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<p>Was it because of the significant restrictions?</p>

<p>The items dropped well.</p>

<p>Despite only defeating three knights, two of them dropped two items each.</p>

<p>That's a 66.6% drop rate.</p>

<p>It was a drop rate unimaginable in other places.</p>

<p>During the numerous times he had cleared Instant Dungeons, all he had gotten were miscellaneous items or items meant for shop sales.</p>

<p>[Item: High-rank Knight's Breastplate] has been found. Would you like to acquire it?</p>

<p>Of course, he would acquire it.</p>

<p>The knight, who had lost its head and knelt down, stopped moving.</p>

<p>Its breastplate slowly disappeared and soon appeared at Jin-Woo's feet.</p>

<p>\*Thud.\*</p>

<p>Immediately, the information about the breastplate popped up.</p>

<p>[Item: High-rank Knight's Breastplate]</p>

<p>Acquisition Difficulty: B</p>

<p>Type: Armor</p>

<p>Physical Damage Reduction +7%</p>

<p>(If Strength is below 80, movement will slow down.)</p>

<p>A 7% increase in physical damage reduction!</p>

<p>Combined with the original option, he could now reduce physical damage by a whopping 27%.</p>

<p>For a moment, he wondered if reaching 100% would make him immune to physical damage.</p>

<p>But recalling that a B-rank armor only gave a 7% reduction, his perspective changed.</p>

<p>Even if it were A-rank, he doubted it would jump to 30 or 40%.</p>

<p>So, reaching 100% might be impossible.</p>

<p>Still, every little bit counted...</p>

<p>It seemed certain that by gradually adding up, he could achieve tremendous efficiency.</p>

<p>After all, he had witnessed the power of equipment through Yoo Jin-Ho.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo lifted the breastplate.</p>

<p>As expected, a message popped up asking if he wanted to equip it.</p>

<p>[Item: High-rank Knight's Breastplate] Would you like to equip it?</p>

<p>It was a design that seemed quite burdensome to wear and walk around in.</p>

<p>If it weren't for the experience with the 'Gatekeeper's Necklace,' he might have hesitated for a long time before reluctantly agreeing...</p>

<p>But now was different.</p>

<p>He accepted.</p>

<p>\*Ding.\*</p>

<p>[Item: High-rank Knight's Breastplate has been equipped.]</p>

<p>The breastplate disappeared.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo opened the status window to check his stats.</p>

<p>[Physical Damage Reduction: 27%]</p>

<p>The reduction had increased.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo felt around his chest area.</p>

<p>There was no sensation.</p>

<p>Even when he moved his body around, it was the same.</p>

<p>There was no sense of discomfort.</p>

<p>It was exactly the same as when he had equipped the Gatekeeper's Necklace.</p>

<p>Good.</p>

<p>Next, Jin-Woo turned his attention to a knight slumped in the corner.</p>

<p>From the mangled figure that seemed to have nothing left to take, an item signal was blinking.</p>

<p>[Item: Leather Pouch] has been found. Would you like to acquire it?</p>

<p>Of course, he was the one who had made it that way, but it felt a bit excessive.</p>

<p>Fighting bare-handed, how could he control his strength?</p>

<p>With a solemn expression, Jin-Woo approached and reached out to take the item.</p>

<p>He acquired it.</p>

<p>[Item: Leather Pouch] has been opened.</p>

<p>[30,000 Gold] was inside.</p>

<p>[30,000 Gold] has been acquired.</p>

<p>A message appeared stating that he had obtained gold without anything physically entering his hand.</p>

<p>Was this a different kind of item?</p>

<p>Curious, Jin-Woo opened the inventory and saw that 30,000 gold had indeed been added to his funds.</p>

<p>[Current Gold: 863,400]</p>

<p>30,000 gold at once?</p>

<p>Was it because they were knights and carried a lot?</p>

<p>Come to think of it, he remembered getting more items from humanoid monsters than from others when playing games.</p>

<p>Well, it wouldn't make sense if he got less from humans than from beasts or insects.</p>

<p>He wasn't sure if that was reflected here, though.</p>

<p>Anyway, it was good news.</p>

<p>He wanted to save up gold to buy some items, and if money kept coming out like this, he might be able to speed up the process more than he thought.</p>

<p>Was there anything else to take?</p>

<p>They say human greed knows no bounds.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo momentarily set aside his original purpose for being here and scanned the surroundings with greedy eyes.</p>

<p>The knights' armor was all crushed during the fight, so it seemed worthless...</p>

<p>Jin-Woo's radar picked up the swords the knights were using.</p>

<p>That might be useful.</p>

<p>A longsword, clean as if it were new.</p>

<p>It wasn't a dagger, so he wouldn't use it directly, but he could sell it at the shop or, if that didn't work, to other hunters.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo picked up the sword.</p>

<p>But as soon as he lifted it, the longsword began to rust at an incredibly fast rate and soon turned to dust, scattering away.</p>

<p>"Damn..."</p>

<p>It happened in an instant.</p>

<p>Was it not an allowed item?</p>

<p>It was a shame, but there was nothing he could do.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo brushed off his hands and picked up the torch he had placed on the ground earlier.</p>

<p>Turning the corner where the knights had come from, he could see another long passage stretching far ahead.</p>

<p>There was still a long way to go.</p>

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<p>Reviewing the battle.</p>

<p>It was a ridiculous thought, but Jin-Woo suddenly had it.</p>

<p>In the two hours of dungeon raiding, he had encountered four types of monsters.</p>

<p>Knights, mages, assassins, and archers.</p>

<p>"Stealth this time?"</p>

<p>The assassin suddenly disappeared from close range.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo didn't panic and immediately expanded his senses, quickly detecting the assassin sneaking up from behind.</p>

<p>\*Swish!\*</p>

<p>Jin-Woo struck the assassin's dagger with 'Kasaka's Venom Fang,' then, as the assassin staggered, he swiftly counterattacked through the opening.</p>

<p>The venom fang struck right in the center of the chest.</p>

<p>\*Thud!\*</p>

<p>[Assassin has been defeated.]</p>

<p>[You leveled up!]</p>

<p>The assassin, fatally wounded, turned into black smoke and disappeared without a scream.</p>

<p>\*Thud.\*</p>

<p>Only the assassin's leather clothes remained on the spot.</p>

<p>Why were they all humanoid monsters, seriously.</p>

<p>Every time he defeated them, it was like...</p>

<p>Jin-Woo shook his head.</p>

<p>The only saving grace was that he couldn't see their faces.</p>

<p>The knights wore helmets, the assassins and archers had hoods on their leather clothes, and the mages had hats on their robes, covering most of their faces.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo turned to continue on his way.</p>

<p>But then!</p>

<p>\*Flash!\*</p>

<p>A flash of light exploded in front of his eyes.</p>

<p>The mage, who had been quietly chanting a spell, had completed his flash magic.</p>

<p>\*Boom!\*</p>

<p>A deafening explosion!</p>

<p>But Jin-Woo had already moved behind the mage.</p>

<p>The mage, startled by the presence behind him, hurriedly chanted another spell.</p>

<p>But Jin-Woo didn't miss the opportunity and slashed diagonally with his dagger.</p>

<p>The mage also turned into smoke and disappeared.</p>

<p>\*Thud.\*</p>

<p>Jin-Woo looked down at the robe left behind and stored the dagger in his inventory.</p>

<p>He had been hit by something similar once before when he let his guard down.</p>

<p>Actually, he had been prepared since he felt the mana condensing.</p>

<p>Jo Gyu-Hwan's flash magic.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo wasn't foolish enough to fall for the same attack twice.</p>

<p>That's what it meant to review the battle.</p>

<p>It wasn't just that.</p>

<p>The monsters had stats required to defeat each individual.</p>

<p>Knights required strength, assassins required senses, archers required agility, and mages required stamina.</p>

<p>If you didn't meet a certain level of those stats, it became really tricky to deal with them.</p>

<p>If your strength was low, you couldn't deal damage to the knight inside the armor; if your senses were low, you'd struggle to catch the assassin, and so on.</p>

<p>Having evenly raised stats helped in times like this.</p>

<p>His intelligence stat was a bit low, but he could conserve mana.</p>

<p>[Item: Leather Pouch] has been opened.</p>

<p>[20,000 Gold], [Lukewarm Water Canteen] were inside.</p>

<p>[20,000 Gold], [Lukewarm Water Canteen] have been acquired.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo took out the canteen that had entered his inventory upon acquisition and gulped down the water.</p>

<p>"Whew."</p>

<p>Fatigue was gradually accumulating.</p>

<p>How much further did he have to go?</p>

<p>No, was there even an end?</p>

<p>Jin-Woo placed the empty canteen on the ground and held his sides.</p>

<p>It had been three hours since entering the dungeon.</p>

<p>Both body and mind were wearing out.</p>

<p>Should he rest for a bit?</p>

<p>Jin-Woo leaned against the cave wall.</p>

<p>Status window.</p>

<p>\*Ding.\*</p>

<p>[Fatigue: 66]</p>

<p>His fatigue was already nearing dangerous levels.</p>

<p>Above 70, direct negative effects on the body and mind would start to appear.</p>

<p>He needed to lower his fatigue by resting, even if just for a moment.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo leaned his head against the wall.</p>

<p>Sleepiness washed over him immediately.</p>

<p>He was so tired that he could easily fall asleep in this environment without much effort.</p>

<p>But then.</p>

<p>\*Whoosh!\*</p>

<p>The sound of air being torn!</p>

<p>In the slowed-down time, Jin-Woo accurately caught the incoming arrow.</p>

<p>\*Snap!\*</p>

<p>Soon, Jin-Woo's eyes opened.</p>

<p>An archer was loading the next arrow at a reasonable distance.</p>

<p>Guess it was too early to sleep.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo summoned 'Kasaka's Venom Fang' and stood up.</p>

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<p>\*Crash!\*</p>

<p>A knight, whose abdominal breastplate was grotesquely crushed, slid down between Jin-Woo's fist and the wall.</p>

<p>The limp figure no longer moved.</p>

<p>\*Ding.\*</p>

<p>[Knight has been defeated.]</p>

<p>[You leveled up!]</p>

<p>It was a bit disappointing that there was no status recovery effect, but with each battle, his level steadily increased.</p>

<p>In the midst of the accumulating extreme fatigue, it was at least some comfort.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo looked at his slightly bruised fist and clicked his tongue.</p>

<p>If only he could rest a bit, he'd recover.</p>

<p>But these monsters didn't give him a moment's rest.</p>

<p>Still, he'd gained a lot thanks to them.</p>

<p>[Equipped Items]</p>

<p>Gatekeeper's Necklace (A)</p>

<p>High-rank Knight's Breastplate (B)</p>

<p>Mid-rank Assassin's Boots (B)</p>

<p>Low-rank Archer's Gloves (C)</p>

<p>Advanced Mage's Ring (B)</p>

<p>Other useful items were also stored in the inventory.</p>

<p>It would've been nice to get a weapon.</p>

<p>Unfortunately, the daggers obtained from assassins had similar attack power to Kasaka's Venom Fang but lacked additional effects, making them less efficient.</p>

<p>What would this one drop?</p>

<p>Jin-Woo reached out toward the light flowing from the fallen knight.</p>

<p>\*Ding.\*</p>

<p>[Item: High-rank Knight's Gauntlet]</p>

<p>Acquisition Difficulty: B</p>

<p>Type: Armor</p>

<p>Physical Damage Reduction +3%</p>

<p>Additional Effect: Prevents hand injuries.</p>

<p>(If Strength is below 80, movement will slow down.)</p>

<p>Jin-Woo's face lit up as he acquired the 'High-rank Knight's Gauntlet.'</p>

<p>And he equipped it immediately.</p>

<p>Like other items, the gauntlet didn't affect his body at all, so there was no discomfort in moving his fingers.</p>

<p>Good.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo, who had been wiggling his fingers, looked up.</p>

<p>Beyond the passage.</p>

<p>Finally, the end of the torchlight appeared.</p>

<p>The end was blocked by a massive castle gate.</p>

<p>It was rare for a boss room to have a door.</p>

<p>Naturally, the underground temple he had entered a while ago came to mind.</p>

<p>Back then, he hadn't been prepared at all, and as a result, everyone had suffered too much damage.</p>

<p>But now was different.</p>

<p>Jin-Woo looked back at the path he had taken.</p>

<p>It had taken almost 6 hours to get here...</p>

<p>His level was now 45, and he had a lot of equipment.</p>

<p>He was prepared.</p>

<p>He wanted to rest and recover his stamina, but every time he tried, monsters somehow knew and disrupted his sleep.</p>

<p>He couldn't waste his stamina by calling in more monsters again.</p>

<p>[HP: 4511 / 8300]</p>

<p>[MP: 660 / 790]</p>

<p>[Fatigue: 43]</p>

<p>He would have to make do with this.</p>

<p>After a final check of his status, Jin-Woo grabbed the handles of the castle gate.</p>

<p>\*Groan...\*</p>

<p>The heavy gate, as if some mechanism was in place, moved easily without much effort.</p>

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