

Creator 1491

Chapter 1491 Occupation

"So, what are we doing about these Lava worms?"

"Nothing. Let them be for now."

Sam said casually and Giyon felt a bit confused.

"Didn't you say they are good?"

"Of course they are, but I don't know what to do with them for now and it is also hard for us to find the location of all of them in a short time. We would need to make a lot of people out, which is not a suitable situation for us.

I will think of a proper solution, by the time they become a real threat."

Sam's words are still calm. Even though he is saying that he doesn't know what to do with them, he is pretty confident about dealing with them, when the time eventually arrives.

While they are chatting, one of the attendants came with a report.

Sam looked at the report and with just a glance, the words "Dusk has arrived" are clearly visible to him.

His face turned into one of surprise, delight and finally pride.

He looked through the reports to check every small detail. And with every detail he read, he felt happier. The grin on his face went bigger and bigger.

"What the hell are you smiling about?"

Sam didn't say anything and just gave the report to her.

"What? Mari clan suffered this much in one day? Particularly these parks? How did someone destroy things in this state? No wonder you are happy."

"I am indeed happy, but not because of that."

"So, what is it?"

"It is my friends. The words Dusk has arrived. It is definitely from my friends."

"Makes sense."

"If my guess is right, the Mari clan is in for a world of pain for the days to come. They couldn't have come at a perfect time."

Sam said with a sigh of relief. Even though he is confident about dealing with the Gaja clan's current plight, extra help is always something to look forward to.

"So, are we making any contact with them?"

"No need, they will come to us all by themselves."

"But the information that you are here within the clan is not known by many, it will be hard for them to find out you are here."

"Let them take their time. It is not particularly necessary for us to meet immediately anyway, they will be here by the time the war is completely unleashed and that is when you actually need them."

"I wonder how Sivan is reacting now. I bet he is pretty pissed."

"Of course, he should be."

While they are chatting, somewhere within the Mari clan's territory.

Philip, Watt and Jack are roaming around in a city. They didn't wear any disguises and they didn't see any explosions for that matter.

This is one of the big cities under the Gaja clan and it is even controlled by a Middle stage Astral Plane consummate cultivator.

After roaming around the city for a while, they went back to the inn they were staying in.

After entering the room, someone knocked on the door and it is none other than Night Ghost.

"So, how did your walk go?"

"Ours is fine. How did the team's walk go?"

"They are reaching their destination. I am just waiting for your cue."

"Don't worry, there is no way, the city is full of idiots who don't know how to identify their enemy roaming around in the city."

"I am having doubts whether they knew about you guys at all."

"With that statement we wrote, if that guy doesn't recognize it is us, then there is no way he could have pulled off changing bodies with Sam."

Philip said calmly as he looked out of the window. At this moment, some of the city guards are already rounding up the building and people with authority are coming over hurriedly.

"Night Ghost, you and the rest of the team are up. Go ahead and deal with them."

Philip ordered and Night Ghost nodded before complying.

He walked out of the inn casually, the guards that are rounding up the inn ignored him, they are currently focused on Philip who is standing at the window.

Night Ghost walked past them and walked towards the estate of the lord of this city.

Several people who are in Astral Plane transcendence made their move and they are all running towards the inn.

"Philip, Sam and Watt. You are under arrest by the order of young master Sivan. We have orders to capture you, but that doesn't mean we cannot kill you. You better surrender before things get nasty."

One of the people in charge yelled.

Philip just smirked at them and went back into the room to take a seat.

"How long is it going to take?"

Watt asked as he stretched lazily.

"Not too long."

As soon as he said that, they heard a commotion downstairs.

Sam's team has made a move.

Saber Monarch, Five elemental King, Paras, everyone made their move from various rooms of the inn as they jumped out of their windows and attacked the people surrounding them.

Meanwhile, Night Ghost smoothly walked into the estate of the city lord and captured him.

"Who... who are you?"

The city lord asked in fear.

Currently, he is kneeling on the ground as an invisible ghost pressed him from the back, but the thing he doesn't know he was hit by a ghost, which made him feel a bit fearful.

"I am the person whose orders you are going to obey for some time."

As soon as he said that, the ghosts started working and forcefully made the guy sign a soul contract.

Meanwhile, near the inn, the team slaughtered the officials and people in charge of various departments of the city before they could throw out the next warning.

Everything this over within a few minutes and at this moment, the city guards and the rest moved.

Many spectators watched the team kill the people, though the whole force of the city guard is coming here.

But to their surprise, instead of coming here, they actually went to lock the whole city down.

They blocked all of the gates and activated the city-wide formations.

Then came the announcement.

"The city lord has announced a lockdown of the whole city. Until his further notice, no one can leave the city any attempt to do that, shall be punishable."

The city was thrown into a commotion instantly.

"Seems like things are done, let's go to the mansion. We don't have much time, we need to use this time to deal with the other cities on this planet."

Philip said and all three of them followed by the rest of the team went to the city lord's mansion.

They met in a hall with the Night Ghost and Philip started explaining his plan.

There is a reason why they captured this specific city. That is because the city is exactly in a location from which they could move to a lot of other places a lot quicker.

This made it into a business hub.

In fact, the very reason for the prosperity of this city is because of its location.

Now, no matter which direction they travel from this spot, within two hours, they are going to reach another property or a city under the Mari clan's name.

Philip is not going to take advantage of the distance to destroy all of these powers by the end of that day without breaking any sweat and planting some things there.

"Are you guys ready? You will be splitting up for now. Night Ghost you are staying with me, Jack and Watt.

Your job is to control the city and ensure that every one that is sent to this place is allowed inside. The intake process should be as orderly as possible, but it should turn into chaos just in a second.

Do you understand what I mean?"

"Yes. I will arrange that."

"Alright then, we have four target cities and luckily, we have four carriers at the moment. So, divide yourself up into teams and take one carrier before leaving. We don't have time to waste."

Philip walked out as soon as the plan was done. He took off on a beast into the sky as he waved his hand. The Divine dimension fragment activated as a large carrier appeared in front of him.

The carrier.

One of the designs Sam sent to him to use.

Vidyut and Jwala came flying as they took over the carrier.

It is half as big as the whole city lord's estate.

After boarding the carrier both of them issued commands to the crew that is operating it to make their move toward the city.

The same thing happened in a few minutes.

The other members of the team also split themselves up as they took other carriers and flew in different directions. The carriers that looked like they are behemoth beasts made of metal and other materials moved at a speed that they didn't think was possible.

Chapter 1492 Evacuation

From the city that was occupied by the trio, all four carriers moved into four different directions. Night Ghost was the only one left behind and the rest of them are all gone.

The four carriers left in four directions.

The carriers looked they are large scale levitating aircraft carriers. They have large thrusting devices that kept the whole thing floating and there are multiple towers on the top surface of the carrier.

Inside the operating room, the team members that went to lead the destruction of the cities stayed along with the rest of the operators.

There are many people who are operating various parts of the carrier. One is the Navigation team, the other one is the Power Supply team, the last one is the weaponry team. They are constantly active.

There is a passive team, that is mostly focused on repairing any possible damages that could occur and assisting all the other three teams if needed.

The carrier came attracted a lot of attention as it hovered through the sky and went to that city.

By the time it came on top of that city, all of the city guards, lord of the city and other officials were alerted. Even the underground leaders and gangs were alerted by their subordinates.

All of them are even flying in the air on the beasts as they looked at the carrier halting on top of it.

"Whose doing is this? What is this thing? You are trespassing into the Mari clan's territory, you are not allowed to be here, leave immediately."

The city lord yelled on the top of his lungs. Five elemental king and Jwala looked at him through the screen. Five elemental king took a communication device and spoke into it.

"We are taking over the city. All of the residents and visitors are advised to leave. You can go to the city that is on the west side, a few hours away from here. But do not stay in this city. Anyone, who stays here within an hour is liable for their death.

We are not responsible for your lies."

Five elemental King's voice reverberated throughout the whole city. Everyone was stunned. Even though this is a cornerstone city under the Mari Clan's control, it is still city under Mari clan's control.

Not anyone could just come over here and say that they want to deal with the city. They are ordering the people here to completely evacuate the city.

"I don't care who you are and what made you grow the balls to offend the Mari clan like this, but I will tear through this thing and bring you out before killing you."

As he said that, he made his move.

He is an Astral Plane Initiation cultivator, he extended his hand forward to gather lightning at the end of it. He aimed it straight at the front of the carrier and lunged off of his beast to attack it.

Five elemental king walked to the weapon team and said.

"Activate elemental barrier and spatial restriction."

As soon as he said that, various spots on the carrier's surface on different sides started glowing.

A large barrier with various elemental energies started glowing. Along with that, there is a ripple of spatial energy that came out of the carrier restricting the movement of the city lord.

The city lord felt his speed getting reduced by a lot. He wasn't able to reach the target and his blow brushed past the barrier.

BOOM

An explosive sound came as the barrier rippled.

"Activate elemental cannon and the flight puppets."

Five elemental king, gave orders while the beast of the city lord caught him before he could fall.

The carrier made a large mechanical noise and a vent opened up on the bottom of it. A cylindrical cannon that is around fifteen meters long extended out of it.

After that, another vent opened up on the rear of the carrier with a bunch of puppets flying out of it.

They moved towards the people that gathered along with the city lord.

"Don't hold back. Just fire."

Five elemental king commanded.

"Element of choice, sir?"

The cannon operator asked.

"Fire. Let's go generic today."

The operator nodded and the cannon was fired. All the flight puppets also started glowing red as they shot energy beams at everyone.

The main cannon got fired on the city lord while the energy beams are targeting the rest of the entourage.

BOOM

The energy beam hit the city lord and enveloped him completely. The beam has around three meters in diameter and not only did it hit the City lord, it even went after the beast that is carrying him.

The beam went on for three seconds. The beast and the city lord fell down. Crashed into the ground in the city.

The puppets are also shooting them down one by one. The battle began. Of course, the puppets are not really strong enough to deal with these people in direct combat, but there the carrier is not there just for show.

"The deduction eye."

Five elemental king ordered again and the operator activated something.

A cylindrical barrel extended out of the nose of the carrier from which something that looked like an eyeball came out.

An extra glow appeared on a specific spot over the puppets' bodies.

The eyeball kept on moving and shining with various flashes.

The members of the city that tried to attack the puppets suddenly felt shocked. As one of them threw an attack on the puppet to take it down, even before they could launch the attack, the puppet moved from the trajectory and another puppet from the side attacked the attacker.

The energy beam shot diverted the attack and it fell on another opponent. The puppet was unscathed.

In another spot, a puppet that was in the line of an arrow suddenly stopped its thrust devices. It freely fell a bit down to dodge the arrow, before activating again.

Like this, as they barely took down three puppets, the rest are dodging and firing at them constantly.

Of course, the puppets are not landing extreme attacks, they are doing gradual damage. Accumulating it bit by bit.

When a puppet is out of charge, it went back into the vent it came from and it was replaced by another puppet completely.

The battle went on for hours, but by the end of it, the carrier flew over the air and all of the residents in the city except for the soldiers and officials of the Mari clan left the city.

They went to the city that is currently under the control of the trio.

The soldiers, officials and other clan members of the Mari clan are all gathered in the main mansion under the orders of the Five elemental king.

After they are all bundled together, the carrier flew over them and a large hole appeared on its bottom surface, showcasing a black crystal surface.

A black coloured beam was shot down. It covered the whole mansion. It penetrated through all of the solid walls and ceiling without any trouble and bathed all of the people and beasts inside with the black light.

A scanner opened up in the operator room on which Five elemental king is watching.

There are several humanoid and beast icons on the scanner indicating the locations and situations of cultivators and beasts within the mansion.

After all of the icons turned black. He nodded and the operator pressed a different button. A cylindrical pillar was shot out of the carrier which fell in the middle of the mansion's front yard.

The pillar emitted a black glow.

"This is easier than I thought. Just go and deactivate the space gates and we can get away from here."

Five elemental kings commanded and the carrier turned around as they travelled back to the first city.

In the same way, all of the other four cities are also cleared within a few hours and all four carriers arrived at the first city.

While they are battling and travelling, the trio busied themselves with a different plan.

They used the space gate in the city to send a person from within the city to inform the superior of the city lord they captured, about the situation the city is in.

After that, they cut off the space gates, not letting anyone come there through the space gates.

The four cities that are nearest to this city are also completely disconnected from their space gates. They are also empty now with no one there to present any information to any person that might arrive.

They waited until all of the carriers arrived.

Philip then called out their space gate expert and issued orders.

"Convert the existing space gates of this city to one-way space gates. Send every person to go where ever they want as long as you can send them.

Distribute all of the resources we got from the cities to them and apologize for the inconvenience. Do the same for the other people that arrive here from the four cities."

"But boss, there are tens of thousands of people in the city. It will take a lot of time."

"So? Just do it. We don't have anything to do until tomorrow. Before superiors arrive here, tell them, they need to evacuate this place. If they take the space gate route, it is good, if they don't, tell them they are liable for their own lives."

Chapter 1493 Carrier Formation

The mass evacuation didn't go as simply as Philip ordered. Many of those people started protesting and the people from the other four cities that came here also started doing the same.

Philip only had one thing to do for that.

He made the city lord give an announcement.

"By tomorrow afternoon, this whole city is going to be destroyed and everyone in this city, that includes me, will turn into corpses.

If you do not get out of here by then, things will not be good for you. You will be responsible for your own deaths."

The whole city was stunned by that statement. Some of them immediately left. To Philip's surprise, more than half of them didn't choose the space gates. They just left the city and picked a route to the Northwest or Southwest.

Those are the directions that have cities big enough to accommodate them and they don't belong to Mari Clan either.

Philip didn't care much, all he wanted was for them to leave and they are leaving. By night, the city is almost empty.

Now, he is just waiting for some high-level people from the Mari clan to come.

"You are in for deep trouble. Do you know that?"

All of a sudden, the city lord spoke up. After he was forcefully made to sign a contract, this is the first time he spoke out of his turn.

"What? Is it the usual threat? The Mari clan is going to kill all of us?"

"Not just that. I don't know who you are, but judging from the fact, that your pictures came to us all over the place means, you are someone that is really hated by Sivan.

Currently, Sivan has an extremely high position within the clan. His authority is almost as same as a Grand elder.

He is currently a leader in the war against the Gaja clan.

Generally, he shouldn't have time to deal with guys like you. But he took some time out just to capture you guys.

That means, he either really hates you or you are a variable in the war.

Either way, the clan would try its best to eliminate you. If my guess is right, then the superior you sent a message to might have actually gone to his superior and informed the whole matter to Sivan and other Grand elders.

They will not just send a few more middle-stage Astral Plane Consummate cultivators. A Grand elder will be visiting.

Even if it is a bit late, you are going to die and the chances of that happening only increase with every second you stay here."

"Thanks for the wisdom."

Philip said casually as he sat down to think of the next steps of the plan.

He started thinking about what they originally planned to do and what the city lord said. He knew that he miscalculated things.

He thought the superior would be the first one to make the move and he will be okay with the current set of plans. But now, he understood how wrong he is.

After some thinking, he immediately went to meet Watt and Jack.

He expressed the things the city lord said and they are also in a bit of a pickle.

"What if he is just bullshitting?"

"He might be, but there is a possibility that he is not. If a grand elder really comes, I am pretty sure, that we wouldn't be able to stop them with the four carriers that we have. At least not in their current state."

"So, you want to set up the carrier formation?"

"Yes."

"Are you sure? Once that comes out, we will lose our first surprise attack on the clan's headquarters. Then we can directly use the towers there. It is not big deal."

"Alright then, let's just go with it. We don't need to worry about things too much then. Are we pumping vitality then?"

"Let's check. We can take the combined energy if there is any in the land."

As soon as they decided on that, they went to order the carrier operators. The carriers that were floating since morning landed for the first time.

They landed on four different spots in different directions of the city.

A bunch of puppets that are structured like wild cats came out of the carriers as they moved around. They started jumping and hopping around as they sniffed in different places.

Along with that, a vent opened on the bottom surface of the carriers. Flexible pipes came out of it and drilled themselves into the ground.

While that is happening on top of the carrier a bunch of new protrusions appeared as they acted as nodes and created massive formations around the city.

Philip is holding a crystal tablet as he observed the movements of the puppets and the movements of the carrier.

After some time, he finally marketed some locations and sent the message to the operators of the carriers.

They acted immediately and the pipes that drilled themselves into the ground started operating. Doing their task.

"So, what do we have in the land?"

"There are some faint deposits of various elemental energies here and there. They are going to be useful, for the rest, we are going to use a vitality pump."

"Are you okay with using it?"

"Why wouldn't I be?"

"You are the one that was hesitant to make it. I was honestly surprised when you said you wanted to attach them to carriers and towers that we made. I didn't expect that from you."

"Why do you think I evacuated every one else from the city? I know things might go wrong and we might need to use it. Since we already made it, there is no point in holding it back."

"That is true."

As they are speaking, the carriers already started sucking the energy out of the surroundings.

At this moment, one of the carrier operators contacted Philip and said.

"Sir, there is an unexplored mine vein to the south a bit."

"Unexplored? This close to the city?"

"Yes, sir. But it is way too deep and from the scanning records, the mine appears to be spread vertically instead of horizontally.

It is going to be a tough thing to me.

The Mari clan seemed to have understood this and built a small cultivation chamber there. They are using the energy of the vein for breakthrough assistance and stuff."

"Okay then, just send a puppet there and suck its energy as much as you guys can."

"Yes, sir."

After those orders, a humanoid puppet came out of one of the carriers. It went straight for the spot where the vein reading was noted.

After reaching the spot, it turned its body into some kind of pile driver and slammed itself into the ground.

A visible stream of energy started flowing into it.

On the back of the pile driver, a transparent crystal bottle could be seen and it is rapidly being filled with liquid energy after it was full, it disappeared and got replaced by another empty bottle.

"Now, all we have to do is wait."

Philip muttered as he heard the reports.

While Philip is waiting for the people to come at them, in the Mari clan's headquarters, Sivan is almost breathing fire.

"I want to capture those bastards. They will have a massive stash of resources and equipment. Some might even be on par with what I made in the past few months.

We need them alive to acquire them."

"No, we don't need them alive for that. As long as they are dead and we got their memories, we can find their location and take them."

One of the grand elders disputed.

"Like hell, you can. Do you even know how the dusk organization operates?"

"How else? Like any other organization."

"No, it doesn't. The moment these three are dead, no one other than Sam himself would be able to take that equipment from the organization.

They would rather die in self-destruction than hand them over to an enemy."

"Hmph, like hell they would do that. Who doesn't feel their life is important. I don't believe someone would sacrifice their life just to save some equipment from enemies' hands.

Particularly, after their bosses died."

"Not everyone is a sick bastard that is born in a high-end clan. Not everyone is a piece of garbage that does anything for their benefit. There are some organizations that still operate on trust and loyalty and dusk is one of them.

The organization is built on maximizing everyone's potential. The methods gave the people a gift. A fucking gift of realizing and manifesting themselves to what they could really be. I am sure, you will sacrifice the rest of your life span for a chance like that.

There are thousands of people who got a chance like that in that organization. They will all kill for Sam and they will die for him.

Even if you manage to find a few sick bastards just like you, there will be one crazy loyal person who will die trying to kill him and you along with destroying the equipment that you so desperately want."

Chapter 1494 Crystal Shell

"It seems like you are forgetting that you are also a member of this clan. The same clan you are speaking so ill of."

The Grand elder spoke through his teeth in anger.

"Of course, I know I am part of this clan. I am not calling myself an exception. But I don't believe you are either."

The clan leader looked at both of them and felt extremely frustrated.

On one side is the person who is the Grand Elder. A senior for him in terms of age. A person he deeply respects and has to give some value to.

On the other side is the most talented prospect in the younger generation. Sivan's schemes, strategies and plans are best among his peers within their clan.

He is sneaky, and smart and now he is extremely resourceful.

In fact, the whole war against the Gaja clan is because of the resources that this young man provides. The partnership with the Divine league is also because of him.

He is now placed in a pretty hard situation.

He took a deep breath and spoke up.

"Both of you stop for a second."

Sivan and the Grand Elder matched stares. They are glaring at each other with pure hatred.

The other grand elders are looking at the whole fiasco with either amusement or anger. Either way, a youngster firing against a Grand Elder is something they are really interested in.

"What do you exactly want Sivan?"

"We need to capture all three of them. If something happens to them, you can expect hell."

"Why is that?"

"You will not believe, even if I explain. But there is one more thing you need to consider for this. The dusk organization is way too big. They have way too many people and they are growing way too fast.

If something happens to them like this, things would go bad really fast. Capture them and I will make them surrender. The Dusk organization has way too many resources for us to ignore.

If we kill them, not only do we lose it all, we will also be getting a series of kamikaze attacks."

The clan leader turned to the Grand elder and asked.

"So, Grand Elder. You need to promise that you will be able to bring them safe and alive to Sivan. Only then can you go."

"How can I promise that? They are clearly hostile, what if they die in the clash accidentally?"

"Then don't fucking go. Stay here."

Sivan screamed.

"Mind your words young man. You might be useful now, but that doesn't give you the right to let your tongue loose."

The grand elder tried to pressure Sivan.

Sivan just looked at him coldly and said.

"If you have balls, then go ahead and attack me. If you don't, then stop with your fucking show of force. Me and My dad, might not get along, but I am sure, he will fucking slam you to death if you so much as lay a finger on me.

So, shove your fake threats into your ass and get the fuck out of my face."

Everyone was dumbfounded.

They didn't expect this kind of reaction from Sivan.

Even when Sivan was a cripple and purely hated everyone with any authority in the clan, he was never one with nasty words. In fact, he was not a person with so many words.

But now, he is openly abusing a senior grand elder in front of every single person. This is a next-level insult.

"What did you say, you little bastard?" The old man shook in anger.

But Sivan ignored this and said.

"Clan leader, I don't care what you guys think of my behaviour. I have little regard for the opinion of the people here, but I want to get one thing straight. Everything that is related to Sam has to go by me.

And his friends need to be captured safely and I don't believe this grand elder would be able to do that job.

So, send someone else. Even if you have to send the Chaos brothers, I don't care. But they must not die and none of their equipment shall go missing."

The clan leader heaved a sigh.

"The meeting is dismissed. Everyone, get out now."

Sivan and the grand elder stayed even though everyone else left.

"I will make the decision regarding this and Grand Elder, you will not be going to this expedition. Instead, I will send my elite squad to do this."

"Your elite squad leader?"

"No, only the squad. The squad leader stays with me. I am sure whatever the thing there, a bunch of Late stages Astral Plane Consummate cultivators can handle it."

"Who knows."

Sivan muttered.

"Well, you cannot just tell me all kinds of assumptions and ask me to believe you blindly Sivan. I will at least give you the benefit of doubt about the things you described the Dusk.

But can you sure say, that a bunch of Late stages Astral Plane consummate cultivators cannot finish the mission?

If you are sure, then tell me why?"

Sivan just shook his head in resignation.

"I cannot explain, but if you lose these people, don't blame me. But if they die, I will not let them slide."

With that, Sivan didn't speak.

The old grand elder also snorted and left the room.

After they left, the clan leader held his head tight and sent the orders to his elite team.

"How is the attack on the Gaja clan going? How long before Lava worms are activated?" The clan's leader asked Sivan.

"We can activate any time we want, but if you want to have maximum impact, wait as much as you can. Until then, we need to cause some other damage. To create a distraction."

"You said, you demonstrated other products to the Grand elders. Is it ready to use?"

"Yes. It is a consumable one and making it is also a bit tough. If you take away this batch and use it, you will need for a month before you could use another batch."

"A month? Can you not make it any faster?"

"Not. It is hard."

"What do you lack? Resources?"

"No, it is a bit more complicated than just resources. It is skill and precision. We are not really used to it. Anyway, as long as you send this thing and attack the Gaja clan, it will really work wonders."

"Alright. I will send a party immediately."

"No, send a grand elder or at least a Late-stage cultivator. Send a single person and provide him with all kinds of means to escape."

"Okay."

Sivan also left after that.

The clan's leader gave orders and a person immediately left the Mari clan to go to the Gaja clan. After that was done, he went to meet the elite team and give instructions to them.

He clearly expressed Sivan's attempt to deal with them and just bring them alive. He stressed the fact that they are not allowed to kill any of the three.

So, a late-stage Astral Plane consummate cultivator with a bunch of equipment and a bunch of late-stage Astral Plane Consummate cultivators left at the same time.

The cultivator that went to the Gaja clan, reached his destination by evening.

He didn't go near the city. Instead, he took up camp in a tall mountain miles away from the Gaja clan's city.

He climbed to the peak of the mountain and used a special concealment device that was given to him by Sivan.

He then took out the equipment and started assembling it.

It looked like a missile launcher mounted on a tripod.

He took out a crystal cylinder that has a pointy end. Through the translucent surface of the cylinder, one could see a very intricate network that is glowing with many glittering points here and there.

He carefully loaded the shell into the barrel of the launcher.

He then started aiming it as he looked through the telescope attached to the barrel.

Now he got a very clear view of the city. He aimed the barrel straight at the main building of the clan's estate.

He took a deep breath and pulled the trigger.

SWISH

With a red glow, the cylinder left the barrel and whistled through the air.

The shooter still looked through the telescope as he observed the shell moving.

The shell moved at an extreme speed that made it look like a flash. Barely three seconds later, it is already near the city and was noticed by the guards stationed at the wall.

It went past the city walls before they could even let the screams out of their throat and moved towards the main building of the clan's estate.

But the formation around the estate was activated, and the shell hit the barrier.

Instead of exploding right there and then, the cylinder stopped and hovered there trying to penetrate the barrier.

After two seconds of that, the crystal surface of the shell exploded.

BOOM

Apart from the explosion, a bunch of glittering coin-sized glowing circles were shot into the surrounding thirty-meter radius.

Chapter 1495 Cracker

The coin-sized round glowing objects are flying everywhere and landed on different spots.

Some landed on the formation barrier right beside the point of contact and some landed on the nearby structures.

Some landed on the people who are walking by and some landed on the ground and trees around.

But almost everything in the thirty-meter radius was hit by these coins and as soon as they landed, they gave out small explosive popping sounds.

POP

POP

POP

"AAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRGHHHHHHHHHH...."

The people who got hit by these coins immediately screamed. Everyone from within the clan's estate came out immediately to take a look at what is happening. The explosion is so loud that there are very few people who could have not listened to it.

The guards who came took a look at the people that got hit by these things.

One of them got a coin-sized circular red dot on the face and some straight sharp lines of red colour spread all over their face and extended all over the head and then the body as they spread through the neck.

In the same way, another person had a spot on the hand and the lines spread past the hand and then onto the chest.

The guards looked at the surroundings and saw that there are red dots here and there. They are extending some red lines randomly, but they are not exactly visible clearly, because of the soil colour.

The guards carried the injured people away, while some of them left there and investigated.

The first thing that is clearly noticeable is the dots on the barrier.

Even the dots on the barrier appeared the same way. A dot is spreading red lines all over the barrier in an extremely rapid pace.

Sam and Giyon were informed about the incident instantly along with the leaders of the clan and the grand elders.

Meanwhile, the guards stood there as they were really wary about these red dots. As they are looking at them, they saw some changes happening. The first one they saw is in the trees.

The red lines from the dot spread deep into the trees and before they knew it, it started burning. A lot of fire elemental energy was released from that burning tree and the surrounding guards felt the extreme heat hitting their faces.

One of them used their water elemental energy to put the fire out, but to their surprise, all it did was create steam all around them. The fire didn't go out.

It went on and on raging and after the tree was completely burned to ashes including the roots, the flames spread to the surrounding earth.

Even the soil was caught with the flames and started melting.

All of this happened in a matter of seconds and the same thing started happening with the soil around them and it started burning and melting with a heavy discharge of fire elemental energy.

The only thing that was not caught on flame is the barrier.

The lines that spread diffused into a large patch of red. A massive amount of fire elemental energy is released into the barrier network.

The energy of the barrier and the fire elemental energy started conflicting.

Meanwhile, the people that are being transported to get medical attention are also struggling.

"AAAAARGGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHHH....."

"KILL MEE. NOWWWW."

They are screaming for their lives and screaming for their deaths. The guards watched as their flesh and skin turned red, their eyeballs and the skin started burning soon. The ears started bleeding, they started puking blood out of their mouth.

Their hair started burning and then their clothes.

Their excessive fat melted down into sweat and then into vapours. The skin cracked and blood seeped out.

Soon red vapour came out of their flesh as they died and finally their bodies started burning.

Before the guards could do anything, even their bones started burning up. Leaving nothing but ash behind.

Sam ran as fast as he can and saw the people burning upon his passing.

"Fuck."

He cursed out loud as he ran out to check the barrier situation.

The whole area in the thirty meters radius is burning up. The only thing that doesn't have any immediate effect is the barrier, but anyone could see that it is gradually weakening.

Sam looked around and called the guard captain.

"Put everyone in the watchtowers with the telescopes. Keep on checking. As long as they see anything coming from any direction, tell them to notify. Make sure that no one stays anywhere near the barrier."

"Yes, sir."

"I need a flying beast."

The guard hesitated before giving his own. Sam flew on the beast and hovered over the red spot on the barrier.

He still doesn't have his metal arm, so he could only use his normal arm.

He covered it with spiritual energy as he placed it on the red patch of the barrier.

He placed it on the red patch as he started injecting his spiritual energy and stopped the spread of the fire elemental energy.

He used the energy control to push block the fire elemental energy with his own energy and pushed it out forcefully.

The barrier fluctuated a bit, but it soon stopped and went back to normal.

Sam held a ball of red colour being surrounded by a globe of white colour. He took a step back and aimed it into the sky before shooting it.

BOOM

A massive flaming explosion occurred.

By now Gail, Gamin and the clan's leader who were in a meeting also arrived.

"What happened Sam?"

"They are using Energy Cracker. I didn't know he would be able to make it."

Sam said with a solemn expression.

"Energy cracker? What kind of thing is it? Did it cause all of this?"

Gail asked as he looked at the destruction caused in the thirty-meter radius.

"Yes. We need to activate the crystal dome barrier. It is impossible to defend against this and even if we did, it will only cause more damage to us."

Sam then turned to the guards and ordered.

"Tell everyone to stay inside. Nobody is allowed to come out until the further orders are given."

They nodded and left.

After ordering and activating the crystal dome, Sam and the rest went back into the clan estate.

Sam went to the lab and ordered some things from the artisans. Some of the other important work has been thrown to the backend.

"What is the Energy Cracker, you were talking about?"

"It is a weapon that I made. It is used to create certain levels of damage within a restricted space. Its effect is not just limited to cultivators. It works on barriers, formations, formation plates, inscriptions, people, beasts, walls, trees, grass and even plain soil.

In fact, this is not even the complete version of the energy cracker. It was not materialized completely in my head, that is why I never made it."

"This destroyed everything within a thirty-meter radius and people that died, didn't even leave bones behind and this is not even the complete version?"

"No, it is not. It is energy inefficient. It takes up way too many resources and way too much energy to be made and the skills of the person that makes these things need to be extremely high.

I am even surprised that they even made these cheap imitations."

"These are cheap imitations?"

"Yes."

"How does this even work? Why is it so powerful enough to impact everything?"

"The main principle the cracker works on is energy corrosion. Everything in this world can be corroded by elemental energy that the thing doesn't belong to.

And this cracker contains pellets of processed, concentrated and compressed energy that was ready to diffuse into any substance that has any form of spiritual energy in it.

The energy will first be guided along the channels of spiritual energy or any other channel for that matter.

If it fell on a person, it will take up the spiritual energy network, the circulatory system and even the respiratory system if there is a chance.

The lines of compressed energy will spread as far as they can before all of it is released in a single second. All of this excessive fire elemental energy diffuses forcefully into the body at the same time.

They would wish that their hearts dugout instead of this.

I am really surprised that Sivan even understood this concept, much less make it."

"How did you even make such a weapon?"

Gail asked with a very weird expression. Gamin, Giyon and Grivon also had similar expressions. They felt extremely confused and lost.

They couldn't understand what kind of thought process even led to that such creation.

"What is wrong with your head? Why did you think of such a twisted way of killing people?" Gail continued asking as he looked at Sam.

"Are you really expecting me to answer that question?"

Sam asked with a frown.

"No, actually. I am really afraid of listening to your answer. Why don't we just skip to the part where you tell us how to defend against it."

Chapter 1496 Bees

As they were speaking, before even Sam could reply to the question a guard came into the room and made a report.

"Sir, there has been a hit on the west side of the crystal dome.

The barrier in that space fluctuated a bit with the red dots all over, but it is absorbing slowly. But the operators are saying that if it is bombarded at different places, at the same time, it will create a hole in its operation.

That time gap can be used to infiltrate the city."

"Well, that gives a temporary answer to my question. What about a more permanent one?"

"I will think of something. The best thing you could do now is to capture the person that is shooting these things. I don't know if they had sent a team with multiple launchers or a single one."

"How can we find that out?"

"Shot interval."

Sam said as he paused and turned to the guard.

"Notify the operators to maintain the stability of the formation. I want them to time the third and fourth shots. Also, make sure that they mark the direction and the point of contact on the crystal dome.

I need the measurements to be as precise as possible.

As long as we get precise about the locations, I can confirm how many shooters are there.

The location would be a bit difficult though."

"Don't worry about it. I and Gamin will scout by ourselves. Just make sure you find a remedy for this cracker.

If these things come in a bunch, things would be extremely problematic."

Gail said and let with his brother.

Sam immediately went to work. He first noted down the timing and the locations of the first two shots and started estimating a rough distance.

Before long the third shot came and from the people who are keeping a watch through the telescopes, he managed to guess how long the cracker stayed in the sky after it was visible.

Sam knew how fast it is and he calculated how far the cracker must have come from and what angle.

He then estimated the first three locations from which the shot could have been fired and noticed the time difference.

After the fourth one came, he quickly made some calculations and made speculations.

"There is a good chance that there is the only shooter and they are moving very quickly from one spot to another. But I cannot estimate how many people the shooter is with."

This is the final speculation he came to and gave the answer to Gail and Gamin through the communication network.

Gail and Gamin went on to scout the locations Sam has guessed and managed to find out some places with traces of people's activity there.

There are some traces of a tripod being placed there and impressions left behind because of the recoil of the shot.

They understood that Sam's guesses could be right and started looking in different directions.

But it is very hard for them to track the person by themselves as they moved around. From the distance that was covered in such a short time, they also figured that the opponent is on the same level as them.

If they really play a game of cat and mouse, it would be hard for them to keep proper track of them.

They just have to find a way and pull through it though.

While the Gaja city is being tested by an annoying problem and everyone is working just to make sure that it doesn't collapse their system, something else is happening in the Mari clan's territory.

Philip, Watt and Jack are waiting for a grand elder to show up based on what the leader of the city said, but the Mari clan only sent a team of Late stage Astral Plane Consummate cultivators.

Eight of them to be precise.

And they didn't make a move on the captured city directly, instead, they went to the evacuated cities first.

They separated themselves into four groups of two and decided to investigate the cities.

But as soon as they arrived there, every one of them realized that it is a mistake immediately.

And the first pair learned the hardest way.

When the pair arrived in the city, all they could see is abandoned buildings that are completely destroyed and the main building which is completely unscathed.

The brightly lit black pillar has attracted their attention.

Both of them are wearing white cloaks and white masks. Their steps are quite like that of a cat as they jumped from one building to another.

"Why did the team leader want us to investigate these cities? We only need to capture those brats."

One of them asked the other.

"He said it is the order from the clan's leader. That brat Sivan has some very huge claims to make about the trio we are about to capture. But he is unwilling to provide any evidence.

He is so adamant about making sure that the trio doesn't die.

But the grand elder is adamant about killing them.

The Clan's leader doesn't want to be stuck with the wrong side.

So, now we need to investigate what these brats are really capable of. We need to investigate, the damage they could have caused to this city and form a report.

From these claims, the clan's leader will form an opinion. If they really have something that is worthy of what Sivan claimed, he will pick his side.

If he doesn't, he will pick Grand elders and just kill him."

"Why doesn't he just stick with the grand elder like he always did?"

"This time, he is a bit careful because of the things that Sivan is offering. The Divine league's deal is very precious.

Also, he doesn't want Grand elder to get his hands on the equipment these brats have. It is all just a bunch of political hot shit."

As they were talking they reached the front yard of the main mansion.

There, they saw the black pillar with a myriad inscription and then tried to scan it with the spiritual sense. Then they started looking at the main mansion. Inside, all they could see are a bunch of corpses all laying on the floor, tables and some even in chairs.

"What the fuck is up with this? Why do they all look like they lost their lives abruptly and some look like they are battered?"

Look at the city lord, his body is half charred."

"Something is really wrong here."

"I think it has something to do with that pillar. Let's check it out."

Both of them went back to the pillar and one of the two hesitated before finally touching it.

As soon as he did that, he realized that they made a mistake.

A black barrier appeared around the whole estate and a vent opened on top of the pillar.

The person who touched the pillar felt something hit him. But there is no physical damage whatsoever, so he is a bit confused.

As he was thinking of what is happening, all of a sudden, the vent that opened up started giving out some small metallic flies that looked like bees.

BUZZZ

The buzzing sound brought them back to their senses and both of them stepped back.

The flies are numerous and they all zoomed at them.

Both of them blocked their advance with barriers.

But as soon as the flies touched the barriers, a series of small explosions started occurring on the barrier surface and dark elemental energy is seeping into the barrier and in turn into their energy network.

With every extra explosion, the speed of the spread kept on increasing.

"We cannot defend them like this, we need to destroy them."

One of them yelled and started throwing flames at the bees. They exploded immediately and black smoke started coming out as it floated up before merging with the barrier.

The bees are not strong, but they are extremely numerous. There are tens of thousands of bees before they even knew it.

They started attacking the barrier, but it is durable enough to take some hits.

And the backside of it is that the bees are relentlessly attacking them while they focused on the barrier.

But that is not all of it.

There is one more thing that they didn't expect.

A few of the corpses they saw inside are coming out of the estate as undead creatures and as soon as they appeared, the bees stopped attacking the two guys and went for those corpses. They directly entered their bodies or injected the bodies.

The undead creatures immediately had a huge energy boost and they grew stronger and stronger by every second.

The two elites could sense the increasing energy.

They decided to make a move before the process could be finished, but as they gathered their energy, they suddenly realized something.

The whole area is sucking their vitality, bit by bit and they are weakening.

This only made them quicken their pace of attack.

Chapter 1497 Painless

"Alright, I have had enough."

One of the two said it out loud as he gritted his teeth.

Fire elemental energy surrounded his body and as soon as he shot it, the whole barrier was full of red hot flames.

The Mansion, the black pillar, all of the bees and even the undead. Everything is covered with flames and when it finally settled, all the bees are gone. The undead corpses are laying on the floor in flames.

The mansion is also on fire and half of it disappeared in the form of molten rock.

The person looked at his partner and said.

"I am sorry. I cannot hold back. Those bees are fucking annoying."

The partner looked at him with a sigh. The only thing that is left completely intact is, him and the pillar because he protected the pillar.

"What the fuck is wrong with you? Do you really think, I wouldn't be able to do that? We were asked to collect fucking evidence and you almost destroyed everything."

"Well, you saved the pillar, didn't you? What are you complaining about?"

"Fuck you."

He didn't even want to talk to his hot-headed partner anymore and pulled out the pillar from the ground.

But as soon as he did that, he felt like he got hit by something and stumbled just for a bit.

"What's wrong?"

His partner asked, but he just shook his head and stored the pillar away in his storage.

"Let's see if we can salvage these deadbodies, their death is a bit weird, even though you burned them to crisp, we can still try to get something out of it."

Both of them went to store the burning deadbodies after putting their fire up. They cleaned them up quickly, but when one of them is about to put up the last one, the corpse moved.

He was caught off guard and the corpse bit deeply into his arm.

He instinctually punched the corpse in the face and tried to get rid of it.

But the corpse bit into him so hard that some of his flesh was torn off before it could come off.

He became pissed and burned the corpse again until it completely turned into ashes.

"What the fuck is wrong with you? Why are you so eager to burn everything down? Are you a fucking arsonist all of a sudden?"

His partner once again got angry.

"Come on, man. Look at this. I got bit by that thing. What do you expect me to do?"

"I don't even want to argue with you. Let's get out of here."

Both of them finished the collection and after some efforts broke the barrier before walking out of the city.

The man who got his arm bit looked at it and frowned.

"What happened now?"

His partner asked.

"It is just a bit weird. I don't feel the pain anymore."

"Maybe it doesn't hurt as much as you claimed it did."

"That's not it, I felt the pain before, but it is gradually going off."

"Whatever. Just ignore it. If I were you, I would be more worried about what that black substance is on that flesh wound. Losing pain is a good thing, but what is that."

The partner checked the wound and carefully took the black substance off.

"I think is part of those burned lips. I might have been left behind when I punched the corpse."

"Clean it up and take some medicine. We will go on my beast. You can rest on the way."

"Sure."

Both of them climbed onto a beast and made their way toward the captured city.

As the person who got his flesh bit off took the medicine, he could see the wound closing up. But he is still a bit troubled as he couldn't feel any pain on the spot. He felt that it is extremely weird.

Meanwhile, the other pairs are also not really having a good time.

In one city, they directly went for the pillar before they even searched the whole building and after the bees came, one of them used a wind element to create a circulating wind barrier that kept the bees at bay while the other stored the pillar inside.

The first one immediately increased the velocity of the wind and forced the bees into the mansion while the currents destroyed some of them.

The second one started attacking the barrier, trying to destroy the whole thing.

It didn't take long for them to break out of that barrier. They boarded their beasts and got ready to take off.

At this moment, they sensed some really negative energy coming from the side and before they knew it, a bunch of undead creatures broke through the mansion walls and jumped at the beasts.

The undead creatures looked weird, they didn't look normal. Their hair and eyes are completely black and some kind of black vapoured smoke is coming out of them.

The bodies turned grey. Their mouths are emitting some black goo from the corner.

They started biting into the beasts and also tried to fight the two partners.

They retaliated immediately and started attacking the undead creatures.

"Why the fuck are they so strong?"

The first one asked.

"How the fuck am I supposed to know that?"

The second one retorted as they fought the undead back.

The first one got bit by one of them while he was fighting, but he realized it didn't even hurt that much. It barely stung.

He felt weird, but he didn't have time to think too much about it and just continued to fight.

They finished off the undead and got back onto their injured beasts as they went towards the Captured city.

Similar situations happened in the remaining two places. Either one or two of those people felt some weird painlessness as they got bit by these creatures.

They don't know exactly what happened, but they didn't have time to care.

They just directly went to the captured city.

All of them reached the vicinities of the captured city at the same time.

But as soon as they entered, they felt extremely shocked.

The scene that was in front of their eyes, is something that they couldn't have even imagined in their whole lifetime.

A few mile radii around the captured city looked completely dead. All of the trees and vegetation were withered to debris. The soil became loose and devoid of any moisture that it could have possibly held.

They couldn't sense a single spiritual energy particle in the air.

The first pair that arrived there looked at the situation and didn't even want to enter that radius.

"What the fuck is this?"

This is like a desert. But instead of water, it is devoid of spiritual energy.

Who did such a thing?"

"The question is, how did they do that? Not who did it. We already know who did it."

"That's true. It seems like the fears of the clan's leader are true. If whatever they used to make this happen really fell into Grand Elder's hands, he wouldn't be able to sleep for days."

"Of course, he wouldn't."

As they talked, they slowly walked into the area. They didn't move as fast as before and neither did they use their beasts. They walked into the area and looked at the massive energy barrier dome far away.

When they reached a spot where they could get a clear view of the city, they could see the carriers in their full view.

"So, what do we do next?"

"Wait for the other teams to reach the range of our communication. We will only make a move after that."

They waited there for an hour before they finally got the communication link.

"Team 1 is here. We have a situation though. We cannot sense any spiritual energy in the surroundings and stay here is a bit draining. The change is not too much, but it is not a good place to battle."

"Team 2 is here. We are also in a similar situation."

"Team 3 reporting. Same situation."

"Team 4 reporting. Same situation."

One of the two members of Team 1 who is currently an acting leader and is responsible for executing all of the orders, spoke up.

"We need to deal with the city as fast as we can. Did everyone bring their share of evidence?"

"Yes."

"Keep it safe. We are going to launch an attack on the four things that are in the four directions of the city. We are going to attack them all at the same time and destroy them.

Go with full power. Don't hold back.

I believe that the four machines are the key here. We are going to destroy it before they could even act."

"We are good with that. So, when are we making a move?"

"In three minutes.

Exactly three minutes and the attacks should land.

Be careful. You are not to be spotted in between. We cannot let them get a chance to prepare."

Chapter 1498 Beams

All the elite squad members made a move. They are at their top speed as they ran towards the city while charging their full-powered attacks.

But after one minute, the first pair faced some problems.

The person who got bit by the undead creature suddenly stopped in his tracks and collapsed on the ground as he rolled forward.

COUGH *COUGH*

He started coughing out blood and his partner has to stop immediately.

"What happened? Are you alright?"

"I... I don't know what is happening?"

The partner said as he tried to stand up, but he felt his legs go weak and couldn't gather enough energy to stand up.

He channelled his spiritual energy to get some more strength, but to his surprise, he cannot even do that.

He extended his hand and tried to gather some energy into it, then only they saw the place where the undead creature bit.

It is black and looked festered all over.

"what the fuck?"

His partner immediately tore up the white robe and removed the mask as he looked at the body. All of the body is covered with black lines popping up like veins.

He quickly tried to get a quick scan of how his body is doing, but he was stunned.

"What the fuck? Your organs. They are dying, How can you not feel anything? You should be screaming in pain."

"I don't feel any pain." The injured person said with a frown, but he could feel that he is getting incredibly weaker.

"How is that even possible? You should be feeling intense pain. This foreign death energy is eating your organs away. This is not possible..."

As he was saying, he suddenly remembered something and said.

"You cannot feel any pain."

"What?"

"That's what you said. You cannot feel any pain. Something is wrong. The undead bite, I think that is a problem."

"Why couldn't I notice anything until now? How can I be painless even after all of this? With our cultivation level, it is impossible for us to not notice something like this."

"We only care about the anomalies that hurt us. But you would have been at least noticing some kind of disturbances within your body.

It is impossible for you to ignore such a thing.

Something is really wrong here."

As he spoke, he started taking out all kinds of medicines they had and started giving them to his partner.

The same things are happening in all of the other teams, but the third team's problems are twofold as both of them were bitten by the undead.

When they took medicines, they noticed that as the vitality in their bodies increased, the spread of the black lines has been reduced by a lot.

The leader of the group contacted the rest to see if they are all in the same situation.

"We are late-stage Astral Plane consummate cultivators. How did such a stupid thing happen to us?"

The leader asked with gritted teeth. This is embarrassing and humiliating. He cannot stand such a blunder in their team.

"I think it is a curse, sir."

"Curse?"

"Yes, sir. It is a very high powered curse. I read it in some ancient books. It is said to be a curse designed by Goddess Hel is herself. It is a curse that works on the target despite their cultivation level and it can be fused with any other curse.

I think we are hit by such a curse."

One of the two from the third team spoke up.

"So, do you know how to undo this curse?"

"No, sir. The curse I talked about is a carrier. It fuses with another curse that is responsible for the damage.

In fact, it is only a thing of myth. I don't even know how these people managed to do this."

"Can you diagnose yourself? What are the conditions?"

"Some kind of vile death energy is infiltrating our bodies and organs. The only thing that can counter is vitality and rest. If there is an abundant amount of spiritual energy from our surroundings, our body's natural absorption of spiritual energy and its conversion into vitality would have kept it at bay.

But since we are in a zone with no external source of spiritual energy, the death energy is taking over and draining the life away."

"So, we need to shift you guys out of this desert zone to make sure that you don't die?"

"At least temporarily. We can think of a permanent solution with our healers back in the clan. Until then, medicines and a good environment helps."

"Okay then, everyone listens. Change of plans. We are first going to move our people back out of this desert.

After that, only three of us would be left.

The five injured people will be keeping watch outside of the radius. The three of us are handing over our medicine stash to them.

They will keep themselves alive and keep a watch on possible escape routes.

Do you understand?"

"Yes Sir." A clear cut response came from the other side.

The leader immediately took his partner and started moving out of the zone.

At this moment, from the carrier that is facing on the side, Philip is standing while watching through a telescope.

"Seems like our guests really did get hit by the gift we left for them. They are trying to escape, make sure that it is not possible."

The operators nodded and immediately went back to do their jobs. A cannon popped up from the top of the carrier and aimed at the guy who is carrying his partner away.

A similar situation happened with the other three carriers as they aimed at the people leaving.

BOOM

Four cannons fired multicoloured beams. They are mostly glowing white with many strands of green, brown, red and a large strand of blue in the mix.

The beams were shot and reached their targets within three seconds and the people that are carrying their partners were shocked by the sudden arrival of the cannons.

They immediately dropped their partners and defended against the beam.

BOOM

A massive explosion occurred as the targets felt their insides churning. The energy that hit them is weird. Apart from the mess of some different elemental energies, there is one thing that felt extremely refreshing.

So refreshing that they felt like they are dying.

It is that refreshing.

They could see all of their vital organs getting overly excited and they started overdoing their jobs. There is excessive production of all kinds of blood cells. Some tumours are formed in various tissues inside and they are being combated by the existing cells.

All of this happened within a few seconds and with their defences in full swing.

At least on three sides these people were able to defend but on one side. The third team that has two of its people injured, had some serious damage because of this.

Both of them were unable to deal with the beam. One of them got grazed and the other one got hit by it full swing.

Apart from the elemental corrosion of different elemental energies, the vitality beam hit him. It started suppressing the death energy that is running rampant in his body at first, but before he could feel relieved, he could see the rest of the adverse about.

His body's every cell started overworking. Every tissue is over performing and it couldn't stop.

Before he knew it, he started spitting up blood from his orifices and fell unconscious with his brain short-circuiting.

The person who got grazed by the beam felt something else. He got recovered a bit but also took some serious physical damage with elemental energy corrosion. He turned around and started running as he screamed into a communication device.

"Boss, my partner is down. He is dead."

The other people heard the news and fell silent. They didn't expect that one of them would die that day. After all, they are right below the peak of the power within the realms. It is inconceivable for them to die like this.

They suddenly felt like their clan leader's excessive paranoia was justified. There is no way this kind of weapon wouldn't intimidate someone.

They could kill people at their level, there is no saying what else they could do.

"You run away. Save yourself."

The leader said and he picked his partner before running away.

He started running as fast as he can, But after taking a few steps, he already felt another beam coming at him.

"Fuck, that power attack and they don't even need any time to restore? Just kind of lunatic was able to make something like this thing?"

He cursed and took out some artefact before using it.

"You better live buddy. I am sacrificing so much here."

He muttered to his partner and used it.

The artefact completely enveloped them both as the beam was blocked by a massive barrier.

The barrier took the full brunt of the attack and withstood most of it. Except for some residual force, nothing happened to both of them as they ran away.

Chapter 1499 Departure

The elite team are running for their lives while carrying their partners. Except for the third pair.

With the second beam that the carriers shot, the rest of the members managed to barely dodge it with all they had, but the remaining person in the third pair was unable to do so and took the brunt of the attack.

He never knew that vitality could be used as a weapon. He never knew that his bodily functions could be used to kill him.

By the time the second beam was done with him, he is barely alive.

The carriers shot the third round of beams and finally, the beams hit someone in the second pair, while the first and fourth successfully escaped.

Two members died and the other two are barely alive when this is finally done.

Philip called for Night Ghost and passed orders to collect all four of these and he did as he was told.

After gathering them in the city, he examined the bodies of the dead people first. He left Night Ghost to take the souls away, before preparing them for something.

He took out a very special vest and made the two corpses wear them. The vest has some needles inside that drilled themselves into the corpses as they sucked out the remaining blood, residual spiritual energy and even the deposits of elemental energy that were there because of the beam attack.

After doing that, Philip then took out a cylinder that is a foot tall with a pipe half in diameter attached to it.

He connected the pipe to a small duct in the vest before leaving the corpse be.

He did the same with the other corpse.

"After the procedure is done, crucify them at the entrance of the mansion."

"Alright"

Night ghost nodded.

Philip was about to walk away but stopped when Night Ghost hesitantly asked something.

"What about the other two? Do you want me to kill them first?"

"No, I am reserving a very special thing for them. You don't need to worry about it."

"Okay."

Philip walked away and met with Jack and Watt.

"Our mission here is almost done. Finish off the other guards and officials from here. Kill them, collect the souls and go with the vest procedure before crucifying them."

"Do you really want to leave? I mean, those people didn't even manage to make it to the city. This is a great win, we can go with the momentum. The carriers are also full of energy."

"I know it is a great thing, but things are not as simple. The only reason this worked is because of the conditions we created. The curse would have been completely useless, had they not entered the desert zone created by us.

Their bodily regeneration and vitality would have kept the death energy at bay.

Since they already learned the lesson with a huge price to pay, they wouldn't be doing the same mistake again."

"But we evacuated the city to do something big, I was really looking forward to it."

"Don't worry, we can still leave a very meaningful gift that will use the area of the whole city."

Watt suddenly got excited when he heard Philip.

"Are we doing it? Really?"

"Stop being so excited. People will mistake you for a psychotic freak."

Jack said and walked away to carry out the tasks.

"Like I care."

Watt also left after muttering. But everyone could see his excitement.

Philip went to the two people that are barely alive. They are restricted completely without any treatment.

He looked at both of them and thought of what to do with them.

"I can't believe I am really doing this. I thought I would never get a chance to do so."

As he said that, he gestured for one of the subordinates to do something.

The subordinate went to the two captives and started making them wear a vest. This one is different from the previous one though.

This one has more inscriptions and more restrictions.

There is also one large duct on the back.

"Bring them to carrier 1 and carrier 4. Use all of the remaining energy in those two."

Philip ordered and the subordinates proceeded.

They brought them to the carriers. The subordinates pulled out a very large pipe from the carrier and connected it to the duct on the vest.

They ran back away and one of them took a deep breath before pulling down a lever.

The multicoloured energy that was shot as beams a while ago, now surrounded this pipe as it channelled into the body of the captive.

The energy is too much. Way too much for even an Astral Plane Consummate cultivator.

The energy channelled and filled up the body forcefully and it took over an hour before it was completely done.

But even with all of that excess energy, the body didn't explode, instead, the whole body seemed to have turned into a fusion body with this multi-coloured energy.

The vest kept all of the energy locked inside that body.

"Be careful while moving him. Don't touch him anywhere other than the vest."

The person who performed the procedure informed his fellow subordinates. They nodded and carefully picked the guy as they took him to the main mansion, where the crucifixions are happening.

Meanwhile, Watt busied himself with something else.

He took out some crystal sticks. They are thin and three feet long. But they looked like they are carved out of some crystal material. It looked beautiful and ornamental.

Watt excitedly placed a bunch of formation plates in different areas of the city first and activated them all at the same time.

A weird light appeared all over the city and within these lights, there appeared some glowing spots on the ground.

Watt moved on the silver wind as he stabbed one rod after another in these glowing spots.

After making sure that every glowing spot was set up, he took all of the formation plates and went back to meet Philip and Jack.

"I set up the formation. What about you guys?"

"Crucifixions are over. The targets that escaped are nowhere to be seen. I think we are good to go."

"Then, let's move."

They immediately took off. They stored three carriers in divine dimension fragments and took one off as they moved away from that city's spot.

From far away, the leader of the elite team saw this and gritted his teeth. He wanted to follow them, but he is injured.

He never expected that he would taste such a humiliating defeat from some juniors. That too, without even being able to put any fight at all.

This will remain in his head as long as he lives.

He wanted to go back to the city and check its situation, but he decided not to. He is way too injured and the rest of the teammates are also not feeling that well.

He decided to retreat immediately with the team.

By night, the team went back to the Mari clan and they reported the situation to the head of the clan.

"So, four of you died and you didn't even manage to reach the city? Just how powerful is that machine that you are talking about?"

"The beams are fast sir. Only peak stage Astral Plane Consummate cultivators would be able to keep up with that speed. I highly doubt even the spatial elemental users would be able to do it if they are on the same level as me.

It is almost an instantaneous attack."

"What else did you find out?"

The leader presented the corpses, and the black pillars and also explained the bees, the undead bites, the painless phenomenon, everything that he could think of.

"I will have the healers examine the bodies of these people. You guys go and rest up. We are in the war, I cannot have you become weak like this."

"Thank you, sir."

The leader saluted before leaving.

The clan's leader has something going on in his mind as he thought of what to do next.

The weapons that he described just now are really tempting.

A beam that instantaneous is something he cannot pass up that easily.

But the kids already left the city. He is kind of regretting not letting his right-hand man make a move earlier.

Then he would have had those weapons in his direct control.

Not like the weapons that are under Sivan's control. Weapons under his direct control.

He thought for a moment and called for his right-hand man anyway.

"I want you to go to that city and investigate. From what the previous elite team said, there might be some traps there. I want you to see if they are saying the truth and also find out if you can estimate their next destination.

I want to capture them. I want all of the weapons in their hands.

Most importantly, don't let this news get out, no matter what. All of this must be done as discreetly as possible.

Do you understand?"

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The clan leader's right-hand man bowed down in agreement.

The clan leader looked at his subordinate.

The subordinate has a bald head and a very large and sturdy figure. He is completely jacked with muscles.

But his eyes looked dead.

"You are my trusted subordinate, that is why I am giving you this task. This is very important and precious for me. This will help me stabilize my power and position for the years to come.

And I want you to find them and capture them. I want you to bring those three along with all of the equipment they have on their hands. I want you to help me achieve my ambition.

The man nodded and bowed once again, before leaving.

He went out of the clan and used the public wormhole and took all of the public routes that led to the captured city.

By the time, he arrived there, nothing was left.

The city is as bare as a carcass feasted by vultures. There is not a single lifeform in the surroundings. Of course, the desert that was described by the elite team has disappeared long ago.

The spiritual energy started recovering bit by bit after the time the carriers are removed.

The man entered the city and wanted to investigate it. But as soon as he stepped inside the city, he sensed something.

He jumped forward and rolled into a house.

BOOM

A spear landed on his previous location with an explosive sound that shook the surroundings.

He blankly looked in the direction the spear came from.

An old man is standing in a house not far away with a smug look on his face.

"You dumb brute. You are here.

I know that clan leaders wouldn't be sitting ducks. That greedy bastard. He is not satisfied with the clan leader's position and even craves more power.

But I won't let that happen. These kids are going to be mine and the equipment that is in their hands is also mine."

He is the grand elder that disputed with Sivan overcoming to this city.

He gritted his teeth and took out another spear before lunging forward at the man.

The man stayed calm and threw a fist at the old man's spear.

The air compressed itself into a shield at the edge of the fist before it blocked the spear point coming at him.

The old man stepped back in a hurry as soon as he felt the pressure of the fist.

The clan leader's subordinate, on the other hand, didn't even budge. He still had that blank expression on his face as he made a move.

He jumped forward with his fist aimed at the old man. The old man blocked it once again with his spear and attempted to stab it.

The windshield appeared once again, the spear was unable to penetrate the shield and he was pushed back.

This time, he also felt the spear vibrating continuously and making his arms go numb.

The aftershock of the crash destroyed the house nearby and the subordinate only pushed forward without stopping.

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

One clash after another, the fist and the spear collided again and again. The shockwaves started destroying the whole area and the houses fell down into rubble.

The old man felt an overwhelming pressure as he felt the subordinate suppressing him with every move.

"How can a servant like you be the owner of such great power? You are just supposed to be some dumb brute. How did you become so strong? You low-life."

He became angrier and threw the spear away, before taking out another spear. This one is completely black with green patterns all over it. There are some snake designs on it here and there making it look like a large black spear made from the bodies of coiled snakes.

"I will kill you with this. Even if I have to use all of my strength, I will definitely kill you with this."

The old man said seriously as he bit his tongue and spilt blood on the weapon.

The green patterns on the spear turned bloodred.

"Taste this cursed spear, you bloody low life."

As he said, he gathered all of his energy into the spear and the surroundings turned chaotic. Even the spatial fabric around became tense as he lunged forward and stabbed the man.

The legs of the old man turned stiff as the muscles were extended to a whole new level. The arm muscles were torn and the robe was torn apart.

A spiritual energy storm started around him, all of it was concentrated into the spear and then into the tip and finally into the stab.

The subordinate just stood there as he looked at all of the houses that are completely destroyed and nothing was left standing within the surroundings.

Even some of the crystal rods that Watt planted are flying over the air and crashing on the ground.

BOOM

A huge explosive sound came as the spear made contact with the subordinate. All the debris that hovered completely fell down.

The debris and the rubble settled down.

When the dust settled though. The old man who had a grin on his face, suddenly felt his whole life turning upside down.

The subordinate is standing there with the same blank face.

The spear barely made a nick on him as it entered his chest. It didn't even go past his muscle fibres. He is as firm as a rock with barely some blood dripping from the chest and some from the mouth.

The old man who used his strongest attack that destroyed half of the city just from the preparation felt like a little kid who saw the dangers of the world for the first time.

Before he could even speak, the subordinate pulled his fist backwards and threw a punch straight into the face of the old man.

BAM

With a sound that felt like he hit a drum, the punch landed and the old man's jaw broke before he flew through the air and he landed far away.

The subordinate ran after him and threw another punch, sending him flying again.

This time, the old man tried his best to stand up and ran away from the subordinate into the main estate.

When he entered through the main gate though, he was stunned.

He looked at the crucified bodies of people and the two bodies that are tied back to back in front of all of the crucifixes.

He shook his head to come out of the daze and was about to run inside.

But before he could do that, the subordinate caught up and threw another punch at the back of the head of the old man.

CRACK

The skull-cracking sound came as the old man fell forward on the two corpses.

The subordinate was about to follow him, but as soon as the old man touched the corpses, he felt that something is off.

The two corpses that are wearing vests and filled with a large amount of energy are now thrown off of a balance that they are maintaining to keep the loaded power in check.

Now that they are gone, shit hit the ceiling.

BOOM

The corpses gave out an initial explosion of energy that created a wave across all of the city. Even the subordinate finally changed his expression after that.

BOOM

Another explosive ripple came and all of the crystal rods in the city. Some that were left untouched and some that were all over the place because of the battle also started shining brightly.

They are so bright that even the man and the old man far away could see as long as there are no obstacles between them on that brightly lit day.

Before they could make sense, the third explosion came.

BOOM

The massive explosion covered the whole mansion and the rest of the wave covered the whole city.

All of the rods that are in the position lit up even brighter while the ones that are not being completely destroyed.

BOOM

BOOM

A series of random explosions occurred from the rods that are not part of the formation.

Then.

BOOOOOOOOOOMMMMMMMMMM

A massive explosion followed as all of the rods that are in the formation exploded at the same time.

The chaotic explosion was completely restricted within the city and it went on for a few seconds before it disappeared.

When the dust settled, all that was left in the spot of the city was a large crater that is over a few dozen meters deep and at the centre of it all laid, two skeletons that are barely recognizable as skeletons.

They are way too skinny to be normal skeletons. The bones are that worn off.

One of the skeletons has a massive crack on the back of its skull and the other one has its two fists balled in. The second is also a bit taller than usual and its bones are much thicker than the previous one.