Chapter 46 - Mana Core.

It was a monster twice the size of the monsters I had faced so far. Its body was covered with gleaming black armor that was quite eye-catching. However, it had no protection on its head.

The monster had a bull's head like the others but four horns on its forehead. Two larger horns at the ends and two smaller horns in the center. Its muzzle was a little larger, and its teeth were sharp like a wolf's.

Its eyes were big and red. It stared at me with a bloodlust that could make anyone piss themselves. Even I was trembling to look directly into its eyes.

However, the massive sword in its right hand caught my attention the most. In addition, its body was much more human than the other monsters.

Its hand was human. It had five fingers and held the sword firmly.

"..." I was silent as I looked at it for a few seconds. Then, suddenly, I felt a chill and took off, flying away. After that, the monster swung its sword.

Everything within a radius of a few kilometers was swept away. Everything turned into a desert of earth, and the system counted a few dozen more deaths. I broke into a cold sweat and advanced toward the monster.

It tried to swing its sword again, but I reached it before it could make another move. I attacked the monster's chest with my foot. Its armor was tough.

However, I managed to do some damage.

Its armor was dented. It had felt pain and was now even more irritated. The monster gave a heavy sigh and then disappeared. Startled, I flew away.

An explosion happened on the ground, and a black figure flew toward me. With one leap, using all the strength in its legs, the huge monster, more than four meters high, flew towards me.

It tried to cut me off, but I avoided its attack, and it fell over a building in the distance. Soon after, the structure below its feet was destroyed, and the monster flew towards me again. I couldn't calculate how fast it was moving, but it was fast.

The monster kept doing it several times without stopping. I could keep up with it but couldn't find an opening to hit it. This was becoming quite problematic.

Everything around us was already destroyed. If I continue like this, I will probably get hit.

"If I get hit by your sword, I'll probably die." Using all my speed, I decided to make a move. After it hit the ground again, I surprised it by hitting its chest.

I started punching and kicking its chest until a hole was opened in its armor.

"AAAAAHHH~~" Realizing my intent, the monster screamed and jumped away. However, I went after it to continue my attacks. Unfortunately, I had to retreat after receiving an alert from the system.

[A strong source of magic was detected]

After the system warning, the monster threw the sword to the ground. I could see a strong red light through the hole in its chest. The monster brought its hand up to its chest, and the red light began to surround its hand.

[A powerful attack is approaching!]

A red alert came up.

"Die!" I heard the monster speak for the first time.

I flew away, realizing the danger. I narrowly managed to escape. A strong red beam came out of the monster's hand.

The beam emitted an intense heat that I could feel even from meters away. That attack consumed everything in its path, crashing into a snow-covered mountain in the distance and causing an insane explosion.

The explosion was so intense that the shockwave made me uncomfortable.

"If it had hit me directly, I would be fucked." I sighed with relief. Good thing the system had helped me. I really could have died here. But now, what is this guy going to do?

After the attack, the monster stood still, but the red glow was still on its chest. It wasn't dead yet.

The glow in its chest gradually diminished, and the monster fell to its knees. This was an opportunity. I flew towards it and hit it again. The monster fell on its back and remained motionless.

[A weak energy source was detected]

[Do you want to remove it?]

[Yes] [No]

A question mark appeared in my head. I approached the monster and noticed that the red of its eyes had disappeared entirely. Its eyes were now lifeless.

Its body was convulsing, and the red light on its chest was losing its glow more and more.

"Should I do that?" I took a step forward and then accepted the system's proposal.

The red light in the monster's chest completely disappeared, and soon after, a small, red, glowing ball flew toward me. It was hot, yet I felt no pain when it touched my hand.

[You have acquired a medium-level mana core]

[Your inventory has been created]

[Medium-level mana core has been added to your inventory]

Upon seeing the unusual messages, I opened the system screen and noticed a new option glowing in an eye-catching gold color in the bottom right corner. Upon selecting the option, a new window opened.

It was like an inventory in an RPG game. There was a small red ball with an "x1" next to it. "That probably means I only have one unit. But what's that for?"

[Medium-level mana core]

[Consumable item]

"Consumable item? I think coming to this place was the right choice."