

## Darkness 31

### Chapter 31: Rewarding the Loyalty

Kahn stared at the dead bodies of the kobold group he lured here to fight against the adventurer group and killed them once the time came.

Total 16 dead kobolds were lying on the ground. This was more than enough for him to create at least 8 new subordinates. But Kahn didn't plan on having that many for now. He preferred Quality over Quantity. Besides, having same type of subordinates would only provide him with foddors than some unique subordinates as he had created till now.

"System. How much bloodline purity did I absorb from these Kobolds?" asked Kahn to the system as he knew the System stored in Bloodlines through his Ability Absorption Divine Ability if the same type of monsters or any species was absorbed by Kahn.

[The Host currently has 120% of pure Kobold bloodline. Enough to create a higher and many times stronger version of this species.]

"And would the Rank of that subordinate will be higher as well ?" Kahn asked out of curiosity.

[Yes. The more specimens with the same bloodline the Host uses for Synthesis, the higher chances to create a higher version of that species.]

"System, what's Omega's rank based on your database?"

[Subordinate named Omega is currently of Elite rank with the Evolution skill unlocked.] The system replied emotionlessly.

"What are the ranks for monsters & beasts in general?" Kahn asked as he never had this question pop up in his mind before. He only knew that Rudra was of Mythical rank, a rank above the Legendary rank.

[Following are the Ranks for Monsters & Beast species :

Common

Elite

Rare

Unique

Half-Lord

Lord

High Lord

Legendary

Mythical

Godbeast ]

"So what if I use 4 bodies & 5 high-grade monster cores during Synthesis? Will the resultant subordinate be of an even higher version than the expected result?" Kahn asked in puzzlement because he still wasn't used to creating subordinates & understand all the capabilities of his Synthesis Divine Ability even now.

[The Resultant subordinate can only be of one rank higher & an upgraded version of their base bloodline.]

"I see." Kahn spoke to himself. He was being too greedy just now so he had to keep his expectations in check. A higher rank result was already too much to ask for. Even a higher rank than that was simply impossible. But there was always a chance to merge that subordinate with others of the same rank & species to get another higher version. Just that he will need a purer bloodline & more dead bodies to experiment with & extra monster cores.

"You guys, keep on a lookout. Don't let anyone come close to this area & disturb me." Kahn commanded to his newly created six subordinates, the Six Generals.

The Six Generals then dispersed in different directions. His newly acquired ability called Mind Link was a passive ability so he would be linked to all these subordinates and could see through their eyes whenever he wanted. His soul connection with them would inform him about everything that was happening with subordinates without putting any strain on his brain either.

Plus the range was 5 kilometers so it was already very good for him to not be noticed by anyone who was far away. Kahn was just being cautious.

Kahn chose 4 bodies of dead kobolds and 5 B-rank monster cores for the synthesis and put his hands and bare legs on all the bodies.

"Merge!" said Kahn as a black shadow was released from his hands and legs on each body and the shadow engulfed them one by one.

Soon all the 4 shadows started converging together and finally the procedure to create a new subordinate started.

Since there were more specimens involved, the procedure took longer than before.

[Does the host wishes to impart the pure Bloodline to the subordinate being created?] the system asked for his permission like it once did when he was creating Rudra who now possessed 50% pure Basilisk bloodline.

"Do it." Kahn commanded without hesitation.

After 10 minutes of forming different shapes and moves, the new subordinate was finally created.

It was pitch black kobold who was much taller and bigger than the rest of the Kobolds that Kahn had killed and used for synthesis. The fur was darker, claws were shaper, it stood on its two hind legs and two big fangs were coming out of its mouth.

Its appearance no different than a giant Werewolf.

"System, show me his stats."

[Following are the Statistics for the subordinate.

Name : Unnamed

Species : High Kobold

Evolution skill unlocked (Level can be upgraded through eating other monsters & cores. And Rank can be upgraded with higher & purer bloodlines of this same species.)

Rank : Unique

Level : 45

Strength : 160

Agility : 140

Dexterity : 60

Defense : 70

Mana : 90

Abilities :

Burst Howl

Pack Leader

Sprinter

Lunge

Tearing claws

Shadow merge

Would Host like to name this new subordinate?]

"Wait." Kahn looked at the stats & abilities. This new subordinate was indeed very strong compared to the dead kobolds & even slightly stronger than Six Generals because it had the unique bloodline of kobold species.

Kahn didn't stop there. He simply repeated the same process for the remaining bodies. And after half an hour, finally stopping after he created 3 more subordinates. All of them being no different than the previous High Kobold.

Kahn now finally understood the difference. Kobolds were actually higher and intellectual versions of Wolves. No different than those Wolfkin Demihumans he had seen before in Flavot City and some of the Adventurer groups he had seen also had such members.

Just that the Wolfkin were more evolved and sentient beings while kobolds were primitive & more controlled by their base instincts.

Even Omega who was standing close to Kahn felt like he was looking at his long-distance relatives. He was certainly a much lower version of this species himself.

Kahn didn't stop here either. Since all of them had unlocked Evolution skill, there was no point in standing on a ceremony.

He divided these 4 into groups of two and repeated the Synthesis. Kahn used 10 B Rank monster cores for each time and patiently created 2 more higher versions of Kobold.

"System, show me the stats."

[Following are the Statistics for the subordinate.

Name : Unnamed

Species : Kobasu (Variant Kobold)

Evolution skill unlocked (Level can be upgraded through eating other monsters & cores. And Rank can be upgraded with higher & purer bloodlines of this same species.)

Rank : Half-Lord

Level : 50

Strength : 250

Agility : 190

Dexterity : 170

Defense : 150

Mana : 130

Abilities :

Pack Commander

Domain Howl

Hunter's Sight

Long stride

Pincer

Shadow merge

Would Host like to name this new subordinate?]

"What the.." Kahn stood rooted on the spot forgetting his speech.

Because the new subordinate he just created was already stronger than Kahn himself. Plus the stats were also higher than him in Strength and Agility attributes.

This guy was at least on Stragabor's level based on the aura & murderous intent it emitted. This subordinate would just make a perfect bodyguard for himself.

Omega now felt even more dejected than before. His head was down as if he felt that he was no longer needed. He simply walked away from Kahn and sat in a faraway corner in the tree line.. Slowly whimpering under his breath.

Kahn was overjoyed with the results and carried on to create another subordinate of the same rank.

Another 30 minutes passed and Kahn finally created another new subordinate of the same rank & skills as the former.

Kahn still hadn't named any of his new subordinates after he named the Six Generals.

He now had 2 Subordinates on the same strength level as Stragabor who once put immense pressure on Kahn with his aura alone.

"System. Can I upgrade them even more?" asked Kahn, not being content with what he already had.

[No. The host no longer has any higher or purer version of this bloodline. The new subordinates can no longer evolve any more than their current state unless a higher bloodline which also has traces of the same bloodline is acquired and used for Evolution.] replied the system.

Kahn found it logical since it was indeed a limitation of the bloodline. Because he already had upgraded the newly created subordinates by two ranks just with the bloodline he acquired previously. No matter how pure it was, it would still have an upper limit for an Evolution.

"So if I want to use them for further evolution, will I need to mix them with another subordinate?" Kahn asked.

[Yes. But the subordinate must have traces of the same bloodline as the specimens and should be a Variant version of its species to mix with this different bloodline.] The system stated out the conditions for the next upgrade. Because there won't be any different resultant species if they shared the same base bloodline. And to mix with another subordinate, that would require some traces of the same bloodline as well.

Kahn let out a chuckle as his mood lightened up. Because there was indeed a subordinate who fit both the conditions at the same time.

Kahn then gazed at a certain subordinate who was resting near a tree with its head down and a devilish smirk appeared on his face.

### **Chapter 32: The Evolution**

Kahn called out Omega who was at this point sulking in a corner as he felt like he was no longer going to be useful to Kahn.

At the end of the day, Omega was only an Elite rank monster who had very less intelligence compared to these Kobasu who were standing in front of Kahn. He only knew how to follow orders.

Even though they were stronger than Kahn, none of these two subordinates were haughty or overbearing as Rudra. They didn't try to defy Kahn's authority or taunt him in any way. Because Rudra was a Mythical rank creature and possessed 50% pure bloodline of a Godbeast, the Basilisk.

Although Kahn didn't know much about Godbeasts even now since they were only stuff of the Legends as far as he knew, he didn't try to look for more information about them as finding correct & reliable sources wasn't in his priority list.

At this point, Omega finally came and stood on Kahn's left side. His expression looked of curiosity as he didn't understand what Kahn had in his mind.

"System, how much it will take?"

[According to the current level of Species & Rank, it will take the Host at least 100 B Rank Monster Cores for this procedure.] the system replied in its lifeless tone.

"Why that many? That's all I have left!" Kahn asked in surprise as the cost of this procedure alone took the number of Monster cores he had used up till now.

Kahn ate 50 C rank monster cores a week ago & now nearly used 50 cores for creating his Six Generals and then the kobolds. 30 of them being B Rank monster cores which were very high grade and hard to come even for Solomon who was the president of adventurers association.

[Because what Host wishes to create exceeds the current rank of subordinate in the procedure by many ranks. If the host does not use the required amount of monster cores, the result will create a new being who will not inherit any traits or memories of the chosen subordinate.] the system explained.

Kahn thought for a minute and understood the reason. What he wanted to do was skip on at least 3 Ranks of Species Evolution. So certainly it would require many cores for all the upgrades and Mana for it to succeed.

Since both the Kobasu were Half-Lord rank, Kahn expected the result being of the same rank after the process was done. But he still had to make up for the difference in Species rank using extra monster cores.

Luckily, Kahn hadn't used up all of his B rank monster cores Solomon had given him as an advance for the contract. He had consumed only low-grade cores that night and barely used the high-grade ones till now. He wanted to save them for emergency or use it for any exchange later.

So he indeed had more than 100 B rank monster cores left on him. They were all he had left to be precise.

But then Kahn looked at the Dire Wolf who had expectant eyes looking at him. Kahn vividly remembered the time when the first thing he ate in this world was hunted & brought to him by Omega.

The first day he entered the world of Vantrea, he created this Dire Wolf using the pack of Wolves who tried to hunt him and had nearly managed to kill him.

Ever since then, he and Omega were no different than Partners in Crime. They hunted together and killed many dangerous monsters & beasts, even killing the legendary Somir together which led the way to Kahn going from Level 3 to Level 30 in a single day.

While Rudra was the strongest of the all subordinates Kahn had created until now, the giant variant Basilisk was still not completely loyal to him nor did he submit to Kahn even after they spent their time together.

Omega on the other hand, was with Kahn since day one. He protected Kahn when he was weak and defenseless, hunted and fought beside Kahn like they were soldiers on a battlefield who would not think twice before sacrificing themselves to save their fellow soldier's life.. That was true Loyalty.

"It's all worth it." spoke Kahn and put one hand on Omega's head and ordered both the kobasu to touch his right palm.

"Merge!" Kahn commanded and the synthesis process started as usual. All the monster cores Kahn had on him were instantly absorbed by the shadow and so were all three specimens.

This time, the procedure was even more complicated and there were sudden bursts of energy and ground shaking pressure releasing within the shadow.

Kahn let out beads of sweat and focused all his attention & energy into the synthesis.

Unlike anything before, it took 4 hours for Kahn to finally manage to complete the process.

**BOOM!! BOOM!!!**

A sudden burst of energy and an extremely dreadful aura filled with bloodlust and tyranny exploded from the place Kahn was carrying out the synthesis. A dark black and red cloud of energy was exuding in the 2 kilometers surrounding. The explosion could be heard on the entire 9th floor.

Kahn was thrown back 10 meters due to this explosion and barely managed to land on his feet just in time.

A giant 10-meter tall figure of a black creature which had the head of a Wolf, broad shoulders and arms that were of the same height as Kahn with claws as long as Kahn's forearms..

The giant figure stood on two legs, slightly slanting downward because of its Hind legs that were just like Wolves & Kobolds. It had two long fangs coming out of its mouth which had numerous sharp teeth. The two fangs were about the same height as Kahn's head.

The giant Wolf-like creature then let out a deafening roar and announced its presence to all the living souls present on the 9th floor.

The roar alone causing sonic booms and Kahn's clothes fluttered in the air from the shockwaves.

Kahn looked at the glowing red eyes with the black iris of this giant creature and suddenly felt a sense of familiarity with it.

The giant wolf creature then started walking towards Kahn.

**THUD! THUD! THUD!**

Each of its steps causing loud stepping noises because of how big its build was. If anyone else other than Kahn was present here, they'd faint under this immense pressure & bloodlust that was being released by this giant monster.

The wolflike creature then knelt in front of Kahn on its right knee & right fist on the ground while the other leg bent and left hand on its knee.

Just like how a Knight would kneel in front his King.

Kahn let out a visible smile and gently placed his palm on the head of the monster kneeling in front of him.

"You've become very strong.. Omega." said Kahn in a happy voice as he felt genuine joy from watching the Synthesis procedure being a success and Omega finally becoming extremely stronger than before.

Just then.. A hoarse and rustic voice reached to Kahn's ears..

"Thank you.... Master."

Kahn's eyes widened with surprise. The voice belonged to no one but Omega. He could now speak after this Evolution.

Kahn felt a bit of suspicion and commanded the system.

"Tell me all of his stats and abilities." Kahn commanded the system in his authoritative tone.

[Following are the Statistics for the subordinate.

Name : Omega

Species : Lycan (Variant Fenrir)

Subordinate has invoked a dormant bloodline belonging to a Godbeast, the Fenrir.

Current Bloodline purity : 20%

Evolution skill unlocked (Level can be upgraded through eating other monsters & cores. And Rank can be upgraded with higher & purer bloodlines of the same species or descendant species of other Godbeasts.)

Rank : Lord

Level : 55

Strength : 350

Agility : 270

Dexterity : 240

Defense : 200

Mana : 180

Active Abilities & Skills :

Shredder Claws :

Gathers extremely destructive mana around subordinate's claws to execute long-range claw attack.



Berserk :

Gives the subordinate two times physical and attack strength for a short time.

Bloodline Boost :

Chosen bloodline effects can be used for a certain amount of time.

Bloodlust :

Allows the subordinate to focus killing intent on a target and put it in a fearful state for 20 seconds.

Tyrant's Roar :

The subordinate's roar can disorient anyone except the host and fellow subordinates in a 200-meter radius.

Shadow Swap :

Subordinate can instantly travel to a location in sight containing a shadow.

Shadow Merge :

Allows Subordinate to merge and hide under Host's shadow.

Passive Innate Skills :

Lycan Tyrant :

Allows the subordinate to command & exert authority on any Lykos (Wolf) related species.

Devourer :

Allows the subordinate to absorb & purify the bloodlines of other species.

Metamorphosis :

Allows the subordinate to shapeshift into a humanoid form.

Regeneration :

Allows the subordinate to constantly heal itself at a fast pace. ]

After reading all the Stats on Omega after the new upgrade.. Kahn was gobsmacked. This was beyond what he expected, he could only reply in surprise..

"What the bloody hell!"

### **Chapter 33: Hunting the Boss**

Kahn was completely out of his wits for the first time since he absorbed the Somir's core and inherited its will which changed Kahn's demeanor.

He was able to always keep a calm mind even when facing someone like Stragabor.

But now he could not believe his eyes. What he thought was a Half-Lord rank subordinate was actually a Lord rank monster. It was beyond the results he expected.

"System, how did this happen?" Kahn asked the system because only it could explain the reason behind this result.

[System detects that the subordinate Omega already had 2% bloodline purity of the Godbeast named Fenrir. During the Synthesis procedure, the determined will of the subordinate to become more useful to the host triggered this bloodline. Since Kobasu are also descendants of the Lykos species tree, the bloodline was activated to a higher degree and caused this transformation.]

"My my.. To think that I would have someone who would be so loyal to me.." Kahn said and ruffled Omega's head. He was genuinely overjoyed for Omega.

Now he understood why people treated their pets as part of the family. Because they too cared about their masters.

"System, how strong is Omega now compared to other people I've met?" Kahn questioned as he didn't know how to exactly decide tiers of Strength so he could only compare.

[Subordinate Omega is currently comparable to a Beginner Grandmaster rank person in terms of strength & attack capacity. Subordinate needs to raise its level to reach and utilize its full potential.]

"I see. If Omega fights with Arkham, what are his winning chances?"

[Subordinate has only 30% chance to defeat the individual named Arkham Holland, who is a Peak Grandmaster rank Magic Swordsman.]

"Hmm.. So they're really that strong. I guess I have no choice but to raise my levels quickly. I can't be at their mercy when the time comes. They won't uphold the end of their deal if I'm any weaker than both of them." spoke Kahn.

He was no idiot. He currently lacked a lot of strength and skills compared to the truly strong people in Flavot city. All they needed to do was attack so quickly that Kahn could not even react in time and he'd be dead on the spot.

Even though Omega & Rudra were his shields, there was no certainty that they'd always be able to help him either. At the end of the day, he had to rely on his own capabilities.

Just then, Kahn heard a warning in his head. The warning he received was through his connection with his other subordinates.. The Six Generals.

Through the Mind Link skill, Kahn could see what was happening in front of these subordinates. He quickly switched sights and found that Oliver, the Ranger subordinate and Jugram, the Berserker subordinate saw people incoming towards their direction.

Only now did Kahn remember the massive burst of energy Omega let out when he was created and the roar he let was no different than an atom bomb explosion. So naturally, this was going to alert and bring the attention of a lot of people and monsters on this floor.

"All of you, return quickly to me. And Omega, get in. We need to hide." said Kahn and ran amongst the dense tree lines and crevices.

Soon, Kahn met his subordinates along the way one by one and they all merged inside his shadow. And Kahn decided to hide for some time, away from prying eyes who were coming towards the place of the commotion. No one would pay attention to a lone archer in this situation.

While running through the woods, Kahn saw some adventurer groups but made no contact with them. As they were all heading towards something non-existent.

At this point, he had reached the opposite side of the floor itself because of how clueless he was. The dungeon map he brought with him seemed to be somewhat inaccurate which led him towards a valley full of kobolds instead.

Thanks to his Survival Instinct, he quickly hid himself using concealment skill which was an assassin's exclusive skill that allowed him to merge in the surrounding environment.

Suddenly, his Survival Instinct alerted him again. But this time, it wasn't because of anyone directing any killing intent towards him. Because there was a group of adventures.. Around 40 people were charging towards this kobold settlement. Many of them were well geared up and seemed to be in a proper formation.

Assassins led the way while doing reconnaissance and Tanks & Knights protecting the group in the front. Swordsmen behind the first defense line, the Mages and Healers in the group while the Archers protecting their back.

This was a proper setup for a Boss fight formation. These people were definitely going to fight a formidable monster boss.

"Could it be the Floor Boss?" Kahn asked himself. That would be the only explanation because these were a lot of people for a normal group of kobolds.

As soon as the group reached the nearest kobold group, they firmly launched their attack and decimated the first group with their impeccable timing and coordination. This was a well-established group with plenty of experienced people in it.

Kahn noticed that all of these people had a Reddish insignia on their chest. And in that insignia, was a Lion head carved in the center.

"The Scarlet Lion Adventurer team.." Kahn suddenly remembered the information he heard from one of the adventurers long ago.

This was the Scarlet Lion Adventurer team.. The 2nd biggest and strongest adventurer team in Flavot city.

Kahn kept watching the battle from the dark corners in the trees as a heart-thumping battle happened in front of his eyes.

The timing, the coordination and most importantly; the person in command managing the team formation and adjusting it from time to time for maximum effectiveness surprised Kahn. He understood

that the person in charge was a veteran and had hundreds of battles to reach such a level while commanding others.

Wave after wave of Kobolds died in a one-sided massacre while the Scarlet Lion team members didn't lose a single person. The Mages were accurately hitting the Kobolds that managed to go past the first line of defense.

More likely, they were allowed to breach the defense and entered through the small gaps.. Just to get roasted and cut down alive from the fire and wind magic attacks from the mages. Anyone who still managed to escape was finished off by the assassins & archers of the group.

Kahn was quite a calculative person himself so he understood the strategy. The team commander was basically leading the enemy in a deathly trap one by one and whittling down their numbers without losing a single person under his command.

The battle continued for half an hour with the Kobold side losing too many members and not even managing to take out a single member of the opposition. By now, more than 50 dead kobolds were lying on the ground.

Just when Kahn thought there was nothing left to see and decided to leave, a loud noise filled the entire valley.

HOWL!!

"It's finally here. Everyone be on guard. Follow my orders!" the team commander spoke loudly.

"Healers, put shields on Knights & Tanks. Mages, assist the Swordsmen and Assassins. Archers, be ready to release arrows when I command you to." shouted the group commander as everyone got in a defensive formation.

Soon, from the end of the valley, walked in a giant Silver Kobold surrounded by at least 20 kobolds.

Unlike all the kobolds that Kahn had seen till now, this giant Silver kobold was actually wearing grey armor on his chest, he walked on two legs just like Omega did and surprisingly used a long-range spear that was in his hands. The spear itself looked like a very high-grade weapon by the looks of how well designed it was. It was definitely an extremely powerful weapon.

"You lot again? Have you forgotten what happened last time? Don't think about leaving out of here alive." suddenly the silver kobold spoke and released his killing intent on the group of adventurers that were attacking his kin.

Kahn was surprised again. This silver kobold spoke.. Even more cleanly than Omega did after his Evolution. This monster was at least Half-Lord rank.

"You monster! Don't think that you'll get away with killing my brother and my men. This time, I'll cut your head myself!" shouted the commander of the group.

"Looks like you have forgotten how you barely escaped from me last time. Well, thanks for bringing us more food." the silver kobold shouted and dashed towards the adventurer team.

Following it, the group of kobolds also charged with fervor.

And what looked like an impenetrable formation was quickly broken through by this silver kobold with just a few swings of its spear. This monster was just too strong.

"This is a lost battle already." spoke Kahn to himself as he noticed something that the adventurer group didn't.

At this point, they weren't just facing the silver kobold and his crew from the front.. Rather they were actually surrounded by more than 30 enemies from both sides. And another group was also coming from their rear.

The silver kobold didn't just come without preparations.. Rather, it waited till the Adventurer group was only focusing on the enemies that were coming from the front. The silver kobold allowed his kin to die just so it could surround them from all sides.

Noticing this tactic, Kahn could only praise in amazement..

"So ruthless.. And so intelligent."

### **Chapter 34: Crossing paths again**

Kahn watched from the shadows as the Scarlet Lion adventurers team was getting surrounded by the kobold groups from all sides. He almost felt bad for these people as they had a knife on their throats and they didn't even know it yet.

Even if Kahn were to interfere and help these people, there was very little he could do. He didn't have many long-range or Area of Effect (AoE) skills that could even help in this situation. Not without revealing his cards such as Omega & the Six Generals at least.

His subordinate skill was something one would expect from a Summoner, not an archer. It will become troublesome if the word of it got out because Kahn decided to help these people. He could not afford to have any witnesses.

Just as Kahn expected, when the silver kobold ordered the surrounding henchmen to attack from all 4 sides, the formation broke in a matter of minutes.. Many were unable to adapt to the onslaught coming from every direction and people started dying.

The wolfkin from the group were torn piece by piece by the kobolds as if there was some sort of long animosity between these two species.

In just 10 minutes, there were barely any adventurers left alive. Kahn who was numb to killing already felt sad for these people.. They all performed very well till now. But things always don't go as you plan.

"Ahhh!!" a loud curl boomed in the surroundings as the adventurer team commander was torn into two by the Silver Kobold with its bare hands. There was an evil laugh on its face as they had almost finished up killing all these people.

"Get away from me!" a shout was heard amongst the dead bodies.. A young woman who seemed to be an archer by her gear and equipment was waving a dagger at the nearby kobolds and trying to create a distance. There was a big gash in her right thigh as a downpour of blood was leaking from it.

She was barely able to walk.. Tears running through her eyes as she was scared to death and somehow managing to muster her strength to fight back.

Unlike the others, she didn't have the red emblem on her chest.. She was a hired help for this quest.

The redhead girl had lost a lot of blood and barely had any strength to fight against these monsters who were taunting and playing around with her.

Kahn who was watching this from a long distance using his Hunter Intent found this woman familiar.

He had the Eidetic Memory from his previous life so he never forgot faces & things he saw once.

"Ah fuck!" said Kahn and quickly dashed towards the battlefield, precisely towards the place the girl was fighting with whatever strength she had left in her body.

Kahn quickly shot few arrows towards the kobolds surrounding the girl and brought their attention towards him. Just then, a kobold jumped towards the girl and attacked with a spear to the girl's chest.

SWOOSH!

ROAR!

A hand fell on the ground holding a spear.. It was none other than the kobold's hand which just attacked the girl. The redhead girl was barely holding up and had fallen on the ground was stunned as she saw a hooded figure holding a dagger in his hand.

"You good?" asked Kahn as he glanced at the girl who was of the same age as him.

"You.. What are you doing here?" the girl spoke.. Her voice was seemingly very sharp yet pleasing to the ears.

"I was passing by and noticed the noises. Just to see you close to death's door." said Kahn and let out a small chuckle.

The nearby kobolds started attacking Kahn in groups and from different directions. Kahn swung his daggers and started defending against the attacks while piercing the vital organs of these enemies.

His Weapon Mastery with daggers was already above 60% and this was just a walk in the park for him.

"Run away!! Leave me here or you'll die!" shouted the girl as she remembered what the guy in front did for her not just 10 days ago.

"You better get some sleep. I'll handle this." said Kahn and activated War Dominance.

SHIRK..

A tangible pressure was exerted in the 30-meter radius surrounding Kahn's location and all the nearby Kobolds who were attacking Kahn froze on the spot.

The redhead girl was already on the verge of fainting lost her consciousness under the pressure and fainted before she could say anything.

Kahn walked to her and quickly took out the medium-grade recovery potion from his space ring and put it in the girl's mouth.

"Blackwall! Ronin! Armin!" shouted Kahn and three black figures came out of his shadows. The Guardian Knight, the Rogue & the Priest. 3 of the Six Generals he created.

"Protect her and keep healing her." said Kahn as he handed over another bottle of recovery potion to Armin, the Priest.

The silver kobold who had started paying attention towards them after finishing off the team commander was surprised to see that there were still people left. But when Kahn released his War Dominance aura, he felt an immense threat from the hooded archer.

Kahn started walking towards this group of nearly 50 kobolds and the giant Silver Kobold.

"Omega!" Kahn shouted and the newly evolved Lycan jumped from his shadow and stood in the center of the battlefield. His figure towering even the silver kobold.

"I leave him to you." said Kahn and Omega let out a deafening roar again! Instantly stunning all the nearby enemies.

But to Kahn's surprise.. Not only the kobolds nearby but also all the enemies standing far away started falling on the ground one by one. Unable to stand up and looking at Omega with horrified eyes..

Omega was using his Lycan Tyrant passive skill which let him control and exert his dominance over all Lykos related species.

Even the silver kobold was struggling to stand properly on its feet.

"You! Who are you?!" asked the Silver Kobold to Omega who was walking towards it.

"You.. Do.. Not.. Need.. To... Know." said Omega in response and ran towards the Silver Kobold.

A red aura gathering on his human arm-sized claws. And letting out a wave of claw-shaped blades of destructive attack as he swung his hand at the Silver Kobold.

The Silver Kobold replied with a swing of his high-grade spear and attacked as well.

**BANG!**

A loud noise of metal clanging was heard and dust flew from the position of the clash.

But unlike what one would expect, this wasn't going to be a long fight.. Because as the dust cloud dispersed.. A bleeding giant figure of the silver kobold lying on the ground was revealed with a broken spear in its hand and nearly shredded armor it was wearing.

Shredder Claws! That was one of Omega's attack skills he acquired after the Evolution.

Before the kobold could get up, Omega stomped on its chest and put it in the ground again.. Rendering it unable to move.

Kahn who was unaffected let out his remaining Six Generals and walked towards the silver kobold.

"Finish them off." he commanded the subordinates.

The silver kobold was already an arrow at the end of its turn. Barely managing to breathe under Omega's giant feet.

Kahn didn't want to waste any more time, he simply stabbed the silver kobold's throat and killed it off.

"Leave no one alive." ordered Kahn to Omega and the lycan ran off to kill the surrounding kobolds.

Kahn then put on his hands on its lifeless body.

"Absorb!" said Kahn and activated his Ability Absorption divine ability.

In 3 minutes, the system told Kahn that the Absorption was complete. Kahn didn't decide to eat its core. It was more useful to Omega than him as the Lycan could absorb its bloodline and rare abilities by eating the body and the core.

Soon, Omega came back with his claws full of blood. He then started eating the silver kobold by tearing its limbs and chomping on the meat. He started by ripping its heart open first which also had its core.

Kahn then started to absorb the abilities of the dead adventures who partook in the battle and died in the end. He wasn't an idiot to let this opportunity go.

In nearly 10 minutes, the Six Generals had finished off all the remaining kobolds and brought their bodies closer to Kahn.

"System, can the Six Generals also eat the cores and raise their levels? And will they get any abilities if they ate the adventurers that belonged to the classes I used while creating them?" asked Kahn to the system. He wanted to use this opportunity to raise the strength of his army.

[Yes. The subordinates who are the combination of different classes will also increase their proficiency in the skills by eating the bodies and cores of these specimen who possessed one of the same job/class the subordinates were created with.]

"Good." said Kahn as he ordered all the subordinates to have their hearty meals and eat the adventurers belonging to the same classes they were created with. And told them to equip themselves with the armors and weapons these people were wearing.

As for the remaining kobolds and their cores.. Kahn decided to leave them to his subordinates to eat up and raise their levels.

He wasn't in a mood to do it by himself. Kahn finally walked towards the unconscious redhead girl whose wounds had nearly healed off because of the recovery potion and healing from Armin.

Kahn's subordinates cleared off the battlefield by eating the bodies and robbing the equipment.

Ceril, the Enchanter subordinate brought Kahn the space ring the team commander was wearing. Kahn simply put it in his pocket. He lifted the girl in his arms and decided to leave the dungeon.

After Kahn reached the Flavot city again, he took the girl to a proper clinic. The Healer there was an old elven woman who informed Kahn that the girl was out of danger.



Kahn stayed beside the girl for some time and was relaxing.

Just then.. The redhead girl opened her eyes as he was finally awake after nearly half a day. She saw Kahn was sitting on a chair next to her bed and almost dozing off because of tiredness.

She gathered whatever strength she had and finally spoke to Kahn..

"Thank you for saving my life.. Again."

### **Chapter 36: The Future Plan**

Kahn looked at the redhead girl in front of him and let out a small chuckle as he noticed a red tinge on the girl's face.

"Well, I seem to have a habit of saving you whenever you are close to death. But don't count on it, or you'll end up dying at this rate." Kahn said and gave a small grin.

"By the way, what were you doing with the Scarlet Lion adventurer team? Weren't you part of another team?" Kahn asked as he remembered the details of that day very accurately.

"The group disbanded after that incident. Markus took out all the remaining funds we had and gave them to the families of all of our dead comrades.. And nobody felt like carrying on any longer. We lost a lot of good people that day. People who were no different than family." said the girl as sadness welled up in her heart and her tone turned heavy.

"I see. But why were you in the dungeon then?" asked Kahn curiously.

"I needed the money. I have already spent all the money I had and needed work. So I joined the expedition when they were hiring. It wasn't like it was my first time going in a dungeon.. Just that those bastards never told us that we were going to hunt for the Floor Boss." the girl sighed.

"Only if I knew, I wouldn't have joined no matter what." said the redhead and laid back on the bed, her exhaustion kicking in again.

"I understand. Well, I hope I won't have to save you again from another ambush anytime soon. Take rest. I need to go now." said Kahn and decided to leave.

"Hey, you haven't even told me your name yet." said the redhead.

"I'm Kahn. No last name." said Kahn as he replied.

"Jessica Artwinger." said the redhead girl.

"The next time you decide to do something dangerous.. I'll kill you myself." said Kahn and laughed off.

"Hahaha. Yeah, right. I don't think I'll continue this business anymore either." said Jessica as she chuckled in response.

"See you around." said Kahn and left the clinic. He had already paid for her so they'll take care of Jessica till she recovers. This was probably the first good deed Kahn had done ever since he came to this world.

"Kahn, huh.." spoke Jessica to herself as an expression full of gratitude appeared on her face.

Kahn went into a dark alley and after walking across numerous blocks and various streets, he finally stopped in front of a small bar in the corner of a small street.

There was only a bartender and two more people. One appeared to be a customer and one another seemed to be the guard.

Kahn took his hood out and sat on the counter.

"The sun brightens up my day." said Kahn

"But the night soothes my soul." replied the bartender.

This was a code word in between those who came to do peculiar business at this bar. Suddenly, the bartender signaled both the customer and the guard. All 3 people left the bar and Kahn was sitting alone at the counter.

Suddenly, Kahn felt a slight tinge on his back and gave a small smile.

"Still carrying the training, I see." said Kahn and looked towards his back.

A slim hooded figure suddenly appeared out of nowhere. The masked figure was someone Kahn knew.

"I see that you're improving as well. I would've been disappointed if you didn't notice me." said the figure and sat on the chair next to Kahn.

It was none other than the Snakekin who trained Kahn with assassin skills.

Kahn took a small pouch full of badges he took after killing the Groundhog adventurer team members in the dungeon.

"The first batch." said Kahn as he pushed the pouch towards the assassin.

In return, the snakekin took out a big pouch full of monster cores and then even a bigger one full of gold coins.

"How did you take out so many?" asked the snakekin as he was astonished after watching pouch full badges.

Kahn simply told him how he lured the kobold group towards the adventurer team and let them kill each other. And finished the remaining ones when they were exhausted from the battle by taking them out using the smoke bombs. He left the part about Omega of course.

The snakekin clapped in approval of Kahn's method.

Kahn shoved the bag full of coins back to the assassin.

"Huh, what's the meaning of this?" the Snakekin asked curiously.

"That's for a job I have for you. I want a list of all the criminals that are roaming free because of lack of evidence against them. Also, make another list of corrupted government officials, military officers who have dark history and nobles who have committed heinous acts such as r\*pe, murders, extortion but are still free because of their connections. This is a separate deal between us and not part of the contract." said Kahn in a stern tone.

"Why do you need that?" asked the snakekin.

"That's my business. You don't need to worry. I want the list by tomorrow evening. Keep this a secret from everyone if you're truly a professional. I want a very detailed report. Consider all this money as your payment." said Kahn and bid farewell to the assassin.

The snakekin held the big pouch of coins, there was a lot of money in it. Definitely far more worth than what one would offer for intel in their line of work.

Kahn returned to Black Griffin merchant enterprise. By this time, he was already familiar with a lot of people here and many of the staff also knew him as a friend of their young master and the one who saved their owner's life a while ago.

Kahn met with both Nikola & Elanov and then joined them for dinner. Unlike some country bumpkin, Kahn would have a lot of meaningful conversations with both of them as he too had a lot of expertise in business and money management in his previous life. So he would always lead suggestive conversations and then come up with answers himself. Both the father and son duo were very impressed with his knowledge & ideas so they felt like he was wasting his time being an adventurer.

Kahn would come up with excuses like he learned that all from his deceased friend Pavel who was good at accounts. Obviously, there was no Pavel, it was just a made-up persona he created for his fake background.

Kahn then came back to his room and took a long bath. There was a lot of bloodshed he went through today so he felt like he had to do a proper cleaning.

As Kahn laid in his bed, he ordered the system to give him the list of abilities & skills he acquired today.

[The host has acquired the following abilities :

Frost spike

Water blade

Fire burst

Rootbind

Windblast

Lightning bolt

Mana burst

Bullseye

Arrow explosion

Multiple targets

Silence

Shadow shift

Knight's Taunt

Defense Buff

Sword Edge

Parry

Sword Deflect

Mana Recovery (C Rank)

Health Recovery (D Rank)

Rage burst

Cleave

War Cry ]

The system gave Kahn a long list and also the ones he previously acquired from the Groundhog adventurer team.

"System, show me the merged skills and prioritize on the ones that can help me infiltrate any place without being noticed and also the ones that can cause a high long-range damage." said Kahn as he was already aware of what he needed the most now.

The system then gave Kahn a list of merged abilities as per his specification. Kahn took a look at the list and started sorting the ones he'd actually use and could be integrated into his combat techniques and attack that could be added in his holster.

This time, Kahn only found 3 useful skills.

Windcutter

A result of Wind blade, a mage spell and Sword Edge, a swordsman skill which released small destructive mana during the attack. The merged skill compressed high-pressure wind and released it during swings for 8 meter distance.

This was useful for Kahn when he used a sword.

Shadow Walk

A combination of Silence, an archer skill that prevented making noise while reconnaissance & Shadow Shift, an assassin skill that let the user submerge themselves in shadow.

The resultant merged skill let Kahn travel through shadows without making any noise or getting noticed by anyone.

Firestorm

Combination of Windblast and Fire burst. Both being AoE mage spells.

The merged skill allowed Kahn to attack a giant fireball that would explode on impact for 10 meters. The maximum range being 30 meters from his location.

This was a very destructive and large area covering spell. Kahn would find it useful while dealing with a large mob of enemies.

"Merge them." commanded Kahn.

"System, what abilities did I get from Silver Kobold?"

[ The host has acquired the following abilities from the Silver Kobold :

Kobold General

Conqueror Roar

Spear Thrust

Sweep swing

Pack Attack Buff

The host has absorbed 5% Fenrir bloodline purity.]

"So much for a floor boss.. Impart the 5% bloodline purity to Omega." said Kahn and opened the small book he got this morning which included the names of all his targets as per the contract.

As for the intel Kahn ordered the snakekin to gather was for something else.

Because soon, Kahn was going to wreak a havoc in the entire city.

### **Chapter 37: An underdog no more**

Kahn woke up the next morning, his body had recovered from yesterday's exhaustion and was good to go for another hunt.

He knew that he had to become self-dependent quickly and earn a lot of money on his own without relying on anyone else.

Kahn opened the Space Ring that once belonged to the team commander of the Scarlet Lion team which died yesterday. Soon, the news of their & Groundhog adventurer team would spread among the circle. No way a lot of experienced people & well-renowned adventurers going missing would stay under the radar. It was bound to cause a commotion.

As Kahn opened the Space Ring, he was left stunned.

Unlike his poor space ring which barely had 3-meter inner space, the ring in his had a total of 50 meters of space.. Big enough to be compared with a small warehouse.

As he checked the internal space, he found tons of bodies of rare monsters, weapons and materials such as potions, rare herbs, traps for setting an ambush, ores used for forging weapons and even high-grade monster cores.

Kahn was out of words.. Because as far as he knew.. This wasn't just some personal space ring.. Rather it was used to store all the hunted monsters and materials a large team would get after wiping out hordes of monsters or even clearing an entire dungeon floor. It would cost far more than just 5000 Gold Dramas. Maybe even 50 thousand or more than that.

Kahn took out the monster cores from his payment yesterday night and the cores he got from the space ring. As he tallied up all of them, he was shivering.. with excitement!

"Jackpot!" Kahn shouted with joy.

Because there were more than 500 high-grade cores. Around 200 being B rank while 30 A rank cores. The rest were mostly C rank and below.

Kahn had lucked out and received a fortune. Forget the ton of money he'd get from selling all the resources in the space ring, the monster cores were what he needed the most. Because even if he had tons of abilities & skills, he still lacked the physical strength to fight stronger opponents by himself. Relying on his subordinates was a poor choice for the future so he always wanted to be strong by himself.

This pleasant surprise shook Kahn and an evil grin appeared on his face.

He started eating out all the A & B rank monster cores one by one voraciously and almost choked on them twice.

His entire morning went eating and absorbing these free cores and finally after the afternoon arrived, he was done with his feast. His level arose quite a few times but he didn't bother counting it.

"System. Show me my new stats." Kahn commanded excitedly, ready to see his new levels.

[ Host Attributes and Skills are as follows :

Name : Kahn (Host)

Species : Human

Level : 53

Strength : 286

Agility : 243

Dexterity : 248

Defense : 211

Mana : 385

Bloodlines Acquired :

Basilisk : 50% purity

Fenrir : 5% purity. ]

Eleven Levels!!

He raised his strength by 11 levels in just one morning because of all the cores. The majority of his increase was thanks to the cores he found in the space ring. Kahn knew that gathering that many cores alone would take a year or so because they'd need to hunt down too many monsters and raid dungeons.

Kahn had benefitted from someone else's hard work.

As for the other resources Kahn found in the space ring.. He hatched a simple yet efficient plan.

Kahn then departed for Nikola's office which was on the highest floor of the building.

"Are you free for some time?" Kahn asked after knocking on the door.

"Oh, it's you. What is it?" asked Nikola who was doing his daily tasks as the president of this giant merchant enterprise.

"I wanted to ask if I could sell you some of the stuff I harvested from the dungeons. I'd rather sell them to you than Adventurer Association since you also sell them in your shops." said Kahn as he asked in a gentle tone.

"Sure, why not. But do mind you, it has to be in a large quantity or there's no point. We don't do chummy change deals like a few small quantity herbs and ores. It has to be big enough." said Nikola.

He was simply being honest with Kahn as small trade was done in small pawn shops, not in a business enterprise.

Kahn nodded and let out a small chuckle.

"Will this much do?" said Kahn and emptied half the contents of the new space ring on the open space inside the office.

THUD! CLANG! CRRRR!

Things after things, materials after materials started piling up on the empty space and half of the office was full of rare herbs, monster bodies and metal ores.

Nikola was flabbergasted and almost was paralyzed on the spot.

"You.. Where did you get all these?! It's no different than what we deal in an entire week!" Nikola exclaimed in surprise.

"No point in hiding from you, so I'll tell you the truth. I hunted half of these while the other half came from the people who died in the dungeon and I robbed them of their belongings and whatever materials they had on their space rings." said Kahn and sat on the chair next to Nikola's table.

"So what do you think? Big enough to make a deal? I only want the price you'd generally give to any of your traders or suppliers. You can make off the extra profit by selling these in your stores & weapon shops. Not a bad deal, right?" said Kahn as he suggested the old merchant to go with his proposal.

Nikola's eyes flickered and a greedy look appeared on his face. What Kahn offered was indeed a very good deal for him.

"Deal!" said Nikola and nodded in agreement.

"I'll only need some time to calculate all of these products and their cost. Don't worry, I'll give you a fair price." said Nikola.

"Okay then. I'll trust you on that. But remember, there's more coming. So you better not rob me off, old man." Kahn said and laughed.

"Aye, if you can bring more materials & resources like these.. Then I'll often make these deals with you." said Nikola.

He was a merchant at the end of the day. He knew what kind of deal was profitable for him and what kind of people he should make deals with. His impression of Kahn was very good since the time he had come to know him so he indeed found Kahn to be a trustworthy person.

"I'll come back in the evening. Give me the money then. I'm going to dungeons again and will bring more materials soon." said Kahn and bid his farewell to the old merchant.

As for why he decided to sell these materials to Nikola and not keep them to himself? Because he wasn't an idiot!

Many of the contents of the space ring were high-quality resources and someone from the Scarlet Lion adventurers team would definitely look for them. Kahn would be keeping a ticking bomb in his pockets if he kept all that with him.

So he displayed half of it to Nikola as showing all of them would even scare the old man and he'd ask too many questions about the origin of the materials.

Plus, Nikola and his Black Griffin merchant enterprise was the best place for Kahn to sell as he knew that the old man who was grateful to Kahn for saving his life certainly won't cheat his savior. And most importantly, since they did business in all sectors; Nikola would easily distribute the materials in various shops owned by them.

This way, nothing would lead back to Kahn and no one from the Scarlet Lion team would guess that their fortune was being sold legally; and not on the black market either.

Kahn decided that it was time he tested his new strength and improved his skills and weapon mastery. Also, this was the best way he could use to explain how he got all those materials while raising his subordinate's levels and ability ranks.

Kahn went to the adventurer association again and bought another dungeon pass. This time, he went in as an assassin.

He had a clear goal now. Forget the lame low-tier mobs. Kahn was extremely disappointed in the Silver Kobold floor boss. What he needed now was high-grade monster cores, lots of high rank & rare skills.

Kahn knew that he no longer had to play the small game if he wanted to gain strength, fame, money and authority. From now on, everything he'd do should make it to the headlines and become the talk of the city.

Because being an underdog would never help him the way he wanted in his path of Power & Domination.



So fuck being an underdog.. He was going to become a goddamn Tyrant!

### **Chapter 38: Setting High Goals**

Kahn stood before the Bromnir Dungeon again. It was the same dungeon where he killed the first batch of people from his contract, hunted Kobolds, created new Subordinates and evolved Omega into a Lycan.

Unlike yesterday, Kahn did his research properly this time. He gathered information available in the Adventurer Association about all the dungeons in near 50 kilometers of Flavot city such as the total floor levels, dungeon bosses and what kind of monsters laid in those dungeons.

The Bromnir dungeon had a total of 15 floors as per the records he found in the archives. The records on dungeon boss were no longer available as the last team which made it to the final floor was nearly 28 years ago and no other team managed to go past the 14th floor despite having hundreds of people in their teams.

If it was anyone else, they'd find it an impossible task to accomplish because nobody would be able to fight for that long and would eventually get exhausted. Plus the monsters were more dangerous with each increasing floor.

But unlike anyone that came before Kahn, none had the Divine Ability called the Synthesis which would not only help him merge different skills, but create new subordinates and even evolve them further with time.

Kahn knew that he couldn't do it alone even if he was as strong as Arkham or Solomon so he was going to use his Divine Abilities to his advantage.

As Kahn entered the dungeon again under the disguise of an assassin, he headed straight for the 10th floor. After he killed the 9th-floor boss, the silver kobold; it'd take 15 days for it to respawn so there was no point in hunting on this floor. And Kahn's strength was already higher than when he came here yesterday.

As soon as Kahn reached the 10th floor, he used concealment and started looking for a good hiding place. Even though there were lot lesser people here compared to other floors, it was still better to be cautious than being sorry.

The 10th floor was completely different from the previous floor. The whole setting for this place was like a maze and walls made of stone slabs. If he walked in one direction, he would never know if he'd find a way out.

"Ronin! Jugram! Oliver!" shouted Kahn and the rogue, berserker & ranger subordinates jumped out from his shadow.

"You two go left and we'll take the right. If you find two more ways, then split up." Kahn commanded as he and Oliver took the right path while Ronin & Jugram took the left one.

Since Kahn had the Mind Link ability he got from Synthesis which allowed him to share the vision with his subordinates, he was going to use it to save time and search for the right path.

He and Oliver treaded from various turns and junctions in the maze but still failed to find a way out. Just then, he saw a path from Ronin's sight which lead them out of the maze. Kahn decided to go to Ronin's location with his other subordinates.

For the next half an hour, he kept searching and running through this enormous maze & even came across many traps. Since Oliver was a ranger who possessed skills specifically made from setting & defusing traps, he was spared of the unnecessary hassle of falling victim to these traps & wasting time to get past them.

Just an hour later, Kahn had escaped from the maze because of his shared vision through mind link and then saw a giant cave-like entrance in front of him.

MHAAARR!

Kahn could hear plenty of shrills coming from inside the entrance.

He quickly activated Shadow Walk and mixed inside the dark shadows of this entrance and started traveling inside.

He knew what to expect from this floor.. So he wasn't surprised when he saw its inhabitants..

The Nymphs.

These were the cold-blooded insect-like creatures that were completely white and crawled on 3 legs that had sharp and strong pointy hooves, no different than metal pikes and spear tips; a sharp set of teeth that dropped goeey yellow liquid from the mouth. From what he read, these creatures fed on blood and flesh to live, they would even do cannibalism if it ensured their survival. Their insect-like appearance and the way crawled would instantly scare the crap out of any girl that was afraid of insects and larvas.

The creatures had no eyes, their senses detecting everything based on heat signature.

If not for Shadow Walk which completely hid his presence in shadows, Kahn knew he'd have been found and swarmed by these monsters.

As Kahn kept walking towards many groups while completely hiding his presence, he finally reached the end of the floor and found a large space infested with these monsters. More than 200 nymphs were crawling on top of each other and bringing small pieces of meat and whatever that seemed edible.

In the middle of the swarm of crawling monsters, stood a giant Nymph which had 8 legs, its tummy no smaller than a size of a full-grown elephant and had long spikes for teeth.

The 15-meter tall giant Nymph was the floor boss.

[If not for the Shadow Walk, I would not even reach this deep without fighting hundreds of these nymphs.] Kahn spoke to himself with a complicated expression on his face as he looked at the surrounding.

The numbers of total nymphs were close to 400. More than enough to wipe out a party of 50 to 80 veteran fighters. Just entering the inner parts of this cave alone was a difficult part and half the people would die in the process.

[How do I kill it?] Kahn questioned as he started thinking of a strategy to take out this giant monster.

[They follow the heat signatures, right?] Kahn remembered and planned his next move.

Kahn quickly returned towards the midway of the cave and found a vacant space to hide. After he came out of the shadows, he waited till the nearby nymphs detected his presence.

And just as he expected, the nearby group of the crawlers shrieked and charged at him in hordes in a matter of seconds.

"Firestorm!" Kahn shouted and shot the AoE destructive spell from his palm in the middle of this horde.

**BOOM!**

The cave shook after this loud explosion that occupied 10 meters space and burnt the nymphs alive. And because of this, all the other nymphs started gathering to his location.

As the group got even bigger in just 20 seconds, Kahn shot another Firestorm spell, activated Shadow Walk again and disappeared.

Kahn quickly traveled to the Boss's location.

"All of you, come out!" Kahn commanded and all of his subordinates except Rudra came out of his shadow since this was an enclosed space.

The Nymph boss had senses far keener than the others so it quickly sensed the approaching group of enemies and let out a loud cry, ordering its minions to come back.

Omega attacked with his Shredder Claws and the Six Generals assisted Omega with their respective skills.

The small nymph army that Kahn had distracted would be there in just a minute so they had a very small window.

Ceril, the Enchanter possessed mage skills as well so he throw fire spells at the Nymph boss that agitated it and caused a lot of damage. Blackwall being the tank with his skills like Taunt and Defense Wall while Omega being the main damage dealer who kept jumping around and attacked from time to time which injured & distracted the floor boss again and again.

In other words.. The subordinates were simply bullying the floor boss with their numbers.

However Kahn, the main perpetrator of this attack was nowhere to be seen.

As the floor boss kept fighting with its pole like long and sharp hooves and fended off against multiple attacks from various directions.. A small shadow crawled under its feet.

**KHACHAK!**

Just then, a long white blade impaled the giant nymph from under its belly.. A humanoid figure holding a long sword and using all his force to split apart the floor boss with all his might.

"Not enough!" shouted Kahn as his blade was stuck inside the belly of this giant nymph.

"Hold them off!" commanded Kahn to his subordinates to block the incoming horde of monsters.

Kahn let go of the sword and jumped on the back of the nymph. He put both his hands on what appeared to be its head. A jet of greenish liquid appeared from his hands and sprayed on the head of the nymph and started melting its skin as it seeped inside the body.

Venom Acid

Kahn finally used the venom acid ability he gained by absorbing the body of legendary Somir. This acid was so lethal and acidic in nature that it could even melt solid boulders.. Let alone skin of a monster.

SHRIEK!!

The monster shrieked in agony. The venom acid had destroyed its nervous system and the nymph had lost the ability to control its body. Kahn quickly took out the daggers he had in his space ring and plunged them in the giant nymph's head.

THUD!

The nymph let out another loud shriek, and dropped on the ground; the floor boss finally died.

Kahn grabbed his sword again and prepared to fight off against the incoming nymph horde. But just then.. The minion nymphs started falling on the ground one by one as if their souls were sucked out of their bodies.

Kahn who had Mind Link ability quickly understood what was happening. All these minions were mentally dependent & connected to the floor boss. And died as soon as the link was severed after the boss was killed by Kahn.

"Phew!" Kahn was prepared for a long and arduous battle but luckily, that didn't happen. He let out a small sigh and spoke with a devilish smile.

"Not a bad start, eh? Let's create my own army."

### **Chapter 39: The Legion**

Kahn ordered the subordinates to gather the dead bodies close to his location as he put his hands on the dead Nymph floor boss. After 5 minutes, he was finally done.

"Show me the new abilities & skills." ordered Kahn.

[The host has acquired the following abilities & skills :

Hive Link (A Rank) :

Allows the user to completely control and share mind connection with underlings or something created by the user.

(Current Range : 200 meters)

Heat Sense (B Rank) :

Allows the user to detect the surrounding environment accurately based on body/heat temperature.

(Current Range : 40 meters)

Sonar Command :

Allows the user to communicate with its subjects through high-frequency noises.

Extension :

Allows the user to create and eject high-density pikes from their body and even shoot them for a short distance. User can also retract them based on their will.

Nymph Bloodline absorbed

Current Bloodline purity : 28% ]

"Not bad." said Kahn as he let out a satisfied smile.

This floor boss gave Kahn a lot of beneficial abilities & skills.

Hive Link was extremely useful because till now, Kahn could only command his subordinates by giving orders verbally and at best, he could share their vision. But this new ability will allow him to establish a direct mind link with his subordinates and order them as per his will.

Extension would basically give him inborn knives which he could also shoot at high speed in close distance. In other words, he'd never actually be without a weapon.

It was just like Wolverine who had his claws in his forearms.

"System, show me the abilities that can be merged."

The system gave a new list of abilities and Kahn was jumping in joy after he saw the possible skill list.

[Hive Mind (A Rank) (Upgradable) :

A combination of Mind Link & Hive Link which allows the host to establish the perfect mental and soul connection with the subordinates.

The host can share sight, feel and communicate with the subordinates and telepathically control them at his will.

Applicable to all the subordinates and there is no limit on the number of subordinates host can control at the same time.

However, it will put a mental strain on the host when used on more than 10 subordinates at the same time.

Thermal Radar (B Rank) (Upgradable):

A combination of Hunter Intent and Heat Sense that allows the user to examine the surrounding and the targets based on body temperature, heat signatures and their physical state.

(Current Range : 100 meters)]

"Eureka!" shouted Kahn and started laughing off like a maniac.

These two merged skills were just too good for him.

One was like a Necromancer commanding his army of undead creatures. It will drastically improve Kahn and his team coordination when he fought alongside his subordinates in large group battles.

While the other one was no different than his own Witcher Sense which could help him gauge his surrounding & examine or track things based on heat signatures.

Extremely useful in dark places where his sight was limited and also to track many things by the trail they left behind.

Kahn then cut down the core out of floor boss's heart and put it in his space ring. He looked at the bodies of the floor boss and its minions.

"System, can I directly merge a dead body with one of the subordinates?" asked Kahn as he was having a few doubts.

[No. To initiate the Synthesis with an already created subordinates, the host must use another subordinate which has unlocked the Evolution skills.] the system replied in its lifeless tone.

"Damn.. Even the cheat abilities are not full proof huh.." said Kahn.

"Well.. I gotta spend some monster cores then."

Even after this demerit, there was still a loophole in this condition. Kahn could simply create a new subordinate, get it to the level of the dead Nymph floor boss which was a Unique rank monster and then merge the bodies of the two to create another subordinate.

Kahn didn't waste any time and started using the dead minion nymphs to create new subordinates one after another and merged them using Synthesis divine ability. Finally when he got a unique rank result, he merged it with the dead body of the floor boss.

What Kahn received was another giant Nymph at Unique rank which was bigger and stronger than the former. But he simply didn't like the result because the thing was just too big and had many restrictions on its movements.

Thankfully it had unlocked Evolution skill because Kahn used 10 B rank monster cores.

Just then, Kahn had another idea.. He looked at the Six Generals that were standing closer to the dead bodies of the minions.

"Who would suit the best for merging together?" Kahn asked himself as he ruled out Omega who possessed the Godbeast Fenrir bloodline which he couldn't afford to waste by mixing with another lower level bloodline.

Based on the use and the skills the result subordinate had, Kahn decided on Oliver; the ranger subordinate out of the Six Generals.

Mainly because Oliver was a long-range attack class who also had unique skills related to sensing and setting traps plus could do long-distance reconnaissance because of his sensing skills. This merging would definitely highlight the previous skills while granting new ones such as Heat Sense could make

Oliver a specialized subordinate just for this task. Also, he'd inherit the Hive Link skill so it was a good investment for the future. This could also allow him to shoot pikes like arrows from his hands or use them with a bow. He'd be an Archer with an infinite number of arrows to be precise.

Kahn ruled out Ronin because he was a close combat class and would not benefit much from this merging.

"Merge!" Kahn commanded the system to initiate the Synthesis process and merge them.

[The Host needs 50 B Rank monster cores to create a stable subordinate which inherits the memory of subordinate Oliver and possesses the skills of both the specimen.]

"Why don't you rob a bank?! Do you think these cores grow on trees?" Kahn said with an irritated expression. The system was asking for too much with each Evolution under the name of merging different species.

It was becoming greedy with each day. Kahn found himself lucky that Rudra & Omega had their relevant species available while he created them. Otherwise, they'd cost too many cores just like this.

"Take it!" Kahn said dejectedly and began the procedure.

In 21 minutes, Oliver was evolved into a new kind of subordinate.. His appearance no longer looking like a human but rather a Heteromorphic monster which was partly humanoid and partly monster.

Oliver's new appearance differentiated from his original appearance in many ways. Now he had six long pike-like legs coming from his back, his legs having multiple spikes on them and his height close to 4 meters in height than his previous 1.7 meter. The face and head no longer belonged to a human but a skinny and boney skull that would give young children nightmares in their sleep. Thankfully he still retained his eyes.

But most importantly.. Oliver was now a Half-Lord rank monster. With a Variant Species named Brtor and had unlocked Evolution skill.

Kahn didn't expect this result but accepted it as there were going to be many of such experiments in the future.

He started creating new subordinates without naming them, simply to make up for the numbers and save monster cores.. In just 2 hours, he finally stopped after creating around 50 new subordinates which were stronger and bigger than the Nymph minions.

"From now on, all of those I created just now will be part of a small group which will grow in the future with new subordinates. From now on, all of you are one & the same. And I shall call you... The Legion." said Kahn as he folded his hands together.

\*plays historical background music\*

The day was coming to an end and the night was on its way. Kahn returned to the city and visited the same bar like he did yesterday.

After speaking the code.. Kahn met the Snakekin again.

"Have you brought what I asked you?"

"Yes. I gathered all the known incidents, both official and unofficial ones and many that were buried under the rocks in the past five years. I divided them into 3 different books. One for normal criminals like murderers, rap\*st, thieves & bandits. Second for the nobles and their relatives who abused their name & family backgrounds to kill, massacre and even abduct women and children for their sick fetishes and torturing. The third one has influential people in government & military including high ranking soldiers, lieutenants and even law enforcement officials like lawyers and judges who have abused their position and authority for personal gain and did favors to rake in money." the Snakekin spoke and sighed in regret.

"I had to spend most of the money you gave me yesterday and pull in a lot of connections you know. This was far riskier than any other intel-gathering job I've ever done. If I was caught, I'd be hanged publicly by tomorrow evening." said the Assassin as he remembered how he played with fire today because the information was too sensitive and had many influential figures involved in the list.

"Great job. I didn't expect any less from you." said Kahn and pulled out another bag of gold coins.

"Consider this as your reward for extra efforts you made. And tell President Solomon that I'll be delivering the heads in much higher numbers very soon." said Kahn as he smirked.

"Kid.. You're not into some kind of Warrior of Justice bullshit, right?" asked the snakekin with a cautious expression on his face.

"Well.. You'll see soon." Kahn grinned and left the bar.

The sunrise came and the next day started with a pleasant morning. But unlike the usual cheerful times where people started their day off.. The Flavot city was currently in chaos and more people kept gathering around various squares and parts of the city in groups.

What shook the entire city was dozens of bodies impaled on the walls, one in each street. Rather than the dead bodies, what scared the people the most were the words written on the walls using the very blood of these people.

"Every sinner shall pay for their crimes.. For the Judgment is Nigh."

#### **Chapter 40: The Judge, The Jury & The Executioner**

Kahn yawned as he finally opened his eyes after a decent sleep. He quickly freshened up and went to the canteen for breakfast as he woke up a little late than his usual time.

Kahn heard whispers amongst the people that were sitting on tables in groups, many speaking so quietly that one could not even make out any words. However, this wasn't the case for Kahn who had incredible hearing senses.

"So did you hear? All the dead bodies belonged to criminals who had records of violent acts but were never arrested due to lack of evidence.. I say this guy is doing good work." said a young man in his 20s.

"Good my ass. That's just another serial killer on the loose acting like he's some kind of hero. I say soon he'll start killing innocent citizens as well. The city security should find him as soon as they can." said another long-haired man in disagreement.



"Guys, don't forget how swiftly all of them were killed. Not a single one of them even saw it coming and died on the spot with those hard spear-like things. Some say those belong to dungeon monsters." said another member of the group who seemed to be shook and scared.

"What are you worried about? Didn't it say that only sinners will face the judgement? Tell us, what crimes did you do?" said the 2nd guy and taunted his friend.

Kahn then focused on the gossips amongst the crowd and found that almost everyone in the city was now aware of the situation. Security guards and law enforcement authorities were also searching for the killer.

Kahn ate his breakfast indifferently as if this sensational news didn't bother him at all. He soon returned to his room and took out a book from his space ring.

It was one of the books the snakekin assassin had given him. He opened the book and read the contents again..

"A true professional indeed." said Kahn as he praised in amazement. Kahn took a pen that was on the study table in his room and crossed out 12 names on the list.

What the book contained was nothing else than the names, addresses, habits, known routines and places these people visited on regular basis.

The names of the people Kahn just crossed were none other than the dead people that were killed and impaled on the walls of the streets of Flavot city. And as for the killer who committed these acts of wanton murders.. It was none other than Kahn himself.

Yesterday night, as soon as Kahn received the intel from the snakekin assassin, he was shocked by how detailed the report was. And After reading the names and areas where these people usually lived.. Kahn decided to use the dark night to his advantage and decided to finish off these people which had many humans & demihumans. Kahn used Shadow Walk and Extension to finish off the targets without getting noticed by anyone.

As for the people Kahn killed.. Not a single one of them was a saint. Some had killed, some had rap\*d women & even young girls under 18 years and some even killed the victims after they did the crime. But all of these people were declared innocent due to lack of evidence and witnesses. In some cases, the witnesses disappeared overnight before the hearing itself. The first book was completely filled with this information. Every page had one of such individuals and all the details on them.

Kahn's blood boiled after reading the list of these criminals and how they were roaming free and who knows how many more innocent lives were ruined or taken by these monsters..

At the end of the day, Kahn was part of human civilization where human rights and equality were stressed upon. Fair justice was practiced no matter which part of society you came from.. But in this new world he was living in; it was only in name. You can get away with anything as long as you have money, authority and background to make these things go away. Just like the saying went..

'The biggest sin of the weak was allowing themselves to stay weak.'

The Elric of previous life would've been enraged and would go on a killing spree with his current strength and abilities but the Kahn of this life was a completely different person than the previous him.

He was no different than these killers himself. He killed for achieving his goals like the monsters he hunted in the forest, like the bandits he killed to save the merchant caravan and get out of the forest or the groundhog adventurer team he killed without flinching because they were part of his contract.

This was a world where Law & Justice didn't apply to you as long as you held power and authority. It was a world where the strong preyed on the weak.

Kahn purely acted based on self-preservation. He didn't trust a single soul in this world other than himself. And thanks to the Somir's will he inherited which changed his personality and demeanor to some degree.. He would not be swayed by his emotions and act rashly.

He didn't mindlessly kill but he also didn't mind killing anyone who stood in his way.

The reason why he chose to put up a display of justice & wrote those words with blood on the walls was to send a message to the entire city. To create a foundation of his new persona he was going to introduce.

Kahn went to meet Nikola as soon as the office hours were up.

"So how much did I earn?" asked Kahn to the old man about his earnings from the materials and things he sold yesterday.

"Take a look yourself." said the old man and tossed a high-grade space ring to Kahn.

"That's for all the materials you gave me yesterday. The list was quite big so it took some time. This is the most reasonable price I can give you. And by the way, the Ring is on the house." said the old man and chuckled.

As soon as Kahn checked the contents of the new space ring.. His jaw almost hit the floor and eyes popped out in surprise.

"Sixty thousand! It's sixty thousand gold dramus." shouted Kahn in surprise as he couldn't believe his eyes.

Kahn originally expected 15 to 20 thousand gold coins at best. Now he felt like he greatly undermined the value of the fortune he acquired that day. This transaction now made Kahn filthy rich compared to many adventurers.

"Keep them coming and I'll pay you more next time." said the old merchant as he rubbed his hands together like a fly..

"Yeah yeah.. It'll take me some time to gather more but you can look forward to it. By the way, do you have a detailed city map? I don't know much about the city and many of its areas so I often get lost.." Kahn said as he rubbed his hair sheepishly.

"Oh, I do have one just here." said Nikola and took out a large folded map from a nearby wooden shelf.

"Thanks. I'm going off to the dungeon again. I'll see you at dinner." said Kahn and left the office.

As for why he needed the detailed city map.. It was to plan his assassinations and targets the most efficient way he could as the locality, crowd and desolate corners played a big part in it from Kahn's experience he had yesterday night.

Kahn simply asked for directions of the places and found his targets one by one and this took him the entire morning.

With a map, he could create a list of his next targets and properly plan his assassinations.

Today, Kahn didn't go outside the merchant enterprise and spent his entire day studying the book and the intel in it along with the small book which consisted of the list of his contract targets. He had to incorporate them together so that no one would connect the dots about all the killings being specifically targeted towards Stragabor and his people. His plan was simple..

'In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity.'

As the night fell.. Kahn left his room through the window using Shadow Walk and traveled through the city from one location to another without being noticed by anyone.

Tonight, half of the city was under surveillance because of yesterday's incident. And many shops and restaurants were closed off earlier. People were afraid and the authorities were taking him seriously.

The next morning, the scene was even wilder & chaotic than yesterday. Because as soon as the sunlight fell, people found a total of 14 bodies of humans, demihumans and some soldiers impaled on the walls of the city in different locations. With words written using blood just like yesterday..

NO SINNER SHALL GO UNPUNISHED NO MORE. FOR I AM THE JUDGE, THE JURY AND THE EXECUTIONER..

I AM AZRAEL.. THE ANGEL OF DEATH