

## Armipotent 1171

### Chapter 1171 Eleventh Floor Boss - Part 2

They share the same feelings. Tang Shaoyang also wanted to try his new power, Nine Heavenly Gates. However, he did not want to get entangled with more factions just like what happened to the Virandal Empire, The Karian Adventurer Guild, and the Mistovel Family. He wanted to avoid the fight against the other factions and focused on climbing the tower. Maybe finding another breeding ground from the same God Rank would yield more reward than fighting the other factions.

"We will avoid the fight if possible. Even if a fight breaks out, don't kill them," Tang Shaoyang delivered the bad news to her. He was also itchy to try his new power, but they had another priority. Of course, those words were not just for Rosalie, but Greed, Wrath, and Lu An as well.

The plan changed, if what Darlene said was the truth, then they just needed to exchange the information with the prisoner. He wanted to avoid any interaction with any factions from Starter City #5, but it was not possible since he wanted to find the boss floor faster.

Rosalie just smiled meaningfully when he warned her while Lu An chugged the healing potion to the nobleman that had a long name. Tang Shaoyang did not really remember anything about the guy. After Julian's wounds were healing, they went out of the cave to meet their guests.

Tang Shaoyang found some interesting information. It seemed the two factions behind these two nobles had something or maybe a skill to track Darlene and Julian. They were heading to the cave at a steady speed, but not too fast. Maybe they tried to avoid being noticed since they might think their prince and princess were kidnapped by an organized group.

They waited at the mouth cave, waiting for the rescue group's arrival. Tang Shaoyang had their number which was four hundred people. He could not see their average ranks because he could not use Detection with Spirit Eyes. Darlene and Julian were awake; the girl looked calm while Julian looked frightened.

"Where do you want to take me?" Darlene asked, curious. She stood there for like three minutes, not moving. But she realized they were not moving anywhere as she noticed her rescue group. She recognized the armored knights that led the group, all of them, "Hehehe... You are doomed,"

Darlene recognized Lu An's unique power, but the young man was still too weak to face the Xevia Kingdom's elite knight. One Legend Rank and six Primordial Ranks were leading the rescue operation.

Lu An played along, whispering to her ear, "I don't think so as long as you are in my hand. They don't dare to get closer when this dagger is on your neck." Darlene's smile stiffened as she sensed the cold dagger on her neck.

"Halt!" The leader knight of the rescue group raised his right hand.

While Darlene was calm, but not with Julian. The pampered boy had a frantic reaction at the sight of the rescue group, "Save me from this savage, Rabios! THEY HURT ME! SHOW THEM THE MIGHT OF THE KARIGAN FAMILY!"

"Too noisy," Lu An hit the back of Julian's knees, forcing the man to kneel and placed the sword next to his neck, "If you make any noise, I will sever your head!"

"STOP! Don't you dare touch Young Master Julian!"

It was a big group, but it was easy to find out that the groups were from three different factions. The one who just shouted was Rabios of the Karigan Family, and Tang Shaoyang found a familiar face from one group of faction, Roman. The Epic Rank Adventurer that found him after the battle against the God Ranks, also the adventurers who got crushed by Tang Shaoyang, humiliated. Roman was now Ancient Rank, and his intense gaze was fixated on Tang Shaoyang. That was right, the second group was the Karian Adventure Guild.

The last group was, of course, Darlene's group, the only group with a Legend Rank. That showed the importance of Darlene.

"What are you up to now, Ying!" Roman could not hold his anger back, raising his voice while pointing his finger at Tang Shaoyang.

Ying was a famous name in the city, the one who crushed the Virandal Empire's force and also the Mistovel Family. There was a big bounty on his head, but the name was gradually forgotten because no one could find the person for three months. But of course, Roman would never forget the name of Ying and his face.

Tang Shaoyang shrugged, "I have no business with you," Then he met with the Legendary Rank's eyes, "I just want the eleventh floor's boss location. I will return your princess for the location."

The exchange was simple, information and for the person. The man called Rabios sneered, "Do you think we will give you the information? Do you think you are in a position to make a demand? If you don't want to experience a horrible death, you better give—"

Rabios did not finish his words as Julian's scream filled the air. Tang Shaoyang formed Slayer Blade, then he cut Julian's right hand. There was no hesitation in his action, giving no chance for anyone to react, including Lu An. The hand flopped to the ground as the blood sprayed to Darlene who screamed as well afterward.

"If you speak again when I don't speak with you, the next target will be his head!" Rabios stumped, opening his mouth but there were no words coming out. He was afraid that Julian would be killed for real next time.

The Legend Rank motioned the others to take steps back, indicating he would speak to Tang Shaoyang while he got three steps closer, "How am I supposed to trust you? What if you still kill Lady Darlene after I give you the location?"

Tang Shaoyang shrugged, "You don't have any other choice but to trust me, no?"

The Legend Rank turned his gaze to Darlene, checking if Lady Darlene was injured or not. Aside from being frightened, Darlene was fine.

"Then you have to wait for us to finish one hundred quests first. We haven't finished the quest," The Legend Rank let out a sigh and agreed to Tang Shaoyang's demand.

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"You almost fool me," Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "It seems you don't intend to negotiate with me from the start. Then good luck finding her corpse in the wild, if the beast does not eat her body."

Tang Shaoyang pulled Darlene by the hair, pushing her down to the ground. The girl screamed, struggling to break free. He ignored the cries, "Try to follow me, and I will kill her."

Tang Shaoyang pretended to retreat, pulling the girl by her hair. If not for the interrogation earlier, he would not know the Legend Rank tried to buy time. He guessed The Legend Rank Knight wanted to buy time for reinforcement after finding out his identity.

"Wait!" The Legend Rank Knight almost rushed forward to save Darlene, but he stopped his notion at the sight of Darlene's head on Tang Shaoyang's palm. He then lifted Darlene by holding her head up.

"I am sorry, Princess. If you have any resentment, you should direct that hate to this Legend Rank Knight. Remember his face clearly because he deems the boss floor's location is more important than your life," Tang Shaoyang whispered to Darlene. Tears flowed from her eyes, and her gaze met with the Legend Rank Knight's gaze. Hate, there was hate in her gaze at the knight.

There was some truth in Tang Shaoyang's words, after all. The knight could give the location to free her, but the knight had a different idea. She understood if the knight wanted to catch her kidnappers, they could catch the kidnapper after she was free. Why would the knight risk her life just to catch the kidnappers?

"Wondering why? Because of greed. He wants to catch me for my dragon. Haven't you heard my name from that adventure?"

Darlene had heard about the rumor of an adventurer that had a dragon. The Mistovel Family tried to get the dragon, but the adventurer crushed The Mistovel Family's young master who tried to detain the adventurer. That was a big story a few months ago, and she had heard it for sure. Her eyes widened in shock, looking at the knight in disbelief.

"Don't trust him, Lady Darlene! He is manipulating you!" The Legend Rank Knight shouted.

"Maybe I do, but why does that knight not want to exchange your life for information that will become public once everyone completes a hundred quests? That sounds fishy, no?"

The more Darlene thought about it, the more what Tang Shaoyang said made sense. The location would become public, and maybe most factions already knew the boss floor's location since it had been over three months since everyone entered the eleventh floor.

"I will give you the location!" The Legend Rank Knight realized that if the rumor spread out to Darlene's parents, his life as the knight would be over even if he was a Legend Rank. Especially when he noticed that Darlene started to believe what Ying said.

"This is the map," The Legend Rank Knight held a green orb in his hand. He tossed the orb at Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang caught the orb while his head wondered how this orb could be a map. However, the doubt was answered as soon as he held the orb. A holographic map appeared before him, and there

was a green arrow pointing in a direction. The green arrow pointed toward a big red dot on the map which he assumed was where the boss floor was.

He let out a chuckle, putting the orb into his inventory, "He even has the map in his inventory yet..." He did not finish his words, letting the lady finish the words in her imagination, "You really have a loyal knight, Lady Darlene."

Tang Shaoyang motioned toward Lu An with his head, and Lu An knocked Julian while Tang Shaoyang released his grasp on Darlene. Then the shadow rose up, enveloping them. At the last moment, Darlene stood up from the ground and jumped into the shadow. It was a questionable and reckless decision. The Legend Rank Knight raised his voice, calling Darlene. The desperation could be heard in his tone.

Then the shadow dispersed, and Tang Shaoyang was no longer there. They disappeared under the watch of four hundred people. The Legend Rank Knight who tried to jump into the shadow failed to reach the shadow. He now stood where the shadow disappeared, standing in distress as he failed to rescue Darlene.

Then he snapped out of his thoughts, returning to his group, "We return to the city and track where Lady Darlene's location,"

There was a skill that could be used to track Darlene, and they needed to return to a person who could use the skill. The Knight of the Xevia Kingdom returned empty-handed while the Karigan Family's force rushed toward their young master, giving Julian the healing potion and also the regeneration potion before leaving.

The Karian Adventurer Guild followed the other two. They came because Darlene hired the adventurer to hunt outside the city. This was part of their responsibility that their client was kidnapped, leaving Roman alone. Roman's eyes focused on where Tang Shaoyang disappeared, gritting his teeth and clenching his fist tightly.

Roman had been trying so hard to catch up to Ying. He reached Ancient Rank two weeks ago, and he thought the gap between them was shortened, but Ying had also reached Myth Rank. He felt like the gap between them had become wider instead.

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Tang Shaoyang lifted his right foot which Darlene clung onto. He did not expect the girl to be this reckless and followed them into the shadows.

"What are you doing? Don't you want to return to your family?" He could not understand the train of thought of this girl.

"It's your fault," Rosalie rolled her eyes, "You are doing unnecessary things which make her think something stupid as well."

Tang Shaoyang had a confused look and did not understand what Rosalie tried to say.

"You really know so little about how complicated being a member of the royal family is despite being an Emperor yourself," Rosalie squatted in front of Darlene who was still clinging to Tang

Shaoyang's right foot, "She may be thinking that someone from her family wants her to die because of your attempt to scare that knight."

Darlene nodded her head, agreeing with Rosalie, then she looked up, looking at Tang Shaoyang, "You are an Emperor?" She was surprised to hear the new information, "I thought you were an adventurer?"

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Tang Shaoyang ignored the question, opening the new map once more. The map only showed a direction and the boss's location. It was unknown how far the boss floor was since the map did not tell him the distance.

"What should we do with her?" Rosalie helped Darlene to get up. The girl was clearly a tracking device, and her people could track them anywhere they went.

"Leave her, of course. If she wants to blame someone, she should blame herself for following us," Tang Shaoyang turned toward the lady. There was no reason to bring Darlene with them. It was not like they needed her to fight the boss floor.

"Aren't you afraid? If my family finds my dead body in the wild, you will be hunted down by them," Darlene looked at Tang Shaoyang curiously, "Especially my mother. She might beg my Demi-God Grandfather to hunt you. Aren't you afraid?"

Rosalie wondered, "If your grandfather is just Demi-God Rank, does that mean the Mistovel Family is stronger than your kingdom?"

Lulu's brother was Demi-God Rank despite his young age, but Darlene's grandfather was just Demi-God Rank despite being a grandpa. It showed the difference between the two factions' prowess.

"Che che che...." Darlene playfully clicked her tongue, smiling, "It seems I guess it right. You guys are newbies to the Dimensional Tower. Do you know that advancing to God Rank is harder than advancing to Demi-God Rank from Epic Rank?"

"Also, my grandfather could advance to the God Rank anytime. He stays behind because he wants to spend more time with his family. Once he ascends to the God Realm, it would be hard for him to return to meet his family."

Tang Shaoyang and Rosalie exchanged glances. He tried to use Dragon Sense, but he failed to find anything from Darlene. He did not know if Darlene was telling the truth or lying. But she was right on one thing, this was their first dimensional tower. The clues told might tell her that they were the newbie, but he was interested more in the God Rank. If there was any hurdle to achieving God Rank, he wanted to know it so he could be prepared.

"I finally have something you are interested in. How about we make a deal?" Darlene smiled, "If you let me follow you to kill the boss floor, then I will tell you what I know about the God Rank. Of course, you have to escort me back to Starter City #5 after we defeat the boss floor. I can guarantee your safety that the Xevia Kingdom will not attack you."

Tang Shaoyang and Rosalie were secretly communicating through the Communication System, exchanging messages about whether to believe the girl or not. Again, Karoen could not confirm

what Darlene told them. The Mythical Spirit told him that he could only help once Tang Shaoyang reached Demi-God Rank. Another silly restriction from the System.

"We can just interrogate her again, Brother? Why bother making a deal?" Lu An proposed a better option. There was no need for them to make a deal or bring the girl with them to fight the boss floor.

"Let's not make an unnecessary enemy," Tang Shaoyang shook his head, deciding to agree to the deal. He summoned Ronan, the Helion Wolf, a Grade S+ Spirit, "I will bring you with me but with a condition. You have to listen to me. My words are an order, understand?"

Darlene cautiously looked at the wolf that released a dark aura, then she nodded at Tang Shaoyang's words. The wolf was two meters tall with a mane that was thicker than a lion. If not for the Detection, she might have mistaken the wolf for a lion.

"You will ride Ronan and tell me what you know about the God Rank!"

"Can I change my ride... never mind," She remembered the condition, his words were an order. That meant Ying did not want her to say no to his words.

The wolf looked menacing and its aura was terrifying at a glance, but it was quite tame. When she got closer, it lowered its body so she could climb up.

[Hold tight, Lady Guess.] Hearing the grumpy voice in her head, she subconsciously held the mane tighter. Then she looked at the wolf in surprise, "You can use telepathy?"

Before she could reply, her surroundings blurred as the strong gust hit her face, "Hh-h-how..." She could not complete her sentence because the wind was too strong. The wolf was moving so fast that her vision was blurred. The wolf was fast, but it was not an ideal ride for her if she wanted to speak or tell what she knew about the God Rank.

The wind then suddenly disappeared, and she saw Ying match up the wolf's speed next to her. She did not see the young man, but the red-haired lady was flying above her. The two were clearly waiting for her to speak.

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"What do you say? You failed to bring back Lady Darlene from the kidnappers?" A man that looked in his early thirties slammed the table. The table crumbled following the loud noise, then the man appeared right in front of the Legend Rank Knight who tried to rescue Darlene.

The Legend Rank Knight's neck was held, raising his body to the air. Then he was slammed down to the ground. The marble floor was destroyed, but the Legend Rank Knight returned to his kneeling position, not daring to raise his head.

The person in front of him was the person in charge to train the new knight in this Ancient Rank Tower, and the native of Glainvidale. Glainvidale was a world that was conquered by the four kingdoms conquered; Xevia, Xeodinia, Zaentis, and Tidore.

The person in charge was sent from the main world where the Xevia Kingdom originated, and he was Legend Rank. Despite being the same rank, the knight that failed to rescue Darlene had a lower

status because he was a native of Glainvidale while the person who slammed him was one of the nobles of the Xevia Kingdom.

"Not only did you give him the map, but you also failed to rescue The Princess..." The temperature suddenly dropped and the kneeling knight could feel his feet were freezing. But the freezing temperature was just temporary before it disappeared afterward.

"The Queen summoned us. You follow me!"

#### Chapter 1174 Eleventh Floor Boss - Part 5

The two Legend Rank knights met with The Queen of the Xevia Kingdom, and also the former king, Darlene's grandfather. The two Legend Rank Knights placed their heads on the ground, apologizing because they failed to rescue the princess.

"Don't worry about it, my daughter is safe but you have to go to the Knight Disciplinary office to receive your punishment after you answer my father's questions!" The Queen's voice was elegant, but it contained no emotion. The two Legend Rank knights could not tell whether the Queen was angry at them or not for failing to rescue the Princess.

"Yes, Your Highness!" The two knights replied at the same time.

"Get up. You will get your punishment later, so there's no need to lower your head like that," The former king told the two knights to stand up.

"No, Sir! We deserve this for failing to protect and rescue the princess," The two knights remained in the same positions.

"Tch," The former king clicked his tongue and shook his head, "This is why I let your husband inherit the throne earlier. I don't like this stiff formality."

The Queen said nothing to the remark.

"It's uncomfortable to see a precious knight act like this, so let's make it fast. Tell me more about this Ying. My granddaughter told me that he's a reliable guy and that even a Demi-God Rank could not hurt her if she is with him, is that true?"

Darlene remained in contact with her family despite being in captivity. That was how her grandfather would know who kidnapped her granddaughter. From the message, she told him that Ying was a newbie, but a newbie that could rival a Demi-God Rank. That was ridiculous, especially when they were still on the Eleventh Floor. This piqued the former king's interest, hence he asked her daughter to summon the person in charge of the Ancient Rank Dimensional Tower.

"I can't confirm it, but there's indeed a rumor that Ying defeated the Demi-God Rank from a faction called the Mistovel Family. But that was just a rumor, and I can say that rumor is quite exaggerated. Not only did Ying defeat the Demi-God Rank, but he pushed the God Ranks of the Mistovel Family to retreat. While we confirm the God Rank's appearance because of the rift, we can't be sure if the rumor was true."

The two knights then told the story about Ying and the Karian Adventurer Guild. The previous rank and the current rank. The two told the former king in detail about Ying. Of course, that was limited to what they knew about Ying.

"Hehe..." Darlene's grandfather let out a small laugh, "This is interesting." He stood from the chair, "You can leave now!"

The two knights paid respect to the Queen and the former king once more before leaving the room.

"There's no need to ask your husband to send the elite knight. Don't worry, my daughter Annika, I will go to pick up my mischievous granddaughter myself. You can wait at ease at home."

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There was one last trial to reach God Rank, but it was a completely different trial than the beforehand trial. The right word might be a battle, not a trial. One had to face a last battle to reach the God Rank, and it was called Astral Battle.

The System was quite psycho to pit one Demi-God Rank against another Demi-God Rank. That was what Astral Battle meant, fighting to the death against the other Demi-God Ranks. The winner would get God Shard, and one needed ten God Shards to reach God Rank. That was the condition to reach God's Rank, a death trial.

Darlene said the System was quite "lenient" because the System gave them three lives and three chances. They would be revived for the first two deaths, but it would be an eternal death for the third death. She told him that her grandfather had collected nineteen God Shards. That was why she said her grandfather could advance to God Rank anytime.

Tang Shaoyang asked why her grandfather collected nineteen God Shards when her grandfather just needed ten God Shards to advance to the God Rank. That was quite puzzling, why would her grandfather risk his life to gather nineteen shards?

Unfortunately, Darlene did not know the reason, but she told him that her grandfather had died twice in the Astral Battle. Her grandfather had used all the two lives that System gave him.

Hearing those stories, Tang Shaoyang had an idea in his head, "What if I steal someone else's shards? Can I still advance to God Ranks with those stolen shards?" Unfortunately, Darlene did not know much more than the requirement to reach God Ranks. It seemed her grandfather did not tell her the details about the God Rank. However, Tang Shaoyang was satisfied with the newly acquired information.

There was no level requirement to enter Astral Battle. As long as one was Demi-God Rank, anyone could participate in the Astral Battle. However, he could understand why people would delay the Astral Battle and stay in Demi-God Rank for a while.

'I have to obtain more classes and more talents to prepare for the Astral Battle... How do I obtain more classes and talents? I need to go to a different world,' He remembered he got Slayer Class during his Survival Game that sent him to another world.

'Does that mean I need to go to a new world? Ah, I have a random portal that will connect two different worlds. But that's too risky... I have access to that world, but that world will also gain access to my world. I need a lot of preparation to activate the random portal.'

Tang Shaoyang subconsciously planned for what would come in the future.



Meanwhile, the trip to the boss floor took some time. It took them three days to reach the destination, and that was because they had to match the Helion Wolf's speed.

"We have arrived," Tang Shaoyang stopped in front of a massive gate. The gate was twenty meters tall and fifteen meters long, made of black stone. The gate was clearly a portal, meaning the boss floor beyond this portal.

The Princess was quite excited about the fight against the boss floor, moving around, and observing the gate. After a while, she then looked toward Tang Shaoyang, "Where's your party? When will you raid the boss?"

"We are all here, and we will fight the boss right now."

#### Chapter 1175 Eleventh Floor Boss - Part 6

Darlene made a silly face, blinking her eyes at Tang Shaoyang who seemed the leader of this party. She had read and heard a lot of stories about raiding the boss floor. All the stories she heard from her grandfather included a big party, including when her grandfather led the raiding party. Not because of precaution, but because they needed a big party to defeat the boss.

The glory of her grandfather's adventure was the reason she wanted to follow Tang Shaoyang. She wanted to experience the same glory as her grandfather did. That was the reason she was here, but she realized Ying was a newbie in this dimensional tower and did not know much about the boss floor.

"You need people, more people. The boss is not just a single monster, but it has many minions, hundreds if not thousands," Darlene hurriedly explained about the things they would face inside the gate, hoping Ying would delay the raid and call his people. Even though she could not confirm it from her mouth directly, Ying was an Emperor. An Emperor had an army, and she hoped he would call the army for the raid.

"Really? That's good. We need a lot of monsters to kill," Tang Shaoyang talked about Lu An and Rosalie. Lu An followed him to get the levels, fighting a high-rank beast and monster. Rosalie wanted to test how strong she had become and needed a lot of targets to do some experiments. This was a perfect place to do it.

Darlene looked at Tang Shaoyang as if he was a crazy person. She then tried to explain how dangerous the boss was, but she failed to convince the opposite party to call for more people. Then a thought appeared in her head, 'Did I make the wrong choice?'

"Do you want to follow us? Or do you want to wait outside?" The three people and two pets were ready to enter the gate while Darlene was nine meters away from the gate, separating herself from the group. Lu An was impatient, so he asked the girl, "If you are scared, you should not follow us."

Darlene ignored Lu An, looking around. She was in the middle of nowhere, the grassland. It looked safe but the area was open. There was no hiding spot around if some strong monsters appeared, she could not hide. The remaining choice was to follow the group, but it looked like a suicide group in her eyes. But what choice did she have but to follow them?

She scurried her way behind Tang Shaoyang because she felt that was the safest spot. Then the group entered the gate.

Their vision blackened for a moment before it returned. The same sensation as any other portal. The group arrived in the middle of the desolate land. The ground cracked, a sign that the area lacked water. There was no tree, but a few big black boulders around them. Then the most eye-catching was the pyramid ahead of them.

The pyramid was a hundred meters tall, and it was filled with monsters. At the highest pyramid, there was a seat with a monster sitting on it, looking at them lazily. From the top of the pyramid down to the lowest part, everything was filled with monsters. That was not all, more monsters surrounded the pyramid.

Tang Shaoyang used his Spirit Eyes, and the number of the monster was over a thousand for sure. It was just like an ant nest with the pyramid as the queen.

"There are thousands of monsters, mixed with Hobgoblins, Orc, and Trolls," He recognized the monster. He then hopped on the closest boulder and saw the swarm of monsters around the pyramid.

The others followed him, and they saw what awaited them. Darlene almost fell off the boulder, terrified by the number of the monster. She then tried to take a peek at Lu An, wanting to know what kind of expression he had after mocking her outside the gate. To her surprise, the younger man was grinning, looking excited at the sight of the monster.

Then she peeked at the lady. The red-haired lady did not have any particular expression while Ying had a casual expression. The number of the monsters did not intimidate them at all. She did not know if it was a good thing or a bad thing. It could be a good thing, meaning they were confident to beat everything. It could be a bad thing, meaning these people were crazed people who sought excitement in a battle.

"The number is abnormal..." Darlene threw the useless thoughts away from her head, focusing on the wave. The best she could do was to help with the information she had, but she noticed an oddity, "My grandfather said the minion should not be more than two thousand, but this is more than that..."

The book said the number, and it was after many experiments. The minion number never surpasses two thousand, in any tower. But the one in front of her was completely different. She did not know the definite number of the monsters, but it was at least five thousand or maybe more.

"As a promise, you will stay here and watch while we fight the monster," Lu An did not forget to turn around and reminded her of the promise. He did not want to share the monster with her.

"A-ar-are you sure?" Darlene was lost for words, looking at Tang Shaoyang to seek confirmation. She might be the weakest in the group, but she was still an Epic Rank. While the monsters were many, most of them were not ranked, around level 800 to level 900+. She could help with the weak monster, and she intended to help.

"You can stay next to me if you are scared, but don't kill any monster without my permission, understand?" Tang Shaoyang nodded.

Before she could respond to the instruction, the ground shook. The monster swarm started to move, swarming in their directions. The monster on the peak of the pyramid stood up, aiming the big sword toward them. The battle started.

## Chapter 1176 Eleventh Boss Floor - Part 7

"I will take care of the right-wing," Lu An was the first one to choose where he was headed. Not waiting for the reply, he disappeared into the shadow.

"Then I will stay here with you. Don't you want to know how strong I have become?" Rosalie smiled.

Tang Shaoyang nodded as he did not intend to join the fight against the small fries. He let them clear the small fries. That left the left wing. Wrath and Greed were in a sitting posture, looking at him with puppy eyes, clearly asking for their part which was the left wing.

"You guys want to join too?" The two small pets nodded.

Darlene looked at the golden lizard and the cat, with her eyes widened. She thought the two were just normal pets that followed Ying around. She did not know the two pets could fight because she never tried to use Detection on the two. Never crossed her mind to use the skill on the two small pets, but then she used them. Her eyes widened in shock as she found out that one was a Golden Dragon and the other one was a creature she had never heard of, but the cat was still an Ancient rank, one rank higher than her.

"You can have the left wing, but you have to share it with my skeletons," Tang Shaoyang did not mind if the two lazy bums wanted to fight too. In fact, he was glad since this could help them become stronger. But he also planned for the Skelly Family to take the left wing. This would be a big help to grow the skeleton army.

Wrath flew to the sky and revealed his true body, the giant dragon. Meanwhile, Greed disappeared without Darlene noticing. However, the Princess's attention was attracted to the summoned skeletons. She could not see the skeleton's ranks, but the group of skeletons, hundreds of them, headed toward the left side of the monster swarm.

Darlene's eyes fixated on the left wing where the Golden Dragon and the skeletons were. In the blink of an eye, hundreds of monsters were swallowed by the dragon fire while the skeleton formed a formation, welcoming the monster wave. She was surprised at how the skeleton moved and fought in order. None of the skeletons broke the formation, but what caught her attention was there were a few skeletons that moved on their own, slaughtering the monster. One skeleton had a similar trait to the draconian, with a wing and tail skeleton. That one acted like a meat grinder, grinding the monster's flesh.

There was another ranged skeleton who could shoot dark mana beams. She was amazed at how the skeletons fought the wave. There was not a single monster past their barricade. Amidst the battle, she saw a big shadow in the middle of the monster. The shadow had the form of a tiger head, devouring the monster. A big chunk of the monster would disappear along with the shadow of the tiger's head as if the shadow ate the monster. It appeared randomly when the monster did not expect to appear.

The fight in the left wing was clean, no monster escaped from the skeleton and the dragon. She could not find the cat, but she guessed the shadow tiger was the cat. She wiped the sweat on her forehead as she felt the area became increasingly hotter and shifted her attention to the middle part

where the red-haired lady shot a fire ray from her hand. Any monster that touched the fire-ray, disappeared. That was right, disappeared instead of burned. That was how strong the fire was.

"This is boring. Let's finish this quick and face the stronger monster," Darlene heard the red-haired lady muttering in a low voice. Then she saw the red-haired lady move the lava like a flood toward the monster. The lava formed a perfect line, not spilling to the side, rushing toward the monster.

The Princess realized the area became hotter because the red-haired lady turned the ground around them into a lava pool. That was where the lava came from. The monster was burned until nothing was left as the lava swept the middle part of the swarm.

It had been a few minutes since the battle started, but she had not heard anything from the right side. She looked to the right, and a big part of the right side was covered by the shadow. The shadow was forty meters wide and around a hundred meters long. She saw the monster entering the shadow from the other side, but she did not see them from this side. As if the monster was killed by the shadow silently as she could not hear their roar or scream, no sound at all. The shadow terrified her and she immediately turned her attention to the left side. The middle and the right-wing did not look like a battle in her eyes, more like a disaster for the monster as they could not really fight back.

All this time, Ying remained on his spot, sitting cross-legged, watching the monster being slaughtered in front of him.

"You are not helping them? What if they were exhausted before the fight against the high-ranking monsters?" Darlene could not help but ask. She could tell that the monster that stayed in the pyramid was much stronger than the swarm.

While it amazed her how the group handled the swarm, the red-haired lady would run out of mana if she kept maintaining the big spell like that. The same for the other two groups, they would be exhausted before the fight against the high-ranking monsters. This was the reason why a big party needed to fight the boss floor.

"That's true. My skeleton will be exhausted before the actual fight," Tang Shaoyang nodded, muttering while thinking of a solution, "Do you want to have fun too, Karan?"

[Of course! I have been waiting for your call. The battlefield is my home!] The Firestorm Berserker Orc replied enthusiastically, and could not hold his excitement for the battle.

Darlene was confused at first, but then she saw the summoned creature, the dark-red-skinned orb. The orc let out a deafening roar before it leaped toward the left wing. A big firestorm formed where the orc landed before another massacre started.

The non-stop slaughter continued for another twenty minutes. It took them twenty minutes to clear the monster swarm, with no casualties. The group reassembled in the original spot, and they headed toward the pyramid together, to face the boss floor who stood at the peak of the pyramid.

## Chapter 1177 Anticlimactic - Part 1

The monsters in the pyramid did not move even though the swarm was cleared. Tang Shaoyang and the group had to come to the pyramid by themselves. None of them looked exhausted after clearing the swarm of monsters. Lu An seemed happy with his gain as it was shown on his face, smiling as they approached the pyramid.

At the peak, there was a troll, which looked like the boss floor. The troll was four meters tall, red-skinned, wearing belt armor, a pauldron, with a broadsword on the back. Aside from the skin, it looked like a normal troll. At a lower level of the red-skinned troll, there were seven monsters; four Orcs and three trolls. The sevens were fully equipped, more than the red-skinned troll. Their chest was covered in plate armor, their feet were covered in steel boots, and a weapon of their choice.

On the third highest level, there were twenty monsters. Not fully equipped, but they had the necessary equipment such as plate armor to cover their bare chest and a weapon on each monster. From then on, the remaining monsters were only equipped with weapons. Clearly, the top three levels of the pyramid were where the strong monsters gathered.

Tang Shaoyang reached the range of Detection skill, and he used it on the red-skinned troll. The result was a disappointment. The boss floor was not that high in rank. In fact, it was just a low-rank monster in his eyes, what a disappointment. He shook his head as he felt like the boss floor was not worth it for him to stop by to kill it.

[Name: ??? | Class: Troll Warlord | Rank: Ancient | Level: 2670]

It was a named monster, but it was just an Ancient Rank. The breeding ground had a monster with a much higher rank than this boss floor. What a disappointment. Below the Troll Warlord, where the seven monsters stood up, they were the Monster General. That was their class, and they are also Ancient Rank with no name. From the third highest level to the bottom part, the remaining monster was Epic Ranks. Around seven hundred Epic Rank monsters.

Darlene was the only one who stiffened after finding out there were a little over seven hundred Epic Rank monsters. Tang Shaoyang and Rosalie were disappointed while Lu An was quite excited because he was fighting the monster on the same level.

Tang Shaoyang stretched out his hand, "You guys can handle them without my help, right?" He did not plan to join the fight, letting the others gain the maximum benefit. He was Myth Rank and level 4179 after clearing his trial. If he fought all the monsters, the most he could get was five levels or maybe tens at most. He would rather give Lu An and Rosalie so they could catch up to him, and also for the Skelly Family and his companion beasts to level up.

"What?" Darlene could not believe what she heard, "Why don't you want to help them? Do you want them to die? It's a named monster. That should be much stronger than a normal Ancient Rank. You should help to fight the boss at least."

"No! The boss is mine!" Rosalie and Lu An said at the same time, catching the Princess off guard with how loud they were. The Princess looked at the lady and the young man. She did not doubt the lady could win against the boss, but not Lu An no matter how bizarre his shadow power was.

"Choose! Do you want the boss, or do you want the seven generals," Rosalie gave the choices to Lu An. Both knew that Tang Shaoyang was not interested in the fight with how low rank and low level these monsters were, so it was left to them. She made the choice for Lu An, sharing the experience. The even generals were between level 2100 to level 2250.

Lu An should take the seven generals as they would benefit him more than one boss. Rosalie would get more benefits from killing the monsters that are on the same level as her. That was the logical decision, but she gave him the choice, in case he wanted to fight an opponent that was stronger than him in terms of attributes.

It was a difficult decision as Lu An hesitated to make the choice. But then he chose what benefited him the most, the seven generals, "I will take on the monster generals."

"What about the remaining monsters? We got the share too, right?" Karan, the Firestorm Berserker, who had been silent finally spoke. He wanted to fight the ranked monster too. The non-ranked monsters were quite a boring fight as it was a one-sided slaughter for him. There was no fightback from the non-ranked monster, and the Epic Rank should be able to put up the fight that he wanted for a battle. A one-sided fight was no different than butchering livestock, after all.

"You all can fight together for the Epic Rank. I don't think the seven generals and the boss floor will move until you all clean up the Epic Rank," Tang Shaoyang said, looking at the boss floor who looked down at him as well.

From the look of it, the boss floor would not participate unless they went up to the pyramid. Even the Epic Rank monsters did not move from the Pyramid even though they were just twenty meters away from the pyramid. It felt like the pyramid was a selection by the boss monster. Whoever could reach the peak would fight him.

Keeper, The Infernal Gunslinger, was the first one to take action after Tang Shaoyang's suggestion. He fired the first shot at the monster at the middle rank of the pyramid, aiming for a higher-level monster for himself. However, the dark mana bullet was reflected with an invisible barrier. There was a barrier that protected the monster from the ranged attack. The barrier was like ten meters from the Pyramid, meaning they had to come closer to destroy the barrier if they wanted to use the range attack.

Greed and Lu An were the fastest to react to the barrier. They decided to enter the barrier, and it did not block them from getting onto the pyramid. As soon as Lu An and Greed passed the barrier, the Epic Rank Monsters comprising Trolls, Orcs, and Hobgoblins started to move.

"Remember, you are not allowed to use the Shadow Domain while fighting the Epic Rank monster! That will be unfair to the others!" Tang Shaoyang reminded Lu An and Greed from behind.

After that, the remaining people entered the barrier and fought the Epic Rank Monster.

## Chapter 1178 Anticlimactic - Part 2

Darlene watched the fight unfold before her eyes, and she was left speechless about how hundreds of Epic Ranks Monsters easily fell off. Even for the weakest group, the Skeleton Army. They could handle the Epic Rank monster pretty well. They moved systematically in formation, luring one of the Epic Rank monsters before killing it one by one.

The leader of the Skeleton Army was no different than others, handling the Epic Rank monster with ease. The Epic Rank Monsters were no different than the mobs monster they killed earlier. Darlene was at a loss for words to describe what happened before her.

'Anticlimactic Boss Raid? A One-Sided Slaughter?'

The raid that was supposed to be completed with a big party was cleared with a party of five. Even though the skeleton army was a hundred, most of the contributors were the red-haired lady, Golden Dragon, Dark Predator, and Lu An.

'Ah, it's a party of four?' She forgot that Ying never joined the fight even once. The man had been watching his friends from the sideline.

The Princess had been wanting to witness the glory of the boss raid, but she could not feel that glory here. This was totally different from what she read in the book or what her grandfather told her. Because the one who raided the boss overpowered the monsters.

"You look disappointed," Tang Shaoyang could not help but make a comment at the sight of Darlene's disappointed expression. She was the one who wanted to watch the fight, and she did it by exchanging quite important information for this too. He wondered why she was disappointed.

"I can't feel the glory of defeating the boss floor that my grandfather talks about. This feels empty, in fact, boring," The Princess wanted the entertainment from the battle, but this was no battle. The monster kept falling without putting up a fight.

"That's because we have a different objective than your kingdom, Princess. Your faction has the luxury to summon Ancient Rank Dimensional Tower to train your soldier or people, but for us, this Dimensional Tower is the way to survive, to get stronger. Our battle is not here, but in another place," Tang Shaoyang ended up speaking more than he intended, but it did not matter since the princess already figured out he was a newbie in this tower.

Darlene fell silent as what Tang Shaoyang said was spot-on. She might see the scene she had in her mind if her faction raided the boss's floor. There might be one Primordial Rank or even Legend Rank to oversee the situation while creating a party of Ancient Rank and below. The fight would be more intense if they sent the people within the same rank as the monster to train.

However, this group had a different aim than her faction. They intended to go to a higher floor to reap more benefits from the tower so they could get stronger. That was the original goal of the tower for players like them, and she had forgotten that goal because of how strong her kingdom was.

"Then can I follow you to climb the tower? Maybe I can experience the glory when I watch you guys fight the higher floor boss," Darlene gave it a shot. She would be safer to follow this group climbing up the tower than following the trainer knights. That was how she felt, it was safe though it was boring.

"No!" Tang Shaoyang flatly refused the princess without a second thought. The reason he allowed her to follow them was for information. Unless she gave him something he could not refuse, he did not mind bringing extra baggage.

"We are almost done here. I will escort you back to the outskirts of the city, then our deal is over."

Darlene looked up at the pyramid, and the battle was indeed almost over. The Epic Rank Monsters were gone, leaving the corpses behind, scattered around the pyramid. Some corpses were intact, but most of them were missing parts. Four of seven monster generals had fallen under Lu An's swords, and the named monster had half of its body burned in golden fire.

The fight was over. The young man called Lu An struggled this time compared to the beforehand fight but managed to kill the seven monster generals after forty minutes of fighting. As for the red-haired lady, she finished the fight faster than Lu An.

[Congratulations! You have defeated the Eleventh Floor Boss!]

[The Tang Empire has gained access to the Twelfth Floor!]

The notification rang in Tang Shaoyang, an indication they got the job done. However, it was unknown how they reached the twelfth floor. The system did not tell him how to climb up. There was no portal or anything, nothing but just two notifications.

Tang Shaoyang looked at Darlene, "Don't tell me the portal to the twelfth floor is in the Administrative Building?"

"Hmmm, not sure about that, but I don't think so," Darlene was quite confused at first, but then she recalled he was a newbie. Even though the way they fought the boss floor did not reflect that they were newbies, "You can get to the twelfth floor from anywhere. However, if you want to return to this floor, you will be teleported back to your starter city."

After Darlene said that, Tang Shaoyang saw a transparent screen in front of him. He just needs to use his thoughts to open up the screen. He thought of climbing to the twelfth floor, and the screen appeared.

[Do you want to go to the 12th floor of the Ancient Rank Dimensional Tower? Yes/No?]

He chose no as he heard Rosalie call him from the peak pyramid. The exit portal was at the top, inconvenient for him but it was convenient for the people who fought the boss. He recalled the skeleton and Karan back before flying to the top, carrying the princess like he carried a sack.

"We will escort her back to the city, then we will go to the twelfth floor," After saying that, Tang Shaoyang entered the exit portal with the others following him. There was no reward for killing the boss floor which was a disappointment. Another Treasure Chest would be better than nothing, but the System was quite stingy this time.

The group returned to the same spot, in front of the gate. However, they were not the only group there. There was another big group to his right and a person to his left. They seemed waiting for him, or maybe waiting for the portal gate. Regardless of their reasons to be here, Tang Shaoyang was on guard. The thing seemed would not end smoothly as he thought it would after killing the boss floor.

## Chapter 1179 White Mystery - Part 1

Tang Shaoyang scanned the person to his left first. Because the person seemed to be standing on the opposite side of the big group. Despite the absence of hostility, the single person who held the force alone was amazing. The person was wearing a straw hat with black clothes attached to it, covering the face. Wearing all black clothes, it looked like equipment instead of normal clothes. Of course, he did not forget to use [Detection] on the person.

[Name: ??? | Faction: ??? | Rank: Legend]



He saw something that he had not seen in other Legend Ranks, not even in Moonson and Marshal Alton. The energy in this person was much wilder than theirs, overflowing like a storm. The flow of the energy from this person was ferocious, even more terrifying than Lulu's brother who was a Demi-God Rank. That made him curious about the identity of this person as he believed this person was stronger than the rank shown on Detection.

On the opposite side, was a man, leading the two hundred knights behind him. He estimated there were two hundred knights behind the man. However, his attention was attracted to the leading man only because of the energy he saw in the man. He did not bother to find out where they came from because the man had stronger energy than the person to his left.

[Name: ??? | Faction: ??? | Rank: Demi-God]

He had to admit that these two were the strongest individual he had met if he counted out all the God Ranks. This made him put up a guard more after knowing how strong they were. He signaled Rosalie and Lu An to get ready for a fight.

"Grandpa!" Darlene dashed out of the group, rushing toward the man who led the two hundred knights. The man turned toward the voice and opened his arm for his granddaughter. It was an unexpected outcome that the man was Darlene's grandfather.

What threw Tang Shaoyang off was the man's appearance. The man looked like in his mid-thirties, the late thirties at most, yet he was a grandfather of a twenty-year-old princess. It was really hard to adapt to this, but he knew it was possible with the high attributes to look young. The man might be in his seventies or maybe eighties, but he was also God Rank, the reason why he looked so young.

"You have gotten your dear granddaughter back, why don't you leave, old man?" The person spoke, and it was a female voice. The voice was coarse and toneless, it was unknown to find out what happened between the two based on that single sentence. But one thing is for sure, the woman did not want the Xevia Kingdom to be here for an unknown reason.

"Do you think so? But I still have something with this young man here," Darlene's grandfather pointed at Tang Shaoyang.

The woman let out a chuckle as if she found it funny, "Are you sure, old man? Can you take the responsibility for meddling in my faction's affairs?"

When the faction was brought up, Darlene's grandfather's expression changed for a moment, but it returned to normal quickly. It was just a brief, but Tang Shaoyang noticed. It seemed the woman came from a faction that even Darlene's grandfather was wary of. He quickly realized that he really needed to be careful with the woman.

Darlene's grandfather shrugged, "It has nothing to do with your faction. It's not like your faction can control what I do, and it's not like I am opposing your faction either. It's just a normal business." He then met with Tang Shaoyang's eyes, "What do you think of joining my faction, young lad? I can protect you from the Mistovel Family, and my God Alliance will protect you from the other alliances that are after your life. I can guarantee that."

That was an unexpected offer from Darlene's grandfather for sure, a tempting one. But that was the same as he became the Xevia Kingdom's vassal. After what he had gone through this far, he was not going to be someone else's vassal. The answer was obvious, a resounding no.

"I am not interested in becoming someone else's subordinate, so you can forget about it," Tang Shaoyang's answer was straightforward, immediately rejecting the offer without a second thought. He had not forgotten the reason he built his Empire, because he wanted to hold his fate in his hand anymore, not live under the mercy of someone above him.

"Tch, it's a pity, but my offer is always on the table," Darlene's grandfather still looked at Tang Shaoyang after the rejection, as if he had another business, "Now let's talk about the real thing. How are you going to answer me after kidnapping my granddaughter?" His voice went deeper as he unleashed the terrifying aura to suppress Tang Shaoyang and his group.

It was just the old man who chose the wrong opponent if he wanted to intimidate Tang Shaoyang with his Aura. Tang Shaoyang had so many aura skills with him. The aura was easily dispelled by Tang Shaoyang's Dragon Aura. That was enough to fight off the Demi-God Rank's aura, not needing to use his Slayer Aura.

Tang Shaoyang licked his lips, "Your granddaughter talked about the God Shards earlier, and I wonder if I can steal your God Shards for myself. That will help me a lot when I try to transcend to the God Rank, no?" He was tempted by this. If Darlene's grandfather wanted a fight, then he would fight. He did not know how to steal the God Shard, but he could figure it out after he defeated Darlene's grandfather.

"That's a tempting idea. I can help you with that," The unknown woman suddenly joined the conversation, "I don't want to meddle with your business old man, but now you are trying to disrupt my job. I have no choice but to step in."

Based on the woman's words, she had a business with Tang Shaoyang, but Darlene's grandfather seemed to try to stop that by taking Tang Shaoyang with him. From the look of it, Darlene's grandfather tried to use the kidnapping to get Tang Shaoyang with him, that was why the woman stepped in.

Tang Shaoyang was clear now that the woman came for him, but the Xevia Kingdom came for Darlene. However, her grandfather now had another motive aside from ensuring her granddaughter's safety.

## Chapter 1180 White Mystery - Part 2

Darlene thought this would be a joyful reunion with her grandfather, but the situation changed so quickly. First, she did not expect her grandfather would threaten Tang Shaoyang. She exchanged the information with his permission, so she thought this would not happen. Second, she did not expect that Ying was so fearless that Ying was not afraid of the Demi-God Rank. Third, the unknown factor is the woman. She was quite nervous for some reason even with her grandfather next to her.

The knights behind Darlene sheathed out their swords, assuming a stance. They were ready to fight anytime if a fight broke out. The neutral atmosphere quickly shifted to a tense atmosphere. The fight could break out at any moment.

Darlene's grandfather raised his hand, signaling his knight to stop their action. He cast a final glance toward the woman before turning around, leaving with his granddaughter. The knight seemed

reluctant to leave, but they followed the order. Some of the knights cast their last glance at Tang Shaoyang and the mysterious woman.

Tang Shaoyang's Spirit Eyes focused on the Xevia Kingdom's force, ensuring they left the area for real. While he kept his guard around the mysterious woman. He believed that the reason Darlene's grandfather retreated was the woman, not him. He had to be cautious against her when a Demi-God Rank was so careful around her.

"What's your business with me, Lady?" Tang Shaoyang was direct, immediately asking what the woman wanted from him. He did not know the woman, and he was sure he never met her either based on the voice. It was the first time he heard the voice unless she had a way to change her voice.

"What's in a hurry? Are you going to the twelfth floor now?" The woman was relaxed despite the imminent battle just now. She turned toward Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang had tried using the Spirit Eyes to see through the clothes that covered her face. It failed, the hat seemed to be an artifact, preventing the others from seeing through.

The mysterious woman clicked her tongue, "Tch, you are unfun. I am coming for you under the order of the White Mystery Alliance, inviting you to join the alliance." The woman raised her hand, stopping Tang Shaoyang from rejecting the invitation, "This is not a faction, but a God Alliance. We are inviting you as an equal stand, not as a subordinate. Don't you want to hear more about the White Mystery?"

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow, not because of how mysterious the woman was, but because of the name of the alliance. The name sounded weird. Even though he did not know what it meant, that just sounded weird to say, especially when the woman said it proudly. But he indeed wanted to hear more about this White Mystery. This was the first time he heard about the White Mystery, and he wondered how they knew about him.

"The White Mystery is the alliance consisting of the God Ranks that survive from being hunted by the other God Alliances, especially the God Alliances that are currently hunting you down or were hunting you down. They don't seem to know that you are still alive, quite impressive I will say," The mysterious woman explained about the White Mystery which was actually just the background of the alliance.

However, Tang Shaoyang quickly caught up with what it meant. It meant these God Ranks were people with a similar class as him or maybe within the same category as him. From what he knew, the Divine Church's God Ranks came for him because of Antorias who found out that he had Slayer Energy. He believed there were other similar classes as the Slayer.

"The White Mystery came to the conclusion that you will become a great comrade, that's why we want to invite you to join the alliance. You don't have to do anything, and there are no particular rules you have to follow. We are just helping each other to survive. Are you interested?" The mysterious woman offered her hand for a handshake.

"Ah, I forgot to mention the benefits. You won't join without benefits, right? First, you don't need to worry about those seven God Alliances anymore. The White Mystery will stop them from finding your world and also prevent them from finding you. Even though they assume you are dead, they seem still trying to find your world. Second, The White Mystery will share some secrets with you, like how to obtain five classes and five talents aside from the advancement trial. Of course, it includes the secret of the Astral Battle."

The offer was so tempting to be refused. Information, that was what he needed right now. On top of that, there was no requirement to join either. In fact, he was at the spot where he needed the help the most to fight off the God Ranks. This White Mystery might be his way to get rid of the God Ranks' pursuit of him. However, everything was too good to be true, especially for the current him.

Not that Tang Shaoyang did not believe in the way of the White Mystery, but that was just too good to be true. He believed there was an alliance like this, helping each other instead to survive, sharing information from another universe, and so on. But why did the White Mystery want to help him? It could be said that his biggest value was his potential once he reached the God Rank, but the White Mystery was doing too much just for his potential.

The White Mystery had to fight the seven God Alliances, risking their lives for him. The White Mystery might be the enemy of the seven God Alliances that were after him. A possibility, but why would they want to risk their lives for him? That was the thing that bothered him, especially when they had reached the God Rank. That was a suspicious point from the offer.

"Let's say I agree to join the White Mystery. What do I need to do to join?" Tang Shaoyang probed further.

The mysterious woman took out a scroll from her inventory and tossed it at Tang Shaoyang, "That's the content of the Oath you have to take if you are willing to join the White Mystery."