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Chapter 1371 Shadow Hound

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Tang Shaoyang's plan has gone smoothly so far. He had not encountered a big resistance on his way to the sixth city. Six cities and six Harmony Temples were destroyed. No one from The Harmony Temple survived, and he had converted four Adventurer Guilds into his force as well. Their movement was unnoticed because no one from the Adventurer Guild or The Seven Gods Alliance came to stop him.

"That's it for today," Tang Shaoyang spoke to Ladirma and the four guides, "What we need to do is wait for The Harmony Temple to respond. I hope Rubia will come herself. It will save me trouble."

Tisha the female Frost Tigra blinked her eyes, looking at the surroundings. In one day, they destroyed six temples in the six cities. It was a one-day journey, something that The Orin Kingdom could not achieve by themselves. It was hard to believe, but she was there to witness everything.

Ladirma did not linger around as he turned around and left the half-ruined temple. He had become the leader of the adventurers that surrendered to them. Within just a day, they had an army of adventurers. While the adventurers might be lacking in discipline and other basic stuff for an army, it would not be easy to defeat this army.

Thanks to them, he was not the only Worm now. There were Worm2, Worm3, Worm4, and so on. He was not the lonely Worm1 anymore. It was a hassle to manage these people, but their presence comforted him.

"Commander! We are waiting for your next order!" A person in light armor and a spear on the back came over as Ladirma stepped out of the castle. The adventurers' army blockaded the temple, ensuring no one came to disturb the fight inside the castle. The man was Worm2, the man Ladirma chose to be second in command of the adventurer army. He was a former Guild Leader and a Demi-God Rank.

"There's no more order. You guys can take a rest and make sure to pay if you stay in the inn. If I know you don't pay, you will be dead to me!" Ladirma waved his hand at him as jumped over the wall. After the long march, it was a good time to get some drink before resting his exhausted body.

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"Can we stay in this castle?" The four beastmen stayed while Ladirma was leaving. The four were unfamiliar with the city even though this was one of The Orin Kingdom's cities in the past. A lot had changed since then, so they would rather stay in this familiar castle which remained the same. There was still room with cover even though the castle was half-ruin.

"You can do whatever you want. I will leave one of my summons behind, and I will return to my world after finishing my business here. I will be back in one or two days. If there's something urgent, you speak to my summon, and he will relay the message to me."

The business he talked about was the summoning spirit. The skeletons were moving the bodies into the center of the hall, piling the bodies for the summoning.

"Yes, I understand," Tisha nodded and pulled her three beastmen with her, leaving Tang Shaoyang and his skeletons in the ruined hall.

Tang Shaoyang emptied his inventory as well, but the bodies were still much fewer compared to when he annihilated the temple army. That meant the best he could get from summoning was Grade SSS Spirit. That was the positive side, but he might just get Grade S Spirit.

At this point, he did not use Grade S Spirit a lot. Most of the time, it was Grade SSS Spirit and above. He used Grade S Spirit to guard the portal, purely to make it up the number, not in active combat.

"Does not really matter, I guess. What I want is an army, anyway. Grade S Spirit army is quite terrifying," Tang Shaoyang proceeded with the summoning. The bodies puffed into black smoke as a figure slowly formed beyond the smoke.

The figure was three meters tall, and it stood on more, not a humanoid summon which was actually rare in the recent summon. Its red eyes gleamed in the black smoke as it slowly stepped out of the smoke, revealing itself. It was actually a pitch-black wolf with two small horns above its eyes. The horn was similar to the bison's horns.

[You have summoned Grade SS Spirit, Shadow Hound.]

It was a Grade SS Spirit which was not bad, and it was not a wolf, but a hound. Even though it looked no less scary than the wolf.

[You have summoned one of the nastiest bastards from the Orin Forest.] Rumru commented, [It's actually one of the Orin Forest's rulers before I came to stay there. They are so persistent and don't know when to give up. They keep harassing me instead of coexisting with me. Then I decide to annihilate their race from the forest.]

[But they are so annoying and hard to kill. They know they could not win the fight with me, so they will rely on ambush. They will ambush me from time to time, catching me off guard. If not for my wife, I don't think I can completely wipe them out of the forest. However, they moved in a pack, so I am not sure if a single Shadow Hound would be useful to you.]

"I will make a contract with you if you do one thing for me. I don't wish for resurrection, so don't bother to offer me the resurrection either," The Shadow Hound could speak.

"And what's that one thing?" If it was something troublesome and forced him to take a long route, then he would fight the Shadow Hound instead, forcing the dog into submission. If it was something easy, then he might as well do it. Resolving The Shadow Hound's regret and obtaining his loyalty might be good for the future when he resurrected the guy.

"Kill a Black Dragon for me. His name is Rumru, and he lives in The Orin Forest of Arkania Continent. He is quite famous so you can just ask random people, and they know that arrogant lizard."

The Shadow Hound brought an interesting name to Tang Shaoyang. It seemed that Shadow Hound was one of the Shadow Hounds that was killed by Rumru back then. His regret for dying to Rumru turned the dog into a spirit.

"If we talk about value. I don't think your contract is worth risking my life to kill a Dragon," Tang Shaoyang shook his head.

The Shadow Hound growled at him when it heard the words. It clearly hated that its value was compared to Rumru. Its dark fur stood up, releasing the dark energy. It looked ready to fight him anytime.

"But I have killed that Black Dragon you mentioned. You can form the contract with me right now," Tang Shaoyang grinned. He was not lying when he said he killed Rumru because that was what happened back then.

After The Bloodline Ritual, Rumru was already half-dead. Then Rumru asked Tang Shaoyang to kill him which Tang Shaoyang did. He technically killed Rumru with his hand, so he had fulfilled the condition.

"You dare lie to me, Human!" Of course, The Shadow Hound was not so stupid as to believe Tang Shaoyang. The Black Dragon was comparable to those Human Gods. The dog did not believe that the Black Dragon was killed already.

"How am I supposed to prove it to you?" He scratched his hair, "In fact, Rumru is one of my spirits. I can summon him...." That was a bad idea to summon Rumru here. It would destroy the castle and would cause chaos in the city.

"Let's make it simple then. You have two choices. You can make a contract with me right now, and you will find out that Rumru is already dead. Or we can fight right now. Does not really matter to me. Both will bring the same result."

The Shadow Hound fell silent and stared at Tang Shaoyang. It seemed like I was trying to assess how strong Tang Shaoyang was. However, spirits could not sense the living being's aura unless they shared senses with their Master. The Shadow Hound did not have a Master, so there was no way it could sense Tang Shaoyang's aura.

"I thought you were an expert spirit since you know the conditions to make a contract, but it looks like you are just a newbie spirit. You can't sense my aura if you try to determine how strong I am. You are a spirit, you don't have senses or the same instinct when you are alive."

The Shadow Hound growled and entered the shadow. One of the most annoying abilities he encountered so far is Shadow Elemental. He could not overpower Shadow, and he had nothing that could force The Shadow Hound to come out of the shadow either. The only thing he could do was to wait, waiting until the Shadow Hound pounced at him.

That was what he hated to fight with the shadow-type creature. He had to be passive which was not his fighting style, at all.

Chapter 1372 Annoying Doggy

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'Catch and end the fight immediately.'

Tang Shaoyang closed his eyes and activated [Battle Sense]. He opened his eyes and turned around. The attack from behind was predictable. That was what creatures or people with Shadow Elemental always did, attacking him from the back through Shadow Movement.

As he turned around, a shadow loomed over him. It was a shadow in the same shape as The Shadow Hound. It was not the real body of the Shadow Hound. Of course, it did not mean it was a bluff.

This Shadow Hound's shadow could hurt him because The Battle Sense alarmed him the danger, meaning the attack possessed danger to him.

His hand reached the shadow's neck, and the shadow immediately dispersed with his Energy Destruction Touch. Back when he got the class, Way of Destruction. He did not really think that much about this skill with everything he had already. But now he was really glad that he had chosen the class. Destroying the energy was powerful as it canceled the skill that came at him. Almost all skills were affected by Energy Destruction Touch too.

Tang Shaoyang sensed another danger from behind him as Battle Sense was triggered. Learning from the first mistake when he mistook the shadow as the real Shadow Hound. He used Spirit Eyes and saw that the one that came from behind was another shadow of Shadow Hound.

Three Slayer Blades formed above the shadow. The three blades pierced through the shadow and destroyed the shadow. The Shadow Hound did not stop there as it kept sending more shadows. The next attack was two shadows, coming from behind him again.

Rumru said that Shadow Hound was one of the nastiest opponents he had to fight in The Orin Forest. He felt like rather than nasty, it was more annoying. The Shadow Hound was quite smart not to reveal its real body, which was annoying. It was quite smart for a beast with no name.

More Slayer Blades formed and destroyed the shadow. He did it without looking back, 'Is he trying to figure me out?' The Shadow Hound was smarter than he thought than the other beasts that would pounce at him the moment they had a chance to, 'Let's make an opening for it then.'

The next attack was three shadows. Three Shadow Hounds jumped out of the shadow, leaping toward him from three blind directions. He formed four Slayer Blades, two blades went for one shadow which left one shadow right behind him.

He purposely reacted late to the third shadow. It looked like the third shadow almost got him, but his fist was faster. His fist went through the shadow's head, dispersing the shadow.

'This is so annoying. I need to think of a way to fight people with Shadow Elemental. At least, I need to figure out how to force them out of the shadows.' That was what he thought as he faced four more shadows this time.

The Shadow Hound never revealed his real body, remaining cautious as it kept sending a bunch of shadows. Again, he purposely made it so that the fourth shadow almost got him this time. Each reaction was much later than the previous. It looked like he was troubled facing more shadows while in fact, he could use The Slayer Blade to get rid of them all.

It kept doing the same thing until it used eight shadows, and this time, Tang Shaoyang let the eighth shadow hit him. But The attack was nullified with Chaos Shade. The success was quickly followed by the next wave of attack. This time, Shadow Hound used ten shadows instead of eight, but one of them was real.

It gained confidence after it managed to land a blow on Tang Shaoyang with eight shadows. This time ten came out of shadow, and one of them was an actual Shadow Hound. Twenty Slayer Blades formed, and each two blades formed above the shadow.

He always formed four Slayer Blades before, making The Shadow Hound think he could only use four blades maximum. The two blades delivered the final judgment for the Shadow Hound. The

nine shadows dispersed into nothing while the actual Shadow Hound was pinned down to the ground by two Slayer Blades.

The rule battle of contract, an absolute rule of the System that they could not kill each other despite how fatal the attack was. However, even though they could not die, they still felt the pain from each strike they received.

The Shadow Hound howled in pain, but Tang Shaoyang did not show mercy as he stomped on the Shadow Hound's snout, closing the mouth before its loud howl caused any more commotion. The Slayer Blade had a similar effect to The Destruction Touch, disrupting the energy. The Shadow Hound immediately realized that the blade prevented him from escaping.

"You should choose the easy, so you don't need to feel this kind of pain," Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "And your effort is wasted because soon you will find out that I am not lying to you. You will meet him soon as a spirit, and you can ask him who killed."

He extended his hand toward the Shadow Hound's glowing forehead. The light shot toward his hand as the contract was established.

[You have formed a contract with Grade SS Spirit, Shadow Hound!]

Tang Shaoyang waited a while, waiting for The Shadow Hound's reaction. Strangely, he could not hear anything that happened in his Spirit World. He could not take a peek at what happened inside.

"Have you greeted the dog, Rumru?"

To his surprise, he heard a chuckle from the Black Dragon. [Yup, and it seems he's not just a dog filled with vengeance but also with fear. It hides in his dog house as soon as it sees me, funny right?]

It was unexpected that The Shadow Hound would hide in fear from Rumru. That made him wonder what Rumru did to the little guy before it died to invoke such a fear to the beast.

[You should summon me in the first place rather than entertaining the dog in a fight.] Rumru added.

Tang Shaoyang rolled his eyes, "And what? Caused panic and chaos inside the city that a giant dragon suddenly appeared in the middle of the city? It's not like I can bring that dog out of the city because I summoned him here. It can't move too far away from where it was summoned, or else I will bring it out and summon you to prove that you have died."

He yawned and shook his head, "Does not really matter anymore since we have tamed the little guy."

Tang Shaoyang switched places with Karan, stationing Karan in Harkon City. The sixth city he had conquered today. Twelve hours passed since he came back to Aqura, but it was just one hour and twenty minutes on Earth's time. It was still three-

twenty in the morning in his place.

He yawned again as he glanced toward the door where Vandir did his research. The door remained closed, and the dwarf who guarded the gate was sleeping next to the gate. There were a bunch of scrolls next to his short friend. He could not really understand those symbolic texts and diagrams.

"Maybe I should sleep in Agura instead?"

Tang Shaoyang muttered as he made his way to the exit. It was more efficient to sleep there instead of returning to Earth. He thought the time flow difference was an advantage to him, but it just messed up his schedule right now. Especially with how fast he conquered the sixth city already.

With how advanced Aqura was in the Game, he thought it would take him longer to take over six cities. However, there was no one who could really be an opponent to him.

He returned to his room, and everyone was sleeping. The first room he checked was where Ava and his daughter slept. Xiulan was sleeping next to her mother, and her mother also fell asleep. Elin were staying in the same room, and both also fell asleep. Jiaying and Li Yue were asleep in the next room with Li Na's grandma.

"What do I do now?" The reason he returned here was to inform Elin that she could visit her home. Even though he had not asked Frost about the village and the villagers where Elin and Delia came from, 'But they are probably fine, right?'

The thing he remembered about the village was, it was a weird village. But he did not remember why it was weird in the first place. Even though it was just one year, he felt like it had been many years already. He had gone through many things so it felt like many years had passed.

Instead of going to the empty, he stayed on the couch, sitting and closing his eyes. He was thinking of a plan: what if Goddess Rubia did not come for him after he destroyed her six temples. He did not want to look for her, he wanted her to come for him instead.

'Tisha said we almost reached The Orin Kingdom's Capital. There's only one city separating The Capital and Harkon City. Maybe she will come for me if I take back The Capital as well? Let's do that if she does not come for me in three days.'

Chapter 1373 It's Been a While

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There were so many things going on in his head. He considered whether he should tell Wen and Kairu about The Orin Kingdom. He was unsure, especially for Kairu. It would be a setback knowing his people now had surpassed him. Maru was the Demi-God Rank, and Kairu was still the Myth Rank. Wen should be fine as the Jade Eagle did not give him an impression that it would bother him for the rank difference.

Then he thought about The Goddess of Light, Lunea. His promise to her. He did not really remember the actual promise. The only thing he remembered was that he must free her if he ever returned to the Arkania Continent, and she would join The Tang Empire. That was the deal that he agreed on.

His mind was filled with many thoughts, and without him knowing, he fell asleep while sitting. He did not know how long he fell asleep as someone shook his body. He opened his eyes the moment someone touched his body.

Elinova was the one who woke him. She had her apron outside with a sexy blue sleeveless onepiece beneath the white apron. He thought it was sexy because it revealed more than half of her thigh. She tied her lush, violet hair into a ponytail.

"Why do you sleep outside? You should sleep on the bed," Her gentle voice entered his ear.

Tang Shaoyang picked up the clue without her saying anything more. He reached her and carried her outside his penthouse instead of going to the empty room. While his lust took over him, he still could think rationally. First, he did not want to do it in a place where his daughter could see. Even though she was still a baby, she was quite smart for a baby. He just did not want to take the risk.

Second, Li Jiaying and Li Yue were sleeping in the other room. If they came out to pee and saw them, or even heard them. That would be a disaster.

He went to the lift and pressed the twenty-first floor where Elin's exclusive kitchen was. Elin kissed him on the lips as he leaned against the lift. Their tongues intertwined as Tang Shaoyang's hand roamed on her fleshy butt.

His left hand then roamed to her thigh and pushed the dress up slightly to enter the zone. His finger bypassed the last defender and reached her nether region.

Her muffled moan rang as he could feel how wet down there. As soon as the lift's door opened, he carried her out while still kissing. He had pushed her dress all the way up to her belly, revealing his white panties inside.

Tang Shaoyang could no longer hold his morning rush, and it had been a while since he had done it. He pushed down his pants and revealed the lonely Little Shaoyang. He pushed the white panties to the side and entered her nether region. With how wet she was, Little Shaoyang easily entered her deeper part.

Elinova could no longer suppress her moan, and she was in the place where she did not suppress her voice since they were in the empty kitchen. She circled her hands around his neck, holding him tight in her embrace. They started on the unused kitchen countertop until her first orgasm.

There was a slight pause as Tang Shaoyang could tell that she just come. He waited for her a little before pulling her down from the countertop. Elin knew her husband too well as she turned around as soon as her feet touched the cold floor, sticking out her butt.

Tang Shaoyang started to piston once more after the little break as her moan filled the empty kitchen once more. His wives had been learning a lot, and he could feel that Little Shaoyang was tightened inside her.

Ahn~ Ahn~ Ahn~ Ahn~

He hugged her from behind while ramming her continuously. His hand wrapped around her chest, fondling her fleshy breast. They stayed in the same position for three minutes before he pulled her back up and held her thigh before picking her up in the air while he was still inside her.

Tang Shaoyang pushed her up and down as they moved to a new place. He brought her to the couch on the corner, and he sat there as he continued to push her up and down until he came out together with her.

Elinova's body went limp, leaning against his chest as she breathed heavily. It was rare for him to come out together on her second orgasm. Usually, he came out together in her third orgasm.

She caressed the spot lower than her belly. She could feel the warm liquid inside her, and she prayed silently that she would be the second to bear Tang Shaoyang's child.

Elinova pulled out Little Shaoyang from inside as she stood up. She smiled gently as she sat on his lap, holding Little Shaoyang. Once was never enough for Tang Shaoyang, and she was well aware of that. She directed Little Shaoyang to her nether region as she was ready for the second round.

"Mmmnnn~" She hummed in pleasure as Little Shaoyang entered her. This time she would do the work on top. Her voice filled out the empty kitchen, and they continued for another ten minutes until Tang Shaoyang came for the second time.

The second round ended with Elin on the bottom, lying on the couch while catching her breath. She could feel the overflowing liquid inside her.

Ding!

At this moment, the sound of the elevator opening rang. Both looked toward the direction of the elevator and saw Ava come out in her black sexy lingerie. She knew where they were, immediately walking toward their direction. She must ask Origin where they were before coming down here.

Ava smiled as she tied her hair into a ponytail as well, "It seems I came at the right time," She hugged Tang Shaoyang from behind, kissing his neck while her hand caressed his toned chest.

Tang Shaoyang stood up and turned around. There were no words exchanged as both knew what they wanted. He kissed her on the lips while his hands roamed over her body. His left hand explored the bottom part while his right hand fondled the plump breast.

He did not ask if she was ready for the action. He assumed it would be fine for her to do it with him after she recently gave birth to Xiulan.

Their tongues intertwined while their feet kept moving until Ava backed against the wall. Her nether region was wet already in that short time. He just needed to push the fabric that covered her nether region, and Little Shaoyang was ready for the third round.

Chapter 1374 Impromptu Family Trip

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Ava was laying her head on his chest, and Little Shaoyang was still inside her. It was Little Shaoyang's ninth round. Elinova was also lying down next to him, hugging him from the side. They ended up doing it on the floor for the last four rounds.

[It's currently six-thirty, Master. You have promised Young Miss Li Yue and Young Miss Li Jiaying to send them to the preschool this morning.]

Origin reminded him in the middle of his break. It had been a long time since he was doing it, so he planned to continue. However, if he continued, he would break his promise to the two little girls. It was a bad example to break his promise to them.

"Have you prepared their lunch box?" He whispered to Elin who looked like would fall asleep anytime.

Elinova yawned as she got from Tang Shaoyang's chest, stretching her hand out, causing her big breast to bounce. That was a sight for sure, and Ava felt the effect as the thing inside her got bigger.

"I n-need a b-break, Dear~" Ava tried to say to continue with Elin. She did not hear what Origin said or what he whispered to Elin.

He caressed her cheek, "That's it for today. I would love to continue, but I have work to do."

"Hmmm," Ava hummed.

Tang Shaoyang shook his head and picked her up before helping to stand up as well. It was a ninety-minute mess. They created a lot of mess in a certain area, and their bodies were sticky from the sweat. Fortunately, there was a bathroom in this kitchen, a big one with a big bathtub.

He carried Ava in the front and Elin in the back. He could feel their breasts, on his chest and back. Little Shaoyang could not hold the stimulant as he got bigger inside Ava. She could feel it, Little Shaoyang returned to his prime size.

Tang Shaoyang was doing his best not to do it. He filled the bathtub with hot water, putting Ava inside the bathtub. He was about to put Elin down, but he felt her hand grabbing Little Shaoyang. He was stimulated enough already, and he immediately stopped her. If he let her continue, he might not be able to hold it any longer.

"One last round?" Elin whispered in his ear.

There was no way he could hold back anymore after hearing that. He pulled Elin, and she held onto the bathtub while sticking out her butt. Soon her voice filled the bathroom as they began the tenth round.

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Tang Shaoyang returned to his penthouse together with Ava. The Former Elven Queen looked very refreshed. Her face was bright and flushy, energetic. She did not look tired at all even after everything. She had been waiting for this for months as Tang Shaoyang and Ava did not do it during her pregnancy. Tang Shaoyang was too scared to do it back then.

Li Na's grandma was attending to the two children, having them prepare to leave for preschool. Li Jiaying and Li Yue wore their matching clothes, "We are ready!"

The two little girls came down from the chair and rushed toward Tang Shaoyang. Some time ago, Tang Shaoyang wondered what he had done that made the two little girls like him this much. He felt like he had not done anything to make them like him. Of course, it was for the best if they liked him.

"Let's eat your breakfast before leaving," Tang Shaoyang picked them up and moved to the kitchen. They were having breakfast in the kitchen this time instead of having Elin bring the food to the room.

Ava followed them while Li Na's grandma left for work. Li Na's grandma worked for the General Cafeteria on the third floor. Even though Li Na had been asked not to work anymore, she insisted on working.

As they arrived in the private kitchen, Tang Shaoyang could not help but look at the area. He was glad that the area had been cleaned, and he smelled aromatic freshener. Elin was quick with her work.

On the table was a steamed basket that Elin just put down. The basket was still releasing the steam as she just picked it up from the stove. She had prepared the bun last night, and just needed to cook it in the morning. That explained why she could afford it for the last round.

As they had their breakfast, Tang Shaoyang brought the topic of Aqura to Elin. He told her that she could visit her old home if she wanted to. Even though he did not really know where her village was, or even where Waskin City was. But it should not be hard to find since he had Frost. Frost should know where the village and the villagers were.

"Do you want to visit your old home?" He asked while swallowing his second bun.

"I have asked Delia, and she replied that she will return in three days and wanted to visit her old home and her father," Tang Shaoyang checked the message, making sure he did not remember it wrong. He sent the message the moment he came back from Aqura.

Elinova hesitated since there was no one for her to visit. She did not have family back in the village.

"It would be nice to visit your old home once in a while, no? If you can cook such delicious food with these foreign ingredients. I want to know how delicious it is if you cook with the ingredients you are familiar with. Don't you want to present your best dish to him?" Ava encouraged Elin to visit her old home. But that was not enough to convince Elin.

"What about if we have a family picnic in another world?" Ava turned toward Tang Shaoyang, "You, Me, Elin, Xiulan, Jiaying, and Yue? Six of us visiting Elin's old home? That's quite nice, no?"

Tang Shaoyang scrunched his face as he was unsure about the idea of bringing her daughter to Aqura. While having a family activity was nice, his reason for visiting Aqura was to fight.

"I don't think it's a good idea to bring the kids with me to Aqura," He glanced at the little girls before sending a message to Ava. He could not say in front of Jiaying and Yue that his visit was to kill people.

"It should be fine as long as we stay close to you, no? I don't think those people are stronger than...." She paused and continued with the message so the kids could not listen, "Than the Divine Church, The Federation of Allurion, and The Giteron Dynasty!"

"We want to go on a picnic! We want to go on a picnic! We want to go on a picnic!" The kids also insisted on following him, giving the puppy eyes which was impossible to refuse.

"Alright... You have to follow us, or else I will be troubled feeding these picky kids," Tang Shaoyang shook his head and smiled at Elin.

Only then Elin agree to visit her old home in Aqura. It was supposed to be a trip to kill to fulfill his oath, but he ended up bringing his family for a family trip for his third visit.

Chapter 1375 Impromptu Family Trip (2)

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A family trip to another world. It was not a good idea for sure, especially since the world they visited was a hostile world. But Ava insisted that she wanted to visit even though he told her that the time flowed ten times faster in Aqura.

The problem was their baby. Tang Shaoyang was unsure if it was good to bring Xiulan with him to Aqura. That would mess up her growth, probably. She aged faster, but her age remained the same because they used Earth's time flow for her age.

"Does it really matter, now? She grew faster anyway than the other babies," That was her answer to him. The age really did not matter because Xiulan must inherit her mother's traits as well. She

would live longer than the normal humans. Not just the elf's bloodline, but also the Dragon's bloodline from her father.

Just like that, the family trip was decided. Li Yue and Li Jiaying were so excited about the trip even though they did not know what kind of place they would visit. Maybe this was their first trip since The Game, so that was why they were excited.

Elinova prepared her kitchen utensils, bringing the spices, a portable stove, and her complete set of kitchen utensils with her. Even she brought the plate, fork, and spoon for their family trip. The Inventory made it easier for her, it did not really bother her to bring so many kitchen utensils.

Ava prepared the stuff for the baby, and Tang Shaoyang packed up the two little girls' stuff. Of course, he asked Li Na's Grandma's permission to bring Li Yue with him. They were ready at eight, standing in front of the dimensional gate.

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brows as they stood in front of the gate, "Is it really okay for her to use the gate?" He was worried that the dimensional gate would have a negative effect on Xiulan, Li Yue, and Li Jiaying. It was a really bad idea to bring the three little girls with him. There were so many unknown factors in the trip that might endanger them. This dimensional gate was one of them.

"It should be fine," Ava smiled and looked at the two little girls in the eyes, "Close your eyes when we enter the gate, okay?" Li Yue and Li Jiaying nodded their heads.

Tang Shaoyang wanted to make sure the gate was safe, so he asked the dwarf, Naten, "It's safe for babies and children, right?" He just needed the expert's opinion.

"It should be safe because we used the gate from The System. I won't recommend it if it's me who made the gate, Your Majesty," Naten nodded his head, confirming the gate was safe. The system's product was perfect. It should be fine for everyone to enter the gate.

"Alright, then. Let's go," Tang Shaoyang approached the gate, "Close your eyes," He signaled Li Yue and Li Jiaying to close their eyes before he entered the gate.

Thankfully the gate was inside the house the dwarf made, so they were safe from the cold wind. The weather was windy compared to his previous visits.

"It's snowing! Li Jiaying and Li Yue were excited to see the thick snow. It was winter as well back on Earth, but the snow was not as thick as the one here.

Elinova walked out of the house, looking around. It seemed she tried to find where she was.

"We are in...." Tang Shaoyang paused as he did not know the name of this place. What he knew was that this was the last city of The Orin Kingdom. But he did not know the city name and also The Orin Peak, "We are in the Orin Kingdom. One of the tribes from The Orin Forest established the kingdom after The Game started."

Elinova knew there were several beastmen tribes in the Orin Forest, but she did not describe them in detail. She did not know who was ruling the forest back then. Nothing even though she literally lived in the Orin Forest. She just knew they were there and dangerous, that was it.

"I would like to take our time since it's a family trip, but I need to go back to Harkon City to meet my people there," It had been four hours and twenty minutes of Earth's time, meaning fortytwo hours had passed in this world. Two hours away from two days of his absence.

Even though Karan and Radiance did not relay any message to him, he was still worried about his four guides. He did not know when Worm1 would turn against him because there was nothing binding the man to obey him. Hopefully, nothing happened, hoping even The Temple had not taken any actions against them yet.

If Tang Shaoyang was alone, then he could switch positions with Radiance or Karan, but he could not bring his family. So the fastest way to reach Harkon while bringing his family was air travel. He summoned Rumru who was bigger than Aerelion.

The giant Black Dragon's appearance startled Li Yue, Li Jiaying, and Tang Xiulan. For the first time, Tang Xiulan cried. Her cries affected Li Yue and Li Jiaying who also cried afterward.

"It's okay~ It's okay~ This is Uncle Rumru, and he is friendly," Tang Shaoyang brought the two children closer. He touched the wing that drooped down, "See, Uncle Rumru is friendly."

It took time to convince Li Jiaying and Li Yue that Rumru was safe. As for Tang Xiulan, the baby stopped crying as soon as she felt the dragon was not that scary at all. Her cries did not even last a minute.

Li Jiaying and Li Yue were scared for their first flight, uncomfortable since this was their first ride. But it just took them a few minutes before the scared face turned into curiosity. They looked around after a few minutes, looking at the cloud in awe. Of course, Tang Shaoyang set up the barrier so they were not affected by the cold wind.

Rumru purposely went through the cloud because the two girls tried to reach the cloud when they passed by. The terrified ride soon turned into a joyful ride, and they encountered no trouble until they arrived in Harkon City.

The massive Black Dragon landed in the middle of the city. It caused a panic at first, but Tang Shaoyang had notified Radiance and Karan beforehand. He asked the two spirits to tell Worm1 that he would come with a dragon.

Worm1 handled the panicked crowd at ease, and soon Rumru became an attraction for the city after everyone knew that the dragon was not dangerous.

"Welcome back, Master!" Worm1 welcomed Tang Shaoyang who landed with two little girls in his arms. Ladirma was curious about who the two little girls were, but he decided not to ask. He told himself not to become a busybody. His Master would tell him anyway if he needed to know the people who came with his Master.

"This is my daughter and sister-in-law. And they are my wives and also my daughter," He pointed at Ava and Elinova who just came down after him.

Ladirma was surprised at first that his Master brought his baby and also his wives when they were in the middle of a war. It was basically a war between them and the Temple, and it might also be a war against The Adventurer Guild.

"Should I form a group to guard Mistresses and The Young Missus, Master?" It was quite awkward for Ladirma to address. He ended up calling Elinova and Ava with Mistress which had a negative connotation on Earth.

"There's no need. I have my people to guard them. Just continue your job for now," Worm1 and the people below him had a task to maintain order in the city. Not just Harkon City, but the previous four cities as well.

Ladirma left The Adventurer Guild faction officially and formed a new faction, Worm Alliance. That was right, he named the faction Worm Alliance. The reason was because he wanted the people below him to suffer just like he did, being called Worm. He could not shake off that nickname unless Avyn said so.

"Yes, Master," Ladirma nodded, "I have a report for you, Master. The Adventurer Guild of Orin City's branch sent an official letter yesterday, inquiring what happened in the frontline. In the letter they mentioned, they would send a group to investigate the situation and expected a reply from us. How should I reply to them, Master? Should I ignore the letter?"

"Just ignore them. If The Temple or Rubia does not come by tomorrow. We will move to the next city. Put more guards and make sure to notify me if the investigation group from the Adventurer Guild arrives. You are dismissed," Tang Shaoyang instructed.

"Yes, Master," Ladirma bowed his head once more before leaving the castle.

It was evening here, and Tang Shaoyang realized they had come at the wrong time. The children had just woken up since it was morning on Earth, yet it was evening here. He did not think that much at first, but he realized it now since the sky was darkened.

Tang Shaoyang glanced at Ava, "What should we do for our first family trip?"

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For the first family trip, Ava suggested a stroll around Harkon City. It was not like there were many things they could do when the sun was set already. A few hours stroll, enjoying the food stall and various kinds of other world's foods.

Elinova, who was a native of Aqura, felt foreign. Of course, the main reason was that she was not the city person herself. Most of the time, she stayed in her village. But with a ten-year gap, there were so many new things she did not know.

Tang Shaoyang made sure for Li Yue and Li Jiaying to walk instead of being carried. There was a reason for that, it was to make them tired so they would sleep earlier even though they just woke up a few hours ago.

It was just a stroll around the city, but it was surprisingly enjoyable and fun. There he could not help but think that it was not about the stroll, about with whom he strolled. He also strolled during the Tang Triumph Festival, but he felt nothing at that time. He enjoyed the stroll with his family even though there was no festival.

By the time they returned to the castle, Li Yue and Li Jiaying were sleepy. Both were more excited than shy because of the new environment. Li Yue and Li Jiaying each held two magic toys with them. As soon as both lay on the bed, they slept while hugging the toy.

"Maybe we should also invent a magic toy for the children," Tang Shaoyang muttered in a low voice. When he thought about the children, he was thinking about his own daughter. He thought

about what kind of toy Tang Xiulan would like, and they could start with that. Making the toy that his daughter would like. He made a mental note to bring up that topic with Li Shuang when they met.

"I will sleep with them," Elinova came into the room, "Ava and Xiulan stayed in the next room if you want to see them." She kissed Tang Shaoyang on the lips and climbed on the bed. The bed was wide enough as it left a quiet space even for two children and an adult. The morning exercise consumed her, so she also immediately closed her eyes as soon as her head touched the pillow.

Tang Shaoyang went out and closed the door slowly before checking the next room. He opened the door slowly, and Ava signaled not to come in because Tang Shaoyang was about to fall asleep.

He closed the door slowly and stood in front of the door for a while. His mind was jumbled with his work and the plan for a family trip.

'Maybe I should summon The Tarrior to fight as well,' Tang Shaoyang thought to himself. It would benefit his people fighting the people from Aqura. The obvious benefit was level because of how many high-ranking players in this world were.

"Or maybe not. I think I will lose more people if Tarrior clashes against The Temple's army. It's a disaster instead of a benefit," He threw the idea of bringing his army into Aqura. If anything else, he should bring the elite with him. However, Alton was still on trial as well as Moonsong. Wei Xi was still far even to fight the Primordial Rank. There was no one to command the elite without those three.

He was not that familiar with his own army, so he did not really know the limits of his army. If he did not know how strong they were, they might send them to their death instead of making them stronger.

"Maybe I can ask Worm1 about a good place for a picnic instead," Tang Shaoyang decided to fight by himself and started to think about a good place for a picnic. The place has beautiful scenery and so on.

He walked out of the temple, and the timing was spot on because Worm1 entered the castle's yard. Ladirma seemed to come in a hurry as if there was something urgent.

"Is there something wrong?" Tang Shaoyang thought The Harmony Temple's army might arrive outside the city to make Worm1 panic. He predicted that Rubia would send her army first before she came. That army might be outside the city wall.

"The Adventure investigation team just arrived, and they ask to meet Harkon Adventurer Guild's Guild Leader. What should we do, Master?"

From Worm1's tone, Tang Shaoyang could tell that the guy sounded terrified. He thought the only thing that could make a Demi-God Rank terrified was a God Rank. Maybe The God Rank of the Adventurer Guild came to investigate the situation.

"You are doing a great job informing me. Guide me to them, and I will take care of this issue," Tang Shaoyang waved his hand at ease, "Is there God Rank coming?"

Ladirma halted his steps for a moment, looking at Tang Shaoyang. He did not know why His Master suddenly asked, but there was no God Rank, "No, but they sent three Black Iron Adventurers along

with five Mithril Adventurers, and ten Diamond-ranked adventurers. It was the elite of the adventurer guild in the Arkania Continent."

This time it was Tang Shaoyang who paused his steps and turned toward Worm1, "You look terrified, so I thought maybe there's a God Rank in that team. But just more Demi-God Rank, really?"

"They have six Demi-God Ranks, not just one or two, and we only have three Demi-God Ranks with Maru who still could not adapt to his new rank yet!" Ladirma explained patiently how dire the situation was. Even though he included Maru, he did not really trust Maru could fight the Demi-God Rank of Mithril Adventurers as well.

"Calm down. After informing me, you just need to lead me to meet them. That's your job, understand?"

Ladirma nodded his head. He turned around and motioned Tang Shaoyang to follow him. There was no choice aside from trusting his Master to confront the adventurer.

Chapter 1377 Adventurer Guild Investigation Team (2)

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"Do you know a good place with beautiful scenery?" On the way to the Harkon Adventurer Guild, Tang Shaoyang asked Ladirma.

Ladirma halted his steps for a second before continuing. Then he turned toward His Master to make sure that his Master was serious with the question. He soon found out that his Master was serious with the question, not just to break the tension

"I...." Ladirma was really speechless, "I don't know. I will ask people around after the meeting with the investigation team, Master."

Fortunately, His Master did not insist on finding that place right now. Worm1 was quiet as he led Tang Shaoyang to the Adventurer Guild. The Adventurer Guild's building was quite big, a four-floor building. The first floor was a big hall with a quest board and also a counter for the adventurer to accept the quest or even personal request.

But The Adventurer Guild had stopped operating after Tang Shaoyang came into the city with two offers, die or follow Worm1. More than ninety percent of adventurers agreed to be his slaves. They all signed the thirty-year contract, and the hall stopped functioning since they no longer accepted the quest.

In the middle of the hall, a group occupied a long table. Eighteen people sat around the table while the former adventurers in the hall sat on the other tables, fully surrounding the group in the middle. The tension was high as Tang Shaoyang entered the hall. It was as if a fight could break out at any moment.

Ladirma led Tang Shaoyang toward the group at the middle table, and the eighteen adventurers also looked at them.

"What's the meaning of this, Ladirma?" A bulky male with long, curly hair questioned Ladirma. He had a giant built with giant muscles. Tang Shaoyang could not help but think of the people who

used steroids to gain such monstrous-looking muscle, "Didn't we tell you to bring The Harkon Guild's Guild Leader?"

He was Black Iron Adventurer, on the same rank as Ladirma. He was known as Iron Fist, someone who was known to fight with his bare hand. The vein around his eyes bulged out as he stared at Ladirma.

"There's no more Guild Leader or Adventurer Guild in Harkon City. If you are looking for the person in charge of the city. That person is me," Tang Shaoyang replied.

The eighteen adventurers were surprised at how honest Tang Shaoyang was with them. They knew there was something wrong with the adventurers in this city, but they were not expecting such a blunt answer.

"I actually have no issue with the adventurer guild, but The Temple. I am currently in a war against them. I have killed all knights, priests, and bishops of the Harmony Temple in this city along with the other five cities. I plan to leave Adventurer Guild alone, but I have no choice but to take action against them since they are interfering with my work."

Out of eighteen adventurers, seventeen of them stood up. They took that as a provocation to the Adventurer Guild. But there was one person who remained on the seat, enjoying the drink presented to him.

"You are in a war against The Temple, and yet you are not scared to touch the Adventurer Guild either. I don't know if you are brave or just a fool?"

The man had long hair, untied, and he wore a black robe. He was a sword user with the sword hanging on his waist, and he was in the position to fight anytime. While his left hand was holding a glass with the drink, his right hand was always on his sword. His name was Hardy, one of the three Black Iron Adventurers in the investigation team.

"I am neither brave nor a fool. There's no need for me to be brave just to face a bunch of adventurers like you guys. I would like to avoid the hassle of fighting you guys because my target was The Temple, but I don't mind fighting The Adventurer Guild if you keep interfering with my business. That's the message for the other adventurer guild branches. Inform them not to meddle in my business."

Tang Shaoyang tried to talk it out with the Adventurer Guild so he did not have to fight them. But he did not realize that his words sounded more like a threat than a negotiation. He was basically telling them not to butt in or he would destroy the Adventurer Guild.

"I see, you are both. A foolish person who possesses the courage to fight both The Temple and also The Adventurer Guilds. Or maybe you are a madman," Hardy let out a chuckle as he finished the drink in his glass, "I came here to investigate the situation because we suddenly lost contact with six branches in one day. But it seems you will help me to finish my work earlier."

"Yes, I killed all the adventurers in Akkon City and Turan City since they refused to cooperate with me. And I took in the adventurers who surrendered from the other four cities. That should explain everything for your investigation, no?" Tang Shaoyang smiled, "Now you have finished your task. Why don't you return and convey my message to the main branch or maybe the two God Ranks in the Adventurer Guild not to meddle with my war with The Temple? I promise you not to touch the Adventurer Guild in the following city if they agree not to interfere with my war."

"You are indeed a madman," Hardy finished his drink and stood up. His right hand rested on the sword's handle, having an amused expression while looking at Tang Shaoyang, "Our task is indeed to investigate what happened in here and the other five cities. But that's not the only task we have. If we find the problem, we have to solve the problem as well. You are the problem, so does that mean I just need to get rid of you to resolve the problem?" Hardy smiled ear to ear like a madman. He looked excited and was looking forward to the fight.

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From Hardy's perspective, he thought the job would be tough because he thought the mastermind behind the incident was The Orin Kingdom. Fighting a kingdom with just eighteen adventurers was tough, but not impossible with the line-up. That was why he agreed with the request.

However, he did not expect that the cause of the Adventurer Guild's issue was just one single man. On top of that, the man came to find him which made his work easier. He did not mean to underestimate the man in front of him.

The man in front of him could take down six Adventurer Guild branches along with six The Harmony Temples. That was an impressive feat, but not enough to deter him who thought that his team also could bring down a kingdom.

"For you guys who were forced to be his slave! I will free you all from him, my fellow adventurers!" Hardy declared with his hand raised up in the air, "You just need to do one thing, doing nothing. I will kill him, and you will be free from him!"

Hardy was confident that if these people were his fellow adventurers, he could persuade them not to join the fight while eighteen of them ganging up on this man. Eighteen against one, that was an easy job.

Meanwhile, Ladirma was observing Tang Shaoyang's expression secretly. Expression was the easiest to read about what his Master felt about the group. He wanted to know if the group would be enough to deter his Master. But he could not see His Master's expression who remained calm. In fact, he saw his Master smile instead of getting deterred.

Tang Shaoyang sensed the man's emotion, wavering and doubtful. He turned toward Worm1, "You have one warning already. So be careful, Worm1. I am not merciful enough to give you a third chance."

"Buahahaha...!" Hardy let out a sonorous laugh when he heard how Tang Shaoyang called Ladirma, "You have become this low, Ladirma? The Black Iron Adventurer, The famed Tempest Swordsmaster is now a Worm1? I guess it's true the rumor about you being a coward. You will stoop that low to keep your pitiful life.

Ladirma was caught off guard because it felt like His Master read what was in his mind. He had not thought of betraying His Master, but he was just doubtful that his Master could win against the strong Demi-God Rank in Hardy's level. Especially, he believed that the other adventurers would take Hardy's side. They would not receive help from the people who were forced to sign a slave contract. That was what he believed.

However, to Hardy and Ladirma's surprise, the adventurers who were forced to submit to Tang Shaoyang got up from the chairs and drew their weapons out. They did not point the weapon toward Tang Shaoyang but to Hardy's party.

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Hardy was not deterred even though the other adventurers decided to side with Tang Shaoyang. He was surprised, but it was not enough to scare him. If Ladirma earned the title Tempest Swordmaster, Hardy earned the title Lunatic. People called him Lunatic to fight monsters that were stronger than him.

Once, Hardy tried to fight a dragon. Even though he ended up losing and running away, having his back burned by the dragon. He survived fighting a dragon, not something that could be achieved by anyone. The whole former adventurers from four branches, and the man who conquered these adventurers. He was not afraid in the slightest. In fact, he was excited and wanted to find out if he could win the fight. He was not afraid of dying. For someone who could escape from a dragon, it should not be hard for him to escape from Tang Shaoyang.

"It seems we can't really solve the problem by talking. Diplomacy is not really my forte. Since you are determined to fight, what about if we fight outside the city?" Tang Shaoyang realized that it would be hard to resolve the issue with The Adventurer Guild through talking. Not that he could not understand them since he had destroyed six branches, and absorbed four guild worth of adventurers into his force.

Hardy grinned, "Why should I listen to you? What if I want to fight you here?"

"I want to fight you personally and give you a chance to fight back. If we fight here. I have to kill you without damaging the city, and it's not going to be a fun fight. And I need to show a little bit of my strength to this foolish follower of mine so he does not have any weird thoughts that will force me to kill him in the future," Tang Shaoyang pointed at Worm1 with his thumb.

Hardy let out a hearty laughter once more, shaking his head and wiping out his tears. He laughed until tearing up as he found it was so funny, "Now you just make me even more curious. How are you going to kill me without damaging the city? I am curious."

As soon as Hardy said that, Tang Shaoyang summoned Avyn, Zara, and Afi. At the same time, he used The Bloodline Transformation and also Spirit Integration with Rumru. He did all of that in a split second, and at the same time, Hardy also made his move.

His figure blurred out forward toward Tang Shaoyang, intending to land a blow while Tang Shaoyang was in the middle of transformation. He chose to launch an attack instead of using the gap time to use his Bloodline Transformation.

Hardy decided to attack in reaction to Tang Shaoyang's transformation. He could not use his strongest skill which needed some time to activate. He thought his swordplay was enough to pierce the man's heart. However, before his sword could reach the target, a space crack formed. His sword went through the crack instead of piercing his target's heart. That caught him off guard, not expecting that his attack would be nullified. Then he sensed a danger from his left side.

A stunning lady with ash-blue hair was right next to him. Her fluttered while, and soon his vision was covered by her palm. She caught him in the face and slammed him to the ground.

Bam!

His head was slammed onto the hard floor, causing the floor to crack and the whole building shook. His head buzzed as he felt dizzy. He sensed the pressure in his head was loosened, but then his head was stomped once more. He could tell that the second stomp was not by hand, but by foot.

Chapter 1379 Smurfing In Another World (12)

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The moment Hardy attacked Tang Shaoyang in the middle of transformation was a gamble. He thought it was a gamble he could take even though the man summoned some creatures. The thought was that there was no way that the man could summon a creature that was stronger than the summoner. But it proved him wrong as the summon nullified his swordplay, and the second summon caught him.

His ears buzzed as his vision blurred. It was just simply a physical attack, and yet it affected him to this degree. Before he could regain his composure, something sharp pierced through the back of his thighs. He groaned in pain, but he kept his voice low.

'I have to do something!' That was what was in his mind. He must do something or else he might die here. He was about to activate his skill, the skill that helped him to escape from the dragon. But then he realized something was wrong with him, not the skill. He could not use the skill. The skill just did not go off as he pictured.

It was a short teleportation skill with a maximum range of one thousand meters. It was short for teleportation because it took a few seconds for a Demi-God Rank to go through a thousand meters. Some even did not take a second to go through one thousand meters. The importance of the skill was that it was hard to predict where he would teleport to.

Hardy used the teleportation once more, imagining his destination which was just outside the city. However, again, the skill did go off. He could not use the skill, and he was sure it was not the skill's fault because this never happened before. There must be something wrong with him, not the skill.

'I can't gather my mana to use the skill!' On his third try, he realized that his mana could not come out of his Mana Whirlpool. The mana dissipated as soon as his mana tried to activate the skill. He soon found out the cause, the sword in his thighs.

"You have sobered up?" The familiar voice entered his ears. Hardy looked up and saw a different figure. The face was familiar, but his body was completely different. The dark scale, the horns, and the wings made the difference.

"See, there's no fun in this fight. I easily subdue you," Tang Shaoyang shook his head. He thought it would be a decent fight, but it was just another disappointment, "I don't know why people are underestimating me just because I hide my aura."

Tang Shaoyang formed four more Slayer Blades, and the four blades went through Hardy's back down to the floor. Nailing the body to the ground, he did so because Hardy still wriggled. Trying to break free from the sword through a seer of physical force.

"ARRRGHHH!" Hardy groaned in pain.

Avyn, Zara, and Afi stood behind Tang Shaoyang and glared at the group of seventeen. The Investigation Team had lost their head, leaving the seventeen adventurers by themselves. The former adventurers immediately activated their Bloodline Transformation as well.

Ladirma let out a sigh of relief that his fellow wormers took Tang Shaoyang's side despite Hardy's promise. If the fellow wormers sided with Tang Shaoyang, there was no way this group could win against them.

"I will give sixteen of you two choices. You can join your former fellow adventurers and become my slaves. Or you can try to fight us and escape. Make your choice wisely!"

The bulky adventurer who was in the same rank as Hardy kept looking back and forth between Tang Shaoyang and Hardy. This was the lowest moment in Hardy's life when his head was stepped on by someone else.

Armano was no less crazier than Hardy, but tonight he realized that he was not crazy enough. He did not have the courage to step up and fight the person who subdued Hardy within a second. It was literally one second. Even though Hardy was caught off guard, it should not be easy to capture Hardy like that. Unless the ash-blue-haired woman was just too strong even for Hardy, and that woman was the man's summon.

The third Black Iron adventurer, Kali, was the first one to break the silence from his team, "We will return to the main branch and relay your message." He chose the third option, at least, he thought it was the viable third option since Tang Shaoyang mentioned relaying a message to The Adventurer Guild earlier.

"It seems you are deaf. I never mentioned something like that. You only have two options. Become a slave, or fight me and die!"

Armano and Kali scanned the surroundings. There were at least four Demi-God Ranks former adventurers, added with Ladirma, Tang Shaoyang, and his summons. They realized their chance to escape was zero. They realized why Black Iron Ladirma would submit because they also would submit in this situation.

They gave up without putting up resistance, "I surrender!" Kali, a man with short brown hair and light armor, is the first to step out with his hands in the air.

Following Kali, the other sixteen adventurers excluding Armano also surrendered. If someone like Kali surrendered, they saw no chance of them escaping as well.

"What about you, big guy? You are the last one who hasn't made the decision yet," Everyone's eyes were on him.

"I want to see the contract's condition before I make the decision. If you are going to treat me like trash, then I'd rather die than surrender!" Armano showed his intention to surrender. If the condition of being a slave was too harsh, then he would rather die trying.

"A slave can't be chooser, but I will give you an exception since you are a precious slave," Tang Shaoyang motioned to Worm1 to take out the contract scroll. He asked Worm1 to make more slave contracts for the future.

Ladirma happily took out the contract and handed it to Armano. He was happy because two Black Iron would join him in the Worm Alliance. He no longer felt humiliated by more Black Iron adventurers. In fact, he felt more confident in his Master now.

'Maybe Maru is not lying about Master killing God Rank,' If five Demi-God Ranks were so helpless in front of Tang Shaoyang, then maybe only The God Rank could fight tow-in-tow against His Master.

Armano read the contract, and he had to reread it again because he felt like it was not a slave contract. He got paid, lodging and food provided, and they had more freedom because he was given free time once they joined the so-called Tang Empire. It was more like he joined the military instead of becoming a slaves. Soldiers must accept the draft call and order from the superior, something common in the military. The contract was too good for a slave contract.

"Did you hand me the wrong contract, Ladirma?"

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Ladirma smiled, "No, that's the right one."

Armano was taken back slightly, and he reread the contract for the third time. He furrowed his brow and asked Ladirma, "Did you also sign the same contract?"

"Yes," Ladirma nodded. It was the exact copy of his contract.

Armano was still hesitant despite how good the contract was for a slave. It was too good to be real. He once more scanned Tang Shaoyang, Afi, Avyn, and Zara. There were only two choices, fight them or sign the contract and change sides.

Ladirma took out sixteen more contracts, but Tang Shaoyang stopped him before he could hand them to the other sixteen adventurers.

"There's one lucky guy. You don't need to be my slave, but...." Tang Shaoyang's right foot crushed Hardy's neck, separating the head from the body. The blood spurted out all around on the floor. It was just unexpected that Tang Shaoyang killed Hardy. No one predicted that Hardy would be killed. Everyone thought Hardy would be one of the slaves as well, but The Black Iron was killed.

Tang Shaoyang picked up the head. Hardy's eyes were wide open as if he could not believe he was killed as well, "I need someone to deliver this head to the Adventurer Guild and also my message. This is the last warning. This is the war between The Tang Empire and The Temple! Tell your superiors not to meddle in my business. If I see adventurers join up with the temple. I will assume The Adventurer Guild is declaring war against The Tang Empire."

"That's the message. The person who will relay my message and also this head is the weakest in your team. Who's the weakest?"

Kali and Armano pointed at the female in a green robe. She was the weakest in combat because she had a support class. Her job in the team was to heal and buff her team.

The female priest's face paled at the gory sight. She kept looking at the head and Tang Shaoyang. Tang Shaoyang also scanned the woman and furrowed his brow, "Can she deliver the head and my message safely? Can she even protect herself?"

Kali and Armano pointed to another Diamond Ranked adventurer. It was the scout for the team, and Tang Shaoyang handed the head to the man. As soon as Tang Shaoyang said go, the man immediately left the building without any delay. He was terrified that even Black Iron Adventurer was helpless, let alone him, a Diamond-ranked Adventurer.

The remaining sixteen adventurers, including Kali and Armano, signed the contract. Of course, the contract was not the end of it. Avyn came forward and planted the Ice Curse on the five Demi-God Ranks.

Tang Shaoyang did not have a priest he could trust to lead the oath ceremony, so this was an effective way to make sure they did not betray him.

"I am leaving the rest to you, Worm1! And don't forget the thing I asked you earlier" Tang Shaoyang waved his hand and left the building as well. He canceled the transformation and recalled all his spirits. It was easier than he thought. He thought the adventurers would fight back a little, but they just surrendered when their strongest adventurer was taken down.

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The following morning

Li Yue and Li Jiaying were excited when they heard that they would go on a picnic today. Ladirma did his job and found a beautiful place for a picnic after asking around the people in the city. To the west of the city, there was a waterfall. It was a famous place to visit.

Around noon, the family went there for a picnic. The waterfall was not that big, a perfect size. It was not dangerous for Li Yue and Li Jiaying to play on the lake. After playing with the two children, Tang Shaoyang stood below the tree not too far from the waterfall.

Li Yue and Li Jiaying were taking a break after playing, having their juice from Elin. He felt weird as he watched them, weird feelings that he never felt before. He closed his eyes and enjoyed the moment. It was just a simple picnic, but it was fulfilling and weirdly pleasant.

Back then, he thought the battlefield was his place when he felt the excitement of fighting a strong opponent. He enjoyed the fight when his people's lives were not at stake and his opponent was strong enough for him to go all out. He just did not expect he would feel the same from such a simple activity, content.

They stayed until the evening, when the sun was ready to set on the horizon. Li Yue and Li Jiaying enjoyed the activity more than Tang Shaoyang expected. For the first time, they made roasted corn and sweet potatoes. It was not as luxurious as their usual dinner, but it weirdly made them very happy.

Tang Shaoyang carried Li Yue and Li Jiaying as they returned. Li Yue was on the left and Li Jiaying was on the right. Both were sleeping, leaning their heads onto his chest.

"Do you want me to carry Li Yue?" Elinova offered.

Tang Shaoyang shook his head and smiled, "It's fine. They are far lighter than my sword."

Ava and Elin rolled their eyes when Tang Shaoyang compared a weapon to children, "What about your village? Have you found out what happened to your village?" They forgot to stop by Turan City. When they arrived at Orin Peak, Frost was leaving for Turan City. The King led the army to

take over the first city, so they did not have the chance to ask about Elin's village. Early this morning, Elin went out to inquire about her village to the people staying in this city.

Elinova shook her head, "It's been ten years. I don't think they even know there are villages near Waskin City. Maybe we can find out when we arrive in Waskin City."

Tang Shaoyang returned to the city and was greeted by Worm1 and the other Worms. Judging from their expressions, it looked like something big had come up.

"Didn't I tell you not to disturb me when I am with my family?" Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brows and looked at Worm1. He did not want to involve Elin and Ava with his main business. He wanted them to have a good time instead of worrying about him.

Ladirma had his mouth open, but no words came out when he heard that. His Master indeed said that to him, but never mentioned the ongoing war when his family was present.

Tang Shaoyang waved his hand, "Wait for me at the Adventurer Guild. I will meet you later," He used Spirit Eyes to scan the city's surroundings. There was no army, meaning there was nothing urgent. As long as the city was safe, it was not urgent in Tang Shaoyang's eyes.