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Chapter 181: Red rock canyon

The twenty-seven days marching of soldiers from southern star city to the Red rock canyon was spread all over the dukedom.

The main source of this news is the traders. As they travel a lot, the news also spread in so many parts of the Dukedom.

Some of them are in awe as they imagined the scene, some of them just brushed off the news as an exaggerated rumour.

Anyway, one twenty-seventh day, the march of the battalion came to halt as they reached the Red rock town.

The town has two main entrances and one of them is in the direction of the southern star city and the other one towards the Canyon where the military post is located.

Even though, it is called a town, it is no bigger than a normal village. The only reason it is called a town is because of the better economic state than a typical village.

This is one of the smallest border connections with the enemy empire. The Red rock canyon narrows down the path connecting the two empires making it a strategic location which can be a path into either of the empires.

If one empire compromises, the other empire will easily occupy the other town and if that happens, the balance between the two empires might break.

If any of the two empires wins in this location, the winner can use this chance to penetrate into the loser empire. Since, the border is small and the both sides are covered with Cliff making it almost inhabitable and difficult to send the troops from different directions, the losers will have only one way.

That is to gather the troops and attack from their other cities. But before they could gather enough troops and clear the citizens to make an attack, there is a high chance that the winner's forces would enter their empire and they will have a strategic advantage.

Even if the winner who entered the empire, has a hard time dealing with forces, he can use this canyon as a retreat path to back down easily. The other party's army wouldn't be foolish enough to barge into the canyon and follow them into their territory before defeating the army as there would be a high chance of landing into a trap.

For this reason, this became a delicate location due to the natural terrain around.

Sam read this report given to him by Deputy General, he also read something interesting and that is, a few decades ago, the armies of the two dukes are heavily stated near this red canyon and town and the counter part of this town in the enemy empire.

The civilians were forced into the dire states with lack of food and enough space and a safe environment. The red rock canyon became the battle field and the two armies faced some serious casualties.

But both the parties didn't budge and didn't want to give up on the place, as the first one who manages to occupy the red canyon and town of the other empire, they will have a strategic advantage.

They can take control of the surrounding villages slowly or they safely retreat into the canyon which would be an ideal location to defend as they can bring their enemies to a head on fight.

But the problem is when the two sides wanted to get it, they are wasting so many resources and lives, so they can only come to consensus.

They both retreated their armies and only left a battalion each. Both sides of the canyon are cliffs which divided the two empire completely and the next city with connected border is more than a week away.

So, whatever regiment that is in charge of that city's border will arrange a battalion here.

There are some more delicate spots like this and they are all guarded in the same way.

The enemy duke proposing this challenge will not only help his son to get some exposure from those people behind the scenes but also recognition from the emperor by resolving the stalemate in this place.

Sam has to say that this plan is amazing, the only variable is the win or loss of the battle.

If the plan really failed, then the life Duke's son be at stake.

So, Sam felt that there might be something else going on behind the scenes.

Will the Duke really leave his son to die in this place?

Will he really not care about this?

Sam felt that it is highly unlikely, but Duke still sent his son to the battle, there are only two possibilities, the Duke is so confident that they are going to win this battle or the Duke might think of a backup plan to save his son even if he lost.

Sam is thinking on what might be the case. He knew that, even if the battle is an opportunity for him to get the points for assignment, it is also a high-level risk.

He is an enemy of general and he more or less pissed the Duke off and even messed up their army. So, they might hold quite some grudge.

Even though, Duke's proposal might sound like an opportunity, Sam thought otherwise.

The duke could have sent Nicholas or any other person who is on close terms with him, better he can even send Zeke or Blue fire.

After all, this is an opportunity to amass the points. If they really won, they can hoard enough points to leave the second place in dirt and if they lost, the duke can sugar coat the words by saying that the candidates bravely led the troops and tried his best.

But sending Sam, who is their enemy, there might be only two cases and one is that they are trying to curry favour Sam or they want Sam to lose here and die. Sam felt that the second option is most likely.

He shook his head and sent Zoi termites and four shadow mice out.

As Sam expected the remaining two couples also started expecting soon after he took care of the first one. And soon ten new shadow mice joined the family.

Now the parents are still teaching and taking care of their children, now Sam can only make use of the four young ones.

Their jog now is to see, if there is any tampering down to the terrain.

Generally, there is a restriction that both parties shouldn't do anything to the terrain. If the canyon collapse, the connection between two empires would be lost, turning a strategic location into a dead end, which will anger the emperors.

After a whole night of scouting and making sure that there is no underhanded scheme involving the terrain, he was relieved, he retired for the day.

For the next three days, Sam only has to prepare his soldiers for the battle and after three days, they would have to fight and by the fifth day, Sam want to start the return journey.

He doesn't want to wait here, test waters, make strategies and everything.

Honestly a battle involving only two battalions means a thousand people, for Sam this isn't a war at all.

And he is highly confident that his soldiers will win and there is a high chance that they are going to win with zero casualties.

Even if the other party has whole army full of Novice elites who are individually stronger than the his soldiers, he can still confirm that it was his win.

Because, the main strength of the Sam's army lies in the teamwork which was drilled into them until it was committed to their muscle memory.

But he has only one concern and that is if there are any shady means involved, there is a high chance that the soldiers might be in danger, which he didn't want to happen.

So, for the next three days, the four mice and the termites and even locusts are in full time watch mode.

They didn't even bother to enter the enemy's army, rather they are only responsible for watching the canyon.

That's it.

Fortunately, there is nothing wrong with terrain and there is only one way that something might happen and that is a conspiracy which involves the army of the enemy or some hidden experts arriving.

On the day of the war, before dawn, the soldiers are already awake and marched their way towards the mouth of the canyon. On the other side of the canyon more than two thousand meters away, they could see their enemy empire also preparing for the war.

At this moment, a Great mage came towards Sam.

This guy is one of the supervisors of this battle.

There are five Great mage experts from both sides and these ten people are here to supervise the match so that nothing against the rules will happen.

"I hope you know the rules. In this battle even if you are killed, we wouldn't interfere. The most we can do is carry your body back and give it a proper burial with the rest of the soldiers.

The same goes for the other army, their Great mages also won't get involved.

We are only here to keep a watch at things and make sure that no party breaks the rules.

That being said, I do hope you will win."

As the supervisor said, he extended his hand for a hand shake, which Sam returned.

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Chapter 182: Peac.o.c.k

After the whole battalion was assembled, Sam and the main supervisor who just talked to him walked towards the midpoint of the canyon, where they would meet with the other party.

Sam looked at a youngster who seemed to be in his early twenties and also a Novice at peak stage in a luxurious battle attire, with a high-quality armour of rank 4.

Behind him stood a Great realm cultivator who is the supervisor from the other side.

The Supervisor is an early stage Great realm cultivator and is he is in his late thirties.

After the both parties met, the supervisors exchanged the doc.u.mental agreements, which has the seals of Dukes which states that the town of the

loser would be in the winner's control and the loser cannot attack the winner and try to grab the town back until the eight months which means before the next war meant for testing the candidates.

Sam was quite intrigued by this doc.u.mental system in this type of civilisation and particularly between two empires.

In modern earth, there are similar treaties between various nations, but there is an international court and United nations to question the deal breaker.

But who has that right and power in this world? Sam has yet to see them and for now there is only one group that Sam suspected, the people who are controlling this competition.

Anyway, Sam didn't think much about the issue and right now his focus is on the young man in front of him.

This guy gave Sam a serious and most disgusting first impression. Rich and arrogant. Sam is even thinking if the whole world consisted of these guys. Wherever he went, he would at least on of this kind.

The young man is looking at Sam as if he cannot wait to move away from him place and it is his misfortune to breath the same air as Sam.

He is way past a normal rich second-generation kid.

After the brief exchange of the supervisors they then came back to the positions and Sam's supervisor spoke first.

"Your battle is a competition between your two armies, the winner will be decided, if the one party surrenders completely with no one willing to fight and that includes the commanders which is you two.

Or there is other way and that is if either of you two dies first, then the remaining one will be the winner.

You can fight along with your troops or you can command them from behind, that is your wish. But the main thing is the supervisors wouldn't interfere, otherwise it would be a massive breach of the rules.

They are only here to see if any of you are using any forbidden means.

Both of you may exchange a word if you want."

Even though, Sam didn't have much of an impression on this guy, he still extended his hand to for a hand shake. After all, this is a competition not some life and death enmity. Sure, the soldiers might die, but they will have to face this situation even if not for this competition.

These two nations are warring for decades.

But the reaction of the opponent didn't surprise Sam at all.

"Puny commoner. Do you really think that you are worthy to shake my hand? You must be dreaming if you think that you are my equal just because southern star Duke sent you here. I am of noble birth and I wouldn't even touch a strand of hair from a person of filthy blood like you."

As he said, he turned his head away and left.

Sam didn't take it to heart and only smirked to himself. His expectations were spot on. He is not just arrogant, he is a border-line racist, but his racism depended on his noble status not of colour or language.

That means, everyone who is not a noble is filth to him.

Sam smiled coldly as he thought of the expression this proud peac.o.c.k [1] will have after the battle and that won't be long.

"You can begin the war as soon as you can."

The supervisor said to Sam.

Sam nodded and without speaking he took out Harbinger and disappeared in a flash.

The Peac.o.c.k and his supervisor didn't notice this as they are too busy with their self-centred pride filled moment of humiliating Sam.

Sam is back to the soldiers' temporary station in a minute. As soon as he came, he said in loud voice.

"I am not going to give you guys any strategy and I don't think you need one. I trust my way of training you and I believe you already know how to defeat them without my advice.

One thing I do want to say is, one day. I want the battle to be finished by today and I want to have dinner in the mansion of that town's head.

So, begin."

Sam said these words and as soon as he did, the soldiers started marching rapidly. It cannot be called as marching but more like running, but they are doing that too in an orderly fashion.

The red rock canyon.

It is around 700 meters wide but the space between the two cliffs is still filled with uneven rocks. The distance between the two armies right now is around two thousand five hundred meters. If not for the improved eyesight of the cultivators, they wouldn't even be able to see each other.

Sam's army rapidly approached as they observed the surroundings. The earth elemental and the wood elementals are mostly looking around and their minds are working on high speed.

The red rock is not that hard but not soft either. If they are fortified with spiritual energy, they can take around two hits from a normal Late stage Novice.

As for flora in the area, there are mostly shrubs with a lot of thorns. There is not much greenery around, but these shrubs which are short and almost looked dried are full of thorns.

They are having different thoughts and how to utilise the terrain to their absolute advantage.

On the other side. Peac.o.c.k is only halfway through the distance towards his station, but he could hear the sound and feel the vibration of running.

When he and the supervisor curiously turned back, they were stunned.

The whole battalion is intimidatingly marching towards them in an orderly fashion, but with force and battle intent surging. They could feel the excitement in the soldiers.

Only after a few seconds did the peac.o.c.k come back to his senses and he immediately panicked. The supervisor beside him was also shocked and immediately ran towards the nearby cliff as he climbed upwards.

All the supervisors are on the either side of the cliff as the observed. They are mainly here to check if they are using some forbidden tricks exclusive to this match and those are, Great realm cultivators, the usage of high-level inscriptions and formations, they can only use the second rank items.

Only the candidates, which means Sam and Peac.o.c.k have some privileges of using some life saving measures.

Peac.o.c.k immediately started moving, he seemed to be a Warrior. He ran as fast as he can and he is using a movement technique.

When he was near his soldier's station and they were in his audible range, he shouted.

"Immediately move, the enemies are attacking all of you move."

The Soldiers are still lazing around a bit.

One of the reasons is that they are an elite squad of Novices trained by the Duke himself. They are a part of Duke's special regiment and they have intel from their spies that Sam is training the soldiers himself, so they are a little over-confident.

Another reason is, generally the wars wouldn't be this abrupt and direct. Since, the cultivators are powerful and if they are underestimated the casualties will be severe. So, both sides have a tacit understanding and will test the waters with some small battles.

Duels between individuals, squads, companies. All these are normal and these are the main reasons that War goes on for that many days.

These small tests will not only make them delay the time, but also make the commanders on both sides think and estimate the enemy's strength.

Sometimes, a side will deliberately send weaker opponents to make the other party over confident and catch them by surprise.

Sometimes, one party will have weak overall strength and they will deliberately send their trump card soldiers to bluff in the duels.

In this way, there are way too many possibilities, which will make the people think and they don't dare to make a full-scale attack unless they confirmed the enemy's strength either estimation or spying.

But Sam didn't feel like waiting. At first, he wanted to entertain the other party by making a couple of duels possible, but after that peac.o.c.k opened its feathers and started looking down on him. He lost his interest.

After all, how dare a peac.o.c.k look down on a Roc just based on its looks. The Roc is the one that rules the sky and a Peac.o.c.k is just a small part of it.

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Sam might seem petty and he might be stooping low by acting like this. But he is also a normal human being. He is not a bigger man, who associates the other party's condescension to their immaturity and him ignoring them makes him more mature and a good human being.

He doesn't want to be that good human being and wait for karma to do the work for him, he pays back every debt himself.

In fact, he felt that him entertaining the other party by following the normal procedure of some, one vs one duel, beneath him. After all, he needs an equal to play, but the other party is clearly not at least in his mentality of looking down on people.

So, Sam is not going to bother with these rules and let all his soldiers loose. He followed them from a distance on his harbinger as he observed their movements.

He needs to make sure that they wouldn't be affected by any of the underhanded tricks or any other traps that might have been laid by the enemy. He wants this war to be won without a single casualty and he is going to make sure that happens no matter what.

He followed the soldiers with hundred meters distance as he looked over.

From the other side, the Peac.o.c.k's soldiers also started moving forward. Seeing the confident march of their enemies, they are hesitating whether to go head to head or to make land and defend.

The man who seemed to be the Deputy of the Peac.o.c.k asked.

"Young Lord, what should we do?" He was given orders before to follow whatever the peac.o.c.k says, so he is asking it. Even though, he knew that he will be better leader than the young lord, he still has to obey.

After all, this place is for the young lord to show off.

But Peac.o.c.k is in full Panic mode.

According to what his father said, there would some one on one challenges and then the squad challenges to estimate, the enemy's strength.

This way they can decide to make an all-out attack or make some company level skirmishes and so on. But this commoner is not following these things, he just let his five hundred soldiers loose.

"I... I don't know." The peac.o.c.k stuttered as he answered the deputy. Sam's soldiers are already half way and his soldiers currently covered the half of their half way. So, within few minutes they would meet.

No matter what they did now, they are going to fight the battle in their half which is a bit disadvantageous to them.

The Deputy shook his head and said.

"Young lord, I suggest you stay in the back and near the town gate. If you agree, I will take the command and if anything happens, you can retreat and defend with the remaining soldiers who will follow you back into it.

As long as you guys are alive there is still hope for competition."

The Peac.o.c.k nodded his head and immediately moved as if he received a new lease on life. Looking at this behaviour Deputy only shook his head even more.

A coward like him who is afraid to face a completely new situation in a war, how can he be fit to lead an army. He should have just stayed put in his mansion and be sheltered until he inherited his father's position.

Why bother coming to a war zone?

As he thought of this, he looked at the rapidly coming army.

He then looked at the floating young man hovering above his army with a golden coloured bow.

Even though, this young man has confidence, he didn't have enough experience by sending his army like this, it would be difficult if his army was to face some difficult situation. After all, there is only one retreat route and it would quite difficult to defend while retreating.

He shook his head again and then commanded the soldiers.

"Defensive formation.

This would be the ending line and they shouldn't advance past this. Defend this line with your lives. Let us defend for our victory." His voice was loud and clear and even Sam could hear it. All the soldiers started making defensive formations.

Their spirits are high.

Sam observed the crowd and he saw that the Peac.o.c.k is nowhere to be seen on the front line, he smirked again. His guess was right.

He sent some termites to keep track on that Peac.o.c.k so that he wouldn't escape. He is determined about this war and if any unexpected things or tricks happened, which he felt that would definitely happen, he prepared several other things to cope with the problem.

He has estimated more than ten scenarios where his clean sweep could go wrong and he prepared enough arrangements for these ten scenarios.

Soon, the two armies met. The defence of the enemy is quite good.

Sam looked at his soldiers with relaxed expression, he has faith in his army.

They are doing exactly what he taught and the first thing in this scenario is to test the extent of the defence of these guys.

The defensive formation of the enemy soldiers is mainly focused on fending the attacks and make it a long duration battle, a battle of endurance. Their earth element users are in the fore front as they made the trenches and walls which would defend their army along with the warriors helping them taking on the attackers.

The second line of defence is mainly of few attackers and semi defence users like water and wood. The last line of defence is full of the main attackers, comprised of many elements including the fire, wind, lightning.

But Sam's soldiers are dauntless. Right now, they are in company battle mode and the first thing they did is the main attackers attacking the first line of defence with their basic attacks to test how strong they are.

The warriors didn't even act yet as they spread around with the remaining companies.

After gauging the extent of defensive strength and the counter attacks from the main long-range attackers from second line and third line.

They decided their next step.

There are some Javelin users throwing these javelins as the counter at them from the third line which has some chance of disrupting their attack pattern and the warriors who are in the front line supporting the earth users are the weakest points in the whole defence line.

Since, the other party only focussed on defence their earthen walls are quite solid and being held up by the combination of all earth element users is making it harder for them.

So, the next step Sam's soldiers thought of is entering this defence line through the weakest point. The warriors.

Just like that there were concentrated projectile attacks like wind blades and fire balls on the warriors. The attacks didn't even touch the walls and forts like they expected, this made the Deputy frown, but seeing that the attacks are most basic ones, he was still thinking on what to do.

But he didn't notice, the wood element users and the earth element users making some movements as the attackers made their move on the warriors.

Some areas in the ground started having some changes, the red rocky terrain started protruding with some small brick like structures, in centre of which there was a hole big enough to fit a foot.

The movement of the warriors from the other side were suddenly impeded by the small rocky irregular protrusions which are popping out randomly and the holes hidden at the centre of the protrusions, making some of them struck.

With this small distraction, before they knew it, the attacks came at them. All of them are mostly focused on their vitals. The wind blades targeting their necks, eyes, the fire balls aimed at their faces and heart.

The Deputy observed the small anomaly in which his warriors are being taken down, before he could observe closely, Sam's soldiers started penetrating into the formation and they are moving in the form of squads.

Their next target is taking down of the earth users while fending off the second line.

The Deputy noticed that the defence is going to crumble and commanded.

"Second line and first line, eliminate the intruders first. Warriors stay defensive and don't move from your posts, earth users provide cover to the warriors and take some heat from them make sure that they don't advance further."

He is in the third line and he is on top of a temporary watch tower. He observed the battle seriously. The first thought he had after watching Sam's

soldier's performance is that he is wrong about his assumption of the other party being inexperienced.

The strategy is completely unconventional and new. He had led the same battalion for quite some battles. The cultivator's wars always tended to on the simple side without much tricks. He used this formation many times but all of them always targeted at the earthen wall.

Because, even if they take down the warriors, the entry into the inner part will be minimal and at most a squad can enter before the gap was filled. The squad who entered will be dead as they would be surrounded by quite some people.

This can be called a trap, but for some reason, he had a bad feeling that these squads of Sam's battalion shouldn't enter this and consequences wouldn't be good.

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Chapter 184: Sams Battalion II

The Deputy's feeling was right. It really is bad idea to let the squads inside their formation because, as the second line and the earth users focused on three squads that entered, they didn't notice that the rest of the battalion's earth element users and wood element users are doing something.

Earth element users placed their hands on the walls, while the wood element users placed their hands on the ground and both parties closed their eyes.

And before they knew it, there is a huge change in the front line.

The earthen wall made of Red rock suddenly underwent a metamorphosis.

The earth element users responsible for maintaining the wall felt the change but before they could react, the ground under their feet started showing changes, they felt that their feet and legs being attacked by numerous sharp objects.

When they looked down, they saw the shrubs in the surroundings all started growing to their maximum size and their thorns became fortified by the wood element energy penetrating their skin and making them distracted.

And this distraction changed the course of the battle.

The Red rock wall, changed the shape and before they knew it, there are several gaps and the wall started moulding itself into small rooms around the earth element user and before they could react, numerous spikes made of sharp rocks protruded inside killing them.

From this one situation more than half of the earth users died and the other half who reacted fast enough were seriously injured becoming unfit for the battle.

The healers started helping some people with the protection of the second line soldiers.

Right now, the first line is compromised.

Deputy was in shock at what happened. As soon as he saw this scene, he immediately commanded.

"Go to a full-on mode, don't drag the fight. They don't even have a single casualty, try to do as much damage as you can and slowly retreat towards the town. We will defend the town no matter what."

As he said this, he looked at Sam, who is pretty relaxed. He didn't see Sam giving a single command since the battle started.

The soldiers attacked on their own, there is not even a single strategy or order from the young commander.

He has thoughts if this battalion is a special elite army trained by some expert in the dukedom and they have lent it to Sam just for the sake of winning. After

all, they are the same. If not for the Duke they would never be under this Young Lord's command.

Deputy still looked at the battle. He is observing the attack patterns of the Sam's soldiers.

He was completely amazed, he noticed that there are no energy consuming attacks from those soldiers.

All the attacks are done with minimum energy usage and simplest of them. The attacking speed, control and lethality are being carefully controlled.

Particularly, the earth and wood element users are the ones that are quite intriguing. They are not even trying to make some serious damage to the soldiers. They are completely focused on defending and laying traps.

He never thought, that even the shrubs can be this dangerous. Generally, the wood users, carry some special seeds which are of various vine type plants.

These seeds are formed by various experimentations from a special branch of pharmaceutical tower. The Herbology. They study in improvement of various herbs to increase medical effects and also try to find ways to increase the production of these herbs.

These types of vine species are completely accidental. They are vines which will grow rapidly and have very small life span, they can grow in very harsh environments provided that they have sufficient wood element energy.

But Sam's soldiers are not using them. Deputy didn't know whether they had them.

But if they really had them and yet to use, this is quite dangerous. He now understood that all their attack patterns and war techniques are useless. He saw for the first time the best coordination between different element users in a single squad.

The most painful thing is the warriors who are on a constant move. They are not only making it hard for them to target them, they are even assisting all the remaining companies and particularly the healers.

The healers of the Sam's battalion are right in middle of battle, yet they are not being attacked at all. To be precise, they are being protected to that extent.

When anyone is injured, these warriors and the earth element users are safely escorting the healer to the injured and let them heal.

There are more than hundred casualties on Peac.o.c.k's side, yet Sam's side didn't even have a seriously injured person.

Their usage of spiritual energy is frugal and they can take a long-lasting battle.

Even when someone is having a deficit in spiritual energy, they will get near the nearest earth element user and take out a neutral energy cell to recharge quickly. The best advantage of the energy cells, they can switch to attack with the energy within the cell at any given movement.

This became the ideal team. They are good as squads, companies or even the whole battalion.

The Deputy was completely envious.

Peac.o.c.k who is even far behind the Deputy didn't know what is happening. He could see his soldiers being killed, but he couldn't understand the lethality and severity of the teamwork that Sam's team is providing.

The Deputy is brainstorming on how to neutralise the situation. He knew that there are only two ways, either give a last life and death struggle or retreat to the town and defend.

Either way, he has to take down some people first.

So, he gave an order.

"Target the healers. Third line, join the battle."

As he said those words, the battle immediately became intense. The Deputy who was on the watch tower picked up a Javelin and aimed.

The lightning energy surged as he threw the Javelin into the battle.

Even though, the soldiers dodged it narrowly, the Javelin struck the ground like a thunder and made it tremble along with disrupting the order.

Not only him, many other Javelin throwers are also doing the same. The worst part is their soldiers are also being affected.

Sam frowned at this and he observed the directions of the javelins. They are being thrown at the healers. The earth element users are doing a great job, but these javelins are making them consume the energy faster.

Just from one look, he could understand why they didn't use these kinds of attack earlier even though they used javelins before.

It is like a Kamikaze effort. Their side although not deaths, are also suffering from the disorder.

Sam looked at the people in an elevated spot in the back.

He nocked an arrow and pulled the string of the Golden crescent.

Whoosh

The arrow made a hole through the forehead of a person who was about to throw a Javelin.

Sam didn't use other elemental energies it is pure spiritual energy and it still produced its lethality.

Next was the whistles of the arrows flying are becoming more and more and every arrow took a life.

The Deputy noticed this, he didn't think that Sam would also be this lethal, he estimated the other party's strength as same as the young lord's but he is dead wrong.

They are very different. Just this archery level is enough to shake fear in enemies and judging from the relaxed expression this is not even half of it.

He cleared his mind and decided.

He will give one last try and he can make it, he will proceed with a head on battle otherwise, he would retreat with his army and will defend the town from inside.

He took out another Javelin, this one has a lot of runes on it, he closed his eyes, as he channelled a lot of lightning elemental energy into it.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Javelin throwers are terrified by Sam and are having a hard time coping with this and seeing their leader use this special trick, they abandoned the Javelins and started defending, even the soldiers of Peac.o.c.k noticed their deputy and also went on defensive as they moved backward slowly.

Their moves are as discreet as possible, but Sam noticed this. Then he sensed something and looked at the watch tower where Deputy stood.

The temporary wooden roof and the walls of the observation spot were demolished immediately as the spiritual energy surged like crazy.

Sam could sense the spiritual energy being drained from the leader and not only that there are some more lightning elemental users adding their energy into it.

This way, there wouldn't be any life-threatening danger for the leader after throwing and to be safe there are two healers standing behind him ready to heal.

Sam frowned. He knew that whatever that is happening is going to be trouble. The soldiers are still battling and even they noticed the energy, but they are still confident when they saw that Sam's expression although frowning was still a bit nonchalant, so they pressed on.

Deputy opened his eyes and looked at Sam. The Javelin contained around three novice's full energy. This attack will be like a thunder strike from the sky. He was ready to throw, but he has yet to see a hint of panic on Sam's face.

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Chapter 185: Javelin Exchange

Sam and the deputy although far away, are looking at each other, both had serious expressions on their faces.

The soldiers from Peac.o.c.k's side are full on defence mode, they knew what the attack would bring.

Sam shouted the first command since the beginning of the battle.

"Come back a little, disengage from the battle and make defensive formation"

The soldiers obeyed and came back, they started making a defensive formation with the earth element users as the main nodes and the rest as the secondary nodes.

One could vaguely see a large mountain shape being formed from the connected spiritual energy.

Sam knew that it would be difficult to handle the attack if the soldiers are dispersed, they will be a lot of targets and the deputy will have the choice to select.

But if all of them are gathered in one spot, there is only one target that. It might be easier to attack but it is also easier to defend.

Sam looked as the Deputy slowly and painfully lifted the javelin as he aimed at the group who currently in the formation.

The lightning currents are crackling with purple colour. This moment, Sam understood the type of attack, it is not only an area of effect skill but it is also quite damageable to the point of contact.

Deputy took a deep breath and threw the Javelin. Sam also moved in a flash on his harbinger.

He is so fast, that he could feel the javelin moving in slow motion.

He could see the sharp tip moving in the direction of the centre of the formation, even though with the formation, there would be less damage than the deputy expected, at the point of contact, the soldiers who are present there would definitely die.

The soldiers are circulated their spiritual energy. The attack's energy is very less compared to that energy, but they could feel that the people who are near the attack point will definitely suffer.

They couldn't do much.

This is jus like the lightning striking a mountain, even if the mountain remains stable at least on the point of strike there would be some decent damage.

But before the javelin could hit them, Sam arrived. He stood right in front of the Javelin when it was about to change the trajectory and move towards the soldiers. His right hand glowed with golden light. The light element fusion. He moved his arm sharply and caught the Javelin's pole right below the tip.

BOOM

Even though, the lightning cannot affect the light, the impact was still large enough and the residual force started pushing Sam backwards.

He started using the thrust from the Harbinger to counter the force and to come to halt. The Javelin swept him in the air as he moved backwards and backwards.

The ground below him was destroyed, there is a large cloud of red coloured dust, that is floating all over and the loud sound of tail wind from their motion.

After moving more than five hundred meters, Sam finally came to halt. His Harbinger exhausted one half of the energy cells.

His vest inside was shredded into pieces. As held the Javelin down, his right arm started spurting blood. It was badly maligned and the outer layer of the skin was completely cleared.

His bone broke, and his muscle fibres were torn like threads.

Only his Black feather coat didn't suffer. The combined defence of the Golden sun crow feathers and the Black meteorite sand in the rank 3 are quite something.

He used his left hand and rolled up his right sleeve. His right hand cannot be used. It was almost crippled.

All the soldiers looked at Sam in awe. That is the attack from multiple Novice cultivators emptying their spiritual core at once. That too, the lightning, one of the most destructive elements. Even the Deputy was stunned. He didn't expect that Sam would take the attack with single hand.

Right now, the deputy himself was barely capable of standing and he was being healed while he was absorbing the spiritual energy his arm was completely scorched and torn. This is the situation of attacker, but the situation of the defender is much better than himself.

He felt like he never truly understood the attack at all. This is completely beyond his comprehension.

His soldiers are already moving into the town and someone came here and carried him and the remaining people who are exhausted.

This was his plan, Sam's soldiers have impeccable team work, their techniques are unique, they cannot battle them in direct confrontation, so the only thing they could do is, resort to other means.

So, he used this big attack as diversion so that they could have enough time to retreat to the town. He felt happy when he saw the extent of the damage on Sam's arm. This made him feel like the attack worth it.

But one person was quite indignant and that was the Peac.o.c.k.

"Why are we retreating? Isn't the attack successful? Why are we going back? Just make another attack like that and kill that guy."

Deputy came out of his thoughts as soon as he heard the shouts.

"Young lord, we cannot win in a head on battle. And that guy is not completely vulnerable, only his arm was broken. And his army doesn't even need his commands. They are out of our league."

"Do you mean, we have to be afraid of that filthy commoner and his soldiers? I don't think so. You are the elite army trained by my father. The enemies are the soldiers only trained by a novice for a little over six months, what are you good for?"

Well, this little peac.o.c.k clearly forgot how fearful and terrified he was when he saw the marching of Sam's soldiers.

Deputy lost his interest to argue and just said a few words.

"We have to leave."

Sam and his soldiers just looked at them without so much as of a movement. His arm is still bleeding.

The Deputy was the last one being escorted by a group of elites.

Everyone else already entered and they took posts on the town wall.

Sam looked at the Deputy who is staring right back at him, the healers temporarily stopped the healing.

As Sam looked at the Deputy, his calm look changed to the one that of an evil smile.

Then the Deputy saw the most astonishing scene, he ever saw in his life.

The right hand of Sam that was holding the Javelin was covered with the faint golden glow and right as he watched, Sam's bones got realigned, his muscle fibres got reattached, even the skin started forming, before he knew it, the arm was as good as new and he could say that just by how the grip on the Javelin has tightened.

Sam took a look at the runes on the Javelin after confirming that it was a neutral rune which is mostly for condensing and holding the spiritual energy for the attack, he took out an energy cell of fire element. This cell is as big as hand ball.

As held, both of them, the Javelin was covered in intense golden flames.

"Hurry, Hurry." Deputy shouted to his subordinates.

He was last in line along with some elites and some healers so that they could note down any movements from enemies.

But what he witnessed made him a bit afraid, he had a bad premonition that the attack would be quite a blow.

Sam didn't even flinch when they are speeding up. His targets are still there.

Within few seconds, the whole energy cell was emptied and the whole javelin was engulfed in golden flames within which one could even sense the heat from the red-hot metal which was on verge of melting.

Sam raised his hand and with all his might threw the Javelin at the Healers.

That's right, his target was the healers and the main target was the best healer who healed the Deputy.

"Quick, move. Defend." Deputy shouted on top of his lungs.

By this time, the rest of them also understood the danger. At first they ignored Sam, because they didn't expect for him to recover.

Yes, they were amazed but they didn't think he would be a threat at the immediate moment.

But the next thing they knew is the Javelin flew with a dazzling golden flame and pierced through the shabby defence they put together and pierced through the heart of the healer and the surrounding area was burned to crisp. Around twenty members were burned to ashes immediately. More than thirty others were injured. The Deputy was one of those thirty and he is severely injured.

The Peac.o.c.k, who saw this scene from the town wall was shocked. He is already indignant about the fact that they are retreating but now they are still being attacked.

That too by a filthy commoner. He was raged with fury.

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Chapter 186: Impact Cannon

Sam didn't attack further, he just let them in. He has to occupy the town to win or he has to kill the peac.o.c.k. But if he really did kill him from the long shot,

how can he achieve his remaining goals. A lot of things are at stake with this war and he has to make it play according to his wishes.

And letting them to go into the town is one of his wishes. This was he can showcase his newly made product and he can earn the big bucks from the southern star Dukedom. So, he is peaceful.

But his counter part the peac.o.c.k is anything but peaceful.

He is beyond angry. He looked at the Deputy along with thirty others being sent to a temporary tent for them to heal.

It would take some time, Sam isn't any rush to attack, he just hovered with his arms crossed and his soldiers are also recuperating.

The situation would have been ideal and most beneficial for the Peac.o.c.k's side, but peac.o.c.k just has to spoil it.

He was now on the central watch post on the town wall, he looked at Sam and his soldiers with an incredibly hateful gaze.

He opened his mouth as he shouted on top of his lungs.

"How dare you, a filthy commoner, stand against me? How dare you even put up a fight? You should have obediently surrendered as soon as you have seen my noble self. You even dared to fight and even hurt my army.

I shall make you regret it, come in to the town if you dare."

Sam was amused by this rant. He was thinking on where this peac.o.c.k got the guts to shout at him like that. After all, Sam's army just gave a great butt-kicking for them.

But his question was answered immediately.

"Don't be full of yourselves, just for this. You have yet to see my full might. Do you think, just defeating the army is enough, you might not know, in a war when defending a city, citizens can help the army in dire states."

Sam's smile vanished. He didn't expect this to happen. He has to thank himself for not rushing into the town blindly. The second thought that came to his mind is that this guy is pretty stupid.

Their plan might be mixing the disguised soldiers into the citizens and they will attack Sam and his army as citizens. This is something he didn't expect at all.

He thought, there might be some schemes but he never expected that there would be this blatant and open scheme.

He observed his surroundings and noticed that no supervisor is objecting anything, so he thought this might not be against the rules or they might be even ignoring so that Sam could die.

Sam felt like thanking this peac.o.c.k. This idiot is brainless enough to blurt out the plan directly. If he just stayed mum, Sam and his army would have entered the gate sooner or later and the surprise attack would be almost unavoidable.

But this peac.o.c.k spoiled his own plans.

At this moment, the Deputy also heard the young lord's words and he clenched his teeth in anger and resentment.

Having this backup plan is not only underhanded and it is also the shame to their army. Here they are valiantly fighting with their lives on line and the opponents also respected that, now all those lost lives will lose the opponent's respect and if the word got out, rest of the army's too.

After all, this is an agreement battle, with 500 vs 500. If they really did take citizens help that is a whole different thing, but if they deliberately kept the

soldiers dressed as citizens, it is using a loop hole in agreement and in a way not honouring the deal.

But he has no say in it.

Outside Sam didn't say anything and said his soldiers to standby. Right now, they are anxious and angry. Even they can see through the peac.o.c.k's plan.

But since there is nothing much they can do even if they do get angry, they can only stay silent.

Sam just hovered for a minute from left to right as if he was looking for something.

After that, he ordered his soldiers to step back a little and then he took out something astounding.

A cannon.

This is new product. Actually, one of his new products. This cannon is same size of the old-time cannon. But it looked more like a turret.

The base is a cuboidal short column which were mounted on small wheels. There is a barrel was not as large as normal old days cannon, it is a bit slimmer and it was connected to the base. There was a lever in the base, so the barrel can be moved in vertical axis.

And another lever on the other side, to move in the horizontal axis.

the soldiers saw this for the first time.

The whole cannon is heavy and cannot be used for normal close quarters, but this can be used for city wall defence and for attacking some places like mansions or towers.

Right now, he is going to use this to tackle the town hall. The Greyish Black metallic l.u.s.tre along with its robust structure amazed the spectators.

He didn't stop there, he moved towards one spot to another and similarly dropped another nine cannons.

After that, he asked all the fire users to come to the first cannon as he started demonstrating how to use them.

He took out a large bullet shaped green coloured crystal. This is the shell for the cannon and this is made of impact crystals.

He opened the back of the barrel and loaded the shell.

After that, he pulled a lever, the third one other than the first two rods impaled themselves into the ground acting like the support from the bottom of the column.

He placed his two arms on the either side of the barrel where there is a designated place for placing the palms.

He started channelling the spiritual energy which is obviously not his. This is from the energy cells that are placed inside the column.

At the same time, he placed his feet on the bottom of the column which seemed like a foot rest.

As soon as he placed his feet, the methane inside the column started entering some hollow pocket behind the shell in the barrel.

In two seconds...

BOOM

With a loud noise and flash of Blue spark at the end of the barrel, the shell made its way outwards towards the town hall.

The explosive nature of this special methane played its role well.

Within a second the shell reached the wall and

BOOM

Another explosion sounded, this time though, but this time, it is not of any fire type, this time it is a strong spiritual energy explosion and this is due to explosion of the shell made of the impact crystal.

There was a gaping hole left in the town wall and many cracks started expanding.

The impact crystal size and shape along with the distance of shooting as well as the methane explosion, these are the critical factors for this attack.

The impact crystal will absorb any kind of physical impact and force. Sam made some experiments and accurate calculations.

The position he kept the cannon is the ideal position for this. In this way, the shell sized impact crystal after taking the impact from the explosion as well as the kinetic energy of the travelling has absorbed enough spiritual energy and that caused the explosion to occur.

Right now, even if there is no wall at that point of impact it would have exploded.

This is the ideal distance and this demo is for a normal loading of the gas into the chamber.

This cannon even has various other modes so that they can vary the methane gas amount based in the distance of the target as well as the type of the target which influences the amount of impact the crystal would take up on crash.

This way there is a large attack range for this cannon, but for now, he is not keen on explaining this to his soldiers.

All they need to know was to shoot from this position to collapse the town wall.

The fire type users immediately made their way towards their cannons after taking the spatial rings that contained the shells from Sam.

Before the Peac.o.c.k and his soldiers could make sense of the explosion caused by the shell, they are already barraged with the impact shells continuously.

The wall of this town is quite sturdy as this was a critical war zone. But now that sturdy wall started showing the signs of collapse at this moment.

The soldiers positioned on the town wall are being affected by the attacks and the first full hole was made at this moment and that is the place where Sam made the first hole.

He came down from his cannon and removed the supports as he pushed the cannon a bit forward. Then he started his shooting again.

Now, the shells started making its way inside the wall. Towards the town...

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Chapter 187: Chance

The whole town on the Peac.o.c.k's side was in frenzy. Sam's shell which passed through the large hole in the wall, landed on the temporary military post doing quite some damage.

By this time, the Peac.o.c.k and the soldiers are already trembling in fear. They didn't know what to do. They cannot directly attack them, as their strength is quite low and now with the addition of the impact cannons, they are even more hesitant to make a move.

They don't know these are impact crystals, all they know is that shell is doing quite some damage to wall which is made to defend against thousands of soldiers.

If they made a move and get hit by the shell directly... they didn't even want to imagine that.

Particularly, Peac.o.c.k is terrified by the development. He just made a proud proclamation that there are more people inside the town and Sam cannot defeat him with his five hundred soldiers and now, Sam is not only destroying the town wall, he is also destroying the town without even entering.

This time he is both angry and afraid and he also realized his mistake, he should have kept his mouth shut, he just wanted Sam to give up and tried to intimidate him by telling him about the trap.

Now only, he realized how stupid he was. As he was thinking, the Deputy came out, his face is still pale and he seemed a little exhausted. He is already ashamed when he heard the plan of the Peac.o.c.k, but after he heard the explosions, he felt that something was wrong and was about to come out.

The Healers stopped him and only let him go after he was healed. But as he came out, he saw a shell dropping and destroying a nearby military post.

He immediately climbed the watch station on the wall on which the peac.o.c.k stood, and looked at the situation. The cannons from a far and their expressions of delight when firing on shell after another, Deputy didn't even know how to react.

He really wanted to smack the face of the young lord by provoking this madman.

As the situation was going south, a supervisor suddenly made his way out of the nearby cliff. Sam gestured his soldiers to halt. This supervisor is from the Peac.o.c.k's side.

Seeing this, the supervisor, who greeted Sam earlier came out and also started walking towards him.

"I think you cannot use these weapons in this war. This war is test of the abilities between both you and the young lord and it is based on how well both of you will use the soldiers and citizens along with the surroundings.

In short, this is a test for your abilities, you cannot just bring some new weapons from the duke's military and use them here."

The supervisor from the Peac.o.c.k's side said with a serious expression. Sam didn't answer just yet and looked at his supervisor. Seeing that he isn't speaking at all and even trying to avoid Sam's gaze, he understood one thing.

This supervisor is here only for namesake. Duke seems to have informed something to them.

Sam turned back to the Peac.o.c.k's supervisor and said.

"Well, these weapons don't belong to the southern star military. They are created by me and that too with in the past six months." As he said that he took out all his professional badges.

This made the supervisor to swallow the words that he was about to say. He saw the rank 5 and pseudo rank 3 badges, he didn't even know how to react properly.

"Is there anything else?" Sam asked with a smirk. He knew why the supervisor came. It is to help the peac.o.c.k and they wanted to find a loophole to remove the weapons.

But it will not work. Sam already decided to not bother fighting head on anymore and just use his weapons he newly created to do the work for him. He is tired to deal with this peac.o.c.k.

The Peac.o.c.k's supervisor was at a loss of word and left the place, Sam then looked at his supervisor who is gulping nervously. He knew what the other guy was thinking. The Duke sent them for namesake. But he must have hid the fact about Sam's profession and also asked them to turn a blind eye if there is any foul play from the enemy.

Sam didn't say anything; he will definitely deal with the Duke and get his payback later.

After the supervisors left, Sam didn't continue shooting. He floated over Harbinger and when he was about same height as the Peac.o.c.k and the rest, he said in a loud voice.

"You better surrender, as you said the citizens can help the army in case someone invades the town, but at the same time, the invaders can make a move on the citizens too. I hope you guys don't want to go to that extreme. It will save both of us a lot of time and I might even let you guys alive."

As soon as Sam's word resounded, the soldiers on the Peac.o.c.k's side are even hesitating. But before they could voice their opinions or discuss, the Peac.o.c.k already made another big and even the biggest mistake of his life.

"YOU COMMONER BASTARD. HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE YOU ARE BETTER THAN ME..

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He let out a string of angry curse, but Sam didn't hear all of them, he is already looking at the peac.o.c.k as if he was a dead man after the first sentence, the rest of the insults doesn't matter to him at all.

Sam didn't even reply and slowly descended. And went back to the line where cannons are placed.

There are only ten cannons and they are placed wide with a large gap between them.

Sam floated over his harbinger as he started taking one cannon after another. Now, there are a total of fifty cannons and the fifty fire element users from the Dragon Hawk tribe took one cannon each.

The Deputy on the other side was completely dumbfounded and he was overcome with fear.

But this is not over at all, because Sam passed some space jade rings to the fifty members and said.

"Use these after the town wall is collapsed."

After that he floated in the air again and stood with the Golden Crescent in his hands.

He snapped his finger and for some reason in that still silence all the soldiers on Peac.o.c.k's side could feel the sound.

And then... *BOOM* BOOM* *BOOM* *BOOM*

The cannons started firing immediately and the wall was bombarded with fifty shells at the same time.

This time, the speed of shooting is also quite high, why is that so? Because the soldiers could tell from one look that Sam is angry and not just normal angry. He is out for blood. So, they didn't even think twice before using their fastest speed.

Now most of the wall is in brink of collapse only one portion was intact and that was the post where Peac.o.c.k and the Deputy are standing.

Sam didn't place the cannons in front of the main gate upon which the peac.o.c.k stood.

He would deal with this Peac.o.c.k himself and pluck each feather. The shooter having fun as they enjoyed the impact cannon. But the soldiers on the other side are in a dangerous frenzy.

The soldiers stationed on the wall are running for their lives and they all ran towards the top of the gate.

"STOP" The Deputy shouted on top of his lungs. Beside him the peac.o.c.k is trembling in fear, he is soaked in sweat.

But his words have no effect.

"WE WILL SURRENDER." He shouted again.

Sam smirked and gestured to stop shooting.

"And you have authority to decide that? There is only one chance I am going to give you. Hand over that guy and I will accept your surrender, you will get a chance to live, I won't even bother to deal with you. "

"That is impossible."

"Then consider I never asked."

And the shooting began and soon the wall collapsed in several places and the town was laid bare.

The shooter at that area changed the shells and placed loaded the cannon with a new one, he didn't see any changes in this new shell, but he used them as he was told.

But after he shot, he saw what happened.

The shell didn't reach the target, rather it exploded in the middle of the air, but some smaller objects came out of the explosion they are like some cross-bow bolts.

That is all he can see, the people on the other side though can see, what is happening. The metallic bolts, hit the surrounding buildings with some serious damage.

The buildings collapse and as they landed, they exploded again.

These are another kind of shells used for some scattered damage in a much larger area.

The shell is made hollow and there are some bolts made of the crystal inside the hollow area. After the outer shell exploded, the inner bolts will absorb the impact, and then land on the ground absorbing the kinetic energy and the impact from the ground.

The damage is severe than before and more random which makes it difficult to dodge.

The Soldiers were completely terrified and by this time the citizens are also terrified.

They evacuated this area on the account of war and when they heard the collapse of the wall, they couldn't keep it to themselves and came towards the wall and the scene made them horrified. Their young lord was cowering in fear and the soldiers who hid in the disguise of citizens in particular and also stood in front of the crowd are having some serious expressions.

They didn't expect things to turn out like this.

"Kill Him, Kill Him." The Peac.o.c.k kept on muttering these words. But nobody cared.

"I will say one more time on account of citizen's lives, hand him over and you guys can leave."

Sam said as he halted the shooting and pointed at the Peac.o.c.k.

The citizens observed the effects of the cannon shells and particularly the second type and then they looked at the Peac.o.c.k.

All of them are thinking rapidly...

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This time, the extra soldiers in disguise has to take a step forward. They cannot just wait there. And some of them wanted to barge them with numbers and even the supervisors are thinking on how to react.

They knew about the situation and this Duke's son although a jerk and a useless fool, he is still the favourite child of the Duke. If he was really killed here, then Duke might take their anger out on them.

In fact, the extra soldiers in disguise are also for this type of scenarios.

They even had some under the table deal with the southern star Duke....

The Deal, is the southern star supervisors will turn a blind eye as long as they don't make it obvious and the glory of the Peac.o.c.k will be exaggerated and spread, in return the Red rock town will not be occupied.

After looking at Sam's performance Duke was even more worried about Sam taking action against them, so he made this deal...

Right now, Sam is looking at the town citizens who are a bit away from the collapsed town wall and then he diverted his attention towards the shivering peac.o.c.k and the Deputy.

They are all thinking on how to deal with the situation, when a long spear was shot from the back of the crowd of citizens.

The spear was covered in the wind energy and it was directed towards one of the cannons. Just from the energy Sam could see that it was work of a Great realm warrior mage but he seems to be in Level 1 or 2.

Not much powerful.

But Sam didn't move at all, just as the spear was about to hit the cannon, there are several layers of defensive formations that appeared not only around the cannon but also the shooter. They are more than five low-level

rank 3 defensive formations that he inscribed. They are more than enough to stop an attack from a middle stage Great mage.

The shooter at the cannon was frightened but he didn't move because there was no order from Sam, this was ingrained into his bones, in a battle, he has to follow all the orders.

At the same time, several other spears were also shot, some of them even shot towards him, but Sam didn't care, he swiftly dodged them and they landed behind him creating some decent craters.

After a volley of unfruitful attacks, Sam started took out an arrow, he nocked it on the bow, the arrow's tip is somewhat glowing.

As he stretched the bow string, he started drawing the energy from the energy cells of the Harbinger. As the arrow started glowing with the wind elemental energy, he aimed at a certain corner and released it at the same time as he shouted a command.

"Fire."

The arrow disappeared in an instant and it hit a person squarely in the chest at the back of the crowd as it made a long parabolic trajectory in the air.

As soon as it hit that person, the spiritual energy explosion took place. This is a special arrow whose tip is a small energy cell he made. He destabilized the energy cell before releasing it.

Sam didn't stop there, he shot arrows after arrow while the cannons fired the shells. The Deputy is still conflicting on how to salvage the situation and the supervisors are also thinking on what to do next.

The one who talked to Sam already passed the info that Sam is an expert in many professions and particularly the rank 5 badge is one that could deter them.

Professions are important. They are essential for the cultivators and one had to respect those professionals.

If Sam died in the battle normally, no one would say a thing but if he was killed unfairly, things would get complicated.

It was okay if the information was sealed, but some many town's residents are here and the news will get out sooner or later which would make the artisans and other professions displeased.

Many people pursue their professions and are proud of the status, respect and the protection it gives them. If these three things are invalid, what is the point of them being a professional and selling their services, they can simply use them for themselves and completely hide them from the outside world.

Which will make it hard for the normal cultivators.

After all, if the news of Sam being sent to the war as part of the competition and him being killed in not so fair means is already enough to shame the southern star dukedom and the empire, this will make the cultivators loose trust in the army and rulers.

And if the person died is also expert and a genius in this many fields and was still killed in conspiracy, those in that professions will also despise them which they don't want.

That is the reason, Duke only allowed slight and not so obvious traps and tricks. He didn't want to attract public outrage.

Now they had to consider all these factors when dealing with Sam, but the time is tight. The cannon shells are making the whole place chaotic. The citizens ran for their lives, and the cannons are slowly moving forward as they are closing into the city.

Many soldiers in disguise who attacked Sam through spears are dead due to arrows and many normal citizens are also dying.

Now the soldiers are close to abandoning their posts. Right now, they are not being targeted but the torment of the screams of agony and the chaos is making them lose their mind. They looked at the dead bodies, running citizens, destroyed house, everything is making them angry and despaired at the same time.

They looked at Sam in trepidation and then at the Peac.o.c.k with determination, all of them are having the same thoughts. Even the deputy is having the same thought.

Peac.o.c.k looked at the soldiers who have their eyes on him and immediately felt that something is going to happen to him.

"NO, NO. YOU cannot hand me over. You cannot. My father is a duke, he will kill you all..."

He started crying hysterically but the Deputy still caught him and another soldier near him also helped.

They dragged him towards the cannon line up. Sam slowly descended. They threw the peac.o.c.k like a dog on the floor.

Sam slammed his foot on the other guy's shoulder making him prostrate in front of him, then he placed his leg on the back of his head and pressing his forehead to the ground as he said in an icy cold voice.

"You called me something earlier, can you repeat that?" His voice was filled with killing intent and bloodlust he released without any boundaries. He let himself loose. All the surrounding people felt suffocated.

They cannot help but divert their looks away from Sam and take deep breaths to calm down. Some even took some steps back so they could stay a bit far from him.

All this happened when the killing intent is still directed at the Peac.o.c.k.

Peac.o.c.k who is the prime target peed in his pants.

Sam smirked and said in a cold voice that shook his soul.

"You called filth didn't you, what makes you think you are noble than me, what makes you think you are superior than me?"

Your Birth as a Noble?

Your father's strength?

Your army?

But none of them are stopping me from stepping on your head and none of them is making you stop peeing on yourselves.

Remember one thing.

A Peac.o.c.k who only knows to feel proud of its feathers, should never dare to, do you hear me, DARE to comment on the majesty of a Roc."

squash

As soon as his words were finished, Sam crushed the head like a water melon. The head exploded as brain matter splashed around with the blood.

The others looked at the scene as they shivered. They saw gruesome deaths, they saw clean deaths, they even saw someone beating to death, torturing to death, but death under the feet of the enemy while grovelling in weakness, is first time for them.

It felt awful just imagining it.

At this moment Deputy looked at Sam and said.

"You can take him, but we have a request, treat us as war criminals and arrest us with a lighter sentence. We don't have any life in our empire anymore."

Sam just nodded.

The war criminals are very common, they are mostly forcefully caught or people that are surrendered in a war. There are now around three hundred people left in the initial battalion and all of them became war criminals now.

Since, they voluntarily surrounded and they might have some info that would be useful, they can get a lighter sentence and can live their life normally after that.

As Sam agreed, all of the soldiers quietly came out of the town without any resistance. Sam looked at the supervisors who are coming towards him and waited on the spot.

Since, the peac.o.c.k is dead, then the challenge is over. The town of the enemy empire now officially belonged to the southern star dukedom.

Sam didn't bother to entertain the supervisors, so before they could speak, he said to the supervisors of the peac.o.c.k side.

"The town will be under my control, I don't care if you have any negotiations or any other deals in the upper echelon, but from the agreement you guys gave me, the time is under my control until the authorities on my side arrived.

I think, you better go to the town and ask the citizens who are unwilling to join our empire move out now and you better clean up those particular 'citizens' who are going to 'help' you in the war.

If I find any funny business going on, then there would be a mass genocide going to take place."

He then turned towards Marian and said.

"Inform the nearest military base from the red rock town. Ask them to come here as fast as they can. And the rest round up the prisoners and follow me into the town hall. We are having our dinner there."

As he said that Sam hovered on Harbinger towards the town hall and the remaining soldiers started working.

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Chapter 189: Return

Sam really had his dinner at the town hall. Since it is a border town the in charge of the town are from military as well and this made things easier.

As Sam was eating, he looked at the town, it is just a little after sunset and a lot of people are packing their things to move.

Many of them didn't want to stay in this place as they felt a sense of belonging for their country. Generally, the cultivator wars are not so small and the citizens wouldn't have much choice. After all, humans are also an important resource in the eyes of the people at the top of the pyramid.

That is the reason the law is still in place and the people are given some rights.

Otherwise, this world would have already been in chaos.

But that is not the reason Sam let them go, he just felt that it is highly impossible for these people to be loyal for the new rule. From his experience, the emperor is not much of a great ruler and even the southern star Duke is not much.

It is almost impossible to get the loyalty of these people with their rule and they can only force them, Sam just wanted to leave these people a way out.

The person from the nearest military came faster than he thought. Apparently, he rode a level 3 beast and came. He is a battalion commander. After hearing

that Sam has cleared the town in a day and he wants to go back to the dukedom, the nearest military post who didn't make the preparations for the new town occupation can only send this person as a representative.

Sam just let him handle the details with the help of the authorities of the Red rock town and he started his journey back to the southern star city along with his soldiers and the remaining war prisoners.

He didn't hand over them to the battalion commander who came to him, but rather brought them back.

He is going to exchange them from the points.

And after another twenty-seven days, he reached the southern star city. He is no the first one to arrive in the southern star.

Many people who cannot take the heat of the war or some candidates who thought their achievements are enough returned on level 4 beasts arranged for their transportation specifically.

But out of all of them his entrance was the most spectacular. As spectacular as his departure. The first thing he did was to enter the camp and settle his soldiers, he gave them a huge amount of bonus and even arranged a feast with Mackey and his staff cooking.

He didn't go out, rather he studied the situation in the camp.

He is estimating on when this phase would end.

Right now, nine months have been completed since this phase began. Sam was deployed to border in the seventh month by the end of eight month he was back. His war only took him one day.

But the candidates assigned to other regiments were deployed earlier for the people stationed in farther borders and some were deployed later for those who are stationed closer.

Sam is the only candidate who came back on his own without the help of Duke's arrangement of level 4 beasts.

The main reason is that he has time and he can also stay with the soldiers as respect to their effort for fighting the battle. As far as he knew being in a commander position, he shouldn't just discard the soldiers after he the battle and return alone.

As he was celebrating his return with his soldiers, he was called for a meeting from the Duke.

He leisurely visited the Duke's palace.

In the meeting room, there was the familiar scene. The Duke, the General and Sam. Only the rest of thunder wolf squad are not there.

Sam didn't wait for the Duke to speak and passed him two scrolls.

One of them is the agreement of the deal about the competition and the second one is the deed of the transfer of the new town and for Sam's surprise that town in called Red Canyon town. He didn't care much though.

As Duke looked at the scrolls, Sam said.

"According to our agreement, if I win this war, I will get 1000 points. Apart from that, I don't have any casualties, which I believe will qualify as a military merit, I killed an enemy commander, around two hundred soldiers and caught around three hundred war prisoners.

I hope the Duke will maintain his 'impartiality' which you have been showing all this while. "

Sam particularly emphasized the word impartiality clearly implying that he knew of Duke's little tricks which made the Duke gulp in nervousness.

He received the information on the war and he also received the news about the impact cannon. He doesn't know how to react. He berated himself for

being stupid enough to save General Spark's ass so as to get that old man's loyalty and favour.

But that bit him in the back.

Now Sam seems to be holding a grudge.

Before he could sort these thoughts out and speak, Sam spoke again.

"My four hundred million spirit stones which the military owes me. I need them by today evening. The deadline was over a month ago."

Duke's words stopped and then only he remembered the agreement of the debt that Sam shown them.

This became even more of a headache.

◆◆◆ Sam, about the war. I heard that you have a new weapon..." Duke started speaking, but Sam interrupted again.

"I do have the weapon and I am the one who made it."

"About that..." But Sam interrupted again.

"If you want to buy it, I am sorry I am not selling it and can you please settle my account first?"

Sam is not giving any face at all. He lost all the respect he had for the duke.

Duke only shook his head helplessly and tallied the military points. The two hundred soldiers killed will be counted as two thousand points and the commander was three hundred points, the fact that there are no casualties gave him another two hundred points and three hundred war prisoners will be four thousand five hundred points. These points are solely for Sam as he was the commander.

Apart from them, his thousand points are also given according to the agreement. The total of eight thousand points which will be more than the whole sum of the remaining ninety-nine candidates.

And the soldiers will be receiving their merits separately but since all of them performed equally good, it is difficult to judge, but the Duke has other plans. This battalion is too good and even the thunder wolf squad was a piece of trash compared to them.

Duke also grudgingly gave the four hundred million stones.

After that, Duke explained. Within three days the time limit will be over and all the candidates will arrive here and from then on they can start the business phase and the current business phase candidates will start the military phase training.

Sam didn't wait after that and looked at General coldly and asked.

"How is Jim doing?"

His question made the two Nascent stage cultivators feel their eyes twitch in irritation. He is clearly gloating and he is doing it so openly.

"Sam, we can settle our grudges ourselves, can you just let Jim off?" General asked with a pleading tone.

He is indeed pleading. More than six months wasn't even enough to the pharmaceutical tower head wasn't convinced.

"Why should I? Do I have an obligation to let him off?" Sam said nonchalantly. He then looked at the general who closed his eyes and has a face full of regret.

Then he turned around to leave.

But Duke stopped him.

"Sam, I have something to discuss."

"Sure, please tell me."

"About the weapons..."

As I have mentioned, I have no interest in selling them, after all, I am not a businessman for now and don't wish to talk business now."

Duke immediately understood what Sam meant. Sam is planning use this sale as the part of his business deal. So, he didn't ask further. The Duke then looked at the general and hesitated before speaking.

"Can we work on a deal about Jim?"

Sam thought for a bit and said.

"I suppose."

"What do you need?" General was the one who asked this, he was anxious at the same time excited.

"Your most fabled and the mighty military seemed to held the Dragon Hawk tribe members as hostage and is blackmailing them to supply the soldiers to you to act as meat shields. I want the whole Dragon Hawk tribe including the people who are forced to join the military.

Send them to my estate and then Jim can get himself treated."

Sam said these words and without waiting further left the palace.

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Chapter 190: End of Military Phase

General and the Duke were stunned, then they immediately called for a soldier and verified the information on Sam's battalion and after seeing the hundred soldiers from the Dragon Hawk tribe they understood the situation.

This is one of the dirty secrets of their military. Holding a tribe hostage in the name of giving them 'refugee' and then using their men in the form of meat shields and the cannon fodder.

Even though, they are not extremely proud of it, they don't want to lose this opportunity at all, when they found the tribe and the worst thing is that the tribe only has a population of around three thousand people excluding the five hundred people who are in the army.

Now they understood what happened. The Dragon Hawk tribe members might have requested Sam's assistance.

General immediately agreed without much thought and informed the regiment commander who kept the Dragon Hawk tribe members in a city near the border to send them here as fast as possible.

Luckily, they are not that far away from the southern star city, it will only take four days on the Level three beasts.

Even though, the southern star didn't have many beasts that can carry them all over, they used the beasts of the nearby area Marquis to send them over. All of them cannot be brought over at the same time, but they will be arrived within the two weeks.

After three days, every candidate has returned and there was an assembly conducted. There was no announcement of the points, only about them changing to the business phase.

But the individuals know the points themselves. Points although given to an individual they can be transferred from one another within a team.

Their team identity tokens which consisted of their team numbers on them were the storage units of the points. If they want to transfer the points, there is an exchange point inside the camp where the teammates can transfer the points within themselves.

But this is only open for this day and it will be closed until the second phase is over.

As every team was divided into two, the military points are calculated for the two teams separately. The first team will be sharing the points themselves and the second team will also be doing so and after the two phases ended the two teams can share the points if they want to.

But not many people are willing to share the points, after all at the end of the day it is every man for himself and every one wants to win. So, the more points the better chances.

Sam transferred two hundred points each to Drew and Hawk. This is compensation for the plight they suffered because of him.

He decided to share some points with Philip and the rest too as he was the reason general targeted them.

Hawk and Drew have around one hundred points they gained themselves which is not that great.

The top ten are all well above five hundred and the first place is for a member of Nicholas' team with nine hundred points.

That was truly a great achievement.

Now with three hundred points they are in the middle or else they are close to bottom thirty people.

But when they looked at points of Sam, they didn't even know how to react, the top ranker was with nine hundred points and this is the news that was circulating among all of them. But Sam's points are way head of nine hundred. They calmed down and decided that it would be better to keep mum.

Now their military time was over, they have to start their business phase.

As for the current business phase members, their points are not yet shared. Their profits are only evaluated but were still not converted to points because the evaluators took the situation of some businesses blooming a little late in comparison to others.

So, they only evaluated on the capital and profits for this phase so that they could judge the latter half better based on this point.

Sam has met with Philip and the rest briefly. But he didn't explain much, all he learnt was that their profits are only hundred percent of their investment and that includes the losses they suffered earlier.

Sam didn't really care. He has big plans for this time around and this might stir something in the whole Dukedom if succeeded.

He entered the estate and inspected the huge pit of land. The land is 1000 acres wide but the only thing is the whole land is a bit depressed when compared to the rest of the city. But with over that large area it is not much of a draw back and the main thing is now the impact crystal is completely cleared.

Watt and Sam hovered over the land as they examined it. Most of the land is even because the earth element users from his battalion came over here to practice on their moulding abilities here and at the same time, they took it up on themselves to make it levelled.

Now, it can be used for construction directly without much work.

After absorbing the land, Sam said to Watt.

"We have to go to the Artisan tower and hire all the architecture artisans, this time the project is going to be big and the investment is quite huge and I want everything to go without any hiccups.

And also, from tomorrow there will be some people from the Dragon Hawk tribesman coming to the estate. Talk to them and arrange their accommodation in the city book as many inns as possible there will be around three thousand people.

Apart from that, buy a house for us, a normal house would do, it is for temporary stay only."

He paused for a while and said.

"Beat up Zeke every time you see. Day or night doesn't matter every time you see him make him lose a bomb to recover but don't cripple him or hit critically. By the end of these eight months, he should pee on himself every time he sees you.

As for Blue fire, as long as he stays put don't do anything to him, but if he talks even a little bit beat him up too.

Let Mackey and the rest close the restaurant in a few days. At most they have a month time and tell them that whatever money they make in this month is their completely."

After giving some instructions, Sam and Watt floated over the city and visited the Artisan tower. The whole city is looking at the familiar and still fascinating floating duo as they moved.

Sam met with Artisan ford and asked him to visit the estate and said that there would be a big project.

And after ford visited, Sam explained everything he wanted in the land in detail. Artisan ford was completely dumbfounded and confirmed every thing Sam needed more than twice before calming down.

"Sam this project costs a lot, more than one hundred fifty million. Are you sure?" He asked for a final time and Sam confirmed again and said that it is what he wanted.

"It will take a month to finish this. I will use all the architecture artisans at my disposal to do this."

After making the deal, Watt went to secure the inn reservations and buy a house for them.

Sam visited the battalion once and talked to Marian about the arrival of their tribesman and also passed a book.

"This is a new and exclusive battle technique for your tribesman and it can be used by both elemental users. Do not pass it to anyone and even if you did, they will only be suffering some serious backlash. But make sure that you keep this a secret.

If anyone asks, all you have to say is that your tribe has this technique for generations but it has some problems which made it impossible to cultivate and then after you met me, I somehow decoded them that and made it possible to cultivate."

As Sam said those words, Marian was looking at the title on the cover. "Dragon Hawk Claw" That is the name of the technique written on it.

He kneeled down in front of Sam and said. "Sir, I cannot thank you enough. You have already done more than enough by giving our tribesman a helping hand. And with this technique I don't even know how to express my gratitude. All I can say is if you want anything from me in future, I will do it even if you want my life I will surrender willingly."

Sam pulled him up and didn't say anything. He just patted his shoulder with a smile and left the place.

He has many things to do to make this project a success and he needs to find many people to cooperate.

But the first meeting is not with any of them, he has to meet the Duke. That guy already sent someone to send him an invite to visit him as soon as the military points are allocated.