

Darkness 371

Chapter 371 - The Monster Tide

In the early morning of the following day, Kahn arranged a meeting in one of the open grounds of the underground training facilities. And everyone except Ceril was present in this meeting.

"Ronin... give us all the details." said Kahn as he folded both hands behind his back.

"Yes, my lord." spoke the rogue class general and handed out envelopes to all the subordinates present except Blackwall. Because his fingers were bigger than the envelope.

He then began a presentation of his own and placed a map of the entire Verlassen fiefdom in the middle of the table.

"There are six regions where the monster tide occurs every year. And during that period, the entire region is on curfew for at least 2 months.

Based on the estimations made by our researchers... This year, it will come after the next 4 months." explained Ronin.

"But from the past hundred and fifty years; the monster tides have been occurring only when there are simply too many monsters living in the inner regions of the Verlassen mountain range.

All the main cities and villages are at borders, including the capital Aesir.

However, it's the heart of this fiefdom that's infested with various types and different species of monsters." he elaborated.

"Unlike the rest of the empire, Verlassen has the highest number of different and rare monster species in all these six different hotspots.

The adventurers and the hunters who are officially allowed and issued permission to enter for monster hunting and harvesting are all controlled by our forces now.

So in a way, it's also one of the main sources of income of the whole fiefdom." he iterated.

"And the deeper one went, the more rare and unique monsters they'd see. Their organs, cores, hides and precious body parts basically run our economy and many crafting and pharmaceutical professions and businesses flourish on them.

However, the inner regions hold too many strong monsters and even a peak grandmaster won't survive there on their own. And hence, millions of soldiers are stationed near these hotspots.

To avoid more loss of life and act as a shield to defend against the monster tides. Because in these waves of millions of monsters... even High Lord monsters aren't an exception and they appear every year.

Plus there are some legendary rank monsters that have been seen in the past five years alone. Some records I read recently also say that there are some descendent species of Godbeasts inside the core regions." spoke Ronin and finally ended his report.

Kahn on the other end also finished reading the entire report and heard Ronin's summary. He then spoke with a solemn voice.

"Isn't that one of the main reasons why I chose this place as my fiefdom in the first place?"

"At this stage... we all need stronger abilities and skills for future use."

"And there's also a need to clear out the inner region monsters as well."

"Because I think they're the ones causing this whole monster tide every year." said Kahn as he came up with his own hypothesis.

"A stronger monster would naturally expel others from their territory by instinct. So the millions of monsters that stampede over the hotspots are actually the weaker ones. Just that their numbers are too great even for the military."

"So what I'm proposing is that we take out the root cause of the problem itself instead of waiting like idiots." spoke Kahn and explained why he wanted to start the hunting spree.

"But my lord... many have failed to do so before. I have read some records of armies sent in the inner regions with 50 semi-saints over a century ago." interjected Ronin.

"However... None of them came back alive. And information about that whole incident has been buried by the government and three noble factions because it was said to be their biggest loss after they overthrew the imperial rule."

"And because of which, I think they stopped sending enough semi-saints to station here in the first place. Because only a Saint can take down those Legendary rank monsters."

"So in other words... we simply have no idea what lies in the central regions of Verlassen at all and we also lack the firepower." spoke Ronin as he explained why he was hesitating.

The next moment however, it was Oliver who spoke in a carefree tone.

"I know that your worries are reasonable but you're forgetting about me."

He pointed towards himself and spoke in a laid-back manner.

"I have the highest range and best reconnaissance abilities amongst all of us. I can also act as the perfect flying spy and during the day... I'm simply too quick to even notice."

"I can gather information in all these areas, the monsters that inhabit them as well as track these legendary monsters and even if I get caught or killed.. Master can easily resurrect me. We're not short on any resources these days."

"It's a win-win situation for us." proposed the Emerald Archer general.

"Yes, we should do that. And just think about it... these monsters and then corpses can be used by master to increase the number of legion members by manyfolds." spoke Blackwall who stood farthest because of his ginormous size.

"I second that." said Omega as he also nodded in agreement.

"It's a viable approach. But I also need to make sure that we're not found by anyone and there's also an active line of defense in case a horde of monsters escapes from us.

We can't risk the soldiers getting killed because of any negligence. And we don't have many peak grandmasters to spare since all of you will be in action on the battlefield." said Kahn and the next moment, his face had a coy smile.

"I think it's about time we use those possies sent by the three factions. I should make them work for all the free meals they're eating." he spoke and explained his plan to all the subordinates.

The next morning, Kahn arranged a secret meeting in the castle and he was visited by a semi-saint on the southern end of the castle inside a hidden chamber.

A familiar figure of a semi-saint mage donned in epic rank gear and a scepter in his hand now sat in front of Kahn.

"You played your part very well that day." spoke Kahn.

"Tch! I really hate being sent here. Capital had so many libraries and resources I could use. Who's going to compensate me for all the wasted time?" asked the mage in an exasperated tone.

"I don't like having you here either. But that old bastard of a faction leader of yours forced my hand. So play your part and you'll be out of here within a few months.

Besides, you'll be entering that region as well. Who knows you might need my help in the future." he rebuked the mage in a sarcastic tone.

The young semi-saint mage who appeared as an enemy a month ago was actually an ally all along.

It was none other than the representative sent by the Pureblood faction...

Ezekiel Nabi.

Chapter 372 - Hidden Allies

In front of Kahn, sat Ezekiel Nabi, the semi-saint mage prodigy of the pureblood faction donned in white and blue mage robes. His brown hair and spectacles were the most noticeable features about him as part of his appearance.

And unlike the day of their arrival, there was no enmity between him or Kahn despite the display of a dispute by both of them in front of the entourage of the noble factions.

"The old man planned well. But still, I'm not in the mood to get mixed up with their faction wars. I already have my hands full.

So tell him that I won't be doing what he asked me to do." said Kahn as he implied some hidden agenda.

"Are you certain? Do you want to die that badly?" asked the brown-haired semi-saint mage.

"As if! You might not know but he needs me alive at all cost." joked Kahn.

"Yet to find that the whole idea about sending the young semi-saints here was proposed by him in the first place... he really is good at hiding his real motives." spoke Kahn as he revealed why he wasn't fazed in the slightest while talking with the young mage who was supposed to be his enemy.

And all of this was orchestrated by the vampire faction leader of the pureblood faction.

In the joint meeting of the top 3 factions, he personally proposed the idea of sending in the fresh blood aka the semi-saints of the young generation in Verlassen fiefdom to recover their damaged reputation and public support.

But in reality... He wanted Kahn and Ezekiel to learn how to cooperate as well as learn how to work together and eliminate some of the competition if they could under the name of monster tide or some legendary beast attacking them.

First, it was the Mikealson clan from the neutral faction and now it was the leader of the pureblood faction himself who had an under-the-table deal with him.

On the surface, all three factions had joined their hands against Kahn who basically overthrew their rule in Verlassen and cost them a lot of wealth and power after he strategically took away all their power and authority. However, they were already backstabbing each other in reality by trying to ally themselves with Kahn for personal reasons.

But even now, Kahn had still signed the contract and the deal he made with the vampire faction leader was still on. Just that there was a lot of time left before Kahn himself had to act. And till this point, he spent the 3 months of it accomplishing his goals and practicing his dimensional law divine ability.

"So what did he say for me personally?" asked Kahn with curiosity filled in his voice.

"He said that he will overlook all the damage you've caused to our faction in this fiefdom. And as long as you deliver on your promise, all these will be bygones and the pureblood faction will not come in your way in the future either." said Ezekiel who was personally ordered by Allister Mor Vandereich to carry secret messages between them.

However, he spoke again in a discontent tone.

"Pretty weird, don't you think? I was the chosen representative of the pureblood faction but the faction leader trusts an outsider more than me.

He's already certain that somehow you will succeed and I won't." he said with an irritated face.

"Hey, are you sulking in front of me?"

Who the hell told you to lose against that Victor? And I beat that guy myself. So I'm clearly a better choice to put their faith in.

If you have any problems... why don't we settle the matter like real men?" sarcastically asked Kahn.

"Huh! That's the problem with you physical class fighters. You always opt-out for violence when you can choose diplomacy.

One must not choose force over peace unless it's your only choice." rebuked Ezekiel in a righteous tone as he tried to avoid conflict with Kahn.

Kahn on the other end rolled his eyes in annoyance and spoke.

"Quite the philosopher, aren't you?" asked Kahn.

"As if diplomacy gets anything done these days.

If there's a war going on... the diplomatic discussions will not save the lives of the dying people.

It's only a way for incompetent leaders to show that they're at least trying something.

And meanwhile, these people are talking about peace in their luxurious rooms while sitting on comfortable chairs... It's the innocent people who pay with their lives." spoke Kahn in a stern tone.

"I'm a simple man.

If I have the power to fight back... then I'd do it regardless of the outcome.

Because the enemy will not spare your life if all you did was talk and plead for mercy.

One must do whatever needs to be done to kill your enemy even if it costs you an arm or a leg." he elaborated.

"Ah... who's the philosophical one now." chuckled Ezekiel who was about three years older than Kahn.

"What about the Mikealson Clan? I better not have to report that you're thinking about changing sides." said Ezekiel.

"Don't worry about it. She's not an enemy for now.

As for you... I'll put you under commander Sinha, the shaman lionkin semi-saint.

Although a different clan; he's from the pureblood faction as well so there won't be any problems and you can keep doing whatever you want. Just show up and make appearances when you're needed to.

Wave hands to the public and we're good." explained Kahn as he was already planning how to use this semi-saint mage to reap the maximum benefits while his compliance at the moment was just an act.

"Alright then. You scratch my back and I scratch yours." spoke Ezekiel.

For now... both Cassandra and Ezekiel had established themselves as hidden allies.

The only two people who he knew would try to cause trouble were Victor and Celine.

"By the way... why does everyone say that Celine Armitage is most likely to succeed?" asked Ezekiel out of curiosity.

"Oh, you didn't know? Looks like you really need to get out of the library and mix among other people from time to time." mocked Kahn.

In the next 5 minutes, he explained the main reasons.

"Life is so unfair! How is this even an equal opportunity when some candidates are born to win it." spoke Ezekiel with infuriated eyes.

"Ahh... says the guy born with a golden spoon in his mouth." spoke Kahn as he heaved a deep sigh.

Kahn then finished his secret meeting with the semi-saint mage and gave his message through Ezekiel and told him his decisions regarding their current status of the deal.

After he was done making arrangements about his next plans.. Kahn folded his arms behind his back.

He summoned Ronin and commanded with a firm and resolute voice.

"Ready the armada.. We will use the old ways."

Chapter 373 - Preparing The Table

The next day, in the eastern region of the Verlassen fiefdom where one of the hotspots of the monster tides existed, hundreds of flying ships flew over this 200 kilometers wide region that was inhabited by the common populace.

And under the curious gazes of millions of people in the main cities of the region, Kahn's flying ships that carried his forces of Covenant soldiers landed in dozens of kilometers of open grounds around the military outposts at border of Xena.

This was a region that was under the care of the female orc semi-saint commander, Nadia Cenmiko. One of the three native semi-saints of Verlassen fiefdom.

Unlike the north where it was only winter throughout the whole year, this was a flourishing region that was also close to one of the biggest forested hotspots of monster tides.

Around 7 million people living in its cities and villages in this region were protected by 2 million soldiers stationed in the outposts who also played a vital role in mandating the hunting areas in order to provide aid when the adventurers association or the normal hunters asked for help.

Previously, this infrastructure of Xena had a lot of corruption happening and local forces like the clan the semi-saint belonged to held the highest authority. Coupled with bought-off military officers and government officials, they were basically the tyrants of this region.

But after Kahn took over as the Sovereign.. His forces cleared the entire region from the underworld to opposing business organizations and assumed command during his crusade of cleansing every form of opposition and bringing it under his control.

And while doing so... Kahn made the semi-saint commander Nadia act as the one leading this crusade against her own former allies after he made her his slave through the blood-oath token.

After Kahn's warships landed at the foremost end and the closest entry to the forested region from where the monster tide attacked from every year, he and all of the High Lord generals in their human forms also exited their ship.

Today, Kahn brought over 2 million covenant soldiers that boarded over two thousand flying ships and their arrival filled the sky of this region and soon, they replaced the military soldiers on the borders that spanned for over 10 kilometers in width alone.

Nadia welcomed his entourage and hundreds of high-ranking military officers who came to escort their sovereign knelt in front of Kahn in long lines.

However, amongst these people... there was one slender figure who did not kneel in front of him.

But before anyone could admonish this figure, Kahn signaled them to let the matter go as if he had no time for unnecessary drama.

"Everyone, stand up." spoke Omega as his voice resounded in the open grounds and the group of soldiers and officers stood up.

"My lord... may I ask what is this all about? We were only informed about your visit but nothing about the army of soldiers you brought with you." asked Nadia hesitantly.

Because from her perspective, it looked like Kahn was here to do a hostile takeover in this whole region. And if he really did... she couldn't even resist his commands or fight back since her life was already in his hands because of the blood-oath token.

"I'm here to do what you guys should've done years ago." replied Kahn in a carefree tone.

The next moment, a spiral-shaped communication artifact appeared in his hands and soon, his voice was transmitted to all the flying ships that had landed over 50 kilometers of the region around the main border of Xena. And his words resounded through the sound amplification artifacts that worked like loudspeakers.

"Listen up. All batches and battalions have been already informed about the postings they're to go and replace the soldiers.

All of you are to form a barricade and protect the soldiers and citizens with your lives on the line in case a monster horde attacks." commanded Kahn in his kingly voice.

And soon, his warship started its engines that ran on mana ores as fuel and their loud noise filled the open grounds.

Kahn turned his back and relayed his command to all the military officers who came to welcome him.

"Stay on alert and protect the borders in case any situation arises. It will take me a week or so to complete my objectives.

And no one is allowed to follow me, my allies or the warship. So do not slack off.

Understood?" asked Kahn in his domineering tone.

Everyone nodded in response and prepared to assume commands of their respective checkpoints spread across 50 kilometer perimeter.

But just when Kahn was about to walk towards the warship, a sharp voice landed on his ears.

"I'm coming too!"

Kahn turned his gaze to the source of this voice and the one to speak just now was a female demonkin swordswoman with two glowing red swords on her waist. Her red horns and long white hair were the most striking part of her appearance.

It was none other than Celine Armitage.

3 weeks ago, Kahn had ordered the halfbreed demonkin to serve under Nadia like he had already told them about.

Celine was stationed to serve as a substitute after the stunt she pulled off on their day of arrival in Verlassen. And since the orc commander didn't have any ties with the three factions, she was only following Kahn's orders as well as keeping an eye on the demonkin heiress of the Armitage clan.

BOOM!!

Suddenly, Kahn revealed his full aura that filled the whole place with his heavy and terrifying killing intent. Celine being the main target of it.

"We're not going on a picnic and neither do I have the patience to entertain you.

So stay here and in case a monster wave comes here within a few days, fight along with the others. And do your job properly if you really have any pride as a warrior."

What Kahn was about to do required complete secrecy so he had no intentions to take anyone with him.

After Kahn departed and reached the borders of the forested and mountainous area of Xena, his warship landed close to an open field near a lake.

Ronin gave him a list of different species and monsters that were strong and they needed to look out for.

As for the normal weak mobs.. Kahn had already planned a few things.

The main entrance door of the warship opened and Kahn clapped his hand as he spoke to all the generals present with him.

"All right boys... let's start our first hunt."

Chapter 374 - First Day Of Hunt

In a wide mountainous range of deep and dense forest area close to the border of Xena, hundreds of black figures ranging from assassins to knights, mages, swordsmen, spearmen and archers are silently marched towards the inner region.

After their entourage landed in the forests, Kahn and the subordinates walked on foot to not alert the monsters lurking and inhabiting these dense treelines filled with types of greenery and flowers Kahn hadn't even seen before.

And after a long time, he finally felt like he truly had come to a different place after leaving the capital. Meanwhile, his generals spread across and ventured in different directions to search for large groups of monsters that would be suitable for Kahn to absorb abilities from.

And given the vastness of the land, Kahn finally released the entire Legion force for the first time after leaving Rathna. Because there were no set of eyes on him here and he needed the numbers to hunt on a large scale in different places.

Omega and the three generals aka Ronin, Jugram and Oliver lead groups of members of legion subordinates to look for big herds and groups of various species of monsters.

"Master, I've found a big of Cimdras. What are your orders?" asked Omega through a transmission artifact who was 10 kilometers with his own group of swordsmen and halberd fighters.

"Too weak. But if there are more than a dozen, hunt them all. Just leave the small cubs and a few of the males and female adults alive." spoke Kahn who was dozing off leisurely at the peak of a mountain while enjoying the gust of fresh wind.

The pleasant scenery of the wild nature was extremely soothing for him so he decided to let the generals deal with the small tasks.

And half an hour later, Omega came to his location and took out more than 50 of full-grown Cimdras. A species of monsters that had fiery red bodies and looked like a combination of cheetahs and Dilophosaurus; a species of dinosaurs that had large fan-like ears.

However, there was no fur on the bodies of cimdras and the entire body was covered in black and sharp spikes while they walked on four legs and had long tails.

Kahn then put his hands on two of the corpses and took a deep sigh.

"Absorb!" he commanded and the system activated the Ability Absorption divine ability.

After gaining all the possible abilities and bloodlines he could, Kahn had nothing but a dejected expression.

"All these abilities are far inferior to what I already have. I guess all those fire elemental skills from the magma drake are indeed top grade. Even the merged abilities are B Rank at best." he said and looked at the heap of monster corpses.

"We do need some subordinates that are good at hunting in a forest and have great thermal sensing abilities. Plus it's a rocky and mountain region so they might as well make good steed." spoke Kahn and decided to merge all the dead corpses at once.

"Awaken!" commanded and the next moment, the King of the Dead skill activated which could directly help Kahn in creating new subordinates in 1 kilometer radius after he broke through to semi-saint rank.

This was the ability he got after killing Ajak, the Dark Summoner in the Bromnir dungeon during his stay in the Flavot city. This ability was one of the most useful skills for him as it helped Kahn bypass the need of directly touching different specimens to merge and create new subordinates.

Soon, seventeen tall and growling figures of black and red Zinvaks, the evolved version of this species stood in front of Kahn. But sadly, he couldn't upgrade them further because these were just rare rank monsters.

But before he could think more, Kahn had another communication artifact ringing.

"Master, I've found a large flock of Tevriks. Their numbers are good and I can picture them turning useful." spoke Oliver, the emerald archer subordinate who invoked Horus, the variant Garuda bloodline after rising to High Lord rank.

Kahn had mixed him with Tormund, a peak grandmaster tengu archer that Ceril brought to him after wiping out the Hydra during their stay in the capital.

"Are you sure? If they're useful for reconnaissance and as a flying force, then bring them all in. Just leave a few alive, we don't want to disturb the ecological order in this forest completely." relayed Kahn.

"Yes, master. I'll bring in only the strongest ones." replied Oliver and cut off the communication.

An hour later, he returned and presented Kahn with more than a hundred bodies of tall and wide blue-colored flying monsters with a large wingspan.

After Kahn absorbed their abilities, he was left discontented again.

"Sheesh.. Not even a flying ability or wings. These guys are only good for acting as flying drones." he said and activated King of the Dead skill again.

However, Kahn received plenty of flying monsters with large wings that came with team buff skills as well as flock hunting abilities that helped them act as a unit to take down a flying opponent easily.

The biggest beneficiary from this was Oliver who was a lone 'bird' until now and finally had his own set of underlings.

An hour later, Ronin and his battalion of assassins brought hundreds of Qilvezems.

A herbivores species of monsters with red and green bodies that looked like a mixture of Triceratops and Lesser Kudu. This species was famous in the Verlassen region for their delicate and scrumptious meat.

The only useful abilities Kahn got from them was scent detecting abilities that basically turned him into a police dog who could sniff out drugs from afar.

After evolving them, Kahn received another ample supply of good and sturdy steeds.

By the evening, three generals and Omega brought thousands of bodies and on the first day, Kahn's number of legion subordinates rose from 1500 to 5 thousand.

And this was just the beginning area of this mountainous range.

"Oliver, these monsters are only fodders. I want you to take your new air force and look for High Lord rank monsters in this region. Venture deep into the forest and inform me if you see one." commanded Kahn.

Oliver nodded and departed with his new squadron of flying beasts.

Because Kahn realized that the mobs wouldn't cut it. They were only good for raising the numbers. What Kahn really wanted to hunt now was the...

Regional Overlords.

Chapter 375 - The Big Fish

For the next 4 days, Kahn's generals hunted and killed a variety of beasts in different regions and directions of the 200 kilometers wide Xena border. And now, they had a big rise in the number of legion members that not only had fighter class humanoid members now but also thousands of vicious monsters in their ranks.

Each day, the generals searched for strong monsters and hunted them down. They often brought them in ample numbers and offered their bodies to Kahn. However, due to their master's orders, none of them killed or massacred the entire group.

They just spared enough to not break the whole ecological system and the food chain of the forest as it would only cause dire consequences for them and would be no different than hitting your own feet with an axe.

The main reason being that if all these monsters inhabiting these regions were wiped out, it will adversely affect nature as well as the professions and economic sectors related to monster hunting in the long run. Because the normal population needed to make a living on hunting these things.

So using these opportunities, Kahn's generals also thinned out the numbers in due process so that if the time came, there won't be a monster tide of millions of numbers and different vicious species.

So they only hunted the monsters that seemed useful to be added in the legion or can get Kahn useful abilities. However, finding the strong ones became a hassle because even the generals were more than enough to kill a Lord rank monster on their own very easily. But there was no shortage of low-ranked monsters and species spread across different regions of the forest.

And as a result, the number of Legion members rose to 26 thousand in just four days of consistent work. This was also a useful way to get new and improved versions of different monsters, their abilities and new fodder subordinates for Kahn for a large-scale battle.

For half a dozen Lord rank monsters they fought, none of them even had to take their true forms or fights with their full capacity as variant monsters.

Omega and others brought a few rare and lord rank monsters for Kahn to create new subordinates. However, unlike Omega and the Generals, these creatures were only good for either brute strength as well as pack hunting buffs and skills.

As a result, Kahn kept getting more abilities but none of them were top tier or above A rank skills and abilities. Even the new merged abilities were subpar compared to previous SS and SSS rank abilities that he already had.

"I guess dungeon bosses and semi-saints are built differently than wild monsters in the end." spoke Kahn.

Because unlike his previous experience, these monsters and lord rank regional bosses didn't offer a plethora of skills compared to the floor bosses of the Bromnir dungeon where Kahn often hunted in the beginning months of his arrival in this new world.

But before he could dwell on his disappointments, he received a transmission from the general of his air force.

"Master, I've found something." reported Oliver.

"What is it?" asked Kahn in curiosity as he had an expectant expression.

"I've found.... A high lord!" replied Oliver as he exclaimed in joy.

Silence! There was a minute of silence from the receiving end.

"Master... can you hear me, master?!" queried the emerald archer.

"Grgh... take care of it yourself. It's afternoon anyway. You're the strongest at this time." replied Kahn as he had a dejected face again.

"I will, master." complied Oliver and cut off the communication.

ONE HOUR LATER.

Oliver and his squadron of flying beasts reappeared in front of Kahn who was resting under the shade of a thick branched purple tree while some of the humanoid subordinates created a nice and cozy campfire around him.

Behind them, was their ginormous black warship that basically looked like a mountain in itself.

Oliver then took out a gigantic creature from his space ring and presented it to Kahn.

And in front of the sovereign, now lay a body of a ten meter tall worm-like aquatic monster.

"But why?" asked Kahn with a surprised expression. Because the creature was as hideous as it could be. And Oliver had done a great job at creating numerous holes in its body while he killed this High Lord rank monster that was on the same level and rank as him.

"The terrain was limited and all of its abilities only had the effect in the water. And since I could easily attack from the sky and the more subordinates I had, the more attack output of my skills became; killing this monster was an easy task.

I still remember the squealing noises it made when I launched a volley of fire elemental arrows and piercing attacks. Hahaha!" explained Oliver as he praised himself like a true narcissist.

However, this was indeed a perfect target for Oliver since he could attack from above and had many precise aiming abilities. This High Lord monster was just unlucky to meet its most perfect natural enemy.

Kahn then absorbed the abilities and received a few aquatic abilities such as longer breathing underwater skills and decreasing body temperatures like a cold blood creature similar to sharks and other fishes.

For now, these abilities were completely useless to him because he was a tiger on land and not a killer whale of the sea. As an aftereffect, Kahn became even more bored because he wasn't simply yielding any results as he expected before he began the whole hunting spree.

Kahn pulled the body of this massive creature inside his top-grade and epic rank space ring because he currently has no subordinates to mix with this specimen or needed to. Plus this high lord was completely restricted to water-related terrain so it wouldn't be a good choice to mix it with any other generals either.

Just then, Jugram sent Kahn a message through a communication artifact and reported a discovery.

"Master.. I've found something. And it's definitely not a High Lord." spoke Jugram who led his own army of melee fighters and was currently 100 kilometers in the northern end of this forest range.

"What is it?" asked Kahn.

"I don't know. It's not mentioned in the list of monsters Ronin gave us either.

I think you should come and see it yourself, master." replied Jugram and relayed his location to Kahn.

"If hope it's not anything disappointing." said Kahn with a deep sigh.

"Everyone, I'm sending you the location. Head back to Jugram's position as soon as you can." commanded Kahn to all of his generals and their battalions through the transmission artifact.

After relaying his commands, Kahn then boarded the warship and headed towards Jugram's current location. And as he came close in 5 kilometers radius, the warship landed on an open ground that was full of large and small rocks.

Kahn then exited and summoned one of the new monster steeds he recently created. He himself jumped on the back of his new six-legged hybrid monster steed that was perfect for traveling through rocky terrain in such an area.

Kahn then quietly traveled through a canyon and with his senses already able to sense everything in a two kilometer radius around him after he became a grandmaster in space law, Kahn avoided unnecessary fights and alerting anyone. This was why he chose to land this far from the said target because he didn't want to alert it beforehand.

He then finally reached a peak of a tall mountain and finally met Jugram.

"Why are you standing here of all places?" asked Kahn to the Hell Berserker general.

"Where is it?" asked Kahn.

Jugram did not speak or tried to explain. He just walked at the edge of the cliff and pointed his fingers towards the target he informed his master about.

As Kahn finally walked to the edge of the cliff and stood beside Jugram... from the bird's eye view, Kahn finally saw the gigantic creature and understood why Jugram chose to keep a distance lest the target sensed him.

3 kilometers away from Kahn, stood a ginormous four-legged creature that was nearly 20 meters in height alone. And it had a long mouth with multiple massive tusks coming out of its jaws. Each tusk being as big as a mammoth in width alone.

"Can we kill it?" asked Jugram to Kahn who was too stunned to speak.

"I'm not sure... but based on the aura alone." said Kahn and tried to focus his mind and comprehend the space around him to sense the density of mana and world energy in its body.

"No way... Even if all of us gathered together... it will still be extremely hard to fight in a head-on clash. This creature is simply too high leveled even for Rudra.

And I'm certain of one thing." spoke Kahn with a baffled expression on his face.

"It's a Legendary Rank monster!"

Chapter 376 - In A Galaxy Far Away

A LEGENDARY RANK MONSTER.

Just three kilometers far from the tall peak, walked a 20 meters height monster whose every step shook the ground and left everything in the surrounding; let it be dense trees or massive boulders asundered.

Just from the appearance alone, one could tell that this creature was definitely a legendary rank beast. And the amount of mana and world energy amassed in its body left Kahn speechless because it was at least twice that of a saint rank individual.

"If I'm not wrong... it's at least level 300 based on the aura alone. Means in comparison, it's around the same strength as a second stage saint." said Kahn as he was still bewildered and amazed.

Everywhere this legendary monster stepped, the place turned into a deep pit and the width of its hooves was more than enough to squash 10 people into meat paste together.

"We need to be careful and stay hidden as much as we can." ordered Kahn to all the subordinates.

"Master.."

Just then, Oliver tried to speak.

"Okay. Go test it out. And if it chases you, go in a different direction." replied Kahn as he understood what Oliver wanted to suggest.

The next second, Oliver launched himself into the air like a fighter jet and left only a strong shockwave in his wake.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Oliver then flew at the supersonic speed, creating a sonic boom every time he sped up and in just 20 seconds, he reached close to this legendary monster nearly 50 meters above it.

However, instead of getting alarmed, the monster kept walking carefreely despite noticing this new intruder as if it simply didn't care at all.

Oliver then activated his Arrowstorm skill and soon, more than a hundred large spear-sized arrows made of four different elements appeared around him.

Without even wasting a second, he launched a volley of attacks on this seemingly lazy legendary rank monster with his various archery and bloodline skills.

BOOM!!

A loud explosion noise filled this canyon and every other creature in the five kilometer radius heard the noise.

However, as the sight became clear... not just Oliver but even Kahn and the subordinates on the peak had their jaws dropped on the ground. Because...

Nothing!

The legendary monster wasn't harmed in any way. Forget bleeding, there wasn't even a small scratch on its hide.

Even the lightning elemental arrows couldn't get past the defense or zap the monster. It was as if the hide of this monster was harder than diamond itself.

"Get back!!" commanded Kahn to Oliver telepathically using Hive Mind skill and ordered the subordinate to return before the monster attacked him.

5 minutes later, Kahn sent a batch of thousand fodder monsters from his new arsenal and they swarmed around the monster from 2 different sides.

ROAAARRR!!!

However, this time... the now alerted monster simply roared loudly and thousands of monsters were thrown high in the air just from the shockwaves.

But those who stood close in 100 meters radius were instantly shredded on the spot from that extremely high-intensity roar. The trees and large rocks were no exception to this.

Even the peak Kahn was standing on 3 kilometers away, shook with tremors as if there was an earthquake.

"Too powerful! If any one of us was there... we'd probably be dead too. That sound amplification skill is more than enough to kill thousands of soldiers in a battle." spoke Kahn as he quickly analyzed the situation.

"The sound, intensity and vibrations are too strong to be ignored." he said.

"Even if all of us gathered together... forget killing it.. We'd be dead even before coming 100 meters close to it." he iterated as soon as he grasped the situation.

"Then how do we kill it? That ability of this monster is simply too terrifying.

I don't think even my corrosion acid will be able to melt through its skin easily." spoke Rudra inside Kahn's mind.

"You got any ideas ?" asked Kahn to Ronin.

"Without a proper distraction, there's nothing we can do." spoke Ronin as he too was awed by the ultimate defense and flawless offense skills of this legendary beast.

They were lucky that their position wasn't revealed to it even now.

"Yes. And we can't even use the warship here. Not only it won't be able to kill it before the beast runs away... that roar skill might split open our warship instead. So there's only one weak point I can see." spoke Kahn.

He pointed his fingers towards the figure of this ginormous beast and stopped close to its head.

"The eyes." he spoke with a firm gaze.

While all the other generals tried to come up with a suggestion... an idea suddenly came into his mind.

[I guess I have to go Empire Strikes Back on it.] thought Kahn with an insidious smile on his face.

"This situation demands me to make some necessary sacrifices. So who wants to lead?" asked Kahn to his loyal subordinates who'd even die for their master without a second thought.

"Ah.. The weather is nice today." spoke Omega as he suddenly looked the other way.

"It sure is. The beauty of nature at its best." said Jugram as he averted his eyes.

"The great winds are calling out to me. Farewell everyone.." said Oliver as he flapped his wings.

Ronin on the other end simply made a peace sign and disappeared into thin air.

"Ah... these traitors." spoke Kahn as his chest felt like something sharp stabbed him in the heart.

All the subordinates had come to value their lives a lot these days despite knowing that he could resurrect them again. And the main reason being that they were afraid of losing their powers and sentience as intellectual beings in case they died. But most importantly... they all cherished their armors and weapons that'd be destroyed in the process based on what they saw before.

"Alright, you punks! Gather around. I know a way." spoke Kahn with a constricted face.

He then elaborated a plan and assigned roles to all of them.

"I refuse!!" shouted Rudra in his head.

"Hey, prove yourself useful... you freeloader! Unlike them, you don't even work to earn all those SS Rank mana cores I feed you everyday." rebuked Kahn.

"Still, how dare you ask of a mighty being like me to do such a disgraceful task?! Completely unacceptable!" retorted Rudra.

"So you're only good at hissing from behind? This snake should be only good for house decorations." mocked Omega.

Soon, other subordinates start trolling Rudra.

"These pests!" shouted Rudra with an infuriated tone.

"Stop being so hard to get. You only have to appear for a few seconds." interjected Kahn.

"Fine! Just make sure to do your part on time. I don't want to die because of your incompetence." replied Rudra.

And after everything was agreed upon, all the subordinates spread in different directions and Kahn released all the members of the Legion force.

An hour later, without making any big noises, all the twenty six thousand subordinates made of mostly monsters surrounded the legendary beast from all 3 exit points of the canyon.

Soon, another confrontation started and five thousand beasts and some fighter class subordinates died just from the shockwaves of the roaring attack skill alone.

And after the monster stomped on the ground, it created dozens of cracks which changed the terrain of the battlefield disadvantageous.

Kahn on the other was sharing his vision with Oliver and finally noticed a key factor through the eyes of the flying general.

The shockwave ability used by this legendary beast kept getting stronger the more it was attacked by Kahn's army.

"So that's how it was. It's absorbing all the energy from different attacks landing on its body and then using it to create that shockwave roar skill.

So I'm basically empowering my enemy." he said after noticing the flow of mana and world energy in the monster's body. After he became a grandmaster in space law.. Kahn's sensing ability became even more terrifying than a mage for some reason.

Kahn then ordered them to stop and retract their battalions. He commanded Oliver to create a distraction from the air.

And while the monster attacked Oliver who flew very high in the air but was out of reach of that roaring skill, suddenly, a void crack opened under the massive figure of this legendary beast.

"Do your thing." spoke Kahn.

"Tch! Fine!"

Swoosh!!

Before the monster could even sense anything, a massive body of a black basilisk suddenly appeared out of nowhere and quickly entangled itself around the legs of this legendary monster.

Kahn was using Rudra.. A mythical rank monster with the bloodline of the Godbeast Basilisk as a.... Rope!

BOOM!!

The ginormous body of the beast fell on the left side of the canyon as Rudra tied it up.

"Now!" spoke Kahn and the next second, Rudra's massive slithering figure turned into a shadow mixed with Kahn's body.

The following moment, Kahn himself disappeared inside the void crack.

The fallen beast quickly released its sonic cry that could kill the basilisk and a loud screech filled the canyon.

SCHREECH!

SHATTER!!

The entire surrounding area under 150 meters was obliterated and pulverized. Even tall trees were shredded and turned to splinters.

With this, the monster had finally used up all its reserves of energy to attack with that skill again.

But before it could even get up...

Crack!

A man in gray attire appeared right above its left eye and spoke in a tyrannical voice as even the legendary beast felt a threat to its life...

"May the Force be with you."

Chapter 377 - Worthy Hunt

Kahn now stood atop the ginormous body of the legendary rank forest monster that could kill thousands of enemies just with its roar alone. But after noticing the biggest flaw in this ability, Kahn strategically used his fodder monsters to distract it and then used the mythical rank rope aka Rudra to make it fall down.

This made the monster use the remaining energy to use that sonic cry skill that could've killed Kahn and the basilisk subordinate if not for his dimensional void skill which was a perfect escape route.

And now, even standing up was hard for this monster because of the gigantic body it had and instead of waiting for it to react, Kahn used lucifer that appeared in his right hand out of thin air with a blazing red light.

Shing!!

The next moment, the space force released from his body surrounded the black and red blistering greatsword and Kahn held it in both hands.

Before the beast could even grasp the situation about how a mere creature that was no different than an ant in front of it suddenly appeared out of nowhere... Kahn swung his blade towards the eye of this legendary rank monster.

Dimensional Cut!

Before the legendary monster could even react, an intangible slashing attack skill passed right through its eyes and the brain.

The only weakness in its body was utilized by Kahn and using the dimensional cut skill that could even cut hard metal on molecular level swiftly... he cut through the eyes and the brain of this gigantic beast that was comparable to a second stage saint.

He didn't even give this monster a chance to use its aura or world energy to suppress his body and in just 10 seconds as soon as he appeared... a massive fountain of black blood erupted from this legendary beast's eyes and it died on the spot.

Kahn then gave a content smile after accomplishing this task which would've been impossible if not for his Dimensional Law divine ability. Because he couldn't even come close to this monster and even dark lightning strike or Dragon Strike would've failed to kill it.

Dimensional Cut skills severed the brain in two parts and as a result, he finally killed this legendary monster that lorded over this region of the fiefdom.

Kahn smirked and then put his hand on the giant head.

"System, give me the details." said Kahn.

[Species : Invimarak

Level : 302

Rank : Legendary Rank

Bloodline : One of the descendant species of the Godbeast Behemoth.] reported the system.

"Ah... no wonder it looked a lot like Behemoth in physical appearance.

Well, still a good haul for me." spoke Kahn.

Kahn then used the dimensional cut skill again and had Jugram bring out its massive boulder-sized and shining white core.

"What a waste.. I can't even eat it or absorb it directly at this point. This is comparable to a second stage saint's core." spoke Kahn as he sighed in disappointment.

"I guess I'll have to keep it for later use." he said and pulled the core inside his space ring. Since cutting the core would cause an explosion that would kill Kahn and destroy the core in the process.. He had no choice but to keep it for future use now.

"Absorb!" spoke Kahn and activated the Ability Absorption divine ability.

And unlike before... it took him straight 4 hours just to finish the process. This was the highest amount of time he ever needed to absorb abilities from any monster so far.

[Congratulations to the host for acquiring the following abilities & skills :

Sonic Roar (SSS Rank) (Active) :

Allows the host can release extremely high frequency and amplitude sound waves from either mouth or hands.

All the weaker enemies than the host will be incapacitated or stunned inside the effective range.

Current Range : 100 meters

The effective range can be increased with more practice.

Note : The skill requires a large reserve of mana and world energy inside the host's body to activate.

Energy Assimilation (SSS Rank) (Passive) :

Allows the host to absorb kinetic energy through physical damage and converts it into mana and world energy.

Note : The host's current body is unsuited to use this passive ability to come under effect.

The host is advised to become a first stage saint to use this ability.

Invimarak Hide (SSS Rank) (Active) :

Offers impenetrable defense from all physical attacks and grants the host a layer of magic-resistant hide.

But requires the host to become a saint first to use this physical ability.

This ability can be added to the Asura Mode through the Bloodline Merge skill after the host breaks through to Saint Rank.

The current activation time is 10 minutes.

Bloodline purity : 40%

Note : The specimen has no magical ability or skills.] reported the system.

Compared to Somir, that Kahn killed in the Abyss Forest and got many useful skills as well as created Rudra back in the day...

This was also a legendary monster, but 6 times stronger and high leveled. And all the abilities Kahn received were simply too amazing.

Sonic Roar was exactly the skill used by this regional boss that killed more than ten thousand of Kahn's monsters in just 3 uses.

"So I'm basically Black Canary now?" asked Kahn to himself because of the skill description.

Energy Assimilation was like Kahn's skin turning into vibranium and using it to increase all of his mana and world energy reserves. This was a godsend skill for someone like him who had very less world energy in his body.

Invimarak Hide would definitely make Kahn into a walking fortress because he had seen how the Invimarak legendary beast was simply unfazed and completely undamaged after thousands of monsters and even a High Lord like Oliver attacked him.

Invimarak hide would make him a nightmare for all the magical class fighters because it offered a full magic resistance.

But the biggest downside was that all these abilities were inaccessible to him for now because of his rank as a semi-saint.

So he will have to wait for the time he broke through to first stage saint rank first.

However... Kahn wasn't done reaping the rewards.

"Oliver... bring our warship here." commanded Kahn.

"For what, my lord?" asked Ronin who appeared behind him.

Kahn then gave a greedy smile and rubbed his hands together.

"Time for harvesting the hunt."

Chapter 378 - Salvaging Corpse

Now that they were done hunting the biggest boss of this region, Kahn decided that it was time to use the corpse as well as he was certain that the results would be tremendously rewarding.

"I guess we have gotten rid of the main cause of the monster tide in this area." he said and looked towards the four subordinates that gathered around the deceased Invimarak.

"Anyone wants to mix with the body?" asked Kahn to his generals.

However, all of them pretended to not know him again as if he was offering them a glass of poison.

"What about you two?" asked Kahn to Rudra and Blackwall who resided in his shadow.

"It will affect the purity of my bloodline. So I shall pass." replied Rudra.

"Apologies, master. But it's also unsuitable for me. I will not be able to fight or be on your side if I merge with it.

I do not wish to be a monster that's only good for carrying a heavy load on its back." responded Blackwall.

Kahn was taken aback but understood their reasoning.

Although this legendary beast, a descendant of a godbeast, was a great specimen... it was not a fighter class creature or something even Kahn would be able to use anytime soon.

Plus mixing it with other low-ranked creatures would only affect the resultant subordinate since mixing tens of different bloodlines would only lead to an amalgamation that was good for nothing.

"Ah... then I guess we will have to take the body to the capital and see if Albestros could make something out of it.

The hide is simply too good to let go. It's lightweight and offers even better protection against physical and magical attacks." spoke Kahn with a thoughtful expression.

"Oliver, bring our warship here.

Let's hunt to make up for our losses and thin out the density of monsters." he commanded.

Kahn then gathered his team and this time, he too partook in the hunting session.

They hunted for a few more days but found nothing worth mentioning as there were not even Lord rank monsters left in this 200 kilometers perimeter of the Xena borders.

So Kahn & company had no choice but to return to the military outposts stationed at the border.

He met with Nadia and told her that there would be no monster tide this year. As for the reason why... he didn't bother telling her.

As nothing noteworthy happened during his absence, he and the Generals finished all the necessary arrangements to leave with his army of millions of Covenant soldiers he brought with him 5 days ago.

"Where to, my lord?" asked Ronin.

"To Aesir."

After their gigantic warship that was even bigger than the legendary monster they hunted landed in the main estate where his castle was situated in Aesir, Kahn met Albestros and Sirius who were already informed about his arrival and told to be present in the landing zone area.

Nearly a month ago, the orc accountant had finished sorting things out in the capital and officially took charge of both Bloodborne and Ayurveda companies to manage their money and funds. Proving himself even more useful than before because Kahn had been mostly busy after taking over the fiefdom.

Sirius also worked along with Ronin to maintain the money and businesses owned by Seven Deadly Sins from the shadows and lessened his burden by a great deal.

And after Albestros announced that he was shifting their main base to Aesir, the weapon manufacturing industry inside the capital Rathna itself was heavily affected because the peak grandmaster blacksmith had already become the most famous blacksmith of the empire.

And Kahn purposefully spread the news through Seven Deadly Sins functioning in the Rukon District that it was the three noble factions who forced the man out of the capital because of his ties with Kahn and they were getting their petty revenge against him by destroying the life of the old blacksmith.

With this, the opinion of the three noble factions had already fallen in the eyes of the normal population, the business world and many only treated their clans and businesses under them with scorn.

Thus, the majority of them lost a big chunk of their profits that relied on commoners as their customers. Because of which, even the three faction leaders had a headache due to such a drastic effect on the economy of the capital.

This was exactly what Kahn meant by making the three factions regret messing with the old man and boycotting him.

Making them realize that they hit their own feet with an axe.

Kahn's warship then landed in the open grounds of his estate and hundreds of people then pulled the corpse of the Invimarak's out of it.

As soon as Albestros saw it... he was rooted on the spot in absolute bewilderment.

"Is this the legendary Invimarak? How did you kill it? Even saints have a hard time killing this monster.

You have no idea how precious this hide is. They're one of the most sought-after monsters in the weapon manufacturing industry." queried the old man.

"I have my ways. So tell me, what can you make out of it?" asked Kahn.

"With this big full-grown body... I can make over 100 sets of epic rank armors, equipment and even weapons from its bones. Its entire body is a treasure trove!" spoke the old man vehemently as if he was looking at a diamond.

"Good. These guys need better gear. The kind that can survive even against a legendary rank monster." spoke Kahn.

"It will take some time. But the results and the quality will be worth the worth wait." spoke Albestros.

Just then, Armin also came via a luxurious carriage and joined the fray.

"Master, I want the organs and the blood. All of them are very rare ingredients for making lifesaving potions and cures to many diseases.

Even the diluted blood is 10 times more effective and potent than what all the other alchemists can make. Everything about this monster can be used in many effective alchemy products.

And we can also make a lot of money off from it." explained Armin.

But Kahn only heard 'bla bla bla... A lot of money!' so he instantly approved.

At the night, Kahn held another meeting between the generals and decided their next hunting ground.

"It's about time we head to the West again. And if the rumors are true..." spoke Kahn and continued in a serious tone.

"We might find another legendary monster."

Chapter 379 - King Of The Jungle

After overlooking the important matters of the Verlassen fiefdom and discussing the important issues related to public order, services, economy and people's court that was currently made into a separate department of the government itself, Kahn decided that it was about time he began his next hunt.

The next day at noon, Kahn, Omega and the Generals departed for a particular region of the fiefdom at the western end again.

Hiryano.

Their destination was the densely populated border of the region of Verlassen that was previously controlled and run by Commander Aswala.

This was the second time Kahn had visited this region in his warship and this time, he brought over 3 million covenant soldiers boarded on thousands of flying ships. But unlike before, he didn't bring in so many people to capture or fight his enemies but to use them for a different purpose.

Unlike Xena, the Hiryno area had a five hundred kilometers of forested borders and had a bigger casualty count during the monster tides every year thanks to the scams that had been happening here for decades regarding military and weapon businesses.

After Kahn took the bearkin semi-saint and publicly killed him, law, military, businesses and underworld were completely in his control without people knowing a single thing.

The North had two semi-saint commanders because that was the widest monster infested area in the fiefdom that was inhabited by the ferocious frost giants. But with commander Aswala out of the picture, he had placed his own people here too.

And when his warships landed over the open plains of the main military outpost at the border, he was welcomed by a group of military officers. And the two figureheads who led that group were the men Kahn was quite familiar with.

All of them knelt in front of Kahn with nothing but respect and worshipping gaze in their eyes.

"I'm glad I didn't make a wrong choice by leaving you two in charge of this region." spoke Kahn as he looked at the two peak grandmasters.

"Stand up... Commander Elijah and Commander Niklaus." he ordered.

The Stark Brothers!

After Kahn was done overtaking the fiefdom including this region, instead of wasting extra manpower or trying to recruit another semi-saint, Kahn left the two peak grandmasters in charge of leading the military here.

So he only needed a contingency in case there were some incidents. Hence he put both the Stark brothers who were even to fill in the shoes of a semi-saint together.

The same way he did with Cassandra Mikealson for a different region because she was an ally and he needed strong individuals protecting these hotspots.

"Thank you, my lord. We will never forget the trust and faith you've put into us." spoke Elijah, the elder brother who was a Druid by profession.

"Thank you for this opportunity, my lord. I have been able to serve you and our fiefdom because of the chance you gave us.

I will do my best to prove your decision right." spoke Niklaus, the younger brother who was a dual swordsman.

"No need to thank me. You were capable and had the experience to lead an army even before we met. So it was a natural choice to leave the best candidates to protect this region." replied Kahn with a nod.

Kahn and his entourage then held a meeting between all the military officers who handled different outposts of this region and told them about his plans to thin out the numbers of monsters.

So he informed them to be ready in case any monster tide happened in his absence. Also that he'd be leaving the covenant army as the first line of defense instead of normal soldiers.

"Please let us come with you, my lord!" spoke Elijah vehemently.

Because Kahn was going to explore the inner regions of this monster infested forest by himself. Something that even commander Aswala didn't dare to do when he was alive.

Both brothers were in awe because in their eyes, Kahn was doing it to protect the lives of people and soldiers as he put the covenant soldiers at the front.

He was knowingly risking his life to protect the people by going inside while only being a semi-saint. And that too with limited numbers of just 4 peak grandmaster allies. This was a completely unprecedented scenario in the history of this fiefdom.

"No. Both of you are needed here in case something happens to us. You two are the strongest people in this region so I command you to handle matters here.

If worst comes to worst, there should be a force of deterrence." commanded Kahn to both the brothers.

However, none of the people present here knew the real intentions behind his command. Because in reality, Kahn did so because the covenant soldiers were his own forces and they'd die if they went against his orders.

Plus it made him look good in front of the masses as the news of his arrival was definitely going spread across all the cities soon. And this way, he'd appear as a sovereign who cared for the citizens and soldiers of the fiefdom alike.

That he'd rather use his own soldiers who had become a representation of law and justice in this fiefdom than risk the lives of native peoples regardless of them being a commoner or a soldier.

Kahn also needed people to stop interfering in his hunts and wanted to hide the real reason behind his expeditions. So the covenant soldiers that were made of murderers, rapists and cannablists whose lives were not even worth thinking twice about were his best choice.

Anyone else would only hinder his activities.

When Kahn's crew departed and traveled through the border region, they headed straight towards the inner regions that were hunting grounds for people from adventurer and hunter professions.

For the first few days, Omega and the three generals hunted different types of monsters that were unseen and unknown to him before.

Hybrids between different elemental species and monsters such as ice elemental monsters that seemed combinations of tigers and leopards. There were simply too many monsters and different species for Kahn to count. So after a point, his brain went into an automatic mode and only created new subordinates without even absorbing their abilities.

Low level monsters simply didn't make the cut for him anymore.

And because of the endless supply of S Rank and SS Rank mana cores and ores he currently had, Kahn now had an army of 300 thousand members in legion and over two thousand of them were Lord rank monsters and eighty thousand were also variants.

However, their skills were limited and useful only for adding the numbers in a large-scale battle than specific fighting class abilities like the generals whom Kahn had evolved from scratch and merged with the dungeon bosses that lied inside his Ex-girlfriend aka the Bromnir dungeon.

Now, Each one of them got an army of their own which consisted of 20 to 30 thousand members and belonged to classes and abilities that would help in a large-scale battle.

The entire forested region went into havoc and Kahn's subordinates culled out the numbers to lessen the burden on the soldiers as well as raised their own numbers.

On the fifth day however, finally they found something noteworthy which piqued Kahn's attention.

This time, Ronin who was leading thousands of legion members with hiding and reconnaissance abilities, found something interesting and informed Kahn through the transmission artifact.

Under Kahn's orders, all the other generals and Omega who accompanied him reached there after four hours.

The area where they gathered was full of marshlands within 50 kilometers of radius and mostly filled with aquatic and poisonous monster species. Kahn himself saw plenty of new types of species that looked like evolved versions of crawling centipedes and fishes, big enough to sink titanic on their own.

And finally, after they met with Ronin who had thousands of his underlings carefully surrounding a 10 kilometers radius from various directions, closing off the escape routes of whatever lay inside.

Kahn and the other finally saw the being that was the regional boss of these lands and the one that sent shivers in their spines after seeing its figure.

A gigantic slithering purple figure whose length could not be predicted even from the bird's eye view and its body leaking poisonous gas from various outlets.

"It's definitely a Legendary Rank monster." spoke Omega as he and other finally saw the King of the Jungle.

However, the next moment... all of them were rooted on the spot. Just now, they finally saw the head of this venomous legendary rank monster.

And its head reminded all of them of a certain someone they knew very well.

"Ha ha ha!!

Haha ha!!

Haha!!

Finally, a worthy opponent."

Just then, Rudra laughed from inside of Kahn's shadow with an excited voice. His voice sounding joyful and his battle intent fired up as soon as he too noticed the creature.

Rudra continued in an exhilarated tone as he declared...

"Our battle shall be legendary!"

Chapter 380 - A Descendant

In front of the purple and snake-like legendary creature that was 30 meters tall even it was only slithering normally among the open grounds of the marshlands, Kahn and the subordinates who were eying it from 10 kilometers away through a broadcasting artifact... were all stunned to speak.

And just now, Rudra suddenly declared that he found a worthy opponent out of nowhere and seemed to be ready to fight it all of a sudden.

"Stop acting like a fool! It's clearly stronger than all of us. And we don't know anything about its abilities yet.

Plus look at the surroundings. It's that creature's turf.

Never fight an enemy on the battlefield that they have an advantage on." spoke Kahn as he scolded Rudra.

"Don't look down on me, human.

So what if it's stronger? I can finally get rid of this boredom. And you think I haven't gotten stronger myself?" retorted the basilisk.

"Don't be impulsive. Even with your rank, you can't bypass the difference between levels and strength by much. That magma drake was just a High Lord... this one is different.

It may be weaker than the Invimarak monster but it's still at least 70 levels above you.

Even if all of us were to join with our great numbers... I feel like we will be walking towards our death. This place isn't even suitable for us to fight." spoke Kahn after he felt the mana and world energy around the legendary purple snake-like monster's body.

"Doesn't matter, just don't interfere." spoke Rudra stubbornly.

"Just shut up, numbnut! Let me gather enough intel first." spoke Kahn and looked at the generals of the assassins squad and air force.

"Ronin, Oliver... do your thing." ordered Kahn.

The Rogue and the Emerald Archer subordinates then led the charge of their respective troops.

Unlike Oliver who had his squadron of flying monsters, Ronin's underlings with assassins abilities and monsters with sensing skills had a hard time marching without getting detected because they had limited solid ground since most of the area was filled with muddy waters and deep lakes.

Soon after both the generals and their teams of a few thousand successfully came close to the 5 kilometers area... something unexpected happened.

Splash!

Suddenly, dozens and then hundreds of red-colored scaly snakes appeared out of the muddy grounds, each one at least 3 meters in length and attacked the subordinates and monsters led by Ronin.

And to his surprise... even someone like Ronin himself hadn't detected their presence before as if these snake monsters were part of the land itself.

Hissss!!

Screech!!

Soon, hundreds of the red snakes all hissed together and their ear-deafening voice that acted like an alarm horn echoed in the marshlands.

And as soon as the legendary creature that resided in the middle of these lands heard the noises, it was quickly alerted and raised its head high in the air.

Its 30 meters tall figure and more than a kilometer long body sent shivers to Kahn and the other two high lord subordinates who were watching from a distance.

While in the central region itself, the monster noticed Oliver and his flock of flying monsters.

HIIIISSSSS!!!!

A loud and screeching hiss filled the 2 kilometers of area and before Oliver could even react... his eyes met with this gigantic monster's gaze.

Flicker!

Its yellow eyes flickered and even a high lord monster like Oliver lost control over his body under the insurmountable pressure exerted by this legendary monster.

Under the influence of its killing intent and bloodlust... Oliver started losing control of his body. The same applied to many of the flying monsters that followed him.

BOOM!!

But before he fell halfway through the ground, Oliver suddenly released his true form and now, the six-winged demonic creature appeared.

Somehow, Oliver broke through the pressure after the burst of mana was released from his body. And without waiting for another second, he decided to fly with every bit of strength in his body.

However... Ronin on the other end suddenly informed Kahn about a major revelation.

"Master... it's venom!!

All these monsters have neurotoxic venom in their bodies! And they're acting like a pack! I'm sure they're all controlled by that legendary monster." reported Ronin.

"See, you idiot! If you went there waltzing in, you would've become a prey instead." spoke Kahn to Rudra who wanted to barge into the battlefield previously.

"My corrosive acid should negate it and unlike you... I actually have what you'd call a legendary rank poison immunity." said Rudra in a prideful tone.

"Still.. We need to plan ahead." spoke Kahn.

And before he could think of a strategy... Oliver also sent him a message.

"Master... there's something odd about this monster." he said.

"What is it?" asked Kahn.

"From time to time... I see small red extensions coming out of its scales.

They look like mini versions of... itself." he informed.

"I see. So that explains where all these red snakes came from. It can create an army of its own. What a terrifying ability." spoke Kahn as he analyzed the whole situation.

"Most of them are either part of its body or it's an asexual creature that can create offspring on its own.

What an odd monster." said Kahn as he was more amazed.

"Thank goodness. If I tried to kill it using dimensional cut... even I would have died from its venom in its body just by getting in the 100 meters area." he said.

"System, what's the name of this monster?" asked Kahn.

[The creature is called Bjornmgandur, a monster species known for its lethal and toxic venom. It is enough to kill even a saint easily since the specimen itself is a legendary rank monster.] reported the system.

So Kahn was also out of the equation to attack this legendary monster because no way he'd be left untouched even if he suddenly appeared out of nowhere and killed the monster. Because generally, these type of monsters released their toxin even after death.

"We will divert the mobs. And then take care of it." spoke Kahn.

"Nobody interferes! this is my fight!" shouted Rudra in Kahn's mind.

Currently, only Rudra was suitable to fight it while Kahn and the others were only good enough to take down the small fries and whittle down the numbers of opposition.

"Why are you so adamant about fighting this monster on your own?" asked Kahn as he noticed this sudden shift in Rudra's mood for a while.

"I must fight it myself. After all, this monster is also a.." spoke Rudra with his battle intent at peak...

"Descendant of the Basilisk!"