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### Chapter 1091: Have You Heard A Skeleton With A Dragon Bloodline? - Part 1

"Even a monster has a bloodline in this place?" Tang Shaoyang looked up at the red crystal dragon in the air and used [Identification].

[Ruby Dragon (Avatar) - Myth Rank - Level 2911]

He guessed the lizardmen used similar skills to [True Dragon], but it seemed it was different from what he guessed. The word (Avatar) next to the name explained that the one in front of him was not the Ancient Rank Rock Lizardmen anymore, but an avatar of Ruby Dragon. He did not know what avatar meant, but he was glad that the dragon was just level 2911.

Keeper did not stop its attack as it released another charged Dark Energy. However, the black beam met with the red barrier around the dragon. Different from the beforehand red barrier, this red barrier absorbed the black beam. The shot disappeared into the barrier.

The Ruby Dragon did not pay attention to the shot. Its gaze was on Tang Shaoyang; their eyes met. The Ruby Dragon squinted its red eyes. "Why would someone like you enter this kind of tower?" Those were the Ruby Dragon's first words since they came out of the red cloud.

"Why not?" Tang Shaoyang answered the question with a question. The question was weird in the first place. Also, it was not like it was his choice either for Earth to choose the Ancient Rank Tower. But again, why would a dragon he just met judging him as if they knew each other.

"Tch, you are a disgrace to the dragon kinds. Someone like you entered such a weak tower, a total disgrace for a dragon." The Ruby Dragon said in a condescending tone.

Tang Shaoyang just laughed instead of getting angry. "Why would I care about your opinion? Or how do you view me?" He pulled out the Titan Blade. This dragon was not something that the Skelly Family could face, so he would fight.

"What? Are you angry because I call you a disgrace for a dragon and want to fight me now?" The Ruby Dragon shook its head and gave a glance at the others next to Tang Shaoyang. "Are they your toys?" He was looking at the Skelly Family.

The Ruby Dragon did not get the answer he wanted, as Tang Shaoyang was ready to fight it. The others also spread out, encircling the Ruby Dragon. Everyone was aware that the Ruby Dragon would be tough for them. Level 2911 was not scary compared to the God Ranks, but they still needed to be careful.

"Alright, stop it. I come here to look for someone to inherit my bloodline, not to fight." The Ruby Dragon revealed its intention. "I am here supposed to test the person worthy of my bloodline. You already have a dragon bloodline, and those two women are not suitable for my bloodline. So there's no point if we fight, and I am just an avatar, so you gain nothing from destroying my avatar. Can you leave this place intact?"

This caught Tang Shaoyang off guard, not expecting that answer. The Ruby Dragon was looking for someone to inherit the bloodline. He did not know the hierarchy of the dragon, what made one dragon stronger than the others.

"What are the criteria you are looking for?" Tang Shaoyang showed interest in the bloodline, and he did not want to lose the chance. Of course, he also could not force the opposite party to give its bloodline forcefully. He motioned to the others to fall back and wanted to know more about how he could get the bloodline.

"A warrior, someone who is good at a close combat fight. That way, the person who inherited the bloodline could utilize my bloodline to its fullest potential. I don't want a mage to get on my bloodline." The Ruby Dragon replied. "But of course, not anyone can inherit my bloodline. They must pass my test first. That's why I leave my avatar here."

"I see. Does it have to be a human, or do you accept any races?" Tang Shaoyang got someone in his mind.

"I don't care about the race. Demon, beastmen, elf, anything. As long as they are suitable, then they can take the test. If you have someone close here, you can bring that person here." The Ruby Dragon thought the person in front of him had an ideal candidate. Since the Rock Lizardmen were wiped out, it might as well try Tang Shaoyang's recommendation. It would be a hassle to rebuild everything again.

"We have one here." Tang Shaoyang pointed at the Abyssal Skeleton Kaiser. "He is quite talented in close combat and never lost a fight once ever since I summoned him."

Zowen and Rosalie were baffled that their Master dared to propose the skeleton inherit the dragon bloodline. It was unheard of for a skeleton to inherit a bloodline.

"YOU! YOU DARE TO MOCK ME!" Sure enough, the Ruby Dragon was angered by the suggestion. It released its dragon aura, intimidating the others. However, the Ruby Dragon's aura was quickly expelled by Tang Shaoyang's aura. It just made the Ruby Dragon get angrier about the fact he lost to Tang Shaoyang. "If this is my real body, I will kill you again and again until you beg me to spare your pitiful life!"

"Why are you angry? You said you would accept any race to inherit your bloodline. Are you going back on your words?" Tang Shaoyang snickered.

Of course, Kaiser was not the candidate in his head. The ideal candidate in his mind was Zaneos, but the Demon Swordsman was on Earth right now, and it would take days for Zaneos to reach here. He could wait, but he was afraid that it would take too long. He did not know if the factions from Starter City #5 would hunt him or not. If they tried to hunt him and found this place, then they might take the dragon bloodline. He would rather give the bloodline to his skeleton than any people from that starter city.

The Ruby Dragon gritted his teeth. It was aware that it could not win with its avatar against Tang Shaoyang, and that was why he acted like this. However, it also did not want a skeleton to inherit the bloodline.

"Get someone else! Someone else! Not this skeleton!" The Ruby Dragon compromised, but Tang Shaoyang insisted on his first choice. "If you don't want to, then I will just destroy everything here. I would rather everything be destroyed so no one could get your bloodline." He meant it with his words. The altar might be related to the bloodline inheritance, so he would destroy the altar.

"Then promise me that you will leave this place intact if I allow your skeleton to take my test?" The Ruby Dragon compromised. It was not that easy to set up this kind of set, so the Ruby Dragon did not want this to get wasted for nothing.

"As long as you do not purposely fail my skeleton, then I will keep my promise."

"Alright, that's the deal." The Ruby Dragon looked at Kaiser. He had to admit that the skeleton was really strong, but it was still just a skeleton, not a living being. On top of that, the skeleton did not have free will, and that would defeat his purpose of inheriting his bloodline.

"The test is to fight me and survive for twenty minutes. As long as your skeleton survives in that twenty minutes, then he has the right to inherit my bloodline." Of course, the Ruby Dragon would not make it easy for the skeleton. The original test was to stand against his aura for ten minutes. Then one must survive for another ten minutes in a fight with him. But the skeleton had no emotion; the aura did not affect the skeleton, so Ruby changed it to a twenty-minute fight.

"That's fair." Tang Shaoyang motioned for the others to retreat, giving the space for Kaiser and the avatar of Ruby Dragon. In his mind, Kaiser should be able to survive if it was just twenty minutes.

Secretly, Tang Shaoyang gave a command to Kaiser. [You fight to survive, not to win or kill the Ruby Dragon!]

"Can even a skeleton inherit the bloodline?" Zowen was curious about that. The skeleton did not have blood, so how would a skeleton inherit the bloodline?

"I don't know, but we will find out soon." Tang Shaoyang was confident that Kaiser would survive if it was just twenty minutes. So they would find out if the skeleton could inherit the bloodline or not by then.

"Are you ready, little skeleton?" The Ruby Dragon was back to his arrogance.

To Tang Shaoyang's surprise, he felt Kaiser's emotion. Kaiser was angry that it was humiliated in front of the other skeletons and also its master.

[I am sorry, Master. But I will not fight to survive, but I want to kill this dragon!] As the words were transmitted to Tang Shaoyang's head, Kaiser took the initiative to strike the Ruby Dragon.

Kaiser changed its hand to two swords, gathering the dark energy in the blade. It released the cross slash to Ruby Dragon's head.

"As expected of the skeleton, stupid!" The Ruby Dragon swept its tail at the cross slash. The dark energy dispersed with a single sweep, but the Ruby Dragon did not expect what came after the cross slash. Two blades accelerated through the air, targeting the red eyes. He did not see it because the blades were covered by a cross-slash. The two black blades pierced the Ruby Dragon's eyes as it roared in pain.

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Kaiser was smart to recognize that the Ruby Dragon underestimated him and used that to his advantage. Using the actual skill as the cover, he shot two blades, following the skill. The target was the eyes, which would give him even more advantage.

As the Ruby Dragon roared in pain, Kaiser did not miss the opportunity. He leaped into the air, reaching above the Ruby Dragon. He turned his body around and landed on the Ruby Dragon's back. The first thing Kaiser did was not to cut the Ruby Dragon's neck but the wing.

The dragon had an overwhelming advantage because it could fly, and it would be hard for Kaiser to attack the flying dragon with his ability. Removing the dragon's ability to fly would give him more chances to win the fight. He planned to fight the dragon, not survive for twenty minutes.

Kaiser pierced the wing and dragged the blade to cut the whole right wing. Even though his blade failed to cut the wing completely as the blade stuck against the bone, he had achieved his original plan to take out the dragon flying advantage.

The Ruby Dragon wiggled in the air before it fell with its head first. As the dragon fell to the ground, Kaiser jumped off. He landed right before the Ruby Dragon's head, gathering the dark energy in his blade. He was ready to try to cut the dragon's head.

"That should be enough!" Tang Shaoyang called out. The Ruby Dragon had not told them about how to get the bloodline inheritance yet, so he did not want the dragon to die before telling them how to get his bloodline. "You won, Kaiser."

The Ruby Dragon lost because he underestimated the skeleton. He did not think that the skeleton would be able to do this to him. The two blades that followed the cross slash were out of his expectation. Jumping onto his body and cutting his wing, he did not expect that as well. It was proof that Kaiser passed the test and exceeded way above the passing mark. It was not even a fight, but one skeleton show. The fight did not even last for thirty seconds, and Kaiser managed to subdue the Ruby Dragon.

"That should be enough for you to know that my skeleton is worth inheriting your bloodline, right?"

The Ruby Dragon plucked the blade that looked like needles to his eyes. The red eyes, along with the right wing, slowly recovered. In the next twenty seconds, the Ruby Dragon returned to its original state. "What was that? I don't think a skeleton would be this strong and smart."

As expected, the Ruby Dragon truly underestimated Kaiser. To his knowledge, the skeleton was undead with no intelligence. So it surprised him that the skeleton would use such trickery and strategy to fight him.

"Alright, I admit that the skeleton is strong and worthy of my bloodline, but can a skeleton inherit my bloodline? I have never heard of a skeleton with a bloodline, let alone if anyone has tried it." The Ruby Dragon looked at Tang Shaoyang. Since the man suggested that the skeleton inherit the bloodline, he thought Tang Shaoyang had the knowledge about that.

However, Tang Shaoyang shrugged. "I don't know. And we will find out soon if a skeleton can have a bloodline or not. Tell us how to get the bloodline."

The Ruby Dragon was left speechless. "There's no second chance for the ritual, so if this fails, then you or your skeletons can't get the bloodline. Are you sure you want to try this on your skeleton?"

Tang Shaoyang shrugged, not because he did not care but because he did not want the others to get the bloodline. "I would rather the ritual fail than let the others get your bloodline." He did not want any factions from Starter City #5 to get the bloodline for sure. Since the location was near Starter City #5, the factions from that city that would likely get the bloodline.

"You are greedy and selfish, hah!?" The Ruby Dragon snickered and motioned toward the altar. "The altar is prepared for the bloodline inheritance ritual. You just need to fill the five grails on the altar with the blood of Ancient Rank Rock Lizardmen, and the ritual will start."

After saying that, the Ruby Dragon stared at Tang Shaoyang. "Before I give the Ancient Rank Rock Lizardmen body to you. I have a few questions for you." The dragon squinted his eyes, staring into Tang Shaoyang's eyes. "Where are you from? Seeing you have a pure-blood dragon in your body and the infant dragon on your shoulder, are you perhaps from the Dragon Realm?"

That was right; the Ruby Dragon was curious about where Tang Shaoyang came from. The gap between them might be big, but he could tell that Tang Shaoyang was far stronger than the others in the same rank. On top of that, the thick smell of dragons around him made him sure that Tang Shaoyang inherited the bloodline directly instead of using a ritual like this. A direct inheritance would take the dragon's life, and it was rare even among the dragon to sacrifice their lives for a human unless Tang Shaoyang was from the Dragon Realm.

As its name implied, the Dragon Realm was the realm where the dragon lived. The people who stayed and survived in the Dragon Realm were the strong among the strong. He even heard there were a few Ancient Dragons living there, the progenitor of the Dragon. Of course, not just the dragons who lived there, but also the other races. However, the dragons dominated the realm; hence it was known as the Dragon Realm.

Seeing how strong Tang Shaoyang was despite his rank, the Ruby Dragon was curious about Tang Shaoyang's identity.

Tang Shaoyang squinted his eyes as he did not give the answer immediately. Various kinds of thoughts appeared in his mind, including that the Ruby Dragon might have an ulterior motive behind the question. If it was before the God Rank and the guild incident, he might answer honestly. Learning his lesson from the bitter experience, he was suspicious of the Ruby Dragon. "I don't think I am obliged to answer your question."

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"I don't have any ulterior motives. Seeing how strong you are now, I am sure you have unlimited potential if you don't die." The Ruby Dragon had a good sense and could tell that the human was cautious of him. "If there's anything I want from you, I want to invite you to join my alliance once you reach God Rank. But I don't want to carelessly give you an invitation, especially if you are from the Dragon Realm. So I want to know if you are affiliated with the other alliances. This is one of my purposes for leaving the altar here, to sponsor and scout people like you to our alliance."

The Ruby Dragon explained honestly. That was indeed the purpose of setting up the bloodline inheritance ritual. It was to recruit people into the alliance, replenishing and strengthening the alliance's power.

Tang Shaoyang was tempted by the offer, joining the alliance early. That way, he could gain God Rank's protection. However, once more, he was unsure about everything. It seemed a lot of God

Ranks hated both his classes. The Slayer Class and also the Spirit Contractor Class were hated by the Gods. Because of the Spirit Contractor, Avyn's ancestors were hunted down by the other God Ranks. He did not know if the dragons were part of the group that hated his class.

"Yes, I am from the Dragon Realm." Tang Shaoyang lied. He was not going to repeat the same mistake where he exposed himself. He had enough of that shit, so he chose to lie even though he knew nothing about the Dragon Realm.

"I see...." The Ruby Dragon squinted his eyes. The Dragon Sense could tell that it was a lie. "It seems my remaining questions would be useless if you don't want to answer them truthfully. However, if you are not affiliated with any alliance, you can join my alliance once you read God Realm, of course. My alliance is part of twelve dragon clans, the Metarnian Clan. We are quite famous, so you can come to our clan by saying my name, Rukkan."

"Even if you don't want to join, make sure to visit my clan. I want to know whether the skeleton can inherit a bloodline or not. This is an interesting subject, but unfortunately, I can't witness it." Rukkan was interested in the project. Even though it would be wasting his blood essence if it failed. However, if this was working, it would be a breakthrough for the dragons, creating a skeleton and giving the skeleton the bloodline. The dragons could create a terrifying army.

After that, the Ruby Dragon avatar disappeared, leaving the Ancient Rank Rock Lizardmen. The Ancient Rank Rock Lizardmen was still alive, but it could barely move.

Kaiser turned toward Tang Shaoyang. The skeleton felt like the prey belonged to him, so he wanted to kill the struggling Rock Lizardmen to get more Exp. However, he asked for Tang Shaoyang's approval before taking action. The plus of having a skeleton army, they would not betray the master, which Rukkan said was an interesting project.

Tang Shaoyang gave Kaiser the green light and instructed the skeleton to fill the grail with the Rock Lizardmen's blood after killing it. After filling the five grails with blood, Kaiser stood at the center of the altar. Of course, Tang Shaoyang had taken the three treasure chests from the altar, one epic rank treasure chest, and two grade 1 treasure chests.

As soon as Kaiser stood in the middle of the altar, the intricate formation on the altar glowed in red. Then a red pillar shot toward the sky. The red glow blocked everyone's vision; they could not see what Kaiser was going through right now. Even the Spirit Eyes failed to see through the red pillar.

The red pillar was conspicuous. It was the same as telling the people nearby that they were here. He was not surprised that people came before the ritual finished. "Secure the area. Make sure no one can reach this area until Kaiser finishes the ritual." That was the instruction for the Skelly Family, and they immediately moved out, climbing up the cliff and guarding the area for their Family Head.

The ritual took longer than he expected, and this reminded him of when he inherited The Black Dragon's bloodline. It was so painful that he would never forget, and this reminded him of his promise with Rumru, the Black Dragon, who gave him the bloodline. Then he also recalled what the old dragon told him, the rough path ahead of him.

Then he recalled all his journey and realized that if not for Rumru, who decided to give his life for the bloodline inheritance, he might die already. In the fight against Alton in Gigante Forest, he might lose his life there because he was struggling against Marshal Alton even with the bloodline transformation, forcing him to take the risk by integrating with Zaneos, the demon.

Then the trial where he also almost lost his life to Wrath, the last wave of the trial. Then also his encounter with the God Ranks, who found out about his second class, Slayer. If not for Rumru's bloodline, he might not be here right now. He might become a spirit in the void like the other spirits. Rumru's bloodline saved him, time and time again. Without his bloodline, he would not be able to defeat the Sky Serpent in Gigante Forest and gain [Seven Souls] skill. He would be dead already by now without the bloodline.

"This just makes me even more guilty." Tang Shaoyang let out a sigh. He was saved by Rumru, but he had not fulfilled the promise. The promise was to kill those gods in the Arkania Continent, or Rumru, said the self-proclaimed Gods. "I have to find a way to the Arkania Continent. Shit, I should ask Rukkan about the travel between worlds."

After a whole five minutes, the red pillar dispersed and revealed the figure in the middle of the altar. Tang Shaoyang did not know if the ritual succeeded or not, but he knew the result once he saw Kaiser's new frame.

Kaiser's bones turned black-red and had a ruby-like pattern. He grew taller; his height was three meters after the bloodline inheritance. There were a pair of protruding horns, and his teeth turned sharp. The bone wings and tail made Kaiser look like a Dragonewt, but he was still a frame with no meat or blood. He was still a skeleton, but with the change, Tang Shaoyang assumed the skeleton succeeded in inheriting Rukkan's bloodline.

[Abyssal-Ruby Draconic Skeleton]

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Kaiser advanced to the Abyssal-Ruby Draconic Skeleton. The bloodline advanced further the evolution, and he saw most of the stats were tripled. Kaiser got five additional skills as well; [Ruby Shield], [Abyssal Draconic Fire], [Elemental Mastery], [Dragon Sense], and [Mana Mastery].

"This is weird. I am not used to this new thing." Instead of clanking noise from its jaw, Kaiser could produce his own voice right now. The black orbs in his chest and sockets also changed into reddish-black. He seemed not aware that he spoke out as he kept looking at his hand, tail, and wings.

"You will get used to the change soon. What about trying to hunt the monster so you can get used to your new power?" Tang Shaoyang approached Kaiser.

"Ah. This Kaiser is grateful for the opportunity bestowed by Master!" For the first time, Kaiser knelt down toward Tang Shaoyang. The skeleton had never behaved this way before, and it surprised him that the change was not just the power but also the intelligence.

"You can speak now!? That's good."

After hearing that, only then Kaiser realized that they were speaking directly instead of using telepathy. The realization took him a while before he uttered the reply. "Am I the first one to speak to you, Master?" His tone was so dramatic, as if speaking with him was some sort of a big achievement.

[Master! A group is approaching the cliff. Asking for instruction!] Keeper's voice entered his head.

Kaiser seemed to receive the same message as he stood up. "I will take care of the intruder, Master!" The Abyssal-Ruby Draconic wanted to show his newly gained power to his Master, eager to show it by fighting the intruder.

"Hmmm, let's see them first." Tang Shaoyang was worried that the group might be from Starter City #5, who was looking for him. He was afraid that the group comprised the Myth Rank and the Primordial Rank. If that were the case, it would be hard for the Skelly Family to fight the group. Since he did not know what happened to the skeleton that died, he did not want to risk it. It took him a lot to nurture the nine skeletons, so he did not want to lose them.

Tang Shaoyang collected the Epic Rank bodies and the Ancient Rank before climbing up to the cliff and going to where Keeper was. Of course, he had seen the incoming group with Spirit Eyes. The group consisted of fifteen armored people looking like a knight. There was no flag with them which made it hard to identify the group.

"They must come because of the ritual." As he predicted, the pillar ritual attracted the nearby people.

"Should we leave? If we show up, then the others might come at us." Zowen furrowed her brow. Even though she wanted to fight, she did not want to fight the people. She wanted to hunt the monster and the beast.

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The group was from the Sun Knight Order of the Virandal Empire. The Sun Knight Order was the strongest knight order that entered the tower. Their duty was to protect the nobles and the Royal Family that entered the tower, but they received a different order this time. It was to manhunt one person and took the dragon.

During their search, they saw the red pillar that shot toward the sky and immediately rushed to the source. "Damn! Someone already took the bloodline from the eleventh floor."

The Virandal Empire had participated in eleven Dimensional Towers, and there was secret information about the bloodline, the secret resource. The number of the bloodline was aligned with the number of the Starter City, and each bloodline ritual was located near each of the Starter City. They had been searching for this, but someone had already claimed it.

The group decided to check the ritual place and wanted to know which faction got the bloodline. Faran, the leader of the group, made the decision since the information about who obtained the bloodline was as important as capturing the dragon.

"Wait!" Faran stopped his subordinates as he sensed people coming toward them. He looked up and found the people, three of them were on the tree. He immediately recognized one of them, the target he had been looking for, Ying.

"Don't tell me you get the bloodline?" Faran was quite upset that his target got the bloodline.



"You know me?" Tang Shaoyang came down from the tree, scanning the group. One Primordial Rank and fourteen Myth Ranks. It was no doubt this was an elite group, about the same as the Executioner Knight from the Divine Church.

"You are quite bold to appear in front of us after what you did back then in the Starter City?" Faran squinted his eyes. He made sure that the information he had was still accurate by using Detection on Ying. The number one and the only one in the wanted list of Starter City #5 was still at the same rank. Faran was still relieved, then his eyes fell on the golden lizard that rested on Ying's shoulder.

The small lizard was the dragon, and no one expected it at first until it showed up in the Epic Rank Garden, annihilating the Crown Prince's personal force. From the report he received, Ying was a summoner and had a dragon bloodline. He was glad that someone with a dragon bloodline was a summoner. It would be terrible if Ying's class was any other class.

"What did I do in the starter city? Beating the people who deserve to get beaten? Or kill the people who deserve to be killed?" Tang Shaoyang let out a chuckle.

'But what about these two women? I heard he was alone, but where does this Ancient Rank and Myth Rank come from?' Faran was wary of the Myth Rank hot woman. None of them showed fear or wariness against him and his group, which made him uneasy. 'Maybe I just overthink. Calm down and focus on the objective. Since they got the bloodline, then I have to bring back the dragon.'

Faran raised his hand, signaling his team to get ready to fight. "You have two choices. Give the Golden Dragon to us and leave this place alive, or die by my sword!"

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Tang Shaoyang shook his head. "I don't know what makes you so confident killing me?" He grinned ear to ear. "But you come at the right time because I want to test my new weapon too." He took out Mzed from the inventory, the new battle-ax. "I will take on the Primordial Rank, and you guys can have the rest."

Tang Shaoyang directed his right hand toward Zowen and activated [Spirit Fusion]. He chose Crystal, the Frost Knight, to integrate with Zowen. Then he did the same to Rosalie, and he chose Lilliana, the Grand Guardian, to integrate with Rosalie. Since it was an integration with the human spirit, there was no change in their appearance.

As soon as the [Spirit Fusion] was done, a black beam shot through the air, aiming toward one of the Myth Rank knights. It was just too fast that even Faran, the Primordial Rank, failed to react to the attack. Added with the time, the beam came from an unexpected angle, from the side. The black beam shot through the knight's head and pierced another knight next to him.

Two knights died within a second, one with a hole in the head and one with a hole in the body, hitting the knight's heart. It was just too fast and unexpected that the knight could not react to the ambush.

Faran snapped out of his daze and looked up. "Watch out! Above!" The black skeleton with wings and a tail landed between the group.

Kaiser turned his hand into the blade and swirled. Two heads flew into the air as blood spurted out from the still-moving body. In the following moment, another two Myth Rank knights died in the ambush. The remaining eleven knights, including Faran leaped backward from the weird skeleton.

"What was that?" Faran frowned as he looked at the skeleton. It was not the same as the information he received from the guild. The guild did not include the skeleton with wings and tail. As they focused on the one weird skeleton, Faran then heard screams from his other subordinates.

He looked toward the scream and saw his two subordinates were killed in a different spot. One was smashed by the hammer, and one was sliced into two. Those two skeletons were on the list of information, but he did not know that the skeleton would be this strong to be able to sneak attack his subordinates. 'No, this is a calculated ambush. They drew our attention to the weird skeleton, and the other skeletons ambushed us.'

In less than five minutes, Faran had already lost his six subordinates to the skeleton. He realized that they might have fallen into Ying's trap. "Use your bloodline right away!" He instructed everyone to use the Bloodline Transformation.

That was the right move, going all out from the start because they lost four people already. But Faran made an error about the timing. They needed a certain amount of time to complete the Bloodline Transformation, but they were scattered and not in a situation where they could help each other. In the middle of the transformation, two knights were burned in a fire while the Keeper claimed another knight's head.

Meanwhile, Kaiser flapped his wing once, and he arrived in front of one of the knights. His right hand turned into a dragon claw and caught the knight's neck, ripping apart the neck with a single swing. Zowen and Rosalie realized that the skeletons might not leave them some prey to fight against.

Rosalie created two flame pillars right below two knights who were in the middle of the Bloodline Transformation, burning them to death. Zowen created two giant lightning swords in the sky. As soon as the two remaining knights finished their transformation, they were greeted with a big lightning spell.

Zowen and Rosalie wanted to fight the knights head-on, but they realized that the skeletons might kill all the knights before they finished their transformation. In less than five minutes, fourteen Myth Rank knights were killed.

Faran finished the transformation, and he was greeted with his subordinates' dead bodies. He realized the mistakes, but there was nothing he could do. But then he realized that all the attacks were directed at his subordinates, and none of the skeletons tried to kill him. He was the strongest among the remaining knights, yet none of them tried to kill him. Then he remembered what Ying had said before. "I will take the Primordial Rank."

He was the only Primordial Rank, which meant the skeleton left them alone because Ying wanted to fight him. The reason he told them to use the transformation was that he thought the skeletons would aim for his life. He had a measure for that as he cast a defensive skill on himself, but the enemy did not go for him.

"You coward!" Faran's deep voice rang in the air. He became three meters tall, and with the flaming mane on his neck, his bloodline should be the Flaming Lion.

Tang Shaoyang was surprised that Faran's bloodline was the Flaming Lion. The guy was the third person with the same bloodline. He shrugged when his opponent called him a coward. "There's no coward in a battle, the winner and the loser. Kill or get killed!"

Tang Shaoyang activated his second talent's skill, [Wrath], boosting his attributes. Then he followed up with [Attribute Shift], Splitting the Magic Power into Agility and Strength. Following those two skills, he activated [Blink]. He appeared in front of Faran and did the first swing with his new weapon.

Faran was caught off guard, but he reacted quickly by raising his shield. He imbued the shield with his mana to strengthen his defense.

Bang!

Faran could feel the heaviness behind the swing as he skidded through the ground for three meters. It was strong, but it was something he could handle. He followed it with a counterattack. The shield blazed in flame as he charged toward Tang Shaoyang with supersonic speed. However, he saw that the man was grinning madly instead of avoiding his flaming shield. He could tell that Ying had time to dodge the shield, and he had prepared the following move if Ying dodged him. However, he did not expect the opposite party to decide to clash with him directly.

Tang Shaoyang held the battle-ax like he was holding a baseball stick. The twin blade of his battle-ax also blazed in black fire, and he swung with all his might toward the shield.

Boom!

The crimson fire clashed with the black fire, engulfing the two figures as the fire spread out.

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The clash between the two different fires blew up to the sky. A figure flew off the explosion, and the figure was Faran. He flew in the air, crashing into the trees before falling to the ground. Smoke came out from his mouth and nostril while coughing up. His armor and shield lost their luster, charred with burned marks.

Faran got up immediately, looking up at the explosion. His left hand was still trembling from the clash earlier. The strike was too much for him to hold, and his heartbeat spiked up. From that one clash, he realized that the guild's information was wrong. Or the guild gave them the wrong information about Ying. There was no way that a summoner could overpower him like this. Also, the black fire confirmed his suspicion that Ying was not a summoner. It was too powerful for a spell cast by a summoner.

'What is this? Does the Karian Adventurer Guild try to protect Ying? But they just could send them back to Karian instead of letting him go outside the city?' Faran was confused. There was so much misinformation about Ying. 'But why does the guild want to protect him? If the Guild Master tried harder to protect Ying in the council, he had a big influence to do so, but he did not.'

Faran tried to process all information he had about Ying in his current situation. He tried to think why the guild would abandon someone that could rival a Primordial Rank even though the person was still Ancient Rank. Then he remembered one piece of information Ying was the last-minute S Rank Adventurer addition. It was not strange if that piece of information stood alone, but it would form a connection when everything was put together.

"The additional S Rank Adventurer is not from Karian World but from the other starter city." It was absurd that he could reach that conclusion, but otherwise, it did not explain why Ying did not return to Karian and decided to escape.

"You are quite smart, hah? You can guess my identity." Tang Shaoyang came out of the billowing smoke from the explosion and stood ten meters away from Faran. He heard what Faran said clearly just now. Even though it was just a guest, Faran was spot on with his guess.

Faran could not wrap it up as it was hard to understand why the Guild Master brought someone from outside into the guild. What was the reason the Guild Master brought Ying in? It made sense, and it also did not make sense at all. It made sense the guild abandoned Ying because he was not part of the guild in the first place. It did not make sense because he could not see the benefit of bringing someone like Ying into the guild. Ying's identity could jeopardize the Karian Guild's status within the city because what the guild did was an act of betrayal to the city for allowing a player from the other starter city to enter their starter city.

"It still does not make sense." Faran really tried to think of why the Guild Master brought Ying into the guild, but he could not find the answer. What was the benefit an Ancient Rank could bring to someone at Demi-God Rank?

"What are you thinking so hard? And what's the point of thinking so hard when you are about to die?" Tang Shaoyang directed the battle-axe toward Faran.

"Wait.... It made sense all along...." Faran seemed to realize something. "The guild did not tell the wrong information, but the guild did not really know your class in the first place. They just told us what you told the guild?"

"My information? My class? Ah, I did indeed tell them that I am Summoner. You are correct, but what's the point of it? It baffles me that you are more curious about me than your life. You are thinking so hard to figure this out, but for what?" Tang Shaoyang shook his head as it was really hard to understand what the man was doing right now.

It seemed to figure out his identity, and what happened between him and the guild was more important than his life.

"That might not be important for you, but it's important for me. So, even if I fail to capture you or the dragon, I bring information that could jeopardize the guild's stand in the city. The Crown Prince will not kill me." Faran regained his confidence after the initial shock. "You might be stronger than me in a fight, but if I use everything to escape, you will not be able to stop me."

"I don't know where that confidence comes from, but you can try if you really can escape from me." Tang Shaoyang grinned ear to ear. He did not play around anymore as he used Grand Dragon Transformation. He did not know what the enemy would do, so he used the bloodline transformation in case Faran did something weird to escape. He did not want the people from the starter city #5 to know his whereabouts, not yet until he visited the other two dangerous places mentioned by Areth.

At the same time, Faran took out a scroll from his inventory. He opened the scroll, and the scroll burst out into smoke. His presence also disappeared along with the smoke. It was an escape scroll, an item that teleported him a thousand meters away from his location to a random location. The

only drawback was that he could not control where he would be teleported, but it should be enough to escape from Ying.

At least, that was what he thought until he saw Ying once more ten seconds later. Faran could not believe that the escape scroll did not even buy him a minute of time to escape.

"I thought you had something incredible, but just this?" Tang Shaoyang shook his head. He could easily find the man with his Spirit Eyes. Even with no Spirit Eyes, he could smell the guy from a thousand meters away.

Faran's face turned ugly as he looked at the figure above him, and he tried to use one more escape scroll. However, he failed to use the scroll as the scroll was burned by the black figure before he could use it. What followed after the burning scroll was the battle-ax coming down at him. He managed to dodge the battle-ax by leaping backward.

Faran felt a sting on his forehead. He touched it with his finger and realized that the battle-ax left a swallow cut on his forehead. He barely dodged the battle-ax, and it looked like the battle-ax was far from touching, yet it still reached him. 'He had many weird things that I can't predict, and with the rumored dragon transformation, it would be hard for me to escape. I have two more escape scrolls, but I don't think I will be able to use them again in front of him.'

Faran had not figured out what burned the scroll. He did not see the fire coming from Ying. The black fire suddenly lit up the scroll even though his enemy did not touch it. If he took out another escape scroll, it would be burned again.

Tang Shaoyang used [Blink] and appeared right before Faran. [Blink] was his best movement skill so far as the skill always caught his enemy off guard. He swung down the battle-ax.

Faran managed to react despite the surprise. He was about to jump backward, but something caught his ankle. He looked down and saw Ying's tail catching his left ankle. There was no hesitation from Faran as he swung the sword to cut his ankle. The no-hesitation action to cut his left ankle saved him from getting split into two. With his eyes, he managed to avoid death and saw the blade of the battle-ax was a few centimeters away from his body. Even though the battle-ax did not cut him, his body was cut. It was another swallow cut into his body, deeper than the cut on his forehead. He fell on the ground backward, rolling on the ground from the impact of cutting his own left ankle.

As soon as his body stopped moving from the falling, he immediately took out the regeneration potion from his inventory. He needed to regenerate his missing leg if he wanted to escape from this monster. But it was too late because the man was right above him, looking down at him with those sharp eyes.

"D-Don't k-kill me! I will do anything for you, but please don't kill me!" Faran was begging for his life.

"I thought you could entertain me somehow, just like those knights from the Divine Church, but you are quite disappointing. The only thing you can do for me is to help me level up with your life."

Tang Shaoyang grinned, showing his sharp teeth. "If you are ready to kill someone, you should be ready to die too."

With those last words, the new battle-ax took its first kill. The lion's head rolled into the ground with his eyes opened wide in fear and terror in his last moment. What came after that was the notification from the system as he got forty-two levels from killing a Primordial Rank.

"It seems I need to aim higher if I really want to get Myth Rank soon." He scratched his head. "I killed the Primordial Rank easily. Does that mean I can kill the Legend Rank too? Or is this guy weak for someone at Primordial Rank?"

He overpowered Faran with just [Wrath] and [Attribute Shift]. With the Dragon Transformation, Faran was helpless against him. He had not used [Spirit Integration] or even [Slayer Energy] yet, but he killed a Primordial Rank without a fight.

#### Chapter 1097: Trial For The Resurrected Spirit

"Do we know where they are from? From the look of it, they are not adventurers." Rosalie came over and observed the armor on the dead bodies. The adventurers would not wear the armor uniformly like them. They came from more structured factions than the guild.

"He was talking about the crown prince and bringing back the dragon. If I am not wrong, these guys must be from the Virandal Empire." Tang Shaoyang guessed. "This crown prince of the Virandal Empire had an obsession for a dragon to the point of risking his force by trying to capture the Mistovel's descendant."

"Can you ask your Bonemancer to make me a staff too?" Zowen all of a sudden made a request for Tang Shaoyang. "If I have my staff, my lightning should be stronger, and I will not struggle like this." She realized that while she was stronger than before she died, it was still not enough to keep up with the people who had adjusted to the system longer than she had. She felt like a magic staff would do the work to increase her magic attack.

Rosalie flicked Zowen's forehead. "If you are too awkward to call him Master, then call him by his title. He is the person you serve and also the benefactor who gives you a second life. Also, this is for your own good. You need to get used to it, or else you will receive a lot of heated stares from his subordinates." The Flame Empress shook her head. "Especially Lu An. You don't want to be on his bad side. He is the nightmare of Mage and Elementalist."

It was indeed awkward for Zowen to call him Master like the other spirits because she had never needed to do so before. However, she was alive now and had a physical body. She also had decided to stay with the Tang Empire, meaning she would serve him.

Tang Shaoyang shook his head. "It's fine. You don't have to if it's too awkward for you, but you need to address me formally when we are on an official occasion."

"I will ask Skelly7 if he can make an Epic Grade magic staff." He then agreed to the request without a second thought. If Zowen became stronger, that benefited him more than anyone else. "What about you? Do you need equipment too?" He asked Rosalie. One was Magus, and one was Magus, but both wielded the same power that centered around magic.

"Elementalist do not need staff to amplify their magic attack, so I don't need one. However, an armor...." Rosalie shook her head. "No, I don't want armor made of bone. I will choose one when we return to the main base."

Tang Shaoyang gathered the corpses of the fifteen knights and thought of summoning a new spirit with it. He had lost Rosalie and Zowen, the spirit with the strongest magic power. He figured out that he needed one more spirit to replace them. Who knew he would need something with magic as there were a lot of things that could not be done without magic.

Skelly7 came toward him and made clacking noise. The Archmaster Bonemancer overheard his conversation with Zowen, and he was ready to make the magic staff. However, to make a high-quality magic staff, he needed the fourteen Myth Rank dead bodies and one Primordial Rank dead body. Skelly7 said those fifteen dead bodies had high-quality bone materials.

Fourteen Myth Ranks and one Primordial Rank sacrifice were enough to summon at least S Grade Spirit, or maybe even SS+ Grade Spirit. As he was contemplating, the two women brought up an interesting topic. "Huh? We still can go through the trial even though we have surpassed the rank?"

Tang Shaoyang looked at Rosalie who mentioned the trial. "What trial?"

"The trial for the Epic Rank. Apparently, we still can take the trial even though we are revived with a higher rank. However, there was a condition that the system will lower our levels down to level 1000 if we decide to take the Epic Rank trial." Zowen explained with great interest.

The fact that they could take the trial despite being revived in a higher rank would benefit them more. The benefit of the trial was the reward where they could choose to awaken their bloodline and talent, or even choose the equipment.

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow for a moment, thinking of something. After a while, he voiced his thoughts. "Don't take the trial now, not until you get the talent from the main base and also the second class. Since you brought your previous life's class, you can get the second class."

Zowen and Rosalie were in the same situation as Marshal Alton, Moonsong, and the people from the Ortis Continent. They had a class already, but they awakened the class. They followed the training to awaken the class, and they still could take the class from the main base by paying with Game Coin. By doing that, they got the second class instead of replacing their old class. That was what made the people from the Ortis Continent a lot stronger than before because of Smart Base.

"Remember, you need to clear all the waves to obtain the highest grade reward, and you can awaken your bloodline in the trial." Tang Shaoyang realized that his resurrected spirit would become a lot stronger when he revived them.

"Does that mean we can have three classes?" Zowen was excited when she heard what Tang Shaoyang said. From what she learned from following Tang Shaoyang, one could get more than one class as long as they obtained the class from different worlds.

Tang Shaoyang obtained his first class on Earth. Then he got the second class on Arkania Continent, then he had the chance to get the third class from the trial. The trial was considered a world itself since it was a separate dimension. That meant, they could get as many classes as they could as long as they had a way to access another world. That was the conclusion after Tang Shaoyang tried to get a new class from a different smart base, he needed to replace one of his classes.

"Since I am Ancient Rank now, that means I also can take the trial of the Ancient too." Zowen nodded her head. "I will get a new class and also a talent from the smart base. Then I will choose the third class for my Trial of Epic, then I will choose bloodline for the Trial of Ancient."

"I don't know if I like your plan." Tang Shaoyang shook his head. "I know you are trying to min-max your gain from the trial. Since your original class is a strong class already, you want to save the bloodline for the trial of the Ancient for a higher grade bloodline. However, it's too risky if you don't have a bloodline and try to clear the trial of Ancient to the last wave."

"That's true...." Zowen furrowed her brow as she could not refute Tang Shaoyang. She did not think she could win against Wrath if something similar popped out for the last wave. Tang Shaoyang who had a bloodline struggled to beat the Golden Dragon and was forced to use True Dragon to fight the dragon.

The Ancient Rank's trial was the Celestial Wolves, a pair. Could she beat them without a bloodline? Even though she was confident with her magic, she was not confident that her magic would be able to defeat the Celestial Wolf.

"Take your time. We have time to plan for the trial. If we are lucky, we might find another altar sacrifice, and one of you can take it." Tang Shaoyang smiled as he noticed the pensive look on Zowen's face. With that, he also decided to give the fifteen precious sacrifices for Skelly7 to make a magic staff for Zowen. She needed her staff for the trial, after all.

Skelly7 was rejoiced when he was allowed to use the fifteen corpses, then he spoke again to Tang Shaoyang. He asked Tang Shaoyang to relay the message about what kind of staff she needed. It seemed Skelly7 could design the equipment, and he wanted Tang Shaoyang to be the translator between the two. Skelly7 could not speak yet like Kaiser, so he needed someone to speak for him. Tang Shaoyang was the only one who understood what the skeleton said.

"Ask Kaiser to do that. He can speak now." Tang Shaoyang called Kaiser to be the translator for Zowen and Skelly7. Hearing that she would be able to make a detailed request for the magic staff, she became excited.

The three moved to the side for a discussion, leaving Tang Shaoyang and Rosalie with the remaining skeletons.

"What are you going to do now? As you predicted, the factions from the starter city #5 are hunting you." Rosalie asked. They were not in danger yet, but it could be worse once their location was found out. Those factions would deploy their forces to capture the dragon, and the guild totally betrayed him by sharing his information. Even though the information was fake, it showed the guild stand.

## Chapter 1098: Creating An Army

"What am I going to do? We will give them what they want." Tang Shaoyang shrugged, and of course, he was not going to fight them all head-on. He would hunt anyone who left the city regardless of where they were from.

"We are only three people. How are you going to fight them all?" Rosalie furrowed her brow. It was a reckless attempt to fight the whole starter city. It was not just a city, but the forces from five worlds. They could not win the fight against starter city #5.



"Of course, we are not going to capture or destroy the city. We will be hunting whoever came out of the city. Killing them as much as possible, crippling their force before they can reach the twelfth floor, is considered a win for me." Tang Shaoyang was not crazy enough to try to destroy the city. "As for the force we are lacking, I can make it up."

Soul Harvest:

Grade SSS: 0

Grade SS: 4

Grade S: 52

Grade A: 712

Grade B: 3201

Grade C: 8913

Grade D: 17211

Grade E: 75

"I have many souls to create an army of skeletons." Tang Shaoyang checked the number of souls he had, and he could create an army with it. Albeit it would take time to create the army, but might as well try it. He had no use for these souls except for using [Necromastery]. He did not mind even if he lost all his skeletons aside from the Skelly Family.

However, managing these many skeletons would be tedious and taxing for him. Choosing the advancement and stuff would cause him a headache for sure. He called over Keeper, who stood near him and told him his plan for creating the army of skeletons.

"Can you manage the skeleton army, like choosing for their advancement and giving the order?" All this time, he gave them the order, and they executed the order independently. Just when they fought the monster that was way stronger than them, the Skelly Family united and killed the monster together. He did not know if there was an order between the Skelly Family.

Tang Shaoyang tried to find out if the skeletons could manage more skeletons. Primarily for choosing the advancement because he would not go through thousands of it by himself. So he wondered if he could appoint the Skelly Family in charge to choose the advancement.

The answer he got from Keeper was a surprise. Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [We can as long as you allow us to, Master. In fact, we can choose the advancement independently if you allow us to. It's just that we prefer that the Master chooses our advancement.]

"I will create the skeleton army, and The Skelly Family will be in charge of the army. You will choose their advancement and also help them to grow their level just like you help each other." Tang Shaoyang gave the order to Keeper.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [I have a good suggestion for who will lead the army you are talking about, Master. Skelly1 will gladly take the post of the Army Commander, and he will get through everything. Skelly1 is more skilled than any of us in terms of managing the army and also leading

the war on a bigger scale. And I think Skelly1 will appoint his siblings to the generals except for Skelly7. Skelly7 has his own work, and it will be better to leave him by himself because his expertise is in another field. We can't limit his creativity, and Skelly7 can create his own army that will be your hidden card, Master.]

Tang Shaoyang was not expecting a worthwhile discussion with his skeleton, that he deemed unintelligent. He wanted to ask Rosalie's opinion about creating a big army, such as a structural system for the army. He had created Tarrior, but it was not he who managed Tarrior. There was not much he knew about army management. However, the issue was that Rosalie could not understand and hear what his skeleton said, which made the discussion inefficient.

Keeper called Skelly1 the Earl Skeleton. Even though all Skelly had similar frames, Skelly1 had a different bearing than the others. It was as if one could tell that this skeleton was a noble skeleton. Keeper seemed to be explaining the discussion about creating an army. Even though Tang Shaoyang could not hear what they were talking about, he could see the orb in Skelly1's chest and socket blazed fiercely. The Earl Skeleton was excited after hearing that his master wanted to create an army.

Skelly1 knelt before Tang Shaoyang, putting his right hand on his chest. [Skelly1 will not disappoint Master and will do his best to create the strongest army in the world. I will never fail the trust you give me, Master!]

"Get up. I want to listen to your plan." Tang Shaoyang was interested in Earl Skeleton's knowledge about managing the army. It was never wrong to learn something new, even from his underlings.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [I want to create an army based on my siblings' expertise. Skelly2 is a Magic Swordsman, so I will prepare the army of Magic Swordsman for him to lead. The same for others too. That will naturally cover everything we need in a battle. We have the mage army for range attacks. We have Skelly5, the Abyssal Guardian, to be our vanguard. We will have our siege army led by Skelly4, The Abyssal Destroyer, and we will also have a Berserker Skeleton army led by Skelly6, the Abyssal Slaughterer.]

"But why do we create an army to cater around your siblings? Can't we have a normal army?" Tang Shaoyang asked, not because he did not agree but because he wanted to know the reason.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [I have heard everything from Keeper about why Master suddenly wants to create an army, and by making an army cater around my siblings, the army will grow faster. We, skeletons, are quite dimwitted, but we learn fast by imitating what we see. In this case, the army will grow faster and stronger by watching and listening to my siblings. On top of that, my siblings are unique for skeletons, so we are much stronger than the wild skeletons out there. This is the quick path to creating a strong army!]

#### Chapter 1099: Elemental Skeleton

Tang Shaoyang listened to Skelly1 attentively, and Skelly1 was extremely zealous in the prospect of the army they would create.

"How do we want to start? Do you want me to summon all the new skeletons right now?"

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [No, Master. Before Master summons the skeletons, can you make two new siblings for us? We need two generals to lead the army, the archer and the scout. We may have a mage skeleton army for our range attack, but what if we face an enemy that has an anti-magic

artifact? We still need the archer for that scenario. Information is everything on the battlefield, so scouts are very important in the army. We don't need a legion of scouts, but we need a few scout teams. We initially have Skelly6 to lead the scout and assassination team, but he has advanced into a berserker-type skeleton.]

'Can you just nurture someone capable from the skeletons I summon?' Tang Shaoyang wanted to say that, but he kept that for himself after seeing his soul list once more. He had four Grade SS Souls, using that to make the new siblings for them. The grade of the soul determined the evolution the skeleton had for the future. Among the Skelly Family, Kaiser was surprisingly summoned by the lowest-grade souls.

He recalled that he used Grade S Souls for Keeper and Skelly7, causing the two to have a unique advancement than the others. However, from what Keeper mentioned about Skelly7, the Bonemancer was an even rarer advancement than the Gunslinger. That was also why Skelly1 did not propose making an army of Gunslinger skeletons because it was a rare advancement. Unless he had a lot of Grade S Souls, he might not be able to create the Gunslinger army.

Skelly1 up to Skelly6 was summoned using Grade A Souls, and Kaiser was summoned using Grade B Souls. If he used Grade SS Souls for the new siblings, he could make other unique skeletons like Keeper and Skelly7. The idea piqued his interest.

'I need five souls to summon one skeleton, but I only have four Grade SS Souls. I have to mix it with Grade S Souls.' Tang Shaoyang thought of mixing two Grade SS Souls and three Grade S Souls for one skeleton, but an idea crossed his mind. 'Wait.... It required five souls to summon one skeleton, but what if I use ten souls or even twenty souls? Will it summon multiple skeletons, or will it summon a super skeleton?'

He checked the number of his Grade S Souls. 'I have fifty-two Grade S Souls. What will happen if I use two Grade SS Souls and twenty-six Grade S Souls?' The idea of summoning a super skeleton made him excited, and he tried it. He used two Grade SS Souls and twenty-six Grade S Souls to activate [Necromastery].

Tang Shaoyang did it without noticing anyone around him, and the effect of summoning caught everyone off guard. The ground in front of Tang Shaoyang split open, and the entire area shook. Black smoke came out of the splitting ground, then a black skeleton reached the surface, climbing up from the hole.

This one was different from the current Skelly Family. The black frame made the difference obvious, and another thing that made it look different was the frame kept releasing black smoke. Another thing that made it special, the newly summoned skeleton already had orbs in its socket and chest. The black skeleton looked around for a moment, then it locked its gaze on Tang Shaoyang.

The ground shook once more as the splitting ground closed up, and then the black skeleton absorbed the black smoke. The black skeleton approached Tang Shaoyang and knelt once he was three meters away from Tang Shaoyang.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [I greet the Great Master who has bestowed me a new life!]

At the same time, Tang Shaoyang heard the notification in his head.

[You have summoned Elemental Skeleton, [Misty Skeleton]!]

Tang Shaoyang glanced at Skelly1 to see the reaction, but he quickly realized how stupid he was to see Skelly1's reaction. It was a skeleton, so he would not be able to see the reaction.

"From now on, your name is Skelly8, and you are part of the Skelly Family!" He gave Misty Skeleton a name. The name was what made the Skelly Family more special than the skeleton army he would summon soon.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [Skelly8 thanks Great Master for giving this lowly subordinate a name.]

Looking at Skelly8, his theory was right that using more than five souls would summon a better skeleton. There was no doubt that Skelly8 was more advanced than the first nine skeletons he summoned. Not only would it come with a better evolution, but it was also summoned as a better version of the skeleton from the start.

Tang Shaoyang told Skelly8 to move aside as he wanted to summon one more skeleton. The same phenomenon happened as the ground shook and split once more. However, instead of black smoke, the cold air gushed out of the splitting ground. The skeleton made of crystalline ice climbed up from the hole. After sensing who summoned him, the Ice Skeleton came and knelt toward Tang Shaoyang. It was the same exact manner as the Skelly8.

[You have summoned Elemental Skeleton, [Frost Skeleton]!]

"From now on, your name is Skelly9, and you are part of the Skelly Family!"

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [Skelly9 thanks, Great Master, for giving me a name. Skelly9 is eternally grateful for your blessing.]

'Huh!?' Tang Shaoyang thought he was just hearing things, but it was clear right now that Skelly9's voice was a girl's voice. He could not tell earlier because the voice was vague, but it became clearer after he gave the Ice Skeleton a name. 'Does a skeleton also have a gender?' He shook his head at the question.

After two successive summons, Skelly1 approached Tang Shaoyang.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [This is great. You have summoned Elemental Skeleton, a better version of us. Skelly8 is perfect to lead the scout team, and Skelly9 is also fit to be the leader of our archer legion. Skelly1 thanks, Master, for granting my wish for new siblings.]

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [Big Brother Kaiser will help Skelly8 to achieve the desired level and Big Brother Kaiser will help Skelly9.]

"But wait.... We have a big issue. I don't remember the choice I made for Skelly6." Tang Shaoyang then realized he did not remember what he chose for Skelly6 to advance to Killer Skeleton. The Archer Skeleton was easier because he just needed to choose the class advancement that gave him an option for Archer Skeleton, but it was different for Killer Skeleton.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [Don't worry, Master. Master just needs to convey your will to them, and they will do their best to achieve the result you desire. If you want Skelly9 to be a skilled archer and general, she will do her best and achieve the best result for you. Remember, Master. As long as

you allow us to, we can choose our advancement by ourselves, so you don't need to worry about the advancement.]

The Earl Skeleton assured Tang Shaoyang, which was followed by Skelly8 and Skelly9.

Chapter 1100: Commander Skelly1

"We now have the two generals you are looking for. Should I use all the souls to summon the soldiers?" Tang Shaoyang asked Skelly1. He asked because he did not want to intervene with how Skelly1 managed his army.

Skelly1 raised his right, gesturing to Master not to use all the souls.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [Keeper told me that we would fight the people from the city, but I don't know the end goal behind the war yet, Master. Can you tell me what you want to achieve, Master? It will determine the number of armies we need.]

Tang Shaoyang told Skelly1 what he had in mind. The war was not a large-scale war but a group fight outside the city. He never planned to take over the city. Too much resources and time were needed to destroy the city, and he doubted that the current him was enough to do so. So the war in his mind was to hunt the people from the Starter City #5. There was a possibility that the factions would unite; that was why he wanted the army of skeletons.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [I see. That means we don't need a big army for the starter. We can start with two hundred and ten skeletons. My sibling will lead thirty skeleton soldiers for the time being. That way, we can get ready faster for the future fight.]

It would take a longer time to prepare a big army, so Earl Skeleton wanted to start with a small army. Two hundred and ten skeletons were twice the size of the exploration team. That should be enough for the starter.

Tang Shaoyang understood why Skelly1 wanted to start it with a smaller number. He was about to summon the skeletons, but Skelly1 raised his hand once more. There was something Earl Skeleton wanted to say before the summoning.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [May I know the grade of the souls and also the number of souls you have, Master? I want to create the composition for the summoning by myself, too, if possible. However, I don't mind if you also decide it by yourself, Master.]

"Of course, you can." Tang Shaoyang said, shrugging as he did not really care. "But can you see the screen?" He could share the screen with the others, the players. He never tried to share the screen with his familiar. It might not work, but it was worth a try.

"Can you see it?" Tang Shaoyang asked, looking at the Earl Skeleton. Sharing the screen was an easy task; he just needed to think about it in his mind, and the System would share it with the intended target in his mind.

Skelly1 nodded, holding his skeleton jaw as he was in deep thought. The skeleton seemed to think of the skeleton composition for the skeleton soldiers.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [I can see the screen. For a start, can I have seventy skeletons with ten Grade A souls? The seventy skeletons will be our elite soldiers.]

Tang Shaoyang did as Skelly1's request, summoning seventy skeletons by using ten souls. It used ten souls for one skeleton, but there was no visible difference from the normal skeleton. The white-framed skeleton was what a skeleton was supposed to look like. The task was not done yet for him as he conveyed his thought that they would be under Skelly1's command. Of course, he did not bother to name them as there was no way he would remember each one of them.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [The remaining hundred and forty skeletons should be summoned with ten Grade B Souls each. We will work hard to raise their level to level 1000, then we can expand the army, triple the number.]

Tang Shaoyang could understand what Skelly1 tried to do. First, the Skelly Family would level these two hundred and ten skeletons to level 1000. It was not a hard task since there were a lot of monsters around level 800 to the Epic Rank that were above level one thousand on the eleventh floor of the Dimensional Tower. After all two hundred and ten, the skeleton army reached level 1000, then he could summon more skeletons. At that point, it would be much easier to raise the newly summoned skeleton soldiers with an elite of two hundred and ten skeletons that had reached level 1000.

After summoning two hundred and ten skeletons, his job was not over. He had to relay the command to the newly summoned skeletons that they had to listen to the Skelly Family's order and direction. Only then the newly summoned skeletons would listen to the Skelly Family.

"Do you have more requests?" Tang Shaoyang asked Skelly1.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [This should be enough, but if possible, I want a safe hunting ground. This area is not safe; if we encounter people from the city, the people will try to kill us. We, the Skelly Family, will survive the attack or even annihilate the enemy, but I am not sure about the new skeleton. They might die with a one-shot magic bolt from level 300 human.]

"Safe hunting ground?" Tang Shaoyang muttered in a low voice. There was no really safe hunting ground in this wilderness. However, he understood Skelly1's concern, but it was not something he could not provide with his current situation.

"Wait. I do think I have the safe hunting ground you are looking for." He suddenly remembered the Epic Rank Garden. It was the resource node he accidentally obtained because the Skelly Family killed the boss monster. There were a lot of strong monsters inside, and since they raced to capture the resource, there were still a lot of monsters alive inside.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Clack! [That's also the place I have in mind, but we need Master's assistance. There should be people guarding the place. We need Master's help to clear the entrance since I am not sure we are enough to kill them all.]

The Skelly Family could kill The Epic Rank and fight in par against the Ancient or even put up a fight against the Myth Rank, but they could only do that with a surprise attack. Once the surprise element disappeared, it would be hard for them to fight ten Myth Ranks at once.

"It's not an issue." Tang Shaoyang said, waving his hand at ease. There was no way those factions would put even their Myth Rank just to guard the resource node that did not belong to them. They might put some people to watch whether he would return or not, but those people meant to watch. At best, they were at Ancient Rank.

