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MAYBE THOSE TWO.

AMUSING.

HE’S GOING TO TAKE LEORIO AND KURAPIKA AS TARGETS....!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!!
AN EXPLOSIVE SITUATION
IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET HIS TAG NUMBER!

WHAT CAN I DO?! I'LL KEEP ON FOLLOWING HISOKA AND FOCUS ON HIS TAG NUMBER!

NO! I CAN'T!

IF THINGS GO BAD, I'LL CHANGE MY PLANS!!
HELLO.

HISOKA!!

HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE ME YOURS?

I NEED TWO POINTS, THIS TWO TAGS.
LEORIO.

ARE YOU KIDDING?
I...

EXCUSE ME?

MEANING WE AREN'T YOUR TARGETS TO BEGIN WITH, RIGHT?

YOU DID SAY TWO POINTS, DIDN'T YOU?

I'M THE ONE ASKING THE QUESTIONS HERE.

THERE'S A CONDITION.

SO DO YOU ACCEPT? OR... DO YOU REFUSE?
Only two of these tags could be the one you are looking for.

Finally, the fourth and last one is Leorio's.

The first is mine, the second is my target's.

We're in the possession of 4 tags.

And the one which will only give us one point.

My tag...

The third, a tag that will only give us one point.

Since each target only has one assigned hunter...

Who was my target.

He was Tompa's target, #16.

Leorio is #403.
FOR THE ONE POINT TAG...

THE PROBLEMS ARE THE OTHER TWO TAGS.

YOU ARE RIGHT BY SAYING THOSE TWO TAGS AIN'T MY TARGET.

BUT DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET MINE.

IF IT CONTENTS YOU, I'LL HAND IT OVER TO YOU.

BUT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT ME FOR IT.

NOR THE OTHER TWO.

IF YOU WANT TO GET THEM BY FORCE...
IT'S NOT MY TARGET.

IT ISN'T THE ONE I'M AFTER EITHER.

BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?

I ACCEPT.

404.

IT COULD BE THE TAG I'M LOOKING FOR. THE REMAINING TAG WILL BE ENOUGH.

END OF NEGOTIATIONS.

I'LL LEAVE IT HERE.
I won’t move from this spot until you’re far away.

None the less...

They made great progress.

We're... in only a few days.

They still have a long road ahead.
CAN LOOK APPETIZING.

IT'S HORRIBLE HOW GREEN FRUIT...

TOO BAD.

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ISN'T THIS ONE EITHER.

ONE POINT LEFT...
Let's see, what if he meets someone, I won't have a second chance.

But that cuts my chances in half.

His adversary doesn't engage in combat?

Let's see, what if the next time he meets someone...

Stupid idiot! Why didn't I think of that?

No, if he hands him his tag...
AH!
THAT URGE TO KILL...

BETTER NOT TO GET CLOSE.

TAP TAP

HAA!!!
THOSE TWO CONSIDERABLY WORKED UP MY APPETITE.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

I MUST FIND SOMETHING TO CALM ME DOWN.
HIS USUAL EXPRESSION COMPLETELY CHANGED. HE'S UNRECOGNIZABLE.

HIS NEGATIVE ENERGY DIMINISHED, BUT...

THE NEXT ONE TO CROSS HIS PATH...

EVEN IF HE GIVES UP, HE WON'T ESCAPE HIS WRATH!!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND THE BEST POSSIBLE SPOT TO GET HIS TAG NUMBER...

I MUST GO UP FRONT AND FIND HIS ADVERSARY BEFORE HE DOES!!

YES.
Once he sees him, Hisoka will attack him.

If he keeps on heading in that direction, Hisoka should find him in a few seconds.

There he is!!!

I need to hide so I can strike at the precise moment when he'll attack....!

No time to waste.
N°28 - A HUGE DEBT

Hi... Hi...

HISOKA!!! It's... Not!?
A HUGE DEBT

THERE HE IS!!!
ARGH...

HE WANTS TO TAKE HIM HEAD ON.

I'M HERE!!!
I TOOK HIS TAG...

THAT'S IT...

FROM HISOKA!!!
AAAHH
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS?

ABOUT 7000 TIMES.

IT'S ALSO THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU TRAINED THAT MOVE WITH YOUR POLE.

IT'S THE NUMBER OF TIMES I COULD HAVE GOT YOU.

BUT YOUR CONCENTRATION AND TECHNIQUE ARE REMARKABLE.

YOU WEREN'T CAREFUL ENOUGH WHILE TRAINING.

NEXT TIME YOU'LL BE MORE CAREFUL AND WATCH YOUR BACK.

PARTICULARLY DURING YOUR LAST TRY.
YOU SURPRISED ME.

YOU ERASED ANY TRACE OF YOUR PRESENCE AND WAITED FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO STRIKE.

YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME TO ATTACK SOMEONE?
YOUR TIMING WAS PERFECT, TO THE ENERGY I HAD DEVELOPED.

YOU BLENDED YOUR OWN.

THAT TECHNIQUE YOU USED TO DISSAPPEAR, IS IT YOUR OWN?

IT'S IMPRESSIVE! A TRUE WILD ANIMAL.

T4

NICE WORK.

THERE ARE ONLY FOUR DAYS LEFT, BUT I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE AGAIN IN NO TIME.

HE TOLD ME THE POISON ON THE PROJECTILE ATTACKS THE MUSCLES.

YOU DIDN'T COME TO GIVE IT BACK, DID YOU?

THE TAG. WAIT...

NO, I CAME TO CONGRATULATE YOU.

YOU NEED ABOUT TEN DAYS TO RECOVER.
MEANING I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.

HE WAS MY TARGET...

YOU'LL RETURN IT WHEN YOU CAN.

I'LL LEND IT TO YOU.

DON'T SAY THAT.

I DON'T WANT IT EITHER.

WELL, SEE YOU LATER.
I'M RETURNING IT RIGHT NOW...!

I DON'T WANT ANY DEBT...

I'LL LET YOU LIVE.

I REFUSE.
AS LONG AS YOU WON'T BE WORTHY TO BE MY ADVERSARY...

I'LL DO EVERYTHING TO KEEP YOU ALIVE.
I'll let you repay your debt once you're able to hit me at least once in the face.

No sooner.
AND KILLUA?
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME.

HE HE HE

I'LL NEVER SHOW YOU ANY WEAKENING.

YOU CAN FOLLOW ME AS MUCH AS YOU WANT...
EVEN IF MY OPPONENT IS A KID, I WON'T SHOW HIM ANY MERCY.

I'M A PRUDENT GUY...

KEEP ON EXHAUSTING YOURSELF PSYCHOLOGICALLY...

KEEP ON BEING AFRAID...

I'LL START ACTING!!!

WHEN HE BECOMES TIRED AND FALLS ASLEEP...

LET'S SPEAK OPENLY: IN FACT, HE'S SCARED TO DEATH!

I'M A PRUDENT GUY...

BRRR
I’m warning you: if you don’t come to me, I’ll come to you.

Even if I take your tag, I’ll only get one point...

No, really, that’s enough!

But I’m a prudent guy... run away?

Dom Dom Dom Dom

Anyways, I can’t lose! He’s only a kid!

What should I do?

They left to hunt their own prey, I have to take his tag before they come back...

Aaaah...

But if I ever do that, I’ll be the mockery of my brothers!! What can I do?
SORRY, IMORI, WE MADE YOU WAIT.

TAP

TAP

IMORI !!!

I'M SURE YOU'RE ALREADY DONE!

IT TOOK ME SO LONG...
NO! THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!!

YOU'RE SCARED WITHOUT US? YOU CAN'T FIGHT HIM, CAN YOU?

IMBECILE!

OKAY! OKAY!

YOU'RE MOCKING US...

SO I THOUGHT I WOULD ONLY STEAL HIS TAG WHILE HE'S SLEEPING.

THE POOR KID, NEVERTHELESS, I CAN'T HIT HIM!

I'M GONNA DO IT.

BECAUSE YOU REACT THIS WAY, I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE...
If you give it calmly, then nothing bad will happen.

Come on, kid, gimme your sheet.

Idiot!
I WARNED YOU.

HE MUST HAVE REALLY FELT THAT.

I DIDN'T MISS HIM!
TAP?

HOP!

AND...

AH...

EHH

You're just too nice...

You didn't go all out!

Nº198?

55
THAT'S NOT THE SHEET I WAS LOOKING FOR, BUT IT'S REALLY CLOSE...

IS ONE OF YOU TWO...

PERHAPS NUMBER 199...
THIS TIME, IT'S SERIOUS.

LET'S GET IN POSITION!

HE'S NOT A MERE KID.
ABOVE US!
MY FINGERNAILS ARE SHARPER THAN THE BLADE OF A KNIFE.

DON'T MOVE.

Zip...

Him, he's #197...

LET ME CONFESSION SOMETHING: IN SUCH A SITUATION, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTUITION.
WOULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR TAG THEN?

YOU'RE #199, AREN'T YOU?

I AM...

199

FUR

SINCE I DON'T NEED THIS ONE...

THANK YOU

CATCH UP
AND THIS ONE... MAYBE... THIS WAY!!

SEE YA!

YOU HAVE 5 DAYS LEFT TO FIND THEM, GOOD LUCK...

DAMN!
However, I'd never have thought the kid would do all the work for me.

Since the 197 never moves without the 199...

At last, thanks to him, I got what I wanted. The number...

I did well waiting to see how the situation would run.
6TH DAY IS ENDING...

ONLY ONE DAY LEFT.
YES...

AND WE HAVEN'T MET ANYONE ELSE.

THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR MEETING WITH HISOKA...

WHAT IF WE RETURN TO THE STARTING POINT?

OPPOSITELY, EVEN IF YOU REACHED 6 POINTS...

ONE OF THE PARTICULARITIES OF THE 4TH ROUND IS THAT IF YOU HAVE YOUR TAG STOLEN...

MAYBE THE FIRST QUALIFIED ARE ALREADY THERE.

YOU HAVE TO KEEP THEM UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT.

YOU STILL HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOVERING IT.

IT WOULD BE SURPRISING.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

IN THIS ROUND, NO PARTICIPANT FINISHES BEFORE THE OTHERS.
I'M IN THAT CASE.

THE ONES THAT HAVE ALREADY GATHERED 6 POINTS...

HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO GO AND SEE.

WELL.

SHOULD BE APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE TO SEE HOW THE SITUATION HAS EVOLVED.

ONLY ONE DAY LEFT.

SO LET'S GO.

IT WAS FORESEEABLE THAT THEY WOULDN'T STAND IN OBVIOUS PLACES.

DAMN!

SO? DO YOU SEE ANYBODY?

NOPE.
EVEN MORE AT THREE, NE?

AT TWO, EACH ONE LOOKING FROM HIS SIDE, WE'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK...

LET'S ARRANGE A DATE AND PLACE TO MEET UP LATER...

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! IT WORKS FOR HIM SINCE HE HAS SIGHT BEYOND NORMAL SIGHT.

THAT'S RIGHT... WE SHOULD HAVE LOOKED FROM ABOVE!

FROM ABOVE, I SAW SEVERAL PEOPLE COMING HERE LIKE YOU...

EVERYONE IS THINKING ABOUT THE SAME THING...

GON, HAVE YOU FOUND TAGS?

GON, WE'RE LOOKING FOR #246, "PONZU," A GIRL.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SO I'M THE LAST LEFT?

YES, I'M OK...

AMONG THE PEOPLE YOU SAW FROM ABOVE, WERE THERE ANY GIRLS?
4: SHE'S NOT ONLY HEALTHY AND HAS HER TAG ANYMORE.

1: SHE'S HEALTHY AND STILL HAS HER TAG.

2: SHE'S NOT ONLY Had A PROBLEM, BUT HER TAG'S BEEN STOLEN AS WELL.

3: SHE'S HAD A PROBLEM BUT STILL HAS HER TAG.

Yes, if she was brought to a standstill by a sudden accident, or she was attacked but managed to hide her tag.

For the 3rd, do you think it's possible that she could still have her tag even if she's not healthy anymore?

It's making me give up hope...

Then it would be impossible to recover it.

If by misfortune she hid her tag before dying...

For example, Leorio uses a particular cologne. What could it be for her?

You don't know anything else about this 'ponzu'?
Maybe, but how can you tell if she uses any perfume?

That's true, Gon is able to follow someone using smell!

The ones she uses probably have a strong scent.

She uses pharmaceutical products to defend herself?

A smell of medicine.

Yep! I can try.

What about that, Gon?

That's why I came here.
SHE'S close to US!

THIS WAY!!
I'M GOING FOR SURE...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THERE?

BOTH OF YOU, WAIT FOR ME HERE.

I'M GOING FOR SURE...
I DON'T SEE ANY TRAP...
If after 30 min, we don't have any news from you...

We'll enter.

30 MINUTES

Don't enter as long as I haven't told you it's OK.

I'm gonna have a look inside.

Impossible

Just go to the finish without me!!

No way!!

It's impossible for me to leave you here.

I made an alliance with you.

Ditto!

That's enough!

No!

I know it's egotistical, but I'm gonna act alone now. Thanks for the help til now.

In that case, just consider our team to have ended here!

Just go to the finish now!
NOW, YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD, DO YOU?

WE'RE GONNA STAY HERE 'CAUSE WE WANT TO.

DO AS YOU WISH.

TAKING CARE OF THIS.
KURAPIKA!!
GON!! DON'T EVER COME HERE!!

SNAKES ...

!!
IF THOSE SNAKES ARE VENOMOUS . . .

HIS BODY IS COVERED IN BITES . . .

WHY... HAVE... YOU...

ID... IOTS...

BUT LECROIO'S BITES ARE TOO NUMEROUS!

THOSE ARE EARTH SNAKES! I THINK THEIR VENOM IS NOT SO STRONG!

LET'S BEGIN INHALING THE VENOM!!!
YOU WOHN'T BE ABLE TO GO OUT.
I WOULDN'T TRY, IF I WERE YOU.
WE HAVE TO BRING HIM TO A DOCTOR!!!

AND TRY TO LEAVE ARE ATTACKED BY THE SNAKES.

THE ONES WHO ENTER HERE...

IT'S BARBON'S TRAP. MASTER OF THE SNAKES.
IF YOU GET BITTEN, IT'S OVER...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ANY MORE, LIKE HIM, AND YOU'LL DIE AFTER A FEW HOURS.

USELESS.

BUT LET US EXIT FROM HERE RIGHT NOW!

IF THAT'S IT, WE'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE ONES WE'VE GOT!!!

IT'S THE NUMBER TAG YOU WANT, ISN'T IT?

...ALREADY DEAD.

BECAUSE, YOU SEE, HE'S...
HE'S DEAD?
AS FOR KNOWING HOW, IT'S A FAMILY SECRET.
IT WAS ME WHO KILLED HIM.
WHY?!

THE ONE WHO LAY THIS TRAP IS DEAD?

YES.
GON, TAKE CARE OF LEORIO.

SS

!!
1: TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE CAVE.
2: TOUCHING BARBON'S BODY.

IF YOU TOUCH HIM, ALL THE SNAKES WILL ATTACK YOU AT THE SAME TIME. IT'S USELESS TO TRY TO SCOUR HIM.

IN BOTH CASES, SNAKES ATTACK.
Fighting evil with evil...

Regarding the wounds on Barbon's body, I can deduce that the weapon you used are the murderess bees whose stings cause numbness.

He surely died due to an anaphylactic shock.

If we are stung several times successively during a short interval, we can have an allergic reaction. That's what's called an anaphylactic shock.

The human body contains an antibody that reacts to bee's stings.

My target was him.

Bravo. That's it exactly.
After I sprayed soporific gas at the entrance.

He was deeply sleeping...

Then I had only to enter.

The gas I threw out didn't have a bit of effect on the snakes, which hid in the fissures of the rock.

When I approached him to take his sheet, many snakes came out.

But he had already prepared his trap.
They didn't attack me 'cause I moved back a little before touching his body.

If I start shouting, or if fall due to a shock...

They attack people around me.
I couldn't do anything.

How could I know if he had been or not in the past?

I never thought he would die.

THE EXAMINERS ALWAYS KNOW WHERE WE ARE.

I couldn't do anything.

The problem is that, even after his death, his trap still works.

Because of his trap, it was impossible to go to help him.

We're at a dead end.

It's not conceivable to renounce taking his tag and simply leaving.

Impossible to get something from him, or to try to get rid of his trap.

Did you know the tags contain a small transmitter?

The examiners always know where we are.

I gave up.

I'm waiting for the examiners to come and save me.
That's out of the question.

This year, you'd quit, and wait for help.

At last, I'm happy that we only have one day left to wait.

The committee will look for the ones that did not come back to the starting point.

Obviously, it's no longer possible for the ones who lost their tags.

It's not possible.

We must take him to a doctor.

Leorio is in a critical state!

He didn't listen to me, and entered.

It's his fault. I warned him.

The participants have to settle their own problems during this round.

Until the last day, the committee won't show itself.

Snakes....!!

Kurapika!! Gon!! Don't ever come here!!

Do you understand what it means? The ones who have lost their tags are abandoned by the committee; they show no mercy.
But, if I'm unlucky, what I'm thinking about isn't there...

Nevertheless, our luck in succeeding must be high enough...

No...!! There must be a way...

You can only pray now...

That he is strong enough to handle it until a rescue arrives.

We'll have one more victim.

Kurapika!! Take care of Leorio!
THERE'S A WAY! I'M SURE!

TAP TAP

DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO WHAT I JUST SAID?

BUT...?! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO DO?

CATCH
THIS KID IS INSANE...

BUT...

I GOT IT!!!
KLIPA PIKA!!

H!! H!! BTAM!!

TAKE... TAKE CARE OF LECRO J FIRST...

ARE YOU OK, GON?!
DO YOU STILL HAVE SOME SOPORIFIC GAS?

ARGH!

TELL ME...

WON'T YOU TRADE ME IT FOR THIS?

WITH THIS, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR 6 POINTS, WON'T YOU?

103

YES, WHY?
Here, it would only need about five minutes for the gas to completely invade the room. We would be able to neutralize all the snakes.

You really have the intention of holding your breath the entire time?!

But 5 minutes...?!

I won’t leave you here!!!

Trust me.

9 minutes, 44 seconds.

Three, four, one, two.

That’s my personal record.
RELEASE THE GAS.

WHEN I MAKE A SIGN...

OK!
AND HERE WE ARE!!!

TADAN!!

じゅん!!

AH! HERE IT IS... SO...

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND YOUR WAY BACK ALONE.

AS I SAID, I GAVE YOU THE TAG #103.

DON'T BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST ME!

FOR THE TRANSPORT EXPENSES.
In a while, the fourth round of the trials will end.

All the participants are invited to come back to the starting point of the test.

N°032- The Last Trial
THE PARTICIPANTS MUST MAKE THEMSELVES KNOWN IN THE TIME OF ONE HOUR.

AFTER THIS DELAY THE ONES WHO HAVEN'T SHOWN THEMSELVES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THIS INFORMATION.

TAGS STOLEN FROM NOW ON WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

VERIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE, AND PEOPLE WHO BREAK THIS RULE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
HO HO HO! THIS YEAR IS A GOOD YEAR!

OUT OF THE 9 LEFT, WE HAVE 6 NEW GUYS?

AND THEN, SUDDENLY, WE HAVE A LOT OF NEW GUYS WITH A GREAT FUTURE AHEAD OF THEM!

OFTEN, THERE'S A GAP BEFORE THIS.

NO, NOT REALLY. DOES THAT OFTEN HAPPEN?

TEN YEARS PASS WITHOUT ANY NEW GUY SUCCEEDING.
IT'S BEEN ALMOST 20 YEARS THAT HE'S BEEN TELLING ME HE'S ABOUT 100, BUT...

HOW OLD IS THE PRESIDENT...?

HMM?

IT'S THE FOURTH TIME IT'S HAPPENED SINCE I'VE BEEN PRESIDENT.

BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO FOR THE LAST ROUND?

CRUNCH.

IT'S WONDERFUL TO TALK OF THE GREAT NEWBIES, BUT THE LAST ROUND HASN'T BEGUN YET.

THAT'S TRUE, WE'VE BEEN TOLD NOTHING!

I'D LIKE TO MAKE THEM HOLD UNUSUAL FIGHTS.

YES, BUT...
I shall begin by meeting them one after another.

To set up this round...

Even I don't have a clue about what the President is thinking...

That...

What does he mean?

Gon!
IF I MANAGED TO GET THIS FAR, IT'S THANKS TO YOU.

WE'RE ARRIVING AT THE LAST ROUND.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YES?

GON-

AND THAT'S WORRYING ME.

YOU LOOKED A BIT ODD WHEN WE MET UP.

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU DURING THE 4TH ROUND?
AND HE CAME TO PUT IT NEXT TO ME, "I'M LENDING IT TO YOU," HE SAID...

I WAS ALSO BEING FOLLOWED MYSELF, AND I WAS IMMORBIZED BY A POISON DART.

I FOLLOWED HIM, AND STOLE HIS TAG, BUT...

HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM STEALING MY TAGS.

AND HE CAME TO PUT IT NEXT TO ME, "I'M LENDING IT TO YOU," HE SAID...

RIGHT AFTER THIS, HISOKA TOOK HIS TAG BACK...

NOT TO BE ABLE TO HIT HIM BACK.

I WAS REALLY UPSET...

"I'LL ACCEPT IT THE DAY YOU'RE ABLE TO DO THE SAME THING"...

I REPLIED THAT I DIDN'T WANT IT, BUT HE HIT ME, HARD.
I had the impression that I didn't have enough strength to go on.

After this, I felt really shabby and alone...
AND I WANTED TO BE USEFUL...

SO I WANTED TO HAVE SOMEBODY NEXT TO ME...

LEORIO AND I GOT HERE THANKS TO YOU.

GON

THAT’S WHY I WAS LOOKING FOR THE BOTH OF YOU.

I SINCERELY THANK YOU.

THANKS.

NO, I’M THE ONE.
CANDIDATE 44

When you're called, please come to the first reception room of the first floor.

In a while, the President will receive you for a conversation.

We ask that you please come to the reception room.

A conversation...?
I'd like to ask you some questions to know more about you.

I wouldn't say that there's no relation, but...

Don't tell me that this is the last round?

Holding this title provides some useful advantages, so...

I'm not really focusing particularly on becoming a Hunter but...

Above all, why do you want to become a Hunter?

We're out of most of the responsibility.

For example, even if we kill someone...
AMONG THE EIGHT OTHER CANDIDATES, WHICH ONE RETAINS THE MOST OF YOUR ATTENTION?

I SEE.

#99.

I HOPE SOMEDAY TO FIGHT HIM.

#405 IS NOT BAD, AS WELL, BUT HE CAN'T REACH THE LEVEL OF #99.

AMONG THE EIGHT OTHER PARTICIPANTS, WHO DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THE LEAST?

HMMMM... WELL, LAST QUESTION.

HE HEHE!
I DON'T EXCLUDE #99, BUT...

THIS TIME, I WOULD SAY #405.

IT'S YOU.

ABOUT THE ONE I WANT TO FIGHT THE MOST...

WITH THE MEANING THAT I DON'T REALLY WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM NOW...

YOU CAN GO BACK.

HMM.

VERY GOOD. THANKS A LOT...

WITH HIS UNATTENTIVE LOOK, I ALMOST LOST MY MIND.

THIS OLD GUY REALLY ANNOYS ME.
I don't really want to fight against #44. Truthfully, I don't think I would be good enough in a fight against him.

At the first look, you can see that he's well balanced.

Gon, well, I should say #405, we're the same age, so...

#405 and #99, it's unthinkable for me to fight against kids.

#44, I don't really like him, but he's inevitable.

#44.

#99.
PFF... CHOOSING ONE IS IMPOSSIBLE. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE #99, #403, AND #404.

FOR VARIOUS REASONS: IT'S #44 THAT'S THE MOST PREOCCUPYING FOR ME.

#44 AS WELL.

#44, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS.

WITH A GOOD REASON, NO MATTER. WITH NO REASON, I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT.

POSITIVELY: #405, NEGATIVELY: #44.

FOR THE SAME REASONS, I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST HIM.

#405, OBVIOUSLY, NOT ONLY DO I HAVE RESPECT FOR HIM, BUT I'D LIKE HIM TO REACH THE END.
IT'S A BIT MORE PARTIAL THAN WHAT I HAD THOUGHT.

I SEE, I SEE...

I WROTE DOWN SOME GROUPS.

LOOK!

SLAT

THERE IT IS!

ARE YOU SURE?

PRESIDENT...
WE’LL ARRIVE IN A WHILE AT THE PLACE WHERE THE LAST ROUND STANDS.

NOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES! THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

His eyes don’t seem to be kidding...

I can’t be more sure!

You’ll become a “hunter”.

If you win...

GOOOOO
THRE Days
AFTER THE END
OF THE FOURTH
ROUND.

WE ARE
HERE IN A
HOTEL
MANAGED
BY THE
COMMITTEE.
I HOPE THAT
EVERYONE
HAS RESTED
WELL.

UNTIL THE
END OF THE
FINAL ROUND,
THIS PLACE WILL
BE YOURS.

N°33- THE LAST ROUND!!
The last trial will be in the form of duels of 1 vs 1.
ARE THE FOLLOWING

THE GROUPS...

!!!
IT'S VERY SIMPLE...

GOOD. AND NOW THE RULES IN THIS LAST ROUND.

TADAN!!

ONE VICTORY AND YOU PASS THE EXAM.

IN THIS TOURNAMENT, WINNERS QUIT THE GAME ONE BY ONE.

IN OTHER WORDS...
WHY ISN'T THE PYRAMID WELL-BALANCED?

SIMPLY, THE ONES WHO GOT GOOD MARKS UP UNTIL NOW HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF PASSING.

EXPLAIN TO US HOW YOU COUNTED THE POINTS.

I DON'T LIKE IT.
THE WAY WE STRENGTH, MIND, AND CHARISMA.

WHAT ALLOWED YOU TO REACH THE END...

BUT THIS ONLY CORRESPONDS TO REFERENCES' MEASURES.

THE WAY WE COUNTE red IN ABSOLUTELY NOTHING EXPLA NATIONS TO YOU.

'Sucse...

THE WAY WE EVALUATED THE USES OF THE FIVE SENSES.

STRENGTH, MIND, AND CHARISMA.
THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF A HUNTER.

IT'S SOMETHING DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY. "SOMETHING"...

THAT'S ALL.

THE RESULTS COME FROM ALL I JUST TOLD YOU AND ALL YOU TOLD ME.

WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED, AND PUSHING YOUR OPPONENT TO QUIT GIVES YOU THE VICTORY!

THE FIGHTS' RULES ARE SIMPLE.

IS IT MY PERSONALITY THAT PUT ME IN A LOWER PLACE THAN GON?

HOWEVER...

THESE EXAM RESULTS SHOULD HAVE PLACED ME BETTER IN THE PYRAMID!!
ON THAT, LET'S BEGIN THE FINAL ROUND!

IF YOU KILL YOUR ADVERSARY, YOU'LL BE DISQUALIFIED!

SO, IF THAT EVER HAPPENS, THE ONLY DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATE WILL BE DESIGNATED AND THE EXAM WILL END.

HANZO VERSUS GON!!
You were the one that followed me during the 4th round, weren't you?

And we meet again!

I'll be the referee of the match.

Good luck!

Of course.

You saw it?

I couldn't have been the only one to have noticed it.

Each candidate was followed by a juror during this round?

I noticed, but I didn't know if I should have told you...

I didn't...
I SHOULD THANK YOU! IF I WAS SO WELL PLACED IN THE PYRAMID, IT'S THANKS TO THE REPORT YOU DID ON ME!

SO THERE'S NO DISCOUNT, AND NO KO?

THE ONLY CONDITION TO WIN IS MAKING OUR OPPONENT SAY HE'S LOST?

TCHIC

I SEE.

YES.

WELL!

THANKS TO MY SPEED, I'LL FIND A WAY TO WIN.

HE LOOKS STRONG, BUT IT'S ABOUT STRENGTH AND SPEED, I WON'T LOSE TO HIM.

WITH HIM, I CAN GET IN TROUBLE.

BEGIN !!!
I SEE THAT YOU'RE PRETTY CONFIDENT...
FOR A KID, YOU'RE DOING WELL.
IT'S ONLY MY EXPERIENCE THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.

FOR ME, SUCH A HIT WOULD JUST STUN ME.

AHH... TAC

HEY! WAKE UP!

IN A CLASSIC MATCH, WITH THIS, I WOULD HAVE ALREADY WON...

THAT'S NORMAL. I HIT YOU, SO YOU CAN'T REACT CORRECTLY.

YOU'RE NOT IN THE BEST SHAPE, HUH?

...!!

THAT'S ONLY MY EXPERIENCE THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.
Just think about it. If you stop now, you won't have any problems recovering for your next match.

Just say it! Who do you think I am?!
TALKING TO HIM IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO! I'D RATHER DIE! BUT DO YOU THINK I CAN TELL HIM THIS?

THAT'S CONTRARY, BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND THE WAY YOU FEEL.

IF YOU WERE GON, WOULD YOU SAY YOU'D LOST?

LEORIO...

GON!! DON'T BE SO PERSISTANT ABOUT THIS! THERE ARE OTHER MATCHES!

YOU'RE RUINING YOURSELF!

THE KID IS IN A BAD SITUATION.

THAT'S AN ORIGINAL WAY OF FIGHTING, BUT IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD!

NONE OF THE CANDIDATES WHO ARRIVED HERE WERE WILL EASILY ADMIT HIS DEFEAT. THAT'S OBVIOUS.

QUIT NOW, GON!!
IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS,

"YOU'RE GONNA COME HERE AND FIGHT ME!!"

YOU'RE GONNA STOP THIS NOW!? I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU CONTINUE!!!

'CAUSE THE WORST IS STILL TO COME.

IF IT'S TOO HARD FOR YOU TO WATCH, THEN GET OUT OF HERE.

DESPITE THAT, SUPPOSING YOU INTERVENE, IT'S GON WHO'LL BE DISQUALIFIED.

NO EXTERIOR INTERVENTIONS. IT'S A 1 VS 1 MATCH.
I CAN BEAR SOME MORE...
EVERYTHING IS OK...
I'M FINE, LEORIO...

I'M GONNA BREAK YOUR ARM.
NO!!!

SO JUST SAY IT!!

I'M SERIOUS.

CRACK
FIRST CERTIFIED CANDIDATE!
HE REALLY DID IT.

GOOD...

NOW YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE YOUR LEFT ARM.
IF THAT Guy GOES ANY FARTHER...

I'M SORRY FOR GON, BUT I WILL KICK HIS BUTT.

IF THAT GUY GOES ANY FARTHER...

IT'S HORRIBLE, HUH? I KNOW THIS ISN'T REALLY A GOOD MOMENT, BUT LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

I COME FROM A SECRET CLAN OF "SHINOBI."*

DON'T COUNT ON IT.

STOP YOU?

ME?

*"SHINOBI" SPY
2 SINCE THE TIME I WAS BORN,
TO ACQUIRE THE SPECIAL ART OF SHINOBI, I'VE RECEIVED TRAINING SINCE THE TIME I WAS BORN.

DURING 8 YEARS, I BUILT UP A STRONG MUSCULARITY, AND IMPROVED MY TECHNIQUES.

YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST ME!!!

ANYWAYS, IN THIS FIGHT...

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF.

AT YOUR AGE I'D ALREADY KILLED.

SAY ONLY THAT YOU LOSE.

I DON'T SAY THAT TO MAKE YOU MAD.
THE PAIN AND YOUR SPEECH WOKE ME UP!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!!
18 YEARS OLD...
THERE'S ONLY 6 YEARS BETWEEN US...

KILL HIM!!!

YEAAH!! LET'S GO GON!!!

LEORIO, IF HE DOES THAT HE WILL LOSE.

BUT TO KNOW WHO WILL ABANDON FIRST...

AND IN THIS MATCH, WE DON'T NEED TO SHOW OUR STRENGTH...

LIAR!!!

I LET YOU KICK ME, BUT...

IN THAT CASE I WILL BE CLEARER.

THAT WAS HARD TO UNDERSTAND?

THAT WASN'T A QUESTION, BUT AN ORDER!!

I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND...
YOU WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO USE IT AGAIN.

I WILL GET RID OF ONE OF YOUR LEGS.

SAY IT: "I LOSE"...

BUT I REPEAT ONCE MORE...

WHEN YOU SEE A FATAL INJURY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND, NE?

THAT'S NOT GOOD...
BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE!!!

I DON'T WANT YOU TO CUT MY LEON.

NO BUT? DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION???

WHAAA??

LET'S FIGHT IN ANOTHER WAY...

THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I WILL SAY THAT I LOSE!

I'LL CUT YOUR LEG, I'M SERIOUS!

YOU WON'T DECIDE, HUH?
YES!

IN THAT CASE, WE WOULD LOSE, HUH?

HUH?

IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL BLEED TO DEATH.

THINK ABOUT IT.

YOU SEE, THAT WON'T BE NICE, AND?

WE COULDN'T AVOID IT EITHER.

HANZO TOO.

GON HAS CHANGED THE SITUATION.

THAT LOOKS GOOD...

NO...
Gone down in a few seconds?!

And... the bad atmosphere which was here.

Nothing has changed! Gon is not any stronger...

His broken arm is not better...

!!
YOU HAVEN'T REALLY UNDERSTOOD.

WE ARE NOT EQUAL! YOU UNDERSTAND?!

THE OTHER WAY, IF I KILL YOU HERE...

NOTHING WILL BE IN YOUR WAY TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR!!

IF YOU DIE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE.
AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REDUCE IT HERE!

AFTER ALL, HIS STRENGTH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.

YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT, BUT...

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND HIM IS TOO LARGE.

IT'S ONLY TWO WORDS, AFTER ALL...

WHY?

YOU KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR, RIGHT?
SAY IT LIKE THAT, THAT THIS IS ALL OK?!!

THIS IS REALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR LIFE?!!!

I WANT TO MEET MY FATHER.
I really think that one day I'll meet him.

Actually, he is far from here.

But...

I think that I won't ever be able to meet him.

If lose her...

This is the reason why I won't go back on my decision.
BUT IF YOU STAY HERE YOU WILL DIE.

THIS IS NOT JUST...

I’VE LOST.

I ADMIT I’VE LOST.
I can't kill him.

And I can't find a way of making you say you've lost.

I've lost. I will wait until the next match.

Let's find a way to continue this fight!!

No, that's not possible!!
I suspected it...

Let's find a way together!!

How do you want it?!

Maybe this way is not good enough!

Are you stupid or what?! Whatever the manner of fighting, I won't get you to say that you've lost!

You want us to find a way for you to win in a fight... is that it?!

I resigned myself to lose, but you, you say to me that you intend to beat me seriously once more.

Let me see if I understand...

Yeah!!!
IDIOT !!!
HEY, JURORS!

I think the committee must know that that kind of stuff won't remain this way...

If it's gon, all the fights from now on will be meaningless, won't they?

It's agreed? There will be only one loser in this tournament?

Have you seen his stubbornness? Each time he decides something, he does all he can to make this happen.

When he comes to, you can be sure he'll refuse the title.

It may only be an impression, but I think I've seen this scene somewhere before.
ARE YOU AWAKE?

AH...

IT'S THE RESTING ROOM. NEXT DOOR TO THE PLACE WHERE THE FINAL ROUND STANDS.

WHERE AM I...?
THE BREAK IS CLEAN.
YOUR ARM WILL HEAL QUICKLY.
YES... I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HUNTER'S EXAM.

YOU WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH IT IN THE FUTURE.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY...

CONGRATULATIONS.
NO.

SATOTSU-SAN... I...

IT'S EXACTLY LIKE THE LOSERS THAT CAN'T BE DECLARED WINNERS.

THE REMAINDER ONLY DEPENDS ON YOU.

THE WINNERS CAN'T BE DECLARED LOSERS.
A lot of collectors of high value objects are willing to pay a lot of money for one.

If you feel that you don’t have the abilities of a pro, you’re free to get rid of your license, or use it.

But you should know that a participant, once he’s become a hunter, can’t come back to retry the exam.

You can also sell it, since no one else can use it.

So, the ones that come to pass the exam with bad intentions don’t generally try.

It’s necessary to hold an account of predecessors and know that the welcome of a pro is cordial.

This card is more precious than their lives... for others...

For most hunters...

It’s nothing more than a mere jewel.

SIT

If things weren’t like this.

It wouldn’t matter if all the participants won.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO KNOW WHAT WE'LL BECOME...

FROM NOW ON.

BUT, ONE DAY, I SAW THE WORK OF ANOTHER HUNTER, AND I BEGAN FEELING ASHAMED OF WHAT I WAS DOING.

BEFORE, I WAS LOOKING FOR HONORS, AND I PUT ALL MY HEART INTO THIS.

PRINCIPALLY, EVACUATING RUINS, RENOVATING THEM, AND PRESERVING THEM.

SATOTSU, WHAT IS YOUR WORK, EXACTLY?

HE USED HIS OWN FORTUNE TO ACCOMPLISH A PERFECT RENOVATION, TO PRESERVE THE RUINS AS WELL AS POSSIBLE AND TO ALLOW EVERYONE TO SEE THAT. MORE THAN THE BEAUTY OF HIS WORK, IT'S THE WAY HE WORKS THAT I REMEMBER BEST.

WHAT THIS HUNTER ACHIEVED IS TODAY CONSIDERED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WORLD A MODEL FOR WORKING ON RUINS.
EVEN THOUGH I NEVER MET HIM, THIS MAN IS MY MODEL.

MY DREAM IS TO SOMEDAY MEET HIM AND THANK HIM.

I'M INDEBTED TO A LOT OF THEM...
When I have given back to each what I owe, I'll use it.

One more time...

Thank you!

Congratulations.

What about the others?

They're still fighting, aren't they?

Ah!
NO, THE EXAM IS OVER.

YES...
YOU'LL TAKE IT IN A WHILE.

THE OTHER WINNERS ARE NOW TAKING A SMALL COURSE.

BUT TELL ME...

YOU SLEPT FOR AN ENTIRE DAY.

YES. REALLY?!

WHO... WHO HAS LOST?

OH... THAT!
When he comes to, you can be sure he'll refuse his title.

It's agreed? There will only be one loser in this tournament?

If it's Gon, all the fights from now on will be meaningless, won't they?

Gon has won. Whatever he says, he won't be able to change that.

No need to worry.
EVEN IF GON COMPLAINS, AND THREATENS TO KILL ME...

HIS HUNTER'S CERTIFICATE CAN'T BE CANCELLED.

WHY DID YOU LOSE ON PURPOSE?

ON PURPOSE ...?

FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU...

THERE SHOULD BE A WAY TO MAKE HIM SAY "I'VE LOST" WITHOUT HAVING TO KILL HIM...
I'm fairer this way.

Even if you train, the light of hatred and bitterness reflecting in their eyes is impossible to hide.

For anyone, you can always see a negative light in the one you've wounded.

You probably won't believe it, but even after I broke his arm, there still wasn't anything in his eyes.

However, I didn't see it in Gon's eyes.

It seemed his eyes had already forgotten what happened before.
SECOND MATCH: KURAPIKA AGAINST HISOKA.
HE WOULDN'T HAVE... 

A MISTAKE

HE MADE A MISTAKE, AND WAS DISQUALIFIED.

KILLUA...? BUT WHY!?

HE KILLED HIS OPPONENT.
IT ONLY LASTED A FRACTION OF A SECOND.

RIGHT AFTER THE MATCH BEGAN.

HE PROBABLY DISQUALIFIED HIMSELF VOLUNTARILY.
AND THEN HE 'ANNOUNCED THAT HE QUIT.

LETS EXPLAIN THINGS IN ORDER.

WHILE I WAS SLEEPING...

LETS BEGIN WITH THE 2ND MATCH...

WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED?

KURAPKA AGAINST HISOKA.

AFTER HAVING Fought A WHILE...

AND THEN HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE QUIT.

HISOKA WHISPERED SOMETHING TO KURAPKA...
BUT POKKURU FINALLY RECOGNIZED HIS DEFEAT.

THE FIGHT WENT THE SAME WAY AS WITH YOU, GON.

SORRY, BUT YOU, I WON’T HOLD BACK.

4TH MATCH: HISOKA VS BODORO.

BODORO DIDN’T WANT TO QUIT.
HE’S PRETTY SELF-ASSURED.
SORRY, BUT IT ISN’T ANY FUN FOR ME TO FIGHT AGAINST YOU.

THE 5TH MATCH: KILLUA VS POKKIRU.

HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT HE WOULD PROBABLY WIN THE NEXT MATCH.

KILLUA LEFT THE SCENE RIGHT AFTER THE MATCH BEGAN.

HOWEVER...

AND IT WAS THE MATCH BETWEEN KILLUA AND GITARAKIRU WHICH BEGAN.

AT LEORIO’S REQUEST, ABOUT BODORO’S WOUNDS, THE MATCH WAS PLACED LATER.

6TH MATCH: LEORIO VS BODORO.

START!!

IT WAS THERE THAT HE MADE HIS BIGGEST MISTAKE.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, KILLUA.

TCHAC

IRUN!! MY BROTHER....!!