

## Armipotent 1661

Chapter 1661 Azure Dragon Descent 1

Birom signaled to the other teams to start the attack when the roots came up from the ground and summoned more Dryad Calamities. The battle began outside the wall, and he focused the fight here. He and his core team were in the front.

The Dryad Calamity was also good in its elemental magic. The difference was the elemental they mastered. The calamity was good at their dark fire, applying the fire in their attack.

The tree calamity spawned the dryad non-stop as if the tree could spawn them with no limit. Birom focused on the outside, afraid that the other teams might get overwhelmed.

Fortunately, the highest rank was Rank 8 Dryad Calamity. There was only one Rank 8 in three hundred Rank 7. The calamity horde was dominated by Rank 6 and Rank 7.

That was when he realized that the calamity outside was not as dangerous as he thought. The other teams should be able to handle them without him and his core team.

Birom looked toward the city wall. He saw the void gate and how Tang Shaoyang cut the roots. He was surprised by the move. Tang Shaoyang was no longer on the wall.

'Is he inside?'

He could not find Tang Shaoyang anywhere. However, he felt the strong aura from inside, mixed with the calamity tree's aura. The two overwhelmed auras clashed which made it hard to identify whether one of them was Tang Shaoyang's.

"Get ready to break through and enter the ruin!"

Birom signaled his team to advance forward. Despite being overwhelmed by numbers, he and his team did not struggle at all. They killed every calamity with a few moves.

"Go!"

When he said go, he thrust his spear forward. A big spiral formed around his spear, tearing apart the calamities in front of him. He made a path for his team, and his team members followed.

"Our mission is to make sure Tang Shaoyang doesn't die. His safety is a top priority!"

Birom sent his commander for his team. If things were getting too dangerous, then they better retreat while getting Tang Shaoyang to safety. Tang Shaoyang's relationship with Executive Arion was what prompted him to make such a decision.

Halfway to the wall, they sensed the ground shake got fiercer and fiercer. His team members exchanged glances, and Birom focused on making a path for his team.

They managed to go through a thick wall of calamities and jumped to the wall once more. The first thing they did was to look for Tang Shaoyang.

It was not hard to find Tang Shaoyang. They found him near the calamity tree's trunk, alone. The transparent tortoiseshell blocked all the roots and branches from above.

Blow the shell, they saw Tang Shaoyang fight a higher rank Dryad Calamity. The Dryad Calamity flooded Tang Shaoyang with their spells, but those spells were blocked by that shell. Those spells could not destroy the shell.

Biom took a deep breath as he watched the fight. Those calamities could not land a single hit on Tang Shaoyang. The roots and branches were split apart by a single attack. The dark fire spread out, reaching the tree's main trunk.

A question appeared in his mind, 'Could I do the same if we were in the same situation?'

He shook his head, unsure of the answer. Then he noticed the Dryad Calamities were running toward Tang Shaoyang, all of them. Even the calamities outside the ruin. That proved the calamity tree was in trouble.

"We must stop them to get to Tang Shaoyang!"

Biom had a change of mindset now. Instead of fighting together, side by side. He chose to support Tang Shaoyang who fought in the frontline by himself.

Despite the distance, he could see the wide grin on Tang Shaoyang's face. Tang Shaoyang was enjoying the fight, not getting pressured by the calamity tree, at all. That was why he decided to support instead of helping Tang Shaoyang.

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Tang Shaoyang's attention was on his enemies, just the tree and its soldiers. He enjoyed the moment. Each swing that landed on his enemy gave him satisfaction.

He was on his own, like a dream until someone ruined his dream.

[OI! OI! OI! Summon me too! I want to try my best!]

Vandir yelled loudly in his head. Not just the skeleton, Doombringer, Karan, and Afi also screamed in his head.

Tang Shaoyang woke up from his dream. He realized he was alone, his spirits were not with him from the start. In his mind, his spirit was fighting with him. That was what he always did.

He laughed and summoned all his spirits except for Zara who was in Spirit Integration with him. Then he summoned The Skelly Family as well to make it fair between his skeleton and spirits. Once they were out, he felt the difference.

There was so much less pressure from the calamity tree, and the battle was turned into a very easy mode. It was a normal difficulty before he summoned spirits and skeletons.

The roots and branches split the focus to the spirits and skeletons. The calamity tree was getting overwhelmed by his summons.

Tang Shaoyang was a bit disappointed as he stored his World Destroyer back in the inventory. He kept the Azure Blade Dragon because he needed it to kill the tree.

Tang Shaoyang walked forward, approaching the calamity tree. He was surrounded by Chaos Blades, killing and destroying the roots and Dryad Calamity that came for him. The Skelly Family took care of the mage, resulting in much fewer spell attacks on him.

He effortlessly reached the calamity tree's trunk. The wound from Heaven Severing World was not healing. The black blood still flowed from the wound.

"This is it?"

He muttered in disappointment. The previous king from the previous calamity kingdom was stronger than this one. Except this one seemed to spawn the Dryad Calamities non-stop. An unlimited army against mental-oriented attack, had its pros and cons, circumstantial ability that had an advantage in a certain circumstance.

The calamity tree seemed to notice Tang Shaoyang who was so close to the trunk. It tried to direct all its roots and branches at Tang Shaoyang. However, it was futile because his spirits stopped the attempt.

"There is a skill I haven't tried. Let's see if it's enough to kill you in one strike!"

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Swoosh!

Tang Shaoyang's figure shot up into the air. In the blink of an eye, he was already above the tree. The people looked like ants from the top, fighting against the calamities.

The Chaos Energy spiraled around his body. Then a golden, giant gate formed above him, radiating in golden brilliance. The celestial opened as Tang Shaoyang raised his sword.

The Chaos Energy congregated on his sword and wrapped the azure-colored sword into a dark crimson. By the time the celestial gate was fully opened, Tang Shaoyang swung his sword down toward the tree.

At the same time, a dark crimson dragon came out from the gate and roared. The roar reverberated in the air, sending a shock wave.

The dark crimson dragon followed the sword and descended together with Tang Shaoyang. The dragon image was bigger than the tree, and it looked like the dragon swallowed the tree.

Tang Shaoyang landed on the same spot, with his sword on his waist level. It looked like a normal downward swing. There was a dark crimson dragon coiled around him as if the dragon was alive instead of just a manifestation of an attack.

The Dryad Calamity stopped moving, and the others also stopped their fight. They looked at the giant dragon image, going through the giant tree.

They stopped for a moment, and then they realized the Dryad Calamity stopped moving. Not just the calamity, but the ground also stopped shaking at the same time. As everyone wondered what happened, the giant tree slowly split into two. A clean cut in the middle.

Everyone had their attention on the tree. They witnessed the giant tree slowly split to the side. The tree slowly fell to the side, followed by a massive amount of blood pouring down, flooding the ruin.

As the calamity tree fell to the ground, the Dryad Calamity also fell. They died as the tree died as well. The fight was over. The battle did not last that long despite facing a kingdom.

It was one calamity, but that one calamity was strong enough to be categorized as a kingdom.

Tang Shaoyang himself was surprised with how strong the skill was. Then he found out that the dragon image was coiling around him. It was much smaller than the one that cut the tree, but it gave off an ominous aura.

"This is not Azure Dragon..."

It was dark crimson instead of azure, which was weird.

His spirits gathered around him as well, looking at the coiling dragon around him. The first one to ask was Afi, The Urosa Warrior.

"What was that just now?"

"A skill from the sword," He showed the sword to his spirit, "Fortunately, I don't test the skill at home."

"I guess it's sort of buff. How long will it last?" Vandir came over and observed the dragon. The image was life-like. It stared back at the skeleton.

Tang Shaoyang shrugged, "I don't know. I wish there was an explanation for each skill." He then sheathed the sword, and the dragon manifestation disappeared.

"I don't know how long it will last, but I know how to get it off now."

He said sarcastically as he put the sword back into his inventory, "Stop lazing around, Vandir. Get your undead to work and get all the materials!"

The skeleton looked away from Tang Shaoyang. Usually, the duty fell to The Skeleton Army, but the Skeleton Army was not summoned. He commanded the undead to gather the high-rank materials. Especially for the knights and mages, they were mixed of Rank 9 Calamity and Unique Rank Calamity.

Boom!

A blast was heard from a direction not far from them. The Death King immediately glanced toward the explosion and said in a cold voice, "One of my undead is attacked!"

Tang Shaoyang also looked toward the explosion and also felt Vandir's emotion. It seemed the undead died under the attack. He felt Vandir's anger which confused him.

Vandir was considered as a spirit and the undead should be a spirit too. That meant the undead had not actually perished. The undead could be re-summoned again just like the law for the spirit.

"No! My undead is an actual undead. I can't re-summon them if they perish!" Vandir could read what was in Tang Shaoyang's mind and explained.

The undead who carried the spoils dropped the bodies and all undead moved toward the explosion, including Vandir. Of course, Tang Shaoyang also followed Vandir, wondering what happened.

The Dryad Calamities died alongside the calamity, so who attacked the undead?

In the blink of an eye, they arrived at the location. Hundreds of undead surrounded a person who was holding a Dryad Calamity knight body. The man was terrified when all the undead were on him.

'Yet another fool!' Tang Shaoyang thought, 'What did this person expect when he attacked one of the undead?'

"You dare to kill my creation!"

Vandir was about to grab the man's neck, but someone appeared between the two. He was Ayson, one of the team leaders from the 16th Fort. He used the sword and deflected Vandir's hand.

Vandir's attention focused on Ayson immediately. He radiated a killing intent when his gaze fell on Ayson. The skeleton wanted to kill Ayson and the person behind Ayson.

"Enough! If this is a prank, then your prank has gone too far, Tang Shaoyang!" Ayson was aware that the undead belonged to Tang Shaoyang. He ignored Vandir and looked at Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang let out a chuckle, "A prank? Shouldn't the person behind you know the most if it's a prank or not?"

Ayson turned around, and his eyes fell on the dead dryad and also the undead remnant undead. Even though he did not see what happened, he could picture what actually happened.

"It's just one undead. Why are you—" His words stopped midway as he sensed a sinister aura and strong killing intent from the skeleton he ignored earlier.

His eyes widened in shock because it was a stronger aura than him. That was enough to tell him that this skeleton was on the same level as him.

Birom appeared between Ayson and Vandir, "What about if we listen to what he has to say first?"

Chapter 1663 Catching A Thief

Birom's aura neutralized Vandir's aura, making the atmosphere less intense. Vandir was ready to launch the attack.

"Calm down, buddy. Let's listen to what they have to say first," Tang Shaoyang stopped Vandir. If he did not say anything, another battle would break out.

The Death King might kill the majority of people here until Arion came to interfere. He did not doubt that. Birom might be able to fight Vandir on the same level, but the others would not be able to handle Vandir's undead. On top of Vandir's undead, the other spirits would not miss the chance to fight as well.

"Can you explain what happened, Lando?"

Birom recognized the man and asked what happened.

The person named Lando looked at his surroundings, the spirits and the undead. They looked at him as if he was a prey. That terrified him since he knew what they were capable of.

"T-th-th-this un-undead tri-ried to steal my spoil!" He raised his voice, trying to beat his nervousness with his loud voice.

"Steal my spoil? What an interesting thing to say," Tang Shaoyang smiled and came over, looking at Lando closer, "Did you kill that thing in your hand?"

Lando swallowed a mouthful of saliva, meeting Tang Shaoyang's eyes. That smile made him even more terrified, "Yes! I killed it! This is my spoil, but the undead tried to steal it from me! That's why I kill it!"

"Interesting... Interesting..." Tang Shaoyang glanced at Birom. The latter let out a sigh and lowered his head. Even though Birom knew Lando was lying, everyone knew.

"At least make a believable lie, you see. Like self-defense because the undead tried to kill you or something close to that."

Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "Someone like you would not be able to defeat his undead if you fight him head-on. You ambushed the undead, but you failed in your first ambush. Then you tried to get rid of the evidence by killing the undead, but you made a loud noise in doing so."

He already knew everything. It was exactly like he said.

Lando tried to ambush the undead to take the body. However, he failed the ambush. The undead was still alive, and he ended up using more power to kill the undead in panic. Vandir told everything through telepathic messages.

Sure enough, Lando's pupil dilated, surprised that Tang Shaoyang knew exactly what happened even though he maintained his expression. But Tang Shaoyang caught it from the eyes.

"Also, I don't see anyone but me and my spirits during the battle. You were still outside the ruin when I killed the tree. So how do you kill that dryad knight that only spawned near the trunk?"

Lando panicked, and Birom lowered his head. The Chief Administrator did not know what to say. On one hand, he wanted to protect The Senior Administrators. On one hand, he wanted to be fair with Tang Shaoyang as well.

"What do you think, Birom? How should we handle this? My spirit is so angry right now."

"You are his Master! You should control your spirit! Furthermore, it's just one undead!" Ayson tried to protect his team members.

Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "You just made my spirit angrier, Ayson. To you, it's one of many undead. But the undead is like a son to him. So, are you saying it's okay for your subordinate to kill his son?"

He was telling the truth when he said Vandir got angrier. But he lied about the undead being like a son to Vandir. To him, those undead were an interesting subject for experiment. He just lost one of his experiments over something for no reason. That was what made him angry.

"What do you want, Tang Shaoyang?" Birom let out a sigh and asked. Everyone knew who was in the wrong.

Tang Shaoyang shook his head again, "I don't regard my spirits as a subordinate. They are more like an equal partner to me. You should ask my skeleton what he wants, not me. They have their own will."

Birom and Ayson looked at Vandir, furrowing their brows. They did not feel good about this.

"An equal exchange. My undead life for his life! I need a replacement, and he is a good replacement!"

"You can't! I will not let you kill my people!" Ayson was the first one to say, "I will fight if you try to kill my people!"

Everyone heard a chuckle right after hearing Ayson's answer. It was not Tang Shaoyang. They looked in the direction, of a spirit with a thick jacket and with goggles. The spirit kept releasing the cold air and had no face, not even eyes behind the goggles. It was Radiance who chuckled earlier.

"Let's fight then, boss! Don't you need more materials? They are delivering themselves to be your materials!"

It was followed by a battle cry from Karan. The three-meter dark-skinned orc raised his axe to the air. He also expected a fight.

Of course, that was the last thing Birom wanted to happen. He did not want to give up Lando's life. It was too much, an undead for a Senior Administrator. But a fight might break up if they did not come up with a solution.

"Calm down guys. What about if we let the involved settle it on their own? Let them fight, and the winner takes the loser's life?"

Tang Shaoyang came up with a solution, "We give this Lando a chance to keep his life. Isn't this fair?"

Birom looked at Lando who had a pale complexion under such high pressure. Then he looked at the skeleton who seemed to agree with the suggestion. He was about to say yes to the suggestion until something fell next to him.

Bugh!

Everyone looked toward the thing that just fell from the sky. Then they looked up.

Executive Administrator Arion was right above them. He pointed at the thing he threw, "As I said earlier, Tang. I don't want any Administrators dead, not in your hands. Your spirit can take that calamity as the replacement for his perished undead."

Chapter 1664 Fail Raid

Tang Shaoyang and Vandir looked at the thing that fell next to Birom. It was a beast, a four-headed lion. The dark mane covered the neck down to the back. Smoke billowed from the paws, and it had no tail. Ten meters long and four meters tall, lying down no longer breathing.

The beast's condition was perfect. No big wound on its body still had all four legs. There was no hole with a bloody wound. The body was flawless, making people wonder how the creature died.

Before Tang Shaoyang could ask Vandir's opinion, the skeleton immediately took the body. The Death King immediately brought back the beast alive in excitement.

The four pairs' eyes opened, and the four-headed beast immediately stood up. It had black eyes, all black. Its ankles lit up in the black fire, the mane lit up in the black fire as well, and it had tails now. It regrew the tails, three tails made of black fire.

It scanned the surroundings before it treaded toward Vandir, asking for a pet. Vandir was too happy to give it the pet and returned to the Spirit World of its volition. The skeleton did not care about Lando anymore or even cared for his task of gathering the bodies.

The skeleton embarrassed him for sure, leaving without saying anything. But people could tell that the skeleton was satisfied with the compensation.

Tang Shaoyang looked up and was about to complain, but Arion was gone a long time ago. The guy disappeared from the sky as if he never came.

"My skeleton likes the compensation, so we will not pursue it further," Tang Shaoyang walked toward Lando and took the Dryad Calamity's body from Lando, "But this is mine. If you want it, then you should come with me and kill it yourself."

He did not wait for Lando to say anything as he immediately put the body into his inventory.

"Everything around here is mine! What I killed is mine, but you can do anything outside this area! Take what you kill!" He declared.

"That's not fair! We found this place first, and we fought together!"

Of course, people would not just accept it. A Senior Administrator, not from Birom and Ayson's team, stepped out and did not accept the declaration.

"We fought together? When? I don't recall any of you on my side during the battle? Isn't it fair to get what you kill? Isn't that the rule?"

Tang Shaoyang would not give up easily of course. In fact, he was being less greedy for not taking the Dryad Calamity near the wall already. Even though he could not use them for his spirit advancement, he could use them to summon a new spirit. It might be enough to summon a Mythical Spirit or even a Low Archaic Spirit.

He was confused even more about what they wanted to take from this humanoid calamity? Part of their bodies could not be used as materials. There were no horns, teeth, or even leather that could be useful. But then he realized the armor, sword, and robes could be re-used to make something new.

Birom was relieved of that one problem thanks to Executive Arion, but he had to face a new problem. He understood Tang Shaoyang's perspective, but he also understood the others' perspective.

However, this one was easier to solve than the previous one. Both sides had not yet lost anything, different from the previous issue.

"As Tang Shaoyang said, you take what you kill. That's a common spoil split. We will do that here as well!"

When The Chief Administrator said it, the other teams could not say much.

"This is still unfair! We found this place!" The same person who complained earlier could not accept this, but Birom calmed the man down.

"Be grateful that he is willing to share the ones in the outer area. It's not an exaggeration to say he killed that thing by himself. None of us helped him in the fight, we didn't lose anyone in the fight as well. This is a good result for a kingdom fight!"

The man accepted it after being persuaded by Birom. Birom then returned to Tang Shaoyang's side.



"We are grateful for your help. Without you, it might take us days or even weeks to beat this thing. We might lose many people as well."

That was Birom's genuine feeling. He still remembered how many died in his first battle against a kingdom. It was a miracle that all of them were survived. It was as if there was no risk in fighting the kingdom even though he knew very well the risk.

"THOSE FOOLS!"

Arion's angry voice resonated in the air. No one knew where he was from the voice until the person next to Birom and Tang Shaoyang.

"5th Fort tried to take a kingdom near their location without reporting to me. They failed miserably, and the kingdom is now attacking the fort. Go there and help them!"

Tang Shaoyang almost took out the map that Arion gave him. But he remembered no one was supposed to know that map. He pretended to look at Ira who had regrouped with him.

"Do you know where 5th Fort is?"

Of course, Ira did not know. She shook her head, "I don't know. I don't think we have explored that big area yet."

"I know where it is, and you just need to follow me!" Arion was annoyed by the farce.

There were Administrators to be saved, and Tang Shaoyang still acted like this.

"You can bring Birom and the other teams first. I still have things to take care of. I will have one of my spirits follow you, so I can switch places later," He pointed at the dead calamities around him.

Arion looked at Birom and the other teams. They were excited to fight another kingdom, meaning more rewards for them. However, The Executive Administrator shook his head.

"They are too slow to follow me. A few of them could match my pace, but I don't the others could. Those people in the 5th Fort might die before we arrive if I follow their pace. Get one of your spirits to follow me. The fastest one!"

Chapter 1665 5th Fort (1)

It was an easy pick for Tang Shaoyang. He chose one of the trios Revenants, Rokian to hide in Arion's shadow. There was no need to pick someone who could match Arion's speed when he had one who could hide in Arion's shadow.

"That makes me comfortable, but whatever," Arion shrugged.

Arion was about to leave, but Tang Shaoyang stopped him.

"I have one question!"

The Executive Administrator turned toward Tang Shaoyang, "Make it quick!"

"Why don't you save them yourself!?" That was what puzzled Tang Shaoyang. Arion clearly could help them, but why did he ask him to save the 5th Fort? The others might have the same thought as him.

"You don't understand!?" He clicked his tongue, "It's because of you! Because you killed many Junior and Senior Administrators during your trial."

"The Executives figure out that our people are still too weak to die in the hands of a participant. We create this mission to give you credit, to make you guys stronger, gain more experience, so you guys don't die in the hands of a participant next time."

"But I figured out that you are an anomaly, not that they are too weak. Are you satisfied now?"

Without waiting for Tang Shaoyang to respond, Arion's figure disappeared.

Birom and the other Administrators looked at Tang Shaoyang in surprise. Then they lowered their heads in embarrassment.

This mission was a justification to give credit to them. Not because they needed to claim the world. It was not like the System needed a new world urgently to expand the God Realm. But one more world reserve did not hurt.

However, by saying that, Arion just admitted that Tang Shaoyang was stronger than most of them. Right before their faces.

Birom let out a sigh and said nothing. He turned around and gestured to the teams from the same fort to get their harvest.

"Do you want to join another kingdom's raid?"

Birom halted his steps and turned around in surprise. He furrowed his brow and questioned himself, 'I did not hear it wrong, right?'

"What do you mean by that, Tang Shaoyang?"

"As I said, do you want to join another kingdom's raid? If you want, I can lend one of my spirits. You can follow my spirit. He will lead you to where Executive Arion is heading to."

Birom was happy, but then he furrowed his brow. Tang Shaoyang must want something from them, or else he would not be so kind to offer such a thing. Especially after what happened just now.

"What do you want in exchange?"

"Nothing, but you must keep in mind that I can't guarantee you will arrive in time before Executive Arion."

Birom exchanged glances with the other team leaders. That was the truth that they could not match Arion's speed. But the experience and spoils from a kingdom were too tempting to refuse. Not just that, the kingdom is worth a lot of contribution points as well.

"I will pass. The 5th Fort is too far, and you might have won the fight by the time we arrived there. I don't think it's worth the time to travel there for nothing."

Birom did a quick calculation in his mind. Executive Arion would arrive first for sure. Tang Shaoyang would be there as well since he overheard Tang Shaoyang could switch places with the spirit.

Based on how long Tang Shaoyang beat the kingdom just now. They would not be able to join the fight. There was also an x-factor that they would have to fight the calamity on the way. They could not sneak their way with how many they were.

The other team leaders realized the issue and also decided to stay. No one wanted to take the risk.

Tang Shaoyang shrugged and summoned his Skeleton Army. That surprised them, looking at Tang Shaoyang in anger. They thought Tang Shaoyang wanted to kill them. Of course, he would not summon his Skeleton Army to kill them. He summoned the skeleton to gather the materials for him since Vandir neglected his duty.

Biom, Ayson, and the other team leaders looked at the knight and the mages in regret. The other team leaders might want to fight for those, but only if Biom is on their side. However, Biom made sure that he would not take what Tang Shaoyang killed. Without the Chief Administrator, they did not dare to make the move.

There were two reasons why he made such an offer for Biom. First, he wanted to do advancement, and he did not want them to see the process. Second, he wanted to take all the bodies, so he could try to summon a new spirit with the Rank 6 and Rank 7 Dryad Calamities.

His attempt failed, so he did not have any other choice but to keep the bodies in the inventory instead of using them immediately. He walked toward the giant tree. The black blood flooded the area, reaching his calf.

"Can I save it in my inventory?" The tree was so big, so he wondered if it could fit in his inventory.

Tang Shaoyang touched the flesh tree, and it disappeared. He could put the tree in the inventory. There was nothing to do but wait for Arion's call.

"What about us?" Ira and the others came to him.

They heard it as well that their captain would go to the 5th Fort.

Tang Shaoyang honestly forgot about his team. He used to move alone all the time. But the solution was easier than he thought.

He pointed at Karoen, "He can form a portal gate..." Tang Shaoyang realized that he could bring everyone with him to Karoen's portal. The Void Knight did a better job of making a portal gate than Zara.

Karoen could set up a portal here, and he could set up and connect the portal to another on the other side.

"Tell Biom that they can join the fight as well if they want."

"I will convey your message, Captain!" Renan took the initiative and ran to the outer side.

"Why do you want to help them all of a sudden? You are about to kill them all just now," Nayla was confused by her Captain's swing mood. She could not read what he wanted, at all.

Chapter 1666 5th Fort (2)

"Did I look like I wanted to kill them all?" Tang Shaoyang recalled what happened, but then he did not feel so, "It's not me, but my spirit did want to kill the person who killed his undead."

"As for why I want them to join us... Nothing, really. Maybe to form connections with them? Maybe because I don't dislike that Biom guy too. It's not like they will get anything by joining the raid."

"I will pretend not to hear the last part, but it's good if you want to make a connection with Chief Administrator Biom."

Ira responded positively with the answer, "Chief Birom comes from an influential background. You can make a connection with his faction if you can form a good relationship with him. That will help you to fight The Nirvana Alliance."

Nayla wanted to say something when The Nirvana Alliance was mentioned, but Birom came over with the other team leaders.

"Is that true you can make a portal for us?"

"I can do that if you want to join the fight. I remembered I have a spirit capable of doing that. Do you want to join the raid?"

Birom's eyes shone, and he felt Tang Shaoyang was not as bad as he thought, "Yes! My team will join the raid, but I can't speak for the other teams."

Birom turned toward the other team leaders. He did not question whether Tang Shaoyang was lying or not about the portal. Different from the other teams, especially Ayson's team. Ayson was uncomfortable accepting the offer, especially with what just happened now.

The other eight teams agreed to join as well, and Ayson had no choice but to follow them. He did not want to be alone in this area. If something happened, no one could help him and his team.

Karoen formed the gate, a ten meters long portal gate. But it was not yet connected. Now they had to wait for Arion. It was not a long wait, half an hour. It was in fact fast.

Rokian sent a telepathic message to him, telling him they could switch places now.

Tang Shaoyang recalled his spirits and Skeleton Army before activating Spirit Switch. He switched places with Rokian after, and he was caught off guard because he was in the air.

He almost embarrassed him by falling down, but he managed to react in time. Of course, he heard a chuckle from the side. Arion found it funny.

Tang Shaoyang ignored Arion and scanned his surroundings. He was right above a fort. The fort was protected by a red barrier, and it was under siege by calamities.

This time all the calamities were beast-type, the beast that mutated into a calamity. The black-furred wolves moved in groups of fifty to seventy. Their bodies underwent a transformation, seven meters long and three and a half meters tall. They had many white spikes on the back, and their eyes were all black.

This wolf was just one of many calamities. Something that looked like a tiger, cat, bear, and many more, surroundings the fort.

As for the number... The calamities were too many to count. He would not waste his time counting how many there were. Then he looked down at the fort.

The Administrators hid inside the fort, behind the barrier instead of fighting the calamity. They did not even try to attack the calamity from the wall.

He understood the situation because there were less than fifty people inside the fort right now. Those numbers were too little for ten teams. They looked terrified, watching the beast outside the fort.

Tang Shaoyang glanced at Arion and was about to ask what to do. However, Arion was no longer on his side. He did not know when the guy left, and he could not sense Arion's movement as well. That guy was for sure dangerous.

"He doesn't want his people to die, but he doesn't want to save them himself. What a prick! At least, come with me so these people would not be suspicious of me."

If he came directly by himself, the Administrators inside the fort would not open the gate or the barrier for him. They would be suspicious of him.

He actually did not need to enter the fort and could just fight these calamities right away. But he needed to get inside to drop his team and Birom at the safe place.

"Can I enter the fort with Blink?"

Blink was a short teleportation skill. He hoped to go through the barrier with the skill. It was worth trying, and he did it.

Bugh!

However, Blink could not go through the barrier. He smashed his body and face onto the red barrier. It immediately alerted the Administrators inside.

The bell resounded as one Administrator on duty shouted.

"WE ARE UNDER ATTACK! WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!"

"I am not your enemy. Executive Arion sent me as reinforcement!" Tang Shaoyang turned around and faced the calamity.

He just made himself known to the calamity. They would attack him, but to his surprise, the calamity did not try to attack him. The flying calamity even did not come for him.

"Then why are you trying to sneak into our fort instead of talking to one of us!?" One Senior Administrator asked. They were clearly suspicious of Tang Shaoyang.

"Because I don't want to alert those calamities! Open the barrier!"

The calamity's attention was on Tang Shaoyang, eyeing him from a distance as if he were their prey.

"Don't open the barrier! He might be part of the kingdom!" A woman came out from the lodging and yelled.

Tang Shaoyang glanced at the woman, "Are you dumb? Do I look similar to those calamities? And if I am a calamity, how do I know Executive Arion's name?"

Despite how convincing his argument was, they did not open the barrier for him. Tang Shaoyang understood their actions. They were terrified and in fear because they lost many of them in the earlier raid.

Tang Shaoyang was made at Arion who left him alone here.

"This is your fault, you f\*cker Arion! You asked me to save them, and you leave me here alone!" He cursed Arion, annoyed with how irresponsible this guy was.

Chapter 1667 5th Fort (3)

Tang Shaoyang had two choices. Breaking the barrier with his Absolute Energy Domination and connecting the portal. The reinforcement would convince these Administrators that he was on their side.

The other choice was to fight by himself. He drove these calamities away, and then he connected the portal gate.

Tang Shaoyang made up his mind and came down. He decided to fight and then connect the portal later. Forcing his way into the fort might create a misunderstanding, and they might attack him.

When his feet landed on the ground, he activated three skills: Dragon Transformation, Spirit Integration, and Wrath of Slayer. Then he summoned his spirits and skeleton, including Vandir despite his refusal. The Skeleton Army was also summoned. Just like that, he had his own army.

There was no need for a verbal command from Tang Shaoyang. The Skelly Family commanded the Skeleton Army and launched the attack. The spirits went on their own, chasing the calamity.

There were giant bird calamities in the sky. Baccara and Aerelion showed off who was the king in the air.

Tang Shaoyang formed Chaos Blades and supported them with his blade from afar. He used Detection on many calamities. The highest rank was Rank 9 Calamity. The Rank 9 Calamity was not strong enough for him to enjoy the fight.

He created spears of black fire and then shot them at calamity from the distance. He walked slowly, strolling on the battlefield. Despite their overwhelming numbers, the calamity was pushed back.

The calamity from the other side came to help, but it changed nothing. Even though he did not join the fight, the battle ended quickly. It ended quicker than usual for sure. But then he found out the reason, Vandir.

That skeleton used all his undead, including undead Tang Shaoyang to fight. He wanted to end the fight as quickly as possible so he could return to Spirit World. That made Tang Shaoyang curious about what was so special about the four-headed lion.

Tang Shaoyang could not ask the skeleton because Vandir returned to Spirit World as soon as the calamity retreated. He was not planning to give chase like he usually did.

Packing up the battlefield, he kept the calamity in the inventory. He did not like how his inventory was almost full. He must use them to get all his spirit to reach the High Archaic Spirit.

After retrieving all the bodies, he returned to the fort. This time all administrators were above the gate, watching the battle until the end. Then they stared at Tang Shaoyang as if they looked at a monster.

"What are you doing!? Open the gate now!"

Driving away the calamity was enough to make them believe that he was one of them. They turned off the barrier and opened the gate.

The same woman who shouted not to open the gate rushed toward him along with the others. She bowed her head, and the others followed.

"I apologize for doubting you, Sir! Please understand our situation. If you want to punish us, then punish me! They are listening to my order!"

Tang Shaoyang did not expect this kind of action from them. They were administrators, having such high pride and ego. It was not easy to make them bow and apologize like this.

"You fool, humans!" He roughed his voice and teased them, "We can take the fort now!"

Sure enough, they were startled and looked up in horror. That was a funny reaction for sure.

He waved his hand at them and went past them, entering the fort with a smile, "I am joking."

He heard them exhale in relief, all of them. They thought they were done when they heard the response.

The next thing was that Karoen formed another portal gate and connected it with the one in the previous kingdom. The first one to come out was Ira and his team members. He expected that the other administrators would not believe him so easily. They would use his team to test the portal.

Birom followed after them. The Chief Administrator looked around. The fort was still fine, and the barrier was not active. 'The situation is not as dangerous as I thought.'

The other administrators followed and filled the fort.

"Chief Birom!" The woman called out in joy, happy that a Chief Administrator had come to the rescue.

"Anne!?" Chief Birom was surprised as well to find the woman was there.

The woman named Anne rushed over and hugged Chief Birom for a moment, "Thank you for coming to help us, Sir.

"You should thank Executive Arion instead. If not for him informing us what happened here, we don't know you and your fort is in danger," Chief Birom looked around, looking for someone.

"Where's your team leader?"

"Captain Lendar died... He stayed behind when we were getting overwhelmed by the force from the kingdom. We don't know what happened to him," Anne lowered her head, sniffing when the man named Lendar was brought up, "He ordered us to activate the barrier and report the situation to Executive Arion."

Birom and Anne certainly had a close relationship, more than just friends. They might be from the same factions or maybe related as a family.

Chief Birom let out a sigh and said in regret, "Why don't you guys report it first before raiding the kingdom?"

He shook his head before Anne could explain anything, "Never mind. Let's talk about it later. Where's Sir Arion? What about the calamity? Sir Arion said the fort is under siege?"

Anne furrowed her brow because she did not see Executive Arion. Only one person was coming. That person was the infamous Administrator Killer. She found out from her friend just now that the man who drove the calamity was the infamous Administrator Killer.

"I don't know where Sir Arion is. I never see him," Anne looked around, trying to find Tang Shaoyang.

The infamous Administrator Killer was not around, and then she found him on top of the wall. She pointed at where Tang Shaoyang was.

"He is the only one I see, and he has driven out the calamity. We are safe for now."

Chapter 1668 People Mind Is Complicated

Tang Shaoyang looked in the direction where the calamity retreated. His Chaos Eyes could not reach where the kingdom was, but he must be in the right direction. He stood on top of the wall, waiting for Birom and the others.

They took so long, and Tang Shaoyang almost went by himself. Birom came in time before his patience ran out. The man slightly bowed his head toward him.

"Thank you for saving Anne. She is my former Admin Helper and also a team member. I have considered her as my daughter. I am grateful that you come in time and save her."

"There's no need to thank me. I am just doing Ar..." Tang Shaoyang paused for a moment, "I am just doing the task that Executive Arion requested me to do."

He almost called Arion with the name. That might not be good for Arion. Not that he cared for Arion, but the job was a job. He was here as Senior Administrator, not The Emperor.

Then he noticed the conversation would continue. There was more that Birom wanted to say, and he knew it would be long. He cut him off before Birom could say whatever he wanted to say.

"I am going to leave for the kingdom. I will leave you behind if you dawdle around."

"NO! Don't fight the kingdom! At least we must wait for Sir Arion if we want to defeat the kingdom!" Anne raised her voice. The fear and concern mixed in her tone. Despite what Tang Shaoyang showed her, she did not have the confidence to beat the kingdom.

Even though they had gathered more teams now, and another Chief Administrator with them. Anne still did not believe they could defeat the kingdom unless Executive Arion joined them.

Her team captain, Lendar was a Chief Administrator, and he could not do anything but watch his friends die. Less than half survived the failed raid, and they had lost the spirit to fight after what they experienced.

Birom glanced at Tang Shaoyang. He knew Lendar, and how strong that man was. They were about on the same level on everything. They never fought to find out who was stronger, but the gap between them was minuscule.

Then he compared himself with Tang Shaoyang. There was no need for him to fight Tang Shaoyang to see the gap between them. He already knew the gap between them after witnessing Tang Shaoyang against the kingdom earlier. The gap was so big that they had no chance to win.

If someone could win against Tang Shaoyang, it would be The Executive Administrator and a few certain Chief Administrators who were stronger than him. This kingdom was most likely not a problem for Tang Shaoyang. Or else Executive Arion would not entrust the task to Tang Shaoyang.

"There's no need to wait, Anne. Executive Arion requested him to handle the kingdom."

"We just finished fighting a kingdom, and it took him less than an hour to wipe out the kingdom."



Birom realized that the administrator teams in this fort might be in low spirits after the defeat. They were still in fear after their loss, losing their strongest administrator.

"You and the other administrators from this fort don't have to join the raid. But we need one to be the guide."

Anne furrowed her brow. If it was not her former mentor, she would not believe his word. There was no way for one person to defeat a kingdom in less than an hour. That was just a ridiculous lie. But she knew too well her former mentor. He was not someone who would joke around in this kind of situation.

"We don't need a guide. I have found where the kingdom is."

Tang Shaoyang sent the trios Revenant to where the calamity retreated. It did not take long for them to find where the kingdom was. The Revenant found the location quickly. And he had checked the Enchanted Chart as well. That was the main reason he found the location so quickly. Arion gave him accurate information about the kingdom's location.

"You just need to tell us what kind of calamity that killed your captain. Did you meet the king?"

Tang Shaoyang asked that so his team members would not be stupid to go after the dangerous calamity. He was afraid that they might be careless just because they were with him.

Anne hesitated for a moment, but she gave her answer, "I will join the raid too. I want to avenge Lendar and the others."

"Just so you know, I am not protecting you during the raid. You are on your own!" Tang Shaoyang immediately told her that he would not be responsible for them if they joined the raid.

He could tell that they were not in a good condition to fight, not because they were injured but their mentality. He was not going to babysit them during the raid, but he needed their information.

Anne was surprised because she felt like it was natural for them to help each other. She heard many notorious things about this man, and she started to believe it after hearing this from the man himself. She thought he was decent, different from the rumors at first.

But he might be not far from the Administrator Killer in the rumor. The reason he saved them was because of Executive Arion, not because he wanted to.

"But why? We are fellow administrators, aren't we supposed to help each other? Why don't you want to protect us?"

Anne dared to question Tang Shaoyang now. She was very respectful at first, but the situation changed now. She viewed Tang Shaoyang as a savior who saved her before. Her mental state was not good, at the bottom.

However, the situation is different now. She was aware that she was safe now. There was another reliable figure on her side, someone she could trust, Chief Administrator Birom. Her muddled mind became clear now, and she no longer put Tang Shaoyang above her even though he saved her and the others.

In her mind now, it was natural for him to save her and the others. They were comrades, from the same side. They should help each other.

Chapter 1669 The Third Kingdom (1)

Tang Shaoyang chuckled and found it amusing how this woman switched one hundred eighty degrees in such a short time.

"Do we? I don't recall the administrators in my trial taught me that lesson. And if you need my protection, that means you are not strong enough to join the raid."

He took a few steps close to the woman, meeting the woman's gaze.

"Rather than becoming a burden, you should stay here. Who knows how many more people will die to protect someone like you who thinks she is entitled to protection just because we are fellow administrators."

"If you and your team are not strong enough to survive the mission, you should never join the mission in the first place. If you and your team are not strong enough for a kingdom, then you should not fight it in the first place."

Anne's eyes widened in fury. She could not accept it when Tang Shaoyang said they were a burden. That reminded him of what happened to her team and the others during the raid.

"Did you promote her to Junior Administrator?" Tang Shaoyang turned toward Birom.

"She is Senior Administrator Anne."

Ira and the others always stayed with him since they arrived in the fort. They overheard the conversation.

"How did she become..." He stopped midway, "Why would I care?" He shrugged, "If you don't want to share the information, then it's fine too. We will leave in a few minutes, Birom."

He then left the wall with his team, leaving Birom and Anne behind.

Birom stopped Anne who was about to say something at Tang Shaoyang.

"Stop making trouble for yourself and behave, Anne. He saved you and your remaining teams. And more importantly, he is quite close to Executive Arion, and he is stronger than me and Lendar. You can't mess with him just because I am here."

Birom was like a father, advising his daughter before she got in trouble.

Anne did not believe the last part that Tang Shaoyang was stronger than Lendar and Birom. She believed that Tang Shaoyang was close with Executive Arion. Because she heard him cursing Arion earlier. That also might be the reason why Tang Shaoyang was fine until now even though he killed many administrators.

Anne joined the raid, and half of the remaining people in the fort joined as well. Her motivation to join the raid was split; half for revenge, and half to see how strong this Tang Shaoyang was.

Of course, she did not withhold the information about the kingdom. She explained the reason why their first raid failed terribly. It was because of the shadow calamity. The cat beast, lion, tiger, and wolf. There was also a void bull, a bull that could use Void Elemental Power.

Those were the Unique Calamity Rank, the ones who destroyed them. The perfect ambush destroyed their formation and almost wiped out the teams.

As for the king, she did not know. She felt like the king had not made an appearance yet before their team was destroyed.

The kingdom was in the forest, not at the fallen ruin like the previous ones. It was a massive grove where all kinds of beasts stayed, mutated beasts of course. The beast that was contaminated by Void Energy and adapted which made them calamity.

The kingdom occupied more than five thousand meters of land with a massive tree at the center. The tree was, of course, still smaller than the one they fought. It did not look like a flesh tree because the tree did not emit a strong aura and energy.

Anne did not like Tang Shaoyang taking the lead, but she could not say anything when the others accepted him. They stopped five hundred meters away from the kingdom's territory.

She followed Birom because Tang Shaoyang called the other team leaders as well. Even though she was not a team leader, she still joined the discussion. She represented the team from the 5th Fort.

At first, she thought they were planning how to attack the kingdom based on the information she provided. But she was baffled when she heard what they discussed.

"The distribution of loot is the same as the previous raid. You take what you kill!"

It was not a discussion, but Tang Shaoyang decided it himself. She calmed down and convinced herself the plan for the attack was after the distribution.

"We will do it like the previous raid as well. You can join me as a vanguard or you can support me from behind. It's your choice, but just so you know, I am not going to help you. You are on your own!"

"What's with that crappy plan!?" Anne blurted out as she could not hold it back any longer.

"What are you going to do with the shadow calamity!? They could move in the shadows and ambush us! Shouldn't you offer a solution to face the ambush!?"

She thought Tang Shaoyang had a plan to counter the ambush since they were confident in the raid, but she was wrong. He offered nothing, not a plan or even a method to face the ambush. Her information was useless, not used in the planning, at all.

"What solution? Let them come out and ambush me. I will kill them, so you can be at ease in the back!"

Anne was at a loss for words. She felt like this man did not understand the threat from the shadow calamity.

"Ah, the back line should be more careful. I think the shadow calamity will attack the back line first. If they are smart, they will ambush the back line and cut the retreat to ensure we will not escape this time. So the back line should be more careful. It doesn't mean you are safer because you are behind."

Tang Shaoyang did not come up with that part. It was Ira who reminded him that the shadow calamity might target the back line. If they were smart, which was most likely, they would attack the back line.

"Then I will stay in the back instead of joining you as the vanguard," Birom volunteered to stay back.

Anne wanted to say more, but she was stopped by Birom. She protested and complained about how dangerous it was to continue the raid with such a crappy leader. Of course, she did not say it out loud, but she expressed it with her gestures and expression.

"We will be fine. Executive Arion is watching from the shadows, and he would not let any of us die."

He was telling Anne that Executive Arion would protect them instead of Tang Shaoyang. He was aware that Tang Shaoyang was also aware that Executive Arion was watching them.

Anne was frustrated, but she still followed the team for the raid. Once they arrived in the familiar, the entrance to her hell. The fear and terror returned, but she braced herself to continue until they arrived at the entrance to the kingdom's territory.

## Chapter 1670 The Third Kingdom (2)

Anne's eyes widened at what she found at the entrance to the territory. More than a hundred bodies were hung on the giant tree. There were five to six bodies on each tree.

The flesh on the body was gone, leaving the skeleton still fresh in blood. The most disturbing part was the head. The calamity left the flesh on the head. The eyes that died in horror, the hair, nose, everything. From the neck to head was intact, and showed their last expression before dying.

Tang Shaoyang stopped and glanced at Ira. The latter nodded her head. It was the same as her prediction, this calamity was smart. They were smart enough to use an intimidation tactic.

Not just to intimidate, but to make them or anyone related to these people angry. When they were enraged, their judgment in the fight also dulled. If they could think this far, then they could come up with a more simple strategy to target the back support first.

Tang Shaoyang looked at Birom and the other team leaders. It was just eye contact, but everyone received the signal. It was ninety percent that the shadow calamity would come to the back line for them.

Anne found her former team captain, Lendar on one of many bodies. His body hung at the highest spot. He died in agony, his last expression told her what he went through before dying.

Her captain never made such an expression when he suffered a heavy injury from a battle. He held the pain and assured his team members he was fine. But in his last moment, he made an agony expression.

That made her angry, her aura flared up, and was about to go to retrieve the body. Lendar did not deserve the humiliation. She could not let that body hang any longer.

Birom stopped her before she could rush to get the body, "No! They are waiting for you to get the body. They are playing with your emotions!"

"Stay still! Don't move unless Tang Shaoyang moves!"

He made sure that no one was recklessly trying to get the body. But there were always people not listening to the command. Two men and one woman rushed forward. They leaped to the tree.

But before they could reach the tree, three blurry figures leaped out from the shadow of the tree. They snatched the three people who tried to get the body down, pulling their heads off.

Splash!

The blood sprayed in the air as the three bodies fell to the ground. Then the head also fell down. No one saw the thing who took off those three heads. It was just a blurry movement.

Watching everything from the start to the end, Anne calmed down, but her heart was beating furiously. She imagined herself as one of those three and died with her head off her body.

This was déjà vu, she saw a similar thing before this. It was during the battle against the calamity that they entered their territory. They were in the middle of fighting until they were attacked with continuous ambush. This was way too familiar, her memory was still fresh.

Anne was about to pull Birom, trying to get Birom away from this cursed place. Then she saw someone using bloodline transformation. Someone she had seen fought earlier outside the fort, Tang Shaoyang. He alone with his spirits drove away the calamities surrounding the fort.

Tang Shaoyang did not rush just the previous three. He walked slowly toward the tree until he was right below one of the trees with bodies. No one ambushed him even though he stood right above the shadow.

He stood there, doing nothing. As if he was challenging the shadow calamity. He was obviously provoking the calamity.

Three blurry figures came out from Tang Shaoyang's shadow, trying to catch him from behind. Before those three blurry figures could touch Tang Shaoyang. Another three shadow creatures came out, pulling back those three blurry figures.

Everyone finally got to see a glimpse of who ambushed the three people earlier. It was a black tiger with a giant tusk in its mouth. Everything was black, the eyes and fur. The creature is ten meters long.

The three calamities roared in panic as something pulled them back into the shadow. The three tigers tried to get away from the shadow but to no avail. Their roar faded as their bodies completely disappeared into the shadow.

"Get ready to fight and be careful of the ambush!"

Birom made a call for the rest of the team.

"He could save them!?" Anne made an issue about the three people who got killed earlier. He in her mouth was of course Tang Shaoyang.

"He could save them, but why did he not save them!? How are you following someone like him, Sir Birom!"

With how easily Tang Shaoyang took care of the three shadow calamities, he should be able to save the three people. The fact he did not save them infuriated her. Why are people with power like him always heartless? Why couldn't people like Lendar or Birom have that kind of power? Such power would be much more useful in a better hand than the heartless Tang Shaoyang.

Birom let out a sigh, shaking his head. He understood that she was grieving, but it did not mean she could act like this. He thought she would have matured along with the experiences of the past missions.

'It looks like Lendar also spoiled her.'

It was not that he did not understand why Lendar spoiled. Anne was so pure for someone who reached the God Rank. Despite the cruelty they faced from many missions, she retained her pure view of the world. That was good in a way, but also bad at the same time.

The ground was shaking. Their attention was split to the source of the tremor. The horde of calamity rushed out from the grove area. The sea of calamities ran through. The flying calamity followed from above, and some calamities jumped between the trees as well.

The kingdom was coming for them, and Tang Shaoyang summoned his spirits. The battle against the third kingdom started.