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JUMP COMICS

HUNTER
No.007 ◆ THE DAY OF DEPARTURE

RARE BEASTS, MONSTERS

RICHES, TREASURES

EVIL LANDS, MYSTERIOUS REGIONS

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SEDUCED BY THE POWER

THE MAGICAL POWER EMITTED BY THE WORD "UNKNOWN"
They are called Hunters

No.001 ◆ THE DAY OF DEPARTURE
THEY ARE CALLED HUNTERS
No.001 THE DAY OF DEPARTURE
WHALE ISLAND
I CAUGHT IT!!!
Incredible

Oh my.

I thought it would take at least 10 years before someone would be able to catch it...

The master of the swamp that even five grown men couldn't lift...

What an amazing...

Here.

Now it's your turn to keep your promise, Mito-san!!

Here, I caught the fish, just like I promised!!
HUNTER EXAM
REGISTRATION CARD

Doh

Who asked you to stop blurt out useless crap!

Yeah! I'm sure GON can become a great hunter.

C'mon, just let him take the exam.

Mito-san, you're the one who taught me to always keep my promises!!

Yeah, you have to be responsible for your words, right?
THANK YOU.

OKAY!!

DO AS YOU WISH.

YOU CAN'T DENY THE BLOOD THAT RUNS IN HIM...

BUT HOW!?
I never told Gon that his father was a Hunter!!

And he never even asked me either, but how...?!

But I can't help but think that this day was inevitable.

He has a light in his eyes that is just like his father's.

We don't have the means to stop him anymore...

But I've known about my father from a long time ago...

I'm sorry, Mito-san.
THREE YEARS AGO

AH... AH...

goh—
guruuru
I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT ANY BEAST THAT Tries TO HARM A HUMAN...

A KITSUNE-GUMA*. AND HER CUB?

MUST BE DISPOSED OF.

*“Kitsune-guma” is literally a fox-bear.
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT ENTERS THE HEVIVUNA HABITAT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR?!

YOU STUPID IDIOT!!
DID YOUR FATHER NOT EVEN TEACH YOU THIS?!!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE FELT LIKE SHIT AFTER KILLING.

SHIT!! I SHOULD'VE JUST IGNORED THE WARNING CALLS OF THE MADARARIS!!

THIS MARK IS SO DANGEROUS THAT EVEN A FEARLESS BEAST WOULD FLEE TO THE NEXT MOUNTAIN IN TWO SECONDS WHEN IT SEES THIS MARK!

I DON'T HAVE A FATHER... NOR A MOTHER...

HERE, USE THIS ON YOUR INJURIES... IT PREVENTS ANY SCARRING.

I SEE... SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I... LIVE WITH MY AUNT NOW.

THEY BOTH PASSED AWAY A LITTLE AFTER I WAS BORN...
And even if he does somehow survive, he'll forever hold a grudge against humans for his mother's death... and will likely cause harm.

He still needs the nursing of his mother. If we just leave him, he'll starve to death.
Kitsune-gumis cannot be tamed by humans.

No way... could it be that...

Could your father's name possibly be Ging?!!

Ojisan*, do you know my father?!

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*Ojisan* is used to refer to a middle-aged man.
I'm Kaito. I am a hunter.

I came to Gingsan's hometown, hoping to find some kind of lead.

And apparently, it wasn't a waste of time.

...Heh. This is quite a pleasant surprise.

Gingsan is my teacher.

Gingsan taught me the basics of being a hunter...

And the final test I must pass for Gingsan to acknowledge me as a hunter is to "find him"... There is no hunt more difficult than this.

If I hadn't met Gingsan, I probably would've been beaten to death in some back alley of the slums by now.

He's the greatest hunter I know.
BUT NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, YOU SEEM DESTINED TO BECOME A HUNTER...

YOUR AUNT MUST HAVE LIED TO YOU IN ORDER TO PREVENT YOU FROM FOLLOWING IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS.

GING-SAN IS NOT DEAD.

GOOD HUNTERS...

ARE SAID TO BE LIKED BY ANIMALS.
KON... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HANG OUT ANYMORE.

HA!

ALRIGHT... THEN.

BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BECOME A HUNTER!!
SO AN ANIMAL THAT'S FRIENDS WITH A HUNTER CANNOT RULE THE FOREST.

HUNTERS SOMETIMES ARE REQUIRED TO DO THINGS THAT THE ANIMALS IN THE FOREST WOULD NOT LIKE.

YOU UNDERSTAND... RIGHT?

KON, SINCE YOU'RE THE RULER OF THIS FOREST... I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
BYE EVERYONE! TAKE CARE!!
....AROUND THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK.

SO WHEN DO YOU LEAVE?

I SEE.

Yeah.

I GUESS YOU ALREADY KNEW ABOUT WHAT GING DOES...

ABANDONED YOU WHEN YOU WERE JUST A BABY.

But still...

HE...
IT MUST'VE BEEN SOMETHING HE WANTED TO DO EVEN IF IT MEANT ABANDONING HIS OWN CHILD.

GON...

THAT'S HOW AMAZING...

BEING A HUNTER IS.
Really are his son!!

Mito-san, I'm sorry.

Just like you said...

I'm my father's son.

He's the greatest hunter.

And the final test I must pass for Rin-san to acknowledge me as a hunter is to 'find him'...

There is no hunt more difficult than this.
I'M GOING TO MEET MY FATHER!!
HEX.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, YA HEAR?

OH.

OHHH...

HERE, THIS IS A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOUR JOURNEY.

THANK YOU.

WAH...

YOU ALWAYS LOOK AWAY.

WHENEVER YOU'RE LYING TO ME, MITO-SAN...

I KNEW IT WAS A LIE.

I'M SORRY...

GON...

GON.

GON.

GON.

MITO-SAN, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.

GING... DIDN'T ABANDON YOU.

I LIED TO YOU, GON.

I WENT TO COURT AND TOOK AWAY HIS CUSTODY OVER YOU...
TAKE CARE!!
NO MATTER WHAT, I'M GOING TO COME BACK AS A GREAT HUNTER!!

EVERY YEAR, THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND TIMES THIS NUMBER WHO COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO TAKE THE EXAM...

JUST ON THIS BOAT ALONE, THERE ARE DOZENS OF HUNTER PROSPECTS.

YOU THINK THIS IS A GAME?

BUT ONLY A HANDFUL OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY CHOSEN.

A GREAT HUNTER...?
DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU'RE HUNTING, THIS IS THE KIND OF JOB THAT MAY REQUIRE YOU TO KILL YOUR OWN COMPANIONS.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU BOAST ABOUT WITH THAT MOUTH OF YOURS... KID.

AND JUST LIKE THIS... TO BECOME A HUNTER JUST LIKE HIS FATHER AND TO ULTIMATELY MEET HIM, SON EMBARKS ON HIS JOURNEY.

"THERE'S QUITE A STORM BREWIN'..." THE CAPTAIN'S MUTTERED WORDS RING CONSTANTLY IN SON'S EARS.
HUNTER

MONSTER HUNTERS.
TREASURE HUNTERS.

THE NAME GIVEN TO THOSE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES IN SEARCH OF RARE AND PRECIOUS ITEMS.

IN ORDER TO BECOME A HUNTER, ONE MUST PASS A SERIES OF EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TESTS. IT IS SAID THAT THE ODDS ARE SEVERAL MILLION TO ONE.
WE'RE GONNA FLY! BEST GRAB ON TO SOMETHING!

I'M GONNA TURN THE SHIP LEFT!

GO STUFF IT WITH SOME OF THE FOOLS ROLLIN' AROUND IN THE PASSENGER CABIN!

CAPTAIN! THERE'S A LEAK IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SHIP!!
Yes, they were.

Those were some rough waves.

It's about the same as previous years.

Oh, guts. Eek.

How's it lookin' this year?

Ba-nn!!

They're almost entirely wiped out.

They expect to become hunters when they can't even handle a few waves?

Pathetic fools.
Note: The title of the magazine is "Lustful"
YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS. GOOD WORK, MATEES.

BUT IT'LL ONLY GET ROUGHER FROM HERE.

YOU FINALLY GETTING SEABICK?

BOY! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

THERE'S AN EVEN BIGGER STORM HEADED THIS WAY.
NOT ALL OF IT...

BOY! YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNICATION OF BIRDS!!

THE WIND IS STINGING, AND I SENSE A LOT OF SALT.

OH...

AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

THIS IS RATHER SURPRISING...

THE SEAGULLS ARE WARNING EACH OTHER AS WELL.
I've only seen him in photos, but I respect him the most in this world!!

He's a hunter!

What does your father do?

You got on from Whale Island, right?

Boy.

The day has finally come...

Oh...?

And at this speed, we'll hit the storm in about three hours.

The waves are going to be about two times the size of the ones before...

Boy!! Tell me the approximate scale of the storm and when we'll come across it.

Okay!!

Alrighty then. Come with me!! I'll teach you how to steer the ship.

You'd have to spend a lot of time at sea to know this. Quite a thing he said there.

He's good...
If you want to become a first-class hunter, you must know how to do anything and everything.

Until then, try to learn the basic structure of the boat.

If you don't want to risk your lives, get on the emergency boats we've provided and take cover on the nearest island till the storm passes.

We are headed towards a storm that's about twice the size of the last one.

Whaaat

Please... no more.

Byuuoo

So that just leaves the three of you.

Give me your names first.
MY NAME IS KURAPICA.

I'M GON!

CALL ME LEORIO.

DON'T JUST ANSWER LIKE THAT.

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, KID!!

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF JOB MY FATHER HAS BEEN CAPTIVATED BY.

WHY DO YOU ASK SUCH A QUESTION? ARE YOU THE INTERVIEWER OR SOMETHING?

HUUH?

WHY DO YOU GUYS WANNA BECOME HUNTERS?

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SENSE OF COOPERATION, DO YOU?

I'D EVEN FIGHT TO KEEP FROM DOING SOMETHING I DON'T WANNA DO.

NOPE, CAN'T DO IT.

WHY DOES IT MATTER? HE'S JUST ASKING US THE REASON...

WHAT THE HECK?

ANSWER ME.
THE REASON FOR MY WANTING TO BECOME A HUNTER IS RELATED TO A MATTER THAT IS JUST TOO PERSONAL...

BUT FOR ME TO DISCLOSE MY TRUE REASONS TO SOMEONE I JUST MET...

YOU, HOW OLD ARE YOU TO BE SAYING MY NAME LIKE THAT?

HEY.

I AGREE WITH LEORIO.

THEREFORE, I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION HERE.

TAKE THAT BACK AND CALL ME LEORIO-SAN!

YOU DEAF, PUNK?

HOWEVER, I ALSO THINK LYING IS ONE OF THE MOST SHAMEFUL ACTS POSSIBLE.

IT'S EASY TO PRETEND TO TELL THE TRUTH TO AVOID QUESTIONS YOU DON'T WANT TO ANSWER.

THEN YOU TWO MUST GET OFF THIS SHIP IMMEDIATELY.

OH? IS THAT SO?

THE HUNTER QUALIFICATION EXAM HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

DON'T YOU GET IT YET?

WHR'S THAT?
AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY OF YOU WANTING TO BECOME HUNTERS.

THE EXAMINERS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME OR THE MANPOWER TO EVALUATE Y'ALL.

FOR THAT REASON, PEOPLE LIKE ME ARE HIRED TO CUT DOWN THE NUMBERS.

SO DON'T GET FRESH WITH ME AND ANSWER THE DAMN QUESTION.

BASICALLY, IT'S UP TO ME WHETHER OR NOT YOU'LL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE ACTUAL EXAM.

THE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISQUALIFIED...

A SURVIVOR OF THE KURITA TRIBE.

I'M...
I want to become a hunter to capture the Genei Ryodan.**

There's a group of bandits who massacred my tribe four years ago...

**Genei Ryodan** translates to "Phantom Brigade."

I do not fear death.

The Genei Ryodan are A-class bounties. Even a veteran hunter would have difficulty...

A blacklist hunter applicant, Eh?!

I only worry that my rage may dissipate.

You'll most likely get killed.

Hey! Leorio, how about you?

There are places you can't enter, and information you can't obtain unless you're a hunter. Don't you even know that?

That's quite an ignorant statement, Leorio.

So you want revenge. That's something you can do without becoming a hunter.
A HUGUE MANSION! LUXURIOUS CARS!! THE BEST WINE!!

MONEY! IF I HAVE MONEY, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET MY HANDS ON EVERYTHING!

ME? I DON'T WANNA BE KISSING YOUR ASS OR ANYTHING SO I'LL JUST BE HONEST.

YOU CAN'T BUY CHARACTER WITH MONEY, LEORIO.

I WILL END THE FILTHY BLOODLINE OF THE KURUTA TRIBE.

LET'S TAKE THIS OUTSIDE, KURAPICA.

THAT'S THREE STAKES.

WHAT?

LET THEM BE, SIR.

YOU EXPECT TO PASS THE HUNTER EXAM BY IGNORING ME, YOU PUNKS?!

WHEREVER YOU'D LIKE.

COME.

TAKE THAT BACK, LEORIO.

HEY! I'M NOT DONE TALKING YET!!

YOU MEAN "LEORIO-SAN."
TO ME, THE REASONS WHY THOSE TWO ARE ANGRY ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

SO I THINK IT'S BETTER JUST TO LET THEM BE.

"TO KNOW SOMEONE IS TO KNOW WHAT ANGERS HIM."

IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE SAYINGS THAT AUNT MITSU TAUGHT ME.

CAPTAIN! THE STORM IS APPROACHING FASTER THAN WE EXPECTED!!

HAAAAAA!!!
HURRY!! THE SHIP'S IN DANGER!!

THE BOAT'S GOING TO CAPSIZE!! RAISE THE SAILS!!

I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF APOLOGIZING FIRST.

YOU FIRST, KURAPICA.

LEORIO.

IF YOU TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID RIGHT NOW, I'LL FORGIVE YOU.

CAPTAIN... I'LL HELP AS WELL!!

ALRIGHT, COME WITH ME.

THIS IS BAD!! IF ANYONE FALLS OFF, HE'S A GONER FOR SURE!!

COME!!

HERE I GO!!
I hit my nose.

Kid! Thanks a lot!

Kid, that was awesome!

Pull! Okay!!

Are you okay? Bring some rope!!

Take the injured inside quick!!

If we hadn't grabbed your legs, you would've also been swallowed up by the sea, you stupid idiot!!

How could you be so reckless!! It's so vicious in the water, even a mermaid wouldn't be able to survive these conditions!!

And to think they duelled over something like that...
YOU GUYS DID GRAB MY LEGS.

ZU!

RIGHT?

WELL, THAT'S...

AH...

JUST LEORIO'S FINE, KURAPICA.

MAN, YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME...

I'LL TAKE BACK EVERYTHING I SAID BEFORE AS WELL.

Hu...

YOU GUYS REALLY ARE SOMETHING.

KU! KU KU

HAHA
I'll make sure you guys reach the closest harbor to the examination site! You have my word!!

I'm feeling mighty good today!!

Why don't we continue with the steering lesson?!

I'm so happy I forgot all about it.

The exam?

What about...

Okay!!
Directions to the Hunter Exam Site

A notice issued to all Hunter prospects.

The only information listed on this notice is the date, time, and general location of the exam.

Applicants must locate the exam site using the small amount of information provided;

This ordeal is also meant to cut down the number of applicants...
Doreh Harbor

HMM... THE TRANSPORT HEADED TOWARDS ZABAN CITY IS...

THERE ARE TONS OF PEOPLE HERE.

The majority of the crowd is probably here for the same reason as us.
AND SAME TO YOU.

TAKE CARE.

CAPTAIN!! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!!

HERE'S ONE LAST WORD OF ADVICE.

SU

HEAD TOWARDS THAT TREE AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN.

THAT'S THE SHORTCUT TO THE EXAM SITE.

YOUR SON'S GROWN UP TO BE ONE HELLYVA KID.

THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, SING.

OKAY! THANK YOU!!
There's a bus that goes directly to Zaban.

So there really is no reason to head towards a mountain in the opposite direction.

Look...

That's weird.

The district of Zaban, where the exam site is located, is a big city that's even listed on the map.

Maybe the captain was mistaken?

We might just end up wasting our time.

I'm certain there must've been a reason.

I'm still gonna go.

I recommend you take the bus.

Gon, you should learn to be somewhat suspicious of others.
I'm going to tag along with him.

It's not really the captain's advice...

I'm more interested in what Gou does.

Hey, Kura-Pica.

I'm gonna take the bus.

Hmph! I thought he'd have a little more principle than that.

Until we meet again, take care.

So it was a trap... rookies are naive so most of them will get disqualified here.

Piku

Hey, I heard that none of the buses going directly to Zaban have reached their destination.

Don't just leave me out! Won't you guys get lonely without me?

I've decided to keep you guys company! Wahahaha! Haai!

Wait! Wait! Wait! Wait up for me!!
There's not a single person in sight.

This place is a bit creepy.

But... there are a lot of people here, right?

Yes. We should stay alert.
AND THE RUSTLING OF CLOTHES... I GUESS THEY'RE HIDING.

YEAH.

YOU CAN HEAR PEOPLE BREATHING FROM INSIDE THE BUILDINGS, RIGHT?

WHAT? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

SHH.

HMPH. SURE. I'M JUST A NORMAL HUMAN SO I HAVE NO IDEA.
DOKI DOKI
TWO CHOICE
QUIZZ!!

It's not possible to reach that point unless you pass through this town.

The other paths up the mountain are labyrinths, and on top of that, they are the territories of ferocious demon beasts.

You fellas... headed towards the tree on the top of the mountain, right?
YOU ONLY HAVE FIVE SECONDS TO ANSWER.

I WILL PRESENT TO YOU JUST ONE QUESTION.

SO THIS IS ANOTHER ORDEAL TO REACH THE HUNTER EXAM.
I SEE.

HMM.

YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE THE HUNTER EXAM THIS YEAR.

IF YOU ARE WRONG...

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! ALL THREE OF US WILL BE ASKED JUST ONE QUESTION?

ANY OTHER ANSWER AND I WILL CONSIDER THEM TO BE INCORRECT.

ANSWER EITHER WITH A (1) OR A (2).

HEY! YOU GONNA HURRY UP OR WHAT?

ON THE CONTRARY, THE CHANCE THAT THE OPPOSITE HAPPENING IS SO HIGH THAT IT FRIGHTENS ME.

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

THEN IF HE'S WRONG, THAT MEANS I'LL BE DISQUALIFIED TOO?

THAT MAKES SENSE TOO.

BUT THAT ALSO MEANS THAT ONLY ONE OF US HAS TO GET IT RIGHT FOR ALL THREE OF US TO PASS.
What the captain told you...

I sorta overheard what you said at the harbor.

Hehehe...

Sorry kid.

If you aren't feeling too confident, why don't you let me go first?

That way we can figure out what type of question they are asking.

Alright we'll let you go first...

So what's the deal?

Here's the question.

Idiots... I'll go ahead and set a bunch of traps.

I'll go first...

Impossible... could she really be serious? There can't be a proper answer to this kind of question! Does she expect us to be able to predict her preferences?

1. Mother
2. Girlfriend

Who would you rescue?

Your mother and your girlfriend have been kidnapped by evil villains, and you're only able to rescue one of them.
Actually, I'd probably rescue my girlfriend...

But this answer will most likely please the old hag more.

You may go.

Boco... Boso.

What's the reason for your answer?

But I can always find another girlfriend.

Obviously I only have one mother in the whole world...

What kind of messed up quiz is this?!

Stupid hag!!

That's bull-shit!!
If you choose not to take the quiz, you'll be disqualified immediately.

Hmph. You're already too late.

You'll lose the right to become a hunter.

The judges and the ones who passed are all full of shit!! I can't accept this.

This kind of question can't possibly have a correct answer! The answer will differ according to the person you ask!!

I'm going back!! I'm gonna take a different route!!

What?! You can't be suggesting that we take this bullshit quiz?

Wait!

I will not allow you to speak another word.

The cat-eyed one seems to have noticed.
NOW, ANSWER!
1. TAKE THE QUIZ
2. NOT TAKE THE QUIZ.

I WILL NOT ALLOW ANY UNNECESSARY SPEECH FROM NOW ON.

DON'T BE FOOLED, LEOARIO!!

THIS IS JUST A SIMPLE TRICK!!

YOUR SON AND DAUGHTER HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED TOGETHER, BUT YOU CAN ONLY RESCUE ONE OF THEM.

NOW HERE'S THE QUESTION.

YOUR DAUGHTER
2. YOUR SON
WHO WOULD YOU RESCUE?

NOW HERE'S THE QUESTION.

GAW!! YOU MUST HAVE HEARD IT TOO.

THEN RECOGNIZE THE TRICK TO THIS QUIZ.
How dare you toy with me.

Look at her arrogantly counting down the seconds!!

Count away. You'll be counting down the remaining seconds of your life.

Time's up...
I'M GONNA BRING THEM HER HEAD AND GIVE THE JUDGES A PIECE OF MY MIND!

A HUNTER?! YOU CAN GO SHOVE IT. THE WORLD IS BETTER OFF WITHOUT SUCH A BULLSHIT SYSTEM.

I'M GONNA TAKE THIS OLD HAG'S HEAD TO THE EXAM SITE!

CALM DOWN LEORIO!!

WHY ARE YOU STOPPING ME?

NO! I'M NOT GONNA CALM DOWN!!!
WE ANSWERED CORRECTLY, LEORIO.

THAT'S THE CORRECT ANSWER.

SILENCE!!

THEY DIDN'T SAY HE WAS CORRECT.

BUT, THAT GUY JUST NOW...

SO YOU CAN'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL.

YOU SAID IT SO YOURSELF; THERE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A CORRECT ANSWER.

YOU WERE RIGHT. THERE IS NO CORRECT ANSWER TO THIS QUIZ, BUT THE RULE IS YOU CAN ONLY ANSWER 1 OR 2.
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS NOT THE CORRECT PATH.

JUST A MOMENT AGO, I HEARD HIM SCREAM. HE WAS PROBABLY ATTACKED BY A DEMON BEAST.

IT'S A STRAIGHTFORWARD PATH, SO YOU'LL REACH THE TOP IN ABOUT TWO HOURS.

THE TRUE PATH IS THIS WAY.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WORK HARD, I WISH FOR YOU TO BECOME A GOOD HUNTER.

I DO THIS JOB TO MEET PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

NO, THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO BE SORRY ABOUT.

OLD LADY...

...I'M SORRY.
I can't come up with an answer.

What? You were thinking all this time?

It's over now.

If there ever really comes a situation where we have to choose between two people who are precious to us to rescue...

The quiz is already done with.

I know that.

What are you going to do?
But there might come a day...

Neither one is the correct answer...

When we must make a decision.

Get accustomed to enduring the thought of cruel possibilities.

Reality has the tendency to turn ruthless in a heartbeat.

That's the true intention of this quiz.

Yes...

...When you have to say goodbye.

The day will eventually come...
BEWARE OF DEMON BEASTS!!

TWO HOURS BY FOOT ~~~?

IT'S GOTTEN COMPLETELY DARK.

TWO HOURS PASSED TWO HOURS AGO, DAMMIT.

I SEE IT.

LEOIO, WE'RE GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND.

DO YOU THINK WE'LL EVER MAKE IT TO THE EXAM SITE AT THIS RATE?

ANOTHER WARNING SIGN ABOUT DEMON BEASTS?

IF THEY LIKE YOU, THEY'LL GUIDE YOU TO THE EXAM SITE.

UNDER A LARGE TREE IS A SINGLE HOUSE. THE COUPLE WHO LIVE THERE ARE THE NAVIGATORS.
The location of the Hunter Exam site changes every year, so the Navigator's role is to correctly determine the exact location and guide the Hunter prospects. It is almost impossible to find the Exam site without the assistance of the Navigators.

And because there are numerous traps to lower the number of Hunter prospects and also because the Exam site itself is set up in a hard-to-find location, it is necessary for Hunter prospects to first find a Navigator and have his or her talents acknowledged to find the Exam site.
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koh

ARE WE THE ONLY APPLICANTS HERE?

IT'S QUIET.

WE'RE PI~NALLY HERE.

COMING IN.

HUH!!?
A Demon Beast !!!

[Sketch of characters in intense action]
LEORIO, LOOK AFTER THE INJURED ONE!!

LEAVE IT TO ME!!

WE HAVE TO SAVE HER!

WHICH WAY DID IT GO?

IT ESCAPED INTO THE WOODS!

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za
HE FOUND SUCH A FAINT SHADOW IN AN INSTANT.

IN THE DARKNESS OF THIS DENSE FOREST...

THAT WAY!!

HE'S QUITE SOMETHING...
GIRL!
LET HER GO!!
TAKE HER BACK IF YOU CAN!!

BEASTS CAPABLE OF HUMAN SPEECH ARE CALLED DEMON BEASTS!!

HE TALKED TO THE DEMON BEAST WITHOUT KNOWING?

WOW! IT CAN TALK!!

IF HE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING, THIS SHOULD MAKE THINGS EASIER.

IT CAN TAKE THE FORM OF A HUMAN SO STAY ALERT!!

THIS ONE IS A TRANSFORMING DEMON BEAST CALLED KIRIKO.
Hey you! Stupid Kiriko—!!

Fast!!

FA...
WHEN

HE'S QUITE RECKLESS.

GI... YOU LITTLE...

KURAPICA, THE LADY!!!
WHAT ABOUT MY HUSBAND?...

I'M... OKAY.

ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?

TAKE ME... TO WHERE MY HUSBAND IS.

PLEASE.

HE'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF BY MY FRIEND SO DON'T WORRY.

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

THIS TATTOO IS...

YOU...
There's nothing to worry about.

How's the man doing?

Yeah. Gon went after the demon beast.

Kurapica, are you alright?

He took some painkillers and is sleeping now.

His injuries weren't as bad as they looked.

Is that so?
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS A FAKE?

I HAD ASKED LEORIO TO "LOOK AFTER THE INJURED ONE" TO WHICH HE REPLIED "LEAVE IT TO ME."

I DIDN'T PARTICULARLY THINK THAT YOU WERE A FAKE.

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

BUT HE JUST LEFT THE INJURED MAN AND CAME HERE, SO I STRUCK HIM.

LET ME ASK YOU ONE QUESTION.

NOW...
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU?
YOU WERE ABLE TO LAND A BLOW ON ME.

NOT BAD FOR A KID.

WILL BE EXTREMELY HIGH!!

THE PRICE YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY...

HOWEVER...
WHO ARE YOU?

HEY...
But if you're gonna get in my way, I'll take you on.

The one I'm chasing after is someone else, not you.

Are you a friend of the one before?

DID YOU KNOW WE'RE DIFFERENT?

How...

And I also could tell that your voice is a little thinner and higher.

Huh—! Well obviously your faces are different.

Honey, come out!!

We've got an interesting one here!!

KU KW
NO... NOT AT ALL.

CAN YOU TELL... THE DIFFERENCE OF THEIR FACE AND VOICE?

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE'VE MET A HUMAN WHO COULD TELL US APART...?

Yeah, but which one is that?

The one that got hit by KURAPICA and me is the husband.

This is exciting.

But we're the navigators.

And I'm the son. I'm the daughter...

Well... I'm sure you guys know by now...
The tattoo belongs to the women of the ancient Sumi tribe. It symbolizes the oath to remain celibate for the rest of my life as strictly the wife of God.

Using his impressive knowledge to catch even the subtlest hint, Kurapica-dono deciphered that we were not a couple.

However, the first-aid he administered was faster and more accurate than even a doctor.

Lecrio-dono could not figure out my identity to the end.

He continued to console me and encourage me when I was worrying about the safety of my wife.
Ahaha... I struck him with all my strength.

AND... GON-DONO, WHO POSSESSED SUPERHUMAN ATHLETICISM AND OBSERVATION SKILLS.

WE WILL SAFELY GUIDE YOU TO THE EXAM SITE.

YOU GUYS PASS.

HOWEVER, THEY HAD NOT EVEN REACHED THE STARTING LINE YET.

GON AND COMPANY WERE ABLE TO MOMENTARILY ENJOY A FLIGHT THROUGH THE NIGHT SKY...
MUST BE THAT BUILDING OVER THERE.

LET'S SEE... TSUBASHI-DISTRICT 2-5-10...

KIRIKO IN DISGUISE

WOW

THAT'S THE EXAM SITE?
I wonder if my father felt the way I'm feeling...

This is where all the Hunter prospects gather.

From all over the world:

My first attempt at the Hunter Exam!!

Over here.

Hey! Not that one.
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT'S JUST A NORMAL RESTAURANT.

YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT ALL THE HUNTER PROSPECTS FROM THE ENTIRE WORLD ARE GATHERED HERE?

NAVI-SAN, YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?

NO ONE WOULD EXPECT THE HUNTER EXAM, WHICH EXPECTS MILLIONS OF APPLICANTS, TO BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS WOULD THEY?

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING.

THE STEAK MEAL.

YOUR ORDER?

WELCOME!!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE IT COOKED?
PLEASE, FOLLOW ME TO THE ROOM.

COMING RIGHT UP.

SLOWLY OVER A WEAK FIRE.

Please, follow me to the room.

Coming right up.

Slowly over a weak fire.

Suddenly:

Gadawa...

One out of 10,000.

We'll be more than happy to guide you guys next year too.

Alright, then. Good luck, rookies.

That's the probability of making it to this room.

You guys have done extremely well for beginners.

Kachi!

?
Huh?

One every three years.

He talked as if he knew we wouldn't pass this year.

That was rude.

So they say.

The probability of a rookie passing the exam.

And some become incapacitated from the heckling of the veteran examinees.

Among the beginners, they say some go insane from the cruelty of the exam...

But...
TO BECOME A HUNTER?

WHY DO PEOPLE GO THROUGH SUCH HARDSHIPS . . .

LIGHT . . .

YOU CAME TO TAKE THE EXAM WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHY!

A HUNTER IS THE MOST WELL PAYING RESPECTED JOB IN THE WORLD!!
PROTECTING AND ENFORCING THE ORDER OF HUMANS AND NATURE IS THE TRUE DUTY OF A HUNTER. CAPTURING BEASTS AND SEEKING OUT TREASURES IS FOR AMATEURS!!

A PRO HUNTER PRIORITIZES THE PROTECTION OF PRECIOUS CULTURAL ARTIFACTS AND ENDANGERED SPECIES!!

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR HUNTERS TO CAPTURE WANTED CRIMINALS AND REGULATE NON-LICENSED HUNTERS!!

OBVIOUSLY, TO BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY PERFORM THESE DUTIES, ONE MUST POSSESS A WIDE RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, A HEALTHY PHYSICAL CONDITION, AND STRONG CONVICTIONS!!

IT MAY BE DIFFICULT, BUT I TRULY BELIEVE IT'S SOMETHING WORTH DOING!!

LICENSE CARD ISSUED ONLY TO OFFICIAL HUNTERS!!

IMAGINARY CARD

THIS CARD GUARANTEES FREE PASSAGE WAY THROUGH ANY COUNTRY AND YOU CAN USE THE MAJORITY OF THEIR PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR FREE!

60 OF THE 100 WORLD'S WEALTHIEST PEOPLE ARE HUNTERS!!! THIS CARD SYMBOLIZES STATUS AND WEALTH, AND IF YOU WERE TO SELL IT, YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE WELL OFF FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS!! NOT TO MENTION THE ONLY ONES ALLOWED TO USE THIS CARD ARE PRO HUNTERS!!
I'm not too sure.

What kind of Hunter do you want to become, Gon!?

Gon, what do you think!?

We'll continue this talk later!!

Looks like we've arrived...

wllllll

B100!!!
I can't even compare their quality to the incompetents we met at the harbor and the town.

I can feel the difference in the air already....!!!
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT EVERYONE HERE IS A MASTER OF SOMETHING!!

I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE?

THIS PLACE IS RATHER DARK.

LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF UNDERGROUND PASSAGE WAY.

YOU GUYS WOULD MAKE IT AOS.
I'M TOMPA.

YO.

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

YOU'RE A BUNCH OF NEW FACES, RIGHT?

THANK YOU.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW, FEEL FREE TO ASK ME!

I GUESS YOU COULD CALL ME A VETERAN.

SINCE I WAS 10 YEARS OLD I'VE TAKEN THIS EXAM 35 TIMES.

OF COURSE I KNOW!

I AGREE.

THAT'S NOT REALLY SOMETHING WORTH BRAGGING ABOUT.

35 TIMES?!

ALRIGHT! LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO EVERYONE!

OF COURSE!

THEN DO YOU KNOW EVERYBODY HERE?
HE HAS INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND IS SURPRISINGLY INTELLIGENT AS WELL.

NUMBER 295, TODO THE WRESTLER.

HE IS EXTREMELY TENACIOUS. IT'LL BE A PAIN IF YOU MAKE HIM YOUR ENEMY.

NUMBER 103, BARBON THE SNAKE TAMER.

HE IS UNSURPASSED WHEN IT COMES TO HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT!

NUMBER 76, CHERRY THE MARTIAL ARTIST.

THEY ALWAYS PERFORM WELL WITH THEIR IMPRESSIVE COMBINATION PLAY.

NUMBERS 197 TO 199, THE AMORI BROTHERS.

GYAAAA

HE CAN CAPTURE ANY KIND OF BEAST WITH HIS ARROWS AND CLUB.

NUMBER 364, GERETA THE HUNTER.

THEY'RE HIGHLY SKILLED, BUT BARELY MISS THE CUT.

THESE ARE JUST ABOUT THE ONES WHO COME EVERY YEAR.
M... MY ARMS
M... MY...

Your arms have disappeared.
This is not an illusion or a trick.

Oh my, how strange.

You should be careful.

Always apologize first if you bump into someone.
Number 44, Hisoka the Magician.

He would have passed last year, but he was disqualified for nearly killing an examiner who was getting on his nerves.

And the contents of the exams are decided by the examiners as well.

Of course. The examiners of the Hunter Exam change every year.

And he was still able to come this year and openly take the exam?

Aside from the examiner, he also incapacitated 20 other examinees.

If the examiner of that particular year says “pass”...

Even the devil could pass the Hunter Exam.

It’ll be best to stay away from him if you can.
"Newbie Crusher" Tompa. He's the worst of the bunch.

Look who's talking.

Ku Ku

Okay.

But I'll let you know ahead of time so don't worry. There are plenty others who are dangerous too.

Oh, that's right.

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YOU THREE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO TAKE THE EXAM!!

EVEN ONE SIP WILL HAVE YOUR SHIT RUNNING LIKE A RIVER FOR THREE DAYS!!

KU KU KU THAT JUICE CONTAINS SUPER-STRENGTH LAXATIVES!!

REALY? THAT'S STRANGE

WHAT?!

TOMPA-SAN, THIS JUICE MUST BE OLD!! IT TASTES WEIRD!

AHHH...

AH.

ER...

THIS KID HAS AN AMAZING SENSE OF TASTE!!

IM... IMPOSSIBLE! THAT DRUG BARELY HAS ANY SMELL OR TASTE TO IT...!
THE FIRST HUNTER EXAM COMMENCES 2
IT'S OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!!

I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN THE MOUNTAINS AND I'VE Eaten A LOT OF DIFFERENT PLANTS SO EVEN IF IT TASTES A LITTLE WEIRD, I CAN TELL RIGHT AWAY.

BUT IT'S A GOOD THING I WAS THE FIRST TO DRINK IT.

IN THE END, I COULDN'T FEED THEM THE LAXATIVES EITHER.

WHew... THAT'S A RELIEF.

SHIT... I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A DUMB KID BUT HE'S QUITE A WILD ONE.
Number 994, Hanzo.

They're a bunch with veteran-like experience.

What's with all the newcomers this year?

He'll chat endlessly if you approach him but.

Huh huh. I'll be able to take care of this one easily.

I'm really glad that you came to talk to me. I really hate sitting around and doing nothing.

I want to become a hunter to find the legendary Scroll of the Hidden Ninja.

I have a feeling it's located in a place ordinary people cannot access.

This is just between you and me, but I'm a ninja.

Oh and this one time.

I apologize.

It is the way of the ninja not to accept food from others.

Thirsty? How about we drink something before we continue?

The kind that trusts no one but himself.

Those were the eyes of a pro.
TOMPA-SAN... RIGHT?

HOLD ON A MINUTE.

AND NUMBER 156, NICHOL.

AND THE 30 CONSECUTIVE MAIN EXAM ENTRIES IS FIRST ALL-TIME. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.

AH, THERE YOU ARE. 35 CONSECUTIVE ENTRIES. THIS IS RANKED SECOND ALL-TIME.

"NEWBIE CRUSHER" TOMPA-SAN.

I APOLOGIZE, BUT I'LL HAVE TO PASS ON THAT JUICE.

IT MIGHT MEAN THAT DESPITE YOUR CONSISTENTLY HIGH MARKS IN THE MAIN EXAM, YOU NEVER PASS BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS FOCUSED ON AN "ULTERIOR OBJECTIVE." AM I RIGHT?

I CAN'T EVEN GET THE NERVE TO APPROACH HIM.

AND NUMBER 301.
NUMBER 99 KILLUA.

LITTLE KIDS NEED TO LEARN THAT LIFE CAN BE VERY CRUEL.
YOUR STOMACH SHOULD SLOWLY START TO GIVE YOU SIGNS.

I'M DYING OF THIRST. I MUST BE QUITE NERVOUS.

AH... SURE. HUH?

TOMPA-SAAAN! DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE OF THAT JUICE?
THE ONE HE DOANK SHOULD ALREADY HAVE TAKEN EFFECT.

THAT'S STRANGE.

AH...SO GOOD!!

FORGET ABOUT DIARRHEA, FIVE CANS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO KILL HIM FROM DEHYDRATION!!

Huh?

Worried?

I've been thoroughly trained.

No need to worry about me.

This year's rookies really are quite a bunch.

Poison...? So he has no idea what kind of drug I used.

Poison cannot kill me.

Even more worthwhile.

And that'll make it...

But knew he was going to be okay and drank it?
THIS CONCLUDES THE REGISTRATION.

NOW...
AND WE WILL COMMENCE THE HUNTER EXAM.

PLEASE, THIS WAY.
THE HUNTER EXAM IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, SO WHETHER IT IS BECAUSE OF UNFORTUNATE LUCK OR A LACK OF SKILLS, YOU CAN GET HURT OR EVEN DIE.

I WILL CONFIRM ONE MORE TIME.

—PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

BUT IF THIS DOES NOT MATTER TO YOU...

AND THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS INSTANCES WHERE EXAMINEES HAVE BEEN INCAPACITATED BY OTHER EXAMINEES.
I was kinda hoping for a few.

As expected, not even a single one's chickening out.

All 404 applicants will participate in the first Hunter Exam.

Understood.

That's weird?

Hey hey zat zat.

Guun guun guun guun.
HUNTER X HUNTER

Is it just me or is everyone starting to pick up their pace?

Hey, what the heck?

The people up front are even running!!

The pace has quickened all of a sudden!

I will now escort you to the second exam site.

I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Satotsu, and I’m the examiner of the first exam.
IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

THE SECOND EXAM...? THEN WHAT ABOUT THE FIRST?

THAT IS THE FIRST EXAM.

TO FOLLOW ME TO THE SECOND EXAM SITE...

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW ME.

I CANNOT DISCLOSE THE DESTINATION, NOR THE DURATION.
I'll follow you wherever you go.

Alright then.

Is this a test of endurance?

What a strange exam.

I see...

It'll be a considerable psychological burden not knowing how far we have to go.

So it's also a test of our mental strength.

Because this is a test of your endurance.

Whaddya mean how come...

How come?

That's cheating! Hey!!

Hey, kid! That's not fair!

You really should just shut up.

Don't waste your stamina like that.

Gon!! Who's side are you on??

But you're wrong. The examiner just said to follow him.
HMM.
I JUST TURNED 12!
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
YOU.
HE'S THE SAME AGE AS ME.

I'M KILLUA.
THAT WAS COOL!

FINE. I'LL RUN TOO.

I'M GON!

I MAY LOOK LIKE THIS BUT I'M STILL IN MY TEENS, JUST LIKE YOU GUYS!!

*Note: "Ossan" refers to a middle-aged man
WHAAAAA! GON, YOU TOO...!? THAT'S SO CRUEL! I'M NOT FRIENDS WITH YOU ANYMORE!!

LET'S GET AWAY FROM THEM.

NO WAY!!

Some of the ones who are lagging behind will probably be eliminated...

Almost three hours.

We've probably come about 40 km.

Just how much longer will we have to run!??
WE'VE BEEN RUNNING FOR FOUR OR FIVE HOURS ALREADY!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS—!!

ARE YOU OKAY?

WHY HASN'T A SINGLE PERSON DROPPED OUT YET?!!

NO... THE APPLICANTS WHO MADE IT TO THE MAIN EXAM...!!

I UNDERESTIMATED THE HUNTER EXAM.

I UNDERESTIMATED THEM.

THESE POTENTIAL HUNTERS ARE ALL SPECIALISTS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT!!
HUNTER X HUNTER

IS THIS TRULY... AN OCCUPATION FOR THE CHOSEN ONES...?

ONE IN THREE YEARS, THE PROBABILITY OF A ROOKIE PASSING THIS EXAM.

10000 TO ONE. THE PROBABILITY OF MAKING IT THIS FAR.

CAN A NORMAL PERSON LIKE ME NOT EVEN DARE DREAM ABOUT IT...

SHIT...

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GOD DAMMIT!!

NOTHING WILL STOP ME FROM BECOMING A HUNTER ~!!!!
GUI.

IF YOU LET ME BORROW YOUR SKATEBOARD.

LET ME TRY THAT LATER.

COOL.

NUMBER ELIMINATED, ZERO.

PASSING THE 60 KM POINT.
No.007 ♦ TO EACH HIS OWN REASON

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...!!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...!!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...!!

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYONE SUPERIOR TO ME.

ME, ELIMINATED...!? THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE!!

NO!! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE!! ME, A FAILURE!!

NEITHER IN ACADEMICS!! NOR SPORTS!! I WAS ALWAYS THE BEST!! ALL HUMANS ASIDE FROM MYSELF ARE SINGLE-SERVING TRASH FOR ME TO USE AND DISCARD!!
I've never seen anyone tire so fast.

We've only been running for six hours now.

Hey, rookie!!

Ku ku ku

Pathetic fool.

You're quite pathetic.

The first to drop out of the Hunter Exam is you.

You're just all talk.

Don't ever come back, you filthy trash!!

You're absolutely worthless, stupid idiot!!
No.007 • TO EACH HIS OWN REASON

THE FIRST HUNTER EXAM 80 KM POINT.

NUMBER ELIMINATED: ONE
IT ALWAYS BREAKS MY HEART WHEN I TELL A LIE THAT HURTS SOMEONE.

HE WASN'T BAD FOR A NEWCOMER EITHER.

I DOUBT HE'LL EVER APPLY AGAIN.

NO PROBLEM.

THANKS GUYS. GOOD JOB.

HUH.

THAT'S WHAT I LIVE FOR.

TOMPA! YOU REALLY HAVE A KNACK FOR FINDING PEOPLE'S WEAKNESSES.

WE SHOULDN'T TAKE THEM LIGHTLY.

JUST ONE SO FAR...? THE OVERALL LEVEL OF THIS YEAR IS PRETTY HIGH.

LOOK.

MY GOD.

DO DO DO DO

HEY.
I'm going to pick up the pace a bit.

Now...
He looks like he's taking regular small steps but he's covering two stairs at a time!!

What the hell is this freak?

A lot of them will probably give up here.
LEORIO, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?

I REALIZED I CAN KEEP GOING AS LONG AS I DON'T TRY TO KEEP UP MY APPEARANCES!!

I'M GONNA KEEP GOING EVEN IF IT MEANS I HAVE TO GO BUTT-NAKED.

MAYBE I SHOULD LEARN FROM HIM A LITTLE.

KURAPICA!! IF YOU'RE GONNA PRETEND NOT TO KNOW ME, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!!
HEH. I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MY STAMINA BY TALKING.

LEORIO, CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING?

ARE YOU REALLY TRYING TO BECOME A HUNTER ONLY FOR THE MONEY?

ALTHOUGH WE'VE ONLY KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A FEW DAYS, I CAN TELL AT LEAST THAT MUCH.

NO. RIGHT?

I'VE SEEN MANY GREEDY PEOPLE BEFORE, BUT YOU DON'T REALLY FIT THE MOLD.

BUT YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE THE MATERIALISTIC TYPE.

YOUR ATTITUDE CAN DEFINITELY BE IMPROVED UPON AND YOU'RE NOT TOO BRIGHT.

YOU SURE LIKE TO ARGUE WITH LOGIC.

GEEZ.

? DAI DAI DAI DAI DAI!

SCARLET EYES.
IT'S THE REASON WHY THE KURUTA TRIBE WAS Targeted.

IF OUR EMOTIONS BECOME INTENSE OR EXCITED, OUR PUPILS TURN INTO A REDDISH COLOR THAT LOOKS AS IF IT'S ON FIRE.

THE SCARLET EYES REFER TO A UNIQUE TRAIT THAT ONLY THE KURUTA TRIBE MEMBERS POSSESS.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S WHY THE GENEI RYODAN MASSACRED YOUR TRIBE?

IF WE DIE IN THAT STATE, THE SCARLET COLOR REMAINS IN THE PUPIL.

EVEN NOW, THE VAST MORTIFIED DARKNESS OF THEIR EMPTY SOCKETS SPEAK TO ME, "AVENGE US."

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE BODIES THAT WERE ATTACKED BY THEM WERE MISSING THEIR EYES.

THE SCARLET TONE OF THE EYE IS ONE OF THE SEVEN MOST BEAUTIFUL COLORS OF THE WORLD.
AND I WILL RECLAIM THE EYES OF MY PEOPLE!!

I WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO CAPTURE THE GENGEI RYODAN!!

I CAN IF I'M A HUNTER.

IF I BECOME A MONEY-CHASING CONTRACT HUNTER, I'LL BE ABLE TO GATHER ALL KINDS OF INFORMATION.

AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO THE ONES WHO BOUGHT THEM SINCE THEY'RE PROBABLY EITHER PEOPLE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY POWER OR WEALTH.

THEY'VE PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN SOLD ON THE BLACK MARKET.

IS MEANINGLESS IN COMPARISON TO THE PAIN OF MY PEOPLE.

MY PRIDE:

AREN'T THEY THE KIND OF HUNTERS WHO CHASE AFTER PETTY RICHES LIKE A DOG?

CONTRACT...? THOSE KIND OF HUNTERS ARE THE KIND OF PRIDELESS HUNTERS YOU HATE THE MOST.

MY GOAL IS SIMPLY MONEY.

I DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF NOBLE REASON TO COMPARE TO YOURS.

? TOO BAD.
MATERIAL OBJECTS, DREAMS, EVEN LOVE.

SURE I CAN!!

YOU CAN'T HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN BUY EVERYTHING WITH MONEY?!

DON'T LIE!!

EVERYTHING HAS A PRICE!!

EVEN PEOPLE'S LIVES CAN BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY!!

IF I HAD MONEY, MY FRIEND WOULDN'T HAVE DIED!!

WHY? IT'S TRUE!

I CANNOT FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT COMMENT, LEORIO!! TAKE IT BACK!!

IF I HAD MONEY, MY FRIEND WOULDN'T HAVE DIED!!

I'M A SIMPLE GUY, SO I FIRST THOUGHT I COULD JUST BECOME A DOCTOR.

IT WAS MY DREAM TO TREAT THE CHILDREN WHO DIDN'T HAVE MONEY, LIKE MY FRIEND, AND TELL THEIR PARENTS "I DON'T NEED ANY MONEY."

IT WASN'T AN UNTREATABLE DISEASE!!

THE PROBLEM WAS THE HUGE COST FOR SURGERY!!
I NEED MONEY!!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW? MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!

IF I WANT TO BECOME THAT KIND OF A DOCTOR, I NEED A FORTUNE TO PAY MY WAY!!

WHAT A JOKE!!

THE MIDPOINT OF THE STEPS LEADING TO THE GROUND FLOOR.

37 ELIMINATED.
It's actually more tires if you go slow like this.

Yeah, since he's slowed down the pace a bit.

I didn't realize we're at the head of the pack.

It's gonna be pretty boring.

If the Hunter Exam is this easy...

I just heard it was extremely difficult so I thought it would be fun to try it out.

Me? It's not that I particularly want to become a Hunter.

But it's been disappointing so far.

Killua, why do you want to become a Hunter?
AND WHAT KIND OF HUNTER IS THAT?

MY FATHER'S A HUNTER.

I HAVE NO IDEA!

MY GOAL IS TO BECOME THE KIND OF HUNTER MY FATHER IS.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, GON?

BUT I MET A GUY NAMED KAITO A FEW YEARS AGO AND HE TOLD ME ALL KINDS OF STORIES ABOUT HIM.

I'VE LIVED WITH MY AUNT EVER SINCE I WAS BORN, SO I'VE ONLY SEEN MY FATHER THROUGH PHOTOS.

IT IS?

AHAHA

THAT'S REALLY WEIRD!!

GING-SAN SAID HE DIDN'T WANNA BE BOTHERED SO HE DIDN'T APPLY, BUT HE IS EASILY COMPARABLE TO A TRIPLE HUNTER.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE RURUKA CIVILIZATION RUINS,
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BREEDING OF THE TWO-HEADED WOLF,
THE EXCAVATION OF THE CONGO GOLD MINES,
THE ANNihilation OF THE KOOT BANDITS...

YOUR FATHER'S HUNTS HAD NO EQUAL.
SO I THOUGHT TO MYSELF AFTER LISTENING TO HIM...

BUT WHEN KAITO WAS TELLING ME THESE THINGS, HE WAS FILLED WITH SUCH PRIDE AS IF HE WERE TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF AND NOT SOMEBODY ELSE.

HMM... I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

IS THAT REALLY THAT AMAZING?

THAT I WANTED TO BECOME A HUNTER LIKE MY FATHER.

DO LOOK!! DO DO! DO!! DO!!

IT'S THE EXIT!!
WE'RE FINALLY FREE FROM THE DARK CONFINES OF THE UNDERGROUND.

WHHEW.

...OKAY!!

LEORIO, JUST A LITTLE MORE!

!?

...HAA HA HA!!

THIS PLACE IS...

WHAA...
To reach the second exam site, you have no choice but to go through here.

The Numere marsh, otherwise known as "The Swindler's Nest."

Being fooled is as good as being dead.

Please take all precautions and stay alert at all times.

The majority of these species are cunning and greedy, and feed on humans.

This marsh is home to rare species that can't be seen anywhere else.
THE NUMERE MARSH, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE SWINDLER'S NEST."

PLEASE TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS AND STAY ALERT AT ALL TIMES.

THE MAJORITY OF THESE SPECIES ARE CUNNING AND GREEDY, AND FEED ON HUMANS.

THIS MARSH IS HOME TO RARE SPECIES THAT CAN'T BE SEEN ANYWHERE ELSE.
TO REACH THE SECOND EXAM SITE, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO THROUGH HERE.

BEING FOOLED IS AS GOOD AS BEING DEAD.
Another Enemy
THE ECOSYSTEM OF THE SPECIES WHO TRICK AND EAT THEIR TARGET... IS THE VERY REASON WHY THIS PLACE IS CALLED THE SWINDLER'S NEST.

THE SPECIES THAT LIVE IN THIS MARSH STOP AT NOTHING TO OBTAIN AND EAT THEIR PREY.
AND PLEASE FOLLOW ME CLOSELY.

STAY ALERT AND DO NOT GET TRICKED...

WHY WOULD WE BE TRICKED IF WE KNEW WE WERE GOING TO BE TRICKED?

THAT'S A WEIRD THING TO SAY.

HE'S LYING TO YOU!!

IT'S A LIE!!

!?
I'M THE REAL EXAMNER!!

HE'S A FAKE!! HE'S NOT THE EXAMNER!!

LOOK AT THIS!!
THEN WHO IS HE....!!

A FAKE!! WHAT'S GOING ON!!?
A HUMAN-FACED MONKEY THAT LIVES IN THE NUMERE MARSH!!

SO THEY DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS HUMANS AND DISCREETLY LURE THEIR PREY TO ENTER THE MARSH AND BAND TOGETHER WITH OTHER SPECIES TO EAT THEM!!

HUMAN-FACED MONKEYS LIKE FRESH HUMAN MEAT, BUT THEIR ARMS AND LEGS ARE EXTREMELY WEAK BECAUSE THEY'RE THIN AND LANKY.

THAT ONE'S TRYING TO LURE ALL THE EXAMINEES AND DECIMATE THEM ALL AT ONCE!!
That monkey was playing dead...!? 

This proves it.
It wouldn't make sense for a person who holds the very occupation we're all aiming for to not be able to fend off an attack like this.

However.

I'll take that as a compliment.

From now on, any attack on me whatsoever will be considered an act of rebellion towards the examiner and I will disqualify you immediately.

That's the result of failure.
Even if it's the law of nature...

This is too much.

In this place, this kind of life and death trickery occurs every single day.

His plan was to accuse me of being a fake and leading a few confused examinees astray.

To the second exam site?

Now, shall we continue...

Some of you were starting to doubt me, weren't you?
311 EXAMINEES ENTER THE NUMERE MARSH

THE GROUND IS TOO MUSHY.

DAMN! WE'RE RUNNING AGAIN?!
WE SHOULDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE EXAMINER, RIGHT?

Yeah.

JON, LET'S MOVE CLOSER TO THE FRONT.

No, I think it'll be a good idea to get as far away from hisoka as possible.

He looks like he's just itching to kill.

He'll probably kill a bunch of them in this fog.
I CAN TELL BY THE SMELL.

IT'S BECAUSE HE'S JUST LIKE ME.

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO ASK ME HOW I KNOW.

YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M HIDING MY TRUE SELF RIGHT NOW.

YOU...? JUST LIKE HIM?

YOU SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE IT.

HMM.

IF WE COULDN'T WE WOULD'VE DONE SO A LONG TIME AGO!

YOU IDIOT!

KILLUA SAYS THAT IT'LL BE BETTER TO MOVE UP FRONT—!!

LEORIO—!! KURAPICA—!!

THE FOG IS GETTING THICKER.

ZAT!

C'MON! TRY TO GET OUT OF THERE—

HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY SENSE OF TENSION AT ALL—
POPO!

!?!

PORO...!?

THAT'S ALL WE CAN RELY ON NOW.

WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE SHADE IN FRONT OF US.

POPO!

PUK!

A STRAWBERRY!?!
They were probably tricked, I guess.

Why are screams coming from over there?

 weren't there more than a 100 of 'em?

Really?

All the guys behind us have vanished.

Kirihi-tonosegame
(Fog Turtle)

Active only on days with dense fog, these turtles use the human-head shaped strawberries on their backs to lure humans who have lost their way and eat them.
**Machibokke (Slow Ambusher)**

Because his movements are extremely slow, it burrows itself into the ground to hide, waiting to eat the prey who run over its large open mouth.

**Horabarasu (I Told You Go Crow)**

They lure humans into traps by lying, and eat the dead bodies.

**Saiminchou (Hypnotic Butterfly)**

They fly in strange patterns to put their prey to sleep, and then eat them alive.

**Jr. Ace (Jive Mushroom)**

They explode and paralyze any prey that steps on it, and quickly spray its venom on the prey.
ALL MY WEAPONS ARE IN MY CASE!!

DAMMIT, I WAS CARELESS!!

THE GROUP BEHIND US MUST HAVE BEEN LED ASTRAY TO A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

ALL OF A SUDDEN, THIS PLACE HAS FALLEN INTO A STATE OF PANIC.

SHIT!

GON.

COULD KURADICA AND LEORIO BE AMONG THEM?

Sylaaa... run away. run away.

Sylaaa.

BASTY?

GON!!

OKAY...

PAY ATTENTION.

WHAT?

HUUH?

GON!!

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS.

JUST HOPE THAT YOU DON'T HEAR YOUR FRIENDS AMONG THE SCREAMS.

LOOK, EVEN THE PEOPLE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US ARE HIDDEN BY THE FOG.

IF WE GET SEPARATED, WE'RE OUT.
YOU BASTARD!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!!?

GON!! DAT

LEORIO!!

PLAYING EXAMINER

KUKU

SHUA

HUNTER X HUNTER
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