

## Armipotent 1321

### Chapter 1321 Girls Talk

Zowen was close enough to Cao Jingyi to call her by last name, both became closer after the battle even though they did not really participate in an actual battle. However, since both were women, and it was a rare sight for women on the battlefield, both clicked out and got closer. Cao Jingyi thought of the academy idea after hearing about Tang Shaoyang's promise to Zowen about the Mage Tower.

Kang Jiayi and Kang Xue exchanged glances. Even though Zowen did not say anything that she wanted to talk about, the father and daughter knew that Zowen just wanted to talk about it. They guessed it was about what happened during the meeting that Cao Jingyi almost lashed out at Tang Shaoyang.

"I will leave them to your care," Kang Jiayi muttered before leaving the group by himself. The old man felt like it was not his role to intervene in the women's business.

"What do you want to talk about? Just say it here. I have to talk with the dwarf when they are going to start to work, and also about their class," Cao Jingyi noticed that Zowen glanced at Kang Xue. She waved her hand, "It's fine. I don't mind if Kang Xue is listening."

Zowen glanced at Kang Xue, unsure if she must say it in front of her. After some hesitation, Zowen spoke up, "Do you perhaps hate His Majesty?"

"What are you talking about?" Cao Jingyi was not expecting the topic to be about Tang Shaoyang. She looked confused about where the conversation went on.

"I mean you are kinda rude to His Majesty early. I don't think you can act like that to His Majesty. You can't raise your voice at him," Zowen voiced her thoughts when Jingyi seemed not to realize what she had done earlier.

"He's the one who is rude to us. We prepared the proposal earnestly, but he did not even touch the scroll. If he wants to be respected, he should respect others too!" Cao Jingyi revealed her annoyance, and why she raised her voice earlier. The fact that Tang Shaoyang did not read the scroll annoyed her.

"I think he deserves respect from us without needing to respect the others for what he has done for us," Cao Jingyi and Zowen turned toward Kang Xue, "He had to spend many months away from his home, risking his life to reach the high rank only to risk his life again fighting against the God Ranks. If he did not deserve to be respected, then no one deserves to be respected."

"I understand your feelings because that scroll is your hard work, our hard work to develop the Tang Empire. But he did more work than any of us, no?" Kang Xue was not angry as she voiced her thoughts calmly, "After the long struggle and battle, he also immediately gets into the work even though he badly wants to spend his time with her daughter who was just born yesterday. Yet he still comes to meet us, listening to our proposal even though we are not fully ready to execute our proposal. I am not angry at you, but you know, you have to understand his perspective as well. I am asking for you to understand his perspective as well instead of getting angry at him for not reading the paper."

"He has a big meeting with The Tarrior and Prime Minister Li Shuang, and maybe he has read a lot of papers before meeting us. Maybe he is just tired of reading those texts and just wants to listen to our presentations. It does not really matter if he read the paper or not as long as he listens to us, no? This sounds bias coming from me, but yes, I just ask you to understand him instead of blindly getting angry at him."

Cao Jingyi and Zowen exchanged glances, not expecting to hear those from Kang Xue. Cao Jingyi could not say anything to rebut when Kang Xue brought up the battle where Tang Shaoyang single-handedly fought the God Ranks.

Zowen was kinda lost because she brought this up for another reason, not this. And again, it was hard to disagree with what Kang Xue said.

"What she said is true, but I am more worried about you. If you are going overboard, he might kill you or you will get kicked out of the empire. I don't want to lose my first friend," That was Zowen's main concern.

For a spirit that had been staying with Tang Shaoyang for a long time, watching Tang Shaoyang closely. She was aware Tang Shaoyang could be cruel despite having a soft spot for his people. He would do everything to save his people, but he did not hesitate to kill. If he deemed Cao Jingyi as an obstacle, he might get rid of Cao Jingyi. That was what she was afraid of the most.

It was Kang Xue and Cao Jingyi's turn to exchange glances before both burst into laughter. It was quite funny to hear that from Zowen. Both thought Zowen was close enough to know what kind of people Tang Shaoyang was.

"I can understand if you come from the same angle as her, but that's just too funny, Zowen," Cao Jingyi pulled Grand Lightning Magus into her embrace, "I know you are being genuine and worry about, but I don't think he would execute me for that. I do agree that I might be a little too sensitive, but I know he will never do that to me. You don't need to worry."

Kang Xue shook her head to the side, smiling while looking at Zowen funny. The serious atmosphere melted out. Cao Jingyi pulled the magus with her, "Let's meet the dwarf. Don't you want to meet them as well for your Mage Tower?"

The three girls headed to the elevator while Zowen looked embarrassed, looking down as they walked together. Her face reddened, but she really thought about it. Tang Shaoyang never got rid of the people who worked with him even though those people made mistakes. But the traitors would be dealt with no mercy. Cao Jingyi was far from being a traitor since she worked to make The Tang Empire better.

They arrived in front of the elevator, and the timing was impeccable as the elevator opened on this floor. Eleven people came out of the elevator. Li Shuang's secretary led ten foreign people out of the elevator. Kang Xue and Cao Jingyi recognized most of the faces. They are from The Polar Guild, The First Order Guild, and The Revolution Kingdom. There were three faces that they did not recognize.

Kang Xue pulled Li Shuang's secretary and asked, "Are they going to meet His Majesty?"

The ten people stopped behind the secretary, scanning the three girls as well. The secretary nodded in response.

Kang Xue did not inquire further and let the secretary go. Yury Semenov and Mikhailovich recognized Kang Xue, giving the greeting with a nod. Then the secretary continued to lead the ten people into the meeting room.

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The meeting room

Tang Shaoyang tried to crack his neck. It was impossible to feel tired with his attributes, but he felt tired from just sitting here, "When is this over?" He asked Zhang Mengyao who joined the next meeting.

"You have another meeting with our vassal, then you have another meeting with the Queen of the Elven Kingdom to speak about the Trial of Justice of the former king. That's for today," Li Shuang told him the schedule for the day. More meetings for him to attend.

"Do we have a break? Maybe a one or two-hour lunch break?" Tang Shaoyang raised his right eyebrow multiple times, giving the girls a code.

"One hour is too long. Elin will bring our food after this meeting," Zhang Mengyao did not get the code. She was reading the scroll that he did not touch earlier about the academy. Just like him, she was interested in the idea. That would solve the recruitment problem, more efficiently than each division trained their own recruits.

At this moment, the door was knocked as a female voice came from behind the door. Li Shuang answered and the door opened. A woman in a suit led ten people into the room, and Tang Shaoyang only recognized one person, the person he did not even remember the name of.

"I only recognize one person, and I don't even know his name," Tang Shaoyang whispered to Zhang Mengyao, "And what are we going to talk about with them?" There was a lot going through his head right now, and he had forgotten why he met them.

It seemed Herman Bonivido, the First Order Guild's Guild Leader overheard the whisper, "My name is Herman Bonivido, The First Order Guild's Guild Leader. These two are my Vice Guild Leaders, Frans and Henry. Pleased to meet you, Sir Tang." He bowed at the end, and the two Vice Guild Leaders followed to bow.

"My name is Yury Semenov, Polar Guild's Guild Leader. He is my Vice Guild Leader, Mikhailovich," Yury Semenov came forward and gave a proper bow, more respectful than Herman.

Three more people came up, introducing themselves. Looking at the three people, Tang Shaoyang recognized them, but again, he did not know their names. He remembered meeting these three people, he met them after he finished the first ten floors.

"My name is Vaso Galliades, Olympus' Leader. They are my Vice Leaders, Natasa and Alkis," A man in a suit, looking in his mid-thirties, said, "We met a few months ago at the tower city, Sir."

Tang Shaoyang responded with a nod, and then he turned toward the last two persons. A man with white hair, and a man with gray hair.

"I am The King of The Revolution Kingdom, Victor Brent Whitney. He is Prime Minister of The Revolution Kingdom, Raymond Irving," Different from the three representatives earlier, Victor did

not bow and came off with a different tone as well. If the others put themselves lower than Tang Shaoyang, he regarded himself as equal to Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang nodded and stood up, "I am The Emperor of the Tang Empire, Tang Shaoyang. She is my Prime Minister, Li Shuang, and she is the Supreme General of the Tang Empire, Zhang Mengyao. Please sit," He turned into the official mode, changing his tone and way of speaking, to more formal since it was an official meeting with the other factions. He needed to keep his image as The Emperor, and he did it pretty well.

#### Chapter 1322 Proposal

Zhang Mengyao handed the scroll back to Tang Shaoyang. It was the scroll of the academy proposal, and she pointed at the end of the scroll. There was something new on it, something she just wrote.

[They want to talk about the future of Earth. They wanted to know our objective after we obliterated The World Government.]

Tang Shaoyang nodded his head, the meeting was simpler than he thought. However, no one started the conversation. Olympus' side was waiting for the bigger factions to start as they did not feel confident to start the conversation.

King Victor opened the conversation after no one spoke for a while, "We are here to ask your intention after you defeated the World Government. What will you do to the World Government's remnants, and what are you going to do with their territories? We want clarity from the Tang Empire to avoid future clashes."

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow for a moment. It was pretty obvious what the Revolution Kingdom wanted to do. They wanted to expand out of their island into Europe, with the World Government now gone. However, they did not want to clash with The Tang Empire.

"Do you have the same inquiry as Sir Victor?" He turned toward Herman, Yury Semenov, and Vaso Galliades.

Yury Semenov was the first one to respond, nodding his head, "The Polar Guild wants to submit the Vassal Proposal. We want to be The Tang Empire's vassals," He came up with a different proposal. Zhang Mengyao asked him why he wanted to meet, and he had the same intention as the Revolution Kingdom, wanting to take this chance to expand his faction. However, he changed his mind after such a short time. He remembered the battle of the giants in his territory. He was informed that the five-headed dragon was Tang Shaoyang, and that was what changed his mind. It was not that bad working under someone like Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang was caught off guard because The Polar Guild was one of the top eleven factions, The VIP Faction. He was surprised that they wanted to be his vassal, and it was totally different than the words he just read. He glanced at Zhang Mengyao before looking at Li Shuang.

[He did not tell me anything about becoming a vassal, but the decision is yours whether you want to accept The Polar Guild to be our vassal or not.]

Zhang Mengyao sent a message through The Communication System. She was caught off guard as well that the Polar Guild proposed to be the vassal. The Polar Guild was placed on the same level as The Tang Empire with their VIP status, gaining access to the Dimensional Tower through the portal.

"That's not something I can answer right away. I have to talk it out with my people before accepting your proposal," Tang Shaoyang did not accept the proposal. He wanted to keep at least ten factions on Earth to trigger the System Event when they entered the third phase or the last phase of The Game. Utilizing the maximum benefit from the System.

His answer surprised the guests. Herman Bonivido and Vaso Galliades were stunned by Yury Semenov's proposal. Even though they did not admit it openly, it was a fact that The Tang Empire was the strongest faction on Earth. The Tang Empire could easily take over Earth, and that was the main reason Herman and Victor Brent Whitney came to meet Tang Shaoyang.

They wanted to know the Tang Empire's intention after the war. If it was to conquer the whole Earth, they would not fight and surrender, but they did not show what in their thoughts, keeping it hidden until found out the Tang Empire's goal after the war. What surprised them even more was that Tang Shaoyang did not accept the proposal right on the spot. That would seal the fate of the other factions if The Polar Guild was accepted into the Tang Empire's proposal. It would be impossible for the other factions to gather up and form an alliance to fight the Tang Empire if worse comes to worst.

"What about you?" Tang Shaoyang asked The First Order Guild and Olympus. He just wanted everything to be over soon.

"I am here to inquire what will you do about The Saint Guild's and The Blue Vest Guild's territories? They are now unguarded, and it seems the zombies are running wild with no people guarding the territory. Are you going to claim their territories? If you are not going to claim their territories, then we have to take it over to control the zombies," Herman answered. It was a lame excuse using the zombies, but logical. At this point in time, the zombie was pretty much weaker than them unless it was an abandoned territory.

Tang Shaoyang nodded and proceeded to Vaso Galliades.

"We have the same issue, but we also want to ask about the remnants of the World Government. There are a lot of refugees migrating to our territory. We don't want to offend the Tang Empire in any way, so what's The Tang Empire's intention for these people? If you are going to capture and kill them, then we will hand over these people to you," Olympus drew the line immediately, revealing their intention that they did not want to be The Tang Empire's enemy.

They might not be able to witness the battle, but they saw what happened in the sky. Whatever came out from the sky, the Tang Empire killed them all and won the war. They would not make the same stupid decision as The World Government to fight the Tang Empire on their initiative.

Tang Shaoyang nodded once more. All of them came with the same goal, wanting to know what would The Tang Empire do to the World Government's remnants and territories.

"You will know what I will do to the World Government's remnant if you all attend the public execution, but I don't mind telling you right now since you have come to meet me," He just wanted to be done with the meeting, "We will no longer expanding our territories than what we have right now, and we hold no grudge or accountable to the people below. We don't care if they want to disband or quit their factions, or even join your factions. We don't care about those territories, and the public execution of the World Government's leaders is the end of the conflict between The Tang Empire and The World Government!"

Tang Shaoyang leaked his aura a little bit, adding more tension in the room, "Unless The World Government's remnant is still thinking of fighting me, then we will destroy them. So...." He turned toward Vaso Galliades, "We don't care about those people, whether you want to take them in or kill them. It's not The Tang Empire's problem!"

Victor Brent Whitney was relieved to hear that from Tang Shaoyang. Even though he could not really trust the words, there was no way he asked Tang Shaoyang to make a contract for that.

'There's no reason for him to lie to us, right? He can wipe us if he wants to, so why would he lie?' That was what was in his mind. With the thought in his head, he felt like a big chunk of weight was relieved from his chest. He was stressed out and under pressure after knowing that the World Government brought the factions from another world. Hearing that from Tang Shaoyang's mouth directly eased his uneasiness and stress.

During the fight and war, The Revolution Kingdom stayed in their own territories, locking themselves from the battle, hoping no one would cross the water to get to their territory. He did not want to get caught in such a large-scale battle. They passed the first wave of the battle, and now he was quite relieved that Tang Shaoyang revealed The Tang Empire's intention not to take over the world.

"Is that answering your question? Do you have anything you want to talk more about?" Tang Shaoyang asked.

Victor Brent Whitney and his Advisor, Raymond Irving, prepared a lot before meeting Tang Shaoyang. They wanted to try to dissuade Tang Shaoyang with their words from taking over Earth. But it was useless now because The Tang Empire had revealed that they had no intention of taking over The World. Both were at a loss as they did not know how they should continue the talk while Herman and Vaso Galliades looked relieved after receiving the confirmation.

While Victor Brent Whitney did not completely trust the words, Herman and Vaso trusted Tang Shaoyang. They believed that there was no reason for the Tang Empire to lie when The Tang Empire could run over them easily.

Vaso Galliades was especially relieved because the fall of the World Government was a chance for his faction to rise up. The people who ran into his territory were a big part, and another big chance was the unoccupied territories. If The Tang Empire said that they wanted to conquer the Earth, then Vaso Galliades would gladly surrender. He was not going to take his chance against the Tang Empire. That was the lesson he learned for sure after the World Government was destroyed.

"I don't have any more questions for you, Sir Tang," Vaso Galliades bowed his head in gratitude that the Tang Empire was not planning to devour everything. He had no more discussion to talk about with that. He thought that the Tang Empire was planning to conquer the Earth, and if that was the case, then he needed to discuss the best terms to surrender for himself and his people.

Herman scanned the others in the room, and his eyes lasted a bit longer on Yury Semenov. There was a hesitation in his expression. He was considering whether he should surrender just like the Polar Guild. At this point, he felt so safe under the Tang Empire's banner, and that was the best for his people. However, he had to put aside his ambition to do that, and he was unwilling to put off his ambition like this.

"The First Order Guild has no more to talk with you, Sir Tang. We are grateful that you are willing to give your precious time to talk with us," Herman bowed his head.

Tang Shaoyang turned toward The Revolution Kingdom's King.

"We are grateful for your time, Sir Tang Shaoyang," Victor Brent Whitney had nothing to talk about since The Tang Empire gave up on conquering the World Government's territories. There was no need for them to continue the talk anymore with that. The meeting concluded with an unexpected result as he thought he would really need to negotiate many things with the Tang Empire.

Tang Shaoyang then turned toward Yury Semenov, "I have come to a decision about your proposal," He shook his head, "I can't accept The Polar Guild to be our vassal."

## Chapter 1323 Restructure

Everyone in the room, the representative of the four factions, looked at Tang Shaoyang in shock. All of them were not expecting that the Tang Empire would reject the proposal. The Polar Guild was one of the ten strongest factions after the Tang Empire. Accepting The Polar Guild would secure The Tang Empire's dominance on Earth.

Of course, There was a reason why Tang Shaoyang suddenly came up with that decision even though he responded that he needed to discuss it with his people. It was for the third phase, he needed them to trigger the System Events. More than that, he needed a faction like The Polar Guild for a competition, a competition for his Warriors. The Revolution Kingdoms, The Polar Guild, and The First Order Guild were needed for that reason, and it was preparation for the bigger battle when the truce was over.

People might think it was a silly idea to leave these factions as it was even though he had the chance to get rid of these potential threats. However, he needed that potential threat so his army was always ready for a war. An army without threat would weaken his army, and that was the last thing he wanted when the other worlds could challenge Earth to World Battle.

More than that, the motive. He did not know the actual Polar Guild's motive. The Polar Guild might be afraid of The Tang Empire's power, but he had mentioned that he would not take over The Earth or

Yury Semenov took a deep breath as the refusal hit his pride. It sounded like the Tang Empire did not need The Polar Guild because they were too weak, especially when the Tang Empire took in the other weaker factions, but not The Polar Guild.

"May I know the reason, Sir?" He kept his cool and asked the reason why the Tang Empire did not want to take The Polar Guild as a vassal.

"Is there a reason for me to take The Polar Guild as our vassal? As I told you earlier, we don't intend to conquer the World," Tang Shaoyang replied vaguely. He did not want to say what was in his mind, "However, if you intend to leave or disband your faction. You can join the Tang Empire instead of becoming a vassal."

The vassal terms were so vague for the moment. Vassal meant the factions were affiliated with the Tang Empire, but it was not registered in the System. The other factions that joined him as a vassal still had their own factions. It was something they would discuss for the next meeting with the other vassals.

Yury Semenov stumped at the reply, but he could not say anything to refute that. There was nothing wrong with what Tang Shaoyang said. It was he who needed the Tang Empire, and the Tang Empire did not really need The Polar Guild.

"I see, unfortunately, I can't just disband my faction because many people put their trust in me and The Polar Guild. Thank you for your time, Sir Tang."

Li Shuang stood up from the seat and led the guests out of the room. As they got out of the room, Herman Bonivido turned toward Li Shuang, "Can we stay here for a few days, Miss Li?"

Victor Brent Whitney, Vaso Galliades, and Yury Semenov turned toward Li Shuang. The three had the same intentions. They wanted to see how much The Tang Empire had progressed. They got to know there was a special building as well after entering the Dimensional Tower. They wanted to know if the Tang Empire had one of those special buildings and any other secrets that made the Tang Empire stronger than them.

"Unfortunately, we are not open for visitors yet," Li Shuang was quick with her rejection. Not because there was any secret to hide, but because everything was closed. There was nothing to see or visit because today they were relocating the people back to their homes. After the battle against the World Government, The Warriors and the civilians were in a tense atmosphere. It was to avoid unnecessary clashes in case people dislike the foreigners, "But we are open to visit the day of the Public Execution. You can stay and have a stroll in our city." She smiled and explained, in case the guests misunderstood her.

There was nothing Herman could do when the host rejected his intention to stay. He was not stupid enough to make a fuss about this.

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Zhang Mengyao handed a scroll to Tang Shaoyang, and he took it. That was the content for the next meeting, about the vassal. This meeting was held under Jasmine's request because The Malecia Kingdom did not have its own faction. They joined The Tang Empire as a vassal, but in fact, they were under the Tang Empire's banner. She might be Tang Shaoyang's wife, but she still represented her people. She wanted the Malecia Kingdom to create its own faction and have its own territories just like the other vassals. Just like The Legion Guild, for example, had its own territory which was Korea. That was the reason for this meeting.

Zhang Mengyao, Li Shuang, and the others came up with two solutions. The first solution was to grant Jasmine's wish which let them form their factions and bestowed The Malecia Kingdom territories to manage. The second solution would be a massive restructuring where the separate factions disbanded their factions and joined the Tang Empire.

Origin informed that once a faction fulfilled the requirement, a faction could form a subgroup or sub-faction. The sub-group would have a separate tab, but the members would be registered under the Tang Empire even though they formed a sub-group. The most important requirement was that a faction surpassed a million members, and Tang Shaoyang had more than one million members combining the people from the Ortis Continent, the three kingdoms, and also the natives of the Gigante Forests.

However, there was a concern about choosing the second option. The minimum factions needed to trigger the System's event. Earth must have at least ten factions. Olympus, The Revolution



Kingdom, and The Polar Guild might take over Europe, the remnant of the World Government. The First Order Guild might take over the whole American continent. That would make five factions including the Tang Empire, but there was still a remnant of the Shiva Federation and also the remnant of the Uprising Guild. That would make seven factions, they needed three more factions.

In the first year of the third phase, Earth might fulfill the requirement for the System's event, but what about the following year? There was a high chance that there would be only seven factions by the second year, the seven biggest and strongest factions. That was why he hesitated to choose the second choice. If they did not have enough factions for the event, his vassal would fulfill the requirement if they had their own factions.

However, his concern for the first choice was that it might give him a chance for his vassal to betray him. If they were not closely under their control, his vassals might rebel against him. That was the last thing he wanted, the second rebellion. Tang Shaoyang shared his thoughts and concerns with Zhang Mengyao, wanting to know her opinion.

"What about if we wait for our vassals to talk about it? Isn't it important to listen to their opinion first before we make the decision? Isn't that why we held the meeting? If you already make the decision, then there's no need to invite them to the meeting. We just need to announce our decision to them if that's the case," Zhang Mengyao could not answer the question of which option was better. Not because she did not want to give her thoughts but because she did not really know which option would bear the better outcome.

"Then let's wait for them," Tang Shaoyang did not force her to answer. He felt like such a decision could not be discussed with the vassals. Such a decision must come from him, an absolute order from him.

It did not take long for the representatives from each vassal to enter the room. The first one to come was Jasmine The Queen of the Malecia Kingdom and Alissa The newly crowned Queen of the Elven Kingdom.

This was the first time that Tang Shaoyang met Alissa after she took the throne of the Elven Kingdom. She wore a green dress with a wooden crown on her head. Both bowed slightly toward Tang Shaoyang as a greeting before they got into their seats. With all the situations that have happened to her family, it was quite awkward for Tang Shaoyang. Again, he could not escape from the blame, so he had a hard time facing her. He just responded with a nod before an awkward silence followed.

The Dwarven Confederation, The Moonlight Tribe, Gigante Coven, and the other factions sent their representatives to meet Tang Shaoyang for the meeting. As everyone arrived, Li Shuang handed the scroll, the same scroll that Tang Shaoyang read earlier. At the same time, Tang Shaoyang told everyone what he had in mind, including his concern about not being able to trigger the System's event.

"The System's event is actually not a big issue even in case you proceed with the second option. If there are really less than ten factions, we just need to create a new faction to fulfill the condition. For example, we can form an Alchemist Guild for our alchemists or Blacksmith Guild for our blacksmiths. The problem is, are they willing to disband their factions and become one with the Tang Empire?" Jasmine opened the conversation as she looked to the representatives of the factions from Australia, Southeast Asia, Japan, Mongolia, and Korea.

## Chapter 1324 Merger

Tang Shaoyang thought the meeting would be quick with the draft. They just needed to decide which path they wanted to take and be done with it. However, it went longer than he thought because the factions were reluctant to disband their factions. Even though he had expressed his desire to disband the factions and merge them into one, there were some of them who were reluctant to do it. About half of the factions wanted to maintain the faction instead of becoming the sub-faction.

The faction in charge of Australia, a few factions from Southeast Asia, wanted to maintain the status quo. Because of that, the meeting continued to seek the third solution which they could not think of even after two hours of meeting.

"What about for you who want to disband and join the Tang Empire take the second solution, but for you who want to maintain your faction, you can stay as it is," Alissa spoke up, catching everyone's attention, "We are wasting too much time for something insignificant. There are more important things than this, such as the Dimensional Tower. We haven't properly explored the tower, and I would like to suggest that we continue our activity in the tower!"

Tang Shaoyang nodded his head, fully agreeing that they were wasting too much time on such a significant issue like this, "We can proceed with Queen Alissa's suggestion. However, if we proceed with the third solution, then we must discuss a different treatment for the factions to stay separately."

"What do you mean by a different treatment, Your Majesty?" The representative from Australia asked.

"Different treatment because they are willing to disband their factions, that's a sacrifice that I must recognize," Tang Shaoyang replied seriously.

"That's actually quite simple. For example, the people part of the Tang Empire's faction just need to bring materials if they want an item from the Dwarven Confederations, and the vassal from separate factions must pay the cost to make an item that will be decided by The Dwarven Confederations. That is just one of them, and it can be applied to the other products we produce," Zhang Mengyao nodded in agreement with Tang Shaoyang's idea about a different treatment.

"We will draft more detailed regulations for the vassals from the separate factions later. You can expect to sign a system contract and take an oath that you will abide by the regulations," Li Shuang added.

"That solves the problem, right? We chose the third solution, and you can choose if you want to be the Tang Empire's sub-faction or remain in your respective faction as our vassal," Tang Shaoyang concluded the meeting.

The different treatment suggestion was to coerce these people to disband their factions. Thanks to Legion Guild, Asahi Guild, and The Mongolian were willing to disband their factions. He had the justifications to enforce the different treatment. It sounded fair instead of like a threat. That was the softer way to make the other factions disband and unite under one banner instead of having separate factions that were unregulated by the System.

If it was the old Tang Shaoyang, he would enforce the second solution forcefully. But he recognized that was not the right way to do things and changed his approach.

The representatives who disagreed with the second option exchanged glances. The third solution would be the best for those who did not want to disband. However, the different treatment made them hesitate to remain as a separate faction.

"What if we decide to end our vassalage," The representative of the Australian Faction spoke up, "This is different from what you promised to us when you offered us to be your vassal. We can't accept the condition if you treat us differently just because we don't want to disband our faction!" He cleverly used "us", as if his voice represented the other factions too.

Tang Shaoyang knew that this man was using the same tactic as him. The Australian representative tried to coerce him not to employ the different treatment.

He furrowed his brow, looking at The Australian's representatives. There were always people like him, after all.

"How convenient that you try to end the vassalage after we get rid of the threats and capture all territories in Australia," He sounded displeased with how the man threatened to leave the Tang Empire. Especially after he worked his ass off for months to fight the God Ranks.

The tension arose as everyone in the room heard the reply. They could tell by the tone that Tang Shaoyang was not happy with the challenge.

"If you say so, but then you must leave Australia," Tang Shaoyang turned toward Li Shuang, "We will be choosing a new representative for Australia. It's better for the people who live there to decide, what do you think?"

"Wait! Wait... wait...!" The two Australian representatives got up from their seats, "What do you mean we are leaving if we end our vassalage!?" He raised his tone, questioning Tang Shaoyang. Australia was theirs, if someone had to leave, the Tang Empire must leave their territories. At least, that was what he thought when he thought about ending the vassalage.

The Australian planned to leave the Tang Empire, just waiting for the right time. While right now was not the ideal time to quit, it was the right time to test the water. He wanted to see the Tang Empire's reaction. And he did not expect to receive such a reaction from the Tang Empire.

"Is that not clear enough? Leave means to leave, you hand over Australia to the Tang Empire, and we will appoint someone else to manage the territory. You can bring anyone who wants to follow you, but you can't force or threaten them to follow you," Tang Shaoyang made it clear that he was not joking with his statement.

"What do you mean leave!? Australia Territories belong to us! Even until all the territories are under our faction name! You can't take it away from us!" The representative snapped out and raised his voice. He could not accept that he was being kicked out of his own home.

"Is that so? How many territories does your faction capture on your own?" Even though Tang Shaoyang did not hear the full story, he knew it was Yu Shun who did the job. Yu Shun used his zombie to capture Australia in a few months.

The Australian representative stumped in his own words for a moment before quickly responding, "We capture the territories together with Yu Shun. We did it together!" He was not going to admit that it was Yu Shun who captured Australia alone.

"Together? Do you mean Yu Shun killed all the zombies while you claimed the territories? Is that what you mean by together?" Tang Shaoyang shook his head and chuckled, "The Tang Empire has the right to more than half of the territories your faction owns. My people captured those territories, and we give them to your factions to manage. Since you are going to end our relationship, then you should give back those territories to us, no?"

"No, we will not give what we own. We own those territories, and we will never give it back to the Tang Empire!" It was hard to accept the terms, and he blurted those words out, clouded in anger. Australia's representative was not willing to give up even an inch.

"I see...." Tang Shaoyang chuckled once more as he saw through Australia's representatives when they became the Tang Empire's vassals. They wanted to use The Tang Empire for protection and also helped them capture all territories in Australia. That was their aim by becoming the Tang Empire's vassal. He was being used by these people to take over the territories before they decided to end the vassalage.

"That's your purpose from the start by becoming our vassal, using us to capture all those territories for your own. Now the threat from the World Government and the invasion are gone, so you don't need our protection anymore." Australia's representative flinched a little, and Tang Shaoyang caught the subtle movement.

"That's nonsense. We decided to end the vassalage because our vision does not align anymore!"

"Oh, really? I don't think we speak anything about vision or goal. We just try to solve the mess in the vassal system which is not part of the system. What vision are you talking about?" Tang Shaoyang did not bother to call the man's name anymore. He decided that they needed to swap the heads of the people who managed Australia and expel them from the Tang Empire's territories. These people might become a tumor for the Tang Empire, and maybe the second rebellion might happen because people like them. Tang Shaoyang was not going to let it fester, not even giving them a chance, decisive to kick them out.

Tang Shaoyang raised his hand as the man tried to speak again, "I am not going to waste my time speaking with you anymore. I will give you three choices. First, leave your faction and leave the Tang Empire's territories, including Australia. We will fund you, giving you enough food to survive for a month and decent equipment. Second, Give back the territories captured by Yu Shun. Third, you can keep those territories but be prepared for a war!"

Park Nam Hoon of the Legion Guild secretly shook his head. He could not imagine that there was someone stupid enough to do something like that after what The Tang Empire managed to achieve. The thought of ending the vassalage crossed his mind, but he knew the consequence afterward. The Tang Empire might treat them nicely because they were vassals, but the Tang Empire was not a pacifist. They would take what belonged to them back regardless of the method.

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The Australian's representative was not expecting to blow this off like this. He just wanted to test the water out before making an actual exit. He looked around and the people around him either shook their heads or looked away from him. They drew a clear line that they did not want to get involved in whatever he stepped into.

He met with The Emperor's eyes and quickly realized he was not joking. The Emperor was serious about kicking him out. Even with those three choices presented to him, there was no choice for him to turn back. The choice was very clear that The Emperor did not like him and wanted him out. Giving back the territories that Yu Shun captured might be a choice, but he did not know what The Tang Empire would do to him. There was a big chance that The Tang Empire would declare war against his faction and take over Australia the same.

All the choices would lead to the same result. The Tang Empire would take over Australia, and he would get kicked out. There was nothing he could do to reverse the situation. He tried to think of a way to reverse the situation, but nothing came to mind. There was no way he would say that he was joking about ending their relationship. He would die for sure if he said that because it looked like he was toying with The Emperor.

There was nothing to do but apologize and hope that he would not get kicked out of his factions. He fell on his knees and lowered his head, "I apologize for my rudeness and stupidity, Your Majesty. Please give me a second chance!" That was the only thing that crossed his mind. Apologize and ask for a second chance. All this time, the Tang Empire had not treated them unfairly or like a tyrant as the rumor during the World Congress. He thought he could get away from the Tang Empire by asking to end the vassalage peacefully which was proved to be wrong.

As for the thought of the Tang Empire never crossed his mind or plan. He wanted to end the vassalage, but he wanted to end it peacefully, maintaining a distant relationship just like the First Order Guild and The Polar Guild.

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow as he did not expect the man to kneel and apologize. He thought the man would remain defiant, and he would kick him out without feeling guilty. But this put me in a dilemma because the other vassals were here to see this. Deep inside, he just wanted to get rid of problematic people from holding authority. Kicking the man out would be his choice. However, if he did not give the man a second chance, the other vassals might harbor uneasy feelings because they would feel that they could get kicked out anytime.

"I will discuss your matter with my people before coming up with the decision!" Tang Shaoyang decided to put it on hold before making the decision. His rational thought told him to give the man a second chance. His instinct told him to kick the man out before a bigger problem arose.

"Please forgive us for our impertinence, Your Majesty!? Please give us a second chance!" The three people got their heads on the floor. The three realized that they had kicked the bucket with their silly plan and decided to abandon the thought of ending the vassalage. What mattered to them right now was to stay in their factions instead of going into foreign territories or even a war with the Tang Empire.

Tang Shaoyang looked at the other representatives, "What about you guys? Do you have anything else you want to discuss with me? Also, give your answer at the latest in three days whether you want to remain as separate factions or merge into The Tang Empire!"

"We have decided to stay as vassals and become the Tang Empire's subgroup or sub-faction. I would like to retain our name, The Elven Kingdom as the name of the sub-faction!" Queen Alissa was the first one to make up her mind and gave the answer on the spot. For The Elven Kingdom, forming a faction within a faction was an upgrade from before. As long as the Elven Kingdom maintained the current benefit, there was nothing to discuss anymore.

The two elders who followed The Queen to the meeting breathed out a sigh of relief. They came to keep a watch on their newly throned Queen, in case she would do something immature involving her personal feelings in the kingdom's affair. They were afraid that Queen Alissa would be disrespectful or even something worse to The Emperor. Even though the former princess was quiet about her father and brother's betrayal and also her oldest brother's death. They understood her feelings, and no one said anything, but everyone knew that The Emperor could not escape the blame for this as the source of the problem was The Emperor's affair with the former Queen. They were afraid that Alissa might do something worse than what Revalor did.

The Elven Kingdom did not bear any consequence for what Revalor did since he was not The King. They easily cut off their ties to escape The Tang Empire's wrath, but not if Queen Alissa did something as crazy as her father. She's The Queen, and The Elven Kingdom would bear the consequences for what Alissa did. Their worries were for nothing since Alissa could separate her personal feelings and her responsibility as The Queen.

Following The Elven Kingdom's decision, the other factions made their decision. It was clear that Tang Shaoyang wanted the vassals to unite with the Tang Empire, so they did not want to make things difficult for themselves and chose to merge. With two vassals as an exception, Australia.

Australia's representatives were waiting for their judgment, and they could no longer represent Australia's voice.

"Then the meeting is over. You can leave if you want except for these three," He pointed at the three men who knelt on the floor, "We will be discussing what we will do to them in another room."

Tang Shaoyang stood up from his seat as Li Shuang and Zhang Mengyao followed him. The meeting room was connected to a different room, a smaller space than the meeting room, but big enough for three people. He told the other vassals they could leave if they wanted to leave, but that was just one of his tricks to decide those three people's fate.

If more than half of the vassals left the room, then he would lean more toward kicking those three and swapping the leaderships of Australia. That meant the other vassals did not care what would happen to Australia's representatives, meaning more than half of the vassals had no fear that they would be abandoned like those three. If all of the vassals waited, then he had no choice but to give the three representatives a second chance.

As an Emperor, he did not want to be feared as a tyrant, he wanted to be seen as a magnanimous ruler. Ruling with fear was not what he wanted. He used fear to establish himself as the leader, but he did not want to rule with fear. He knew that people who followed him would betray him with no hesitation the moment he lost the fear factor. If he was defeated and cornered, those people would betray him for sure. He wanted loyal followers, following loyally even if they faced strong enemies. The job was half-done with no one deserted him even though their enemies were factions with God Ranks, and now he needed to strengthen the foundation he had built. He wanted to assure his vassal that he was not a tyrant.

Tang Shaoyang shared his thoughts with the two girls, and they listened carefully to his thoughts. Li Shuang was the first one to ask a question, "I think we need more solid reasons if we want to kick them out than just because they want to end the vassalage. While it's not a weak reason, that's not a strong reason to kick them. While we have nothing on them, we can create something so we can justify our action of kicking them out."

Tang Shaoyang and Zhang Mengyao looked at Li Shuang in surprise, not expecting those words would come from her. Creating the justification to kick those three meant they must forge fake evidence to justify the expulsion to maintain his image.

"Don't look at me like that. Sometimes you just have to do it for the bigger picture, you know?" Li Shuang smiled, "Back then I was doing it when investors sent their kids into my company for "work". I don't mind if they are capable of doing their job, but most of the time, those kids are incompetent, just playing around. So I need a justification to kick them out."

"However, I want you to give them a second chance instead. That will create a positive image for the other vassals. But of course, we need to swap the leadership of Australia. You give them a second chance, but you take their authority as the punishment. That's a better solution."

"I also believe in a second chance," Zhang Mengyao nodded and added at the end, "But not the third chance. If they do something weird in the future, we just need to get rid of them without this kind of hassle. Our Intelligence Division can do the job without anyone noticing their disappearance for sure."

#### Chapter 1326 Mother And Daughter

Tang Shaoyang finished the discussion quickly as he came up with a decision two minutes after leaving the meeting room. However, they did not come out of the room for twenty minutes. Zhang Mengyao and Li Shuang agreed with Tang Shaoyang's view to see the other vassals' reaction. They expected the other vassals would leave, at least more than half would leave. To their surprise, everyone was staying. The three men were still on the floor, only leaving three vacant seats. The other vassals were waiting for Australia's representatives' judgment.

Tang Shaoyang did not return to his seat, standing behind his original seat, "We have come to give you a new option. You can stay, but you no longer hold the same position. We will choose new people to manage Australia. If you can't accept it, then you can leave with your family."

Getting demoted was more lenient than getting kicked out of their land. It was for sure bitter at their end, but there was nothing they could do about it. It was much better than leaving into an unknown territory.

"Thank you for your mercy, Your Majesty," The three representatives accepted their demotion. What mattered the most was the fact that they stayed instead of leaving the faction. The three realized that leaving The Tang Empire was impossible. They were too comfortable that The Tang Empire did not oversee them strictly. They thought they could get away by doing that with how loose The Tang Empire regulated the vassal. The cost for their foolish attempt was the demotion, and there was nothing they could do but accept it.

The meeting ended the three Australian representatives' demotion. No one protested with the result, and Tang Shaoyang could tell that the other vassals seemed to accept his decision to forgive the three representatives. While the meeting finished today, the matter was not entirely over. The vassals needed to report their details to create the sub-faction.

To Tang Shaoyang's relief, he did not need to meet them for the next meeting. The next meeting the vassals just needed to meet Li Shuang to proceed with the merger.

"We don't have anything more for today, right?" Tang Shaoyang asked the two girls to make sure he did not miss anything. He did not like the formal meeting, but it was his responsibility as The Emperor.

"Yup. That was the last meeting," Li Shuang nodded.

Tang Shaoyang kissed Zhang Mengyao and Li Shuang on the foreheads before he disappeared out of the door. The two girls shook their heads. It looked funny and cute from their perspective. They knew that Tang Shaoyang rushed to meet his daughter. He could not wait to play with his daughter.

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Tang Shaoyang arrived in front of his room and the door was opened. It was unusual that the door was opened. Not that he was concerned someone would come to harm his family because Origin would warn him first if that was the case. He stepped into the room and realized why the door was open, they had a guest, and it seemed they just arrived too.

Queen Alissa and the two escort Elven Elders came to visit. It was unexpected that she would come, never crossed his mind before that Alissa would be willing to visit. Elin and Delia were speaking to them, but they stopped in his presence.

"We greet, Your Majesty!" The two Elven Elders bowed before Alissa followed.

Tang Shaoyang acknowledged them with a nod and they got up as Elin came to him. She whispered to him, "Alissa wants to visit her mother. What do you think?"

Elinova never participated in the battle, she did not know what the battlefield looked like. However, she heard the story of Revalor's betrayal. That was quite a famous story after the war because Revalor killed the famous Elven King, Virion. She was quite concerned that Alissa might harm her mother or even the newborn, Tang Xiulan. Her concern was valid because she thought Alissa might think her mother was at fault for this tragedy to happen. Fortunately, Tang Shaoyang came back in time, and she let Tang Shaoyang make the decision for the visit.

"Is Ava awake?" Tang Shaoyang asked. Ava was sleeping when he left, and he experienced how hard having a baby was. His daughter would wake her mother every three hours to eat. There was a plus point of her daughter, she did not cry, but she always found a way to wake up her mother.

Elinova nodded because Tang Xiulan just finished her meal.

"Follow me," Tang Shaoyang motioned to Alissa, he sounded awkward when he talked to Alissa because he was still awkward around her.

Alissa followed her along with the two elders. There was no reason for him not to let Alissa visit her mother. However, not for the two elders, "Just Alissa. You two can wait here."

The two Elven Elders stumped for a moment, looking quite concerned. Alissa just waved her hand at them, signaling them to wait for her.

Tang Shaoyang and Alissa walked toward Ava's room. He opened the door, and Ava's face brightened for a moment, but then she was stunned to see who followed behind. Just like Tang Shaoyang, Ava did not expect her daughter to visit. In her mind, her daughter must hate her to the core since she was the cause of what happened to Virion, to their family.



Ava's mouth opened a little as the two approached the bed. She was leaning against the headboard with Xiulan in her embrace. It seemed the baby noticed her mother's expression and followed where her mother looked.

Tang Xiulan saw the stranger, but she recognized Tang Shaoyang. She did not care about the stranger as she raised her tiny hands toward her father. The baby showed her intention clearly that she wanted her father to carry her.

Tang Shaoyang immediately forgot the awkwardness and rushed to get her lovely daughter. Her smile and puffed cheek made him forget everything. He just found out last night that his daughter loved to grab his index finger and thumb. He gave her a finger, and she immediately grabbed those two fingers while smiling at him.

He leaned to Ava and asked, "Do you want me to give you two rooms?" It was so awkward for him to stay in the room. It was better for him to give the mother and daughter a space just for both of them to talk. He felt like both needed that space.

Ava nodded, and Tang Shaoyang kissed her forehead before leaving the bedroom. No one was talking until the door closed. The sound door closing was the cue that both were alone in the bedroom. An awkward silence followed as no one spoke. Ava lowered her gaze, ashamed to meet her daughter's eyes.

It was Alissa the first one to move, approaching her mother on the bed. She sat close to her mother, without saying anything. She pulled her mother, hugged her tightly, and whispered, "You should not blame yourself for what happened, Mother."

Those words shocked Ava, but she felt a sting to hear those from her daughter. She did not feel good that her daughter did not blame her. It was just a sting and guilt hit her heart. She felt like she would feel better if her daughter blamed her for everything.

Alissa released the hug and held her mother's shoulders with a serious look on her face, "Now it's just the two of us in this family. Father and Arbane have made a wrong decision, and they will pay the price for what they have done. It will leave just two of us, and I wish you not to avoid me any longer, Mother. It's just the two of us, and I want us to support each other. You are the last pillar that I can rely on, Mother."

Ava stumped, did not know what to say to her daughter. She felt even guiltier after hearing those. Realizing she was the root of her daughter's misery and suffering. Tears flowed down her eyes, hugging her daughter, "I am sorry, Alissa. It's your Mother's fault. It's your stupid Mother who makes you suffer." She bawled as her tears wet Alissa's clothes.

Even though Alissa came with a resolve not to cry, she ended up crying. The daughter and mother cried for quite a while. They calmed down after a burst of emotion as Alissa slowly pushed her mother, wiping her tears.

"It's because of you, Mother. My clothes are wrinkled and wet, and my eyes are red. I can't show up like this because I am now a Queen," Alissa complained like a little kid, causing Ava to smile.

"What's my little sister's name, Mother?" Alissa changed the topic, "But don't misunderstand me, Mother. I accept her as my little sister, but it will take time for me to accept him into our family! Please don't force me to accept him." Him in her mouth was, of course, Tang Shaoyang. She could

overlook Ava's mistake because she was her mother. However, it was different from Tang Shaoyang because Tang Shaoyang was no different than a stranger to her.

"I understand," Ava nodded, "Your sister's name is Tang Xiulan...."

## Chapter 1327 It's Time

Tang Shaoyang left the mother and the daughter at ease in the bedroom. He did not think that much about what they wanted to talk about and asked Origin to block the sound from the room. He did not have an intention to eavesdrop on their conversation, what they were talking about despite his curiosity.

Carrying her daughter to the window, letting her see the outside world for the first time. Not that Xiulan understood or was interested. The little baby gave a glance outside a few seconds before focusing on him again. The baby was no longer obsessed with his finger after a few minutes of holding his finger. Her violet eyes were now focused on her neck, so focused that he might misunderstand that she was contemplating something hard in her mind.

The curiosity got Tang Shaoyang and brought the baby up to his neck. Her head leaned to his neck as he tapped her back gently, giving a gentle nudge, up and down. The baby did not move as he noticed slowly her hands which tried to hold his neck slowly loosened. She stayed in that position for a few minutes and before he realized she fell asleep.

Tang Shaoyang sat on the sofa with Xiulan in the same position. Not long after, Elin approached him with a plate with scallion pancakes on it. He heard that she had been learning to make Chinese cuisine for him, and she always surprised him with what she learned. It was also a surprise that she could get the scallion.

As Elinova came closer, he turned around and asked in a low voice, "Is she sleeping?" There was no movement or noise from Xiulan for quite a while.

"Yes. She's sleeping," Elin answered in a whisper as well, slowly putting the plate on the table.

Tang Shaoyang was about to put Xiulan in a more comfortable position if she was sleeping. To his surprise, her little hands tried to reach his neck once more as he was about to move her. It was as if she told him not to move her.

"Is there something in my neck?" He could not help but ask Elin. It felt like there was something in his neck that attracted Xiulan, not willing to leave his neck while sleeping.

Elin got up and checked. She was also curious about what attracted Xiulan yet she found nothing, "There's nothing in your neck."

"Isn't my daughter weird? She's obsessed with my index finger and thumb, and now my neck," Tang Shaoyang was quite concerned.

"Maybe she likes your smell. From her eyes, she seems to inherit your bloodline, and maybe your smell comforts her," Elin threw a random guess. By now, everyone knew that Tang Xiulan inherited Tang Shaoyang's dragon bloodline. It was obvious from her eyes, similar eyes to her father before he upgraded the bloodline.

Tang Shaoyang nodded, supporting his daughter with his left hand as he started to eat the pancake. Elin never failed to amaze her cook. It was as if everything she cooked would be delicious.

"How is it?" The curious Elin asked with an expectant look in her eyes.

Tang Shaoyang was stuffing the pancake into his mouth and gave her a thumb-up, not just one, but two thumb-ups. Eating the pancake made him recall the past about the grandma who opened the pancake shop in his district. The grandma always gave him a free pancake during his patrol.

He was leaving the mother and the daughter at ease as he enjoyed the food. However, he felt concerned as the two did not come out of the room even after thirty minutes. He could ask Origin, but he kept reminding himself to give the mother and the daughter a private space. Even Elinova kept looking at his bedroom door repeatedly.

Another ten minutes passed, and Tang Shaoyang could not sit still. He knew Origin would immediately notify him if there was something wrong inside. The fact Origin did not say anything meant nothing happened inside. However, he really could not sit still and got up, approaching the door.

He could not hear anything inside since Origin put the room soundproof. Walking back and forth in front of the door. Another few minutes passed, and he could no longer have the patient. He was about to knock on the door, and it was opened.

Alissa came out on her own, frowning, looking at the hand that was about to knock on the door. Then her eyes fell on the sleeping baby in his arms.

That was awkward as the timing was impeccable. It was right before he was about to knock on the door, "Elin made Scallion Pancakes, do you want to try? It's one of my favorite snacks," He said awkwardly.

"I don't mind trying it," She answered and closed the door, "My Mother is sleeping right now," She told Tang Shaoyang not to come in even though it was his house, "Can I carry Xiulan?"

Tang Shaoyang did not expect the last part, "I don't mind, but maybe later," He showed how Xiulan did not want to part with his neck to avoid the misunderstanding,

For the next twenty minutes was filled with awkwardness between the two. Alissa seemed to enjoy her pancake as she finished a plate by herself before leaving.

Tang Shaoyang leaned on the couch, relieved that he was out of the predicament. He felt like it was much easier to fight the monster than facing Alissa. But he was glad that Alissa did not hate her daughter with the fact that she wanted to carry Xiulan, "One at a time...." He muttered.

That was his day, he spent his days with her daughter almost from the moment he opened his eyes until he slept in the night. Xiulan's obsession with his neck was stronger than her obsession with his finger. The proof was that she always wanted to be placed near his neck each time he carried her. Three days passed, and it was a good three-day break after the battle.

The first work of the day was to have a meeting with his subordinates, including the vassal. It was an annual meeting for the year. The sub-faction officially formed yesterday, and all the vassals in a separate faction merged into The Tang Empire. Everyone attended the meeting, and Tang Shaoyang's presence was required.

After three hours of listening to the Tang Empire's development progress, the annual meeting reached its end. The last topic for the meeting was Jasmine and Alton. The Queen and the now Vice Supreme General proposed to hold a festival. The festival was meant as a celebration of their

victory against the three factions from the other worlds, the celebration of Tang Shaoyang's victorious battle.

Not just to celebrate the victory, but the festival was also for soldiers to relax after the stressful battle. Almost everyone agreed to the proposal while a few thought it was unnecessary especially when the Tang Empire was in the most crucial time of their development. However, the final decision was in Tang Shaoyang's hands.

"That's a good idea. Our people also need rest from their work, no? Let's make it a national holiday as well," While he said that, he agreed for another reason. The festival was also meant for his daughter's birthday. That was the biggest reason he agreed with the festival.

Jasmine would be responsible for the festival, for everything including the name of the festival itself. With that, the meeting was over, and Tang Shaoyang did not head back to his room like he always did. He went to the rooftop. This had become a new place for him if he had to think about something.

The first issue in his head was to find a way to get back to the Arkania Continent. There were two important pieces in that world for him. First, it was to unseal his Black Dragon Spirit. Second, it was his promise to The Goddess of Love, Luneia.

The reason he wanted to get there as fast as he could was obvious: the preparation before the truce between The Nirvana and The Tang Empire was over. He believed Nirvana would not let him be for what he had done, and he planned to eradicate the threat over his people.

"Do you think you can find a way to the Arkania Continent, Zara, Karoen?" Both were proficient in Void Elemental that related to space. He hoped for both to find their way through The Dimensional Gate. The System rewarded him with a Dimensional Gate that could link Earth to another random world. He hoped Karoen and Zara could help him to make the Dimensional Gate link to a specific world, and that world was where the Arkania Continent was.

[It's more complicated than it looks. The clues about the Arkania Continent can't help, but I can try. If this works, I hope you can spare a Dimensional Gate for me. I also want to visit my homeland.] Karoen was happy to help because this would help to return to his original world as well.

"I think we can always buy that Dimensional Gate. Not cheap, but we can afford many of them," Tang Shaoyang easily agreed to Karoen's request because going to Karoen's world might help him as well. He then summoned Zara and Karoen, "Lead them to Dwarven Keep, Origin! There's someone among the dwarfs can help you two because they created the dimensional gate for me once."

After the two spirits left, Tang Shaoyang remained on the rooftop. He opened the window. It was time for him to start to gather God Shard and ascend to the God Rank.

## Chapter 1328 First Battle

[Do you want to take The Trial of God?] [Yes/No?]

The Trial of God was completely different from the previous trials Tang Shaoyang had gone through. The previous trial made him fight waves of monsters, but The Trial of God was a battle between players in The Demi-God Rank. In order to advance to the God Rank, Tang Shaoyang

needed a minimum of ten God Shards. Meaning he had to win ten battles against the other Demi-God Rank.

Tang Shaoyang delayed taking the God Rank's trial after the battle against the God Rank. He felt like he needed some rest after months of fighting. Three days of rest was what he needed, and he was ready to take the trial now. He tapped yes confidently. After killing dozens of God Ranks, he felt like the trial should not be hard for him.

[You are given three chances in The Trial of God to gather The God Shards!]

[You need a minimum of ten God Shards in order to advance to The God Rank!]

[Do you want to enter the Trial Arena? Yes/No?]

Tang Shaoyang read through the notification. It was the same as what he knew, and he tapped yes once more, and the screen disappeared as another screen popped out.

[Searching for an opponent!] [00:01]

The time was ticking as he had to wait for his opponent. He never asked the details of the trial, so this was new to him. When he heard about the battle, he thought he would be immediately teleported into the arena with an opponent ready to fight him. It was unexpected that he had to wait to look for an opponent.

Tang Shaoyang sat on the rail, waiting for his opponent. He kept the screen open to his right, and he fully focused on the timer. His expectation would be around thirty seconds to one minute. His eye glued on the timer and one minute passed quickly, and he had not gotten his opponent yet.

'Maybe in two minutes?' He frowned, thinking to himself. Yet two minutes passed, and he had not found his opponent yet. There was no telling when he would get his opponent for the trial, so he kept waiting. Three minutes passed, and the timer reached five minutes. His eye glued on the timer, and he was slightly pissed that it took this long to find a single opponent.

Ten minutes quickly passed, and there was no sign that he would get an opponent any time soon. Tang Shaoyang had enough and decided to return. He would rather spend his time with his daughter than do nothing like this.

[You have found an opponent for the trial!]

[Are you ready to battle? (04:59)] [Accept!]

[If you fail to accept the battle in five minutes, you will receive a penalty.]

[Penalty: You are not able to queue for the trial for three hours!]

There were many details he did not know about the God Rank trial. The penalty, accepting the battle, and the queue. It was quite annoying considering how easy the previous trial was. He tapped accept discontentedly.

[Your opponent is Ecanus of Battelon World!]

[You have three minutes to prepare for the battle! (02:59)!] [Ready!]

[Choose ready if you are ready for the battle!]

Tang Shaoyang paused for a moment, recollecting if there was something missing. Zara and Karoen were not with him, but he felt like it was not an issue even without them. He now could integrate with Avyn without any side effects.

[Ecanus is ready for the battle!]

A notification popped out as he was double-checking. He felt there was nothing missing with him. The weapon was in his inventory, and he normally did not wear armor because [Dragon Scales] was his armor. He tapped "Ready" in response to his opponent, and he was teleported.

Tang Shaoyang opened his eyes after the sudden teleportation, and he heard a notification in his head.

[Welcome to the Red Plain!]

[Kill or force your opponent to surrender to win the battle!]

[You will receive the God Shard upon winning the battle!]

As the name suggested, he was in an open field with red soil. There was nothing, no rock or boulder, no tree, nothing. It was just plain red soil, and he instinctively used his Spirit Eyes, scouting the area up to two thousand meters.

Tang Shaoyang found his opponent a thousand meters away from him. His opponent was a human, wearing blue armor and holding a spear in his right hand. The interesting part was that there was a number above the man's head. It said "7", and he did not know what it meant. He checked above his head, and he found the number as well. It was "0", he immediately understood what the number meant. It was the count of God Shard. His opponent had seven God Shards, and he had none since this was his first battle.

Just like Tang Shaoyang found Ecanus. Ecanus also found Tang Shaoyang. The man walked closer and soon the distance between them shortened to fifty meters.

"It's a newbie," Ecanus muttered in a low voice, but it did not escape from Tang Shaoyang's ear, "I would say you are unlucky. The matchmaking system is broken to match you against me. You are supposed to fight someone who also has zero God Shard." Ecanus looked like a veteran who looked after the rookie, shaking his head, "What about stop wasting our time and surrender instead? Maybe you will get an opponent on your level instead in the next battle."

Tang Shaoyang pulled his battle-ax, putting the weapon on his shoulder. He said nothing as he immediately used Grand Dragon Transformation. Even though he was confident with his power after killing the God Rank, he did not underestimate his opponent as he used Spirit Integration with Avyn as well. He went all out from the start.

The transformation and integration took fifteen seconds. As he finished those, a spear arrived before his eyes. The tip of the spear was a few inches away from his eyes. Ecanus took the fifteen-second gap to take the initiative.

"This is why I don't like fighting a newbie. You are stupid to think your opponent will give you a chance for you to transform!"

Tang Shaoyang took a short side step to the right, letting the spear pierce through his shoulder. He did not have any defensive skill activated but the dragon scale, and yet, the spear crushed through his scales and body. However, the spear was stuck on his body.

"You talk too much for someone who acts like a veteran," Tang Shaoyang grabbed Ecanus' face with his left hand, activating Slayer Touch.

Ecanus grunted in pain as if his brain was getting hammered by a blunt force. His body went limp, and Tang Shaoyang took the chance, slamming Ecanus down to the ground. He then stood up and activated Earth Split. Raised his right foot and stomped on Ecanus' chest.

Boom!

Ecanus coughed out a mouthful of blood as bone-cracking noise rang. At the same time, the ground split open, creating a big gap.

Tang Shaoyang raised his right hand and used The Thousand Blasts. He swung down the battle-ax, hitting right on Ecanus' chest.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Thousand Blasts sent Ecanus down to the pit formed by Earth Split. Then it was followed by another boom as the pit closed.

[Congratulations! You have defeated your first opponent in the Trial of God!]

[You have obtained one God Shard!]

[God Shard: 1]

The notification was the same as an announcement that Ecanus died in that attack. It was an easy fight because Ecanus underestimated him. One counter determined the battle. He killed Ecanus with a spear stuck on his left shoulder. He pulled out the spear, and he was surprised the spear was a Legendary Grade Weapon.

"Not only did I get my first win easily, but I also got a bonus," Tang Shaoyang was about to store the spear in his inventory, but the spear burst out into white particles. His good mood was immediately ruined after he lost The Legendary Grade Spear right in his hand. He checked in his inventory, in case the spear was automatically saved in his inventory. To his frustration, the spear was not in his inventory.

"Tch, this is lame. We should be able to get the loot from our opponent," He complained as he figured out that he could not get the loot from his opponent, "This is easier than I thought. Let's queue for the next battle."

Tang Shaoyang tried to find a way to queue another battle, but he could not see the option to search for another opponent. He was annoyed with how complicated The God Rank's trial was compared to the previous trial.

"Hey! Let me queue for another battle!" That was what Tang Shaoyang wanted to yell out. However, the words did not come out of his mouth as a notification rang in his head.

[Ecanus uses three God Shards to have a rematch against you! Do you want to accept the challenge? Yes/No? (02:59)]

[Note: You will obtain three God Shards if you win against the challenger!]

[Note: You will not your God Shard upon losing!]

[Ecanus Challenge Note: Accept the rematch, Coward!]

Tang Shaoyang's eyes brightened up at the new notifications. He expected a slow grind to the God Rank, but there was always a way to gather God Shard faster. He grinned ear to ear as he spoke to himself, "You don't need to provoke me because I will gladly take your God Shards!" His finger then tapped Yes, accepting the rematch.

Chapter 1329 The Third Battle

[You Lost!]

[Do you want to have a rematch against Tang Shaoyang?] [Yes/No?]

[A rematch will consume three God Shards. You will get the three God Shards back if you win with an additional God Shard as a reward. You will lose the three God Shards if you lose the rematch!]

Ecanus was in shock, looking at the screen in front of him in shock. He still could not believe that he lost the fight one-sidedly. Especially against a newbie. The newbie term was for someone who just reached the Demi-God Rank and tried the Trial of God. Yet he was completely countered and killed in a matter of seconds.

He recalled his opponent's tactic against him, purposely getting pierced by his spear and catching him off guard before killing him cleanly. Giving him no chance to fight back, at all. For the first time ever since he started the Trial of God Rank he faced a rematch screen.

There was no hesitation as he tapped yes. Ecanus was confident that he would win against the newbie. He was different from the others where he would enter the arena when he upgraded his power. He just got a new class that was suitable for him. That was what made him confident to win, his fourth class.

Ecanus did not forget to add provocation, in case the newbie declined the rematch. He could not do anything if the opposite party declined the rematch. A cheap provocation usually worked against the newbie. Deep inside, he was burning with determination to pay back the humiliation.

[Tang Shaoyang accepted the challenge!]

[You have three minutes to prepare for the battle! (02:59)]

[Are you ready?]

Ecanus tapped "Ready" without hesitation. He was well-equipped and mentally ready to have a rematch. He kept reminding himself not to underestimate the newbie. His surroundings changed, returning to the red plain.

The moment he was teleported into the Red Plain, he realized his mistake. He saw Tang Shaoyang was still in his Bloodline Transformation. He kept reminding himself not to underestimate, but he forgot to use Bloodline Transformation in the preparation time.

Ecanus immediately used his Bloodline Transformation. Trying not to make the same mistake as the previous battle. His transformation took ten seconds, and he lost sight of Tang Shaoyang as his vision returned.



But he quickly sensed someone was behind him. He turned around and what greeted him was a giant fist, covered in the black-gold terrifying energy. It was not the time to think what kind of energy it was because his doom was near. His opponent used his own strategy against him, and that was what angered him the most. It was as if his opponent mocked him.

In a matter of one second, he formed an energy barrier and also a Wind Elemental Shield. His quick reaction saved his life. Even if the fist crushed the Wind Elemental Shield and energy barrier. It would still minimize the damage to him.

However, Ecanus could not believe what happened next as the space cracked right in front of him. The space crack was bigger than the first itself, and he then noticed the same space crack behind him. Again, he was caught off guard by his opponent.

The black-gold fist went through the space crack and hit his back. He felt like his bones and organs were crushed by the fist. He passed out for a moment. When he opened his eyes again, he was right in front of his opponent.

Tang Shaoyang was holding Ecanus' head. Ecanus was dangling in the air, and he wasted no time, unlike Ecanus. After Heavenly Crushing Strike, he followed with Heavenly Crushing grasp. Tang Shaoyang popped Ecanus' head just like a watermelon.

[You won!]

[You have obtained three God Shards!]

[God Shard: 4]

Tang Shaoyang smiled at the number of the God Shard he had. It was his first day, and he already got four God Shards. Six more God Shards and he could advance to the God Rank. Of course, he would not immediately use the ten God Shards to advance. He wanted to gather as many God Shards as possible. At least, he would gather the God Shard until he was left with one try.

'Challenge me again and give me more God Shard,' He thought to himself, waiting for the rematch notification to pop out.

That was the reason he tried to win the battle as fast as he could. Losing without being able to do anything must be infuriating. Tang Shaoyang tried to make Ecanus think that he could win if not for the surprise attack. If they had a long fight, Ecanus would have realized the gap between them. And in the third rematch, he wanted to have a proper match. However, the waiting was for nothing as there was no rematch notification.

"Tch. It seems I scare him," He clicked his tongue after waiting for two minutes, "What did I do wrong? Maybe the portal made him wary of me."

Tang Shaoyang shrugged and queued for another battle. The queue time was up, and yet the System did not teleport him out of the Red Plain. He was still in the arena, meaning he could wait here, "But can I go back?" If the queue time was too long, waiting back at his home would be much better than here for sure.

"Let's wait for ten minutes," He muttered while maintaining the bloodline transformation. Aside from the additional three God Shards, he learned something new for the trial. He could use Bloodline Transformation before entering the battle. He realized that the preparation time was more

than just equipment, 'Should I use True Dragon Transformation and end the battle as quickly as possible?'

His opponent might enter the battle with the bloodline transformation. If he entered the battle with True Dragon Transformation, he might catch his opponent off guard and finish them in a few attacks. He was tempted with the idea, but then he decided not to.

"There's more important than the God Shard, the experience," He muttered in a low voice. The experience he talked about was not something that he got by killing zombies and monsters. It was an experience of fighting, learning how the other Demi-God Rank fought. Experiencing some abilities he never faced before might benefit him in the future.

The queue time entered six minutes, and Tang Shaoyang already thought of returning home. But then the queue popped out.

[You have found an opponent!]

[Are you ready to battle? (04:59)] [Accept]

[If you fail to accept the battle in five minutes, you will receive a penalty.]

[Penalty: You are not able to queue for the trial for three hours!]

Tang Shaoyang tapped accept in the blink of an eye. He just wanted to enter the battle as quickly as possible. While he got four God Shards in the first battle, he did not get the thrill of fighting. It was just a one-sided beating. He wanted to have a proper fight this time.

[Your opponent is Andus of Battelon World!]

[You have three minutes to prepare for the battle! (02:59)!] [Ready!]

[Choose ready if you are ready for the battle!]

His hand stopped midair as he was about to tap "Ready", frowning his eyes as he carefully read the first part of the notification. It was a new name, but he felt like the world was familiar, "Andus of Battelon World... Have I heard the name before?" He muttered in a low voice.

[Do you have memory loss or what? It's the same world as your first opponent.] Avyn reminded him inside his head.

It clicked after hearing Avyn. Ecanus is also from Battelon, also this Andus guy. This made him curious whether his third opponent would be from Battelon as well.

[Andus is ready for the battle!]

"Get ready for attack or to attack," He muttered in a low voice, assuming his opponent would surprise attack him. Also assuming his opponent activated The Bloodline Transformation before entering the battle. Then Tang Shaoyang tapped "Ready".

[Welcome to the Red Plain!]

[Kill or force your opponent to surrender to win the battle!]

[You will receive the God Shard upon winning the battle!]

There was no teleportation, but the same notification as the previous battle popped out, "I am already in the Red Plain though," He chuckled before he looked for his opponent.

As Tang Shaoyang predicted, his opponent entered the battle with the Bloodline Transformation. He focused on the number above his opponent which was "17". His opponent was a giant brown-red bear, holding a giant saber and a shield. It looked funny that the bear had a saber and a shield instead of using their claw to fight.

As Tang Shaoyang found his opponent, his opponent also found him. The five-meter brown-red bear put the saber and the shield on the back before it rushed toward him on four. Each step of it caused a shake on the ground.

Tang Shaoyang could feel the shaking ground on his feet, getting stronger and stronger. As the distance between close to a hundred meters, the bear leaped into the air. The bear raised both paws to the air as the red lightning gathered in its paws. Then the five-meter figure rocketed down to the ground, slamming his paw on Tang Shaoyang.

Boom!

The red lightning burst out and went on a rampage. The brown-red bear looked down as his paw was blocked by the Heavenly Tortoise Shell. The bear kicked the shell, pushing him upward as he pulled out the saber. He raised the saber to the air as the red lightning gathered in the saber before bringing it down to strike Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang was holding his sword, ready to counter the bear after the saber hit the shell. He expected the shell to block off the saber, but to his surprise, the saber cut through the Heavenly Tortoise Shell.

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Tang Shaoyang was surprised at how easily Andus broke through his Heavenly Tortoise Shell. Even Eol the Divine Dragon was having a hard against his toughest defensive skill, yet this man sliced it through easily. He expected the sword to bounce off the barrier and followed with Heavenly Swords. He now had to use his counter to block the incoming saber.

#### Nine Heavenly Gates, Fifth Gate: Heavenly Swords - Heavenly Revoke

The dark Chaos Energy enveloped his sword as he slashed his sword upward. The sword clashed against the saber and the red lightning. His foot sank to the ground from the impact. Meanwhile, Andus was thrown away from the impact, falling to the ground with a big thump.

The red dust rose and covered the figure. A figure stood behind the red dust as the dust slowly settled down. Andus got back on his feet but he suffered an injury from the early clash. A big cut through his chest, showing the red flesh.

Roar!

Andus let out a deafening roar as his fur stood out, producing red lightning that covered his body.

[You have resisted Fear!]

A notification Tang Shaoyang never had before, popped out. He was confused about what it meant by resisting Fear, 'Does the roar just now a skill that inflicts fear?' This was the first time he encountered such a skill. He knew how to use his aura to intimidate his enemy, but not fear.

'This is why having a proper fight is better than just winning to gather the God Shard,' He was glad to fight his opponent properly instead of winning the battle one-sidedly. The trial might not give

him the level, but he got the experience to fight an opponent he never fought, gaining more knowledge and also limit-testing his ability. He learned today that his toughest defensive skill is easily cut.

The brown-red bear leaped toward Tang Shaoyang again. This time he had the saber in his right hand and the round shield in his left hand.

Tang Shaoyang noticed the difference in the red lightning. He could feel the bear get closer to him, "I haven't really tried The Heavenly Beast since I got the Chaos Energy," He muttered in a low voice.

Nine Heavenly Gates, Sixth Gate: Heavenly White Tiger

The mirage of a white tiger formed behind him. He did not plan to use the Heavenly Tortoise Shell to defend against the saber. A blade against a blade, "Let's try once,"

Nine Heavenly Gates, Fifth Gate: Heavenly Swords - Heavenly Revoke

Andus could not see Tang Shaoyang's hand movement. The moment he saw the sword, it was right before him. However, he was prepared for this moment. The red lightning around his body moved into one spot, the round shield. He put the shield forward to block the incoming sword.

He saw the sword and the beast, and the white tiger roared at him. Andus responded with a roar as two different energies clashed, "I won!" That was the first words he said as he managed to push the sword with his shield. He raised the saber, and the red lightning in his shield moved toward his sword.

Tang Shaoyang was certainly surprised that his Heavenly Revoke was completely nullified by the bear. But he always expected it to happen after Andus sliced through his Heavenly Tortoise Shell. He was prepared to lose in the clash and used [Blink].

He blinked behind Andus with his sword sheathed. There was no more swordplay as he planned to continue the fight instead of killing Andus in one strike. A palm strike should not kill the tough brown-red bear, at least that was what he thought.

Nine Heavenly Gate, Fourth Gate: Heavenly Force, Heavenly Shattering Palm

Andus was completely caught off guard by [Blink]. The bear sensed his opponent was behind him, but he was struck before he could do anything. He felt the crushing force hit his back, crushing his spine and organs as his figure rocketed down to the ground.

Andus' vision blurred from that single strike, and he was hardly breathing with his organ crushed. The fact that he was alive was because of his Advanced Regeneration. However, that was not enough to reverse the damage done to his body. He pushed his body and flipped over to see the figure in the air. Carelessness got into him, and he was now dying with regret. Losing without being able to use everything he had was frustrating. He was too cocky because not many opponents could survive from his combo because his Red Lightning had the ability to nullify most of his energy.

He now met a strong opponent that fought back, but his carelessness brought to his doom. His mouth kept spewing blood as his vision was getting blurry and blurrier. He wanted to continue to fight, but his body could not follow up with his will.

"That's it? I thought he could receive one or two hits. I didn't expect him to die with one strike," Tang Shaoyang muttered as he landed next to the brown-red bear. He truly did not expect to kill Andus with one strike.

Andus felt bitter to hear that as he also did not expect to die with just one strike. He finally met a strong opponent, but he could not go all out to fight.

[You won!]

[You have obtained a God Shard!]

[God Shard: 5]

"Aren't they too weak?" Tang Shaoyang complained as he heard the notification. The additional number in his God Shard count did not make him happy.

[They are not weak for their rank. You are too strong for them, Master.] Vandir The Death King corrected his Master.

If the opponent was a God Rank, they might survive that one strike. However, The Demi-God Rank was no longer his equal opponent, not after he killed dozens of God Ranks. Probably, Tang Shaoyang was also the highest level of the Demi-God Rank as well.

As the brown-red bear's body slowly dissipated into particles of light, Tang Shaoyang waited longer instead of instantly queuing for another battle. He expected the bear to challenge him for a rematch. His last words were to provoke Andus to issue a rematch. His target was not just the three God Shards, but the red lightning. He tried to understand how it worked so he knew how to fight against it in the future.

His expectation was met with disappointment because Andus did not issue a rematch against him. Quite smart since the bear must realize it was not worth issuing a rematch against someone who one-hit killed him.

Tang Shaoyang queued for another battle while reflecting on his gain from the battle. After the battle against Andus, he changed his view of the Trial of God. He realized that there was something more important than just collecting God Shard. It was to fight and understand his opponent's power, the knowledge he could gain by fighting them instead of killing them in one strike.

A skill that induced a fear that was new. There might be more skills that induce abnormal status aside from fear. The unknown red lightning could easily be sliced through his strongest defensive skill. He learned those from a short fight, and now he was pondering how the red lightning works.

"I wonder if it worked similarly with me Energy Destruction Touch..."

Energy Destruction Touch was destroying the energy which disrupted the skill and ended up canceling the skill itself. He recalled if the red lightning canceled his Chaos Energy.

"No, it did not cancel my skill. If it canceled my skills, the whole shell would disintegrate instead of getting sliced through," He recalled the saber only cut through a certain part, not disintegrating the whole barrier.

[I think the red lightning absorbing your Chaos Energy, Master,] Vandir The Death King offered his insight, [The key was when you clashed against his shield. Do you remember when he gathered his red lightning on his shield?]

Tang Shaoyang nodded while recalling his second clash against Andus.

[After the clash, he transferred his red lightning to the saber, and it got much stronger after the clash against your sword. I also noticed the red lightning turned darker afterward. I think the red lightning could absorb other energy temporarily which can be used to nullify your skill as well. You can hardly notice it because the red lightning could not absorb all the energy in your skill, just partially and that was why you did not notice it. Of course, that's just a theory of mine from observing two clashes. I need more data to be sure.]

Tang Shaoyang recalled the second clash, and after getting reminded by Vandir. He realized that the red lightning in the saber was indeed stronger than when it was on the shield. He did not notice the change of color in the red lightning. As he was in deep thought, notifications rang in his head.

[You have found an opponent!]

[Are you ready to battle? (04:59)] [Accept]

[If you fail to accept the battle in five minutes, you will receive a penalty.]

[Penalty: You are not able to queue for the trial for three hours!]

[Your opponent is Malrus of Battelon World!]

[You have three minutes to prepare for the battle! (02:59)!] [Ready!]

[Choose ready if you are ready for the battle!]

"Interesting...." Tang Shaoyang chuckled, "It seems the System is pitting me against the Demi-God Rank from Battelon."

This was the third battle, and all his three opponents were from the same world, Battelon. The first and second time might be a coincidence. However, it was no longer a coincidence for the third time. All of his opponents for the upcoming battle might be from Battelon.

[Malrus is ready for the battle!]

[Welcome to the Red Plain!]

[Kill or force your opponent to surrender to win the battle!]

[You will receive the God Shard upon winning the battle!]