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Chapter 460: Little Rupert, Completely Outplayed

Above the clouds.

Rupert's Sacred Radiance—rank mind power swept across Ael Fortress without restraint.

He turned to the general beside him and issued a command.

"You will lead half of the Unar Legion and coordinate with the forces assembled in the direction of Ironcrown Fortress. Launch a feigned assault and pin down the Crossbridge troops there."

"I will personally lead the main force in a frontal assault on Ael Fortress. Once the fortress falls, we can drive straight into the flank of Ironcrown Fortress. With a two-pronged attack, we will annihilate the enemy in one stroke."

More than a month of skirmishes large and small had allowed Rupert to roughly assess the troop strength and combat capability of the Crossbridge Empire.

He knew that the enemy possessed around one million elite warriors at the True God level.

Because of this, Rupert adopted a relatively conservative strategy—using part of his forces to contain the imperial troops stationed at Ironcrown Fortress and Sacred Light Fortress, while concentrating his superior strength to strike Ael Fortress head-on.

This time, he had drawn in all God King–level and Sage King–rank experts from every fortress under his command.

His objective was clear: to counter those million God Generals and True God elites.

As for himself, he was a Divine Radiant personally entering the battlefield, specifically to destroy whatever top-tier combatants the Crossbridge Empire might be hiding.

"End this quickly!"

Rupert barked the order to the assembled generals and experts.

The crowd immediately dispersed.

Each led their respective legions, brimming with killing intent, surging toward Ael Fortress.

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On the walls of Ael Fortress.

Josephine, Elizabeth, Fiona, Belinda, and Beyoncé stood shoulder to shoulder.

Behind them stood Ares, the Stillness Sage, and the Starbound Savant.

In truth, the two hundred million True God-level troops commanded by Ares and Tina had already arrived through the rift passage long ago.

However, because the situation in the Abyssal Demon Realm was still unresolved, they had remained concealed near the passage, deliberately avoiding exposure.

Now that the main force of Unar Province had marched out in full, Josephine no longer saw any reason to hide.

With two hundred million True God warriors as support, there was no longer any concern about overextended battle lines.

Since the main force of Unar Province had delivered itself to their doorstep, they might as well seize the opportunity and take the entire province in one fell swoop.

Boom—!

Rupert stepped through the void, instantly appearing outside Ael Fortress.

The overwhelming pressure of a Divine Radiant, fifth tier, crashed down upon the entire fortress.

At the same time, the generals advanced with their troops, while figures belonging to the God King and Sage King ranks tore through the air one after another.

The terrifying momentum sent waves of panic through the city's inhabitants.

"Damn it! The Crossbridge Empire is courting death—and dragging us down with them!"

Many residents burned with resentment in their hearts, yet they could only hurriedly deploy every defensive method at their disposal to withstand the impending catastrophic battle.

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Seeing Rupert charge in, Ares felt his battle intent surge and prepared to step forward.

The Stillness Sage, however, smiled calmly.

"Why should the general trouble himself to deal with a mere Divine Radiant?"

Ares halted.

The Stillness Sage produced a weapon—it was the Chaotic Artifact: Ring of Stillness.

With a casual sweep of his hand, an incomparably vast golden halo plummeted from above Rupert's head at extreme speed.

Rupert instantly sensed danger and struck upward toward the heavens.

Bang!

A thunderous explosion shook the sky, space itself trembling as the residents within the city felt their hearts lurch violently.

Yet the golden halo was eerily strange. Its speed suddenly increased—and in the blink of an eye, it expanded dramatically.

It deftly evaded Rupert's counterattack, then abruptly contracted at the level of his waist!

Like a stretched band snapping tight, the golden halo constricted in an instant, locking itself firmly around Rupert's body. Countless chains formed from laws of reality manifested, binding him tightly from head to toe.

Rupert's expression changed drastically. Just as he prepared to struggle, the Stillness Sage flicked his wrist and hurled out another treasure.

The Binding Pouch opened wide, unleashing an irresistible suction force that instantly swallowed the immobilized Rupert whole, then flew back into the Stillness Sage's hand.

Josephine, Belinda, Elizabeth, and Fiona all turned to look at him.

The Stillness Sage smiled faintly. Paired with his round belly and benevolent expression, he appeared utterly composed.

This king-seizing maneuver was something Ares and the Starbound Savant had already witnessed during the execution of the Wings of Calamity—and it was indeed peerless.

Even Beyoncé couldn't help widening her eyes in curiosity.

The city's residents—and the generals charging forward—were utterly stunned.

A Divine Radiant... just like that?

And taken so effortlessly.

So fast.

The Sage King-level commanders were terrified out of their wits and shouted in panic.

"Retreat! Retreat now!"

Looking at the figures atop the city walls—so calm, so dominant, as though they ruled all existence—they felt like mortals gazing upon gods.

The enemy had casually thrown out two treasures and captured the Divine Radiant who ruled an entire province. Charging forward now would be nothing more than suicide.

But Pippin gave them no such chance. He immediately ordered the army to pursue and annihilate them.

True God-level Soul Warlocks and titans surged at the front, crushing the enemy ranks almost effortlessly.

The seven to eight hundred million hostile troops collapsed under the assault, and even the elite Unar Legion disintegrated in the very first exchange.

"Your Majesty, the Empress."

The Stillness Sage respectfully presented the Binding Pouch to Josephine.

Though he himself was an ancient Divine Radiant, Josephine was the Empress of the Empire—her status unmatched.

In Aurek's absence, she represented the will of the Empire.

"Hand him over to General Ares for disposal," Josephine instructed.

The Stillness Sage promptly passed the pouch to Ares.

"Once Unar Province falls, it will inevitably alarm Olympian God Mountain," Elizabeth said, gazing toward the battlefield beyond the city walls.

"Rather than waiting passively, we should seize as many provinces as possible before reinforcements arrive."

"Doing so will expand our strategic buffer and prepare the way for the Empire's large-scale entry later," she continued.

Fiona spoke as well.

"Starreach Province borders Unar Province. It is a hub of the Starlight Colonnade and lies close to our passage. Taking it would be the most advantageous move."

Josephine fell into contemplation.

The Stillness Sage and the Starbound Savant silently analyzed the situation as well.

At that moment, Elizabeth turned to Josephine.

"Josephine, I am willing to lead part of the forces alongside Generals Ares and Tina to seize Starreach Province—and use the opportunity to expand outward."

Josephine did not hesitate long.

Although she did not entirely trust Elizabeth, the legions belonged to the Empire, and with a powerhouse like Ares overseeing the operation, she was not worried about any betrayal.

She nodded and approved the plan.

After brief deliberation, Elizabeth and Ares led fifty million True God–level Soul Warlocks and titans, along with a contingent of Void Warlocks, bypassed Ironcrown Fortress, and charged directly into Starreach Province.

They rapidly captured multiple fortresses and the cities under their control.

Within Unar Province.

With Rupert gone and the main army shattered, the entire region instantly fell into chaos—like loose sand—easily swept up and taken over by the Crossbridge Empire’s forces.

Ares, now at the Sacred Radiance rank, possessed terrifying combat power, capable of challenging a Divine Oracle across ranks.

Backed by the overwhelming momentum of fifty million True God warriors, he nearly swept through the entirety of Starreach Province, halting only upon reaching its border.

Both Starreach Province and Unar Province were frontier regions under the rule of Olympian God Mountain.

The core of Olympian God Mountain lay atop the Olympian Peak, in the central segment of the Radiant God Realm.

Beyond the Olympian Peak lay vast territories such as the Starlight Colonnade, the Chaotic Realm, and the Frostwinter Realm.

Starreach Province sat at the junction of the Starlight Colonnade and the Chaotic Realm, and thus possessed a celestial star route leading beyond the heavens.

The Chaotic Realm itself was a vast land of fragmented powers and endless conflict.

Among them were forces such as the Skywing Kingdom, the Scions of the Sacred Dragon, and the Darkfang Empire, among many others.

Between Starreach Province and the Chaotic Realm stretched an immense Starfall Mountain Range.

This range had formed from tens of millions of ancient stars that had fallen and evolved over billions of years.

Though now covered in primeval forests, from the heavens one could still clearly see the perfectly circular Starfall Godpeaks rising majestically.

Elizabeth and the gathered Covenant Deities stood atop the highest Starfall Godpeak, gazing into the distant land known as the Chaotic Realm.

Complex, indescribable emotions churned within their eyes like storming tides.