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Chapter 561: Fourth Player

Along with the Resort, the ships also hit the market, the first customer is surprisingly the smuggler. When he came previous time, he saw the semi-finished ships and felt like they are good. So, after he finished his business in Mov Empire, he once again came back to take a look, right before the opening day.

He stayed there for the demonstration of the ships and he bought five ships of different sizes.

One of them is a decent Ocean-Liner and the others are all smaller ones that could fit inside a spatial ring.

After that, there are some orders from the local fishers. They took a liking to the smaller speed boats that could be used for one or two people, and a bit larger fishing boats that could be used for five to ten people.

At the moment, there is no large order, but the smaller orders are accumulating decently. After setting the business on the track, Sam went back to the Imperial Capital, where the final rounds of the competition are happening.

There are barely two weeks left before the Palace of inheritance.

He went to spectate the competition. Arkiv and Arman are also staying in the Capital.

But when Sam came here, he was stunned to see one more person in the competition. It is a woman. The woman disguised herself as a man in the Herb Garden. One of the twelve Players.

She is still disguised as a man, but this time, she changed the disguise and her skin tone changed to the point that no one would suspect that she is not

from this country. He recognized her mostly because of the familiar aura of the plants and the attacks he suffered in her hands. She used similar attacks in the tournament.

Sam doesn't know how she managed to maintain her skin tone, she must have escaped a lot of trouble because of that. But at this moment, he was conflicted. He was thinking if he should say that she is also a Player or not to the emperor.

After all, he did make a deal with the emperor and it is not appropriate for him to let the emperor suffer a loss like that.

After contemplating a bit, he decided to go with it but he also decided to give her a heads-up to her.

He didn't disguise himself anymore. It would be nonsensical to hide his identity after the waves he caused in this nation. Even Arkiv was able to get to know his details and come here, it is safe to assume that the rest of the candidates also learned of this.

So, he decided to meet that woman that very evening, and he did.

He asked Yodha about her residence and went there.

Thankfully, the lady is training in the yard.

Sam walked to her calmly and watched as he manipulated the grass in the yard. All of a sudden, he jumped from the spot with golden flames surrounding him, and the spot he was in and the new spot he landed both become devoid of any vegetation burned to crisp.

"It is not polite to attack a guest," Sam said calmly as he looked at her.

"It is not polite to come uninvited either."

"I must apologize, but I had to come."

"Why are you here?"

"Well, I am here to say that you don't need to participate in the tournament anymore."

The lady frowned and looked at him coldly.

"Can we sit and talk?"

Sam moved to a nearby table and sat on the chair. The lady also sat opposite him and said.

"Why should I listen to you and stop participating? Do you want to get all the treasures yourself? Is it your patron's turn next?"

Sam chuckled at that. He didn't expect her to call the Gods her Patrons.

"Nope, actually you don't have to participate to enter the Palace."

"And who will grant the entrance?"

"The Emperor himself. I made a deal with the Emperor regarding the Palace. He wants to gain as much advantage as possible with the Palace and wants to use the three spots for his own people, so he wanted me to inform the other players who came here and he would grant entrance directly."

"How can I believe him? How can I even believe you?"

"Well, at least I don't have anything against you. I didn't reveal who you truly until now. Doesn't that account for something?"

When Sam said this, he looked at her up and down. The girl became angry and wanted to beat the crap out of him, but controlled herself and said.

"Maybe or Maybe not. I think it is more probable that you are luring me out so that you can reduce your competition."

Sam couldn't help but chuckle and said.

"Do you think I have to resort to tricks to clear my competition? All I would have to do is hunt every one of you down and be done with it.

Anyway, I said what I wanted to say. I am going to give the Emperor the news about you being a Player. I cannot go back on my words. If you really doubt me, Arkiv is staying at the factory outside the city. You can go there and meet him. So you can get some assurance. After all, from what I know, you two can at least be considered acquaintances."

Sam didn't continue sitting there and started walking away. All of a sudden, he covered himself with golden flames and flashed back. He disappeared into a golden flash and reappeared right before the woman.

He held her neck in the midst of all the vines that are extended towards him and are slowly burning down because of the golden flames.

"I came to talk, so let me leave peacefully. If I wanted to deal with you, I wouldn't even need to waste so much time and could be done with it."

There is a small searing sound as a layer of skin burned on the neck of that girl. Sam released her and walked away calmly.

That night, she really did find Arkiv in the factory outside.

"Noah, is that you? I really couldn't identify you? So you were also deployed to Mov empire?"

Arkiv greeted her casually. But he doesn't know she is a woman and he just placed his hand around her neck as he spoke in an extremely friendly manner.

She dodged his hand and said about meeting Sam.

Arkiv said casually.

"Yes, it is true. He has some good connections with the Emperor and also the most powerful young master in the Mov Empire. I even talked with the Emperor myself. There is no cheating here. You can relax."

"How can you be so sure?"

"Well, it is simple, that guy Sam is too good to even among us, the players. In the last two palaces, he is the biggest winner. It is almost like the rest of us are competing for the second position. There is no way he would want to trap us. In fact, he is the only one who is treating this test for fun."

"But what if the Emperor dupes us?"

"It is not likely, I have been learning about the Emperor and even Sam made some serious fuss right in front of him. You must have heard that too, right."

Noah nodded and thought for a moment before saying.

"Okay then, tell him that I will withdraw from the competition."

"That's for the better. We have to stay in this place for at least another two years, it is better if we get into the Emperor's good graces."

The news reached Sam and he was already on his way to meet the Emperor regarding Noah.

The Emperor asked for some more details before agreeing.

Now, all they have to do is wait for the competition to be over and enter the Palace of inheritance.

The three finalists who got the chance to enter the Palace of inheritance are of different places. One of them is the prince. Even though the Emperor wanted to take one token for him, the prince didn't agree and participated in the competition. And he got the position with his own capabilities.

As for the remaining two. One of them is a special division member of the Military. He is in fact someone Sam knew. He is one of the leaders of the special division fire element batch.

As for the last person, he is actually a city guard in the Imperial city. He is young and promising and he is trying to become the Imperial guard.

The most distinguished feature of him is that he is human. Barely any human was able to reach a high-level position in the city guard, much less enter the Imperial guard.

The city guard is full of political influence and many nobles try to wrestle for control over some area. That is why it is hard for a human to climb the ranks. But this guy still survived.

And he gained a spot for the imperial guard training. He might as well be considered the toughest of all three candidates, both physically and mentally.

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Chapter 562: First Round

Soon the time for entering the Palace of Inheritance has come.

The day before the entrance, Sam along with Arman, Arkiv, and Noah entered the Imperial Palace from there the Emperor sneaked them out of the city and took them to the Imperial hunting grounds.

There is a residence within the grounds and it is just a large stone building without many facilities. They stayed there for the night and the next morning, the three candidates were escorted by an Imperial Prince, who is also the brother of the Emperor to the residence.

After dropping them, he didn't stay there and left. The Emperor then introduced the four of them to the three, but the introductions are short and only names were told.

The three candidates are all looking at him with a serious expression. Because they are thinking they came through the backdoor. But they didn't dare voice those thoughts out. At least they knew that since the Emperor has no intention of speaking up and kept mum, then the situation is not something they could draw conclusions on.

The prince however was pissed because they are all humans.

Maybe, he didn't inherit all of his father's qualities, but what he doesn't know is that all four of them could beat his ass like beating a child if he really tried anything funny. After a few minutes they entered the Palace of inheritance and the first thing they encountered is another Avatar.

This time, it is not Sanchez. The hall looked the same though.

And the basic introduction for the rules of the Palace of inheritance was next.

He clearly mentioned one thing though, that is everyone is responsible for their own lives. In the previous Palace of inheritance, it was the challenge of The Monkey King and he was kind enough to create a place that would save the lives of the people as long as they are breathing.

The whole woods are enchanted and all the trees are providing wood elemental healing. But this time it is not guaranteed at all.

"You can pick a room and go in."

For some reason as if they knew how many people are coming in, there are seven doors. But the players knew better than that.

Nothing in the Palace is something to be surprised about. They have seen too much in the past two visits.

Sam entered a room and inside there is a large and wide-open field without anything present. There is only a large field without even a single blade of grass. All he could see is the brown soil all over the place.

All of a sudden, a human silhouette appeared in front of him with a spear in his hand. His whole body is emitting a thick commanding aura. It will create a sense of obedience in any normal person that experienced it.

Sam looked at him as he observed. He could faintly guess who this guy is, but he didn't speak.

"I am Karthikeya, the Heavenly God of War. This time, a total of twenty-two members appeared. You will be competing against each other until only three of you are left. That means all of you will be participating in three clashes, except for one person, who will be the lucky guy to directly enter the top-6 after the first round.

He will escape the second round and directly participate in the third round and that person will be selected by your performance in the first round.

As for what you are going to compete in, it is the art of war. You will be thrown into different scenarios with the role of commanders of the two opposing parties and you have to use your troops to fight against your enemy's troops to achieve your objective.

The scenarios and the objectives will be explained after your opponents are allocated. Every man who lost or won will definitely be able to get some reward, but that would only be given to you at the end of the Palace of inheritance.

There is no fixed time limit for this Palace of Inheritance, so after the finals are done and the winner is decided you will be let go.

I wish you luck."

With that Kartikeya's silhouette disappeared into thin air.

Sam felt a bright light cover his vision and envelope his hole before the whole space distorted around and before he knew it, Sam found himself inside a

room. He was covered in thick fur clothing. They seemed to be made of bear hide. He sat at the head of a long table and on both sides, there are many people standing.

There is a large leather map on the table showing the image of a castle and there are some wooden pegs in different shapes placed around the castle.

There is a fireplace burning behind him all the people standing seemed to have paused in their actions like a video.

New information appeared in Sam's head along with a voice.

"You are a human commander, who is in charge of the safety of the castle. The castle is under siege on all four sides. The main objective is to protect the queen who is in the castle along with the prince. The king has gone to war and some of the enemies, sent some forces to siege the castle here. All the citizens are hauled into the castle walls.

You are outnumbered by four times and there are not many provisions in the castle that could sustain the people inside for many days. The maximum time all of them can survive is five days. You have finished the operation in the five days."

Along with that, there is a lot of other information on the castle dimensions, positions, and climatic conditions. Apparently, this is winter and the cold outside is unbearable.

There is a lot of snow piling up on the castle walls, corridors, and all over the place.

The main information Sam focused on is that he and his troops, no one has any form of spiritual energy. They all normal humans. After digesting all the information, the actions of the whole room resumed and the people who are standing slowly sat down after Sam greeted them.

Sam once again heard all their reports regarding the enemy forces and their current conditions before saying.

"Guard the walls for now and stop all the attempts of the people who are trying to climb them up. As for the streams, they are already frozen, there is no way they could come in, so don't worry about it.

For now, send guards to keep order inside the castle and distribute the food resources properly. There should be no unrest. If the people starve, they would find ways out of the situation, and surrendering to the enemy is the best one out of all.

Make sure that the Queen and the Prince are in their chambers and send two maids to stay in that same room. They are not allowed to come out and go in. The food shall be sent directly by the soldiers. And only on my orders. No one should have any contact with the Queen or Prince.

How is the temperature outside?"

"Sir, the temperature is freezing cold. The soldiers don't even dare to drink water outside."

Sam nodded and went into deep thought.

"How close are the enemies to the walls?"

"They are not very far sir, they trying their best to climb the walls since the archers are little use to them. Our defenses are strong, but from what saw they are clearly trying their best to deplete our provisions. We learned that the last spy we caught already sent the message before we could kill him."

"Then let us give them a nice surprise."

Sam doesn't know the time limit and doesn't care at all. As soon as he found out there is a lot of snow, he knew that he will win. Most people might not think dirty as he does, but winning is winning no matter what.

One must not care too much about pride when the matter of life and death are decided. Anyway, they outnumbered them by too much, to begin with.

Sam ordered to start a fire in many places of the castle and all the commoners who came in were given a task, that is shovel snow into the wooden barrel and place it on the fire to create water.

Sam surely shouldn't use any drinking water such an operation. In this winter, that is also an important provision. So, he can only make do with the snow.

When the soldier heard that command, they were puzzled. But not for too long.

When they collected barrels of hot water, they understood soon.

The barrels are not too big, so a soldier can carry one directly, he quickly ran up to the castle walls and poured the boiling hot water directly on the soldier that are trying to climb the walls.

If the water is at room temperature, then it will definitely freeze before reaching the enemies and it would be no more different than hitting them with ice.

But now, the situation is different, as long as the water fell on them, that is enough.

Then only Sam noticed that there are catapults on the castle wall and he couldn't help but smirk.

He ordered the soldiers to use the catapults to throw the hot water-filled barrels through the catapults.

And just like that the enemy soldiers who are close to the castle are all experiencing hot water rain.

When the water fell on them, they didn't feel anything. The water is not boiling hot by the time it reached them, it is warm and they even felt good, but what followed next is something they didn't expect at all.

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Chapter 563: Water and Oil

Sam's trick can be considered somewhat dirty. Particularly, when he saw the way these people carried themselves. They are too prideful and too focused on killing their enemies in one sweep.

If they really clashed, then one party will surely perish completely.

They wouldn't retreat, these people are close to barbarians. But he didn't care about feelings. Feelings don't win wars.

He also knew that the castle walls wouldn't stop them for too long, the more free time they have on them, the more beneficial it is for the enemies. The provisions are not enough at all the other party would gladly wait and plan on how to deal with the castle slowly, while the castle turned chaotic.

Sam didn't want that to happen. So, the first day went with him spraying hot rain on the enemies. It might not seem like much, but it is actually critical damage for the enemies. More than half of the enemies are completely soaked in the hot water.

Their skin scalded slightly, but that is not the main damage. The water on their bodies will start to freeze immediately and even their thick clothing will start freezing.

When some freezes right on their skin, they wouldn't be able to endure it, they are did something wrong and rubbed it off, there would be layers of skin disappearing from the spot, even if they don't, they will suffer Ice burn on top of the scalded skin.

The Ice burn is enough to make the enemies go chaotic. More than half of the people who caught up in the rain will feel their bodies burning on the fire even in that cold and will definitely catch a cold.

A cold in the snowy mountains and in the middle of the war, they should see how chaotic they would become.

The first thing he has to do is, that to reduce the calm of the enemies and he achieved that. Only when they are not calm will they take decisions on impulse and only on the impulse will they make mistakes. This is what he wanted them to do, make mistakes.

And the commander happened to be a Naga of some other nation, but currently, his appearance is that of a human. He has no idea about normal warfare without any spiritual energy. So, he is counting on the five days depletion of the provisions and the chaos, but now he knew that he has to defend against the enemy attacks too.

The enemies retreated a bit and didn't stay within the range where the hot water could affect them. Even if they used catapults the water wouldn't stay in the barrel until it reached the area.

Sam went on to look for the next trick he should use, even though some of his subordinates are not pleased with his method, they understood the severity of the situation. They couldn't just bitch and whine about the methods they used.

That night, there was a surprise attack on the castle, a volley of arrows came from the enemy side, but there are no casualties, the castle walls were constructed in such a way. Even the people who are stationed on the wall will not be attacked by the arrows as they have a clear hiding spots.

But the arrows that were shot are set on fire and they set hay and some wooden equipment on fire within the castle.

Sam didn't worry too much, it is easy to put off the fire with this many people and the damage is not severe. But he is thinking of what to do next.

How to cause more chaos in the enemy camp that they would feel like retreating and abandoning the post.

He sat in his room and kept on thinking and didn't notice that the fireplace was not burning, he forgot to load the wood in and the room turned cold. But he didn't notice it, he only noticed until the oil in the lamp was frozen and the light reduced by a lot.

He once again made a fire and heated the lamp a bit to get the light and went into deep thought.

He immediately went to check all the provisions they have.

The oil they are using in the lamps is made the mixture of the excess fat of some sea creatures. The city they are in actually a seashore city. This came as a surprise to him as he didn't expect that.

The oil was actually made of seal fat and Polar bear fat. Even though they could use it to make lard the fat of all the sea creatures is not that tasty, and in this time, they have way too much of that, they could use it for lamps, other than cooking.

The people who go hunting or fishing will collect animal fats and the delicious ones will be used for cooking but the no delicious ones will be made into fuel.

Sam checked the provisions and realized that the only abundant thing is this fat oil. Except for this, everything else has to be rationed. The people mostly rely on hunting and they will exchange those goods for the grain from other areas.

But since the nation is under war. The merchants are not so keen on entering and selling the grain.

Currently, the whole city is getting by on the fish and meat they could obtain. Some animals that are in hibernation are also making it easy for them to hunt.

So the oil is one of the largest resources they had at this moment and if they win the war and get the city back, then it is easy for them to recover the lost oil.

So, Sam didn't hesitate anymore. He decided to trick them one more time.

The next day, there is chaos all over the castle and that is because the people are starving. Their rations are cut off because the food that was supposed to be for five days has burned and half of it was gone because of the last night's fiery arrows.

And by sheer coincidence, the news came out and went into the ears of the enemies.

The enemies immediately took the opportunity and marched forward.

There is a lot of empty space around the castle for a few hundred meters, separating it from the rest of the city, and the enemies are stationed there.

Now they marched forward trying to use the chaos once again.

But as soon as they came forward and reached the vicinities of the castle, they noticed something is not right.

The soldiers on the castle walls made another rain, this time it is the oil rain and some archers are already in positions with fiery arrows.

As soon as the oil landed they shot the arrows.

The fur coats in the wild really do help them with the cold, but they easily catch fire.

The soldiers of the enemies are all huddled together in the area as they are trying to burst through the castle door.

This caused the fire to spread quickly, but the familiar barrels came down once again and this time they are full of oil.

Generally, the people here only use boulders from this top and wouldn't use the means like setting people on fire and throwing hot water.

But Sam didn't understand why. It is almost like these people only knew how to fight and strategize with weapons and all, there is no thinking of using the circumstances and such.

Anyway, Sam didn't care, he almost finished the current task. Now that enemy camp is in chaos, the soldiers on the walls worked on full swing, the boulders, the oil barrels, the fire arrows and normal arrows, spears all went out of the castle walls like there is no end, even some commoners came and gave a hand in carrying the boulders and barrels up.

The enemy camp is chaos and there is no way they could regroup. The commander fell for such a little trick and it is clear that he had no experience in fighting wars of normal people. He was way too easy to fool and way too easy to defeat.

Sam almost felt like he is wasting his time. The war is over. Most of the enemies are injured or burned state, they cannot fight anymore and even the retreated forces cannot march forward. Now, even if the people from the castle opened the gates and met with a head-on collision, the enemies couldn't retaliate, they would definitely die.

Sam felt the whole scene pause once again and a bright light enveloped him. He disappeared from the spot and reappeared on the empty land.

In this war, his casualties are nil, but he won. If this is not a great victory then he doesn't know what is. So, he is pretty confident that he would directly reach the third round. But before that happened, he has to wait.

Wait until the rest of them finished their tasks and the winners are decided.

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Chapter 564: Tower defense

Sam waited in the desolate land for some time, maybe thinking that the other battles would be over. But the wait went on and on. There is no day or night in that field, he sat there, he rolled over and he even slept for some time.

He almost lost the sense of time after a while. After some time, he figured he might as well train and started the body refining. Even though he works every day with so many things, he always trained for some time in one way or another. Just that he wouldn't spend as much time as the rest of his peers.

But now that he got a lot of time and an environment with the spiritual energy of higher density than his regular atmosphere, he might as well use it.

He doesn't know how long he trained, but he kept on refining his body and practiced his combat techniques.

After who knows how long, he was finally woken up from his stupor.

Karthikeya's silhouette appeared once again and Sam wore his clothes back and started restoring his energy.

"You are exempt from the second round, but you have to wait for the remaining people to complete their second round. I will come back in five more days."

With that, the silhouette disappeared once again. Sam felt like this has to be the most boring Palace of inheritance he will ever be in. The first test is way too easy and the second test is being skipped and the third one happens, who knows when. He felt like he wore his clothes unnecessarily.

He once again took off his coat and the vest before going back to training.

After five days, Sam didn't get any more notification, the bright light once again enveloped him when he is in the middle of training and he disappeared.

He once again reappeared in a room, but this time, his appearance didn't change at all. He is still full of sweat and bare-chested.

The room only one table and there is a large holographic map on it. He looked around and there are three windows to the room and one of them has a view towards a large forest and he could faintly see the hills far away. The second window has a view of the long beach and the last one has a view of the vast sea.

He is inside the top floor of the tower. There is no door on the walls, but there is one on the floor which might probably have stairs leading downstairs.

He tried to open it but to no avail.

He wanted to see if he can jump out of the window, but that is also not possible as an unknown force is blocking him from jumping down. He could only sigh and sit back in his chair.

All of a sudden some information popped up and the holographic map brightened.

After digesting all the information in his head, Sam understood what the test is.

This is more like the game of tower defense.

His objective is to get the flag on the opponent's tower while defending his own.

He observed the map carefully, the game hasn't started yet. There is still an hour time for him to plan and in this hour.

The game's rules are simple. All he has to do is, use the hundred Nascent stage cultivators under his command to defend his tower and at the same time capture the opponent's tower.

Currently, Sam is looking at the three-dimensional holographic map in front of him. The map of the whole terrain of the island they were in.

He could see two towers clearly. One of them has the red flag on top of it and the other tower which is on the other side of the island has the blue colored flag on top of it.

His color is red and his troops are also marked as red dots with a colored hue indicating their elemental usage.

All his troops are currently lined up in front of the tower and are waiting for his orders.

As for the terrain, the whole island has a stream that originated from the center of the valley surrounded by the hills on the other side of the island. The blue tower is located right beside the origin of the stream.

The map is divided into two halves.

One half is red in color and the other half is blue in color. Sam could move his troops to anywhere in the red-colored region within the grace period of this one hour.

He could see all the positions and any situation within his zone.

But for the blue zone, all he could see is the terrain, he couldn't see the position of the soldiers of his enemy and the situations of the other half. However, it is not an absolute one, when his soldiers intervene, he can get the view of the situation near the vicinities of his soldiers.

He could see everything within their sensory range and a bit more.

If the enemy soldiers are in that range, he would be able to see that too.

After checking through the terrain, Sam is looking for any special spots. There are some details regarding the beasts that reside on the island.

There are no large beast families with hundreds of them. The largest beast family barely has fifteen members.

Apart from the beast habitats, he is also looking for possible ambush points in the enemy area.

As for his own terrain, Sam didn't think of creating many ambushes. But he did observe the terrains and possible ways the enemies could infiltrate in and march forward.

He looked for all the clues that he might require. This one hour is the time that he can do whatever he wants. He cannot infiltrate the enemy's territory and the enemies cannot do the same for him. But everything else in this one hour is a fair game and there is even more special privilege that is that there would be no traveling time for the soldiers in this one hour. They will just appear, wherever he wants them to appear.

Sam then took a look at the soldiers. All of them have serial numbers. There are five elemental users and all of them are Warrior-Mages. Fire, water, wind, earth, and Wood. Twenty soldiers of each element.

He thought for a bit and started moving them within his territory as he commanded them to do some things.

As for how he commanded, all he has to do is press the indicator of the soldier with spiritual energy and voice his commands to him.

He can even do that to multiple people at the same time.

Sam left thirty soldiers near the tower and they all doing their preparations as per Sam's orders.

As for the remaining seventy soldiers, all of them are spread along.

And particularly the twenty of them are teamed to various ambush points within his territory.

The last fifty members were divided into five squads with each squad having two users of every element and they are all deployed to various positions to move towards the enemy tower.

After arranging all the things, Sam smiled and waited for the show to begin and he didn't have to wait for long.

He took out a jar of wine and some roasted meat as he got ready to issue the commands.

As soon as the time for the competition started, he could already spot a bunch of blue dots in his side of the map. At the edge of the border of the two territories. The blue dots are moving faster and deeper into his territory from some points.

Sam looked at their traveling paths and spread his spiritual energy all the field to let all his soldiers hear.

"Stick with the Plan until I say otherwise. Don't attack your own troops even by the mistake. As soon as you see the opponents you can activate the traps and escape to anywhere possible or try to get back to the tower."

With that, he sat back and relaxed.

At this moment, within the forest, a team of blue soldiers is running with extreme speed. This is a team of five and they are extremely fast. Out of five two of them are wind element users and two wood element users and an earth element user.

They seemed to be a team of scouts. But Sam doesn't know their abilities and only knew that five of them are running through the woods. They are following the path of the stream. They must be thinking of reaching the red tower from the side after reaching the end of the stream where it is joining the sea.

This is not a bad plan actually, considering that no one would think that someone would travel such a roundabout way.

This is the longest path to the tower.

After they reached a certain distance, however, they suddenly stopped and looked around. Their commander sent orders that a red soldier is in the vicinity and they halted. Their sensory range is not that large and their commander couldn't see that there are not one but two red soldiers.

As the blue team is looking around vigilantly, they heard a loud rumbling sound from the side.

At that exact moment, a large log on fire was shot into deeper woods where a small fox tribe is residing. They are extremely agile and cruel beasts. The Pyro foxes. When the large red log on fire shot into their habitat, it destroyed the surroundings and immediately became angry.

They looked in that direction and immediately started running.

The red soldiers who activated their traps left the place and both of them ran in different directions and they even appeared in front of the blue team.

The blue team wanted to split up but they could hear the angry roars and the stamping of the beasts and before they knew it, the Pyro foxes are on their tail.

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Chapter 565: Tower Defense-II

While the ten or so Pyro foxes pursued the five of them, the two red soldiers who split up once again changed the directions and ran after the pyro foxes. They only ran away to distract the blue team so that their reaction would be delayed and they wouldn't notice the Pyro foxes instantly.

Now that their goal is achieved, it is better for them to go after the Pyro foxes and act as a backup just in case the blue team didn't die.

There is no way the team could outrun the foxes as they are too slow compared to the beasts.

After confirming there are only ten of them, the five-man team made a move suddenly and engaged with the foxes.

These beasts are somewhat vengeful and wouldn't calm down easily.

But the soldiers are coordinated and managed to overpower the foxes in exchange for receiving some critical damage.

At this moment, the red soldiers are still beyond their sensory range and are watching the battle which was in its final stage.

As soon as the battle was about to be finished, the two soldiers made their move and before the enemy commander could see them on the map and react, the two of them already killed the exhausted soldiers.

One of the traps Sam laid succeeded.

A similar scenario was happening in another place of Sam's territory. But here the red soldiers didn't even have to kill themselves, a pride of lions tore apart every blue soldier that was in the way and they didn't stop right there, they ran after the two red soldiers who are a distance away.

Sam looked at the scenario and chuckled before saying to the two of them.

"Both of you split up. One of you go to the right and another go straight. Both of you will meet two more blue teams if you can hold on, but if you cannot hold on, turn left from your spot and run forward. A red team of ten is moving there and you can deal with lions."

After he gave the instructions, he noticed that the red soldiers couldn't handle this and Sam immediately ordered the ten-man team that was slowly moving

towards the blue team's territory and the ten of them intercepted the two soldiers and the Pride of lions.

The battle was not as intense. The eight lions first attacked the five-man team of the blue team. Even though, they won they lost two lions and another two are injured, the remaining four lines only ran after the two because they can outnumber the two of them. Otherwise, they wouldn't have made a move at all.

Which nascent stage beast would be dumb? But the ten members' addition now tilted the scales. They were completely done with the lions and the two red soldiers also joined this ten-man team and walked forward.

These people are also walking beside the stream, but they are walking on the other side and they are moving in a moderate manner.

After reaching a certain distance, they hid in various spots and waited there on Sam's orders. At this moment, ten men from the Blue team were eliminated and they have an upper hand, here they are waiting for another team.

But the trap is different, they didn't want to kill these men directly, instead, they have other plans.

When the five men from the Blue team really came, the ten men ambushed them and forced them to enter the water.

This has been the plan all along. The commander of the blue team has been yelled at them as soon as he discovered the red team members, but he has been too later, and then only he realized something else.

The water is infested with some dangerous fish.

These fish are as large as a normal alligator and looked a lot like Piranhas. They started attacking the five men team. The number of fish is not exactly large and their defense is not too strong.

They are somewhat vulnerable, normally they wouldn't prey on humans, but the haul is too big and they were greedy.

So, they arrived and as soon as they started fighting with the five members, the twelve red soldiers came out of the hiding and started attacking from the shore.

They didn't just attack the humans, after leaving the corpses of the soldiers there and attracting the remaining fish there, they killed all the fish from the shore.

After some time, they simply created a small area that covered all the fish habitat and boiled all of it to make sure no fish survived. They made sure that the stream went back to normal and continued their journey once again.

In this way, the blue team lost fifteen members, while the red team lost none. There is a reason for it, and it is not because Sam guessed the paths that the blue team would take, rather he marked every possible path they could take and three paths are within that scope.

As for his own members that are assigned to invade the enemy territory, they actually didn't infiltrate at this moment. Sam didn't set their starting points right at the border of the two territories as his opponent did, instead, he put them at a moderate distance from the border and even asked them to move at a moderate speed.

That is because he wanted them to help with the defense by dealing with some of the enemy soldiers that infiltrated. Since they will outnumber the enemies and also in their own turf with the help of traps, they wouldn't need so much energy.

Meanwhile, the enemy troops are still infiltrating. After counting, Sam figured that a total of forty members infiltrated into his territory, and out of the fifteen members are already done for.

Now only twenty-five members are still moving forward and most of them escaped the traps and some of them managed to deal with the two red soldiers that are dealing with the traps.

Sam finally started seeing casualties, but there are no more than six of them at this moment.

He doesn't know how many men, his opponent put up for defense near the tower and how many of them are in ambush.

But he was not nervous in the least, because ten-men teams are not easy to take down and they are moving in a certain way that they will cover the maximum area with their sensory range that will give him more view of the territory.

The twenty-five blue soldiers within his territory didn't fall for anything else and even stayed in place after reaching a certain distance. It seems like they are trying their best to recuperate to their best state.

At this moment, Sam's people are also infiltrating the enemy's territory.

The Blue commander noticed that Sam's troops are mostly concentrated near the stream area.

There are many people there and a cluster of red dots are there on either side of the river and most of them are even crossing the river time and time again to exchange information.

Apart from this cluster of twenty dots, there are three more small clusters in different places.

Apparently, Sam chose the most difficult routes of all as their infiltration points, except for the stream.

The stream is actually a better infiltration path for Sam than the blue team because the stream will directly lead them to the area near the tower. They don't even have to wait and hide.

Seeing the large teams, the blue commander was really frustrated. But he is not entirely disappointed.

For the first time, Sam was surprised because the traps set by the other party are almost the same. But they used more people to lure a family of tigers towards Sam's ten-man team, but there are only five blue soldiers and they hid and attacked the red soldiers along with the tigers without giving them any chance to be alive or escape. At the same time, they also finished off half of the tigers and once again lured them.

They didn't lure them to another team, rather they lured them to another habitat.

After some initial clash, the beasts joined and followed the team that already moved far away with a decent head start.

But the beasts didn't leave them alone and went on following.

Sam lost ten men and he doesn't know if he will lose more men. Last time, he wasn't able to give them orders on time, causing him to lose ten members.

He became vigilant again and scolded in his head because of his cockiness and underestimating the opponent.

He estimated the next attack and started giving orders to the next ten-man team that is most probably going to be attacked. He must say that the other party is pretty ballsy to lure the beasts purely with his men.

But he knew it wouldn't be easy. And his guess was right, the beasts caught up and the blue team lost another five soldiers, but the beasts moved on to the next red team, to whom Sam is already giving orders.

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Chapter 566: Tower Defense-III

When the beasts caught up to the red team, they are already in a formation. Eight of them stood in a circle while the two of them stood in the center.

The two in the center are the earth element users of the team and they already constructed a barricade of the earthen wall around them.

The beasts surrounded and got ready to destroy the wall.

When a beast ran forward and jumped, not only an earthen spike came from the wall and pierced it, but an intense flame torched it all over until it almost turned into ashes.

Only after the fire cleared could one see a hole in the wall which was rapidly closing once again.

Sam really liked these soldiers, because they listen to the commands perfectly and he doesn't have to explain anything twice to them. As long as he said it once, they will get it and do everything precisely. How good would it be if all his subordinates are like this?

He can slack off a lot.

The beasts couldn't understand what is happening, but they are not pleased with the death of one of their companions and the onslaught continued.

But every time a beast jumped forward, there would be a spike halting its tracks and a barrage of lethal attacks hitting the beast until it is either dead or crippled.

The situation was resolved by not completely. The blue team commander has already made some preparations while these people are fighting off the beasts.

But the earthen were still there. In fact, a roof also appeared on their heads as they waited for them. But the suspected attack didn't come.

Sam ordered the group to move in the same formation. The walls disappeared and they cautiously moved forward. No matter what came in their way, they didn't take any detours, no matter how many trees there are, all they did is cut them down all the rocks are taken care of the earth element users.

They are extremely cautious and didn't make any rash movements.

Sam gave the same order to the remaining two groups and enjoyed the show. He didn't like giving orders in real-time. Even though, that is what makes a good commander, what is the point of having subordinates who have to be spoon-fed for everything they do?

They have to resolve the problems themselves and all he would do is point and guide them in the most efficient way possible.

According to Sam, the competence of a proper commander will be shown when all his subordinates follow his orders, but the competence of a great commander will be shown when his orders are still followed even in his absence as their leader.

That is why, he always trained the soldiers differently, even if he wasn't there to order around, they will still react in the same way as he was present and they will know what to do in what scenarios.

He might not achieve that level with these tower defense soldiers, but he would get the best he could.

The blue team could kiss goodbye to their traps, the thirty soldiers will definitely reach the tower.

But they are extremely slow and will take some time.

Meanwhile, the blue team infiltrators already reached the vicinities of the tower.

The Blue commander is feeling the pressure and wanted to distract Sam and the best way to do that is to attack the tower and make him focus here so that he would focus less on his troops in the blue territory.

Meanwhile, the blue commander sent the remaining five soldiers that set the traps and another ten soldiers from the defense line leaving only thirty of them to defend at the tower.

These fifteen members all moved into the forest as they wanted to deal with the thirty troops of the red team.

But Sam didn't worry about something like that even when he saw the fifteen members surrounding the ten-man team.

As he said, these soldiers are efficient and could understand his orders easily. All they have to do is follow the regular defensive plan he said.

Even though the fifteen people are surrounding them, it would be hard for their spiritual sense to cross the earthen wall that was full of their enemy's spiritual energy and predict what is going on, but the earth element users could see outside because it is hard to block their sense from outside. If they have to do that, they had to seal the whole ten-man formation and to affective do that, they would need at least three earth element users.

What Sam observed is that there are almost no earth element users in the blue team troops that were sent to infiltration, he only counted five of them and five of them are dead.

Maybe he was using them as the mainline of defense at the tower. That is understandable though.

The battle went on, Sam didn't focus much on it. Rather, he is focused on the defense of the tower.

The twenty-blue soldiers within his territory are actually using the forest as the cover and are trying to do guerilla warfare.

But what they did not notice is that as soon as they made their move and are about to attack the tower, the forest has been blocked. The wood element users didn't wait for a second to entangle all the trees and made a serious blockade.

And they came from the rear without giving a chance for these twenty-five people to escape.

This is going to be the final battle on this side. He has been waiting for them to come and attack him and this is perfect.

He is not going to let this slip away.

Since the area is the beach, Sam decided to use the sand to his advantage.

The twenty-five blue soldiers who covered a large area by spreading out are still surrounded and slowly the sand is raising. They couldn't just break out of here. The battle formation of the red soldiers is tight and the earth element users along with the wind element users are causing a sand storm and soon the whole blue team is surrounded.

The wood element users also started taking action. At the eye of the storm where the chaos is minimum, a large vine started growing vertically with so many vines spreading from it. With the eye as the center and the solid foundation, the six wood element users worked together as they attacked the

blue team soldiers that are trying their best to not get stuck in the sand tornado.

But they couldn't hold on for long, because the wind element users are sharpening the wind currents into the wind blades.

This is the best team Sam has ever seen, they are practically like robots and their foundations are extremely strong to the point they could achieve Sam's weird formations like this without even practice.

As the blue team soldiers finally got swept by the tornado, the fire element users and the water element users started working.

The water element users are responsible for taking care of any strays that escape the storm, while fire element users utilized the wind currents to add fire into the tornado and work in tandem with the sandstorm. After an hour of futile resistance from the Blue soldiers who clearly fell into the biggest trap in this round, the battle is finally over.

The blue commander has an ugly look on his face, he is someone from one of the nations who crossed the first round.

He couldn't help but slam the table in fury.

He knew that whatever he planned will be futile now.

Because he cannot hope to maintain the defense and offense with these meager forces.

Particularly, when the fifteen soldiers he sent to deal with the ten are all dead.

And surprisingly, only three members of the red team are dead.

The seven stayed there to recuperate and slowly moved towards the remaining twenty soldiers who are moving on either side of the stream.

The twenty-seven soldiers are soon joined by the red soldiers who are responsible for traps in the red territory. They are not part of the defense line.

They are ordered to stay within the forest. Now that the offensive troops are having a shortage of numbers, they are going to join.

Not just them, half of the defensive line also moved. The wind element users and the water element users moved. The water element users even used the stream to move faster and are about to join the offensive troops.

As for the rest, they are still stationed for the defense. Even though he is confident that the blue team wouldn't send any troops to attack, it is better safe than sorry.

Anyway, all they would need is one person to invade the tower. The term capturing the flag is just symbolic and even the flags on top of the towers in holograph are also symbolic. They are not exactly capturing the flags.

As long as they invaded the tower the competition would be over.

And Sam felt like the competition is already over. The Blue troops' defense line was completely outnumbered at this moment and it is hard for them to move forward.

As soon as the red troops reached the tower and engaged Sam already sent an order to the remaining defense line members to march forward.

There is no way the blue team can move forward and send someone to capture his tower. The best they could hope for was a tie. But Sam is not letting that happen. This time, the soldiers moved at full speed to reach their destination.

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The tower defense ending is not magnificent at all. It is in fact boring. When the two forces engaged, the blue team who should have played a defensive role with the excess number of earth element users they have, the commander of the blue team couldn't stay calm and went on being offensive.

His soldiers are aggressive and suicidal. Although he did do some significant damage to the red team, he still suffered more.

After he calmed down, he finally realized the mistake and used all his brain and forces to create a deadlock.

The deadlock worked quite well for a short period of time. But the problem arrived when the water element users who are using the stream move towards the tower. They could easily attack from the back of the tower, but taking advantage of their positions.

The blue team couldn't afford to send the men back and deal with them when they came out of the water, because even if one person is moved away from the defensive position, the deadlock would collapse like a sandcastle.

But as the water element users neared, the wind element users who are moving differently already joined the red team and the balance is close to titling.

Sam must say the opponent really did put a great fight.

As the water element users emerged from the back of the tower, the blue soldiers suddenly moved in a chaotic way and they started exploring their spiritual cores.

Sam raised an eyebrow in an amusing way.

All the blue team soldiers are getting ready to explode and since Sam's soldiers already covered the whole area, he could see what is happening. He

couldn't help but chuckle, the blue commander whoever he is has lost patience and is doing a last-ditch effort.

Sam didn't care at all and only ordered the last remaining troops at his tower, leaving only ten of them here to make a move.

They ran fast and got ready to cross the border. Even if the blue soldiers blew themselves up and kill all the red soldiers, there is no way they would defeat the red team.

And the blue soldiers really did blow up, but not all of them. Only those that are in the middle of the red soldiers and the ones that are near the water element users are coming towards the tower.

This stopped the invasion of the tower and the blue wind element user started running towards the red territory.

Sam couldn't help but smirk at this.

The blue soldier just jumped into the stream and let is wash him to the sea without offering any resistance. The most he did is to make sure that he wouldn't get hurt by hitting the bed and stones in the stream.

This is the true last struggle.

But before that person could cross half the stream, one of Sam's soldiers who defended against the explosion crawled towards the tower in an extremely slow manner. He is the least wounded person in the explosions and even the blue soldiers were more wounded than him.

Currently, Sam is playing a game with him. He wanted to see if the enemy commander will notice or will completely focus on the blue soldier who is the symbol of his last futile effort and Sam couldn't help but disappointed, the other party is too mentally shaken and is not focusing on the red soldiers that are under his tower.

These red soldiers are seriously injured, but they are not dead. Only four blue soldiers are strong enough to stand with some support, in this type of situation, he should have just finished the red soldiers even if it takes the remaining strength of the last four soldiers.

But the soldiers are too distracted due to their injuries to see the slow as a snail, red soldier crawling to the tower and before they knew it, he already touched the tower door and abruptly used all his strength to push it to enter.

Before the blue soldiers could react, everything was over and bright light enveloped the towers, Sam couldn't help but smirk. He has to say that this is the boring palace of inheritance of all. The first one is full of rounds maybe because there are too many people and the second one is exciting with full battle and the monkey soldiers.

As for this, except for the strategy, there is nothing else. It is more of a test of leadership, logical thinking, wits, decisiveness, and quick thinking. There is nothing much in this test until now.

He expected a little more from the God of war. But his god of war title is not just from his might, the most part is from the way he led his troops and his leadership so it should be understandable.

But it cannot be helped. It is still boring no matter how justifiable Sam thought it would be.

As he was lost in thoughts, Sam once again reappeared in the desolate field and looked at the familiar brown soil and the blue sky.

But this time, there are two more people in the field. One of them is Noah and the other one is the guy with the Spear of the Lightning Spear sect. He might be the chosen candidate of Karthikeya.

He wasn't completely surprised, but he is a bit impressed by Noah. She came to the finals in the last Palace too and when Noah looked at him, she couldn't help but curse him under her breath.

She has some sort of hateful relationship with this guy. But that is not to the point of getting revenge or plotting against him, but she felt like he is an eyesore.

Sam didn't care and waved his hand. The third candidate who both of them don't have any relation with came forward and spoke to me.

"You must be Sam and you must be Noah. I heard a lot about both of you, particularly you Sam. I am Kumar."

Sam looked at him and chuckled before saying.

"Now that I showed my face, I don't have to say what superpower I belong to right?"

When Sam said this, Kumar was puzzled for a bit, before exclaiming in surprise.

"You are that guy in Black?"

He clearly remembered the guy in black from the previous Palace of inheritance. At that time, Sam made their whole stay a living hell by using them as bait for the Monkey Warriors and getting rid of them as soon as their purpose was over.

Kumar also understood what Sam is saying. Because he remembered provoking Sam about revealing his face and identity so that he could bash him up after they came out. He felt a little embarrassed about that now.

As the two of them are making small talk after Noah showing no interest in making any, a bright light was shone and Karthikeya's silhouette appeared once again.

"The three rounds are over and this is the final round between the candidates. Only one of you will move to the next one which is also the last one. But for that, we have to choose one of you and what better way than a simple battle.

No matter how good you are at leading, the subordinates should have enough respect and belief in your to be under your command, and without strength, it would be hard to prove that.

So, battle it out between the three of you to prove your strength. Only one of you has a chance. Do the worst you can. Aim to kill, but don't worry no one dies here."

As soon as he said those words, his silhouette floated upwards and hovered in the air.

The three candidates are stunned. And All of a sudden, Sam made a move and caught a spear while his body was surrounded by golden flames.

A faint purple smoke rose from them covering the three of them and when the smoke cleared, it could be seen that Sam has caught the hand of Noah with his right hand and the spear of Kumar with his left hand.

Meanwhile, there is a pile of ashes around him.

"Damn it, both of you targeted me directly? Both of you are not even on the speaking terms a few seconds ago and now what sort of tacit understanding is this."

Sam said and when they noticed that the spiritual energy is becoming chaotic around him, Noah threw seed on the ground and a vine grew rapidly before a red fruit ripened at a rapid pace and exploded.

A hot and musky scent and smoke surrounded them and even Sam loosened her hand for a second.

The red smoke is only some sort of numbing agent that reduces the senses and the field of smoke wouldn't allow any form of spiritual sense, he doesn't know what this is. But he was impressed.

As for Kumar, he took a simpler approach, he just let go of the spear and took out another one. This spear is made of Black star gold and Sam easily recognized this.

This is one of the spears from the previous Palace of inheritance.

Sam also took a step back from the red smoke and looked at both of them.

"Should I feel happy that you think so highly of me or should I feel sad because I am the first target?"

Both of them didn't speak and are looking at Sam seriously. They noticed that Sam is still at leisure and didn't feel any nervousness at all. He is too laid back for a target.

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Chapter 568: Trapped

Sam looked at the two of them, who are ready to make a move one more time. He knew why they are trying to attack him. He is the most high-profile person and his exploits are known to all of them.

In the last Palace of inheritance, he kept his identity hidden for various reasons, and most important of all of them is to avoid the attention of the major powers. After all, they are all focusing on him at that moment, with him being in conflict with many of them.

At the same time, he wanted to get as much advantage over the rest of the players as he can. But this time, he didn't bother because his name was spread all over the nation. If he didn't want to make business running in this world and he was fond of this world's resources, he would have definitely kept

a low profile. But he has too many things to worry about. That is why decided not to hide his identity.

Now this made him the main target. These players already had quite a hard time when Sam only used some of his abilities the previous time which means he is the one they are most worried about since he didn't have any restraints and naturally he became their common target and the first one at that.

Sam didn't care though, he looked at them and smiled once again as he took out the staff.

He stood in his place and was in a defensive position. It has been a long time since he had a proper battle, so he would satisfy all his cravings today and he even had some improvement recently.

As for why he is not being offensive, the reason is simple, both of these people have an edge in terms of cultivation.

Sam is only a Level-6 Nascent stage cultivator at the moment, but these two people are Level-7. It would have been no different if he faced the regular people, but these two are the Players. If not for the rift between the middle stage and the late stage, he would have been more confident and proactive. But that was not shown on his face.

All the opponents could see is his relaxed expression and the smug smile on his face.

Kumar is the first to make a move. He held his spear as he lunged at Sam as he exchanged a meaningful glance with Noah.

He stabbed the spear straight at Sam's heart going for the skill. At the same time, Noah threw some seeds on the ground and small red sprouts could be seen on that spot, but all of a sudden some vines came from underneath the ground near Sam's feet.

They coiled his feet completely and Sam couldn't move, as he looked at his feet he could see that the red vines are going rampant and are still growing denser and denser as they tied his legs tighter and tighter.

Sam's legs suddenly blasted out some golden flames, but to his surprise, the vines didn't burn off. As he was distracted a bit, the spear almost made contact with his heart, but Sam bent his body backward at an unnatural angle as if he doesn't even have a spine.

And to reduce the stress on his spine, he stabbed the staff into the ground and held it tightly as he placed all the burden on it.

Kumar is no joke as he changed the direction of the spear and moved downwards after stabbing without calling it back.

Sam used the staff as a support and spiritual energy burst into the vines as golden light enveloped them before they were abruptly cut into pieces by the light beams.

After releasing himself, Sam used that staff as the support and kicked the spear off with his legs and pushing the man back.

But as he was about to land, he noticed that another batch of vines appeared right at his landing spot.

Sam chuckled and with his incredible dexterity, changed his direction and somersaulted in the air before landing on the staff that was planted right into the ground. He stood there within an incredible balance and he looked at the two of them.

He was now ready to move, the only reason he waited this long is to check the disparity between them and him and he noticed that there is not much, his deficit in cultivation was covered by his physical strength and refinement. He can still beat them like before.

Sam thought of this and jumped down, wind elemental energy surrounded him as he pulled out his staff from the ground and started spinning it in his hands.

Kumar jumped at him and attacked with his spear and both of them started clashing, but Sam's tailwind blades technique which makes the tailwind of every attack into a wind blade is an irritating one. Even though the attacks are not significantly damaging, the accumulation of these small damages will make him suffer.

He understood that soon, he will be worn out if he did that. Meanwhile, Noah is not slacking, she is moving all over the battle-field as she threw seeds left and right, and various vines popped up as they tried to attack Sam.

Some of them tried to restrain him, some of them bore fruits that caused various attacks and some of them are pure physical attacks. But none of them landed.

The poisons that came from the exploding fruits have no effect on Sam and he didn't even bother to dodge them, but the rest of them are being dealt with in a peculiar way.

This time, Sam is not attacking and moving in his usual manner, rather he is moving a lot more and he is almost dancing with spinning his body for 720 degrees and 840 degrees in various postures with large strides.

His moves looked flashy, Sam who didn't usually like that is using them today because of the vines that Noah is using.

Every time he jumped like that, the tips of his legs will be completely concentrated with the wind element as wind blades flew all over and they precisely hit the vines that are coming, even if one blade couldn't deal with them, the next one is doing the job.

Sam almost looked like a wind god. His every move is causing the surrounding air to turn in the turbulent but sharp wind that is cutting down everything on its way.

The two opponents suffocated all of a sudden. They felt like even the air they are breathing is not theirs and they are only breathing it because Sam allowed them to do so.

Kumar took a step back and slapped himself until his face was red and even the skin cracked on his lip before getting back into his fight.

He knew that if he gets overwhelmed by Sam, this fight is as good as over.

But the problem is the spear technique is not as versatile as Sam's staff technique. But he was still able to block and counterattack properly.

Sam is enjoying himself. He is slowly getting the same feeling he got from the fight with Sanjay. He is becoming engrossed in the battle, as for the vines that are being a nuisance, he almost got them out of his mind.

Noah cursed under her breath, all of this is happening because the fight started too suddenly and there are no trees around.

But she knew that there are only excuses and all she would need is some more time.

As Sam is dancing with the wind for some time, Kumar suddenly changed the flow of his spiritual energy and stabbed forward. Sam deflected the strike with his staff, but as soon as they made contact spiritual energy at the point of contact started behaving weirdly and a shockwave sent Sam flying as he was already hovering mid-air.

But he didn't crash to the ground, before he could fall on the ground, a lot of vines emerged rapidly and they formed a cocoon of thorny vines and enveloped Sam.

Before he could make his move and escape, he felt the pricks of thorns on his acupoints. The thorns are trying to attack his meridian network.

But his flesh is too tough, tougher than Noah could ever imagine. Still, the plan is not a total failure because, as Sam tried to use his energy he noticed that the thorns are not just purely physical attacks, rather the spiritual energy ripple caused by their stings made it hard for him to circulate energy and his energy network within his body is not reacting fast enough to keep up with his thoughts.

Noah didn't delay anymore as she made some hand-signs as a lot of fruits started ripening on the thorny vines. The ripening is a bit slow though. It is not as fast as the previous ones, maybe because a bunch of them are ripening at the same time.

Kumar looked at her and pointed at his spear, and Noah created a small gap in her cocoon with a wave of her hand.

Kumar lunged forward and spiritual energy became turbulent as his spear glowed. As he got into a throwing position, the spiritual energy surrounding the spear manifested into a large spear image surrounding the spear in his own hands as he threw it straight towards that hole.

By this time, the fruits are also close to exploding and finishing off Sam. But at this moment, both of them frowned and Kartikeya who is watching the battle from the top also frowned as he looked at the situation. He thought that Sam is done for, but he understood that it is not that simple.

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Chapter 569: Secret Arts

Sam could feel all his meridian network going numb for a moment. He wouldn't be able to circulate the energy normally like that.

After closing his eyes and taking a deep breath, Sam noticed a huge threat that is looming over the cocoon and also a fierce attack that was going to hit him.

But he didn't hurry. He still had his eyes closed and the spiritual energy started moving all over his body, he is not using the meridian network, rather using the muscle fibers to circulate the energy, he might not be able to use elemental attacks because it would be torturous to convert the spiritual energy into elemental energy without flowing through the meridian network.

But the elemental attacks are not the only cards up his sleeve. His arsenal is full of so many attacks that he didn't even have a chance to use them at all.

As he concentrated, all the spiritual energy started concentrating on his vertebrae. It accumulated along the spine, of course over his skin.

Sam wriggled a bit and bent his body into an arch as his belly moved forward. Finally, after one deep breath, he slammed his back into the back of the cocoon.

The spiritual energy exploded on the vines and half of them are damaged, the rest are stuck in a small chaotic spiritual energy storm caused by the sudden void of spiritual energy. This is the Void style he learned from the Monkey king during the previous Palace of Inheritance.

All of this happened in seconds as he kicked his legs forward and tore through the cocoon from the rear.

By this time, not only the spear reached the cocoon, even the fruits exploded.

The large puff of red smoke was blasted all over the cocoon and even the vines are corroding at a visible rate and the spear cleared a small region in the smoke as it blasted towards Sam.

But Sam who is already out of cocoon just fell back without trying to run.

As soon as his back hit the ground, his meridian network is also clear and he kicked both his legs forward and air cannons made him skid on the ground as he moved farther away from the red corrosive smoke.

He could even see the spear moving over him and he could even observe even that spear was corroded.

To corrode the Black star gold to that degree only when it traveled through the smoke just for an instant, one must estimate how good the smoke is.

After the spear went away, Sam finally jumped up and the first thing he did was take a look at his coat. Then only he saw that some feathers are bent on various positions.

The thorns of the vines are so strong that they could even damage his feather coat, it is really his luck that he tempered his body, otherwise he would be done for.

As Sam is checking his feather coat with a cold look, his two opponents gulped hard. This was once chance they got and that too half of it is a surprise attack. They don't believe they will get this lucky every time. They surely lost the golden chance.

Meanwhile, Karthikeya who is looked at the situation was feeling impressed.

He knew Void style pretty well, that is the damn monkey's go-to move in every battle. There is only one reason for using that. Almost all kinds of armors and defenses crumble under that power and almost every fight ended in one punch.

In fact, it was always a bit overkill, even with that one punch.

But for the first time, he saw the void style used in such a way. Even though Sam didn't reach Moneky's skill yet, he is still not bad for his level, and his control over the skill is great to the point he dared to use it at his spine. If

something happens, his spine will shatter along with the spiritual energy explosion.

He couldn't help but look at him in a new light.

After examining his coat, Sam slowly walked to his staff that was dropped there and stored it away. It is the normal staff without anything special about it, except that it was made by himself.

He took out another staff and this is also made of Black star gold. He is the biggest profiteer of the Black star Gold and he has more weapons than anyone. He planned to use them as gifts for his subordinates and even placed them in the credit exchange system.

But he has too many to use them all up.

He swung the staff a bit and seemed like he was trying to make himself familiar with it. After that, he finally looked at his two opponents.

"That was a good move. But too bad, it didn't succeed. Let us see if you are lucky enough to get another chance like that."

As he spoke, his body suddenly became golden and even the feather coat was activated. He recently got to know that the feather coat can be used even when he is maintaining the full elemental fusion. So, he is now using it. But he is not in full fusion, just partial fusion, but for the first time, Sam decided to use the light element directly in the battle.

But this time, he is really pissed. Even though the energy usage is high, there is no way he would let them damaging his favorite coat slide just like that. He could even tolerate them ganging up and even tolerate sneak attacks, but not damaging the coat.

Sam disappeared in a golden flash as he appeared right behind Kumar and swung his staff towards his head. The staff is also golden in color filled with elemental energy.

Kumar sensed the attack and hurriedly ducked as he placed the spear to block the attack.

But to his surprise, his ducking was the only option, because the spear he hastily took out turned out to be a normal Grade-5 weapon and it was cut into two. The cut was so clean that no one would believe it was cut in the middle of the battle.

Sam is using the staff in the same style as before and dancing in the wind in the same way. But this time, the vines are being dealt with in a different way. Light blades are being flung from the edge of his staff and his feet.

The Golden light rays are even more lethal and faster than the wind blades by a large margin. The damage is enormous and the vines are cut like crazy. Unlike wind blades that are hard to see by easier to defend, these light blades are completely new to both of them.

They couldn't handle it no matter how they tried.

Soon, Kumar was forced to block one attack from the staff and he didn't have time to dodge at all.

At this moment, he once again used the same technique he used to send Sam flying, but as soon as both of them made contact, his Black star gold spear was destroyed immediately with a spiritual energy explosion.

And a large ball of light suddenly appeared in that spot exploding once again.

This is the result of Void style. Kumar who was sent flying back and crashing into the ground coughed up some blood due to the energy backlash.

Sam felt his arm go numb. He has experimented on how the Void style would work with elemental energy and this is the result.

Even though his skill in Void style is beneath the monkey king and by a large margin, within his range, he mastered all kinds of possibilities.

After he sent him flying, Sam swung staff backward and a large light blade was sent towards Noah. She couldn't help but shudder at the situation and hurriedly dropped some seeds and a cluster of bamboo trees grew rapidly.

When the light blade made contact, the bamboo trees started falling apart being cut by the blades, but the bamboos really did reduce the damage of the light blades and diminished the effect by the time it reached her, it only caused a moderate gash on her shoulder and that too after she dodged.

Everything happened so fast. Sam just stood there and looked at them calmly.

The light element is great and all and it could bypass most of the elements, but the energy drain is of another level. It is actually one of his trump cards and in fact one of his strongest forms. Even the full fire elemental fusion form couldn't rival this light element one when it is only partial fusion. And Sam is most familiar with the fire element, but still, this form beat it; much less the remaining elements.

But the energy drain is something that made him worry. For this small clash half of his energy was drained.

As he was thinking of minimizing the energy drain, he suddenly sensed a large energy fluctuation. Both Kumar and Noah already stood up and both of them are making hand-signs. Sam didn't worry at all. He just stood there waiting.

At first, he observed Kumar, his blood is flowing out and a small ball is floating in front of him. As he made hand signs, the ball transformed into a spear and once again zoomed into his body.

All of a sudden, a blood-red armor appeared on his body and there was even a helmet that covered his face. A blood-red spear manifested in his hand and still, he took out another Black Star Gold Spear and the blood-red spear and the Black spear merged together.

Sam could feel the oppressive aura from Kumar, with this he can even fight a normal Level-1 Pre-transcendent level cultivator.

He then looked at Noah who is also creating something big.

Then he saw another scene that is somewhat similar. The blood flowed out and floated, but it morphed into a large seed and she slammed the seed into the ground.

As soon as she did so a lot of seeds flew out of that spot and covered the whole area.

The whole region started having blood-red sprouts and soon turned into a forest in an instant and within that forest, Noah disappeared.

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Sam looked around even tried to use his eye technique, but he couldn't find any trace of Noah and at the same time, his spiritual sense is telling a different story and that is Noah is everywhere around him.

This is some high-level technique and looking at the similarities of her technique and Kumar's technique he was amused. He has some conjectures, but he didn't think much of it.

As he was thinking, Kumar already neared him and started attacking. Every spear is extremely fast and leaving a lot of after images behind. The spiritual energy is taking a form of spear and zoomed towards Sam every time Kumar stabbed towards him.

Sam used his staff to continuously block and his extreme dexterity and the speed of the light element, it is quite smooth for him to dodge and block. But he could see that the attacks from Kumar are far stronger than before and even when Sam struck back, his armor is defending most hits.

There is no way he could damage the armor with normal attacks and he has to use void style with this staff if he has to do so.

As he was contemplating, he jumped to the side to dodge an attack and kicked a tree to jump higher and launch an attack, but all of a sudden, the tree trunk became soft and his foot was struck inside the trunk. Sam frowned, but before he could free himself, the branch extended and pulled him closer to the tree and a spear was about to stab him in the heart.

Sam exploded with spiritual energy as he twisted his body forcefully and the whole trunk is mangled and the spear missed the heart, but it left a deep gash on his chest and torso because Sam twisted to the side.

The only thing that is not covered by his coat is his chest and it was always attacked perfectly when he was stuck.

Sam cursed himself when he saw that the bleeding is not stopping. This is almost like the bleed effect. His body's natural healing is being disrupted. But he is not worried, he started healing himself and at the same time slammed the staff at the tree and cut it in half.

As he landed back, but the roots of the nearby trees are launched at him.

He knew what went wrong. As he was fighting he forgot that he is in the forest created by his opponent and let his guard down. He just fought like he was in a normal forest.

Now that he already suffered, there is no way he would forget. When he saw that the roots are launching at him, his body transformed once again and

partial fire element fusion activated. He held the staff straight and stabbed its end into the ground.

A huge flaming explosion occurred in the ground and a large crater appeared. Kumar who was about to hit Sam with his spear was also blown away.

The dust settled and the crater was revealed. It was deep and large and the surface is covered with molten soil.

The roots couldn't disturb Sam for a while as when they reached they disintegrated by the heat of the nearby soil.

He swung the staff and a large golden crow made of flames flew over towards Kumar. The attack covers a large range and it contains a lot of power so Kumar couldn't dodge it and could only block it.

Sam didn't stop there, he turned to the side and sent another golden crow made of golden flames and a lot of trees started burning.

Noah who is in the dark felt like her soul is burning and was quite surprised. Generally, normal flames do not have much effect on her forest at all, but the golden flames are burning rapidly..

Sam already noticed the anomaly of this forest when he got caught, the trunk was extremely resistant to elemental energy and the best way to break out is to use brute force. And that is what he did, but he was still unwilling to believe that his golden sun crow flames couldn't damage these trees and was delighted to see that they are really burning.

Although the wood element energy is trying its best to regenerate the trees, Sam is already satisfied with the outcome.

Now, he has many possibilities of dealing with the forest and Kumar.

Sam's body once again transformed. He closed his eyes and is trying a new thing, the fire that caught on to Kumar is barely extinguished and that guy is

still trying to catch his breath, as for Noah, she is busy recovering from the burned trees.

In this time, Sam is trying something he never tried. All of a sudden, his body became normal and his left hand was enveloped with golden flames and the right hand was enveloped with a fierce wind.

He is trying to fuse with two elements at the same time, but it was hard, so he is using the partial fusion on both hands with different elements. He held the staff in his hands and the staff was also enveloped with two elements.

At this moment, Sam's legs are enveloped with the silver lightning, This is not partial fusion, just normal usage of a warrior-mage skill.

As for why he chose the lightning skill this is the second-fastest. He looked at Kumar who is back to fighting condition and ran deeper into the forest.

He leaped towards a tree and landed on a branch, but the tree was charred black as lightning struck it. Sam swung his staff and from one end the Golden flame crow emerged and on the other end, a wind roc emerged. Both of them are launched towards Kumar. But this time, the two birds are not large, rather they are smaller than the first attack.

But they are flying together and when Kumar dodged it, he saw them crashing into a tree and a large fire raged. The wind element is assisting the fire element like crazy and the fire is spreading faster than usual.

Sam didn't care anymore and laughed as he jumped forward. The trees couldn't catch him as he kicked every branch that came at him with the lightning that charred the trees and he threw attack after attack at Kumar who is dodging them by hair's breadth.

The forest is burning and Kumar is not completely devoid of damage. Even though Sam's energy is draining, there is no way he would stop.

He decided to burn the whole forest down no matter what. He is not going to lose to these two people. Not in a million years.

Sam could almost see the edge of the forest. He turned around and stood on the spot as he threw fire crows all over. The forest is burning too fast.

All of a sudden, the forest disappeared with a flash and Noah appeared before him with a ragged look, Kumar caught and he is equally damaged as Noah. Even though he could dodge most of the time, there is no way he could dodge every single attack.

He took the full brunt of the crow and roc combination making him feel sore all over. Even his armor was not able to do anything and slowly the armor started becoming transparent.

Sam could guess what is happening even if he doesn't know anything about that armor.

Kumar's armor is going to be finished.

Sam is also panting a bit by now. His energy is almost out. If he has to do some normal battle, he would be able to do it, but if he has to deal with another major attack, it would be difficult, he has to take out the energy cells.

But judging from the appearance of the other two, there is no need.

Sam is now standing normally as he held his staff. His fire, wind, and lightning are invisible at this moment, he deactivated all the transformations and stood there calmly as he gazed at both of them.

"That was a good fight, but we have to put an end to this, don't you agree?"

The two opponents immediately got tense and looked at Sam carefully.

Sam started spinning staff. He hit the ground with the staff vertically and it bounced back, he spun it once and hit the ground once again.

As he repeated to play with the staff, Noah and Kumar could see that silver sparks are flowing all over the staff. The more he played with the staff, the more the concentration of the sparks is growing.

When the intensity of the sparks grew to the point they could even feel it from a distance, they understood that they are done for if he hit them with that. But they couldn't flee or dodge. They are definitely struck here and could only count on luck as they used all kinds of defensive methods they have on their hands.

Sam held the staff and his whole body was covered in silver lightning, he swung the staff in Noah's direction and didn't wait to turn around and swing it towards Kumar's direction.

Wolves made of lightning appeared. One of them dashed towards Noah and the other towards Kumar. Both of them are standing on either side of Sam and both of them waited for the bull brunt of the attack.

When they crashed with the opponents, it is as if lightning was striking from the sky and a loud rumble could be heard all over.

When the dust cleared and the flashes disappeared. Sam is the only one standing with the staff in his hands.