

## Armipotent 1681

### Chapter 1681 Second Mission (1)

Zhang Mengyao turned toward Tang Shaoyang, asking for help. Now they had too many teams.

"Why don't they fight for the remaining two slots then? It's still fifteen days until the tournament anyway." That was easy to solve. The strong would have the right to represent them in the tournament.

"Let's make it spicier. The team that wins the Earth Tournament will get an additional reward from me. The team leader will get Primordial Grade equipment. The five team members will get five Myth Grade equipment. That should be enough to motivate them, right?"

Zhang Mengyao and Lu An turned toward Tang Shaoyang. Those were high-grade equipment, hard to get even from the dungeon.

"I don't think we have enough equipment to reward them."

Zhang Mengyao remembered that they only had three Myth Grade equipment and zero Primordial Grade equipment. They had one because Tang Shaoyang gifted them. Their armory was filled with unopened treasure chests.

"I can get those from The God Realm. I don't think it's that hard to get one Primordial Grade equipment from the God Realm."

Even if he could not get them from the God Realm, there was still Administrator Space. Or maybe he could ask his team members to get one.

Tang Shaoyang had a three-day break, that was what he promised his team members before the next mission. On his second day break, Ira sent him a message about the recruitment and agreed to put Anne into their team. Not just Anne, they had two additional Junior Administrators on the team.

Anne had five Admin Helpers with her, and the two Junior Administrators each had three Admin Helpers. With that, his team had twenty-one members including him.

Ira told him that many Junior Administrators wanted to join them once they knew they were The Reds. She had selected just two to make their team's composition look better for a mission. That made them look like a proper team.

He said it was a three-day break, but he did not really take a break in those three days. Zhang Mengyao dragged him to watch the fight to decide who would represent the Tang Empire in the Earth Tournament.

Then he went to his territory in the God Realm, checking the dwarves. How far the construction was. It had been two months, and they had made a castle. Although it was still halfway finished, he could see how good the castle was.

Aside from the half-castle, they made a few barrack buildings with training grounds for the army. Tang Shaoyang told them what would happen in this place in an hour, hence they built the barracks.

The Dwarves also informed him there were three dungeons spawned in here. They had the dungeon isolated and been waiting for him.

He checked the dungeon, which was different from the dungeons on Earth. There was no rank, all three dungeons had no rank. Maybe the dungeon in the God Realm did not have ranks. Fortunately, it still told him when a dungeon break would occur.

He still had at least six months before the first dungeon break. There was still a lot of time, so he could ask Ira and the others about the dungeon before trying to clear it. If it was possible, he wanted to bring the others to clear the dungeon as well. He could bring them into the God Realm, and if the dungeon was not that dangerous, then he might as well bring his people to experience the dungeon in the God Realm.

Tang Shaoyang did not forget to complain to the dwarves, stressing them to focus on the defensive building first. He wanted a sturdy wall for his territory first. The castle and the other buildings could wait. They could still build them when he stabilized his territory.

After checking the God Realm, he returned. He thought of spending his last day with his daughter, all day. However, Zhang Mengyao dragged him to the arena located in the academy complex. She forced him to make a short speech, motivating them while announcing the reward if they won the Earth Tournament.

He ended up watching the fight and catching up with Zaneos and Zowen. What they had been doing and so on. He only had the last evening with his daughter. The next day, he had to return to the Administrator Space because Ira had picked them for a mission.

Tang Shaoyang was back at the Administrator Space, and they gathered in Anne's room. There he met the new members. There was only one familiar face among his new members, it was Castor. The guy finally accepted his invitation to be his Admin Helper.

Anne introduced her Admin Helpers, and Ira introduced the two new Junior Administrators. The two Junior Administrators were men, their names were Torben and Prodan.

After a quite long introduction, Ira showed the next mission. It was an individual mission, meaning only one team could take it. Of course, it was not a special mission.

The mission was to hunt a void creature that managed to break the space and sneak into a world called Sulan. Sulan was considered a new world, a few months into the game. That was why the mission was posted because the natives would not be able to win against the void creature.

There was a hint in the mission, saying it might be the work of a faction that wanted to take over this new world. There was a chance for someone who opened the gate to the void on purpose.

First, their task was to eliminate the void creature. Second, it was to investigate whether it was the work of someone or an accident. It could also be the native's doing, accidentally summoning the void creature, without knowing anything. If that was the case, they must catch the culprit.

The mission was considered a hard mission, meaning the reward would be decent as well. The reward was two hundred thousand Credits.

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow when he saw the reward. It was much less than what he got from the previous mission. Considering how complicated the mission was, the reward was so little.

"You can't use Special Mission's reward as a standard. 200k Credits is considered a lot!" Ira said as if she could read what was in Tang Shaoyang's mind.

## Chapter 1682 Second Mission (2)

Tang Shaoyang shrugged, "The Credits do not really matter that much until we reach the Chief Administrator anyway. Stop the nagging and let's go for the mission."

As soon as he said that, the people in the room looked at him weirdly. That confused them as he thought he did not say anything wrong. They could only buy stuff when they reached the Chief Administrator. The Credits did not really matter for the Senior Administrator and Junior Administrator.

Ira shook her head, "I don't know if you are lazy or..." She did not finish her words and pulled him out of the room, "Let's go to the portal before someone else takes the mission from us."

The two led the team in the front, and she glanced at Tang Shaoyang, "Do you know you can use Credits even if you are Senior Administrator?"

Tang Shaoyang thought about it. The Credits must have some use for the Senior Administrator and Junior Administrators as well. They could only use it in a limited way, was his guess. Maybe there was a shop here where he could buy potions and weapons as well.

"How do you not know anything when you know someone as an Executive Administrator?"

Ira was speechless with how careless Tang Shaoyang was.

"First, there's a shop where you can spend your Credits. While the items in the shop are limited, you can use your Credits to buy what you need at the shop. They sell potions, weapons, armor, and more treasures."

"Second, there's an auction house special for administrators only. We, Admin Helpers can't join the auction even if we have credit. Sometimes, the other Administrators would put the items they got from the mission in an auction house. It can be Bloodline, Equipment, or any other treasures. You can buy them with your Credits"

"Third, while you don't have the same freedom as Chief Administrator. You still can buy information about anything you are interested in on the list of the administrator Authority. It will tell you how and where to get the said class or treasure or even bloodline."

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow, "Adam never told me about those things."

He asked Adam the thing he needed to know about the Administrator, but Adam never said anything about the shop, auction house, or even the fact that he could buy the information.

"If you don't ask, then Adam will just tell you what you need to know. The most basic. Did he tell you about the Admin Helper and the report after the mission?"

Tang Shaoyang realized that Adam did not tell about it. Even though it told him about Admin Helper, it did not tell him what he needed to recruit them. Whether he needed to write a manual report each time he finished a mission. The Admin Helper knew more about the administrator than the administrator himself.

"We are here. An individual or a team mission is different from a cooperative mission or a special mission. We can't get teleported to our destination like the previous mission. You have gone through this portal gate!"

They stopped in front of a massive gate, and there was a booth to the right of the gate. The booth was covered in black glass, and he could see someone inside the booth. Ira motioned at Tang Shaoyang to follow her.

They arrived in front of the booth, and Ira put the mission paper in the small gap below the glass. The paper was pulled in as a female voice rang from inside the booth, "Please wait a moment for a confirmation."

"Confirmation?" He whispered in a low voice.

"The mission needs to be confirmed in case another team already takes the mission. So the Administrator doesn't waste their manpower for one mission. But there should not be an issue. The mission was issued a few hours ago."

Ira explained. She had accepted the fact that her team captain did not know anything related to the Administrator.

"We have confirmed the mission. We will connect the gate to Sulan World in a moment. Good luck with your mission, team The Reds."

Not even ten seconds after that, the gate slowly opened and revealed a massive portal.

"Can we go to any world with this portal?" Tang Shaoyang could not help but ask. He thought of an idea if this portal could be connected anywhere.

Ira turned toward Tang Shaoyang, squinting her eyes, "You can, but you can only use this portal for anything related to the Administrator's work. You can't use this portal to go to your enemy world to declare war. If you use it for your own benefit, you will lose the class."

"But you can use this portal if you want to get a certain class or bloodline from any world. You need to buy the information first to get the coordinates."

The last part was related to buying information for a class, bloodline, and artifact. The information would tell the buyer where they could get the class from, and they could use this portal to go to the said world.

"Let's go. We need to fulfill our quota for this month before you get too busy again."

The others had been waiting for them in front of the portal gate. They were waiting for Tang Shaoyang. He was the first one to step into the portal before the others followed him.

Tang Shaoyang expected the same entrance when he met the first administrator team in Aquara. Tearing the space and appearing in the sky. But the expectation and reality were different. It was a normal teleportation where they appeared right above the scorched land.

He inspected the surroundings immediately, but he could not find a single living being around. The land was scorched black and cracked. He had seen something similar. It was when he used [World Decay], an exclusive skill to his weapon.

As if the energy from the land was dried up, killing the land. Not far from them was a village that was razed down as well. He saw the scorched remains of adults, children, and the animal.

"Without a doubt, this is the doing of a void creature."

Anne squatted down and pinched the chunk of soil which immediately turned into dust.

## Chapter 1683 It Was Easy For Hard Mission

The mission was quite troublesome because they had to investigate whether it was an accident or someone summoned the void creature. It would be easier if they just needed to track and kill it.

"I am good at killing and hunting, but investigating is not my forte. So how do we start?"

Tang Shaoyang did not bother to reveal that he was not good at investigating stuff. He did not have the skill or experience for an investigation like this.

"You are quite honest for a team captain."

That was Anne's first remark. She expected that a team captain should never show their weakness to their team members to keep their image good. That was how a team captain gained the respect and trust of his team members.

"That's not bad. At least, better than a team captain who thought they could do everything which ended up endangering the team."

Ira responded to Tang Shaoyang. She was quite daring for an Admin Helper, but no one looked down on her because Tang Shaoyang trusted her.

"I never said it was bad or anything," Anne was the only one who dared to respond to it in front of Tang Shaoyang, "We can start investigating the cause once we catch the void creature first before it could destroy more areas."

Tang Shaoyang did not care about the banter. He wanted to finish the mission as quickly as possible. Through his Chaos Eyes, he could tell that remnant energy was stronger to the south. Meaning, the void creature was going that way as it destroyed everything it saw.

"I think I know where to find that thing!"

Tang Shaoyang did not say anything as he rushed toward the south. There was no discussion as he just went to the south, not even telling them why he thought the void creature was to the south.

Castor was the first one to follow him with no words, followed by his Admin Helpers.

"She doesn't seem to like you, but why do you let her join the team?"

He could not help but ask Tang Shaoyang. He did not think it was good to make such remarks in front of the other team members like that. That would lower the team captain's dignity. At least, that was what he thought.

"Do you think so?" Tang Shaoyang responded half-heartedly, not taking it seriously, "She was just being honest. It's fine. As long as she is useful, that's it."

Following Tang Shaoyang, soon they heard the sound of battle. The black smoke billowed in front of them, and the scream resonated in the forest.

Tang Shaoyang used his Dragon Transformation and picked up his pace. He did not say anything to Castor and picked up his pace. In an instant, his figure disappeared, leaving Castor and the others behind.

He soon arrived at the village. The wooden gate was breached and burned. Dozens of burnt corpses were on the ground. The corpses had weapons on the side, whether it was a spear or a sword. There was a sign of fighting back, but clearly, these people were not a match for the void creature.

He entered the village and found the void creature. It was quite easy since the void creature did not try to hide. It was in the middle of the village, capturing the women.

The void creature was something like a slime, purple in color. Right at the center of the slime was a man, laughing maniacally as the slime hand captured the women. The women were safe inside the slime. The slime could short part of its body and burn anything that touched it.

A young man in his early twenties, with a burning mark on half of his face, laughing maniacally inside the slime. Through the detection, the young man and the slime were a different entity. They were not one.

The slime was the void creature, and the man was a normal human. Tang Shaoyang did not waste his time and cut the slime hand that captured the woman. As it got separated from the main, the slime burst into slimy liquid to the ground.

The young man stopped laughing and looked at Tang Shaoyang, "Who are you!?" He did not wait for an answer as a slime hand shot toward Tang Shaoyang.

Tang Shaoyang purposely did not dodge the slime, letting himself get caught. As soon as the slime hand touched his body, it broke into a slimy liquid. The slime could not maintain its form near Tang Shaoyang because of Absolute Domination Energy.

A creature like this one usually had a core. Looking at it with his Chaos Eyes, he could not find the core. The void slime kept attacking him, but it was futile.

"Die! Die! Die! Die! Die!" The young man kept using his slime to attack. It shot the burning slimes and kept going.

Tang Shaoyang then scanned the young man's body and found the core. The black core was the size of his thumb. It was located in the young man's brain.

His figure blurred and caught the young man's neck. At the same time, the slime could not maintain its body and fell apart into slimy liquid.

"Did you summon the void creature?"

The mission would be easier since he could find this young man right next to the void creature. Next, he just needed to interrogate the young man. He was good at torture.

Using Chaos Touch, the young man writhed fiercely, in pain as he screamed. His voice filled the village. Even though the villagers were afraid, they still wanted to see it. Some of them even smiled looking at the young man's suffering.

"Did you summon the void creature or did someone else summon it for you?"

Tang Shaoyang repeated the question.

The young man looked down at Tang Shaoyang with sweat, tears, and snot covering his face. Despite the pain, he did not relent. He spat at Tang Shaoyang. Of course, the spit evaporated before it touched Tang Shaoyang.

"Why do you choose the hard way?"

Tang Shaoyang shook his head and amplified Chaos Touch. Not just the body, but the head as well.

The young man screamed again, struggling fiercely but to no avail. He felt like his brain was being squished, his organ was pounded, and his bones were crushed.

"I speak! I will speak! Please stop!"

#### Chapter 1684 Follow Up Mission

Anne picked up her pace and caught up with Tang Shaoyang's Admin Helpers. They chased late because none of them expected Tang Shaoyang would leave without saying anything.

However, she did not see Tang Shaoyang after catching it. She saw the billowed black smoke ahead of her. There was no need to guess, Tang Shaoyang must be there already.

As they got closer to the smoke, they heard a man scream. By the time they arrived at the village. They found Tang Shaoyang and next to him was the young with ragged breathing. His clothes were soaked from sweat.

"We have completed the mission. He summoned the void creature, and the void creature is inside his head right now."

None of them got closer to Tang Shaoyang, not because they were afraid of him but because of the purple smile.

Anne and Ira looked at the young man, furrowing their brow. The mission was too easy for a hard mission. Ira first checked the mission page. Just like Tang Shaoyang said, the mission was completed. They found the culprit and also the void creature, but this was too easy.

"What actually happened?" Ira asked, confused.

"You will see it soon," Tang Shaoyang pointed at the young man.

Sure enough, purple slime formed around his skin, covering his whole body. It got bigger and bigger, but it broke apart when Tang Shaoyang stomped on the slime part.

"He summoned the void creature, and the void creature integrated with him now. It's similar to the slime, and the core is in his brain!"

Ira frowned deeper and used [Detection] once more on the young man. With how big the gap between her and the young man, she could see more detailed information about the young man.

The young man was not even an Epic Rank, let alone a God Rank, so how did he summon a Void Creature? There was no class related to the void creature as far as she knew. The System would not make such a class when it wanted no involvement with the void.

"Someone is giving him a summoning scroll. He used that scroll to summon the void creature."

Tang Shaoyang explained. There was more to the back of the story, but Tang Shaoyang did not want to go deeper. Their mission was to get rid of the void creature and find who summoned it. Their mission was completed.

"This is easier than I thought," Ira agreed with Tang Shaoyang. Their mission was completed to this point since the System also indicated they had completed the mission.

"No! It's not over yet! We must catch the person who gave this man the scroll!"

Anne disagreed with them. The problem has not yet been resolved, and they must get to the end of the root.

"Yes, Senior Administrator Anne. We have completed the mission!" Ira shared the mission page, and it said completed.

Anne was dumbfounded at that, "But..."

"No, but! To continue the mission, it will be a separate mission. We are risking our lives for a mission. This is not charity, Senior Administrator Anne." Ira cut her off.

Anne turned toward Tang Shaoyang. The only one who could make them stay and pursue the culprit was Tang Shaoyang. He was the captain, so she asked him.

"We must stay and catch the real culprit! The people in this world are in danger!"

"Then let's wait for the follow-up mission," Tang Shaoyang turned toward Ira to complete the mission.

Ira tapped the complete in the mission page, and they were teleported back. It was not even half an hour since they left, and they had returned.

The woman inside the booth was surprised to see them. It was a hard mission, after all. Did they abort the mission?

"I will submit the report first!" Ira parted ways with the team to submit the mission report. With how short their mission was, her report was also short. She dragged the same young man who had lost his power.

"Why!? Why don't you save them? You have the power to do so!?" Anne still could not accept the decision to go back.

She had seen Tang Shaoyang fight, and she believed he should be strong enough to fight whoever spread the summoning scroll. If they were waiting for the follow-up mission, it might be too late already.

"This is a warning for you, Anne. I respect your belief that the strong should help the weak but don't force your belief on me. That's your belief, you do whatever you believe is right. I will not stop you, but don't force your belief on me, Anne! This will be the first and the last warning. I will kick you out of my team if you are still doing it!"

Tang Shaoyang did not care about the criticism, but he did not like it when someone forced their belief in him.

That silenced Anne. Getting kicked out from a team that she just joined would bring a bad reputation for her. There would be fewer teams wanting to pick her next time. She also did not want to quit the team. She believed she could do more with Tang Shaoyang.

"Or you can create your own team. No one will stop you from doing whatever you want!"

They returned to Tang Shaoyang's room in silence. Nayla and the others were not as bold as Ira to speak against a Senior Administrator. The Junior Administrator also did not say anything since they were not close enough to speak. Both did not want to offend the two Senior Administrators in the team.



Ira messaged Tang Shaoyang to wait because there would be a follow-up mission. With how easy the first mission was, Tang Shaoyang expected another mission with a decent reward. Regarding the mission, he wanted to finish them as soon as possible and reach the Chief Administrator. He did not really care about the natives.

Ira returned half an hour later with another mission paper in her hand. As she guessed, there was a follow-up mission. However, it was no longer a team mission anymore, but a cooperative mission. It required five teams' cooperation for the mission, and Ira registered their team to join.

#### Chapter 1685 Third Mission

Tang Shaoyang checked the follow-up mission. Five teams cooperated to catch or kill the culprit behind the void summoning incident.

The participant reward would be 10k Credits. If they could uncover the culprit behind the summoning, they would get another 20k Credits per team. If they killed the culprit, they would get another 100k Credits per team. If they caught the culprit, they would get 200k Credits per team.

Catching the target would reward them more than killing them. There was a deduction below the mission paper, indicating it might be the work of a group rather than an individual. If that was the case, they only needed to catch the leader instead of all of its members.

There was an additional reward if they killed the summoned void creature. They would get another 100k Credits per kill for the void creature.

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow when he read the details of the mission, "I don't really like this kind of mission. We should not join."

First, it required cooperation from the other teams. Second, it was an investigation mission. More complicated than just getting rid of the group or the organization that the System asked for. Third, it would take longer to finish a mission like this.

"Can we complete the mission in twenty days?" Tang Shaoyang asked.

There were fifteen days until the Earth Tournament. He did not know how long the tournament would last. He assumed it would take five days, at most a week. That meant he had twenty to twenty-two days if he did not want to miss the Second World Congress.

"I don't know. It could be shorter than that or maybe longer than twenty days. What's wrong? Do you have something in twenty days?"

Ira recalled their messages. Tang Shaoyang indeed asked her for a mission that could be completed in a short time.

"Yes! And it's very important. I can't miss it."

"We need to wait for other teams to take the mission. The mission can't be assigned to the team, but the team must take the mission. We have to wait for the other four teams. If the System can provide us with more information from the man we captured, then we might complete the mission quicker."

Ira furrowed her brow as she explained. If they could get five teams today, then they could complete the mission in less than twenty days. But if it takes three or even a week to gather five teams, then twenty days might not be enough. Especially if they had to start the investigation from zero.

"We don't need to worry about the team. Two teams just joined, White Knight and Vigamaur Dgaror. We might get five teams today."

Junior Administrator Torben updated the teams that just joined the mission. Those two names were familiar to Tang Shaoyang. The White Knight was the team that came to his trial, and he fought with their captain once during the last stage. If he was not wrong, The White Knight was in the last mission as well.

As for Vigamaur Dgaror, there was no way he would forget that man. Amos wanted to kill him just because he had a Dragon Bloodline in the first stage trial. He ended up killing the participant from Vigamaur Dgaror and Amos back then. He could not forget the name after the incident.

"Then I will go to check the shop. If we don't get the team in an hour, then I will go back to my world first."

Tang Shaoyang left the room by himself. The two Junior Administrators were about to call Tang Shaoyang. They wanted to split the reward from the previous mission, but they were discouraged because Anne did not bring that up. They thought about it, they did nothing in the previous mission. They decided to not speak.

Ira kept her eyes on the mission tab, waiting for more teams to register. She had a bad feeling when she saw Vigamaur Dgaror.

Vigamaur Dgaror did not get punished because there was no direct involvement in the trial manipulation. But she was aware of their grudge with Tang Shaoyang. She was afraid that they joined the mission for Tang Shaoyang.

Not long after Tang Shaoyang left the room, she saw a new team registered. It was weird how fast the five teams registered for a cooperation mission like this. It usually took at least one or two days to gather five times. This was different from the special mission, after all.

She checked the third team, Sheydos. It was a famous team composed of several clans from the Dragon Realm. She was relieved at first since there was no way for Vigamaur Dgaror and Sheydos to work together.

Vigamaur Dgaror was a faction with a purpose to hunt down all dragons in the universe. They hated dragons, so the chance for cooperation between the two teams was low.

However, she remembered a name, Vitali. He was part of the last stage trial, and he was from the Lafreser Clan from the Dragon Realm. It was known that Lafreser Clan was the descendant of the Dragon Guardian Zonaras.

Tang Shaoyang almost killed Vitali if not for the Chief Administrator appearing. He beat Vitali to half-death. It was not a surprise if The Lafreser Clan asked Sheydos to get back on Tang Shaoyang.

Just like Ira, the others also looked at the mission tab. Most of them hoped that they could take another mission today. Five minutes passed, and there was no new team registered to take the mission. They were about to disperse to do something rather than staying in the room, doing nothing.

Before they could leave the room, Ira said, "Get ready for the mission. We have five teams registered for the mission."

They opened the mission and some of the men let out a delighted squeal. The last team was famous, not just because of how strong they were, but because all the members of that team were Snow Elf. They were famous for their beauty.

Daenelis Clan

Chapter 1686 Bad Synergy From The Start

Ira went to pick up her captain who was at the shop, haggling with the keeper. She did not know what he wanted to buy when he had a God Rank weapon. She never saw him in armor either.

"Get ready for the mission. Five teams have registered for the mission!"

Tang Shaoyang was surprised to hear, "Keep that sword for me, okay?"

The male keeper kept his emotionless visage, not answering Tang Shaoyang.

On the way to meet with the other teams, Ira briefed all the teams that joined for the mission. She started with the White Knight, the Primordial Vampire.

"I have met them in the trial. You can tell me more about Vigamaur Dgaror. They are more likely a threat to us than the other teams."

Ira shook her head, "I know nothing about Vigamaur Dgaror. The only thing I know about them is they hate the dragon."

Vigamaur Dgaror has less fame than the other four teams. Their information was limited, including their team members. But one thing was for sure, all of them were from the same faction.

She explained about Sheydos, a team from the Dragon Realm.

"There's a chance they received a commission from The Lafreser Clan to mess you up."

Tang Shaoyang furrowed his brow, "Who is this Lafreser Clan? I don't remember crossing paths with them?"

Ira rolled her eyes, "How could you forget about the half-dragon participant you almost killed in the trial? Don't you remember Vitali?"

"Ah, them?" Tang Shaoyang recalled, and indeed, The lion head Chief Administrator told him that he would regret it if he killed Vitali.

"He is kinda weak, so I don't really remember him. What about the last one?"

"Don't underestimate Sheydos. Their team captain is a Chief Administrator," Ira warned Tang Shaoyang before going for the last team.

"Daenelis Team is the team consisting only of Snow Elf from The Daenelis Clan. As I said to you before, the elf is too prideful to join the other team. So they only create a team for their own clan, not even the elf from the other clans could join them. Their team captain is a Chief Administrator, and they are quite famous because of their looks as well."

Ira told him about Agnes' situation. Agnes was in a pickle situation because she was the first one to be selected as an Administrator Candidate from her clan. The other elves declined her. If she joined a random team, there was a big chance that she would become a sex slave. That was why she wanted to become Tang Shaoyang's Admin Helper, someone she knew before.

They soon arrived in the lounge where the other four teams were. They did not get a special hall like the special mission hence they gathered in the lounge. Tang Shaoyang and Ira were the last ones to arrive.

When he grouped with his team, he received intense stares from three teams. The Daenelis Clan and Sheydos clearly did not like him. He did not know why, but he understood the hostility came from The Vigamaur Dgaror.

He was surprised that only The White Knight welcomed them. Valentine Centurion, The team captain from the White Knight greeted him with a smile. As if the fight between them during the last stage trial never happened.

"I am delighted to work together with you again, Tang Shaoyang. I am Centurion from the White Knight!"

Centurion was offering his hand, and it would be petty and rude of him not to take the hand. He shook hands with Centurion, "Likewise, Centurion. Let's complete the mission quicker this time."

"Since everyone is here, let's depart from the mission."

Tang Shaoyang thought his team would be the team with the least number, but it was not. Daenelis Clan only had eleven members. All of them were white-haired elves, and just like Ira said. All of them were peerless beauties, except for the three because they were men.

"This is why I hate a newbie. Don't you need to introduce your team and discuss who will take the lead in this mission?"

The team captain from the Daenelis Clan spoke. It was hard to guess an elf's age based on their face. They all looked young, looked like they were in their mid-twenties, but Tang Shaoyang knew that at least they were two hundred or even three hundred years old.

Tang Shaoyang turned toward the elf and smiled, "Do we need an introduction? If you think we need an introduction, why don't you start by introducing you and your team first?"

"As for the leader... Do we really need a leader? Just like how you don't want to be led by me, I also don't want to be led by any of you. Let's work separately and share our progress together instead. Isn't that better?"

An individual from Sheydos stepped up, "I agree we don't need an introduction. We will only work together this time, so I don't need to know your names. But we need a team leader to work more efficiently. If two teams work on the same thing, that will waste our time."

Tang Shaoyang did not expect that from Sheydos. Since they did not like each other, he thought everyone would agree to work on their own. They did not have the synergy to work together from the start, so it would be hard to decide who would be the leader in the first place. But he still followed their play and asked.

"Then how are we going to decide the leader?"

"Of course, someone with rich experiences and a high-ranking administrator is the suitable leader..."

Tang Shaoyang cut them off, "Let's work separately instead. This will not work. I am not going to listen to someone weaker than me." Then he pointed at the Daenelis Clan, "And I don't think they

would listen to anyone but their team captain. This leadership thing will never work in our groups. Let's work on our own and share the information later."

He could guess that Sheydos wanted to propose their team captain, a Chief Administrator as the leader. Someone with rich experience and high rank.

The same person from Sheydos let out a chuckle, "Weaker than you? You have the balls to say that. Then let's decide on the leader by fighting. The strongest will lead the team."

## Chapter 1687 Salyra Kingdom

Tang Shaoyang grinned as he was happy to entertain their proposal. However, Anne stepped up.

"Fighting? That's wild coming from someone with rich experience and a high-ranking administrator. A fight before a mission? That's so stupid!"

Anne was quite bold compared to the other administrators. Even if it was Sheydos, she did not hold back.

The dragon-halfling who proposed the idea was infuriated. It was the same as calling him stupid in front of the other teams. However, his team leader stopped him from speaking.

"That's true it's stupid, but your team captain is hinting at it first. My team member wants to entertain your team captain's idea."

Erva was the name of the Sheydos' team captain. A Chief Administrator from the Dragon Realm. Of course, his background was not what got him to the Chief Administrator position, but his feat. Sheydos survived several Special Missions and millions of team missions. "My captain's idea is for us to work separately while sharing information. That's a much better idea than forcing us to work together with one leader which would bring a bad influence to the mission."

Anne pointed at the Daenelis Clan, Vigamaur Dgaror, and her team, "We don't want you to be the leader. Especially them!" She emphasized at the Vigamaur Dgaror, "They hate you. Do you think they would listen to your order during the mission?"

Erva listened to Anne, glancing at the Daenelis Clan and then at Vigamaur Dgaror. The woman was telling the truth. They did not have the synergy to work together.

"Just like how you can't accept the others to be the leader, you will not listen to any of us either if one of us becomes the leader. What's the point of appointing a leader in that case? Are you trying to delay the mission? Are you perhaps in cahoot with the group behind the void summoning?"

She threw a random accusation at Sheydos, doing it so they could proceed with the mission faster.

"If you insist on your idea, we must work under one leadership. We can work it with a vote. Each team votes on who will be the leader."

Erva knew what Anne implied. Each team would nominate themselves as the leader. It would not work, and they were wasting their time here. That was what the woman tried to say to him.

"Then let's work separately."

Sheydos took the lead in the mission. Erva thought it would be easy for his team to earn the trust to be the leader. That way they could take control of the flow of the mission and get as many credits as possible.

That could never work because the team that joined the mission did not really care that much about Sheydos' reputation.

The five teams headed toward the portal gate. The same portal where Tang Shaoyang and his team returned from a while ago. Ira and the other four representatives pushed the mission paper to the booth once more.

After getting the confirmation, the gate opened and connected to Sulan once more. Even though the gate was ready, no one entered the gate. Anne was confused, looking at the back of his team captain.

But soon she realized, not just her team. The other four teams also stayed back. They all had the same thought, wanting to enter the portal separately, hoping they would be teleported to a different area.

Anne was about to complain, but her team captain stepped out first. Tang Shaoyang was the first one to enter the portal gate followed by his team.

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Tang Shaoyang expected to be teleported to a random area like before, where he was closest to the clue. That was not the case this time. He was teleported to the bedroom.

He sat at the edge of the bedroom with a screen in front of him. Reading what was written on the screen, he found it was similar to the quest in the Dimensional Tower. He assumed a role in this world, as a mercenary called The Reds. Exactly the same as his team name.

It even provided the rank of his mercenary team which was ranked Obsidian. The System provided information on where this Obsidian Rank was. The rank started from Iron, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond, Onyx, and Obsidian. Meaning his mercenary team was one of the strongest mercenary teams in this kingdom.

There was more information, and Tang Shaoyang gave up reading them all. He had his Admin Helpers that would brief him on the situation. It seemed like the System got additional information from the young man they captured in the first mission.

Tang Shaoyang came out of the room and was greeted by two female servants wearing black and white uniforms. They bowed and greeted him.

"Good Morning, Captain Tang Shaoyang."

Even the natives of this world knew his name. He was amazed by the System.

"Do you want breakfast, or do you want to take a hot bath, Captain?"

"I want breakfast first and summon the others to the dining hall!"

One servant led him to the dining and the second one called the other members. They all gathered in the dining hall, and Ira expected Tang Shaoyang not to read all the information provided by the System hence she briefed him on the situation.

They were staying in their own building. This whole building belonged to The Reds Mercenary. Their base was located in the capital city of a kingdom called Salyra Kingdom, the seven main powers in this world, Sulan.

Sulan underwent The Game for six months, considered as a new world. However, they were different from Earth. Sulan had the basics for mana, and monsters were normal things in this world. They were not surprised by the undead that appeared out of nowhere and easily survived the early phase of The Game.

In six months, they had integrated with The Game very well. Sweeping the mini-games and annihilating the undead easily. However, they were still considered weak because the strongest among the natives was Myth Rank.

There were seven Myth Ranks in total, and seven of them were from seven different kingdoms. The power was well spread hence the Seven Kingdoms became the main powers in Sulan.

## Chapter 1688 Disguise

After an interrogation with the young man, the System suspected the culprit behind the void summoning was from The Salyra Kingdom and The Xales Kingdom. The organization might have a base on both kingdoms. It was their mission to find out based on those clues.

The five teams were split into two. The Daelis Clan and The Reds were teleported into The Salyra Kingdom. The remaining three teams were in The Xales Kingdom.

The page also said the other team's mercenary ranks. The other teams were Onyx Rank and only The Reds were in Obsidian Rank. It was The System's assessment, telling them which team was the strongest.

Castor was feeling smug when he found out about it. While the others did not express themselves openly, they were clearly happy to find out that their team was the strongest.

"The Daelis Mercenary is asking to meet you, Captain Tang Shaoyang. I have sent them to the waiting room."

A servant came over and informed Tang Shaoyang. He was surprised the prideful elf would come to them first. He expected them to work separately.

"Bring them to the meeting room. We will meet them there shortly!"

It was Ira who responded. She knew that Tang Shaoyang did not even know all the rooms in this building. Then letting her captain make a blunder, she replied for him.

Tang Shaoyang indeed did not know the meeting room and waiting room were different. He was about to meet them in the waiting room.

"The waiting room is where people queue to meet you, and the meeting room is where they meet you. There's also a banquet hall, a place where we celebrate if we complete a big mission. You also have your own office..."

Ira briefed Tang Shaoyang on all the rooms in their building as they headed to the meeting room.

They soon arrived in the meeting room where the three snow-elves were waiting for them. Tang Shaoyang did not know anything about them and did not know who the team captain was.

The meeting room was a room where they received a guest for sure. There were two tables, separated by five meters. The three snow elves stood up when Tang Shaoyang entered the room. Despite being prideful, they were polite to stand when he arrived.

Tang Shaoyang nodded at them and sat on his seat. The Snow Elves initiated the conversation.

"I am a Senior Administrator, Nandra. Even though there's no official position for a vice-captain, I can be regarded as vice-captain in my team. They are Junior Administrators in our team."

Nandra pointed to the male snow elf to her right named Arsus. Then the female snow elf to her left named Salia.

Tang Shaoyang did not introduce his team as Ira took the initiative. She did not let Tang Shaoyang speak to them. After the introduction, Ira asked their purpose for coming to meet them.

"My team captain wants to know how you will start the investigation. We want to ensure that we don't investigate the same area for the sake of the mission."

Nandra got straight to the point.

"We are going to start by investigating the external organization. So The Daenelis Clan can start investigating the nobles, the military, and the Royal Family within the kingdom."

They had not talked anything about it, but Ira already had a plan in her mind about where to start. She wanted to investigate the area with less risk.

Nandra kept her cold visage, scanning Tang Shaoyang and the other Administrators. She did not give a glance at the Admin Helper who kept talking on behalf of Tang Shaoyang.

"Unfortunately, we also planned to start the investigation with the external organization in the Salyra Kingdom. I wish The Reds will yield to The Daenelis Clan for this matter for the sake of the mission."

"Alright. We will investigate the internal force of The Salyra Kingdom!" Tang Shaoyang made it simple. He did not want to argue for work distribution.

For the first time, Nandra furrowed her brow. But that was just for a moment. She did not know why, but with how quick the opposite party made the decision. It felt like she fell into their trap. She did not pursue it further and stood up.

"The Daenelis Clan is grateful that you are willing to yield, Captain Tang Shaoyang. We will take our leave now."

The three snow elves left the room after that. As soon as they left, Ira glared at Tang Shaoyang, "Why did you relent to them? We are at an advantage because the System assessed us as the strongest team. We can't yield just because they ask us to."

Tang Shaoyang shook his head and made it clear to Ira that he did not care about the hierarchy between the teams.

"Does it matter who investigates who? If they are having a hard time with their investigation. It would delay our time completing the mission. I just want to complete the mission as soon as possible. Let's not prolong the mission by fighting between ourselves."

Ira let out a sigh, "But investigating the nobles and the Royal Family is harder. A slight mistake could turn the whole kingdom against us."

"That's why we take the biggest risk since our team is the strongest team."



Tang Shaoyang stood up, "I have sent my shadows to start the investigation. I need more information so my shadow can focus on a specific area to quicken the investigation."

He clapped his hands a few times and said, "Let's get to work. This should not be a hard mission. Their highest rank is Myth Rank!"

While the System provided the basic information about Sulan. The information did not include general information about the seven main powers of Sulan.

The Royal Family of the Salyra Kingdom was the Estanyol Family. They had existed even before the Game. The Game's appearance solidified further their foundation as the main power in Sulan. On the outside, The Salyra Kingdom was solid with its long history. The nobles fully supported the current King, and they focused on expanding their territory to bring The Salyra Kingdom to a new height.

However, having no problem meant a problem itself. It was just the kingdom had not found out the problem in their kingdom yet.

#### Chapter 1689 Encountering A Wall

Almunia City, the capital of the Salyra Kingdom. On the outside, it was prosperous and peaceful. The residents on the street were full of smiles, there were no homeless people, and the wealth spread evenly among the commoners. Everyone had enough, and no one starved. That was on the surface.

In just three days, Tang Shaoyang had his trio of Shadows investigate the Royal Family and the four Duke Families. They were the main pillar of the kingdom. He easily found out that Duke Amalric harbored a great ambition to take over the kingdom.

It was a long project even before the Game started. They won over many nobles who were dissatisfied with the Estanyol Family's leadership to overthrow The Estanyol Family's reign over The Salyra Kingdom.

The day of the revolution was getting closer and closer. Duke Amalric would start the rebellion once the imperial army went to the south to attack their neighborhood kingdom. They were attacking one of the seven main powers, The Zaren Kingdom which was currently in a conflict with another kingdom.

Despite the big discovery, Tang Shaoyang could not find the relationship between Duke Amalric and the group that created void summoning scrolls. It was a political maneuver from Duke Amalric to overthrow the Royal Family, that was it.

Even when Tang Shaoyang went deeper, he could not find anything related to his main target. He thought he would find them within Duke Amalric's secret force, but he could not find them.

"We wasted three days on Duke Amalric and can't find our target involvement with Duke Amalric."

Ira furrowed her brow. She thought the same as Tang Shaoyang when they found out Duke Amalric's intention to rebel. They thought Duke Amalric gained support from the external force which gave Duke Amalric the courage to rebel. But that was nothing aside from the secret force that Duke Amalric had planted in the capital city.

"I don't know why, but I have a feeling that our target is colluding with Duke Amalric's faction. Maybe there's something we miss."

Kiara, the cat beastmen could not help expressing her true instinct for the matter. Her instinct told her that their target colluded with Duke Amalric's faction.

"What are you going to do with the Estanyol Family's request?"

Ira changed the topic since they hit a wall in their investigation. They were here as a mercenary corp, a reputable mercenary at that. The Royal Family issued a request for them to assist them in attacking the Zaren Kingdom.

"Soon we will receive a special request from Duke Amalric as well. Which side will we join?" Ira added at the end.

From the trio shadows, Tang Shaoyang found out that Duke Amalric would send someone to make a request with them as well. They wanted them to stay in Almunia but did not specify what their task was. Duke Amalric's reward was triple what The Royal Family offered. Of course, it was just Gold Coin, barely any used for Tang Shaoyang.

"Whoever gives us the most benefit in completing our mission," Tang Shaoyang answered.

There was one person who did not like the answer, Anne. She revealed her true feelings that she hated the traitor.

"Isn't it obvious? We should assist the Royal Family! They will be thankful to us, and they might assist us in finding our target!"

Tang Shaoyang shook his head, "We are not helping anyone. We are an outsider, and we are not supposed to help anyone. Let everything flow naturally, and our target might use this chance to summon a void creature."

The war and rebellion might be the right time for their target to summon the void creature. They had to wait and watch everything flow naturally. Preventing the rebellion or helping the Royal Family was not part of the mission.

"How can you be so heartless? Will you let these innocents plunge into despair because of the rebellions?"

Anne furrowed her brow, clearly not liking the decision. They had the power to help, but her captain decided not to help. That was what frustrated her.

"Remember why you come here, Anne. We are here not to change the world to our liking. We are here to prevent the void from taking over this world. This world's affairs have nothing to do with us. Our mission is very clear, catch the culprit behind the void summoning. What will happen to this kingdom and the people in this city has nothing to do with us. Let the world flow naturally without our intervention!"

Tang Shaoyang raised his hand when Anne was about to respond. He did not want to hear anything that came from Anne, "That's enough Anne!"

"You and Torben will follow the Salyra Kingdom's army to the battlefield and watch the situation there. Our target might summon the void creature during the war or rebellion. Prodan will stay in the Almunia with me! This is an order!"

Before Anne did something to disturb the flow of this world, he sent her to the battlefield instead, "And we will decline the offer from The Royal Family and Duke Amalric."

The Captain made the decision, and Anne did try to oppose the decision. Even though she knew that Tang Shaoyang was most likely right, not to interfere with this world's affairs. Her conscience could not accept it and wanted to help The Estanyol Family.

"What about the Daenelis Clan? Have they found something from the merchant companies and the other mercenary corps?"

Tang Shaoyang changed the topic. In the last three days, they only exchanged contacts with The Daenelis Clan two times. The first time was when they came to them. Later on, they shared the information about the rebellion a day ago. They had not found anything yesterday, and maybe they had something today.

Anne took the initiative to go to The Daenelis Clan with Torben and Prodan to get an update on their investigation.

After the three administrators left, the Admin Helpers were more at ease. Even Anne's Admin Helpers were more at ease with Tang Shaoyang than their own superior.

"I also have a feeling that Duke Amalric's force is related to our target. Maybe we were investigating at the wrong place. Have you investigated the other nobles that take side with Duke Amalric, Cap?"

Nayla dared to voice her opinion after the three administrators left. She was at ease without those three who were strict with their status as administrators. She was afraid that the three administrators would take offense if she said something in the meeting while they did not say anything.

Tang Shaoyang's Admin Helpers were being careful not to ruin the harmony in the team.

Tang Shaoyang pondered Nayla's words, rubbing his chin. She was right about it. He focused on Duke Amalric and paid little attention to the other smaller noble families.

"Not just the one under Duke Amalric. I have to restart the investigation with the nobles on The Royal Family's side as well."

## Chapter 1690 Clue After Clue

Anne left the building in a bad mood, heading to The Daenelis Clan's building. Just like how they had their own building, The Daenelis Clan had their own building. The Daenelis and The Reds were known for their rivalry, so their bases were quite far. One was in the east, and one was in the west. The System was quite careful to put a such thing into consideration as their disguise.

Torben and Prodan followed closely behind her. They knew the Senior Administrator was not in a good mood, so they decided not to say anything. However, both agreed with their captain. It was not their role to interfere with what happened in this world. They were here for a mission, not to uphold justice or protect the innocent.

Anne knew Tang Shaoyang was right, but she could not shake the uneasiness inside her. Walking through the street, they passed the bustling. She saw the street vendors were smiling, and waving as the customers left the vendor. A family with two daughters passed by her, holding snacks in their hands.

Just watching the people around her, was enough to calm her restless heart. As she arrived in front of The Daenelis Clan, the restlessness returned. Realizing those smiles would disappear soon because of the rebellion, making her heart heavy.

She had the power to stop the rebellion because she was a God Rank. But she did not dare to take action without her captain's consent. She felt terrible, but there was nothing she could do.

Releasing out a sigh, she knocked on the door. A servant opened the door and recognized Anne. The servant invited her to the building, and soon the servant led them to meet the Daenelis Clan's captain.

Khaya Daenelis was the name of Daenelis Clan Captain. She was the first Administrator from her clan. She was fortunate to meet a good team and get promoted to Junior Administrator without suffering. Looking at Khaya once more, even Anne had to admire the beauty of Khaya even though she was a woman too.

The reason Torben and Prodan wanted to follow was not just to give The Daenelis Clan respect, but because they wanted to see Khaya one more time up close.

Khaya was not alone, two Senior Administrators and two Junior Administrators from her team welcomed the guests.

"Hah... It's unfortunate but we haven't gotten anything yet from our investigation. It will take time to get the trust from the merchants."

Khaya did not wait for Anne to ask why they were there and shared their investigation. She was ashamed that they failed to get any results.

"I see," Anne nodded understandingly, "What about your position in the war against The Zaren Kingdom and also Duke Amalric's rebellion?"

Since The Royal Family and Duke Amalric came for their team, they must come to The Daenelis Clan as well. The Daenelis Mercenary was known as the second-strongest mercenary corps in the kingdom, after all.

"We declined their offer. We are not supposed to get involved in this world's affairs," Khaya confirmed that The Royal Family and The Duke Amalric came to them as well. Her response was similar to Tang Shaoyang's.

"What about The Reds?"

"We also declined their request. However, we decided to split our team into two. I will follow the army secretly while my captain is staying in the city. He said our target would likely make a move during the rebellion or a war."

Khaya rubbed her chin as it made sense. This group could use the war or rebellion as a cover to summon the void creature. They would make it like the natives summoned the void creature.

She nodded her head, "Do you perhaps need our help? What about if my team follows the army, and your team stays in the city instead of splitting up?"

"Let me ask my captain..." Anne messaged Ira instead of Tang Shaoyang. The former would answer her faster than her captain. Sure enough, she got the reply in less than ten seconds.

"We haven't found any clue regarding our target, so it would be better if you continue your investigation. Leave the army and rebellion matters to us."

Anne left The Daenelis Mercenary after that. She did not immediately return to the base, wandering in the market area where the crowd was.

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Meanwhile, Tang Shaoyang restarted his investigation. He excluded the four dukes since he had dug everything from the four dukes. He started from the lowest rank, the barons. The most vulnerable position from the temptation to work together with the foreign force such as the group with void summoning scrolls.

In just a few hours' investigation, Tang Shaoyang found a break in his investigation. While he did not find their target, he found the lead to their target. Surprisingly, their target was not connected to Duke Amalric's rebellion, but the people from the Royal Family's supporters.

Tang Shaoyang moved the remaining two shadows to this specific family, Baron Navares. He had the trio shadows to follow the important figure in the family. It looked easy from the outside, but it was taxing for Tang Shaoyang.

He had to listen to all the meaningless conversations from the people he followed. It was two days away before the army departed to attack the Zaren Kingdom.

His team members were working on the other nobles as well. There might be more people involved in this issue. Despite having a lead that The Navares Family was related to their target, he could not find their target.

He got a few important clues. The scroll needed blood to be activated, meaning a big sacrifice. The bigger the sacrifice, the stronger the void creature summoned. Meaning war was the best place to summon the strong void creature. That explained why their first mission encountered such a weak void creature. The young man could only gather a small sacrifice for the summoning.

When night arrived, the people he watched were going to sleep. That was the time he was free. Gathering his team, he shared what he got from watching the Navares Family.

"There's a possibility our target has contact with Duke Amalric's force as well. The rebellion that will take place in this city is also an ideal place to summon the void creature."

Just like how the battlefield would be a great place to summon the void creature. It was the same for the rebellion.