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Chapter 771: Clashing with the Sea Folk

Sam reached near enough to be in the visible range of the Sea folk that are guarding the bubble.

The Sea folks looked at Sam and they became a bit restless. It has been decades since any human or elf came this deep into the sea.

The guards here are actually pretty lax because of that.

But now they already learned of someone causing trouble to them in shallow waters and their watchers are all gone. There is an anomaly the previous night and now there is a human coming towards them.

Three Sea folks swam towards Sam with water spears forming their hands. They are extremely fast. Sam aimed his harpoon gun and pulled the trigger.

The harpoon left the gun with the large wind jet blasting it forward and it impaled itself into the sea folk that is in the front.

The sea folks are obviously not as thick as a beast and their bodies are more or less the same sizes as a normal human.

But the harpoon didn't just go through him. The gel-like thick, viscous flesh that has extreme resistance for stabs and impaling was pierced and the spear tip of the harpoon gun was stuck in the flesh. The body and the harpoon flew backward until the cable obtained the required tension and the wind jet is over.

After the required tension was attained the spear was open and the trap held the flesh, but some of the tips came out of the skin as the harpoon is obviously too big for this guy.

A path of blue blood was created in the water. The remaining two sea folks halted in their tracks and looked at Sam with furious expression. The remaining sea folks at the bubble were also stunned. They all went to quickly save their comrade.

But the sea folk that was impaled is struggling too much and had a chunk of flesh removed out of his body.

The flesh is also blue in color the harpoon trap was completely activated and the spear returned to its original shape as Sam retraced the cable.

This is the second generation of the Harpoon gun. It is superior to the first one in every way. The compressed air cylinders are actually upgraded and their effect is enhanced with an inscription array that could increase the thrust of the air jet.

All the metallic parts are upgraded with better materials. The spear traps that hold the chunk of flesh in the target are also upgraded. It became more sensitive to motion and force and finally, it can deal with Pre-transcendent stage cultivators.

Sam is really satisfied with this.

He stored this harpoon gun away and took another one. Another Harpoon gun is of first-generation. The one he used in the merman planet.

He locked it and loaded as he waited for sea folk to come.

The first target was clearly injured and couldn't be recovered any time soon.

Two sea folks held that person and took him inside the large bubble with these weird pods.

Sam couldn't see every single component of the hemisphere as it is as big as a village. But there seemed to be a healing means for them in that hemisphere.

The rest of the sea folks started sizing up Sam carefully as they moved forward in a formation.

Sam aimed the harpoon gun at a person. But they didn't panic. They are extremely positive that it wouldn't work again.

But Sam didn't attack. He just waited for them to come a little closer and soon he is already dodging the water spears that are being shot towards him.

After they reached a certain distance, the wind energy riled up as an air jet was shot through the water in a direction. The sea folk in that direction dodged the wind jet and the rest of the group moved towards Sam in one swift motion as they thought the harpoon was fired.

But Sam only fooled them with a normal air-jet and as the rest of them let go of their defensive stance, he fired the harpoon.

The harpoon impaled into the flesh of the sea folk, but it didn't go through it, in fact, the rear end of the spear tip is still visible. Even though the wind force is not enough to go past that stuck up gel-like viscous flesh, it still took the body far enough as the tension in the cable grew and the trap opened, but it didn't hold the person in place, it just removed a smaller chunk of flesh.

Sam retracted the cable and checked the tip. The trap was completely destroyed. It is not reusable.

The Sea folk are stunned once again. They fell for a single and direct bluff.

Sam used this small moment of shock to his advantage and swam upwards to dodge the attacks that are coming towards him and took out his sword.

The sword was covered with the sword aura and the water elemental energy at the same time. Just like how he used the wind blades and sword in combination, he decided to use the sword and water as a combination and it is working great.

Just like how the sea folk managed to throw the spears made of water the water blades he is using are also cutting through the water and attacked the opponents.

The Sea folk surrounded Sam completely and the two sea folks who took their first companion inside came back but this time, they came back on sea horses.

The Sea horses are faster than Sam in his water elemental fusion.

They are easily catching up. If not for the fact that every water blade coming out of Sam's sword is lethal, they would have easily overpowered him.

Even the sea folk are gaining in on the speed aspect as the time passed through the battle.

They are moving in certain patterns that are hard to predict and there is no communication between them like voice commands or gestures which Sam could study and take advantage of.

They are moving as if they can read each other's thoughts and it might be even true. And the worst part is they are not extremely offensive. They are not wasting too much energy on large-scale attacks.

Now Sam understood how they managed to deal with the elves and the humans that attacked them. They are trying to make him feel tired and try to let him take a breath on the surface in which the attacker has to focus more on the breath than the enemies as they would hinder him.

Then that would be the time for them to attack him and kill him in a single strike.

But Sam is not going up. He can stay with that breathing device for a whole day and a half. He could easily last longer than them in terms of energy usage. In this battle of endurance, he would be the ultimate winner.

But he is worried that more sea folks would come if he delayed too much. So, he has to finish them off faster and he proceeded to do so.

While Sam is having a relatively easier time here as he dealt with the Sea Folk. The situation on the seashore is completely different.

The beach is currently dyed in blood as the Sea folk and the soldiers are clashing aggressively. Today, the Sea folk are much more aggressive and they are not holding anything back and they also didn't come on any other beasts.

Even the transcendent stage Sea folks are coming off and started attacking the two transcendent cultivators that are on duty.

They are clearly a dead set of killing every person and the soldiers are having a hard time adjusting to it.

The situation became perilous and they don't know why that happened.

The commander of the unit looked at the large-scale killing and cursed under his breath before yelling the commands.

"Retreat and activate the defensive formation. Let the backup troops get ready."

He ordered as he retreated and some soldier sent some flashy fireworks into the sky.

The troops that are resting and recovering inside the base all heard the explosions from the fancy fireworks and saw the flashy lights in the sky.

They hurried out of their residences and got ready for the battle as they prepared to activate the defensive formation of the base.

The Sea Folk are still extremely adamant about not letting anyone go and followed desperately.

A couple of them even slipped into the formation, but they were killed soon anyway.

But the attacks didn't stop. The sea folk has great coordination and combination attacks. They are attacking the formation and the people inside through long-range attacks while the soldiers desperately defended.

"Why the fuck are they so aggressive today? They are not even caring about their own casualties now. What is wrong with them?"

The commander muttered to himself as he defended the base.

Meanwhile, Sam who is responsible for this didn't know what is happening because of him and is currently dealing moving towards the bubble full of these Egg pods.

It is about time he explored and got some answers.

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Sam entered the bubble and looked at the pods.

There are pods of different sizes and all of them are egg shaped.

The largest are the ones that are eight feet tall and most of them are not giving any energy waves or reactions when Sam watched them with the energy vision. These pods also have don't have any patterns on it. In this category there are only few pods that are showing some signs of energy.

The smaller pods varied from one feet tall to the seven feet tall and all of these have patterns. The larger they became, the fainter the patterns became.

There are some pods of this category which are almost eight feet and the patterns are barely visible. There are very close to the pods that have no patterns at all.

Sam placed his hands on a pod and used the observation ability. He first did so on the empty pod. The pod seemed hollow. The pod itself has extremely complicated structure. The grains are too small. It clearly reminded him of the structures made by nano materials. They are small, compact and the bondage of each grain is complicated.

They will make good defensive tools.

As he continued with the observation ability he was surprised to see that the bottom of the pod is not exactly closed. There is a small bed that looked like insides of an oyster.

Sam moved to another large pod with no patterns but still has energy waves.

As soon as he placed his hand on the pod, Sam heard something within his head.

He was surprised and retracted his hand immediately and looked around. After confirming that no one is here, Sam once again placed his hand slowly and started listening to the voice once again.

[Pain, Pain, Pain...]

Those not exactly words it is as if the creature inside is sending all the feelings directly to his brain.

Sam proceeded with the observation ability. Now he can see what goes into the hollow structure and he could faintly guess what the function of this pod is.

There is a Sea Folk currently sitting inside the pod. The bed that looked like the insides of the oyster is glowing faintly and the pod is full of water completely submerging the sea folk.

The Sea folk is none other than the one Sam injured with the first attack. There is a large hole inside the torso that is slowly healing as flesh is slowly regrown bit by bit.

Sam was stunned a bit. He removed his hand and looked around to look at the other pods.

These pods seem like they are made for recovery of these people. But the smaller pods confused him even more.

He walked to the smaller one and placed his hand.

This time he was even more stunned. This is a bigger surprise for sure.

Inside the pod there is a sea folk, but not the sea folk he fought. The sea folk in the pod is relatively shorter, smaller and the insides are not filled with just water. The water is a bit viscous and the inner walls looked like the insides of a womb.

There is a faint membrane on the body of the sea folk and it is clearly not developed fully.

Sam removed his hand and went to observe another smaller pod. This is the smallest of all and his speculations were right.

In this small pod, there is a small baby sized sea folk. It is just like fetus turning into a baby with the face and hands not fully formed.

He couldn't help but marvel by this.

The first thought that came to Sam's mind is that they might be artificially created.

But if that is true, then the question comes on who created it which he couldn't find an answer. But the setup is really like that something that could have been created artificially.

Sam looked into the horizon of the deep seas and was surprised to see what would be there. He doesn't have much time, so he left the bubble and swam into another direction.

He didn't go deeper, but he wanted to see if he could find the same type of bubbles in the same sea level and his guess was right. He could find them, in fact they are not scarce or rare.

After finding out, he didn't engage with them, instead he started recording everything and went deeper into the sea.

By now, it is already dawn outside and the Sea folk are already getting back along with a large number of corpses.

The haul today is two times larger than normal. As they didn't do anything the previous night and they seemed to have taken revenge.

After entering the water they divided their loot which are the corpses of the people and they went to their own bubbles.

When the sea folk that belongs to the bubble that Sam just 'visited', they were shocked and immediately a team left the place to look for the commander, the transcendent stage Sea folk who is part of another bubble.

That bubble is not only bigger, it also has double the pods than the bubble Sam visited.

The sea folk gave the message and the commander was surprised. After some more communication he learned that not a single pod was harmed, so he sent a search party of the strongest of the bunch from each bubble to search till the night while he himself went into the deep sea to do something himself.

Sam doesn't know that hundreds of sea folk are searching for him within the range of the bubbles. If he knew he would be glad that he left earlier.

He travelled at full speed for more than an hour and he is now far from the range of bubbles. In fact, he met with many sea creatures and had to fight them and flee some of them because of the sheer numbers.

Soon he found his way to another area with the presence of the sea folk. And to his surprise there is not just bubble now.

There is one large bubble that is two to three times the first bubble Sam saw and there are six smaller bubbles surrounding it.

Sam could only see them all together from far away and due to the glow that is brighter because of their presence in the same place.

He was surprised to so many sea folk there.

There are just too many.

They are all training and guarding all the same with so many pods inside.

One of the Sea folk is training the rest of them. Helping them conjure the water into spears, throwing them and controlling their motion within the water, elemental fusion and so on.

They are currently training like normal soldiers. Sam is a bit conflicted, he couldn't move any more than this. There are no hiding place past this location and if he really goes anywhere close he would have to fight hundreds of them underwater alone.

Even though he might be able to escape, the price to be paid is just too much.

He decided to take a detour and go past this large bubble and swam to the side.

After he left, within an hour there is another Sea folk that arrived at this location. If Sam was here, he would have recognized him. He is the one who led the sea folk to attack the land.

But he didn't come alone, he brought a large haul of dead bodies along with him in a bubble.

He went to the large bubble in the center to meet with the person who is training the troops and gave the corpses.

Some of the soldiers that are training came and took the corpses and buried them under the pods.

The commander and the trainer communicated for some time and the former left, but this time, along with him, some more sea folk are moving. But they are not going normally. They went to the pods and placed their arm on it as they injected the energy inside and after some time, the pod shook slightly and slowly floated upwards.

Under the pod there are tentacles that are covered with blood and soil of the sea floor and it almost seemed like it has its own life.

Now both the sea folk and the pod swam and followed the commander and reached they travelled towards the bubble which is under the direct command on the commander.

There some of the sea folk placed their pods into the bubble and it planted itself into the sea floor, before sending the rest of to the different smaller bubbles in the shallow waters and one of them being the one Sam visited and reduced some numbers earlier.

And within a day of their loss, the army of sea folk is back to normal again.

Sam doesn't know anything about this, but he was found by something else.

Currently, he is floating in front of a large number of corpses of elves, humans, and centaurs that are collectively floating within a bubble and the sea folk that is floating in front of that bubble.

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After taking a detour from the first large cluster of bubbles, Sam encountered many more living creatures in the area and he even saw some sea folks occasionally.

Most of the time he just hid from them without causing much trouble.

But soon he saw this transcendent level sea folk swimming in the water along with these corpses in the bubble and he is not alone.

There is a large octopus along with him that is following around and this octopus seemed to have a larger sensory field. No matter how much Sam tried to avoid and hide, this octopus led the sea folk to his direction and just when he thought he got them off his back and tried to escape in a different direction, he was greeted with them out of nowhere.

It turned out that the octopus is not just good at sensing others, it is also good at disguising.

This is a beast that Sam couldn't recognize which means, it might be a mutant of this realm that was relatively new.

It covered the whole pile of corpses, the sea folk and itself and disguised itself as a rock.

And that is not the only thing.

It actually spread ink in all the different directions faintly which is also the reason Sam took this one particular direction.

And now here he is, fooled easily. If only he knew something about this beast, he would have been more careful. Everything happened too suddenly.

In fact it is actually very surprising that Sam managed to stay hidden this long in enemy territory. That is only because he took advantage of the vastness of the sea to his advantage. Now he has to face the enemy who is stronger than himself and another beast that is at least as strong as him.

This is not exactly a favorable situation to him.

He doesn't know anything about what these sea folk are made of and how they are born.

From what he saw, the deeper he went the density of these people is not only increasing and he might find another cluster of these sea folk.

He wants to see their hierarchy, their living conditions and ways.

One thing he is sure is that the pods are not only responsible for their birth, they are also responsible for healing when they are injured critically and the flesh and corpses are major source of the nutrition.

He is going deeper to see if he can find a large base of the sea folk and a large city or something like that.

He would like to see someone who is behind the scenes and doing this. But it seems like it is harder than he thought.

After he dealt with the current problem, Sam has to find a way to move discreetly even if it means to slow down a bit.

While Sam is rapidly thinking to all the things that led to here and what he would do after this, a voice was heard in his head that stunned him for a second.

[Who are you? What are you doing here?]

Sam looked at him with a confused expression. He fought a dozen of these guys and no one talked to him or tried to communicate him.

Most of Sam's face is covered with the breathing equipment. Only his eyes are visible through the glass.

[You must be the human that is causing trouble to us. I thought you would have already been taken care of, but it seems like those guys are getting rusty and I have to take care of their problems.]

As the voice played out, the octopus started excreting the ink into the surroundings and Sam didn't just stay around. He came out of his daze and started sorting out the poison vials in his storage.

The first one he has to take is clearly the hydra poison he collected over days and the rest are the poison cocktails he created from the Naga Loka.

The sea folk raised his hand and the ink started condensing into a spear. Sam could guess what would happen if that spear impaled into him.

He would die in seconds. He wouldn't even survive a single shot.

So, he could only do one thing. His body started glowing with golden light and he activated light elemental fusion.

That is the only thing that has more speed than the water element in the water.

He didn't even do the partial fusion. He did the complete fusion and the sea folk is pretty relaxed. He didn't worry about Sam at all, which is worrying to Sam.

Sam looked at the spear that is still swirling but not coming towards him. He took a deep breath from the breathing device before storing it away and did something else. His golden body started glowing with green light.

Since the other party is dumb enough give time to Sam, he is more than happy to take it.

Sam finally made his move and this move made the Sea folk stunned.

Because, he didn't run away instead he moved towards this guy. Even though Sam is fast and faster than any pre-transcendent stage cultivator, the sea folk still managed to dodge.

Sam went past the sea folk and collided with the large bubble carrying the corpses. The bubble burst open and the corpses all fell and there is a large glow of light that could be seen from hundreds of meters.

The Sea folk couldn't look at that though, he is currently having trouble because while Sam is moving past him, he left a bunch of open poison vials there and that is half of the hydra poison he accumulated over days.

His right side is completely corroded with the poison.

He came out of that poison cloud and looked at the corpses. The octopus is also searching for Sam, but to their surprise, they couldn't find him.

He disappeared into thin air with that light.

They looked the corpses for a while but they couldn't see anything.

The sea folk made some angry noises before leaving with the octopus.

He soon arrived at a cluster of these hemispherical bubbles. Another gathering of these sea folk and there are a lot of them training.

He went to the trainer there and reported the situation. The trainer looked at the poisoned body and examined him for a while and used his energy to try and clear the poison.

But the effort is fruitless as only a small amount of poison came out of the body.

The corpses were thrown into the bubble that was filled with the rest of the other corpses.

That guy that brought the corpses and half of his body poisoned left with his octopus and the trainer went back to the training.

The people who are burying the corpses under the pods are also doing their job.

But what they don't know is that there is a human corpse among the corpses that is moving whenever they are not there.

There is a blue round crystal inside the stomach of the fish and it is escaping to the far corner as much as possible to not get picked earlier.

And it worked. The corpses are picked one by one and there are a lot of them stored inside, so he was not picked and the new corpses are piling up on it as the time passed which threw it back into the queue.

Sam is currently in the divine dimension as he enjoyed the sensation of not being in the water.

He didn't use any space gate or transference scroll or something else to escape, he just used the oldest trick in the book. Hide in plain sight.

Well it wouldn't exactly satisfy the requirements for the criterion to be hiding in plain sight, he just bluffed them with the bright glow and made the divine dimension enter one of the human corpses and after they dumped it here, he let the specter out and cast necromancy on it.

For some reason, the water bubble they are using has a very good effect of preserving the body and it is still suitable for normal necromancy even though the shadow necromancy and the soul necromancy.

The specter is making it move so that he can hide.

He wanted to see where the corpses are being taken and he is not disappointed he is at another cluster of these large bubbles full of pods.

Now all he has to do is wait for a chance to explore more.

But he was disappointed now, because as he waited the trainer who is training the sea folk for a while came to the bubble and hauled more than half of the corpses and created another bubble as he took them to some place else.

Sam was surprised. He didn't expect that the corpses would be hauled to some other place.

He waited for another two hours. He struggled to maintain the necromancy state, well technically it is the specter that is having the most trouble.

He couldn't see much outside and he can at most look at the crystal table. But he is in no hurry to do that. He decided to wait until this motion has stopped and looked at it.

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Chapter 774: Large Pod with eggs

Sam finally felt that the body stopped moving and he heaved a sigh as he looked at the crystal table.

The image of the surroundings slowly manifested as he looked at the table.

The first thing that came in the image is the image of a large bubble that is full of corpses in which he is currently. He thought that would be the only corpse bubble, but to his surprise, there are several of those corpse bubbles around this bubble and they are all filled with corpses of the land beasts, elves, humans, centaurs, half-elves, sea creatures, and so on.

He was surprised to see some birds too. This is completely unexpected.

He expanded the range and soon other areas came. By the time the whole image was created, he widened his eyes in disbelief.

It is not the sheer number of pods and the bubbles that made him this shocked neither was the number of sea folk that is simultaneously moving

around and training here. Rather, he was surprised by a single object that was in the middle of the bubbles and in fact created and supported a much larger bubble that was covering over all the relatively smaller and compact bubbles.

It is a large pod. The pod is so huge that it is around 100 feet tall and there is a single sea folk standing on top of it without any movement.

As he watched at the sheer magnificence of this pod, the egg-shaped pod opened up like a flower.

In the middle of the pod, there is a tall and large central pillar upon which the sea folk stood without moving as the pod opened.

The pod now became a large and hard flower, each petal being the part of the shell and in each petal, there are around a dozen glowing things.

The Sea folk that are standing nearby swam over and started picking these glowing things out.

Each of those glowing objects is one foot tall and they are embedded into the petals.

When the Sea folk removed these objects from the petals, they lost their glow, and Sam was surprised once again and zoomed in to see if what he saw was real.

The objects that lost their glow turned out to be the same egg-shaped pods he saw in the first bubble he visited.

These are the very pods that he saw fetuses inside.

But he didn't check the roots of the pods at that time and now he can see them directly. There are tentacles that looked similar to that of an octopus.

The Sea folk that collected the pods or eggs took them in a water bubble and brought them towards an open ground..

They dug the ground and planted some of the eggs and then went to meet some more sea folk and handed the rest over.

These Sea folk took the eggs and moved in different directions.

The process went on for hours and soon the Sea Folk on top of that transparent cylinder looked around for a second and seemed to have sent some message as all the sea folk looked towards him.

Sam couldn't understand what they are communicating.

The sea folk on top of the pod tapped his leg and he dropped into that transparent cylinder as he floated in some weird liquid inside.

The large pod started closing as each petal rose up slowly.

The Sea folk all bowed down to that large pod as a sign of respect and started moving towards the corpse bubbles, they started taking all the corpses and carried them towards the large egg pod and some of them carved out some pieces of flesh from the corpses and buried them near the newly planted egg pods.

Sam's concentration was interrupted for the first time, as the corpse he was hiding in was moving.

He remembered that he was also in a corpse and realized that he has to escape.

But first, he has to come out of the corpse.

Sam made all the preparations and wore a new breathing device and prepared for everything before taking a deep breath.

Meanwhile, the Sea folk that are carrying the corpses towards the large egg are doing so in a fast pace and didn't stop for anything.

They are burying the corpse in different places around the egg pod and they are burying one corpse at one spot.

One of the Sea folks who is about to bury a corpse suddenly felt something was wrong and before he knew it, the corpse in his hands was exploded and a human figure along with some blood diffusing into the water came out.

Sam looked around and watched the Sea folk that is right in front of him.

This sea folk is extremely weak and his energy levels are only around the Nascent stage.

Sam finished him off with a single punch.

By this time, the rest of the sea folk already noticed Sam and even the large egg pod had a reaction to it.

Sam could hear the vibrations and soon his mind was once again greeted by a voice.

[How did you manage to get this far? How dare you kill my child right in front of me? I will kill you.]

The voice is not showing any emotions, it is extremely monotonic and emotionless. But Sam didn't want to test the emotions of whatever powerful creature that was inside and as the tentacle from the ground below that large egg pod was about to move, Sam already took out the dimensional drifter which was already set with some coordinates and loaded with spirit stones and disappeared from the spot.

The tentacle came out of the ground and smashed into the spot where Sam was and created a large hole and an earthquake creating chaos in the seas.

Even the soldiers that are guarding the beach could feel the effects of this attack as a large wave hit them. Even though it is not as huge as a tsunami, it really did carry a lot of sea creatures and flooded the base for an hour.

At least there was no serious damage.

But along with that, there is a sound wave that moved from that one large egg pod which hit the remaining bubbles and pod plantations that are being controlled by various sea folk and all the sea folk looked in the direction of the main plantation and bowed before they started making preparations.

The soldiers on the seashore have no idea what is coming for them.

All they knew is that there was an anomaly two days ago and now there is another larger anomaly that made them worry even more.

They don't know that a human who doesn't even belong to this world has pissed off an existence that they don't even know and couldn't fathom.

From what Sam saw that one thing standing on top of the large pod is at least on the consummate level and from the structural integrity of the pod's shell he knew how strong it is defensively.

There might be some reason for the war to not escalate and the Sea folk not directly attacking the forces on the land, but at the rate, the population is developing and the advantages of the sea folk, they are not going to get extinguished any time soon.

As long as they maintained their defensive upper hand they have within the sea and not let the forces from the land gain any advantage over them, they would be able to one day reproduce to the point they can deal with the land forces in one fell swoop.

It is just a matter of time.

And from what he saw under the sea, he can deduce some speculations that the reason the war is happening.

Every race has one instinct that is common to them. To reproduce and ensure the survival of their race.

No matter if it is a mouse, cat, dog, human, elves, and even the superior of all the races the golden sun crow, Sky sovereign roc, and Raiju.

All these beasts also have that one instinct to survive and reproduce to ensure the propagation of the race.

Of course, there are exceptions to the case like some immortals who live too long to think about their seeds for the future. After all, they are sure that they are part of the long future.

Anyway, the reason this is related to the current problem is, there are a lot of needs for their reproduction as it was not done in a normal way.

There seemed to be no male or female within this race. All they have is this one large pod in which they are creating eggs from huge consumption of flesh and bones.

The sea is smaller here and the food the sea produces is not enough for them, so they have to depend on the land.

If they took over the land, they can farm the animals in one way or the other or even farm humans like animals and find a way to get the required food for their consumption and growth.

This is a direct problem without any complications.

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Chapter 775: Intense war

Sam is currently in the forest of Planet 2. He is a few kilometers away from the base and is thinking of what to do next.

It has been around a week since he came back from Planet 1 without anyone noticing.

He is currently thinking about what he should do. The war at the Seashore is simply direct and there are not too many variables involved. But from what he saw, there is no way that the war could be hidden longer from the residents.

They will come to know about it sooner or later and Sam has a feeling that his visit to that large breeding base, the process will only be escalated.

He is sure that the Sea folk would be pissed beyond belief and would definitely take it out on the troops.

Sam is thinking about whether he should help them directly or indirectly. Even though he doesn't have to care too much and has no obligations towards the people of this realm and even the rage of these sea folk is inevitable with time, he did escalate the situation faster. He is responsible for their loss of time to prepare.

So, he has to make it up some way and he also has to think of a way to sell them to the military without anyone suspecting that he visited the sea.

This is a bit problematic.

No matter how he hinted it to them, he would have trouble selling them without raising any suspicions.

He shook his head and decided to think about it later. Currently, the breathing device will be a great device for them and even the flatfish puppets would work, but the harpoon guns will be a bit troublesome.

As they are made to attack beasts and they are not even made for killing, they can only severely damage them.

But with the coordination of these Sea folk and their care for each other, not only would they rescue then injured one, they will even deal with the attacker with a newfound anger.

They have to have more trouble than that.

Sam thought for a minute and went into the research mode.

But he couldn't do that in the middle of the forest, even if it is in the divine dimension. He went to the underground cave where he killed those black-cloaked people and decided to stay there for now.

He doesn't want to go back to Planet 1 as he wants to test the effectiveness of the research results right here on this planet and he can also use his crew in the base to help with some assemblies whenever he wanted.

He decided to upgrade all three items he wants to sell.

Particularly, the flatfish puppets and the harpoon guns.

He wants to change the harpoon mechanism of the flatfish puppets which will make the attacks more effective. He decided to use the air-powered harpoon gun mechanism. Even though the harpoons are shorter and smaller, it would still be a significantly lethal attack if used correctly and he also decided to add the metal cable and trapped spear tip.

That would make the flatfish puppet more useful and versatile as they can even lock their opponents down in place.

The normal harpoon gun is not that useful against the sea folk, the second generation worked well, but the spear is too large that is not staying within and creating enough damage.

He has to find a way to create more damage, so he has to change the way the spear tip trap works.

He started researching without any rest.

The changes are not exactly too complicated. He doesn't even have to create any new mechanisms, he has all the research in his hands and all he has to do is change the size and shape a bit to fit his requirements.

It only took fifteen days within the divine dimension which is around one and a half-day outside.

He went in in the afternoon of the previous day.

Now it is already night.

He took a brief rest and went back into the divine dimension to research something else.

The corpses of the sea folk.

He noticed that the sea folks are completely different in biological aspects. First, they don't have any genitals or other sexual organs that could indicate their gender. It is as if they are gender-neutral and they can reproduce as long as they reached a certain level without any intercourse.

But that is not even the point that made Sam curious. What made him curious is the flesh and the rest of the body structure.

It is as if they don't have any bones at all. Their body's defense is also handled differently. They are not defending the attacks with the hardness of the skin or some defensive spells and flashy tricks, their flesh is becoming a gel-like viscous substance that is stopping the flow of the attacks into the body.

The blood that is coming out of their body is even more interesting.

Sam looked at the corpses in front of him. Most of them have minimum blood and they didn't even rot even after staying there for such a long time.

There is little blood though.

The blood seemed to have seeped into the flesh of the body and hardened it.

Sam took out the remaining blood and the gel-like flesh and started experimenting.

The first thing he did is to feed them to some water-type beasts. There are some fish in his new salt-watered lake and the stingrays are too many anyway.

Sam fed the blood and flesh to the stingrays and to his surprise they are eating it extremely well. In fact, they are devouring it and became extremely active as if they had taken a steroid shot.

Sam wanted to conduct more experiments, but he couldn't do much as the flesh is minimal and the hardened flesh is not suitable for anything other than being a rock.

Even when he threw it into the lake, the fish are ignoring it. Maybe this is the form of rotting for these species.

Sam didn't even manage to stay for a long time, he stayed for an hour or two in the divine dimension, which is barely a few minutes outside.

After he came out, he decided to start his travel once again.

He has to go back to the sea and check what the consequences he brought were and how his new toys work.

And this time he didn't use the dimensional drifter. He wants to travel on a different route. After all, one of the reasons he came to this planet is to find some plants that could help him with the problem he is having with his puppet making.

Until now he is a bit busy, but he and his friends searched for it as much as possible even in their chaotically busy schedule.

The trio even searched for it when they went on that trip of self-pity.

But there are no results.

Sam used this chance to finish some more exploration.

He took off on the harbinger and went through the forests. He took a long detour. If he had taken the original route, he would have seen a lot of new soldiers are traveling through the forest routes towards the seashore bases.

Sam traveled for three days and collected some samples, he did find some vines that could satisfy some of his requirements even if they cannot satisfy all of them.

After reaching the forests separating the bases from the rest of the planet, Sam was surprised a bit, because he didn't see a single guardian standing guard there.

Even the four green tigers are not present and seemed to have disappeared from their original guarding position.

Even the large fox that lives by itself is not there.

If the villages on the other side tried to cross the forest now, they would be able to do so with ease.

But they have to sneak past the soldiers that are also entering the forests sneakily.

Sam traveled through the forest edge and noticed that dozens of soldiers are coming every hour and they seemed to have taken the same route, but just coming here in batches.

In fact, even if he got caught, if he managed to bluff them into thinking that he is part of them, it would be easy for him to escape.

He took vantage on a large tree once again and looked at the situation at the sea and Sam couldn't help but feel sorry for the soldiers there.

The Sea folk completely lost it. They are like crazy madmen rampaging without any care for the world.

Even the four tigers and the six transcendent stage cultivators are on the field as they are fighting against their counterparts from the sea.

The war is completely chaotic and this time, the sea folk didn't just bring the sea creatures with them, they even brought a bit of sea.

Currently, the sea waves are high and the water is reaching the edge of the barricades made by the soldiers.

The new soldiers that just joined the base are changing into their battle attire and joined the battle immediately.

The casualties on both sides are high but to Sam's surprise, the one losing most is sea folk instead.

They have larger numbers, but due to their made state, they are behaving crazily and are trying to kill as many as possible instead of killing as efficiently as possible.

Which made them lose a small edge, but he knew that it is just temporary.

It is the anger caused by Sam when he killed that one Sea folk right in front of that large egg.

Maybe they have too much affection towards their younger generations or something, but they are pissed off big time.

The war is so intense that the soldiers might not even care if Sam entered the base directly.

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Chapter 776: Testing

By dawn, the sea folks are retreating as usual. But they are not going normally.

The water level that rose up is being retracted and they are using that very water to carry all the corpses back into the sea along with them.

Sam decided to take advantage of that.

All he has to do is go onto the cliff and jump into that water while the soldiers are distracted with their own cleaning up and he did exactly that. He used full speed on the harbinger to get on the cliff and jumped straight into the water.

But before jumping not only did he put the harbinger away, he also activated earth element fusion and turned into a rock while he rolled up by a boulder.

Even when the soldiers who are in extreme distress saw this 'boulder' falling from the cliff, they are in no mood to care about what it truly was and investigate it.

They are too busy sulking and recovering and went back into the base.

But the Sea folk are different. Even though they are in hurry to return to the sea for some reason, once they returned to the sea, they saw Sam who already wore the breathing device, and took out the new harpoon gun in his hands.

The length and mechanism are all same. Only the trapping mechanism of the spear was changed into a different mechanism.

The Sea folk are already informed of a human that made a fuss in the sea folk area and he is the prime target and since they couldn't find him as they don't know his face, they are taking it out on the soldiers.

Now that they saw him again, they let go of all the exhaustion they had and tried their best to move towards him so that they finish him off.

They are currently in the middle of the shallow waters and the deep waters.

Sam aimed his harpoon gun at one of the coming targets and the harpoon impaled itself into the target.

But after the cable acquired the required tension, the trap opened and this time the trap didn't just grip the flesh normally instead the small blades are

zooming into different corners of the body and creating few large tears on the body and when the trap was done, the body was cut into six pieces and the spear trap went back to its original position.

There is no need for him to even retract the trap, he just has to call the spear back to him.

The sea folk didn't stop, they didn't even care about their comrade that Sam just killed.

They are just coming at him with full rage.

Sam took out the flatfish puppet and wore it rapidly as he moved in the water. His own speed is actually faster than when he used puppet, but this is just a project testing and now he has to test the harpoon shooting.

The harpoons on this are much smaller than that of the gun and in this one, Sam used a different trap.

Sam shot the harpoon to one of the sea folks and it hit. The trap opened and this time, the strings are not as sharp as the previous ones. They held this gel like flesh in their grip as if it merged with it and when the harpoon is being retracted through the cable, the sea folk came along with it.

And due to the constant blood loss that is happening, he couldn't even escape.

And the air-powered mechanism is good for shooting at a higher force and speed. This test was also a success and Sam wants to test the last modification. The breathing device.

He is going with the helmet-type device for them and not just that, he is also going to create a small emergency utility for them.

The flatfish puppet's harpoon has pulled the sea folk closer and Sam let it come close enough to see it dead in the eyes through that helmet screen.

He injected spiritual energy into the helmet and a hollow metallic shot was fired from the side of the helmet straight into the eye.

The contents in the shot are the poisons that are normal poisons that could even be found in this world. It even came from plants.

He wants to see what kind of reaction the sea folk has and he was not disappointed. He used sea folk as a meat shield for the attacks all the while moving around and observing the reactions the poison has on its body.

For some reason, Sam felt that the body of the sea folk is too pure and easily affected by something else. Particularly the poisons. Even though some of the effects are not deadly, it is still good at slowing them down and the poison stays in their body longer than that of humans.

While observing, Sam started killing a good few sea folks around him and took the bodies away, before using escaping from them.

He stored everything away and moved with his light elemental fusion as he escaped into the horizon. The whole sea would be affected because of Sam's presence as the sea folk would go wild. But Sam didn't care.

He is not going to stay in this place anyway.

Even though he is eye-catching no sea folk could catch up to his speed and he is certainly not in a pickle situation like that large breeding base.

He went to the sea area which met the shore near a large cliff where the sea folk activity is less after traveling for half a day.

He came out from there and let Sky out to escape into the air.

He is extremely exhausted and he even had to replenish his energy many times in this escape.

After that, he escaped into the forest, found a cave, and took residence there to take a look at the bodies before they are spoiled.

He has around half a dozen of them with him.

He went to the salt lake and separated a stingray from the rest and kept it in a smaller pond before giving it a whole body of the sea folk.

The stingray first went for the blood that is seeping out of the body and then started eating the flesh. After it ate half of the body, it went into a slight slumber.

He left the body like that and put the remaining in another salt pool just to preserve them.

He picked one and went into the tower to do some experiments on it while it is still fresh.

He started injecting the blood essences, elemental energies, and many more.

The body reacted differently for every single thing. He really felt like catching a live one.

That would have been better, but he knew that they would chase him to the end of the world if he really caught one alive.

They have this weird bond that is hard to find in any other species.

They are okay with Sam killing a dozen sea folk in battle in the shallow waters, but they are not okay with him killing a weaker one at their home. This is weird for him.

For the next few days, he did some experiments, but there is not much he found out. Everything is the same for him.

Except for the poison, there is nothing Sam could use against them. The body is full of water elemental energy and it is almost like the water elemental energy took shape in these creatures and it reacts to the poison that has water element to it extremely highly and corrodes easily.

Apart from that, there is nothing else he could do.

Sam decided to go back to his base secretly and give the new design to his original crew and make them familiar with creating the new mechanisms while he hatched plans to sell it to the one-star military unit and make a big haul of money.

He would make at least twenty billion out of these three designs if not more.

He took off on the harbinger and went back to the base and waited in the cave.

Once the night hit, Sam went to the base secretly with the help of the shadow mouse and contacted his own crew member.

His presence shouldn't be known to anyone as his travel was not recorded at the wormhole station, he would be having the trouble of his life if he was spotted here.

After contacting them, the crew changed their daily routine as they shifted into a new for their work, where Sam stayed temporarily without coming out and explained the new mechanism and the new manufacturing process while training them and creating a proper assembly line.

After a few days of training, Sam decided to return to Planet 1.

It has been around two weeks since he came here. It is about time he returned and met with his friends.

He also has to meet with his business partners to sell these designs without raising any suspicions.

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Chapter 777: Tournament

Sam used the dimensional drifter to go back to Planet 1.

He appeared in his residence.

He didn't come out immediately. He freshened him up. Picked his feather coat and went out of the home.

The trio is not in. Sam figured that would happen. They don't have much to do anyway. But when he came out of the home, he was surprised to see that there are very few people on the street.

They are extremely scarce. He started walking around to see if he would understand anything and he noticed that everyone is walking in the same direction and some people are even running in that direction with excitement.

Sam caught hold of a teen young man running and asked.

"What is happening? Why are all people running in that direction?"

The one Sam caught is actually a half-elf. When he looked at Sam asking these questions, he looked at him as if he was an idiot.

"What do you mean what is happening? Don't you know? It is the big fight that is going on for the past seven days."

"Big fight?" Sam got even more confused.

"You don't know anything? Then don't waste my time. I will miss the fight."

Sam didn't stop him and just followed him in that direction.

Soon, he reached the edge of the city and there is a large arch leading everyone into a forest which is surrounded by a wall.

Sam frowned at this. This is the forest that is developed in a certain way. It is only for high-level competitions and challenges. The election tournament that is supposed to have taken place in the past week would also take place here.

But from what learned the tournament should have been already ended. But it seems like it is still going on.

When Sam entered, he saw everyone waking towards the large auditorium that usually holds the hand-to-hand combat.

But now it is showing a large holographic three-dimensional video of the forest.

Sam is a bit confused about all the hype. From what he knew the tournament is just a normal battle tournament that tests the skills in one on one combat.

He sat in the topmost row of seats as he watched the video carefully. There are a lot of people in the forest. The elves, half-elves, centaurs, and humans, and there are many people fighting around.

But soon Sam noticed that everyone's attention is on one particular place within the tournament that seems to be the main focus of the tournament. To his surprise, Sam saw his friends in that focused area.

Watt, Philip, and Jack are currently running within the forest as they escaped the pursuit of a dozen or so people chasing them.

Sam frowned at this. No matter what, this is a bit absurd as dozens of people are pursuing a single person.

This is completely nuts.

He needs some answers.

He looked at a group of teenagers nearby who are looking at it with much excitement. Among them is the half-elf that Sam met on the way.

He walked towards them and asked.

"What is happening in this tournament?"

The kid looked at Sam and his face changed a bit and said scornfully.

"Why are you here, if you don't even know what is happening in the tournament? Don't waste our time."

Sam didn't get angry and just took out a spatial ring and tossed it at him.

The kid caught it and checked the contents and his eyes widened in disbelief.

"That's yours if you explain the situation to me."

The kid walked out of the group and dragged Sam to the side before asking with a smile.

"What do you want to know? I will tell you everything." Sam shook his head at how fickle this guy is and said.

"Tell me from the beginning of the tournament. Isn't it supposed to be a normal battle tournament? Why did it turn into this?"

The kid didn't pass any snide remarks now and spoke.

"The tournament format was changed last minute. It is not a restricted tournament anymore. It is free for all tournaments and anyone can participate at any time.

But it only changed for the Pre-transcendent stage cultivators. Not the rest.

For some reason, the officials changed the format for that one cultivation level and the reason they gave us that they felt like the pre-transcendent cultivators of this era is just too great and too powerful. It is some kind of golden age or something. With that, they threw a new tournament which started two days ago.

Everyone will be given a badge when they enter the forest and out of all of them, three people will have a special ruby badge. For ten days, they have to hold on to those badges. Anyone can try and fight for them. By the end of ten days, the three people that have those three badges will be considered the top three and they will fight between themselves to decide who gets what rank.

And for some reason, those three people who recently become famous in the city got those ruby badges and now they are being chased by everyone in the tournament. Apart from the badges, there are various other treasures and threats hidden in the forest which could help with their survival.

There are fights breaking for those treasures as well.

But that is not the end, there is another absurd rule.

Out of the ten days, anyone can enter the tournament in the first five days and fight for it. After five days, the doors will be closed and only the people already in can fight for it.

This is the third day and the trio already beat the crap out of many people. But we heard that today, the city guard is also joining in and some elites from the army units are coming.

The situation is extremely tense and the fights are great. That trio is making these elites look like some little kids. That is why everyone is interested."

Sam thought for a second and second.

"You can go now. I will ask you if I need anything."

"Sure, sure. You can find me in the fruit street. I live there."

Sam didn't care much and looked around. He felt like the whole thing is a bit suspicious. There is nothing wrong with the tournament. In fact, it is more challenging. But all three ruby badges coming to his friends, this is a bit suspicious.

He is looking for Raunak. If the whole city is here, then there is no way he wouldn't be here.

After some time, he couldn't take it anymore and sat in his seat and looked into the divine dimension to take a peek at the crystal table.

It is easy to find someone in it and he can also send the message directly.

And it worked. Raunak is sitting in the front row and he seemed to be frowning.

He is in an extremely bad mood and at this moment, he heard a familiar voice in his head and all of a sudden he stood up and started running towards the entrance of the forest.

Sam also stood up and went to the entrance where Raunak is already waiting.

As soon as he saw Sam he came running to him and spoke.

"Thank god. You finally came. Where did you go all this while? They said you are in research."

His voice sounded hopeful as if he found an oasis in the middle of the desert.

"What happened?"

"Your friends, they are in trouble."

"Trouble?"

"This is Rajan's plan. He put a bounty on their heads, everyone is so focused on them because of that."

"Bounty? How much is that?"

"I don't know. The ruby badges landing in their hands is also his plan. The tournament is also changed because of that. If I am not wrong, he might even have messed up the escape tokens of the trio. I already told them to not do this, but they didn't listen."

"Why? Is there any special reward?"

"There are rewards, but what reward is more important than their lives. there are dozens of people going after them."

"How did they do in the past two days? Is the fight too difficult?"

"No, they are still doing okay. They didn't have any challenges. They are good with the forest and cutting down each one of them."

"Then it is okay for now. I will deal with it if there is any other problem. Let them stay for now. What about Ramya? Did you meet her yet?"

Raunak lost all the light in his eyes and stayed silent.

Sam frowned and said.

"Don't tell me she is not on this planet and left somewhere else."

"No, she is in a house arrest. They are using all kinds of twisted logic to keep her away from me. I was being given all kinds of diplomatic and bureaucratic work to deal with all kinds of educational institutions since I am the only one 'free' in the department. In the fourteen days I wasn't able to meet her in the morning and every night I was denied entry into the estate.

The situation is not looking good."

"Then, why didn't you meet her in secret."

"There are Consummate level cultivators in their estate. How can I do that?"

"Why don't you put him on trial or something? He did make a contract didn't he?"

"He did, but all the trial procedures are postponed to be done after the tournament."

"Your father-in-law is a fucking pest. Irritating, damaging, and difficult to get rid of. I gave you my word, I will help you with this, so I will stay till the end. Anyway, I have a lot of things that I want you to do for me.

Try in a normal way if you can deal with this. But if you can't then I will help you in my own way.

Let us go and see the battle for now."

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Chapter 778: Huge Bet

Sam and Raunak went back to the arena and this time he went to sit beside Raunak in the first row.

He was really fascinated by this type of broadcasting set up and he has even seen this before in the Starwood academy on the desolate planet. But there it was done by the illusion expert in the thunder god temple.

He just modified some illusion formations to create that.

But here the formation is definitely not as simple. With the quality and the span, it covered it certainly is not something one can easily come up with.

While Sam is observing the whole formation while many more are observing him. Many elves of his age group and cultivation level are looking at him curiously and some people from faction 1 who has already seen his face are giving out some evil smiles.

Among them, Ramana is looking at Sam as if he wants to eat him up.

Apart from them, some people from this invisible third faction and Rajan from faction 1 are also looking at him, but these people are relatively calm.

Sam didn't care much about all these stares, he just focused on the formation first and then the battle.

Currently, from what is visible in the video, there are not many challenges for the trio. Particularly when they are working together.

They are setting quick traps, separating the pursuers and dealing with them, and catching them off-guard.

Sneaking up on them, luring them to some of the beasts that are left here as threats for the participants, and so on.

They didn't even have to use the hoverboards for now.

They are dealing with it with the proper approach.

Sam is looking forward to how they will fare against the true elites that are going to join in on this competition and he doesn't have to wait for long.

At first, the city guard wanted to join the stage by the afternoon, but after Sam came someone passed the message to them to join earlier and they didn't disagree.

The city guard is still wearing their uniform and they entered the arena together.

But it would still take some time for the city guard to engage with the trio directly. After all, there are two dozen people that are in the active pursuit of the trio and if the city guard just wants to take over from there, they wouldn't agree. At least, not without some 'persuasion'.

Sam watched as the battle went on and on until evening and finally the city guard came near them from another direction. Right before they engaged though, the sunset, and the battle was halted.

Sam was confused and looked at Raunak.

"They are not allowed to battle at night or even move from that place. Even if they want to recover, they have to recover there.

This is a rule to increase the anticipation in the viewers and increase the bet money through it."

Sam was intrigued, as he was about to ask something, Raunak spoke again.

"There is no question of them moving from that place. There are some Consummate level cultivators guarding or watching them.

Usually, they are kept for watching the barracks of the contestants in a normal battle tournament so that they wouldn't fight at night, but now they are guarding them like this.

They are directly under elders and nobody knows what they are looked like.

From what I heard from the stories, they don't even speak. There is no need to worry."

Sam nodded his head and started walking out along with Raunak.

They went to a meal. It has been a while since Sam ate something delicious.

"You mentioned betting. Is there a limit to the amount of money one can bet?"

"You want to bet? As far as I know, there is no limit. The betting system hasn't changed from the previous time as this was an impromptu modification. How much do you want to bet?"

"What are the odds against them staying in the top three by the end of the tournament?"

"If they can really reach that, you can win five times the money over."

"Two billion."

Pffffttt

Raunak spat out the liquor he is having and looked at Sam in surprise or rather a shock.

"Two billion?"

"Yes, two billion. Each."

"Are you out of your mind? There are just too many variables out there in the battle. That money didn't come to you for free. What if you lost it?"

"It is just money. I have plenty of it. Anyway, they will be buying something else in the future. You just don't have to worry too much.

Tomorrow helps me with the betting. Same bet on the three of them. They will stay in top three. Two billion each."

"That is a large amount."

"The amount will be larger after I won."

"But..."

"Don't worry about it. I have a new business idea waiting for me. So, don't worry too much. It would be alright."

They went on their own ways after the meal. Sam wanted to take a nap after a long time. Even though there might be a plot going on against him. It is not something that is worrying him too much.

But as soon as he laid on his bed and closed his eyes, he abruptly opened them and looked at the window.

A small scroll was thrown into the room through the open window.

Sam picked the scroll and looked through the contents. It is from some unknown person. The gist of the matter is simple.

It is a threat that his friends would die tomorrow in the arena and to stop that, Sam has to meet them outside now and discuss a deal to leave his friends alone.

Sam burned the scroll and went back to nap.

The next day, he went to the arena where he met with Raunak and gave the spirit stones.

Raunak sent his assistant to place the bet and they went to watch the battle.

It is just a little after sunrise and the arena was already packed. Almost everyone in the arena placed a bet, smaller or larger and most of the bets that are placed are related to the trio.

Some people bet that the trio would be eliminated today, some people bet they would be killed today, some people bet that they would be defeated by a certain person, there are even bets on the approximate time frame of elimination.

Even though the audience is getting riled up after the trio's performance that impressed them at first, they are not exactly on their side at this moment. They are sure that the trio would lose soon.

The battle started soon and the trio that is in the middle of a dozen pursuers and the city guard started the day aggressively.

They didn't even bother to consider too much as they made their way towards the city guard and tore through them like a hot knife through the butter.

They didn't engage them too much and added them to the group of their pursuers.

They are still sticking to the kiting measure they took from the start.

They don't care if they are city guards or individual pursuers.

By the end of the day, they once again cut their pursuers in half and are in high spirits. But right before that day's battle ended a group of soldiers entered the forest. They are all cloaked with green color and Sam felt that they are familiar.

They are definitely related to the cloaked forces of faction 1.

Sam looked at Ramana who is sitting beside his father. That guy had a crooked smile and he is looking at Raunak as if he is a cat looking at the

mouse. The sadistic expression is reflecting his desire to toy and torture Raunak before killing him.

Sam went back to the residence without caring much. He is still confident that they deal with them in a chase. If it is a cornered battle with all these people surrounding them, he would be a little pressure on their performance.

But as long as they are not surrounded and not cornered without any recovery time, they will be fine.

As Sam entered his residence there is someone waiting for him.

It is none other than the arrogant builder, Braman.

"It has been a long while since we last met. How are you doing?"

Sam greeted casually as he entered the house.

"Maybe I should be asking that question. As you are not doing so well."

"I am perfectly fine actually. There is no problem whatsoever."

"Really, your friends are about to die and you are not worried?"

"That's a strong and conclusion. Not to mention baseless."

"Baseless? I don't know if your officer friend told you. The escape tokens that are given to your friends are rigged, they wouldn't activate the space gate inside the formation and they wouldn't be able to escape. This was all pre-planned to take revenge on you.

Green cloaks are too good in forests. They are made for this, your friends might have managed to keep their upper hand until now. But tomorrow, they would be true prey."

"So?"

"Tomorrow, one-star unit is also entering. So if you want to save your friends, they are the only way out for you."

"Then?"

"I heard that there is a new product from your research base."

"Oh, now you want that for a cheaper price." Braman didn't say anything in response and just smiled.

Sam shook his head with a smile and said.

"Get out of here."

With that, he slammed the door shut and went in.

Braman is just standing there like an idiot as he didn't expect this kind of response at all.

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Chapter 779: Green Cloaks

Braman was stunned.

He didn't expect this reaction at all. Everything he imagined would happen didn't happen.

Actually, it was not even his task to give this news to Sam, he just paid a price to get this task so that he can look at Sam's panicky expression and struggle to let go of his design to save his friends and such.

But all that was left to him was a slammed door on his face.

This is frustrating to the point that he wanted to kick open the door and hold Sam by his collar and ask what is wrong with him.

But he controlled the urge and went back to report the matter.

Meanwhile, Sam is looking at the guy from his window and couldn't help but give a cold sneer.

"I didn't even find you to settle scores and here you are trying to get under my skin."

He spoke coldly and he changed his outfit. He wore the black cloak and got ready to deal with this guy. Braman already sent a transcendent stage cultivator to teach Sam a lesson. But since it is not an attempt to kill and just someone trying to satisfy their ego, Sam only killed the guy who attacked him and left Braman alone.

He wanted to teach Braman a lesson, but he forgot about it as he was in a hurry to go to the sea and all.

But now that he is back, it is better to give this guy a reality check.

Sam used shadow mouse to follow this guy.

Braman first went to the school zone where the colleges and other schools are established along with a large residential area within to accommodate the lecturers and some rich students who can afford the home rental.

There Braman went to meet with someone and the shadow mouse followed, but not too far. Just to be sure Sam used the crystal table to take a look at the house and he was surprised at how tight the guard and security is.

Sam wanted to proceed in, but a formation is blocking the entrance of the shadow mouse.

This surprised Sam. This is the first time a formation managed to counter the shadow mouse's shadow form. He activated the crystal table to look at the whole residence and was surprised to find out the tight-knit guard.

The surprise is not just the sheer number of people that are guarding, the surprise is also because of the guards themselves.

The guards are shadows. Sam was surprised once again.

There is another person who can use shadow necromancy in this place. All this while, he didn't manage to meet a single person that can use shadow

necromancy, even in the realm of the undead, even if there are any present there, Sam didn't meet anyone. This is the first time.

After coming out of the initial shock, Sam realized his situation and immediately made the shadow mouse get out of this place.

The shadows can perceive other shadows and Sam wouldn't be able to escape easily based on their strength.

The current situation is not extremely favorable.

He let the shadow mouse hide in the corner of the street and waited until Braman came out of the house. Now the following continued once again.

Soon they reached Braman's residence where he started drinking as soon as he entered and started cursing wildly.

This guy indeed had a huge ego. Sam just let the shadow mice do their job once they are here. Since the owner of the house is so involved in drinking and cursing, it is easy for the shadow mice to do their job.

They poured the biofuel everywhere and Sam set it on fire.

The whole building was on fire in a few seconds and Braman finally came out of his daze. All this while he is letting the alcohol take over to let go of his frustrations and didn't let the spiritual energy clear his body off of it.

But now that he saw the flames that are clearly famous for their presence in the deaths of many faction 1 members he became panicky and started moving out of the house.

Sam who is still inside the divine dimension finally came out behind Braman who is escaping and threw a glass bottle of fuel on his right hand.

Braman was so panicked that he is not even using his sense properly.

He looked behind only to see a black-cloaked figure disappear in front of his eyes and he started running out even faster. But in that process, his right hand caught fire. Even though it didn't spread past his right hand, he knew that is not something to be happy about.

Sam left the place along with the shadow mice.

He only did this to give a warning, not to burn the bridges.

This should teach Braman and this third faction a lesson.

They shouldn't be reaching their hands too much. Anyway, these elves are too cunning and greedy for their own good.

Actually, the rumor of the new research in the base was deliberately given out of by Sam himself. His crew leaked the news on his orders to the biscuit factory that was nearby.

Since it would be hard to push this sale forward by himself without raising any suspicions regarding his journey into the sea, particularly when the war became intense right after that.

He would just concoct a story about why they are researching after they accidentally found out that a new research project is coming.

But these guys took a completely different approach than normal. They want to take advantage of him.

After doing what he wanted to do, Sam left the place and went back to his own residence.

At first, he wanted to solve this war problem as soon as possible, but now this tournament thing is going to delay it, and anyway, they will clearly see the threat from the sea is far more dangerous than they thought and then he would release some hints on what products he is making and then make them bend over and give him a great price.

The next day, the situation in the forest is not that different. The trio is still managing to shake off the pursuer and also taking them down most of the time.

The green cloaked team is not acting the like the rest, instead, they are spreading all over the forest and getting a hang of it.

They are scouting high and low as they moved from one place to another as if they are mapping it all.

There are no centaurs in this team, everyone is a humanoid creature. Either an elf or a human.

They are moving like they own the forest and if the trees are helping them move.

Sam doesn't know what they are exactly doing, but for half a day, they didn't fight at all. They just visited all the trees.

But soon in the afternoon, the situation changed. The green cloaked team which comprised of thirty members divided themselves into groups of three and started moving towards the trio from different directions.

Any other contestants that are in their way are being eliminated as each team fought together and the trees are surprisingly supporting them.

The trees almost seemed to have gotten their own mind as the branches, roots and some vines started moving along with the movements of the teams as they supported their attacks from the side.

The audience was amazed by this sudden display of expertise. Even Sam was surprised. It is similar to what Noah used, the blood forest technique in which every time Sam placed his foot on a tree, the branch or the tree itself will move and try to capture Sam in place.

This is a similar technique, but here instead of the manifestation of spiritual energy made forest was replaced by the real forest and instead of one person there are multiple people controlling it.

Even though their primary target is the trio, the green cloaks are not leaving the rest of the contestants alone. They must have thought that they would only be a hindrance to their moves.

So they are cleaning them up casually.

Soon they are near the large group pursuit against the trio.

The thirty members circled the whole group including the trio and started their cleaning process.

The trio managed to escape some of their attacks and with their combined attack, they just pushed through the encirclement and moved to the other side.

The green cloaks were surprised by such a sudden combination attack and didn't expect their encirclement would be penetrated so easily, but they didn't worry.

They decided to clean up the extras before dealing with the trio. Forest is their territory anyway.

Meanwhile, the trio gathered together and started discussing their plan while recovering rapidly.

"What should we do, they seemed to have a great hold of the forest?" Watt asked and Jack also looked at Philip.

"They do have great coordination with forest, with all the trees combined, their team is huge. You guys know what that means right?" He asked them in return and Jack and Watt nodded.

"That means they are the bigger target."

"These people are using all kinds of methods to deal with us. It is about time, we reveal some of our cards as well."

All three of them agreed on what to do and dispersed into different directions.

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Chapter 780: Meeting the professor

The Green Cloaks didn't have an easy time when they are fighting the rest of the group. They really underestimated the competition they have in this place.

But since they already provoked them, the rest of the contestants are not going to let them go easily. The fight went on and on for the rest of the day and it is almost evening.

The trio is in an extremely relaxed state now. There are some stray competitors that came to fight them and there are some new competitors that joined in, but they are still low in numbers and they are okay with handling them.

Anyway, by evening not only did they finish making their own preparations in the forest, but they are also had enough time to rest and recover for a while and discussed their plans.

They should really thank Green Cloaks for taking the heat off of them.

By dusk, the rest of the contestants are either defeated or escaped to fight for another day, either way, the green cloaks became less busy and to the surprise of the audience, they started recovering immediately.

They are absorbing the wood elemental energy from the trees and grass surrounding them. To be precise it is almost like the trees and grass are giving their energy up to them.

Their recovery rate is also extremely high.

Sam who is sitting in the audience was intrigued. He is really looking forward to how the trio would fight off these green cloaks.

The whole afternoon, the trio set their own traps in the forest along with some more preparations, the rest of the arena didn't understand what they are doing, but Sam did.

These are the new results of their training. After they got their ass kicked by Sam, they came up with some techniques.

Even though they didn't fight again, Sam could still guess their effects.

But his thoughts are interrupted by something else.

At this exact moment, another large group in another type of uniform is joining in on the fun. He frowned because he is familiar with the uniform. These people are from the one-star military unit.

There are thirty members of them entering and Sam even saw a familiar person within the group. Rogan. Even though he is not at the forefront of the group, he is only standing right behind the leader, he clearly has a higher rank in the unit.

They entered the forest and unlike the green cloaks, they are pretty aggressive in their moves. They all stuck together and started moving towards the green cloaks and the trio who are now in the same spot.

This is a new addition to the already excited crowd.

Currently, there are thirty green cloaks, thirty One-star soldiers, and around twenty to thirty individual contestants, in midst of all these people the trio who are the targets are standing together.

The green cloaks are pretty fast and they made their presence known to the rest of the forest in an aggressive way.

By the time the green cloaks healed themselves and got ready to deal with the trio, the first one-star soldier already entered the scene and the rest slowly followed.

Rogan who came a little later looked at the two parties and said.

"Why don't we wait for tomorrow? There are only a few minutes until the sunset, I am pretty sure it wouldn't be enough to finish this and it would be a pity to stop it in the middle."

The trio doesn't have any problem with that, they just sat there and started eating their food.

The green cloaks looked at the One-star military unit and cursed them for being nosy, but they still didn't attack and held their hand.

The day is over just like that.

Sam is really looking forward to seeing what the trio has newly picked up, but it seems like he doesn't have enough luck to watch it today, but he is still excited.

He came out of the forest along with Raunak as both of them walked towards another restaurant. Raunak seems to be a bit troubled. It seems like the situation with his girlfriend is not going anywhere.

"You are in the Arena the whole day. Why didn't you go meet her in that time? Her father and brother are here. You can work something out, can't you?"

"It is protocol, every government official should be at the tournament."

"You really have no luck in this love. Everything is against you."

Raunak didn't even know what to say about that. At this moment an elf came running towards them and whispered something to Raunak which created a frown on the latter's forehead.

Sam looked at him in askance and he replied.

"Professor, he wants to meet you."

"Meet me?"

"Yes, it seems like he is intrigued by you too much. He wouldn't meet people that easily."

Sam shook his head and gestured for the elf to lead the way. Raunak also followed them as he had nothing to do anyway.

Soon Sam arrived at the familiar street.

The very street that he visited last night.

He has a feeling that he already visited the place he is going to visit now and it turned out to be true.

Soon enough he is right in front of the house which blocked the shadow mouse to enter. He took a deep breath and entered the house.

Both of them were led into an office room where an elf is waiting for them.

Sam and Raunak took their seats and looked at the smiling elf.

"Good to see you Raunak. How is life treating you?"

Raunak didn't answer and just looked at him. For some reason, he felt the question was a bit sarcastic. But he doesn't know if he was just being a bit sensitive.

Then the professor looked at Sam and spoke.

"You must be the infamous Sam. I wanted to meet you for a long time, but I never got a chance."

Sam shook his hand with a faint smile and replied.

"Nice to meet you too."

"I heard Braman visited you last night. Did you think about what he said?"

"Said? More like threatened. I think I am pretty clear with the answer."

Professor chuckled at the reply and spoke.

"I am really sorry if Braman has spoken anything out of line and I am sure he is regretting it now clearly. The One-star unit just wanted to make a deal."

"And why are you discussing this, instead of them?"

"The person in charge is my student and he is a bit busy with something. So, I can only take it upon myself to aid him."

"What would the deal be?"

"Well, from what I heard from them. Your research base has a new product and they are willing to buy it. But they just want some discount in exchange for your friends' safety tomorrow.

They survived four days, it would be a pity to get seriously harmed in the last day and it is an open secret that their escape tokens are not working even if they want to give up."

"So, your deal is that I sell whatever product I have in my hands to the military unit at a cheap price and the unit will save my friends."

"That's right."

"What if I don't accept that deal?"

"Well, the one-star unit will be just normal contestants in the battle."

Sam chuckled as he looked at the professor right in the eyes,

"Do you even know what my product is?"

"No, but from your record, I am pretty sure that it would be another revolutionary product."

"My dear Professor, I heard you are a great teacher. But today give me a chance to teach you something about making business deals.

The first thing you have to do before starting the negotiation is to verify whether what you can offer is credible or not, worth it or not, and if the other party needs it or not.

You can bluff with it if you are not sure and if you think that the other party is also not sure.

But you can't bet on it too much when the stakes are high. Otherwise, you will lose everything for being greedy."

"Does that mean, you still don't want that deal?"

"Of course not. Anyway, the next project in the base is actually a personal interest of mine and I don't plan on selling it anytime soon. As for this deal, we can continue the discussion tomorrow afternoon. I will meet you in the arena then and you can once again offer different conditions."

"Afternoon? Do you think your friends will survive until then?"

"Do you want to make a bet?"

"Bet? What bet?"

"If my friends don't survive until tomorrow noon, I will give you the next three products for free. Not only the design, but I will also let my staff train yours, a plan for the factory layout. Machines needed for the factory. Everything you need.

But if they survive and if you come to me by noon with a different deal, then you guys will have to pay double the price for the next three products

Are you down?"

The professor chuckled and shook Sam's hand.

"Deal."

"I hope you keep your word. If you don't, I will shut my company down and will just join faction 2 as a normal artisan."

"You don't have to do that, I am a man of my word."

"That better be the case. While you are at, call that shadow of yours back and keep it safely with you. It is an insult to do that to a fellow necromancer."

The professor froze in his actions and looked at Sam with narrow eyes. Under the table, a shadow just moved from Sam's shadow and merged with the professor's shadow.

Sam stood up from his seat and said.

"Lesson two. Stop underestimating the other party in a negotiation. So, you can recall the shadow that was with Raunak too."

Raunak who sat on his chair was already sweating at the exchange and when heard this, he sprung up from his chair and looked down. He could see the shadow leaving from his and merging with the professor's shadow.

"Goodbye professor."

With that Sam and Raunak left the place.

The professor looked at Sam's back with a deep gaze.