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In a flash, a red armor enveloped Liam's body. Earth energy gathered around him, creating a protective shield.

Liam had already gotten his hands on the Zephyr Ape's beast crystal.

As soon as his fingers touched the beast crystal, he activated his life-draining ability.

The energy, drawn from the powerful Universe Crystal Dew, started flowing into him.

The Zephyr Ape, on the verge of a breakthrough, felt this happening. Its voice thundered in Liam's ears. "Get out of here! I can let our grudge go if you just leave! But if you stay, you're signing your own death warrant!"

The Zephyr Ape was desperate to complete his breakthrough and didn't want Liam to ruin it.

But its words were nothing but a lie. In truth, it was already plotting how he would make Liam suffer once its breakthrough was complete.

Liam wasn't buying any of its words.

He knew that if the Zephyr Ape succeeded in his breakthrough, he would be at its mercy.

That would be game over for him.

Liam scoffed, "You think you can trick me with that nonsense? Not a chance!"

Then, he closed his eyes, letting the raw energy from the beast crystal surge through him.

Using his life-draining ability, Liam voraciously soaked up the power from the beast crystal, causing his strength to surge.

This energy was unlike anything Liam had absorbed before; it had the raw intensity to significantly boost his power!

Thanks to this, Liam hit three-star level-six now!

He couldn't believe his luck; it was unexpected.

He pushed even harder to draw more from the beast crystal.

The Zephyr Ape realized that Liam wasn't planning to back down, and this pushed it to the brink of rage.

The Zephyr Ape struggled to contain its violent urges, knowing that an outburst could ruin its breakthrough if it attacked Liam.

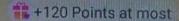
It issued one last warning, its voice a deep rumble. "Human, you have three seconds to leave! If you don't, I don't care if it costs me my chance to reach level seven; I will fight you with everything I've got!"

The Zephyr Ape's tone was laced with menace. It had already decided Liam was a dead man walking.

But Liam ignored the threat and kept absorbing more energy from the beast crystal like his life depended on it.

Thanks to his rapid energy absorption, Liam now had the power of a level-six four-star warrior!

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At the same time, the Zephyr Ape noticed that the energy in its beast crystal was running low. There wasn't enough left for it to level up to seven.

Fuming with rage, the Zephyr Ape yanked the beast crystal back and shot Liam a deadly glare.

Then, it unleashed its Origin Technique, causing its already massive body to swell even larger.

A burst of purple light exploded, engulfing Liam completely.

The Zephyr Ape bellowed, "Human, you are playing with fire! I'll make sure you suffer for this!"