought that this was a distance it could run away in.

Cha Jun Sung threw his body into the mouth. He jabbed Hades forward and adjusted the Overbooster to speed ahead.

It was so intense seawater around him whirled and became a tornado.

The stupid Penomina swallowed the tornado.

Penomina's flesh ripped up and Cha Jun Sung got out.

He went in through the mouth, but he's not sure whether he came out through its neck or the back of its head. The configuration of its body is very different from not just humans but ordinary mutants as well.

But there must be damage when seeing the blood come out.

Kyak!

A scream.

It is a scream full of pain.

Attacking first is important in a battle.

The win could be determined with that first hit if the enemy is caught off guard.

The Penomina struggles and dozens of thin and thick tentacles wave around. He can't tell whether they're trying to wrap around him, hit him, or go through him.

He brought Hades up.

Is it because they are underwater?

A clear vacuum with a blue light cuts the tentacle coming at him from the front in half.

Cha Jun Sung used the time while the tentacle was being cut to try and attack, but the Penomina isn't just watching.

Bang!

A pillar thicker than the battlesuit hit Cha Jun Sung's back.

It collided with a repulsive force everywhere because of the water.

Cha Jun Sung fell onto a rock with bizarre coral reef and clams stuck everywhere. As soon as he fell, he moved his body to the side.

He doesn't know when it followed him, but the Penomina threw its tentacles down on him. The hard rock was destroyed with one hit, and momentarily made the water white.

Stealthy Cha Jun Sung shoots his reinforced rifle from amongst the debris.

He can't see, but he's using the sonic mode to see the Penomina. It is the same for the Penomina as well.

Marine life have different senses from land creatures.

The two of them went back and forth with attacks from inside the white debris.

'Other than the water pressure, it's similar to fighting in the air. It's important to get tips.'

He could even feel a single finger moving.

There isn't anywhere to put his feet down, so he needs to depend on the booster for balance.

'It's slow and frustrating.'

He needs to get used to this environment quickly.

The restriction on his battlesuit is 20%, but it isn't the kind of thing that can be decided with a simple figure.

This is a level 7.

It seems that he will have to use all his power when fighting a level 8.

It is an environment in which he gets weaker and his opponent gets stronger.

'It looks like I won't get to even lay a hand on Levadan even after killing all the Disasters on land. It'd be a problem even finding it without the Albatrus or some other level S weapon.'

He saw Black Demon, White Empress, and Cruel King in person.

Black Demon in particular showed power that really made him feel that he is a level 9.

He should be given an advantage while fighting a monster like that, but to have a handicap?

He could see his death just thinking about it.

Papat!

Cha Jun Sung stepped on the ground and soared up.

A tentacle follows behind him. As he progresses, he grows more accustomed to the environment.

The Penomina's pattern is extremely simple.

It uses its tentacles or occasionally sprays a strange liquid.

It seems like the poison that Sea General was talking about. The Penomina does what it wants, wiping it and spraying it.

[I was just watching without saying anything, but he hasn't been able to kill it even after 30 minutes.]

“I was playing.”

He is going to end it. About half of it really was play.

Killing it is one thing, but this kind of opponent will help him for the real fight.

‘Level B advancement... 50 million.’

Cha Jun Sung goes toward the Penomina’s face.

Jellyfish and octopus have vitality. They live for some amount of time even after they have been cut up into pieces.

If the Penomina is in that category, it is better for him to be careful to the end.

Kyak!

When Cha Jun Sung was ripping up the Penomina’s face, he could hear a sound similar to something dying from his side.

Cha Jun Sung turned his head.

A tentacle filled his view.

“Of course. It didn’t make sense that one of these was worth 50 million.”

Papapat!

An attack of something like a spear goes at Cha Jun Sung’s body.

He used the Overbooster and avoided it with minimal movement.

2 Penominas.

He had been expecting that this might happen.

[You have 25 minutes left.]

Oxygen for him to breathe.

He hasn't used the oxygen at a faster rate because the opponent isn't too difficult and his breath didn't get shorter.

"Alright. I'll eat it gratefully."

The points would have been divided up  $1/n$  if he had been on the Albatrus, but he had come out.

If he kills them, he can take all the points for a level 7 for himself.

And that's two of them.

He won't be able to do this too often because it would be a disservice to the others.

He'll do it whenever he can. Including this time.

# Chapter 223

A 3m diameter transparent bead is wrapped in armor like a tank. So from the sides and the top, it looked like a half sphere. It looks heavy to the naked eye, but it was a machine created with an incredible metal that is light, hard, and strong.

It isn't small – about half the size of a bus – but it weighs less than 1 ton.

The 300 small combat submersibles on the Albatrus.

Boom boom boom!

These 300 small submersibles have all been ejected and are fighting with tens of thousands of mutants. The Albatrus is doing its part from the rear as well. 100 hydraulic guns and 10 hydraulic impact guns are launching water cannons and water bombs without stopping. This is war.

High level cyborgs are inside the small submersibles. They work together and keep attacking the outside wall of mutants.

The middle is left to the Albatrus.

They are less in number, but allies can be hit by allies because the battle is chaotic.

Each of the small submersibles have abilities that match level 6 underwater mutants. To be more precise, they are low level 6.

They don't amount to even 1/1000 of the enemy's numbers, but they hit and retreated with group strategies and individual roles.

"Please, please go away."

"Why are there so many of them? They're like roaches!"

"Don't make such a fuss. There's a lot of them, but they're just levels 3 and 4."

"Yeah. The combination of the Albatrus and submersibles is doing well and if we get

pushed back, we'll win if we get involved. If you make a big deal out of something like this, how are you going to take on level 8?"

The Lifer listened to his colleague and wanted to say, 'We'll probably win, but someone will die and that could be you and me!' but didn't.

"I wouldn't say anything if there were only lower levels! Look at them! Do you want to get into an underwater battle with those guys? The moment we get involved, so will they."

Behind the tens of thousands of level 3 and 4 mutants, two large creatures are standing as the final defense line to the Turtle Babies. They watch the Albatrus.

Turtle Captains.

They are evolved from turtles, hence the name.

Turtles do not normally live in groups unless they are in mating season, but Turtle Babies move together in hordes. Turtle Babies have hard shells so the bullets bounce off of them and they use their heavy bodies to keep hitting in a simple attack.

The problem is that there are so many of them.

They have been at sea for 4 months.

As they got closer to where the Deep-Sea Teeth live, they had come face-to-face with a swarm of Turtle Babies.

This is the largest number of mutants they have come across with until now, so the battle is that much more fierce.

It is a situation that is enough to worry the Lifers.

The Turtle Captains guarding the final defense line have been receiving the protection of the Turtle Babies, and their 60m diameter sturdy bodies wriggle.

They have horrible scars all over their bodies and give off the air of veterans who have experienced all sorts of hardships. If these strong guys even have experience, they will really be tricky.

The Turtle Captains sent their underlings out and felt that the unnecessary consumption would last. They were thinking of getting directly involved and ending it themselves.

“They’re acting so arrogant. So much bravado.”

“Don’t talk so much.”

“Ok.”

Cha Jun Sung stopped Park Jin Hyuk from joking around.

Kyoko put her head down and sighed as though she were the one embarrassed.

“There are too many of them. The Turtle Babies are more of a problem than the Turtle Captains are.”

The Turtle Captains can act so arrogant because of the Turtle Babies.

To get caught up here.

[All Lifers, please prepare to eject. I will send the signal.]

They can hear Strategist’s radio come in.

At the end, they have been put in a situation where the Lifers need to get involved in the battle. Not one of the 1000 people stayed back.

Cha Jun Sung’s group naturally needs to go out as well.

After Cha Jun Sung took down two Penominas, the Lifers learned about fighting underwater whenever they could.

As he said, it is better for them to learn while they can. Over the past few months, they all got better at using their boosters. The environment itself is one in which they can’t help but get better in. They lived with water pressure on top of that, so the limits of their mental ability and withstanding physical pressure were all raised.

[Overload, we will create a path for you. We’ll leave the Turtle Captains to you.]

[Yes!]

The Rankers provide support. Hitting the head, the arms and legs will die on their own.

Albatrus and the small submersibles tried to kill the Turtle Captains, but they lack the ability. The Turtle Babies protected them even if they had to throw their bodies to do so. With the flow quickly changing every hour, it is something only Lifers like Cha Jun Sung's group who can make fluid decisions, can do.

[Everyone eject!]

The bottom of Albatrus opens and 1000 Lifers pour out.

They all have compressed oxygen tanks on their backs. Without these, their battlesuits cannot even last 5 minutes. That means these tanks are a necessity.

Boom boom boom!

Lifers turn on their boosters and fly away.

A waiting stream forms in their advance. They refrain from solitary action and act as a force.

Turtle Captains watch the Lifers approaching them and open their mouths wide. Then they take as large a breath as they can.

[Turtle Babies! We don't know where they'll go, so you have to stay alert!]

Sea General moves his body in a zig zag.

Lifers follow his body movement. Turtle Babies are water cannons comparable to hydraulic guns.

A level A Lifer's battlesuit could withstand it, but it is too much with level B.

Bang!

Two big water cannons large enough to cover two or three Lifers go out in a straight line.

Lifers scatter everywhere.

There are those who are not going in the direction they are coming in, so there is no need for them to avoid it. There are those who avoid it because they are coming in the direction they are going in. And of course there are those who weren't able to avoid it.

Cha Jun Sung blocks the front of one of the two water cannons. Hades is pulled out of the scabbard, it leaves a sharp trace, and splits the water cannon in two.

He can't block the other side, so 4 or 5 Lifers get swept away.

Battlesuits of Lifers who get hit full on by the water cannon, get crushed.

They didn't making lasting damage on the outside, but it is different for the inside.

Blood keeps coming out because of the heightened water pressure.

[10 force, take the injured and get on half-wave submersibles and return to the ship!]

The last of the 10 forces, 10 force has a supporting role.

They have split up their roles.

They need to recover not just the dead and injured, but also the submersibles stuck to the bottom of the sea. Those are all points too. Each submersible is over 1 million points. And that's not even mentioning the cyborgs.

The advanced rank has lower performance than the top and special ranks.

They cannot be militant thousands of meters deep into the sea in their bare bodies without the submersibles.

There's still use for it. They can steer the submersibles.

A limited store.

Currently, they cannot replenish even useless 1 point items. They need to scrape together even a single piece of iron.

[Snipers, distance support! Opening up a path to the target in the shortest time!]

Snipers including Park Jin Hyuk get on their stomachs on top of Albatrus. It is a sphere, but it is so wide that they do not slip.

Boom boom boom boom!

Sniper rifle bullets penetrate the Turtle Babies coming at Cha Jun Sung and the Rankers. The sniper rifle is like a cannon so its range is over 10km, but because they are in the ocean, the range and power is reduced to less than half.

However, it is nothing to kill a couple slow turtles.

[Cover Overload!]

Rankers create a wall near Cha Jun Sung.

Level B Lifers have already joined the submersibles and are battling with the Turtle Babies.

It is a strenuous effort, but according to a simple calculation, he needs to handle hundreds of them alone.

Even if they don't get pushed easily, the number of dead and injured will increase if they get hit by volume. The key is to catch the four Turtle Captains in a timely manner.

"It's a blitz!"

He digs in among the Turtle Captains with Ranker support as a background. He needs to settle it before mutants smell blood.

# Chapter 224

A smooth and slick outstretched caudal fin lightly strikes the walls of the underwater cave. The entire cave shakes.

Clear, bumpy muscles wave and follow movement.

A huge form glares and focuses on smell of the sensory organs. A vague and subtle smell bothers him.

It is the smell of blood.

It was pretty familiar, too.

It seems like it is coming from far away, but a lot of blood must have been lost if it flowed all the way down to here.

Smelling it over and over again, it can guess what kind of creature it is.

It is similar to the turtles acting as the king in its corner of the sea. They are lower subjects, but they swarm together annoyingly!

It lets them live however, because they provide ample nutrients.

Are they fighting over territory or something?

It looked to the side.

A female similar to itself in size and her baby, a fourth of her size, are looking at each other.

The female smelled it. It is a being on the same level in the first place.

'Will you go?'

'No.'

The female wants to know what is going on out of curiosity, but she cannot leave the baby and go. Taking the baby is even worse.

Before, she would have gone alone but she does not want to now. They were born recently, so she felt what death is for the first time.

If they are the ones ruling this area, those animals are the ones that rule the entire ocean. They might still be wandering this area. What that one said is still in his mind.

‘I’ll let you live because of the baby.’

It had been sincere.

If it hadn’t been for the baby, it would have killed her. She won’t go outside if she doesn’t need to because they could run into each other again.

The male must have recalled the memory of that time, because it left the smell and just decided to keep sleeping. Thinking of the one that is more than twice as large as they are combined, it is easy to stop being curious.



“The damage?”

[A submersible and 95 advanced have been destroyed, but they can be recovered.]

Strategist made a sound of pain when Uranos told him about the damages.

1/3 have been destroyed.

Almost 100 Lifers have been killed or injured as well. It would have been worse if Cha Jun Sung hadn’t been able to kill the Turtle Captains on time.

“So these are the kinds of issues we get from choosing the default Albatrus.”

The lowest armed status.

If they had followed the level S drawings, they could have armed it more heavily by 5 times. There is a lot of other technology too.

The armor is close to level S, but other functions – offensive power in particular – are level A. That is why the balance is tilting to one side.

If the Albatrus had been a complete level S battle weapon, it would have been able to kill the Turtle Babies without the help of Lifers and submersibles.

‘We need to advance Overload no matter what. For him and for us.’

If that happens, they can purchase more of the materials they need for Albatrus.

The level S energy core is priority.

With items like hydraulic guns and hydraulic impact guns, they need to increase the fire power and destructive power in the Albatrus’ energy. All circumstances are in Strategist’s mind.

Bang bang bang!

There is still a battle going on outside.

The smell of blood is that of more than what would be in hundreds of trucks. Albatrus’ porthole didn’t close. The submersibles didn’t go back either.

A majority of low level guys are like this, so it is fortunate that Lifers are going back and forth and fighting.

“We’re getting out.”

Strategist gives Uranos an order.

Mutants swarm in with no end. It seems it would be better for them to get out than to keep staying here.

Lifers and submersibles retreat to the Albatrus.

The mutants manically ripped up the Turtle Captains and Babies’ corpses amongst themselves. It is hundreds and thousands of tons of flesh. Different kinds of mutants are having a party. It is an amount that allows them to feast even without fighting.

“Uranos, search for a place where we can anchor nearby. We need to rest.”

[Wide scan activated.]

It is a large battle, so the Albatrus' energy has been reduced to less than half.

They need to fix the submersibles and cyborgs, and they need to take care of the injured.

For the dead, they took care of the corpses, spraying antiseptic and freezing them>

“Is it 150km...”

There are still 150km left until the location where Sea General said he found Deep-Sea Teeth. From now on, they need to place more importance in their radar than other functions.

They search a radius of 50km with 10% energy.

They can't do 500km just because they use 100% energy. A maximum of 200km is the limit.

It is certain as they get closer, and uncertain as they get farther away.

If they check 200km outside with maximum output radar, they can know 'there's something there.'

They can only determine what something is if it is within 100km. They can't just look out like it is their palm because it is such a wide range.

“It's making me nervous.”

Two level 8s.

They cannot even imagine how many underlings there are. It is uncertain whether they can take one on even if Cha Jun Sung gets involved.

Discovering first and delivering the first blow is the shortcut to lessening the damage and increasing the odds. They need to stay alert.



They are 2500m deep in the ocean. The Albatrus is seated on an adjacent coral reef bigger than a person with some of the features turned on, reorganizing.

Reorganizing doesn't mean anything tremendous. They are just on board, repairing broken or damaged submersibles and advanced cyborgs. A majority of high level or special cyborgs are put into repair work. Unless the Albatrus doesn't operate, they are basically unemployed.

Even if the material items are finite, they packed enough so they wouldn't run out before going out.

If the water barrier is broken through and the Albatrus itself was hit, it would hurt but there is no issue with the parts.

They can take this kind of damage even if they do it a few more times. Their battle against the Turtle Captains and Turtle Babies consumed almost 65% of the Albatrus' energy. It is the result of fighting for nearly half a day.

Energy being consumed at a high speed. Strategist left level A energy cores gathered during battle, a general charging device plugged in the energy room. The speed of charging is several hundred times slower compared to a rapid charging device, but they cannot use rapid charging devices in fighting mere turtles.

They need to save it until the end and use while fighting level 8s. Albatrus needs to be holding more than 30% energy no matter what. 10% radar, 10% water barrier, 10% engine.

Uranos managed the rest of the hydraulic guns efficiently with the leftover 70% of the remaining energy. Since he is artificial intelligence, he is meticulous and computational.

The Albatrus currently consumes at least 40% of the energy. The figure went up a little because the water barrier used 20%.

If the water barrier is taken away, the enemy's attack will hit the main body. If the radar goes off, there's no way to know where anything is. If the engine is turned off, they will plummet to the ocean floor. This is how they get to 30%.

If the energy goes down below this, they need to give up on functions in order. Of the three, plummeting seems to be the most dangerous. If they hadn't plugged in the general charging device, they would have gone down below that. That's how fierce the battle against tens of thousands of Turtle Babies is.

"How long will it take?"

[10 to 12 days with natural charging, 2 days with the general charging device. We have 900 to 950 general charging devices.]

General charging devices are different in quality and quantity according to store level. The average of what they prepared for this mission is level B. With this much energy, they could fill up the energy of level B battlesuits all the way seven times and have some left.

"It takes too long... But let's try it since we have some time."

If they add a few more days, natural charging takes about 2 weeks. They brought 5000 general charging devices with them. They've used about 400, so they have 4600 left. They also have 500 rapid charging devices, so there's no need to worry about energy. They will use what the Lifers possess when the Albatrus is in danger.

Woong!

Special cyborgs take out general charging devices and plug them into the level A energy room. This energy flows into level B and C energy rooms as well.

"We'll finish up our search as soon as it's completely charged."

[Roger that.]

# Chapter 225

Zing!

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He might be able to do something if he gets the Rankers’ help.

So the Rankers also went out to know how the water pressure feels, and they came back wrung out. They got caught in a 60% restriction.

There are 22 level A Lifers including Cha Jun Sung. Only 22 people can go into battle 4500m in the ocean.

“We’ll have to bring them to 2000m at the least. If it gets deeper, I’ll be the only one who can go out. I can’t go alone. I’ll fall into an intensive attack.”

Odin is looking at level S battlesuit activity as limited at 7000m. He can move if they get deeper. It’s just that he won’t be able to fight.

Even at points when problems with activity came up, Uranos kept searching for where the Deep-Sea Teeth live.

Woong!

[We will arrive at location 203. 936. 52. 162 shortly. Switch to battle mode!]

Uranos lowered the radar and put 40% energy into the water barrier. The water barrier's thickness multiplied a few times.

Radar is activated but there are a lot of bizarre mutants. They can get through the radar's watch and bring a surprise attack. All of the portholes are open as well. They are ready to fight with power.

[Location approach complete. No detection of mutants like the Deep-Sea Teeth.]

There are weaknesses in the Albatrus' radar as well. It can search everywhere but if the features get complicated, it gets hard to distinguish between them.

It cannot go through objects. It can't see through objects.

"Looks like it won't be easy to find them."

"I don't care. We can make them come out on their own if we can't find them."

Is he talking about luring them? How will they do it? The Rankers ask Strategist. They are very curious about how he is thinking of doing it.

"Sea General, you said you found the Deep-Sea Teeth at sea level, right?"

"Yes. I ran into them when I was going up for light. And after blinking a few times, a pair of Deep-Sea Teeth were standing on either side of a baby."

He still got in a cold sweat thinking of it. Deep-Sea Teeth are atrocious. It is a wonder that they don't attack submarines.

"Baby. Baby."

Humans and mutants alike are weak to babies.

A period when curiosity is highest. A baby in this period is like a ticking time bomb. There's no way to know what will happen. Parents are busy taking care of it.

"The mutant's ecosystem is the law of the jungle. If the baby went all the way up to sea level, either the parents allowed it or it acted on its own."

They cannot overcome the situation if they allowed it, but what if it acted on its own? Strategist thought of an incredible idea while worrying it might be the latter.

"You all have plenty of stamina, right?"

"Why?"

Strategist smiles in response to Nuclear's question.



It is covered in mutants, but the ocean is beautiful. The sunlight reflecting off the blue waves is magnificent! This magnificence is painted with red.

Countless mutants swarm in near the red water. Fish as big as a human arms scatter the red water; large fish swallow those fish; and larger fish swallow those fish.

The mutants eat and get eaten, but they go crazy for the red water anyway. The hair-raisingly pure and delicate smell makes them all crazy.

The powerful smell of blood that they have never smelled before makes two different creatures come in unlike the mutants going crazy at the scene.

Those comparatively close and those far away.



The female Deep-Sea Teeth had been resting comfortably deep inside the underwater cave when a fin that ran from her face to tail stiffened. A smell more seductive than when she had met the male, is paralyzing her senses. It's so tempting that it makes her forget what is going on around her.

The female shakes her head. She barely overcame the urge, but she can't stop her

mouth from watering. Food that gives off this kind of smell!

The female looks outside the cave. She is deep inside but the cave is open in a straight line, so she can see what is outside for the most part.

She jumps in surprise. She opens her eyes wide, and moves her nearly 200m body out of the cave. She moves at a very fast speed.

Her level 8 roar draws a concentric circle as it goes through the ocean. Her call of 'hurry up and come,' 'something's happened' is for the male.

While calling for the male, the female keeps circling near the cave. The baby had just been playing nearby, but had disappeared.

This is the first time she has ever lost the baby. She's never been able to lose the child because her focus is always on it.

Bang

Her caudal fin hits the peak of a nearby underwater mountain.

A crater forms in the middle and rocks weighing in the tons roll down.

The male is here. He has a starfish that is nearly 40m in size in his mouth. It is switching between five colors, and it is a level 7 Five Color Fish.

There is a small wound on the male's body. He got it while catching the Five Color Fish. rather than blame each other, they started to search the entire area for the baby. Then the female turned her head up.

The smell of blood that tempted her as an adult! If it had made her so disoriented as to make her lose her child, how would it have been to the child?

The male threw the Five Color Fish to the side and soared up. He also smelled what the female did.

The female goes after him. There aren't many enemies that would harm their child but it's not like there are none, so one of them needs to stay with it.

If the child had been seduced by the smell of blood, there will be a lot of enemies

nearby. They are in a rush. They can't leave the child alone or put their guard down until it is about half their size.



“Is that it?”

“That is without a doubt the baby Deep-Sea Teeth. To think that this worked!”

Sea General couldn't help but laugh at Strategist's absurd trap. There was nothing difficult about it. Strategist took blood from Lifers for the past few days. Normally, people would rest for a few months after one transfusion.

However, the Lifers who came into the mission have all completed beyond stage 5 of body modifications, and are superhumans who have succeeded human ability.

They recover several hours after giving blood. After taking blood like that, they had a little over 1000L. They left Cha Jun Sung out of this. They don't know what problems could arise.

They poured that 1000L of blood into a 300m area that is optimal for battle. They left the Albatrus anchored nearby.

They left only the functions inside on and turned off anything that showed on the outside, so it just looked like a giant rock or mountain to mutants.

The fish started biting after they poured out 200L. Mutants came in, crazed by the smell of blood.

Lifers know how mutants react to human blood, so they often use this method.

But they hadn't expected it to work on a level 8 baby. Whatever the level or species, a baby is a baby. The funny thing is that Lifers' blood works on mutants.

They have also been infected with A virus, but human blood strangely has the same effect on mutants. Of course Lifers with the exception of Cha Jun Sung's group don't know that the transplanted cells they received while going through body modifications had A virus in them.

There are just those who think that this might be the case. Regardless, they did not

pour out all of the blood at one time.

The mutants killed each other and mixed with the contaminated blood. So the Lifers moved around to pour out the blood so it wouldn't get mixed up.

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Uranos lowered the radar and put 40% energy into the water barrier. The water barrier's thickness multiplied a few times.

Radar is activated but there are a lot of bizarre mutants. They can get through the radar's watch and bring a surprise attack. All of the portholes are open as well. They are ready to fight with power.

[Location approach complete. No detection of mutants like the Deep-Sea Teeth.]

There are weaknesses in the Albatrus' radar as well. It can search everywhere but if the features get complicated, it gets hard to distinguish between them.

It cannot go through objects. It can't see through objects.

"Looks like it won't be easy to find them."

"I don't care. We can make them come out on their own if we can't find them."

Is he talking about luring them? How will they do it? The Rankers ask Strategist. They are very curious about how he is thinking of doing it.

"Sea General, you said you found the Deep-Sea Teeth at sea level, right?"

"Yes. I ran into them when I was going up for light. And after blinking a few times, a pair of Deep-Sea Teeth were standing on either side of a baby."

He still got in a cold sweat thinking of it. Deep-Sea Teeth are atrocious. It is a wonder that they don't attack submarines.

"Baby. Baby."

Humans and mutants alike are weak to babies.

A period when curiosity is highest. A baby in this period is like a ticking time bomb. There's no way to know what will happen. Parents are busy taking care of it.

“The mutant's ecosystem is the law of the jungle. If the baby went all the way up to sea level, either the parents allowed it or it acted on its own.”

They cannot overcome the situation if they allowed it, but what if it acted on its own? Strategist thought of an incredible idea while worrying it might be the latter.

“You all have plenty of stamina, right?”

“Why?”

Strategist smiles in response to Nuclear's question.



It is covered in mutants, but the ocean is beautiful. The sunlight reflecting off the blue waves is magnificent! This magnificence is painted with red.

Countless mutants swarm in near the red water. Fish as big as a human arms scatter the red water; large fish swallow those fish; and larger fish swallow those fish.

The mutants eat and get eaten, but they go crazy for the red water anyway. The hair-raisingly pure and delicate smell makes them all crazy.

The powerful smell of blood that they have never smelled before makes two different creatures come in unlike the mutants going crazy at the scene.

Those comparatively close and those far away.



The female Deep-Sea Teeth had been resting comfortably deep inside the underwater cave when a fin that ran from her face to tail stiffened. A smell more seductive than when she had met the male, is paralyzing her senses. It's so tempting that it makes her forget what is going on around her.

The female shakes her head. She barely overcame the urge, but she can't stop her mouth from watering. Food that gives off this kind of smell!

The female looks outside the cave. She is deep inside but the cave is open in a straight line, so she can see what is outside for the most part.

She jumps in surprise. She opens her eyes wide, and moves her nearly 200m body out of the cave. She moves at a very fast speed.

Her level 8 roar draws a concentric circle as it goes through the ocean. Her call of 'hurry up and come,' 'something's happened' is for the male.

While calling for the male, the female keeps circling near the cave. The baby had just been playing nearby, but had disappeared.

This is the first time she has ever lost the baby. She's never been able to lose the child because her focus is always on it.

Bang

Her caudal fin hits the peak of a nearby underwater mountain.

A crater forms in the middle and rocks weighing in the tons roll down.

The male is here. He has a starfish that is nearly 40m in size in his mouth. It is switching between five colors, and it is a level 7 Five Color Fish.

There is a small wound on the male's body. He got it while catching the Five Color Fish. rather than blame each other, they started to search the entire area for the baby. Then the female turned her head up.

The smell of blood that tempted her as an adult! If it had made her so disoriented as to make her lose her child, how would it have been to the child?

The male threw the Five Color Fish to the side and soared up. He also smelled what the female did.

The female goes after him. There aren't many enemies that would harm their child but it's not like there are none, so one of them needs to stay with it.

If the child had been seduced by the smell of blood, there will be a lot of enemies nearby. They are in a rush. They can't leave the child alone or put their guard down until it is about half their size.



“Is that it?”

“That is without a doubt the baby Deep-Sea Teeth. To think that this worked!”

Sea General couldn't help but laugh at Strategist's absurd trap. There was nothing difficult about it. Strategist took blood from Lifers for the past few days. Normally, people would rest for a few months after one transfusion.

However, the Lifers who came into the mission have all completed beyond stage 5 of body modifications, and are superhumans who have succeeded human ability.

They recover several hours after giving blood. After taking blood like that, they had a little over 1000L. They left Cha Jun Sung out of this. They don't know what problems could arise.

They poured that 1000L of blood into a 300m area that is optimal for battle. They left the Albatrus anchored nearby.

They left only the functions inside on and turned off anything that showed on the outside, so it just looked like a giant rock or mountain to mutants.

The fish started biting after they poured out 200L. Mutants came in, crazed by the smell of blood.

Lifers know how mutants react to human blood, so they often use this method.

But they hadn't expected it to work on a level 8 baby. Whatever the level or species, a baby is a baby. The funny thing is that Lifers' blood works on mutants.

They have also been infected with A virus, but human blood strangely has the same effect on mutants. Of course Lifers with the exception of Cha Jun Sung's group don't know that the transplanted cells they received while going through body modifications had A virus in them.

There are just those who think that this might be the case. Regardless, they did not pour out all of the blood at one time.

The mutants killed each other and mixed with the contaminated blood. So the Lifers moved around to pour out the blood so it wouldn't get mixed up.

They would return to the Albatrus once they were done. After repeating this a few times, the baby Deep-Sea Teeth appeared.

## Chapter 226

“It is a shark, but it’s like it’s heavily drugged. Like an addict.”

These are Park Jin Hyuk’s thoughts on the baby Deep-Sea Teeth he sees in the mirror image. It looks like a shark on the outside. Like all other mutants however, it isn’t normal. It has the slick lines of a fish. But it is muscular as if it is on steroids.

The crazy thing is that it is a baby that will get much bigger from here.

Sea General said that an adult Deep-Sea Teeth is at least 150m. That means it’s one of the biggest mutants.

It is smaller than Hell Mammoth and Blood Lord, but it can be expected to be similar since he said ‘at least’. Even the baby looks to be about 30m. Mutants are all strength. It is just a baby, but it is larger than the Megalodon, a species that dates back tens of thousands of years.

If it were human, it would have been born with a silver spoon.

“Just looking it over, it looks like it’ll be stronger than a level 6, but weaker than a level 7.”

Cha Jun Sung stretches his body. His mission. Capture the baby. There are a lot of issues with using the Albatrus to catch it.

The goal is simple. He needs to bring it where the Albatrus is anchored, not even 50m deep into the water. They won’t be able to communicate, so he needs to injure it so that it doesn’t die but so that it cannot move. They will commence battle as soon as the Deep-Sea Teeth arrive.

The baby had no idea what was about to happen to it, and indiscriminately ripped apart the mutants swimming in the Lifers’ blood in order to have all the blood for itself.

It is young, but the blood of a level 8 does not go anywhere. It has a weak yet present desire to establish itself as a predator.

Bang!

The Albatrus' ceiling opens. Cha Jun Sung shoots out like a missile.

It is 300m deep. With the Albatrus at 250m, there is no reason to go through the ocean. It'll just leave a watercourse.

[Function switch! Power mode!]

Particles in the nanometers compress and the battlesuit becomes full. It has changed to adjust to the maximized power.

"I'll play with you until your mom and dad get here. Though you'll never want to play again."

He looks like an eagle going after its prey. Cha Jun Sung was floating in the air when he plummeted toward the baby playing in the red water. The baby didn't bother with him. It just thought that he was a strange bird.

Cha Jun Sung's body slam went through the water and collided with the baby's back. The back twists abnormally. Its spine broke under the crash.

The baby's eyes roll back and its body trembles in pain. Cha Jun Sung doesn't pay attention, and grabs its tail. Switching the function doesn't have a clear effect when fighting against a strong opponent. Power gets specialized, so it is good to use only when that function is necessary.

Like now with the power mode when he needs maximum strength.

Cha Jun Sung whips the tail. He slams the baby into a shallow area as though practicing judo. Its weight is in the tons, but the battlesuit as a product of science and his stage 10 body modifications make this possible.

Cha Jun Sung laughs as he watches the baby suffer. If it is here, it won't be able to sink too low.

He won't leave it so they can take it away. Unless the Deep-Sea Teeth intend to abandon the baby, they will need to fight the Lifers to the end.

[Lifer Cha Jun Sung! There is a strong vital reaction coming from below!]

Instead of responding to Odin's warning, Cha Jun Sung turned the Overbooster on and went up into the sky. At that moment, the sea opens up and a monster appears. A giant shadow forms on the water. The male Deep-Sea Teeth left the baby and jumped in order to catch Cha Jun Sung.

The 200m body uses its tail strength to jump out. Cha Jun Sung couldn't stop his Overbooster.

The second he does, he will be sucked into its abyss of a throat.

"I'll start since you attacked, alright?"

Gravity pulls the male back down. Cha Jun Sung stopped running away and turned on the reverse booster to fly right in front of the male's nose.

Overhead kick. Cha Jun Sung spun his body in the air, stood backwards, and kicked with the Overbooster's power.

Bang!

The shock from his foot crushes the male's nose. It was on the verge of regenerating, but this is just the start. It got swept without being able to recover its body.

The male had been up at bat first. The female swoops in to attack after waiting under sea level.

[Level A special mission Deep-Sea Teeth is being applied! Measuring difficulty, advancement! Authority approval! Advancement system applied with level 8 overlap!]

[Level A special mission: Deep-Sea Teeth] [Goal: Attainment]

[Description: The wide sea is as ferocious as land. The ocean could even be more ferocious than land. In the middle of the ocean, one of the three predators dividing the Pacific Ocean is the Deep-Sea Teeth aka Shark Kings. Break the teeth of these vicious tyrants!] [Reward: 80,000,000,000 points. Lucky box.]

It is an advancement. 80 trillion reward points. This is more than what he got for Vanessa. It seems he is being given more points because of the geographical disadvantage. If it had just been one, how many points would they have given him? They would have given him 20 to 30 trillion, right?

Boom boom boom boom!

While the advancement special mission was being applied, Lifers poured out of the Albatrus. He succeeded in luring the Deep-Sea Teeth to sea level.

It isn't easy to take on two Deep-Sea Teeth at the same time with the power of the Albatrus. The ship and Lifers need to fight from their respective positions.

Woong!

The Albatrus operates its engine. As the porthole opens, 300 submersibles scatter out. It is total war. They intend on using everything.



Boom boom boom boom!

The Albatrus showed itself at sea level, went in reverse, and fires the hydraulic guns and hydraulic impact guns. 100 portholes explode without stopping. A black horde of sharks hesitated under the power of the hydraulic guns.

That was just momentary.

They show their sharp teeth. Sacrifices are a given to take down an enemy. They advance with their peers as a shield.

300 submersibles build a low line of defense, but they get destroyed one at a time like with the Turtle Babies.

They are both mutants, but sharks and mutants are different species.

Unlike turtles, sharks – white sharks in particular – had a bad reputation even before they became mutants. Now that they are mutants, they have become more fierce and go after their prey even at the risk of death.

[Perspective mode!]

“Block them so they can’t get to the ship!”

More than 900 level B Lifers are on top of the Albatrus as they use distance weapons like reinforced rifles to attack the swarm of sharks. One person couldn’t find a place to install an automatic cannon, and instead held it himself as it fired. They can tell what direction the sharks are coming because of the perspective mode.

The smell of gunpowder permeates the battlefield. Casings fall through the ocean. They even threw bombs and loaded bazookas. Advanced cyborgs that aren’t helpful in battle, kept providing those Lifers with supplies so that they wouldn’t run out.

They have items that they need on the spot in their space compression bags, but they need to use what can be supplied easiest at the end so that they can last for a long time.

They can’t provide time for the sharks to get near while they reinforce their supplies.

[Warning! Below sea level! Multiple enemies appearing below the Albatrus!]

“Fuck!”

“Damn!”

Bang!

Lifers curse. It seems like they are gathered together at random, but they are divided into forces and they each have their own roles. Two of the forces attacking the front from the top, 200 Lifers turn their boosters on and dove into the sea without delay.

They are incomparably less compared to those at sea level, but another group of about 5000 sharks is coming up at them.

Even though they try to fire at them in order to stop their approach and to decrease their numbers, it isn’t possible to do with 200 people. But that doesn’t mean they can call for backup. It is worse at sea level.

“Damn it! Die!”

“I’m going!”

15 parties of the 200 Lifers, 150 people took out vibrating weapons. 50 people are still pulling the trigger from a distance.

Bang bang bang!

500 mutants, most of which are levels 3 and 4 with very few levels 5 and 6s collide with 150 level B Lifers who are stronger than level 6s.

Dozens of mutants per person. They would have been fighting with easy steps and weapon switches if they had been on land, but this is the ocean.

Lifers couldn’t remain whole with the onslaught of sharks coming from all directions.

One Lifer lost an arm while fighting level 5 and 6s alone. He would have been shredded already if it hadn’t been for his battlesuit.

The Lifers are only thinking one thing. Not to die even if their arms and legs get cut off.

And they were hoping for the Rankers to hurry up and end this hell of a fight for them. But the place that was worse than sea level was the Rankers’ battlefield.

Lifers and mutants alike couldn’t approach that battlefield.

There are 22 people. It is a small number, and they are taking on a pair of Deep-Sea Teeth and 7 level 7s.



Ghost Gun Lim Si Hyun moves through the ocean with his revolver, an automatic pistol and deathblow for control rather than killing.

Shadow moving.

It is a skill that Ghost Gun’s 9 combination battlesuit has. The combinations are not for attacking by foot, but shadow moving focused on evasion.

Papapat!

As he retreats, a pointy dorsal fin is following him. It goes through the water as it chases the shadow moving.

Lim Si Hyun didn't look forward as he ran. There are no obstacles in his way, so he can move backwards while attacking with his automatic pistol.

Level 7 Blade Shark.

It is a nimble mutant that uses its sharp dorsal fin to cut its opponent rather than the shark specialty of ripping them apart. The dorsal fin is 5m high and more than 20m long. Looking at just its back, it is a giant sword. It's big enough to sink a large yacht.

Lim Si Hyun quickly changes the magazines for his automatic pistol and revolver. It's a pistol, but it's as big as a person. The weight of the two guns combined is close to 100kg.

"Leave those to them. I'll take this one."

Lim Si Hyun focused on his opponent, the Blade Shark. A special mission was activated as soon as Cha Jun Sung was attacked by the Deep-Sea Teeth.

There had been a signal for the start of the battle. Lifers immediately scrambled, and hordes of sharks came in from everywhere within an hour.

The pair of Deep-Sea Teeth, like a trisection of the Pacific Ocean predators they are, they have countless underlings. The baby is in pain, trying to regenerate. They need to go help it, but there are too many obstacles stopping them.

The swarm of sharks that responded to the hair raising roar of the level 8 took on the level B Lifers and Albatrus. There is nothing they can do.

A few Rankers tried to help, but their situation isn't great either. In the swarm of sharks, there are 7 level 7s as well.

They were all sharks and as much as they looked different, they had various abilities. If there are fast and sharp ones like Blade Shark, there are also ones that are slow but with excellent defense capabilities.

So the Rankers each took charge of the mutants that they could handle, and lured them away to an area where they could fight comfortably. Each fought their best. Cha Jun Sung took one level 8. The other 13 people took another one. Kyoko is a level A Lifer, but she cannot fight because she is a medic.

Papapat!

The shadow moving becomes elaborate. Lim Si Hyun's body fades and divides into dozens. He hadn't really been divided into pieces.

The Blade Shark wasn't taken aback. It just saw everything as the enemy and attacked. There is one main body, and the rest is an effect. It was in vain.

Boom!

The wave that the Deep-Sea Teeth generated split the vacuum wave that Cha Jun Sung's Hades created, creating an eardrum shaking roar.

Lim Si Hyun turned his head subconsciously while focusing on the Blade Shark. His attention turned without his will. Cha Jun Sung is taking on a level 8 that they could not take on while on land, in the sea.

He doesn't retreat. He is confronting it head on.

And next to them, 13 Rankers who are geared more toward group action are confusing a giant Deep-Sea Teeth.

Among them is Park Jin Hyuk's group, Cha Jun Sung's party members.

"With a level A store... is this the limit?"

The standard of level A is pioneering.

They cannot take on level 8 with this kind of strength. They need to become complete level S in order to gain the strength to fight against level 8.

He doesn't know about level 9.

He's never seen one for himself and even in the virtual version, Cha Jun Sung is the only one who succeeded in a raid. Cha Jun Sung will be able to compare them.

"We're in the middle."

The Rankers' abilities are stuck between levels 7 and 8.

How strong is Cha Jun Sung?

Would he have recovered his abilities from the virtual version? They'll be able to know by watching him.

# Chapter 227

“Freezing field.”

Ice Queen’s battlesuit emits a chill that is almost at absolute zero.

The surrounding water freezes.

It is nearly on a scale of hundreds of meters. An ice island forms in the middle of the open sea.

The female Deep-Sea Teeth twists her giant body. The freezing field spreads like an epidemic and has an effect on the female’s body.

It has a power that would make most mutants below level 7 into ice statues, but it doesn’t have the same effect on level 8s.

The female’s movements grew slower as it continued to be exposed to the freezing field. Its muscles had stiffened from the chill.

“Buster blaze.”

“Chunmapo.”

Bang!

Boom Buster and Glare Gun combine the hand cannons they had in each hand into one. A beam comes out of a muzzle that is 1m in diameter.

The female’s body takes a hit from the beam and becomes dented. It is so big that it is impossible to create a wound with even a 9 combination offensive skill.

“Energy explosion.”

Nuclear concentrates the energy to his right hand.

Then a round, blue sphere as big as his head came up and compressed to the size of

his fist.

It is a bomb.

It isn't something he bought from the store.

It is a kind of energy ball that is created by grafting together the battlesuit's energy and various techniques.

It's power depends on the amount of energy that is poured into it. Maximum energy can topple a whole building.

Boom!

Nuclear's energy ball enters the wound that is forming, and explodes. Large chunks of flesh scatter all over the ocean. Most of the Rankers battling the female are long-distance fighters. This is more advantageous because there isn't anywhere to stand and fight.

Weapon Master, Chamma Sword, Dual Blade, Longines, Ghost Gun, Nile Tail, and Black Panther are fighting level 7s somewhere.

That doesn't mean they can ignore close-range fighting.

The barrier needs to be firm so that those supporting from behind can feel at ease.

Han Chang Jin, who is wearing a battlesuit half times larger than those of other Rankers and even Cha Jun Sung's, takes on the female's attack.

The battlesuit's surface is covered in silver metal. It is an iron defense characteristic with defense specialization of outer armor reinforcement.

Han Chang Jin put a thick chain through the female's mouth and blocked it so it couldn't dive.

It is impossible for him to do alone because of the difference in mass.

He placed a restriction on its movement like Ice Queen did so that the Rankers would be stuck to it and engage in a power contest as though fishing if it dives.

They got dragged that much, but the female didn't create enough distance to run from the Rankers. She can't abandon the baby.

There hadn't been anything on the female's back, but a deep cut formed near the dorsal fin and blood spilled out. Basil had approached in stealth mode.

The Rankers were well coordinated.

They used each of their abilities effectively, so they complemented each other's disadvantages and maximized the advantages.

Each individual has their own clear characteristics, but it isn't a mission that they can complete by doing well alone. It is a level A advancement. Park Jin Hyuk's group refrained from personal behavior and increased power through team play. They were doing well without any problems until now.

Kyak!

"Oh. The Albatrus is getting pushed."

The Deep-Sea Teeth called in too many sharks. It had already been long since the water near the Albatrus had been filled with the blood of sharks and Lifers.

Swarm of sharks got through the hail of bullets and submersibles barrier, aiming for the Albatrus that is being protected with a warrior barrier.

Due to the nature of the ship, it will be hard to handle if the battle gets into a second melee. Lifers take out their reinforced rifles and vibrating weapons, and dive.

There was no reason for them to get attacked when bringing on the long-distance attack, but the number of injured and dead is increasing as they take on the sharks.

'Who do we need to take out?'

Strategist's brain starts to turn. Ice Queen is optimal. If she wraps the Albatrus with a freezing field, it can endure the shark attack.

However, Ice Queen is the most important debuff Lifer in fighting against the Deep-Sea Teeth. Her role is as important as Han Chang Jin's. Her presence decreased the Deep-Sea Teeth's power by 20%.

'It'll take time for these people fighting against level 7s, so we need to take out at least 2 people.'

Strategist chose himself as one. They are fighting so well that he doesn't need to orchestrate the battle. Who should the other person be?

"I'll go."

Kyoko appears in front of Strategist. She is least important of the 13 in battle. She has a greater role in support than in direct battle.

Strategist hadn't thought of her because though she is a level A Lifer, her battlesuit has been renovated for medical technology.

"Jin Hyuk taught me how to shoot, so I'll be able to hold my own."

Kyoko takes a Diablo, a level A store sniper rifle, from her space compression bag. It has explosive power, so it is effective if used well.

"Alright. The two of us will go."

"Okay!"

Park Jin Hyuk worried about Kyoko separating from himself, but he didn't show it. As long as they have entered the mission, she needs to do her part as well.

Strategist and Kyoko retreat to support the Albatrus. The number of Lifers has visibly decreased. It seems at least 300 people have died.

The battle isn't over. They can't tell how many people will die going forward.

Bang!

Han Chang Jin gets hit with the female's tail and goes flying.

He was flung with the fearsome power as if he were a pebble.

He went flying easily 500 to 600m.

The iron defense is protecting his body, but it is an attack weighing millions of tons.

The impact will be big.

The female threw Han Chang Jin, and her next target is Ice Queen.

She had prioritized who to kill while fighting. These are the top two.

Boom boom boom!

Another hit with the tail. A tidal wave comes in.

Boom Buster and Glare Gun raise the hand cannon. All they have to do is vaporize or explode.

“Run!”

Nuclear yells.

Behind the wave, the 200m large female tries to jump into the Rankers.

Bang!

The weight isn't convertible, but it presses the sea level and creates an incredible shockwave. A ripple will form even when a pebble is thrown into a calm lake.

The waves of the sea aren't calm, but the aftermath is crazy.

“Is everyone okay?”

“We're okay. This is insane. Overload taking a monster like that alone!”

Glare Gun spoke as though sick of it.

With Strategist and Kyoko out, there are 11 people. Those 11 people are battling one level 8.

“Why isn't it coming out?”

It needs to come out if it went in, but it isn't showing itself.

Did it leave the baby and run away?

That isn't it.

Cha Jun Sung is still fighting with the male.

Park Jin Hyuk's group and the Rankers went into the sky. Deep-Sea Teeth are big, so their shadows inevitably show if they are swimming near sea level.

"It's coming."

Something is coming up.

Is it the female?

They predict it to be the female.

Boom!

It is a giant water column. It is similar to the Turtle Babies that the Captain Turtles shot out. Half of the 11 people were swept under the water column.

Water pressure that can crush a battlesuit.

5 people couldn't balance, and fall to the sea. From below, the female soars up with her mouth open.

Bang!

Someone flew toward the female's face, and brought down a weapon. A wound deeper and wider than the weapon forms.

The female falls out of the direction of her attack from the pain on her face. Park Jin Hyuk's group saw the person who helped them, and their faces brighten.

"Take the people who fell back, and reorganize. I'll block her."

It is Cha Jun Sung.

The battle against the male was very simple. He didn't need to be calculating like he had been with Narsiel and Vanessa.

It is because he had lured it near sea level.

If he had been fighting deep in the sea where he needed to endure the water pressure, this wouldn't have happened. Even the Albatrus was being pushed back.

The male had followed Cha Jun Sung, and shot a water cannon. It must be able to adjust the pressure, because it shot in spurts like a gun instead of shooting out in one long stream.

It might look tacky, but it has decent destructive power.

Each one could destroy a car.

'Pattern input complete.'

Cha Jun Sung is sure.

As long as the Albatrus hangs on, he, Park Jin Hyuk's group, and Rankers can take care of this. It won't take a long time.

The male and female surround Cha Jun Sung from the front and back. He is relaxed.

"Idiots. Big guys like you aren't suited for team play against small opponents like me."

There is a lot that they occupy, but there isn't much that they can attack.

They end up crashing whether they like it or not. On the other hand, there aren't many places where they can hit Cha Jun Sung.

Those two huge bodies will get hit even if he shoots at them with his eyes closed.

"Environment is important too. Do you understand me?"

There is an unmistakable homeground advantage. Just as people can't use their strength underwater, fish can't use their strength outside of the water.

Sea level isn't outside water, but the Lifers who are capable of battling in flight were able to escape the bothersome water pressure and recover some amount of freedom.

It is an environment in which they are at an absolute disadvantage. Strategist's

thinking had brought them to a place where they could be equals even if they couldn't be at an advantage.

Cha Jun Sung watched the male and female pair growling in front of him, and took a deep breath.

He'll be level S as long as he finishes this. There's no higher from there.

He has enough points to go shopping in the level S store as well. If he eats those guys and combines the reward points, he could have over 20 billion.

"I wonder. What'll it be like after if I kill Evil Queen."

If he completes level S missions and kills all the level 9s, will that be the end of Life Mission? Is there an end to Life Mission?

Papat!

Cha Jun Sung stopped thinking and threw his body. If he started something, he needs to end it. When he attacked, Park Jin Hyuk's group and the Rankers also started attacking with their guns.

"Be my foothold."

There's no point even if they reject this.

He isn't doing this with the intention of getting permission.

# Chapter 228

An unmeasurable giant creature cuts through the ocean.

It moves like a threaded needle going back and forth, sewing cloth.

It is foolish to even compare because of the size of the ocean, but just that area looked like it was being threaded.

The body movement itself is slow.

It looks very slow. But each movement brings it forward hundreds of meters in distance.

It was going back because of a sweet smell. It is curious because it's something it's smelling for the first time, but it doesn't get seduced.

It is a ruler.

Nothing can distract its composure.

The creature stopped moving. The sweet smell is slowly fading.

Instead, the smell of those guys it ran into not long ago becomes stronger.

A fairly strong male and female pair.

It has been wandering the sea for a long time, but they are some of the strongest they have seen until now.

It's sure that nothing in this ocean can take them on.

What is going on over there?

It isn't sure, but it is sure of one thing. Something exciting is waiting.



Bang bang!

Nuclear's energy ball gets embedded in the male's pupil.

He used most of the energy left in his battlesuit. An increase in destructive power is inevitable, and the flesh scatters.

Boom boom boom!

It is out of energy.

The male is unable to regenerate the area where its eye has exploded, and flips with its stomach turned up. It floats on the water and breathes heavily.

It's body is covered in wounds from cuts and bombs.

The male looked from one place to another. It has seen the dead female and baby. It was about to follow them.

"Farewell."

Hades cuts the male's neck with wind pressure.

They couldn't dissect it due to its size, but the trajectory of the vacuum wave gave the final blow.

[You have killed the Deep-Sea Teeth. You have earned 2.5 billion points and 5 billion achievement points. You have completed the level A advancement mission, Deep-Sea Teeth. You have earned 8 billion reward points. Cha Jun Sung is subject to upgrade – level S missions and store have been opened.]

As everyone had expected, Cha Jun Sung was the only one to advance.

If it hadn't been for Cha Jun Sung, it could have been someone else.

The battle would have been more fierce with the absence of a strong power. There would have been more sacrifices made, and someone would have stepped up.

“I – I can’t fight anymore.”

“Phew! It’s done anyway.”

The ice island that Ice Queen created near the male is visible.

It is about 1/10 of the size it normally is because she lacked the energy.

Park Jin Hyuk’s group and the Rankers are spread out on that small island. It is a terrible sight. A majority of the battlesuits are severely damaged.

The aftermath of battle.

It is a big show.

Cha Jun Sung, 11 Lifers and two level 8s had incredible pressure in frontal confrontation regardless of winners and losers.

They wanted to fight by hitting and retreating even if this takes some time, but it isn’t a situation where they can do that. The Albatrus is getting pushed.

They need to finish up the battle here somehow and then help out on that side.

But once the battle with the Deep-Sea Teeth was over, only one person was able to move and he was already on his way to help.

“He flies.”

“His stamina is one thing, but we can’t ignore his battlesuit’s performance either.”

The Lifers resting on the ice island all look at one place.

As soon as Cha Jun Sung killed the male and arrived at the Albatrus, he swept the battlefield.

The sharks are scattering everywhere following the Deep-Sea Teeth’s loss, but it’s slow because there are so many of them.

Park Jin Hyuk's group and the Rankers took out their general charging devices and recovered their battlesuits' energy. They already used all of the rapid charging devices.

While Cha Jun Sung attacked near the Albatrus, the 7 Rankers who had gone to take on the level 7s began to resume their positions one by one.

They aren't in good shape either, but they are more at ease.

As soon as they joined in battle, they chased the sharks away with Cha Jun Sung as the principal axis.

"Is it... complete."

Strategist got an idea of the battle's atmosphere and gave a hollow smile.

He doesn't remember when it started, but now there are more times when he feels empty due to the death of his colleagues rather than a feeling of achievement that the mission is complete.

Survivors are flowers that bloom from the sacrifices of others. They used those opportunities created through their deaths as footholds to go up.

Those with more, gain more. Those who lose, lose more.

They hadn't been able to advance, but Strategist's group completed the mission and survived while earning a vast amount of points. It is sad, but he thinks of it as one step forward while establishing a friendly relationship with Cha Jun Sung who has opened up level S.

If he supports them with level S items, they will be able to develop even more. Completion without victims might even be possible.

"It's time to go back. Uranos, do your best and wrap up the battlefield."

[Cyborg ejection.]

The cyborgs remaining on board go out, leaving the mutants alone, and collect and take care of everything related to Lifers.

The victims don't return and just watch this. They need to get a count of the damage,

but at a glance, it looks like half have died.

Cha Jun Sung recovers Hades, goes up in the air, and goes past the ice island.

He looks at the Deep-Sea Teeth that are dead in different places.

“Parents who think of their children. I guess all living creatures are the same.”

He doesn't feel sorry or pity or anything. As long as he has entered with the intention to kill, those kinds of feelings are a luxury.

He is just understanding that those guys are struggling to live just like they are.

“Are we the same?”

Lifers don't know that they're specimens for experiment either. Cha Jun Sung is the only one who is close to the hidden truth.

[Sincere congratulations. Lifer Cha Jun Sung, I'm proud of you. The only level S Lifer. I knew you could do it.]

It finally became reality for Cha Jun Sung that he had become level S once he heard Odin speak.

He had been busy with battle before, and had ignored the notice even after hearing it. He hadn't had the chance to check how many points he got and that he had advanced.

How many level S missions are there?

Are there 5 since Cruel King is dead?

Or is it 6 including that cocoon?

He'll be able to find out more in detail once he returns. His total points are about 20 billion. He bought a battlesuit, so he can pay attention to other areas. He'll need to take care of the specifications he is lacking in.

[First, let us go back to the Albatrus.]

“Jun Sung! Let’s go back!”

“Yeah.”

Strategist’s radio.

Park Jin Hyuk was sitting on the ice island as he called to Cha Jun Sung who is floating in the air. Lifers are returning one by one.

Cha Jun Sung turned around to go back. Their work is done here.

At that moment, Cha Jun Sung froze as though he had been hit by lightning.

‘What is this? This energy?’

Something he can’t identify is binding him. He wants to turn around and look, but he can’t. His body won’t listen to him.

[Activate the reverse tracking camera!]

Odin realized something strange was going on, and turns on the camera built into the battlesuit.

The cameras change direction and film the rear. Though they only maintained basic functions, to think that they didn’t know until it had approached!

Woong!

The rear view comes up on his battlesuit’s hologram.

It is the open sea, but below sea level, a long and giant shadow shows under the sunlight.

[Infrared ray, thermal detection impossible! It is a mutant that can control its body temperature and assimilate to the environment! Estimated length 1255m. At this kind of size, could it be?]

From the way it hides, it is like Basil's 9 combination stealth.

He is level S, but it hadn't been detected by the battlesuit's basic probe.

His body trembles.

Cold sweat forms on Cha Jun Sung's entire body.

His mouth dries up. He doesn't sweat much because he is a mutant and the temperature inside the battlesuit is always controlled, but he can't help it now.

"Tell Strategist to run away or return to reality immediately."

[Transferring information... Transmission complete! Lifer Cha Jun Sung, you also need to hurry up and evacuate!]

Cha Jun Sung shakes his head.

He needs to buy time for them to get away. They'll all get swept away if he boards the Albatrus.

Cha Jun Sung dives into the ocean with the reverse booster.

He doesn't know how this happened. What he is sure of is that it has already happened.

He is submerged in the sea in a tense state.

Cha Jun Sung saw it.

It is atrocious, but it has arrogant eyes.

Sea God Levadan.

# Chapter 229

“Good – goodness!”

“It’s – it’s a monster.”

Levadan shows up in the mirror image.

The Lifers on board and Strategist who got information from Cha Jun Sung were able to see Levadan better than Cha Jun Sung could.

1255m in length and 100m in diameter. It looks like a dragon from some comic book or classic novel. That’s Sea God Levadan.

It is a legendary monster.

It has six pairs of horns on its head and looks like a reptile. But the moment they look at it, its eyes make them lose the will to battle.

The blue scales all over its entire body made the Lifers feel sick.

[Levadan! We finally found its location!]

All of the helpers including Uranos said similar words, in a similar tone at the same time as though it had been planned.

The Lifers are taken aback. They found the location?

Levadan wanders around thousands of meters deep into the sea.

Due to this, not even artificial intelligence can find it. It showed itself occasionally, but that was really rare.

It isn't on land like other level 9s, so it is hard to find. But for whatever reason, it has appeared in front of the Lifers.

[We need to put a location tracking device on it.]

Uranos shows consciousness.

It falls out of Strategist's will. But that doesn't mean he acts however he wants to. One wrong move could mean annihilation.

[Uranos. Lifer Cha Jun Sung says that he will buy time for us to get away.]

[Odin. You must know as well, but this is the perfect opportunity to keep an eye on Levadan, who has been out of our reach. Do you understand what I'm saying?]

Odin agrees with this as well.

Levadan is elusive, popping up in the east and the west. That's why they hadn't been able to create missions related to it.

[Wait. It's something that you all can't do, so I'll ask him what he thinks.]

Odin tries Cha Jun Sung.

He knows the secrets of Life Mission to an extent. Therefore, it is easy to explain when relaying sensitive issues.

Cha Jun Sung is half and half on installing a location tracking device. He'll fight Levadan

if he needs to, but he won't provoke it first if he doesn't have to.

[The authority is applying a special mission.]

[Level A advancement mission: Installation of a location tracking device]

– Goal: Attainment

– Description: Install a location tracking device on ruler of the broad sea, Sea God Levadan, and get out of the mission area!

– Reward: 10,000,000,000 points. Lucky box.

It isn't a level S mission because he isn't meant to fight.

But the reward for a level A advancement is 10 billion points. It is of an entirely different class. How many points would it have been if he were to kill it? It would be tens of billions of points.

“It's dangerous to run away in the ocean. Uranos, operate floating mode.”

Floating mode. Albatrus is a submarine.

That means it is inefficient to put all the energy into the booster, but it can fly in the air for even a moment.

No matter how big and strong Levadan is, it cannot fly in the air without wings. He will soar into the air and return to Mechanic City.

“Let's kill it with spiral swills. There's no reason to keep saving it.”

“The opponent isn't good.”

If they fire the spiral swills, it will use all of the ship's energy. It takes time to fill it up as well. There's no guarantee that they will hit and kill it. They can't take the gamble.

Boom!

Albatrus' booster tilts vertically and takes the ship 950m into the air.

Levadan isn't showing any strange movements.

It isn't here to fight. It has come out of pure curiosity.

The Lifers think differently.

They have a similar mindset as Cha Jun Sung. They won't hit first if they aren't provoked. This new phenomenon is interesting as well.

The Albatrus flies.

It goes up hundreds of meters, but they cannot be at ease even if they have gone several kilometers because of Levadan's length and the breadth of its attack.

Levadan glares and looks over the bloody battlefield. Sharks are either floating or in pieces all over the place. Their king and queen and their baby are dead, too.

[Interesting.]

[Really?]

Levadan is talking to itself, but Cha Jun Sung responds.

Odin raised the volume on the voice amplifier. Cha Jun Sung's sound becomes amplified by several times.

It is a conversation between mutants.

It is the principle of telepathy. The high and low tones of their growling with emotions mixed in, relay their messages.

[Are you the same race?]

[I'm a human... the same race.]

He isn't talking about sea mutants. He's talking about his nature.

Cha Jun Sung was going to say that he is human, but he just admitted it himself.

[This is the first time I'm seeing something like you. What is that? Is that a shell?]

[I guess you could say that.]

[Show your real self. Are you showing yourself to me with a shell?]

[I can't live in the ocean. Without this, it's hard for me to breathe.]

He needs to breathe on his own if he releases the battlesuit and awakens, but Cha Jun Sung is a land mutant, so he can't act freely. He'll have to swim since he won't have a booster, and it will get pathetic. He probably won't be able to show the power of a level 7 either.

[I understand.]

[Why did you come here?]

[I was on my way home when I smelled something sweet. I turned around and came here because I wanted to see what was going on.]

Oh! It seems Lifers' blood lured Levadan as well. If they had known a level 9 would react, they would have reconsidered using blood as bait.

[Other guys were going to come to, but they decided not to when they realized I was coming. If they had come, you wouldn't have been able to take them on with your tired body.]

It is fortunate that Levadan has no intention to fight them.

He is confident that he can run away, but he doesn't know what damages there might be.

Vroom!

Cha Jun Sung looks up toward the sky.

Albatrus is returning. He is alone. If he returns, they will feel much more liberated.

[I'll ask. What are you?]

[A hunter.]

[Hunter?]

[I live to hunt, to kill things like you. You'll be hunted down by us one day too, though it won't be easy.]

Levadan roars at the sudden provocation.

The sea shakes with sound waves ringing everywhere. It is laughing in disbelief, not in anger.

[Hah! Me? I'm the ruler. Nothing can take me on.]

Cha Jun Sung took out a machine the size of a fingernail, and went toward Levadan.

He is doing this because he knows that it doesn't want to fight.

A weak sense.

It is similar to the proportion of a single grain of sand to a beach, but the Levadan is able to feel even the smallest changes in its body.

[If you keep this piece on you, hunters will go looking for you shortly. Take it off if you're scared, and keep it on if you're confident.]

It is a level 9.

It won't reject him because of its pride.

[My day to day is boring. I'll enjoy ripping and breaking those that try to challenge me as they did in the past.]

Cha Jun Sung went back again. In actuality, he wanted to hurry up and get away.

It is hard to even withstand Levadan's energy. He is feeling the pressure he felt from Black Lord.

Considering the ocean as an environment, not even Black Lord would be able to beat Levadan in a fight here. No level 9s really.

[Even being in front of you is tiring. If you allow it, I want to go.]

[Those guys. Did you do that?]

[We combined our strength, but I was at the forefront. Why are you asking?]

Levadan gestures toward the Deep-Sea Teeth. It grows dark.

[Are you strong?]

[Here? In the sea?]

[Your nature itself.]

[Nature? I guess you could say I'm strong. But I can't beat you.]

Cha Jun Sung didn't show unnecessary pride.

Levadan has the temperament of Black Lord and Red Eye.

[Is that so? Fine. I won't kill you. But prove it.]

Boom!

Levadan's body compresses and shoots out like a spring. The attacks of giant species usually begin from their bodies.

Boom boom boom!

Cha Jun Sung went back as much as it came at him with his reverse booster.

However, the Levadan is much faster. A 1200m body can't be ignored.

No matter how diligently an ant moves, it becomes meaningless next to a human step.

Its huge mouth with sharp teeth opens.

Its mouth is several times larger than that of the Deep-Sea Teeth. Cha Jun Sung didn't avoid it first. The attack range is wide, so he can't avoid it easily. If that's the case, it's better to wait and first figure out where it will attack.

'It is a simple bodily attack pattern? It's plenty strong just looking at this, but Lifers could catch it if they came in as a huge group.'

He doesn't let down his guard. There's no way a level 9 can only do this much.

The beyond level 7 sea mutant he has seen until now has skills other than bodily attacks like sucking in water pressure and shooting its breath.

If Levadan shoots that, it will show a power that is incomparable to that of its underlings. And he was too right.

Boom boom boom boom!

It is a long spear formed out of the water.

Levadan sucked in seawater, didn't let it out all at once, but fired it little by little as though spitting.

The problem is that the spitting cycle goes four or five times per second. Each spear goes at supersonic speed.

The difficult situation continued.

Papapat!

Cha Jun Sung was busy avoiding them.

He isn't avoiding them by seeing them with his eyes and hearing them with his ears. It is with his mutant instincts and immediate reactions of his battlesuit. The firing cycles get shorter and shorter. It is like a machine gun.

Cha Jun Sung hits away the water spears flying at him with Hades.

Incredible repulsive force.

He loses balance because his hands and feet are entangled.

A water spear collides with Cha Jun Sung's chest. The energy barrier was the first to reduce the shock, and the battlesuit's armor was the secondary measure to do so.

Even that isn't enough, so he goes flying far away even with the water's resistance.

'I can't use all of the battlesuit functions because there isn't enough energy.'

He wasn't able to go over his gear after battle. He can't even use 50% power so as of now, he can't respond to a simple attack.

Levadan goes soaring.

It is going for him while he is struggling to find balance again.

'Damn it!'

Should he use the reverse booster to get away?

No.

It could be expecting this.

Then he will go in a direction that isn't expected. Forward.

Cha Jun Sung goes to meet Levadan. There is embarrassment in Levadan's eyes.

That small thing is thinking of taking him on?

Hades scrapes by Levadan's eyes. Then he goes flying high. Levadan struggles in pain and glares up at Cha Jun Sung, who is looking down at it from the sky.

[I'll let you go. This wound – I won't heal it and I'll just leave it. Did you say beings like you will come looking for me? I'll welcome a challenge any time.]

[You have succeeded in placing a location tracking device on Levadan's body. You have earned 10 billion reward points.]

He has already opened level S missions and the store, so this does not get replicated.

Only Cha Jun Sung got reward points for the location tracking device.

With this, the cumulative amount is 30 billion. He has gained the foundation to go into a level S mission.

Levadan dives into the sea.

It came here out of curiosity, but it was pretty fun. It came a long distance, but it had its worth.

“There’s really no way to know what’ll happen with this world.”

He entered a mission to advance, but hadn’t dreamed he would meet Levadan.

It is a variable.

If he had been weak, he would have been killed by this variable.

He needs to get stronger. If he wants to stay alive, he needs to get stronger.

Cha Jun Sung was deep in thought, and then went back to reality.

When Cha Jun Sung opened his eyes however, he wasn’t in reality, the briefing room, or Mechanic City, but in some random place he had never seen before.

# Chapter 230

“...Where is this?”

Cha Jun Sung’s eyes and voice are full of wariness.

He did not pull out Hades or show combative behavior however.

He is positive this is an unfamiliar place, but it doesn’t have an atmosphere of danger.

It is just a little uncomfortable.

The three choices for a Lifer who completes a mission are reality, briefing room, and Mechanic City.

There is nothing else.

Of those, the return locations for reality and Mechanic City are different according to summons locations, but they aren’t in places that Lifers don’t know about.

“It this a hotel?”

The overall configuration is that of a large, luxurious room comparable to that of the royal or diamond room of a top hotel.

Its difference from a modern hotel is that it is a little more futuristic.

It is like a newly-built hotel, as if it is completely outfitted in Life Mission store products.

No. It really is.

“Odin. Odin?”

Cha Jun Sung kept calling for Odin, but he doesn’t respond. He looked at his PDA, but it only functions as a watch. It doesn’t do anything.

It won't go into the store, and he can't contact Odin. His return is blocked as well.

Only the number indicating the time in reality changes.

"What is it now?"

"I apologize. I invited you, but it isn't an invitation that I got consent for."

Cha Jun Sung was surprised by the sound coming from behind him, but he didn't react.

It is just seriousness in which he can't sense animosity.

"Hologram?"

A hologram in the form of a person, smiles at Cha Jun Sung.

It is amazingly clear.

It is as though a real person is standing in front of him. It is so clear that if he hadn't been wearing his battlesuit or if he wasn't a Lifer who had gone through body modifications, he wouldn't have been able to tell if it were a real or virtual image.

"I'll apologize once more. It is bad manners not to go out to greet a guest, but please understand that I cannot do that."

"What are you?"

It is a middle-aged man.

He looked older than himself, so Cha Jun Sung addressed him as an elder.

"We don't have much time. I don't know if I'll have enough time to explain everything. Take a seat."

The man walks.

Cha Jun Sung follows. He directed Cha Jun Sung to sit across from him in a gentleman-like gesture.

"I'll skip the small talk and get straight to the point. Odin will explain the rest."

Cha Jun Sung nods.

If time is limited, he needs to hear what is important.

Cha Jun Sung doesn't know anything at this point, not even why he is in this place.

However, he doesn't need to hear the information he can get from Odin. He'll hear what he can't from this man, and then fit everything together like a puzzle.

"Great. You make decisions quickly. I didn't know we'd meet like this, but it's a pleasure. I'm Jigneon, the General Manager of Life Mission."



Meeting General Manager Jigneon.

The chance of this happening is like that of getting stabbed randomly in the street. But even if Cha Jun Sung had been expecting this to happen, he would have been surprised anyway.

The person who created Life Mission, which is inexplicable with modern science and is something that might appear in the story of a novel, is right in front of Cha Jun Sung's eyes.

And that person is telling him something incredible.

"Are you saying that this Borteth went against a promise the supervisors made, got out of control, and 'started interfering'?"

"That's right."

"But this sounds like an issue within your group. Why are you telling me? The officials can just figure it out among themselves."

Cha Jun Sung shows a little antipathy toward Jigneon. He is going through missions of his own will, but he doesn't like that he is being used as a specimen for experiment.

Jigneon didn't continue speaking right away. He took a sip of the tea he had been stirring in his hand. He was drinking tea in real life, too.

“There are two reasons.”

“Two?”

“You’re the only Lifer who can resolve or interfere in this matter, and you will be affected by this intervention.”

Cha Jun Sung frowns.

They are speaking without his battlesuit, so his expression shows.

“Borteth has a lot of ambition. As one of the three Life Mission supervisors, he wants to surpass Gabenu and me in getting the top results.”

A moderate amount of ambition can become a source of power. Not having that amount of ambition means that the person does not want it enough.

But it is severe in Borteth’s case. It goes beyond ambition to greed.

“The process doesn’t matter as long as the results are good, so Borteth does annoying things and he always get some kind of result. Even if he fails, so he doesn’t feel discouraged. It seems that’s why he won’t leave it alone. He’s breaking all of our promises too.”

If entrepreneurs who want to become rich commit crimes in order to succeed, most will come under judgment of the law.

It isn’t right to compare with Life Mission, but a collision is inevitable if everyone is going on a righteous path and only one person tries to stray from that.

If that collision becomes an emotional fight, it could ruin everything.

“It isn’t good to ignore the processes. I’m not talking about rules or promises. Those are important, but there is something else that is truly important.”

“Are you referring to order?”

It is a part that Cha Jun Sung doesn’t understand as he listens.

“It’s similar. According to the way you put it, everything has an order. But what do you

think will happen if we ignore that order? The warped order might be visible in the beginning, but it becomes harder and harder to keep track of as it becomes more entangled.”

There are things that the three supervisors need to consult each other on while proceeding, but Borteth is acting alone.

“One of those independent actions was the Heavy Gravity in North America.”

“Oh!”

“We gained a lot of data from that battle between you and the level 8s then. The result is good, isn’t it? What do you think happened to Borteth after that?”

“Punishment...”

“He did receive punishment even if it wasn’t very drastic. The problem started from there.”

Borteth had already shown severe opposition, but getting punished by Jigneon after getting clear results made him revolt.

On top of that, he formed bad feelings toward Cha Jun Sung, who is the source of his punishment. Cha Jun Sung had become a subject for him to vent on.

Cha Jun Sung was speechless in disbelief.

“I’ll refer to them as investors to make it easier for you to understand. Those investors are looking kindly on Borteth’s independent actions kindly as well. You understand why, right?”

It’s because the results are good.

Jigneon gave him punishment but it was released quickly. There’s a reason why he acts on his own ridiculously even when he is being threatened.

No matter how much they don’t like it, Borteth is one of the three people who created Life Mission. He is a major shareholder with 33.3% of shares.

“You understand that you’ll be disadvantaged, right? If we leave him alone now, he’s

sure to take his anger out on you.”

“What a crazy bastard.”

He’ll always have to be on guard, but it’ll be really dangerous if Borteth interferes while he is fighting a level 8 like last time. He doesn’t want to make a supervisor into the enemy.

If helpers are the messengers of god in Life Mission, the supervisors are those gods. The future is clear if the creature makes the creator into the enemy.

“Did you secretly bring me here to help me?”

Jigneon had matched Cha Jun Sung’s return time on purpose.

It would have been too obvious if he got summoned from reality, so he used the point when the gate opened.

“Borteth chose a Lifer to act on his behalf. He means to act from the shadows rather than showing himself on the forefront. This means that if something goes wrong, he’ll be able to cut it off from the tail. This will make it more frustrating, so what will you do? I have to choose one too. You.”

There is a saying that a shrimp’s back bursts in a fight between whales.

Cha Jun Sung felt strange because it was as though a mere human was being placed in the middle of a fight between gods.

“Is the Lifer Borteth chose a Ranker?”

“I heard he is a Ranker.”

“World Federation? Bloody Kingdom?”

“Which do you think?”

It doesn’t seem like he would be from World Federation. All of the Lifers there are honest. A few have strange personalities, but none would be willing to do whatever Borteth told them to do as if they were machines.

“The latter.”

“Right. Will you be able to figure out who it is?”

“Blood King? Dark Side?”

There aren't many in Bloody Kingdom who are both skilled and smart. The two he just mentioned are the best.

“Neither. Borteth needs an avatar that'll do what he wants on his behalf. Those two are smart. They would probably just pretend to obey Borteth and calculate their options instead.”

“Then?”

“It's no fun if I tell you. I have a video to show you. Once I show you this and tell you what I need to say, our conversation will be over.”



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