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The Alchemy Stores were looking for Calamity Mud Serpent's poison gland while the Cladeos Emporium wanted the skin for both monsters. He summoned Avyn, the person with the most important role in his first-time Calamity Hunting. Along with Avyn, he also summoned the other spirits. All Archaic Spirits except for Zara who was still sleeping, one Mythical Spirit, and eight Grade SSS Spirits.

He then turned toward Avyn, "You can start."

Avyn nodded and her body started to release the Frost Energy. She then slowly descended into the swamp. As soon as her feet touched the surface of the swamp. The swamp froze in an instant, and more than ten kilometers of swamp were frozen just like that.

Tang Shaoyang was aware that it was not enough just to freeze them. It did not kill them, but they were trapped. The plan was simple, they killed any Calamity that broke out from the frozen swamp. That way, they did not have to face the whole wave of Calamity.

He split the eight Grade SSS Spirits into two parties of four. Then they split out, covering the frozen swamp. The Archaic Spirit refused to form a group, they moved on their own, leaving Tang Shaoyang and the Mythical Spirit - Karoen the Void Knight.

Karoen stood behind Tang Shaoyang, closing his eyes. He opened his eyes in a few seconds, "I feel the movement no far from her, Your Majesty."

Tang Shaoyang and Karoen moved together, and they found Calamity Mud Dragon. Its head popped out from the freezing swamp, breaking through while his body was still stuck. It wriggled its body, making its way to the surface.

Even though it was called a dragon, it was far from the dragon he knew. It was more like an alligator, but its legs were much longer. It was around two meters tall and reached ten meters long. Three blade-like horns on its head and its hide was made of something similar to steel. The hide was the material that people sought, and its horns also priced materials for the blacksmith.

The Calamity Mud Dragon noticed Tang Shaoyang, and it immediately spat two black fireballs from its mouth. Karoen opened the gate to the void and sent the fireball to the void. He then used Void Gate and appeared on top of the Calamity Mud Dragon. He swung the sword, trying to kill it with one swing.

Clang!

However, the sword was met with a high resistance and bounced back. Karoen was surprised and was about to try for the second time. But then The Calamity Mud Dragon's tail caught him, coiling around his body. That was right, the tail was so flexible that it managed to reach its back with its tail. As it was about to smash Karoen down, a sword flashed, cutting through Calamity Mud Dragon's head.

Its head plopped down as blood poured up. Karoen failed to recover as his body slammed into the hard surface of the frozen swamp. Tang Shaoyang put the body into his inventory along with its head, "Haven't you learned from Afi's experience? Don't underestimate this calamity, Karoen."

Karoen got up and bowed his head toward Tang Shaoyang, "I apologize, Your Majesty. I don't really expect its tail to reach me."

Between several moves that he imagined in his head, he never thought its tail could reach him. The tail looked stiff, and yet it could bend in a hundred and eighty degrees.

Soon they felt another vibration from nearby. Both moved and another Calamity Mud Dragon tried to get out. Karoen made his move even before The Calamity Mud Dragon managed to get out. The Void Knight's sword pierced through the Calamity Mud Dragon's snout and pulled it out. He pulled out the Calamity Mud Dragon into the air. At the same time, Karoen prepared spikes made of Void Energy at the spot where it would land.

The Calamity Mud Dragon landed on the spikes, and the spikes pierced through its body. From the belly to the back, trapping The Calamity Mud Dragon once more. Then he finished it off by cutting the head with one slash. The second hunt was more smooth than the first one, but the result was not great.

Tang Shaoyang came over and checked the prey. The condition was horrible, the hide was damaged. That damage would decrease the value of the hide. He understood that basic knowledge after hunting a few calamities in the last four days, "We are going to sell the hide, so refrain from damaging the hide. If you have the chance, aim the head right away. And also don't destroy the horn as well."

Karoen blinked his eyes a few times, realizing he made a mistake again. He had the chance to cut its head in one strike. But he decided to pull it out from the ice before severing the head.

Tang Shaoyang was not mad or anything. He understood from Karoen's perspective. His spirit was not a hunter, but a knight. The way of a knight fighting was completely different than a hunter fighting. He stored the body for the second prey, "Since you can kill them without my help, let's split up. But remember, if you have the chance to kill it without damaging the hide then do so. If you can't, then don't force it."

Karoen bowed his head, "Yes, Your Majesty." As he said that, he sensed a vibration from another place.

"Go. I will stay here."

Hearing the order, The Void Knight headed toward the vibration.

"This is much easier than fighting them in the swamp," Tang Shaoyang recalled his fight against The Calamity Mud Dragon.

It was not easy to fight them in the swamp. They were much faster in the water. But with Avyn's help, Calamity Mud Dragon no longer had the advantage. Not only did the frost aura make their movement stiff, but they were much slower if they were not in the water. That made them an easy target. Through Chaos Eyes, he could see dozens of Calamity Mud Dragons underneath him. And more than five hundred in the swamp.

That was right, by freezing the water, the Calamity Mud Dragon could not gang up on him anymore. Two days ago, after he killed one, dozens of them came at him together. That was what made them harder to hunt than the other Rank 2 Calamity.

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After two hours, the party gathered with their harvest. Everyone was doing well, not so troubled to face the Rank 2 Calamity. Again, the most significant contribution was certainly Avyn. Her Frost did not just restrain the calamity but also weakened them. That was the main reason why Calamity Mud Dragon and Calamity Mud Serpent were easy to kill.

In the two hours time, they managed to hunt two hundred and thirty-two Rank 2 Calamity. While many managed to break free from the frozen swamp, many also did not survive from the frozen swamp. He heard a lot of killing notifications even while everyone gathered around him. That meant they died because they were frozen for too long.

Tang Shaoyang put everything into his inventory, and his inventory would be half-full by the time he finished the frozen calamity. Unfortunately, the bodies of calamity could not be stacked. Each corpse took one spot of the inventory, "Can you return to the city, Arelion? I need to dump these bodies to Madaki."

The easy solution was to send one of his spirits to the city and switch positions with his spirit. By the time he finished harvesting the frozen calamity, his inventory would be half-full. On top of that, they were not that far from the city, so it would not take that much time for Arelion to reach the city.

The Infernal Wyvern immediately flew toward the city, and Avyn melted the swamp. The swamp returned to normal. Even though it melted instantly, the water was still ice cold. Soon the body of Rank 2 Calamity floated on the surface.

Not all Calamity Mud Serpents and Calamity Mud Dragons died, but Tang Shaoyang did not want to wait for too long just for another twenty or thirty Rank 2 Calamity. He planned to go to the next prey instead.

Tang Shaoyang did not leave a single body and his inventory was indeed half-full after everything. Four hundred and eighty-one Rank 2 Calamity mixed Calamity Mud Dragon and Calamity Mud Serpent. The serpent had a far more miserable time than the dragon who had feet. The serpent was wriggling in the ice without being able to control its body and became an easy target.

"We have killed a lot of Rank 2 Calamity..." At first Tang Shaoyang did not think much about it, but then he saw his inventory. Four hundred and eighty-two Rank 2 Calamity, meaning he got 4820 points in two hours, "Does that mean my name is in the top 100?" He immediately checked his current point.

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It did not show him the rank, but the system let him check his total points, "More than five thousand? I am almost in the top 20 even." He let out a chuckle. Two hours ago, his score was just a measly 253 points.

"We should look at something similar to the swamp. If we can find one more area like that with rank 2 Calamity. It should be easy to catch up to the first place," Vadir commented.

If all the hunt was this easy, then they really might catch up to Ian Carmen in a few days. Unfortunately, this was the only area where the calamity lived in the water. There was a similar lake, but the calamity inside the lake was Rank 4 and above. They had tried Avyn's frost aura on Rank 4 Calamity. She could freeze them, but that was it.

The Rank 4 Calamity easily broke free from the ice and fought them on the surface. Different from the stupid serpent that wriggled on the slick ice. The Rank 4 Calamity could fly, as if they could use a flying skill. That was what he tried yesterday, and the moment he realized the Rank 4 Calamity could fly, he escaped, not taking the risk of fighting the unknown Rank 4 Calamity.

"Aerelion is near the city, wait for me here."

Tang Shaoyang used [Spirit Switch] and switched places with Aerelion. Aerelion did not come closer to the city. The guards and the other participants might mistake Aerelion for a calamity if he came too close to the city.

As he arrived at the south gate, he received a sharp glare from the two guards. It must be because of the incident against The Sorc Clan. But it still did not make sense for the two guards to give such hostility just because of what happened.

He shrugged and walked past them into the city. Merely glare did not bother him. Instead of going directly to the market, he walked closer to the screen, curious about his rank. The bar to the top 20 was raised once more by five hundred points.

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He looked for his name. Even though the point did not differ that much, he was not in the top 30 or even top 40.

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Less than six hundred points gap, it was a close gap, but not so close in the rank, 'But getting top 20 today is feasible.' He left the square, going to the market to meet Madaki.

"Isn't it too early for you to come? I thought you were going serious starting today?" Madaki was sitting behind the counter of his shop in his tank top, waving his legs while having roasted peanuts.

Ever since receiving his Tortoine order, he never took another customer. That was right, Madaki was like Tang Shaoyang's personal butcher. He only worked for Tang Shaoyang and refused the other customers.

"I come to drop the bodies. My inventory is half-full, so I think it's better to drop them before going to the deeper area."

The burly man immediately stood up from his chair, waving his hand toward Tang Shaoyang to follow him to the workshop, "Do we have more tortoine today?"

Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "I told you, yesterday would be the last tortoine...." He noticed the tortoine still filled half of the workshop, "I don't think you have enough space...."

"Just fill the workshop. I rent a storage space, and you will put the remaining space there."

Tang Shaoyang dumped a little over a hundred of Calamity Mud Dragon. He stacked them up till the bodies touched the ceiling.

"Hoho... You really just want to hunt the calamity with high value, huh? Do you want to eat meat as well? I think Manoe will gladly take this fake dragon meat," Madaki checked the condition and furrowed his brow. From six bodies, he noticed three different marks. It was as if different people killed them instead of the same person.

After filling the workshop, Madaki led Tang Shaoyang to the workshop and dumped the remaining bodies. If he had a suspicion before, he was now sure that all these calamities were caused by different people. He saw the clean cut in the neck, Tang Shaoyang's signature way of killing the monster. But in some monsters, he noticed the crude cut and some of them seemed to be frozen to death as well.

"I thought you were hunting solo. Are you joining a party?"

"It's a party, but also not a party," They were his spirits, and it was not an official party, "I don't care about the meat. You can sell them to Manoe, and I will not take anything from you if you want. Alright, I am done here."

He switched places with Vandir without prior notice. The skeleton was shocked that he was suddenly in the storage space with unknown as well as calamity bodies. His dark aura flared out, thinking he might be in danger. But then he was recalled by Tang Shaoyang quickly.

Madaki witnessed everything, including the skeleton. That caught him off guard, and almost snapped at the skeleton. But then he quickly realized the skeleton was Tang Shaoyang's.

"So that's what he means by it's a party, but not a party. Necromancer-related class, huh?"

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"Are you okay showing me to him?" Vandir asked after getting re-summoned.

"I don't think it would be a problem. Just like others, he might think my class is a necromancer. That's why I choose to switch places with you," Tang Shaoyang had thought about it before switching places with his spirit. Showing Vandir would mislead Vandir further, and the reason he switched places from the city was because of The Sorc Clan.

He noticed two bear folks following him and waited outside the shop. From their movement, they might be ready for him outside the city. Instead of wasting his time fighting with the Sorc Clan, he chose to avoid them.

"They are quite annoying. Shouldn't we take care of them already?" Afi chimed in.

"Are you sure? Aren't they your descendant? I can see similarities between you and them," Vandir teased the warrior.

Tang Shaoyang glanced at Afi then he recalled the member of The Sorc Clan. Afi stood with two legs just like the Sorc Clan's members. Their bodies were covered in fur. While the fur might be different in color, both are indeed similar if not for their size gap. Afi was ten meters tall while the members of the Sorc Clan were varied. The tallest was five meters, and most of them were four meters tall.

"Maybe they are your descendants," Tang Shaoyang was serious when he said that. The blood of Urosa might thin out in the Sorc Clan's members. However, just as Vadir said, they might really be Urosa's descendants, "Do you want me to investigate them? Maybe we can visit your old world."

"They might be my descendant or maybe from my race. But it does not matter. Just like how you humans fought each other. We also fight between clans. Whether it is for territory or even food."

"That's true," Tang Shaoyang nodded, "Let's avoid them as long as we can. I don't want to get tangled up with unnecessary trouble."

Thanks to Enchanted Chart, he managed to avoid the calamity in his way as they appeared on the map. The map showed the registered Calamity in a five hundred meters radius. There were three colors, red, black, and blue. Red meant the calamity was on the ground, on the same level as him. Black meant the calamity was underground, and blue meant the calamity was fifty meters above the ground.

It was so helpful so he could avoid unnecessary fights and reach his destination. He named the forest Star Forest on the map. The reason was that the trees had star-shaped leaves in this forest hence it was Star Forest. The Calamity he looked for was Calamity Starrek, a one-meter-long bird.

Starrek was known for its beautiful feathers. They had purplish-green iridescent feathers, and at the end of the feather was white. That was the reason for the dot-patterned on their body. The dark gold beak and the streaking feather above their eyes made Starrek look so beautiful. One of the most sought materials in the city was Starrek.

However, the participants did not want to take the risk. Starrek moved, lived, and hunted in a big group. The smallest group of Starrek comprised twenty of them. The normal group size was around thirty to thirty-five. While Starrek was Rank 2 Calamity, the store owners who wanted Starrek admitted that their level threat could be the same as the Rank 3 or even Rank 4 Calamity. There was more than their group, their speed in the air. Starrek was one of the fastest calamities even compared to the Rank 4 Calamity. Not only did they move in a group, but they also moved too fast so it would be inefficient to hunt them. Without a proper plan, people would avoid engaging Starrek.

"There they are," Tang Shaoyang found the nest of Starrek. Starrek was usually nested in a giant tree. One group or family took a whole tree as their nest. He scanned the tree and found thirty-nine Starrek, "It's not my lucky day, hah. It's a group of thirty-nine."

"Isn't more Starrek better for us? More calamities to kill!" Afi sounded excited, thumping his chest.

"It's better if you guys can kill them all without damaging the precious materials. We need the feathers and the beak to trade more items."

There was still a long list of items he wanted from the Cladeos. At least for the first half-month, he would hunt the monster with good materials and get all the items he wanted before going for the high-ranked calamity.

Without asking, he immediately recalled Doombringer and Baccara. After witnessing how they were fighting, it would be impossible for the two to kill Starrek without damaging the feathers.

[Hey! Why me too? I can kill them without damaging the materials, probably.] Baccara protested.

Tang Shaoyang ignored her and activated [Dragon Transformation]. He was not confident doing it without his transformation or the integration. He needed one of the skills for assurance.

"Get ready!"

Right after that, his figure sped off toward the Starrek nest. He landed the kick on the big tree, breaking it down. At the same time, thirty-nine streaks flashed out of the tree toward the sky. The Starrek was too fast which made them hard to see.

The group flew toward the sky, out of reach of the attacker. Finding out the culprit who destroyed their nest. The group of Starrek made a U-turn, heading toward the attacker. Their speed was not something to be trifled with.

Tang Shaoyang could see the trail of their movement, and they were coming together at him, all thirty-nine. Everything went as he planned as he activated his skills, [Gravity Field]. It was a skill he developed together with Rosalie that originated from [Gravity Pull].

He formed a fifty-meter gravity field and increased the gravity by twenty times. That made Starrek move faster, and yet uncontrollable. With a blink, he moved to the edge of the gravity field as thirty-nine Starrek hit the ground with their beak first. Of course, that was not enough to damage their tough beak, but they were stuck to the ground because of the gravity field. That was the plan after learning Calamity Starrek's attack patterns.

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Calamity Starrek was an intelligent creature. That was what Tang Shaoyang learned about them from testing directly two days ago, and even his source information, Manoe told him so. If Calamity Starrek knew that they could not win or even defeat their enemy within a minute to three minutes, they would escape.

The only chance to kill them was when they first attacked. That was when they lowered their guard because they did not have information on him. As the thirty-nine Calamity Starrek's head stuck to the ground, Avyn made her move. She froze all of Starrek on the ground with her Frost Aura.

It was followed by Tang Shaoyang's Chaos Blade. Thirty-nine Chaos Blades formed above and immediately struck the designated target. The blade pierced through their neck and killed them. But not all blades hit the target. In that short amount of time, eleven Calamity Starrek broke free from Avyn's ice. Not only did they break free, but they managed to adjust to the gravity as well.

But Tang Shaoyang was prepared for this. Vandir made his move as ghostly hands came out from the ground, catching the eleven Calamity Starrek and pinning them to the ground once more. The Chaos Blade moved and cut their next move this time. With just a simple plan, Tang Shaoyang managed to kill thirty-nine Rank 2 Calamity.

"That was smooth. If Zara was here, we don't need the second control," The tactic was involved with Zara. But she was not here thanks to Oby who tricked him into eating aphrodisiac in the disguise of food.

Thirty-nine Calamity Starrek were stored in the inventory. Their feathers and beaks were in perfect condition. They would be valued high in the trade, and he might get everything he wanted in three days as promised.

"Can you just increase the gravity if they manage to break free?" Vandir asked. He did not like his role in this tactic. Known as a Death King, his role was so trivial, and he did not like it.

"Just bear with it for a few days, Vandir. If I use too much force, it will ruin the feathers. A few more days, get the item I want, then we can start killing the Calamity," Tang Shaoyang sensed the annoyance from the skeleton, "And remember, we are now a hunter. We must keep the goods in good condition." He winked at the skeleton.

Of course, Tang Shaoyang knew why the skeleton, who was usually calm, was annoyed. It was because Vandir got no chance to use his new thing. The Death King wanted to try his new creation but had no chance to do so yet.

After harvesting the body of Calamity Starrek, the group moved on, looking for another group of Calamity Starrek. In the last few days, he realized that the low-ranked Calamity was similar to the monster with ranks. He had a better understanding of calamity which gave him confidence that he would at least reach the top ten in the ranking.

It did not take long for Tang Shaoyang to find the second group of Calamity Starrek. The tactic worked wonderfully. The second group comprised twenty-one Starrek. Much less compared to the first group, and this hunt should be easier.

As soon as Tang Shaoyang got closer to the tree, the Starrek dispersed to the sky. It flew around the sky, eyeing Tang Shaoyang who remained on the ground. The same as the first group, the Calamity Starrek lurched together, side by side. The sudden gravity increase caused the group to dive to the ground.

Avyn immediately froze the Starrek on the ground, and Tang Shaoyang finished them off with the Slayer Blade. Since it was just twenty-one Starrek, he managed to kill them all before they could break free from Avyn's ice.

"It's going smoothly. The target is one hundred and fifty, and we have sixty already. Four or maybe five more groups, and we will change the next target." Tang Shaoyang happily gathered his loot.

It took Tang Shaoyang another three hours to hunt five more groups of Calamity Starrek. He checked the inventory, and he had a hundred and sixty-six of Calamity Starrek. That was more than enough for what the Cladeos Emporium asked for.

"What's next?" Vandir asked.

Before Tang Shaoyang could answer him, he heard the voice in his head.

[Summon me to you!]

That was Zara's voice. The former angel just woke up from her voice, and her voice sounded sulky for some reason.

"Are you sure? Don't you want to sleep more? We are doing fine right now."

[No! I have enough sleep!]

Tang Shaoyang recalled Zara and summoned her. The former angel took a form in front of him, back wearing her usual dark-violet outfit.

"We just finished hunting Calamity Starrek. Do you want to have breakfast?" He asked, guilty for what happened last night. That was quite a crazy night with so little rest in between rounds. He just used to do it with at least two or three of his wives.

"I don't mind a cup of coffee."

Tang Shaoyang had a lot of those from Oby. They set up a camp for a quick meal. He opened the lunch box made by Elin. Elin prepared a lot of lunch boxes, and he was gladly taking them with him. It was stupid to refuse good food.

"What's the next target?" Zara asked after finishing the cup of coffee. She was quite embarrassed because the only one overslept while everyone was working.

"We should not be far from the Calamity Doom Lizard's area. We can go for them. The alchemist wanted their hearts and eyes. The scales can be sold to Duvrag as well." That was his second prey of the day.

Doom Lizard was a black-scaled lizard. They did not move in a group, but they were not alone. They always found them in a pair or three with a maximum of four in a group.

The Calamity Doom Lizard was three meters long on average with the longest so far being six meters. They did not wander around on the ground but jumped from one tree to another. It was quite hard to find them because of their camouflage ability, but it was not that hard for Tang Shaoyang who had Chaos Eyes.

The party entered a new forest. He named this area a black forest with the reason because all the trees were black. Not just the trunks, but also the leaves and the roots that came out from the ground. The thick branch was the perfect place for the Calamity Doom Lizard to wander around.

"We need around five hundred hearts as well as two thousand eyes. Prioritize their hearts and eyes."

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Tang Shaoyang did not know what those alchemists did to those hearts and eyes. The thought of drinking a potion that contained the heart and the eyes of a creature grossed him out a little bit. It was just fortunate that he rarely drank a potion.

His natural regeneration took care of most of the wounds. Ever since he reached the Demi-God Rank, he never met an opponent on the same level with the Divine Dragon as an exception. He almost died back then, but his natural regeneration healed him back.

He never used such as Strength Potion, Speed Potion, or any other potions even though Yu recommended him to take those potions.

"I found a group of three lizards."

Tang Shaoyang signaled his party to stop and pointed at the tree where the three lizards camouflaged.

"But this one is troublesome," He pointed below, another group of Doom Trolls sauntered below the tree, right below the tree where the Doom Lizard was hiding. It was a group of five Doom Trolls, a Rank 4 Calamity.

Just like Tang Shaoyang and his party, the Doom Trolls were also hunting the Doom Lizard. The Calamity Doom Lizard was the Doom Troll's main prey. If he attacked the lizard now, those trolls would come for them as well.

The Doom Troll was armed with a spear and armor. Two of them had bows on the back, while the other three had a shield and a spear. They were totally different from the Rank 1 and Rank 2 Calamity they hunted before.

The troll itself was around four to five meters tall on average. They had black skin and hollow eyes. They looked like undead, but they were alive, or else they did not need food.

"I will fight the trolls, you guys get the lizard?" Vandir whispered in a low voice.

"Shouldn't we wait for the trolls to leave instead?" Zara could not help but ask. For the time being, Tang Shaoyang planned to avoid fighting the rank 4 Calamity.

"I should be able to take care of them," Vandir was confident that he would be able to take down five Rank 4 Doom Trolls.

"Nope, we will not fight them or hunt the lizard. We will look for another lizard instead. The troll is too close, and they might hear us fighting the lizard even if they leave the area. Let's find another lizard."

Tang Shaoyang was aware of the Doom Trolls living in the black forest. There are more than fifty Doom Troll villages in the forest. If they fought those five trolls, the whole village of Doom Trolls might come for them.

He waved his hand and pulled his party out of the area. As he went away, he used Chaos Eyes to check the troll village. Sure enough, there was a nearby village. If they fought the troll or attracted their attention, they might have to fight the whole village.

"Not now, Vandir. We are focusing on Rank 2 Calamity for now. And we must have some experience with the Rank 3 Calamity first before going for the trolls."

Soon enough, they found another Doom Lizard in a group of four. They crawled on the branch carefully. Just like how Tang Shaoyang hunted them, the lizards were currently hunting as well. They were coming for the Rank 1 Calamity Void Beetle. It was a bug twice the size of the human head. That was the lizard's main meal. The Void Beetle did not have any use, even the alchemist did not want them. That was why Tang Shaoyang ignored them most of the time.

"There are four of them. Each of us goes for one?" Tang Shaoyang asked the spirits. There was no tactic in hunting the lizard. A quick ambush should do the job, "At three! One... two... three!"

Four of them disappeared. Tang Shaoyang used Blink while Zara opened The Space Gate for Avyn, Vandir, and herself. Four of them appeared above the four Doom Lizards who were in camouflage. With his Slayer Blade, Tang Shaoyang went for the head.

The Slayer Blade went through the head and killed the lizard. At the same time, he heard the other three notifications. Zara cut the lizard's head with the Void Sword. Avyn froze them to death, and Vandir's lizard was upside down. However, there was no wound on Vandir's lizard.

"Are you curious?" Vandir asked as soon as he noticed his Master looked interested in how he killed the lizard, "It's my Death Power. There's a skill called Death Touch. It will kill a weaker being than

me, a huge limitation to the skill. However, it's quite effective to kill a big number of mobs." There was a reason why his title was the Death King. Not just because he was a necromancer, but because he wielded death itself. "Don't think about it, Your Majesty. It's cool, but not worth learning for the price you have to pay. It will consume your body and your mind," The Death King shook his head.

"Maybe we will find out more about Death once I find a way to utilize my Authority effectively," Tang Shaoyang was interested in sure. But he would not try to obtain it if it was unsafe just like Vandir said. He thought of learning about it from the Authority.

After storing the four lizard bodies, they continued to move up. The hunting for Calamity Doom Lizard went smoothly. They avoided the troll and hunted the lizards. Since they were quite small in number, it took Tang Shaoyang quite a while to finish the quota.

The night was approaching, and Tang Shaoyang was hesitating to continue. He checked his inventory, and he had four hundred and fifty-six. The warning from the store owner he was acquainted with was to avoid hunting at night unless he was confident.

"We have enough for the eyes, but not the heart. We need forty-four more hearts," He muttered, "Should we continue tomorrow?"

"Let's continue! It's just another hour or two at most," Vandir did not want to continue hunting the lizard tomorrow. He wanted a new challenge instead of the Rank 2 Calamity. That was why he suggested continuing even at night, "And you have sent Arelion near the city, no? We can return anytime if things get too dangerous."

"Alright, let's finish the quota for the day then we return," Tang Shaoyang hesitates, but forty-four hearts should be quick. His estimation would be an hour at most, "We need to be more careful though. The troll is more active than the day. It seemed they noticed that we were also hunting their food."

He continued the hunt at night. The first thing he noticed, as soon as the sun disappeared, it was harder to find the Calamity Doom Lizard at night even with his Chaos Eyes. As if the camouflage was more effective at night.

The second thing he noticed was that several villages sent out more trolls as it seemed like they were determined to find whoever took their food. The patrol was tighter than the day, and the Calamity Doom Lizard was harder to find. Hunting at night proved to be harder for a newbie like Tang Shaoyang.

"Finally, I found the last four," Tang Shaoyang let out a sigh of relief as he discovered the last four lizards to make it five hundred hearts. He had more than two thousand eyes because the Doom Lizard had six eyes. If he had five hundred, that would make three thousand eyes.

He was about to make the last move for the last hunt, but Avyn put her hand to stop Tang Shaoyang, "The troll found us. Don't you notice them? They were coming, hundreds of them!"

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brows. He stopped using his Chaos Eyes to scan, thinking they would not be discovered by the troll with how discreet they were. He did a quick scan and found out, three hundred trolls surrounded them, coming toward his direction.

"It seems we have to return for the last four tomorrow," He did not want to fight the troll yet. Since he had set up Arelion for return, he might as well end the hunt for the day.

As he was about to use [Spirit Switch] with Aerelion, he heard the Infernal Wyvern's voice in his head, sounding apologetic as he gave the bad news.

[I apologize, Master. Something killed me. I did not see what killed me, but it killed me in a split second.]

Chapter 1496 Unlucky Encounter?

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow, concerned about the thing that killed Aerelion. Even though Aerelion was a Grade SSS Spirit, even a God Rank could not one shot-killed him. And yet, in the area near the city which was supposed to be the low-ranked Calamity. Aerelion was killed without knowing what thing killed him.

Avyn, Vandir, and Zara did not know the bad news since they were summoned. However, Doombringer and Baccara overheard the conversation. The two Archaic Spirits spirited up, realizing they were about to fight the Doom Trolls.

Tang Shaoyang was in a situation where he was forced to fight to get out of the encirclement. However, their Master made an unexpected decision.

"We will not fight, Vandir," He noticed the eagerness from Vandir to fight the trolls. With how Aerelion was defeated, he felt like fighting the troll might attract a similar Calamity, "Aerelion was defeated, and he did not know what killed him. We better leave than take the risk."

He might have five more lives, but he was not going to take a suicide fight. Not until he knew something about the calamity in the night. All the people he knew in the city warned him about the night, and he did not expect the disparity between the night and noon would be this big. Something killed a Grade SSS Spirit without knowing what killed him. That was enough for Tang Shaoyang to be extra careful.

[It might be Rank 9 or maybe Unique Rank Calamity. You should go back and maybe report the Administrator about your discovery. A Unique Rank Calamity near the city, they might plan to breach the city.]

Doombringer, who was always crazy about fighting, made an unexpected suggestion. The Behemoth suggested dipping out as well instead of fighting the trolls.

"Doombringer said it might be Rank 9 Calamity or even maybe a Unique Rank Calamity. We should dip before more of those things come for us!" Tang Shaoyang was firm with his decision.

He did not wait for an agreement from Vandir and Avyn as he recalled them back to the Spirit Worlds. Then he turned toward Zara, "Open the gate to the safe area. We will not fight the trolls."

At the same time, he noticed the trolls pulled out their bows from the back. They pulled the strings as an arrow made of Void Energy formed. Before Zara could form the gate, they released a salvo. More than eighty Void Arrows shot toward Tang Shaoyang.

"Get the gate done. I will take care of the arrow."

Tang Shaoyang faced the Void Arrows head-on, raising his two hands. Chaos Energy burst out from his hand, and he used Absolute Domination Energy to nullify the Void Arrows. To his surprise, he failed to dissolve the arrows and hit his shoulder.

He felt the stink of pain on his shoulder. His blood flowed out as the arrow managed to pierce his scales as well as his passive defensive skills. He touched the arrow, and the arrow dispersed.

"The gate is done. Are you okay?" Zara was concerned that the arrow managed to wound Tang Shaoyang.

"I am fine. Let's leave!" Tang Shaoyang shook his head and entered the gate. Zara followed after him.

The trolls went berserk and their prey managed to escape. Some of them managed to leap over and reach the branch. Six Doom Trolls wanted to follow Tang Shaoyang into the gate, but Zara was quick to turn off the gate. The gate disappeared as the trolls went through.

"Grarrgghhhh!"

The Doom Trolls roared in fury. Their roar echoed through the forest, causing the trees to shake slightly.

The roar was quite terrifying that Tang Shaoyang heard them even from a distance. The gate was three thousand meters away from where they were. He and Zara exchanged glances. From her facial expression, she had the same thought about the roar.

Tang Shaoyang opened The Enchanted Chart and chose the direction to go back. He and Zara went together. The reason he did not recall Zara was for another emergency case where he needed her portal gate.

Kept his Chaos Eyes open, increasing the area to watch as well as the height to keep watch of the sky. He was on high alert all the time, preparing for the worst in case he met something that killed Aereion. Moving from one tree to another tree at a steady pace. Not too fast, but too slow either.

Just after a few minutes, he caught The Doom Troll's movement. It was a big group of more than eighty trolls. They were running toward him, jumping like a monkey, agile and quick.

"They caught on..." Tang Shaoyang said in a low voice to Zara, "It seems like they have something to find us. Let's make another gate ahead. Try to make the gate further this time."

Zara nodded and cast the spell. It took her more than thirty seconds, but then The Doom Trolls caught up. They surrounded Tang Shaoyang and the biggest troll, roaring, pointing toward Zara who tried to form the portal gate.

The leader of the Doom Troll signaled for his archer to shoot. In the following moments, the troll archers formed their arrows while pulling their bows. Thirty archers from the four directions, aimed at Zara.

Tang Shaoyang activated the Divine Armory, forming a small portal next to him. He pushed his hand into the portal and pulled out shields. Divine Armory was the advanced version of the Domain of Paragon Armament. He just needed to think about what he wanted, and he could pull them out from the Divine Armory.

Holding a giant shield in each hand, he smashed the arrow made of void energy. Of course, he used Absolute Energy Domination. He was ready for the other trolls to jump at him, but then he found the surroundings suddenly grew quiet.

He observed the surroundings and found out the Doom Trolls were looking in one direction, right above him. He found what they looked at, a creature right above him, standing on the branch right above.

It was a creature similar to a tiger. The tiger had black fur, all black. It had glowing violet eyes, eyeing between him and the trolls. Three meters tall and nine meters long with a tail. Its tails swayed around, preying between Tang Shaoyang and the trolls.

The Doom Trolls looked terrified and that made Tang Shaoyang cautious of the creature. He looked up and activated [Detection].

[??? | Calamity Rank: 8 | Level: ???]

Tang Shaoyang now understood why the trolls were cautious. It was Rank 8 Calamity, worth five thousand points. A single of this creature was worth five hundred times the calamity he had been hunting. He would be entering the top ten right after killing it. But would I try to hunt a Rank 8 Calamity?

Chapter 1497 Catching Up The Rank?

"The gate is ready," Zara informed him.

He snapped out of his thoughts after hearing Zara's voice, and Tang Shaoyang was quick to make a decision. He would not try to fight it. He reminded himself that he had a daughter and that he should not go crazy as before. If he died, he could not imagine how his daughter would grow up without him. Despite having five lives, he did not want to take the risk.

At the same time, the tiger calamity made his move. A shadow came out like a wave, blanketing the area.

Tang Shaoyang sensed the presence of the tiger calamity, moving toward the Doom Troll's group. The creature chose the bigger meal. He then left the area with Zara.

As Zara closed the portal, she furrowed her brows, "How did they find us so quickly?"

She could not help but think about it. She was talking about the Doom Troll, not the tiger calamity, confused about how the troll found them so quickly. It took the Doom Trolls ten minutes to catch up despite using the portal gate.

"Maybe a trap? We triggered their trap for lizards?" He could not help but think about it. It was a detection spell for the lizard, and they triggered. Of course, it was just his assumption as there was no way for him to find out. He was not adept in magic, only knew what he learned from the skill.

Tang Shaoyang shrugged it off and followed the map once more, "Let's try to move on the ground instead."

The land was not so smooth because of the roots that came out from the trees. The giant root made the travel quite annoying. But in order to try their conjecture to avoid the troll's detection. They chose the land path.

The journey was smooth as the trolls did not chase them anymore. They came out of the dark forest, returning to the star forest where The Calamity Starrek lived. During his journey in the star forest, it was another thing that was weird. He could not find a single group of Calamity Starrek.

As he traveled through the forest, he halted and then stopped Zara as well. The reason was that he found something stronger than the tiger calamity. It was a massive snake with twelve pairs of wings, flying past the forest.

It was more than a hundred and fifty meters tall with feathered black wings. It had a singular horn on its forehead, reaching twelve meters long. The scales were glowing in gold as if it was telling to look at it. A massive glowing snake at night, and yet no other calamities attacked it. It just proved how strong this snake was, confidently flying in the sky despite the glow and its massive size.

The aura he sensed was stronger than the tiger. He thought of using detection, but he was concerned that might get that snake angry. He kept the creature in mind and asked Madaki later what kind of calamity this snake was.

It took a while as the flying snake did not fly that fast. After making sure the snake was far enough, they continued. The remaining travel was quite safe, not encountering any high-ranking calamity.

The city was in sight, but trouble awaited him. The Sorc Clan was waiting at the city gate. This time thirty bear folks stayed outside the gate. More people were ready to go to an all-out fight.

"Hahh..." Tang Shaoyang let out a sigh, "Can't they just focus on the trial instead? What's the point of looking for me?"

"If it was before, they might ignore you after a few days, but not now. Your name is quite high in the ranking. They will get half of your points if they kill you." Zara delivered the unfortunate news.

The Sorc Clan had justified reason to hunt him down after the clash earlier. If it was before he beat their people, they did not have a strong justification to gang up on one person. But now Tang Shaoyang gave them the reason.

"Tch," Tang Shaoyang clicked his tongue, "Should we fight them and get it done?" He was quite annoyed that he did not finish his hunting. He needed three more Doom Lizards, but because of the troll. He had to leave before he could meet the quota.

"I don't want to fight them right outside the gate..."

Now his name was on the ranking list. He did not want to show his power in front of many people. If the other participants watched the fight. They might think of a way to kill him to take the point. Especially when he was known as a solo participant. No faction backed him up, no friends that fought alongside him as well.

"Can't you make the portal inside the city?"

Zara shook her head, "It's not possible. There is something that prevented me from forming a portal inside the city. It seems like the System enforced the regulation of no skill inside the city."

"I guess I have another idea," Tang Shaoyang summoned Grade SS Spirit, Arkanos the Ice and Fire Blade.

Arkanos was a human, wearing plate armor with two blades on his back. He looked like a rogue knight, and he did not look suspicious at all. Since Zara could appear in the city, it meant summoning or a summon was not a problem inside the city.

"Go to the Madaki Store in the market!"

Arkanos followed his order, running as if he was being chased. It was quite good acting for someone who returned alone after the night hunting. He was quite fast and soon reached the gate. The Sorc Clan people stopped him, asking Arkanos to open the helmet.

After making sure it was not Tang Shaoyang. The Sorc Clan let Arkanos enter the city. The two old guards were quite sharp, sending a sharp glare to Arkanos. They found out that Arkanos was a summon, but they did not stop the rogue knight.

The plan was smooth, and Arkanos soon arrived at the market, right in front of Madaki's store, "I have arrived, Master!"

Tang Shaoyang smiled as he recalled Zara then he switched position with Arkanos. The hunting for the day was over, "I should check my ranking first."

Tang Shaoyang killed 166 Calamity Starrek and 497 Calamity Doom Lizards. It was quite a harvest even though it was just Rank 2 Calamity. With how efficient his party was, he could get that much in a day. He checked his point instead of the ranking.

[Tang Shaoyang - 11,703]

"It's in the top ten, right?" He believed it was enough to enter the top ten list. Maybe that was the reason why the Sorc Clan sent more people after him.

Chapter 1498 Format Change For The Trial?

Tang Shaoyang entered the store and found someone else on the counter. A seventeen-year-old boy looked slightly younger than Lu An. He was sitting on the counter, reading a book with a brown cover.

The boy looked up as the sound of the door opening rang. He furrowed his brow, looking at Tang Shaoyang's shoulder.

Following the boy's gaze, he realized the wound from the void arrow had not healed yet. However, he barely felt any pain in it.

The boy came from the counter, approaching Tang Shaoyang. He then took a look at the wound with a frown, "You are infected by void energy." He then looked up as if he were a doctor giving a diagnosis, "Are you sure you don't want to get the cure?"

"It's healing up on its own. It was worse ten minutes ago. I should be fine in five or ten minutes," Tang Shaoyang checked the wound with his energy.

There was energy that tried to make the wound worse. He felt that when he concentrated on the wound. However, the void energy failed to achieve it. The Chaos Energy fought back, but that was the reason why he healed much slower than before.

"Where's Madaki? I have today's quota ready."

"Are you Sir Tang Shaoyang?" The boy asked once more instead of leading him to Madaki. However, he did not force Tang Shaoyang to use a potion for his wound.

"I am."

The boy turned around, motioning his hand to follow him. They went to the workshop where Madaki and ten other workers were finishing dismantling Calamity Mud Dragon and Calamity Mud Serpent.

There was a last pile for Calamity Mud Dragon. It seemed they left Calamity Mud Dragon for the last.

"I thought you were not going back tonight or maybe dead after trying to hunt at night." The burly man noticed Tang Shaoyang and joked.

"I think I'm almost dead," Tang Shaoyang was not joking, "I met a Rank 8 Calamity, something like a tiger but all black..." He told Madaki about the black tiger he met in the dark forest.

Madaki stopped whatever he was doing and looked up at Tang Shaoyang. He tried to see if Tang Shaoyang was joking or being serious, "Is that a joke right?"

Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "Nope. I am not joking." He told Madaki about his encounter with the black tiger. How the tiger chose to go for the troll instead of him.

"Is that wound from that black tiger?" The boy stayed next to Tang Shaoyang, but could not help to interject after hearing that Tang Shaoyang escaped.

He looked at the boy, then he looked at Madaki. His face was asking who the boy was.

"He is my son." Madaki showed a big smile, "He is kinda weird with how obsessed he is with the calamity even though he is still Myth Rank." He shook his head with a sigh as he mentioned the last part.

"Hello," The boy suddenly became polite, saying hello and bowed his head slightly toward Tang Shaoyang, "My name is Derekh."

Madaki suddenly laughed, making Tang Shaoyang confused, but then he explained, "It seems like my boy acknowledges you, Tang. Maybe because you escape from Rank 8 Calamity, Void Tigris.

"I see..." Tang Shaoyang nodded, inside weirded that the boy was obsessed with calamity, "Ah, the wound is from The Doom Troll. I was quite careless and let a void arrow hit me. Void Tigris does not even look at me."

"I see..." The boy nodded his head, "That means The Void Tigris is wary of you." He looked at Tang Shaoyang, "Do you know Void Tigris' favorite meal?"

Tang Shaoyang was not interested in the boy at first, but then it looked like he was about to give him new information about a calamity, "Human?"

"That's right! If it did not feel how strong you are. It would choose you over those trolls. The Void Tigris might find you quite troublesome to fight, so it chose the Doom Trolls instead. Not because there are more Doom Trolls. It could chase the troll after killing you, but it did not try to hunt you."

Now Tang Shaoyang could see the admiration in Derekh's eyes.

"I also met a high-rank calamity, not far from the city..." He described the glowing snake.

"Did it attack you?" Derekh immediately asked, more excited than Tang Shaoyang expected. He responded with a shake.

"It's Calamity Blighted Serpent. While it has a beautiful appearance, its power is actually a curse. That one is quite nasty to fight. I don't recommend you to fight even if you are confident in killing a Unique Rank Calamity. While that serpent is Rank 9 Calamity, people still avoided it. It's better to one-shot kill it than take a prolonged fight against it."

The boy was quite serious with his advice.

Madaki furrowed his brow and asked in a concerned tone, "Did you see it near the city?"

"Not too close, but not too far either. If I fly at full speed. It will just take me ten to fifteen minutes. What's wrong?"

"It seems like you are quite unlucky to have nasty main Administrators. You are supposed to meet Rank 8 and Rank 9 Calamity far from the city, far further than the location you meet with the serpent even at night. However, it seems like the Administrator chose this dangerous location so they can hunt some Calamity too."

Madaki explained, shaking his head at how nasty the Administrators who worked in this trial were. For someone who had opened the shop more than ten times for the Trial of God. He even took one trial for himself, and the area near the city was supposed to be safe.

"It's quite dangerous this time. There's a chance that the calamity might attack the city. It's rare, but it can happen."

"What happens to the trial if the calamity attacks the city?"

"The participants will be forced to defend the city. The content of the trial might change. It may be changed into city defense but with the same format. Kill calamity to get the points. However, the city defense is usually more dangerous than the usual hunt. Because the high-ranking Calamity will join too."

Derekh was the one who explained. The boy was familiar with the rule of the Trial of God.

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow, "One of my summons was killed, and it was killed in the forest outside the city. He died without being able to see what killed him."

The son and the father looked at him, anticipating what Tang Shaoyang would say next.

"While my summon might be weaker than most participants, he is supposed to be between Demi-God Rank and God Rank if I have to put a rank. He is quite strong, and yet, he died without being able to do anything."

Bam!

Madaki slammed the table where he dismantled the materials. He was visibly upset from his facial expression, "Those damned greedy Administrator! We really might get the city defense trial."

The burly man then looked at Tang Shaoyang, "The Calamity might attack the city. Get ready for the city defense test. In the city defense trial, the administrator will take care of the Rank 7 Calamity and above. Of course, they will get the materials as well. They might want the materials from the high-rank calamity. The easiest way to obtain it was to incur a city defense trial instead of going out to hunt them. Those lazy bastards!"

"Ah, the one that killed your summon. It might be a Unique Rank Calamity. You have to be careful if you want to hunt at night."

That was quite a lot of information for him to digest. He nodded, "I don't know what to prepare, but alright. I have some drops for you."

"Put them in the storage. I will get it done tonight."

Chapter 1499 Confrontation With The Sorc Clan

Tang Shaoyang walked back to the lodging. Walking through the street absentmindedly, thinking about the city defense. The city defense would be chaotic for sure. The participants were not just the guards who prioritized protecting the city, but also rivals who would not hesitate to do something extreme for the high-ranking position in the trial.

The main problem would be the kill steal. Stealing the killing of the dying Calamity from the other participants. That was what would most likely happen. If it would end with just that, then that should be fine. However, it might become a bigger problem, a fight between the participants during the city defense. That would be a nightmare, and there was a possibility that they would fail to defend the city.

"What will happen to the trial if we lose the city?" He did not ask Madaki.

What if a swarm of Unique Calamity invaded the city and got all Administrators?

"Will I be trapped in this world?" That was a nightmare if that was what would happen if they failed in the city defense. With his ability, there was no way he could return to Earth.

"I should ask Oby..." He muttered in a low voice, picking up his face.

Tang Shaoyang found the group that was not supposed to be in front of his lodging. The group of bear folk, four of them, standing in front of the building. It was clear that they were waiting for him.

He let out a chuckle, shaking his head. The Sorc Clan went this far just for him. At this point, he found it funny. He took nothing from them, and he did not even kill one of them. Yet they kept going for him for almost a week.

They were not allowed to fight inside the city, so he was not concerned even if they waited for him. As he found them, they also discovered him. The three bear folks were leaning against the wall. Now they stood straight, looking him in the eyes.

Tang Shaoyang ignored them and tried to enter his assigned lodging. However, the three bear folks immediately blocked the entrance.

"What should I do? Can I hit them if they are unreasonable like this?" He talked by himself, not the bear folk.

"Is the Tortoine really that precious for you guys to go this far?" He blurted out the question, purely curious why The Sorc Clan had to go this far for just Rank 1 Calamity. The meat might be expensive, and the shell was also material that was sought for. However, it was not like he took all Tortoines and left them nothing.

"It's not about the Tortoine! It's about the Sorc Clan's dignity! You are challenging The Sorc Clan by not listening to the warning!" The bear folk in the middle answered in a solemn and deep tone.

Tang Shaoyang chuckled, shaking his head, 'Are you guys expecting all people will listen to you guys wherever you guys go?' That was what was in his head, but he did not say it out loud. It was as if this Sorc Clan was a big faction.

'Are they bigger than Nirvana Alliance?'

Nirvana Alliance comprises seven big factions in the God Realm. For the bear folk to be this arrogant, they must be on the same level as the Nirvana Alliance. He knew nothing about them and did not want to escalate the situation further.

"So what does The Sorc Clan want from me?"

The three bear folks exchanged glances, not expecting Tang Shaoyang to relent so easily like this. After a moment, the bear folk in the middle replied, "Give everything you have gotten, including the money, items, and points you have to our temporary leader! That's the price you must pay for challenging The Sorc Clan!"

It was ridiculous to the point that he almost laughed. He held his laugh as his smile disappeared, looking at the bear folk in the middle. He did not know if there was a way to transfer the points he gained, but he would not ask these people even if he was curious.

"I am familiar with people like you guys. Just because I am trying to make up things with The Sorc Clan, you think that I am afraid of you guys!" He shook his head, "Since you don't want to make peace, then so be it. Move before I move you three!"

"If you refuse to pay up, The Sorc Clan will hunt you down during the remaining trial. We don't care if we get nothing from the trial. We will not stop until we take what is supposed to be ours!" The bear folk in the middle said it out aloud. His voice was so loud that people started to gather on the street, watching how the situation would unfold. These people expected a fight for sure.

Tang Shaoyang forced his way, bumped into the taller bear folk, and pushed them away. They were not expecting Tang Shaoyang to use such strength to push them. Two bear folks reacted, reaching Tang Shaoyang's shoulders to hold him.

Without hesitation, Tang Shaoyang grabbed their hands and twisted their hands. The cracking sounds were heard and followed by the two bear folks's pained shriek. He did not keep holding the hand and pushed the two bear folks.

The bear folk in the middle were not expecting Tang Shaoyang to be so daring. He gathered his energy in his right and was about to strike Tang Shaoyang's head. However, a hand held his hand, putting his hand to a stop.

He was surprised that someone stopped him and looked at the person who stopped him. It was the Admin Helper, but he did not back down. He had the justification, "He attacked my friends first!" He pointed at Tang Shaoyang.

"I saw everything. The matter ends here. If you have a dispute outside, then resolve the dispute outside the city. If you or your clan try to do something inside the city, then it will not end with just disqualification. The Administrator will come to your clan!"

Ira stepped up. She had been watching how Tang Shaoyang would solve the problem. However, she did not expect him to twist their arms.

"It applies to you too, Tang Shaoyang!"

Tang Shaoyang just shrugged and entered the lodging. The bear folk were dumbfounded that Tang Shaoyang got away just like that.

"You are not doing your duty! He should be punished for attacking my friends!" The bear folk looked into Ira, "The Sorc Clan will file a complaint to the Administrator for not doing your duty. This is favoritism. Just because you know him, you don't punish him!"

Ira smiled, "You can file a complaint, but make sure not to hide what you did as well. The Sorc Clan might have a big influence in your worlds, but that name is nothing here!"

Chapter 1500 Tips From The Experienced

It seemed like everyone inside the building overheard his conversation with the Sorc Clan. Everyone inside was looking at him as he entered the lodging. They gave him a weird look, including Oby who stood behind the counter. He walked to his usual spot at the counter.

Since most of the participants were in a party, they mostly sat at a table. He was one of the few loners in the thousand participants.

"It seems like you are not in a good mood," Oby said while wiping the glass in his hand.

Tang Shaoyang squinted his eyes at Oby, "You know what happened, but you did nothing."

"I did something. I called your sponsor to take care of the issue, no?" Oby smiled. He had called Ira long back when the three bear folks stood in front of his building. There was nothing he could do to the three because they were not making a ruckus.

Right after Oby said that Ira entered as well. The cook gave a glance at the female Admin Helper before whispering to Tang Shaoyang, "You still have to face the Administrator. Even though they are in the wrong, you are quite rough. So be careful, especially Amos."

Tang Shaoyang raised his eyebrow, recalling the person called Amos. He remembered the person called Amos. The man who hated dragons.

"What's the worst that can happen to me?" Tang Shaoyang asked, hoping Oby would spill to him so he could be prepared for what would come.

Tang Shaoyang raised his eyebrow, recalling the person called Amos. He remembered the person called Amos. The man who hated dragons.

"What's the worst that can happen to me?" Tang Shaoyang asked, hoping Oby would spill to him so he could be prepared for what would come.

"Point reduction will be the worst," It was Ira who answered the question. She took a seat next to him, "But don't worry though. You probably just need to give the Sorc Clan the healing potion as compensation."

He noticed Ira looked more cheerful compared to the last few days. There was no need for him to guess what happened. She must have seen his name on the list. That was what made her happy.

"Tch," Tang Shaoyang clicked his tongue, "I don't even want to give them the healing potion." He no longer found his issue with the Sorc Clan funny anymore, "I hope they will really come to me tomorrow." He added in a low voice.

Oby and Ira exchanged glances, surprised to hear that it came from Tang Shaoyang's mouth. The cook immediately changed the topic, "What do you want for tonight? Want another Tortoine Steak?"

"NO! If you ever give me another Tortoine dish. I will never eat in your place anymore!" The dragon meat was still out of stock. Instead of trying another dish, he ended up just ordering the drink. He then took out his lunch box and ate his wife's food.

"You are not allowed to bring food from other places and eat here!" Oby raised his voice.

"This is not from the other places in this city. It's my wife's cooking. She prepared a lot for me," The answer left Oby speechless. He could not say anything when Tang Shaoyang said it was his wife's cooking.

Ira stayed for a glass of drink before leaving, "Keep up the good work, Tang." Those were her words before leaving.

Tang Shaoyang did not mention anything about Rank 8 Calamity or even the possibility of the Unique Rank Calamity. That was because Ira was part of the Administrator, and she might be one of the followers of the mastermind who wanted to change the trial into the city defense.

Having finished his food, he enjoyed Oby's beer. He was polite enough not to take out his Scorching Beer. The people on the first floor started to return to their rooms. After everyone left with only him and Oby also the workers in the kitchen.

"Do you know anything about city defense, Oby?"

Oby stopped wiping the glass in his hand for a moment, frowning his brows. A few seconds later, he continued and put the glass on the shelf behind him. Then he took a chair and sat across Tang Shaoyang.

"Where do you hear about city defense?"

"Madaki, my personal dismantler..." Tang Shaoyang told Oby about his conversation with Madaki. He also told Oby about his encounter with Rank 8 Calamity as well as how Aerialion was killed.

"I see... Void Tigris... Blighted Serpent..." Oby muttered in a low voice. His finger tapped the counter, "Did you find more Rank 2 and Rank 3 Calamity than Rank 1 Calamity?"

"How do you know?" Tang Shaoyang was surprised.

He found more Rank 2 Calamity and Rank 3 Calamity or even Rank 4 Calamity than Rank 1 Calamity. He thought it was normal that Rank 1 Calamity was hard to find. The Rank 1 Calamity was the lowest food chain. They were food for the higher-ranked Calamity.

"Hmmm..." Oby hummed, rubbing his chin as he was in thought, "There's a possibility The Administrator wants to change the trial into the city defense. Maybe that's why they added more participants for the trial..."

Right before the trial started, there was a little change for the trial. The participants for the trials were doubled and also more times for the trial.

"So what will happen when we fail to defend the city?" That was the thing he was most curious about.

"Don't need to worry about it. If your point is enough, you will still advance to the next phase. It's just that you will lose the opportunity to get more materials from Calamity. This is a rare chance for you to find Calamity," Oby waved his hand.

The answer assured Tang Shaoyang that he would not be staying in this world even if the city defense ended up failing. That was a relief.

"Do you have any tips for me for the city defense? Something that I need to prepare, anything?"

Oby smirked when he heard the question. Of all the participants, Tang Shaoyang was the only one who had been asking for tips about the trial. It was a new experience for him because most of the participants already understood everything about the trial.

"Tips? Sure why not," Oby made a serious face, "First, make sure you get rid of your enemy! In city defense, Calamity is not only our enemy."

The moment Oby said that Tang Shaoyang understood what he meant. He fought a swarm of Calamity and also put his guard against the other participants. That was dangerous for sure.

"Second, potion. You will need potions, a lot of them, " As soon as Oby said that, he noticed something from Tang Shaoyang. He was well aware of what it was, "You are asking me for tips, and yet you are underestimating the city defense. You still don't know much about it, do you?"