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Chapter 1481 The Trial of God Starts

Tang Shaoyang checked the timer, and he still had four minutes until the trial started. The usually crowded street was empty. Through his Chaos Eyes, he saw people gathering at the square in front of the gate of the city. There were four gates, north, west, south, and east. From the look of it, it seemed like the two thousand participants split evenly among the four gates.

"Where should I go?" He muttered to himself before deciding to go to the closer gate, the north gate. It just took him less than a minute with how fast he walked. Even though he had been exploring the city in the last two days. This was his first time coming to the gate. n/o/vel/b//in dot c//om

The black steel gate was closed. The thirty-meter-tall gate towered over them, stretched out with the stone wall. He just realized that his Chaos Eyes could not see what was beyond the city wall and gate. There was a barrier that prevented him from seeing through.

Tang Shaoyang scratched his forehead as he remembered what Ira told him earlier. He did not have a party, and he did not look for information for the trial either. That was because he assumed that everyone who participated in the trial was new just like him. But then he realized that these people might know more about the trial than him because of their faction.

'What are you going to do? Follow your original plan?' Zara asked.

Even though he did not search for information about the trial actively. He had a plan in mind. The plan was to map the area, not immediately hunting the Calamity. The ideal situation was where he could hunt the Calamity without anyone watching. He wanted to keep his class and ability secret, especially when there were two more stages after Calamity Hunting.

'They added more time limits, so yeah we will go with the original plan. Let's scout the area and look for the ideal spot to hunt. We also need to look for a specific Calamity to trade with Duvrag and Cladeos Emporium.'

The murmuring discussion between the participants filled the square. It seemed like they were nervous. He was surprised how these people acted like someone with no experience. Since they were here, that meant they fought a hundred Demi-God Rank and won. There was no need for them to be nervous like this. That was what he thought as he watched these people from the sideline.

He leaned his back against the building and scanned the square. There was no familiar face. He was glad that Agnes and Castor were not here. He checked the timer, and it was fifty-six seconds until the trial started.

"Are you really not going to join a party?" A familiar voice entered his ear. It was Ira's voice. She stopped next to him, leaning her back on the wall with him, "Did I really make the right decision to place the bet on you?"

"I told you to share the bet with me. That might motivate me more," Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow, noticing the other participants started looking in his direction. He glanced at Ira and realized why he caught people's attention, "Is it because of you?"

"What are you talking about?" Ira smiled innocently.

That smile was an answer. He realized why people paid attention to him. It was because of her, and the other participants' reaction. It seemed Ira was a big shot.

"Did you guys hold the tournament to reduce the number of participants?" Moving away from Ira right now would not change his situation. He used this moment to ask the thing he was curious about. That was his feeling about the tournament, to reduce the number of participants.

"You are thinking too much. The tournament is a tradition and also for the sake of entertainment. An entertainment for us and give you guys a chance to win something big from the tournament." Ira chuckled, shaking her head, "Divine Dragon is a top-tier bloodline. I am surprised you did not join."

"Also, new participants are replacing the people who died in the tournament. The number of participants is still two thousand people."

Tang Shaoyang checked the timer for the last time. There were still twenty-six seconds, "I have one last question for you."

"I will answer your question if you promise me to take this Calamity Hunting seriously," She smiled brilliantly.

"I never planned to go easy in this trial," Tang Shaoyang pushed up from the wall and turned toward Ira, "Is there another way to participate in the Trial of God?"

Ira raised her right eyebrow, a little bit confused for a moment. But then she was quick to catch on, "You finally figured it out. You are one of 27 unique participants in this trial. And yes, there are several methods to participate in the trial. The most common method is being a God Rank's descendant. Your God Rank parents or God Rank Grandparents can recommend you to participate in the trial. Now I will be waiting for your good result."

As Ira finished her words, the sound of the gate opening resounded.

Tang Shaoyang turned toward the gate and found out that the sky he saw every day was artificial. That was the reason why there was no night and afternoon. The sunlight entered the city through the opened gate.

"Good luck. I hope you don't die on the first day," Ira tapped his shoulder two times. When Tang Shaoyang turned toward Ira, she had already disappeared.

The participants swarmed toward the gate, leaving a few parties behind. These few parties had the same thought as Tang Shaoyang, This was not a store where you could get many Calamity just because you went out first.

Tang Shaoyang took his time, heading toward the gate. Ira told him this world was calamity-infested. He thought it made this world a ruined world. But to his surprise, the outside view was amazing. It was a flat land with grass and looked like a football field. A well-maintained grass field, out of human touch.

The soil road connected to the city. He scanned the area outside the city, and it was safe. There was no monster, let alone a Calamity. Since Ira mentioned this world was calamity-infested. He thought he would find a calamity anywhere. But it looked like the area around the city, stretched out to ten kilometers, was a safe area.

"If you are not in a hurry, you will not get the prey, young man."

Tang Shaoyang turned toward the voice and found two men in plate armor. The two men with white hair and a white thick beard. They looked like they were in their fifties or even sixties. But he would not underestimate as soon as he felt the deep and firm aura.

"I still have forty-five days to catch up, old men. I am going to take my time and pass safely," He waved his hand at the two old guards and disappeared from their sight.

The two old men let out a chuckle and started their duty as the guards of the city. The two old men were Admin Assistants and their current assignment was to act as a guard.

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Tang Shaoyang followed the soil road. The soil road led him to the forest after running for ten kilometers. He stopped in front of the forest and scanned the forest with his Chaos Eyes.

Unfortunately, his Chaos Eyes could not scan the entire forest. That was how big the forest was.

"Hah...." He let out a sigh as he felt so small. The tree reached up to twenty meters tall with thick leaves. The leaf itself was unique. He never saw a tree with round leaves. The tree's trunk was maybe around six to seven in diameter, producing big branches.

Tang Shaoyang took his first step into the forest, and the soil road was cut a few meters into the forest. The massive root that came out from the ground cut the soil road. There was no path in the forest. As he got deeper into the forest, the grass became taller and taller. It started around his ankle, and the grass now reached his chest.

He jumped into the massive branch. Traveling between the trees might be the best way to explore the forest. He was about to activate his Chaos Eyes to scout the forest until a booming voice interrupted him.

"This is the Sorc Clan's hunting ground! Leave the forest immediately!"

Tang Shaoyang looked toward the voice and found the source of the voice. It was a bear folk, who looked like a bear folk with the size of his body and his obvious bear-like head.

He clicked his tongue. The trial just started, and it seemed the trouble was coming to him already.

'Sorc Clan... Does anyone know about this Sorc Clan?' Since this bear person announced the clan. It must be a famous clan.

He started to understand what it meant to gather information. Information was not just about the trial itself, but the force that participated in the trial. But he could not be blamed for that as he just found out that there were several ways to participate in this trial. He did not expect that many people from the same factions would participate.

Of course, none of his spirits knew this Sorc Clan. He assumed this Sorc Clan was an ancient clan or something since the bear folk mentioned that name proudly. Or maybe the bear folk just underestimated him just because he was alone.

"Don't mind me. I will not disturb your Sorc Clan's hunt."

Instead of confronting the bear folk, he used Heavenly Ethereal Shift. Similar to [Blink], but in fact, it was just a movement skill where his body became invisible. He avoided The Sorc Clan and

entered deeper into the forest while activating Chaos Eyes. It was to make sure that he did not meet with the other Sorc Clan's members.

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Tang Shaoyang heard a burst of curses behind him. He chuckled and found a hiding spot. Through Chaos Eyes, he found seventy-three bear folks. Not just the bear folk, he also spotted the Calamity.

The forest seemed to be the home for more than one Calamity. One of them was Canae. The wolf-type Calamity. Even though it was a rank 1, the level of danger was far higher than the normal rank 1 Calamity.

It was a wolf type, of course, they were moving in a pack. The average pack size was around fifteen to thirty. On top of that, Canae was known as Forest Assassin. That was because of their camouflage ability, allowing them to blend with nature. Not just fast and nimble, but also a camouflage ability. That was how they gained the title of The Forest Assassin.

If a fifteen Canae jumped at someone out of their camouflage. It would be hard to come out unscathed. Unless the wolf chose the wrong prey to hunt. He knew them because The Cladeos Emporium put the wolf on the list.

The second calamity was in the monkey family. They were too tall for a monkey, but their skinny build made them look like a monkey. He did not remember about this big monkey in the material list. And he could not find their rank with Chaos Eyes....

"Wait...." He realized that [Chaos Eyes] was the upgraded version of Spirit Eyes and along with his other eye skills, "Maybe it will work this time...." He muttered in a low voice.

Tang Shaoyang used [Detection] through Chaos Eyes, and he discovered that the skill worked. It worked with his third-view vision. He tried with his Spirit Eyes before, and it did not work. He could not help but smile. n/o/vel/b//in dot c//om

[???? — Rank 2 Calamity]

Even though it did not give him the name. It was enough to find their rank. He shook his head when he found out the big monkey's rank. The same with Canae, the big monkey moved into a group or more like a family. He saw the smaller monkey hanging on the bigger monkey's neck.

Even though the monkey did not have the camouflage ability Canae did. The monkey compromised at least twenty monkeys. Facing twenty of Rank 2 Calamity. That was not a good idea at all.

The third Calamity in the forest was the turtle calamity. It was the same one that he saw on the scroll at Duvrag Smithy. It was a massive tortoise that could reach up to fifty meters. Its shell looked like it was made of a metal with a lot of spikes. It had a tail with a spike at the end. The tail looked like a flail to him.

If he remembered it right, its name was Tortoine. The shell and its tail were precious materials. He heard from the barkeeper that Tortoine's meat was gourmet as well. From the head to the tail, everything was precious materials. If it was a over hundred years Tortoine, it might fetch a high price.

Tortoine was moving alone in the area where the trees grew sparsely. A doable prey for Tang Shaoyang, and it was a Rank 1 Calamity. Tortoine might be the right choice to test out how strong Rank 1 Calamity was.

The fourth Calamity he found was the most troublesome. He found them underground. After sensing the ground vibrated slightly from time to time. He checked underground of the forest and found the home of the fourth Calamity. Not just the home, he might find a kingdom of Calamity. The whole underground, deep to the ground, was the home of the thousand of Calamity.

The fourth Calamity was ten meters long. It had red fur, blade-like claws, and a blade-like tail. It had six pairs of blood-shot red eyes, and drill-like snouts made of red metal. Without a doubt, this mole calamity's body contained materials that a blacksmith might look for. But the risk of facing the giant mole was too big. Below this forest was the mole kingdom.

[??? — Rank 3 Calamity]

The moment he found out the mole was a Rank 3 Calamity. He immediately threw the thought of fighting them, at least not now. Maybe he would kill one or two or maybe three, but he felt like more than that. He might provoke the whole mole kingdom.

"Let's focus on Tortoine for now and find out how strong Rank 1 Calamity is," He looked for Tortoine who was far from the Sorc Clan's members. It did not take long for him to find the lone Tortoine. It was far from the Sorc Clan's members who seemed to focus on the monkey calamity.

Tang Shaoyang quickly arrived near his target. Tortoine was moving slowly, not that hard to catch up. To his surprise, the Tortoine crooked up his neck toward him. Just like he had found his target, the Tortoine also noticed his presence. It sent the stare, telling him not to disturb him with its black eyes.

"Our prey seems to know why we come here," He clapped his hand, "This will be our first time fighting as a party. Let's do it properly,"

Vandir, Zara, Avyn, and Afi were summoned. That was his formation for now. Doombringer was too big, and he was afraid that they might attract unwanted attention. It was the same for Baccara.

Even though he often summoned them in big fights. They always fought individually, but never they fought together against the same opponent.

"Do we need to assign a role?" Vandir turned toward Tang Shaoyang. Usually, a party would assign the role. But they never discussed the role.

"What role? We don't need a role!" Afi the Urosa Warrior jumped off the branch, landing in front of the massive Tortoine. The Tortoine in front of them was twenty meters long. It was still considered a young Tortoine, but It was for sure more than a hundred years old. The Tortoine under a hundred years old usually around five meters to fifteen meters.

Afi grinned ear to ear, looking at the giant monster. Even for Afi, The Tortoine was massive in size in comparison.

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The Tortoine's head snapped at Afi, trying to bite him. The Urosa Warrior showed his experience with his quick reaction. He responded with a punch that landed on Tortoine's jaw, forcefully closing

the mouth. However, his punch did not amount much to Tortoine, he just managed to close his mouth. The Tortoine was not even moving an inch from its original position.

Afi was about to launch a counterattack until he felt a tremendous force on his body. It was Tortoine's tail. The spike hit his body, and he did notice it coming for him.

Boom!

Afi was sent flying and crushed into the giant tree. A hole formed on the tree trunk and Afi was stuck inside. That was too fast even for Afi to react.

Tang Shaoyang, Avyn, Vandir, and Zara were also surprised. They did not expect The Tortoine could turn that fast and hit Afi with its tail. Afi might not expect that Tortoine could be that fast. No one expected that, including Tang Shaoyang.

"That's the price for his recklessness. Fighting all those weaklings made him lower his guard. For a veteran warrior to make an amateur mistake, underestimating his enemy," Vandir shook his head while pointing out Afi's mistake casually, "Are you okay, Afi?" Nôv(el)B\\jnn

A shadow came out from the hole in the trunk. His fur was drenched in blood as the spike on the tail pierced through his hard hide. The Urosa Warrior looked more serious. Just like Vandir said, he underestimated his enemy. All the opponents he had fought so far were quite weak, and he managed to beat them with ease.

"This is not an individual fight. Let's try to work together, shall we?" Tang Shaoyang took out his new weapon, [Mash]. "Try not to destroy the shell and the tail. Ah, if possible we need to preserve the body as well. Let's go for the head."

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"Then let's do it," Vandir activated his skill, [Death Bind]. Hundreds of ghostly hands came out from the ground, holding down Tortoine's feet and tail.

Tang Shaoyang then jumped down, concentrating the Chaos Energy on Mash's blunt side. He came down on its head. Using a skill without activating the skill. That was what he did right now, performing [Thousand Blasts].

The Tortoine realized it could not break free from the Death Bind. Instead of hiding inside its shell, it lowered its head and headed upward.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The thousand booms resounded throughout the forest. Tang Shaoyang could feel that he was met with something hard. The surprising part was the fact that Tortoine managed to push him upward. The head was fine even after getting hit by Mash with Thousand Blasts. Not even a dent on Tortoine's hard head.

Tang Shaoyang pushed himself once more upward and spun in the air. He did not give up and used the same skill, Thousand Blasts. This was the first time that he failed to gain an advantage even with his upgraded Slayer Energy. Chaos Energy was a combination of Heavenly Energy and Slayer Energy. It had become even more powerful, and yet, it failed to push Tortoine.

'This is Calamity's strength.'

The second attack landed on the same spot on Tortoine's head. With the lack of moment, he managed to slam Tortoine's head to the ground, hard. Then it was followed by Avyn, freezing Tortoine from its neck up to his head.

The Tortoine's head laid down on the ground and Zara landed next to the neck. She was holding a black sword made of Void Energy in her hand. The sword went through the neck as if it were a tofu, severing the head.

Plop!

The frozen head fell to the ground, but its body was still running for the last struggle. It managed to break free from Death Bind, stomping around as its tail swayed toward the tree and slammed into the ground. It made a big scene for a while, almost thirty seconds.

Tang Shaoyang, Avyn, and Zara made a distance while watching the body spasmed weakly on the ground. That was easier than he thought. He looked toward Zara, "What was that?"

He was talking about the sword that cut through the Tortoine's neck. The sword went through easily. Its head did not dent even after two hits from Thousand Blasts with his Chaos Energy. And yet, Zara cut it through easily. He knew it was related to the Void Energy, and he wanted to learn it.

"It's not me, but Avyn. Her ice softened its neck, so that was why I could easily cut its head. If you hit after Avyn froze the head. You might blast the head. Why don't we try it for the next Tortoine?" Zara explained.

Tang Shaoyang and Vandir turned toward Avyn. The latter nodded her head, confirming Zara's explanation. He let out a chuckle, shaking his head. It seemed there were still many things that he did not know about Avyn's Frost Elemental. This might be the reason why his Archaic Spirits were scared of Avyn. She was just that powerful.

Afi returned to their side, and his fur brightened in red as his body released hot steam. He was angry at himself for making such a mistake. And now he had no chance to pay back as Zara killed the Tortoine.

"Calm down. There are still more tortoines to kill. We can start with Tortoine while scouting the area for today."

They killed Rank 1 Tortoine with ease without using [Spirit Integration] and [Bloodline Transformation]. However, that did not change his mind to keep hunting for Rank 1 Calamity. Today's schedule would be Tortoine and exploring more areas. They killed Rank 1 Calamity, but they had not really grasped how strong this Tortoine was.

"Who dares to hunt in The Sorc Clan's hunting ground!" A voice boomed out in the forest.

Tang Shaoyang was focused on his prey and Afi looked angry for his mistake. He did not realize that the bear folks were coming. The fight was short, but they made a loud commotion for sure.

Five bear folks stood on the tree behind him, and seven more bear folks were on the tree behind them.

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Tang Shaoyang took Tortoine's body and looked up at the bear folks, "We are having too much and forget them." He muttered in a low voice.

'Can we just get rid of them?' Vandir sent a telepathy message to Tang Shaoyang. The Death King was confident that they could get rid of the twelve bear folks, 'They have seen our faces too. Even if we escape, they will not stop looking for us.'

Tang Shaoyang glanced at Vandir, "I know what you are thinking about, Vandir." He shook his head, "Let's avoid an unnecessary battle for now."

He recalled all four spirits and used Heavenly Ethereal Shift. The same movement technique to escape the first bear folk.

The twelve bear folks were confident that Tang Shaoyang could not escape from them. And yet, they were caught off guard by a technique they never encountered before. At first, they were caught off guard that the four spirits suddenly disappeared. Before they could figure out where the four disappeared, Tang Shaoyang also disappeared.

The leader of the bear folks yelled, telling his people to look for the intruders. His voice echoed throughout the forest, loud enough to reach a few kilometers. He was not angry at his subordinate. Those words were meant for Tang Shaoyang to hear. Telling Tang Shaoyang what would happen to him if he stayed in the forest.

Meanwhile, Tang Shaoyang created a distance of more than ten kilometers in a minute. He heard the threat, but he just rolled his eyes. He could try to negotiate but he figured out they would not accept a negotiation. Especially when he was alone. It would be pointless to negotiate with an unreasonable group like the Sorc Clan.

"Let's look for our second Tortoine," He wanted to focus on hunting instead of wasting his time fighting with a group like The Sorc Clan. More than unnecessary, the actual reason was that he was being cautious. He had enough already in his hand with The Nirvana Alliance. Aside from that, all participants were God Ranks. The God Rank might be stronger than the eight God Ranks he met in the Aquara. If he could avoid a conflict, then he would avoid it.

It did not take long for them to find the second Tortoine. This time they took a different approach. The goal was not to kill but to measure the Tortoine's actual strength. Afi took the charge. The tail attack, that was what Tang Shaoyang called it. The super fast sweep despite its big size was caught by Afi.

In his fury, Afi raised the twenty-five-meter-long Tortoine and slammed it to the ground. That was the payment for the earlier battle. It was pointless because Afi dealt no damage to Tortoine. Its hard shell and hard hide destroyed the trees and ground instead.

"Let's finish it off. The Sorc Clan is coming!" Tang Shaoyang had his eyes watching this time. Not long after Afi made the commotion, he signaled Avyn and Zara to finish off the Tortoine. He took the body and moved away before the Sorc Clan came.

"That should be enough information for Rank 1 Calamity, no?" Vandir commented, "They are not that strong. We should go for the high rank of Calamity now and aim for first place."

"Yes. Rank 1 Calamity is strong, but we are enough to handle them. But we will still hunt Rank 1 Calamity only for today. Our goal is to open our maps, not hunting."

That was the boss' decision, Vindir and the others did not protest the decision. They explored the forest and hunted more Tortoine. They went deeper and managed to witness the mole calamity hunting the Tortoine. The snout-like drill went through the hard shell, and their claw destroyed Tortoine's tail. This mole calamity was the ruler of the forest.

Not just the mole, but the Sorc Clan is also quite persistent. It seemed they noticed that Tang Shaoyang was hunting Tortoine. After his eighth Tortoine, The Sorc Clan mobilized their members to chase Tang Shaoyang instead of hunting their target. They changed their mind after Tang Shaoyang caused a lot of ruckus in their "forest". It became a hide-and-chase game, but of course, The Sorc Clan failed to even see a glimpse of Tang Shaoyang's shadow.

"We will reach the next area soon..." Tang Shaoyang announced as he saw the new area. In contrast to the forest, the new area was void of life compared to the vibrant forest. They stepped into the arid land. The ground was black and cracked, and it released gray fog that obstructed normal vision slightly.

He furrowed his brow as he smelled the unpleasant air in the area. Something like a rotten smell, but only slightly. He did not find anything in his vision, at least, in the five kilometers ahead. There was no spot to hide in this area, it was an open area with just open land. Not boulders or big stones, just the cracked black soil.

"If I have to guess.... This is where the demon used to live," Vindir suddenly said, "Yep. This unpleasant smell is the demon's smell."

"I don't like this unpleasant smell. We should go to the other area instead," Avyn pinched her nose. With her super sense, the smell was truly unpleasant for her.

"Should I swap you with Baccara for this area?"

"No, there's no need."

They entered the new territory together at the same pace as they explored the forest. After ten minutes of exploring the new area, Tang Shaoyang realized something weird about the area. He could not find the Calamity. In the forest, he could find the calamity from outside the area. But even after ten minutes into this bleak area, he did not find a single calamity.

Tang Shaoyang checked underground, and there was nothing under, "Is there really nothing here?" He muttered.

"I told you to go to a different area. Even a Calamity is smart enough that they don't live in this hellhole," Avyn commented.

"Or maybe we are looking at the wrong place. Have you checked the sky, Your Majesty?" Vindir looked up at the sky. They did not have Tang Shaoyang's eyes, and the fog limited their vision.

Tang Shaoyang looked up, "They are watching us."

Chaos Eyes gave him a vision from a certain height to see his surroundings. It had the same ability as Spirit Eyes to see through things. But it did not mean his vision did not have a blind spot. The blind spot was the area that was higher than the height he had set up.

As Vandir predicted, The Calamity in this area stayed in the sky. They were flying higher than his vision and had been following them. He could only see small figures just because of how far they were in the sky.

"What's the creature?" Vandir was curious and asked. It was rare for Tang Shaoyang's vision to miss something.

Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "They are too far.... Humanoid with wings. They stay on the floating island. The fog not only covers them but also the island."

"Should we go up there and investigate more about our new prey?" Afi was eager to fight.

"There's no need. There are too many of them. They are more than fifty at least, and they are too far even for my Chaos Eyes. I can't use my Detection on them. The other Calamity may be aware this is their territory and avoid this place. Let's continue, and we will fight them if they come down. It's too risky to go up there."

The party ignored the creature in the sky. Even if those creatures were Rank 1 Calamity, he would not try to go up there. Again, he did not want to take too much risk in this trial. The goal was to pass to the second stage. If first place was possible, then he would go for it for the prize. Even though he still did not know what the reward was in the first place.

The creature in the sky did not attack them as they went deeper. They might be monsters in nature, but the calamity was proven to be smarter. They did not attack them on sight. That was enough proof that the calamity was different from the normal monster. The same for Tortoine. It did not attack them unless provoked. Some of them even tried to escape after realizing they could not win against Tang Shaoyang's party.

"I found a ruined city..." They picked up their pace and found the ruined city. The wall was destroyed with just the gate still standing, "The city has become the den of Calamity. They are much smaller than the calamity in the forest."

Tang Shaoyang did not recognize a single calamity inside the city. Whatever inside the city, they were not on the trade list, "One of them is similar to an ogre, but they have three heads, three pairs of hands, and their skin is deep red. Are they Ogre, Karan?"

Karan was his first spirit and also an ogre. He thought Karan might know something about this calamity.

[I don't know. I never saw my brethren with three heads and six hands. But they are ogres, but maybe a variant that I don't know of.]

[They are indeed Calamity Ogre, a stronger version of the original Ogre. In other words, they are the calamity version of ogre.] Karoen The Void Knight gave him the answer. n/o/vel/b//in dot c//om

"What about that one eye creature?" Tang Shaoyang and the spirits in the World Spirits were sharing his vision. They could see what he saw.

The creature he meant was the one-eyed creature. It had dark purple skin with a big one eye with a single horn curved upward on its head. It was seven meters tall and the rest was humanoid. Two hands, two feet, and massive abs.

[That's Cyclopes.]

The third one was weirder. They had a bear-like body, their fur was dark green, and they stood on their hind legs instead of walking on four. It had the body of a bear but with a goat head. It looked like an actual cursed creature in Tang Shaoyang's eyes. He was disturbed by this discovery.

[I don't know the remaining Calamity.]

He felt like the ogre with six hands and three heads was more normal than the other calamity in the city. The fourth calamity was the smallest calamity he had found so far. It was the size of a squirrel. It had white fur with black stripes, looked like a furred zebra despite their size, and had the head of an ant. They jumped from one building to another, moving in a group of five or six.

[Calamity Ogre — Rank 3]

[Calamity Cyclopes — Rank 4]

[???? — Rank 3]

[???? — Rank 5]

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The goat-headed calamity was Rank 3, and the small squirrel was Rank 5 Calamity. That was enough information for him not to enter the city. Even if he was confident about killing the Rank 3 Calamity, the terrain was bad. Even though the four calamities marked their territory in different areas. They were bound to attract the other calamities as the fight started.

Tang Shaoyang made a mental note to avoid the ruined city. That would be for a later time, "We are not entering the city. The lowest is Rank 3, and there's a Rank 5 Calamity inside."

Vandir turned toward Tang Shaoyang, surprised to hear the decision. He thought they would at least try to fight one of the calamities since they were here. This was not the Tang Shaoyang he knew, overly cautious. Zara had the same reaction, but she was happy with the change. There was no need to take an unnecessary risk, especially when they had a lot of time.

Tang Shaoyang explored the gloomy area for another two hours and found more ruined cities. There were nine ruined cities each city occupied by the same calamity. He got the gist of the whole area's strength and decided to avoid the area until they were ready for it.

The party continued their scouting as time went by quickly. He had gotten used to the fact that the sky did not change and was quite surprised when the sky darkened.

"That should be enough for today. We will return to the city and try to scout the other side tomorrow," Tang Shaoyang decided to call it a day. After leaving the gloomy area, they did not really fight anymore.

Afi and Vandir asked to be recalled halfway because they did not really fight anything after leaving the gloomy area. After that area, they just encountered stronger calamities. As for Rank 1 Calamity? They could not find a single Rank 1 Calamity in the gloomy area and further. The lowest one was Rank 2 Calamity, and he only found three Rank 2 Calamity after exploring the whole day.

Recalling the path they took, the three quickly returned to the forest area. It took them less than an hour to reach the forest. The return journey was quite smooth. The Sorc Clan was not around to bother them anymore.

"They must get back earlier. Does that mean the stronger Calamity appeared at night?" Tang Shaoyang guessed. That might be the reason the Sorc Clan returned earlier even though they were quite close to the city. The strongest calamity he found was Rank 7 Calamity, just one. It was a massive bird, bigger than his True Dragon Form. Its wing covered the whole sky. It looked like the night arrived earlier just because of how big its body was.

"We also did not meet the other participants. Isn't that weird?" Zara pointed out something weird.

They did not meet a single participant even in the area of Rank 2 Calamity. Around five hundred people came out from the same gate, but they did not meet anyone.

The three came out of the forest and soon the city wall came into their sight. But there was something different. There was a crown at the gate. More than three hundred people gathered around the gate, and he quickly noticed the bear folks. Seven-three bear folks gathered in front of the gate. They were blocking the gate altogether.

"Aren't they going too far? Should we wipe them out?" Avyn furrowed her brow.

This was a trial, no territory belonged to anyone. Yet The Sorc Clan went this far just to catch Tang Shaoyang. Without a doubt, their target was Tang Shaoyang because no one entered the forest aside from him.

"They put an invisible barrier...." Tang Shaoyang muttered as he noticed the barrier blocked the entrance. The two old guards remained on their spot, doing nothing. Their stance was clear, as long as it was outside the gate, then they would not stop them. They set up the barrier outside, so he could not sneak into the city.

"I focused too much on exploring the area, and I forgot to test my new skill. Let's see how sturdy their barrier is."

Tang Shaoyang picked up the pace. As he reached their range, he jumped past the bear folks. The bear folks did nothing, no, they were smiling, "They are quite confident in their barrier, huh?"

[Absolute Domination Energy]

The barrier was dispersed as he reached the range of the skill. The invisible barrier was destroyed by [Absolute Domination Energy], and he entered the city. He waved his hand at the two old guards, "Good work, Old Man."

The old guard to the left let out a chuckle, "You should be more careful, young'un. This is your first day, and it looks like you already made an enemy. You should not make an enemy if you want to pass the trial safely."

"It's not me, old man. It was them who took me as their enemy. I did not even touch a single of their fur," Tang Shaoyang stepped into the city, and the crowd was blocking the road.

The crowd came to watch for sure. They were curious about who antagonized The Sorc Clan and hoped for free entertainment. No one expected The Sorc Clan to do nothing when their target jumped over them.

"Yo! You guys are blocking the road!" Despite his reminder, the crowd just stood there, looking at him.

Tang Shaoyang just shook his head and jumped over the crowd just like how he did it with the Sorc Clan's members. He entered the city safely, and The Sorc Clan did not dare to make a ruckus inside the city for the fact that they did not chase after Tang Shaoyang.

Inside the city was the domain of the Administrator. Fighting inside the city would disqualify them from the trial. Even people with a big background did not dare to go against The Administrator.

"Eleven Rank 1 Calamity is not a bad harvest. We can sell the meat to that unique exotic restaurant and give Duvrag the rest." n/ô/vel/b//jn dot c//om

He halted the step on the square as he saw the big screen floating above the square. The screen showed the top 100 participants with the most points. He was surprised by the first-place point.

Chapter 1486 Ian Carmen Lorentia

Top 100 Trial of God - 1st stage

1. Ian Carmen Lorentia - 3042
2. Clement Salle - 480
3. Negasu - 480
4. Jules Asanda - 480
5. Zeyn Moorlehem - 480
6. Agnes Neteri Iosava - 290
7. Castor Bach Justesen - 290
8. Eson Artus Figueroa - 290

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Tang Shaoyang saw four familiar names. Agnes and Castor were the two who tried to invite him to their party. Eson was one of the final fours in the tournament, and Clement Salle. The name was familiar, but he did not remember when he met that person.

"He is the man you meet in the Arena. The guy who explained to you the rules of the arena, remember?" Zara had a better memory than him and reminded him.

He remembered the magus who complained about how inefficient the arena was. The three names below him must be his party. Clement told him that he already had his own party. But the surprise was coming from the first place. The gap between first place and second place is too big. And for the fact that name stood alone on top, meaning Ian Carmen Lorentia was solo just like him.

As he looked at the list, the score bumped up again, making it to 3142. That meant Ian just killed another Rank 4 Calamity. Rank 4 Calamity was worth a hundred points.

"Should we change our plan?" Tang Shaoyang muttered in a low voice. If he still aimed for the first place. He must start to catch up instead of scouting the area just like what he did today. If he took his time too long, the gap might widen. If the gap was too big, it would be hard for him to catch up.

As for the list below, he was not interested in checking as it was still volatile. It kept changing with how close the gap was. Most of the people on the list were at a party as four names dropped at the same time. And a few seconds later, five names rose in rank.

"Maybe you should indeed change your plan, Mr. Tang Shaoyang," Ira came next to him, "Not only your name is not in the top 100, but you also made an enemy of a big faction. Your future for the trial looks bleak."

Tang Shaoyang turned toward the voice, "Don't tell me that you are waiting for me because you are worried about losing your bet? It seems like you are putting something big for the bet."

"Hmmmm... Nah, I will just still follow my original plan. I will try my best to catch up. My name for sure will be in the top 100, don't worry about it." He waved his hand at Ira as he returned to the Market.

The market was void of visitors in the first two days. That was because the Market was a place for the participants to sell their loot, the body of the Calamity. Not just that, Market also provided dismantling services. That was Tang Shaoyang's goal for the Market, to dismantle the beast and sell them separately instead of giving Duvrag or the restaurant a whole body of Calamity.

Tang Shaoyang quickly found the store he was looking for, "Welcome to Madaki Store." A shirtless burly man greeted Tang Shaoyang with a smile, "What can I help you with, Sir?"

"I want to dismantle a few carcasses."

"How big?" The store owner came closer and asked in a low voice.

"It's Tortoine. The smallest is twenty meters long."

The store owner's face brightened and motioned toward him to follow, "Follow me." They went to the area behind the building, a spacious space with a big stone slab.

"You are the first one to bring me Tortoine's carcass. You can put the carcass there!" The burly man pointed at the empty spot.

Tang Shaoyang dumped eleven Tortoine he killed today, and the burly man's eyes shone brighter, looking eager for some reason. He thought the burly man might love his job. That was why the store owner was so happy.

"You even caught two that have reached fifty meters. This is a big catch," The burly man turned toward Tang Shaoyang, "How about this. You give me the thirty meters Tortoine, and I will dismantle your Calamity for free?"

With how excited this burly man was, this made him curious about the taste of Tortoine. If not for the restaurant putting the list that they would buy the Tortoine's meat, he would just give the whole body to Duvrag. The Tortoine's meat might taste good with how the burly man reacted.

"You have the deal." Tang Shaoyang offered his hand for a handshake. The burly man reached his hand with a wide grin, "Thank you for your generosity, Sir. What about if you sell me the fifty meters of Tortoine's meat too? I will give you a good price."

"I have promised with someone else to sell their meat. I will keep the next one for you if you want," Tang Shaoyang decided to keep the meat from the fifty-meter and forty-meter Tortoine for Elinova. The burly man's reaction just made him curious about the taste of the meat.

"Then I will buy the next one. You can't go back on your promise, Sir," The burly man smiled and did a quick check on the body, "This is in perfect condition. You kill them without damaging their body. A clean cut to the neck. It will take a while. You can come back tomorrow morning, Sir."

"Alright, I will come back tomorrow." As he was about to leave, the burly man offered his hand once more.

"My name is Madaki, Sir. May I know your name?"

"My name is Tang Shaoyang. I will see you again tomorrow at the same time with more carcasses."

Tang Shaoyang left the store, and Madaki escorted him out with a big smile. He shook his head and navigated his way to the exotic restaurant. Of course, he did not come to eat, but to gather information.

"What do you want to eat, Tang?" The Chef grinned, remembering Tang Shaoyang's first experience eating exotic Calamity. They were quite close over one meal.

"I can sell you Tortoine meat, and there's one within fifty meters. Do you want it?"

The Chef had the same reaction as Madaki, his eyes shone as his lips slowly turned into a happy smile, "Yes. I want them."

Chapter 1487 Enchanted Chart

There was one thing he noticed from all the store owners and their workers. They were not just ordinary people who opened the shop for profit. They were people with more if not stronger than all participants. He noticed that when the chef in his lodging dispersed his aura easily, and the barkeeper at the tavern he often visited was also not ordinary.

While not all of them were not necessarily stronger than the participants, these people had their fair experience against the Calamity. He thought about it before, thinking he should befriend all the store owners, but then that was just too much for him. Until he got Tortoine's meat. He did not need to get close to them, but he could exchange those for information with the meat or maybe other materials.

"I have one fifty meters tortoine, three of forty meters tortoines, and five of thirty meters and lower tortoines."

The Chef raised his hand, "Wait a minute...." He did a quick calculation in his head, "Depending on the quality of the meat. If it's perfect, meaning you don't damage the meat while hunting it. I can give you fifty million for all of them."

Tang Shaoyang raised his eyebrow, surprised to hear the price. He expected for a few million at most or maybe ten to fifteen million GC. But he just did not expect them to be that expensive. That was around the price for Ancient Grade equipment or even Myth Rank Equipment. It was just the meat of Rank 1 Calamity, and yet it fetched that high price.

"I don't have the meat with me now. But they will be ready by tomorrow. Don't worry about the meat. I cut them by the neck. You will not get the damaged meat."

"Did you bring them to the market? You should bring them to me directly, and I will dismantle them for free for you. I will just take the meat and give you the remaining parts," The Chef shook his head in pity, "Is it your first time selling Tortoine's meat? Ah, I forget you are a bumpkin who does not know the elite gourmet. Of course, you don't know anything about tortoine."

"It fetches a high price because of how rare It is. You can only find calamity like tortoine in an abandoned world like this world. In the blacksmith's words, tortoine is similar to the rare ore."

"That's why The Sorc Clan was angry that I hunted the tortoine," Tang Shaoyang realized why the Sorc Clan went that far just because he killed a few tortoine. While being a Rank 1 Calamity, tortoine was sought, not just for the meat but for its shell as well. Duvrag looked for tortoine's shell, and this chef was interested in the meat.

"Fifty million, deal?" The Chef offered his hand to transfer the money. He wanted to finalize the deal immediately and did not think that Tang Shaoyang would deceive him.

"But I don't want your money."

The Chef furrowed his brow when heard that part, confused, "What do you mean? What am I supposed to pay you with?"

"Information. I want information for tortoine. Not just any information, but specific information that might help me in the Calamity Hunting. Ah, I also found one seventy meters tortoine, and three of sixty meters tortoine. I will catch them for you as well."

The Chef was surprised and then he smiled. His index finger knocked the table. It looked like he was considering the offer instead of agreeing immediately. However, little did he know that Tang Shaoyang had [Absolute Sense]. A passive skill that could read emotion.

Tang Shaoyang immediately knew that he had gotten the deal. The Chef looked like he was contemplating the deal to bargain.

The Chef reluctantly took out a token. It was the same token he got from Duvrag Smithy. It was the same token to access Cladeos Emporium's exclusive items, "What about this token for the meat in the market? We will talk about if you can bring me the seventy-meter tortoine." He looked proud as he presented the token.

"Don't look at the material. The token might look cheap, but with that token, you can access Cladeos Emporium's exclusive items. Don't you need the proper equipment to hunt the Calamity?"

Tang Shaoyang chuckled, "Unfortunately, I am not interested in your token. I have one." He then placed his token given by Calderon, "And I have met the person who manages the store. Elonia, right? She allows me to put a reserve order for up to ten items."

The Chef's smile froze, not expecting Tang Shaoyang to have the token. He grabbed the token to ensure it was not fake. Even though he knew it was impossible for it to be fake. All participants did not know the existence of Cladeos Emporium's token, so how to fake something they did not know?

"Who gave you this token?" The Chef subconsciously raised his voice. He wanted to have a talk with the fool who gave out the token even before the trial started. The fact Tang Shaoyang had this on his first day of the trial, told him that Tang Shaoyang got him before even the trial started. He wanted to talk with the person who foiled his plan.

"I can't disclose my partner's information. So, do you have any good information for me?"

The Chef clicked his tongue, "Let me think," He placed the token back on the table, closing his eyes. This time, he was contemplating for real, thinking what he could give to Tang Shaoyang that was worth fifty million.

"Ah, that's right that thing," He remembered something, "What about the map? If I am not wrong, its name is Enchanted Chart? It records the area you have explored. But that's not just an ordinary map. You can register the Calamity, and it will show you on the map if you are at least ten kilometers from the monster. On top of that, the map has a navigation ability if you want to go to a specific area. It can even give you a safer route by avoiding the monster."

"Are you interested in the item?" The Chef smiled.

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In Addition to the map information and where to get it, Manoe, The Chef decided to pay Tang Shaoyang the original price of the tortoise meat, fifty million GC.

Tang Shaoyang stood in front of the Cladeos Emporium once more. There was no more crowd in the store, just dozens of people. He showed the token and was led to the third floor, "I want to buy an Enchanted Chart."

The attendant was surprised when she heard that. They sold the map, but they never promoted it. It was a secret item in the shop that only a few knew about.

"I will get the item for you, Sir. Please wait for a moment," the attendant bowed and left the room.

Tang Shaoyang was in the same room when he first visited. It seemed like the token holder would be assigned to a specific room. Less than a minute later, the door was opened. It was not the attendant, but Elonia and the store manager.

The half-elf wore a red dress with flower embroidery, holding a scroll in her hand, "I don't expect you to return this early and find out about this item." She waved the green scroll in her hand.

"But how do you know about this item? Who told you about the item?" Elonia sat across Tang Shaoyang and asked.

"Manoe. The owner of the only exotic restaurant in this city." He thought of getting information from this lady. But soon he realized he had nothing he could offer to her to help him. There was no reason for Elonia to help him. Especially when there was no benefit for her.

"Ah, that disgusting self-proclaimed gourmet," For the first time, Elonia showed genuine disgust on her face, "It seems like you got something that guy likes for him to tell you about this. What do you get for him?"

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow as the meeting turned into an interrogation, "I feel like I am being interrogated. Am I wrong, Lady Elonia?"

"You are taking it too seriously. It's just a simple question. It's not like that information could be used against you, right?" She smiled.

"I just don't like being questioned." That was because it reminded his past. He had gone through a lot. Fighting the monster he never imagined existed, fighting the self-

proclaimed God, and going to another world. Despite everything he had gone through, it was just over one year, almost two years since the game started. It was not that long. So he still remembered vividly his past, being interrogated by the police as well as his boss. He never liked that, and it was still the same until now. It sounded like a simple question, but it was similar to how an interrogation started. They started with trivial questions before going for the real issue.

"And are you admitting that you are looking for something to be used against me?"

On top of that, he did not like being interrogated. He felt like this lady was looking for something from him. Even though he did not know why, he could tell that from the first time he met him. They did not talk that much, but he could tell the lady was observing him. He did not know the reason, but that was enough for him to be cautious.

"Am I?" Elonia rubbed her chin, thinking by herself then she smiled, "But why do I need to find something to be used against you? Are you really that important for me to do that?"

"That's what I want to know too," Tang Shaoyang shrugged, "So, do you want to sell the item or not?"

"I am offended by your suspicion of me. But I will never get personal feelings in the business. Business is still business," Elonia put the table on the table and offered her hand. That meant Tang Shaoyang would make the purchase directly with her, not the manager, "It's fifty million."

Tang Shaoyang was surprised to hear the price, the same price as the meat he sold to Manoe. He understood why he insisted. The map was the payment for the meat. He transferred the money, took the map, and left the room immediately.

"Am I being too sensitive?" Outside the building, he asked himself. He did not know but he just felt that way when Elonia started asking questions.

Chapter 1488 Hunter (1)

"Do you find anything about him, Rene?" Elonia asked the manager. She and Rene stayed after Tang Shaoyang left the room.

"Nothing. I can't find anything about him. He does not have a friend from the participants, he does not have a party or even try to form a party, and no one knows his faction."

"He does not have a participant friend? Does that mean...."

"I am not sure either, but he was quite close to Ira. Not just Ira, but also the owner of Scorching Tavern. The tavern was the place he visited often in the last two days, and he often talked with the owner. And I think he was telling the truth when he said it was Manoe who told him about the map. There are only five places he visited, his lodging, our store, Duvrag Smithy, Scorching Bar, and Manoe's Exotic as well as many alchemist shops."

Elonia raised her eyebrow, "Alchemist Shops? Is he also an alchemy?"

"I am not sure, but from what I know. He is looking for alchemy recipes, and he has purchased advanced recipes for common potions."

Elonia nodded her head, rubbing her chin. The advanced recipe for the common potion. She started to get the big picture and knew a little bit about Tang Shaoyang's background, "I see. He is close

with Ira and purchased the common potion recipes. It feels like he is from a lower world. What's the list of items he put for the reserve order?"

Rene gave the paper to Elonia, "May I ask you something, Lady Elonia?" The latter nodded her head.

"Why are you interested in him? I don't think he is that special. His name does not show on the top 100 list as well. His bloodline might be rare, but that's it. I can't see what is so special about him for you to pay special attention to. In my opinion, it's not necessary to make a connection with someone like him. Let's say he was strong compared to his peers, but he is nothing in the God Realm. I can't see the connection with the Dragon Realm too, and his faction is unknown."

Elonia smiled as she slowly turned toward Rene, "There's more than just a connection Rene."

"You miss something about him. If Ira is close to him, there's a chance that he entered this trial by completing a special condition. He might be an Administrator Candidate. Being one of the top or maybe finishing the trial might be one of his missions. Or maybe he managed to gather one hundred God Shards with his three lives. I heard it is more dangerous just to participate in this trial. Even if he is not from a big faction, we can recruit him. He could be a good hunting dog for us. We nurture him with our resources and knowledge. With his bloodline, he could become powerful with the right guidance. And we can't cross out yet that he might have a connection to the Dragon Realm. Anything related to the Dragon Realm is worth a try."

"Just keep a watch on him for now. Also, this is the first trial. Why are you surprised his name is not on the list? With how cautious he was around us, what do you think when he faces the unknown calamity? Again, even if I am wrong, we have nothing to lose. But I have a feeling that he will enter the top 100."

Elonia stood up and waved her hand at Rene, "That's enough for today. I am going to sleep. Good night, Rene."

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Tang Shaoyang stood in front of the giant screen at the square, right behind the north gate. Three days had passed since he got the map from The Cladeos Emporium. In those three days, he had gotten his reserve order from the emporium as well. He managed to buy six items in the last three days, and his name is still nowhere to be seen in the top 100 participants.

Top 100 Trial of God - 1st stage

1. Ian Carmen Lorentia - 20042
2. Alderoi Alder Acevedo - 8717
3. Uruwakan - 8717
4. Adriano Dee Lorenzo - 8717
5. Niere Pallares - 6984
6. Tiyana Viveiros - 6984
7. Novoa Valentine - 6538

8. Clement Salle - 6080
 9. Negasu - 6080
 10. Jules Asanda - 6080
 11. Zeyn Moorlehem - 6080
 12. Gerda Eva Lorenzen - 5783
 13. Matteo Lambert - 5280
 14. Sandra Holm - 5280
 15. Marten Vermote - 5280
 16. Agnes Neteri Iosava - 5120
 17. Castor Bach Justesen - 5120
 18. Eson Artus Figueroa - 5120
 19. Julian Heymans - 5120
 20. Timo Alain Woodgate - 5120
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On the fourth day, the list was stabilized with the familiar names catching up with each other. People with the same points meant they were at the same party, and two solo participants appeared on the list aside from the crazy Ian Carmen, Gerda Eva, and Novoa Valentine.

From the gap, it would be hard for the participants below Ian to catch up. Not only the gap was not closing, but it got further on the fourth day. As he looked at the list, Ian Carmen's score went up by 250 points. He was hunting Rank 5 Calamity now, alone.

'Isn't it the time for you to be serious instead of expanding your map and hunting Rank 1 Calamity Tortoine? If you spent your time hunting in the last four days, your name will be in the top 100 list already.' Afi commented.

'I don't know you have such a competitive spirit.'

'I am a warrior, and I can't accept losing without doing anything!'

'We still have forty-one days. There's a lot of time, though, I doubt we can catch up to Ian Carmen. This is the fourth day, and he already hunted the Rank 5 Calamity,' He remembered Ira's warning not to fight the Rank 7 Calamity. That meant most participants would hunt Rank 6 Calamity at the most.'

Tang Shaoyang went to the Market district to meet his personal calamity butcher, Madaki. The burly man was waiting outside his store with his hand crossed on his chest. His expression brightened at the sight of Tang Shaoyang, waving his hand excitedly, "What takes you so long? I have been waiting for you for ten minutes already."

Tang Shaoyang shook his head, following Madaki to the workshop. He dumped his Tortoine harvest for today. There were five seventy-meter Tortoines. A lot of fifty-meters and sixty-meters Tortoine and his harvest was tripled compared to the last two days.

"This will be my last day hunting Tortoine, Madaki. You will dismantle different things started tomorrow."

Madaki continued counting the harvest, then he turned toward Tang Shaoyang, "It's time to be serious, hah?" He smiled as he approached Tang Shaoyang, " Since you have treated this rare meat, I will give you a tip so you can catch up quicker."

Chapter 1489 Hunter (2)

"Have you found Calamity Cockatrice? It's Rank 6 Calamity," Madaki asked.

Tang Shaoyang thought about it for a moment, but this was the first time he heard about it. He had been running around in this abandoned world, opening his Enchanted Chart. He encountered many Rank 6 Calamity, but he was not sure what Madaki talked about.

"Can you tell me this Calamity Cockatrice's characteristic?"

"It's a chicken but with the body of a dragon. They are much smaller than the common dragon. The tallest is around six to seven meters. Have you seen them?"

Tang Shaoyang contemplated for a moment, and he remembered them. It was the calamity in the south, deep into the south of the city. He thought of fighting this chicken calamity, thinking it might taste good just like Tortoine. But then he found out that the chicken calamity was Rank 6 Calamity. He put them on the map and the list of hunts later.

"I think I found where their habitat is." He nodded.

"Nice find. They are known for their vigilance and high sensitivity, but there is one moment when they are at their weakest. It is during mealtime, especially when they have their favorite food. If you can find their favorite meal and use it as bait, you can hunt them easier. Kill them in one shot. If you fail in that one chance, you might not be able to catch them with how fast they are."

Their favorite meal is Rank 3 Calamity Soaring Serpent, Rank 4 Calamity Burrowing Worm, and Rank 4 Calamity Lava Worm. Find those first, then use them as bait to kill them." Madaki winked his right eye at Tang Shaoyang.

"But remember this Tang. Don't use poison because they will know it, and also don't try to dismantle the bait to take the materials. With how cautious they are, they might not take the bait."

"Thanks for the tip, Madaki," Tang Shaoyang smiled, "You can take one fifty-meter tortoine and one sixty-meter tortoine."

He left the workshop with a big smile. During the last four days, he had changed his mindset. There was no point in trying to test the limit of how strong a calamity was in each rank. He just needed to find their weakness and hunt them. The mission was to hunt them, and this was not a war. He just needed to find a specific target and hunt the target with every means, even with poison. There was no need to fight them head-on.

'You are a hunter, pick a prey and hunt them. There's no need for you to gauge how strong they are!' That was what Manoe, the exotic restaurant's owner, told him. That was what changed his mindset.

Hunters had many ways to hunt, setting a trap, using poison, ambushing them from camouflage, driving the prey to the corner, and more. But he had done the most important one, scouting. He opened the maps, and the map covered the wide areas. The map was marked based on the rank of calamity. With the map, he could hunt his prey

Madaki was not the first one to tell him about a weakness of a certain calamity, but the others as well. Duvrag and Manoe were the most generous ones with the calamity's information and their weaknesses.

'When are we going to start with the hunt? You have covered a lot of areas already. It's time to hunt.' Avyn asked. It seemed the Last Kankara'Xeo could no longer hold her boredom after days of not doing anything despite meeting many monsters.

'You know we will start hunting tomorrow. There's no need to hurry. Everyone I know in this city told me to be careful going outside at night. They said the high-rank calamity roamed outside their territory at night. We might encounter Rank 7 Calamity and higher at night.'

Tang Shaoyang returned to his lodging. There were not many people compared to the first day he arrived. Only four tables were occupied at the moment, and he recognized the familiar back at the counter. Ira was having her dinner as usual. She had been here for the last three nights on the pretense of having dinner. In fact, he knew she was here for him.

He smiled and took the seat next to Ira. This was the first time he approached the Admin Assistant, "It seems like you put a quite big bet for you to be here three nights in a row."

"What do you want to eat, Tang? You can't have your usual. A certain someone bought them all, and we are running out of the ingredients. You have to wait at least four days for your usual order," Oby, The Cook, smiled wryly.

"I see... Do you have a recommendation then?" He knew it must be Ira's doing.

"What about Tortoine's stew? Trust me, you will like it." Oby also got his share of tortoine meat from Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang was skeptical. Even though he heard a lot about how good this tortoine was. He had not tried it, at least, not until someone he trusted to cook for him. He intended to bring it back for Elin, and he would try it if it was Elin's cooking. She knew his bud taste, so he might like what she made than Oby and Manoe. But since Oby recommended it, he might as well try it.

"Then I will have that."

"Are you a merchant or what? You haven't been really hunting anything aside from Tortoine and a few Rank 2 and Rank 3 Calamity. Are you really not interested in the prize for the first place?" Ira asked after Oby left the counter, "Or do you really want a dip in my bet?"

Tang Shaoyang just smiled, not responding to her. He did not know what the bet was, and it was a lie if he was not interested. However, it felt like it would just cause trouble for him. He did not care and did not want to know about the bet. He was just enjoying his time in this trial.

Ira let out a sigh and stood up from the chair. She left without saying anything.

"It seems like she has given up, huh?" Oby returned with a food tray. The tortoine stew and a bowl of rice.

Tang Shaoyang shrugged and checked the stew. The tortoise meat looked more similar to pork than beef when it was cooked. The first thing he did was taste the broth and nodded his head, "It's good."

The tortoise meat was diced to bite size. He scooped one and tasted the meat. His experience with Calamity's meat was bad because of Manoe. He was reluctant to have a calamity dish unless Elin made it for him.

"Hmmm.... Not bad...." The dish tasted good, but he could not really tell the difference. If Oby said it was beef, he would believe it was beef stew instead of tortoise stew. That made him confused as to why these people were so worked up for tortoise meat.

"Atta boy, it seems you misunderstand something about tortoise. What's special about tortoise is not the taste, but the effect after you eat the meat. Just finish it, and you will know." Oby smiled.

Even though he was skeptical, Tang Shaoyang finished the stew. The effect was not immediate. It took like a minute for him to feel the effect. He felt heat coming from inside, making him want to do something. It felt like his body was being rejuvenated.

"Can you feel it?" The chef had a suspicious smile on his lips which Tang Shaoyang responded with a nod.

"Then why don't you spend a night at the red light district to let out some steam? You will have a great night."

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Tang Shaoyang opened his eyes and saw the familiar ceiling. He did not go to the red light district as Oby told him, but he had to dispose of that heat and ended up doing it with Zara. Sensing the movement on his chest, he looked down. The former angel was still sleeping, her head was on his chest and her hands embraced him.

Even though Zara was a God Rank with high stats. Last night's activity still took a lot of her. She looked exhausted for a reason. Him without tortoise could last very long, and with the tortoise meat. He lasted longer, and Zara had to relieve him by herself. However, she still had a satisfied smile despite being dead tired.

Slowly lifting her head, he put her head on the comfortable pillow while covering her naked body in a blanket. He could recall her to the spirit world, but he did not know how she would be transported. That might wake her up instead as he wanted to let her continue her sleep.

Tang Shaoyang washed up, got rid of the sweat from last night, and came out with the same outfit. It was just a long black sleeve shirt, long black pants, and his coat. He was ready to depart for the actual hunt. Before going out of the room, he took a peek at Zara. She was still sleeping soundly. He made sure not to make noise when he opened the door and went to the first floor.

There were more people than last night. The chatter resounded filled the first floor as people filled half of the room. Some of them were laughing, happy with their result of hunting. Some of them were unhappy about their hunt, and some of them were seriously discussing their plans for the day.

Getting to his usual spot at the counter, he ordered his coffee and breakfast as usual. To his surprise, he found Ira in the same spot as last night. He glanced at her curiously as his breakfast arrived. Then he glanced at Oby, frowning, as he thought of something.

"Did you collude with her?" He questioned the chef.

"What are you talking about? Why would I collude with her?" Oby waved his hand after pushing the plate and coffee closer, denying the accusation.

He was suspicious of Oby after getting fed of tortoine dish. Ira might bribe the chef as she tried to make him break by taking the most expensive prostitute. That was a possibility, and Ira would use that opportunity to push him harder to hunt. Of course, that was just his suspicion, imagination with a small possibility. It was not like he could prove that.

Tang Shaoyang shrugged and finished his breakfast and coffee. And then he went to the south gate after deciding his prey. His target was three different Rank 2 Calamity in the south of the city. He arrived at the south gate and found the member of the Sorc Clan. The bear folk were easy to recognize, and he immediately recognized them, standing on guard.

"It seems like I made them very mad for them to station their member on the south gate," He chuckled.

The very reason they were mad was because of the tortoine. The Sorc Clan was supposed to monopoly Rank 1 Calamity Tortoine. But because of Tang Shaoyang, they had lost the monopoly as well as their prey. Despite the security measures they put up in the forest, Tang Shaoyang always had his way to enter the forest.

"Will they stop bothering me if I tell them that I will stop hunting tortoine?" He immediately shook his head. It would not end just like that. Even if they accepted that The Sorc Clan would ask to be compensated for their "loss". It was absurd since anything outside the city did not belong to anyone.

As Tang Shaoyang noticed, the three members of the Sorc Clan also noticed him. He did not try to escape as he made his way to the gate, ignoring the angry gaze of the three bear folk. He walked past them, and they followed him closely from behind. They did not bother to hide their malice and intention.

As soon as he took three steps forward out of the gate, the three bear folks rushed out as well. The fastest of the three closed the gap more quickly than the other two bear folks. But he was not prepared for the sudden attack from Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang turned around, doing a spinning kick. His kick landed right at the bear folk's belly which was in the air. He attacked without an intention to kill them. But the kick was hard enough to send the first bear folk back into the city. He gathered Chaos Energy in his fist and punched the two unprepared bear folks.

The two bear folks were caught off guard as they saw their friend flying back in. As they turned toward Tang Shaoyang, they were greeted with fists covered in dark-colored energy. They were too late to react as they first hit their noses, sending them back into the city.

Since Tang Shaoyang attacked them with no intention of killing them. The three bear folks were fine and immediately got up again, trying to chase Tang Shaoyang. However, by the time they were outside, Tang Shaoyang was no longer there. They could not find even his trace. The three bear folks let out angry howls.

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Tang Shaoyang had planned everything as he walked out. Even if they did not try to attack as soon as he was outside the gate. He would attack them as soon as they were out of the gate. But because they attacked, his plan went even more smoothly. After punching them, he used his movement skills to leave, so the three could not track him.

Following the map, he soon arrived at his hunting ground. He floated above, looking down at the swamp. His prey stayed in this swamp, four meters deep. There were two calamities in this swamp, Calamity Mud Dragon and Calamity Mud Serpent. Both were Rank 2 Calamity, and they were on the material list for the alchemy shop as well as Cladeos Emporium.