

## **48 Hours 1361**

### **Chapter 1361: Cornfield**

Zhang Heng drove the A4 off the elevated road and drove for a while. When he realized that the pursuers behind him were not following him, he slowed down his car.

Because the gunshots and the car accident had attracted the attention of the police, Zhang Heng did not drive to the city center. Instead, he continued to drive out of the fourth ring road. As he drove further and further away from the city.., the traffic outside the window also gradually thinned out.

Zhang Heng did not take the highway. He chose the provincial highway and then went down to the county road. After driving for half an hour, he could already see the ridges by the roadside. There were also rows of two-story buildings. It looked like they had just been built not long ago, and there were faint lights shining from inside, the family was sitting in the living room on the first floor, watching some variety show together.

Zhang Heng lowered the speed of the car to 20 miles per hour and drove another 30 kilometers. The series of battles that had just taken place seemed quite lively, but it was actually not too dangerous for Zhang Heng. After all, he had already scouted the site one day in advance, he hid his weapons and had already planned an escape route before he set off. He had even contacted Shen Xixi to help him deal with the sniper.

Therefore, it was not surprising that he was able to break out of the encirclement. However, when he was temporarily out of danger and his tensed nerves relaxed, Zhang Heng had a rare feeling that he did not know where to drive to.

According to his original plan, after getting rid of the pursuers behind him, he would wait until midnight to stop and return to the city. He would replace the A4 with his own polo and then drive far away from the city.

However, he had no plans in the middle of this gap.

Considering that he had to go back later, Zhang Heng decided not to continue driving. After making sure that no one was paying attention, he parked the A4 at the edge of a cornfield. It was about 100 meters away from the main road, furthermore, there was a dry toilet right in front of him, blocking the car and making it difficult for people on the main road to see him.

Zhang Heng turned off the engine and got out of the car. He looked at the cornstalks in the field and the lights in the distance and was lost in his thoughts. When he turned his head around, he saw a child of about eight or nine years old looking at him from the other end of the road.

Zhang Heng subconsciously reached into his pocket, but all he found was a magazine and two props. Fortunately, he had already taken off the suit that was stained with blood and left it in the car. Thus, Zhang Heng walked to the front of the A4, he opened the car door and grabbed a shaking-head dog accessory that was stuck to the console and tossed it to the child.

The child caught the shaking-head dog and held it in his hand for a while before waving it in front of his face. Then, he turned around and ran away. Zhang Heng figured that he had gone home, so he leaned against the car door.

After about ten minutes, Zhang Heng heard footsteps again. He thought that the child had returned, but this time, it was another person who walked up to him.

It had been more than three months since Zhang Heng last met Chronos. Compared to the last time, Chronos had put on a little weight, but he looked better, furthermore, he was dressed in formal attire tonight.

"We meet again. You Don't look surprised," Chronos said with a smile. "I'm sorry I'm late, because I have a date on the other side tonight."

"What date?" Zhang Heng raised his eyebrows.

"It's to say goodbye to an old friend. We've known each other for more than ten years, and she's leaving. So I went to see her off, but I rushed over immediately after."

Chronos opened a bag of Skittles and poured it into his mouth. After taking two big bites, he continued with satisfaction, "I've heard about what happened in Greenland. I'm sure you can understand why your parents and I haven't told you about your true identity for so many years. It's purely because of that fellow's... unique design. The more you understand it, the more likely it will target you."

Kronos paused at this point. Seeing that Zhang Heng didn't speak, he continued, "Your parents brought you out of that city under the ice. At the time, I left an amulet in your body to block your connection with that guy, but now it seems that the amulet has completely lost its effect."

"So this is your plan? Giving me an extra 24 hours and letting me participate in this game? You know that the switch between the game and real time will speed up the loss of the amulet in my body. If that's the case, why did you give me that amulet back then?" Zhang Heng asked.

"To give you a chance, and to give myself a chance." Chronos shook the half-bag of Skittles in his hand. "Do you want some?"

Zhang Heng shook his head.

"Now you know that I was the one who brought people to bring you out of that city under the ice. But do you know why I Did It?"

Chronos did not wait for Zhang Heng's reply and continued on, "Even though I am the god of time, I can not escape the effects of the laws of time. or to be more precise, it is precisely because I am the god of time that I am more aware of the cruelty of time. Like most ancient gods, I am also facing the problem of aging. Compared to more than 1,000 years ago, my strength is much weaker. The number of my followers has been decreasing, so I have to find a way to reverse this decline."

Kronos did not hide his ambitions, "You humans can gain strength through learning and training. You have no idea how much we envy you as gods. Take you for example. I know you are unhappy that I lied to you and allowed you to participate in the game to speed up the loss of your emotions. However, you have indeed gained a lot of growth from this, haven't you? Look at you now. You have already killed three gods. You can fight against Thor and defeat Ann, and you can also kill your way out of the encirclement. You have come all the way here. A year ago, all of this would have been unimaginable."

"Do you want me to thank you?"

Kronos waved his hand, "There's no need for that. Of course, I'm doing this for you for my own selfish reasons. I never deny this, but I also like the way you humans talk about a win-win situation in management science. Do you know that I've been looking for a way to achieve a win-win situation with you all these years?"

"And then?"

"I found it." For the first time, Kronos did not swallow the remaining half of the bag of skittles in his hand. Instead, he put it on the top of the car, "Our God is different from you humans. We were born with great power, but we also lost the possibility of growth. For us, many things have been destined from the moment we were born. Fortunately, I did find a way to challenge fate."

### **Chapter 1362: Win-win**

"So You've come here to ask me to congratulate you?"

Zhang Heng finally straightened up. He took out the blood-stained suit from the car and tossed it on the ground. Then, he took out a small bottle of gasoline from the trunk and poured it on top.

"I'm glad that even though you've lost your feelings, you haven't lost your precious sense of humor." Chronos smiled and paused before continuing, "I know that you're a person who does things... You're a very strategic person. You Plan Before You Act. You can remain calm no matter what happens. You're also used to taking the initiative when making deals. You deliberately put on a nonchalant look and force the other party to speak first. That way, you can better bargain. But we're considered old partners. There's no need to do this kind of foreplay anymore."

"Yes, I'm just worried that you might not be able to take it."

"You're too gentle," Chronos said with a serious expression, "You've been having Nightmares Lately, haven't you? Even in the next 24 hours, you won't be able to get rid of them."

"Do you have any good suggestions for sleeping?" Zhang Heng pulled out his lighter and squatted down to light the gasoline-soaked suit. He watched the flames burn.

"You went to look for ISIS, and then you went to look for Saiji. The two of them should have answered your questions already. This makes things much easier," Chronos said straightforwardly. "I can swap blood with you."

Seeing that Zhang Heng did not respond, Chronos continued, "Exchanging blood is not a child's play. If a God swapped his own blood with yours, then your blood would flow into his body. The influence of an ordinary person's blood might not be big, but the blood that flows in your body is that Guy's blood. If it's polluted by his blood, at worst, you'll lose your strength, at worst... You'll go insane, just like the fanatics you met in Greenland. Therefore, the god who did this will have to pay a high price."

Zhang Heng waited patiently for Kronos to finish.

"Of course, I didn't help you change your blood because of my love for you. In fact, I've been eyeing you for a long time, or to be more precise, I've been eyeing that guy in the city under the ice. When I heard that there were fanatics looking for a container for that guy, I knew my chance had come. This is also why I decided to set up that expedition team to go deep into Greenland's no man's land 17 years ago."

Kronos said slowly, like the most patient docent in the museum.

“As I said before, the biggest difference between gods and mortals is that our fate has been written from the beginning. It’s like a satellite moving around a predetermined orbit. Even if we know what will happen in the future, we can’t change it. For example, the gods of Asgard understand that the twilight of the gods will come, but they can’t kill Loki and his three children before that day arrives.

“In the same way, you’ve experienced so many dungeons, so you must have seen some declining gods. Those ancient gods, as time passed, fewer and fewer people remembered them, and their strength became weaker and weaker, even worse than a dog.”

“Molesby?”

“That’s right. The monster that we fought together used to be one of us in the distant past. Although the way it collects and worships is crude and bloody, it’s completely predictable that it will turn into what it is today. Therefore, you might have some questions when you hear this. If that’s the case, why doesn’t it change the way it collects and worships? Look at the new gods today. They collect and worship in all kinds of strange ways, and they have all kinds of clergy. Since he can’t beat me in terms of time, it’s fine to play Douyin.”

“It’s not that the ancient gods are unwilling, but that they can’t do it?” Zhang Heng asked.

“It seems like you’ve noticed the main point of the story. We can’t change the course of the story,” Chronos said, enunciating each word, “Just like Odin will eventually die in Fenrir’s mouth, this is the gift of fate to us. Therefore, for the Old Gods, unless we kill the new gods, it will be difficult for us to escape the fate of decline. Other than a lucky person like Thor, we can’t become strong again through our own efforts.

“This is also the most fundamental contradiction between the new gods and the Old Gods, the origin of this war,” Chronos said, “However, there are some of us who are not willing to be manipulated by fate. I am one, but I am not the only one. As far as I know, the god of games, Gaime, has also been searching for a way to free the gods from their shackles. I don’t know if Gaime has found it or not, but I have indeed found a way to become stronger through ways other than collecting and worshipping.”

“How do I do that?”

“Since I can’t change my own orbit, I’ll introduce another one,” Chronos said slowly, “There’s a very simple reason. Once the two satellites collide, their orbits will naturally change.”

“But if the two satellites collide, there’s a very high chance that one or both of them will be destroyed.”

“There is such a possibility, but this is a risk I am willing to take. It is not a coincidence that I targeted the owner of the city under the ice. Even among the new gods, he is the most special one

“Because he is the so-called new doomsday of the 21st century?”

“Because he is the freest existence among us. The description of him has always been vague. His creator has given him a mysterious characteristic that can not be recognized and understood. It has also given him a considerable degree of freedom of movement. If I obtain Thor’s power, then one day, when Thor is also forgotten by others, my power will weaken again. However, it is different. I see endless

possibilities in it. If I can obtain his power, not only will it change my fate, I might even be able to completely break free from the shackles of fate and do something that even Gaime could not do.”

“What do you need to do to gain his power?” Zhang Heng asked with a frown.

“That’s where your help comes in. I’ve already made all the necessary preparations, and there’s only one thing left. The most crucial piece of the puzzle, and that is the blood in your body. Originally, this was something that I couldn’t obtain no matter what, because the blood exchange can only be carried out when both parties are willing. And that guy in Undercity is obviously not willing to exchange blood with me, but thankfully, there’s still you. You’re his vessel, and his blood flows through your body, but you’re not under his control.”

Kronos appeared to be extremely patient, “The blood mixed with your parents’ blood gave birth to you, but for the current you, they have become a burden. The source of your nightmares. Give them to me, and you will be free, and I will be able to regain the power I have dreamed of. This is the best choice for both of us.”

### **Chapter 1363: Beef Pancake**

“It’s a pity that you didn’t bring it to the live broadcast,” Zhang Heng said as he watched the suit burn to ashes.

Chronos wasn’t surprised by Zhang Heng’s reply. Instead, he praised him, “That’s what I like about you the most. You’re always alert and calm, and you never fall into panic. When ordinary people find themselves in a desperate situation, they want to grab hold of everything they can. They don’t even know if it’s really useful to them, but you’re different... Don’t worry, I don’t need you to make a decision right now. There’s still some time, and I can give you another piece of news for free.”

“What News?” Zhang Heng asked.

“Ann went to visit Isis. When you fought with him, he already guessed your identity.”

“And then?”

“Isis didn’t betray you. She only said that she was your employer. You helped him kill people, and she helped you save them. But now, Ann probably knows that you’re the vessel of the Lord of Lalaiya. The organizing committee will probably find you soon.”

Zhang Heng didn’t show any signs of panic. He continued to ask calmly, “Since Isis didn’t reveal my identity, how could she have told Ann?”

Chronos didn’t answer the question. Instead, he said, “Go to the players’ forum and take a look. That girl who doesn’t want to practice piano should be looking for you right now.”

Zhang Heng had already guessed what was going on. He returned to his car, took out the computer with the SIM card, and logged into the forums. In just a short while, he discovered that he had received more than ten private messages. They were all from Shen Xixi, they were all from Shen Xixi.

Zhang Heng did not even open those private messages. He only glanced at the posts on the forums, and he already knew what Shen Xixi wanted to say to him.

Because tonight's forum posts only had one topic, it was about the battle that had taken place at the headquarters of the building of fortune. However, this time, the focus of everyone's attention was not on how Zhang Heng had single-handedly fought his way out of the encirclement, those who had fought their way out of the encirclement were all focused on another problem.

— Simon was the vessel of the Lord of laraya? ! ! ! ! Is this for real? ! ! ! !

Spokesperson: survived

— No wonder he was so strong. In the first round of the proxy war, he had only played two games and already surpassed the other players. He was ranked first on the leaderboard, if he was the vessel of the Lord of lalaiye, then everything would make sense.

Spokesperson: sub-account 401

— the three major guilds were also collecting information on his whereabouts. One effective clue would cost one million RMB. If they could give the exact location, they would be rewarded with ten million RMB... Tsk Tsk, when did the three major guilds become so generous?

Spokesperson: Lala, Lala, Labrador

— everyone would do this even if they weren't paid. After all, if Lord Larue really escaped from his palace, it wouldn't be as simple as a few people dying.

Spokesperson: P Map Mad Demon

— damn it, I can actually see Lord larue return to the human world with my own eyes in my lifetime. If I'm not crazy, I should be able to brag about this for the rest of my life.

Spokesperson: brothers, Please Don't Mess with me

— what is Simon Thinking Right Now? could he have been controlled by that thing? This could also explain why he was able to fight his way out of so many people.

Someone suddenly asked, and someone quickly replied to him.

— probably not, otherwise he wouldn't have come to snatch that soul prop. But it is said that he doesn't have much time left. If we can't get rid of him before his soul is devoured, well, then..., then the lord of lalaiya might really use his body as a vessel to return to the world.

In the end, after a few floors, someone refuted the people above.

— get rid of Simon? Do you know how ridiculously strong He is now? There are so many experts in the fulcrum headquarters, but they couldn't keep him. Everyone asked themselves, if they met Simon, how many people would dare to make a move.

Even if they don't dare to make a move, they can still send a message, right? Furthermore, they will be paid.

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The forums were basically filled with such posts. Most of them were discussing how to find Zhang Heng, after all, no one knew better than these players who had been bombarded by the Cthulhu culture what kind of terrifying existence was locked up in that city under the ice.

In fact, ever since the news of that Guy's possible return to the human world was exposed, most people did not even dare to type those three words. They only used the nickname of the other party, the Lord of Lalaiya, for fear that they would be targeted in their sleep, in the end, they ended up with a demented end.

There were even people who complained about why Simon was not willing to commit suicide and sacrifice himself to save the majority of the people.

Zhang Heng did not continue reading. He simply replied to Shen Xixi and told her that he was out of danger. After telling her that she did not have to worry, he logged out of the players' forum.

However, Kronos had already disappeared. Zhang Heng turned to look at the place where he had stood before. The person standing there was now the little boy he had met before, when the little boy returned, he was holding a beef pancake in his hand. It was unknown whether he had stolen it from the kitchen or not, but after giving it to Zhang Heng, he ran away shyly.

Zhang Heng took the beef pancake. Coincidentally, he was feeling a little hungry at the moment. He wanted to take a bite, but after some thought, he finally put down his hand and threw the pancake into the cornfield beside him.

Zhang Heng knew that he would face more danger than all the other dungeons he had been through. As usual, he had no teammates to rely on, this time, the enemy was everywhere. If he did not want to be killed, he had to be on full alert. He could not make any mistakes because he had no room for error.

Zhang Heng also knew that Kronos didn't come here to make a deal with him, but rather to test his attitude. It was a joke, even though Kronos himself said that he and Zhang Heng were old partners, there was no need to play any tricks, but he was the one who was playing tricks. He must have realized that Zhang Heng wasn't as desperate as he thought, therefore, he knew that he would not gain anything tonight, so he left quietly.

This did not mean that Chronos had given up on the deal with Zhang Heng. On the contrary, he was just waiting for a better opportunity. Zhang Heng's identity had been exposed among the players, and the gods knew about it, even though the war between the new gods and the Old Gods had begun, Gaime had disappeared not long ago, and the organizing committee still had a portion of their power to mobilize. In other words, Zhang Heng was indeed in a tight corner.

What Chronos had been waiting for was the moment when Zhang Heng was truly cornered. At that time, Zhang Heng would have no other choice but to accept his proposal. Chronos believed that this day would not be too long, in reality, Zhang Heng's nightmare alone did not give him much time.

### **Chapter 1364: Long Journey**

Zhang Heng waited until midnight in the cornfield before returning to the city in the A4 that had its headlights knocked out.

After that, he first found a bank and used two bank cards to withdraw a total of 40,000 yuan in cash from the ATM. Even though the rental cars had already been insured, Zhang Heng still placed 20,000 yuan in the trunk as additional compensation for the head injury.

Then, he threw away his bank card and credit card and stuffed the remaining 20,000 yuan into his backpack to pay for the rest of the trip. Other than that, Zhang Heng also cleaned up the car of the A4 before he left. After making sure that there were no fingerprints or hair left behind, he returned the A4 to the car rental shop.

By the time he returned to his hotel, the starfish in his hand had already pointed to three o'clock. There were still 21 hours left before the time freeze ended, and after the previous experience.., Zhang Heng was also worried that he would fall asleep while driving, so he didn't leave immediately. Instead, he laid down on his bed while there was still time to test out whether the newly acquired item would work.

The usage of [ immune crystal ] was as simple as its description. It only needed to come into contact with the skin to take effect. Furthermore, it was small enough that it could be carried around on one's body during normal times, however, the drawback was that it would take effect when it was attacked by a soul attack. The number of times it could be used was something that could not be controlled by humans.

Therefore, if you did not want to use up the number of times it could be used, or if it had a specific purpose, it was best to put it somewhere. Zhang Heng had prepared a tulle tree box specifically for it.

However, he had already held the crystal in his hand. Then, Zhang Heng took off his shirt and lay down on the bed.

As he closed his eyes and relaxed his mind, sleepiness gradually took over his brain. Zhang Heng could feel himself falling and being pulled into a strange dream, but at that moment.., a warm current suddenly came from the position of the crystal in his palm.

Then, his body seemed to become lighter, as light as a feather, and his falling momentum was interrupted.

Then, a gust of wind came from somewhere and lifted his almost weightless body up again. At that moment, Zhang Heng felt that not only had he stopped his falling momentum, but he had also turned from falling to rising.., he started to distance himself from the nightmare that was about to devour him.

However, the nightmare did not seem to be willing to let him leave just like that. Therefore, from a certain point in time, the power of the descent suddenly increased again. The darkness below was like a monster with its mouth wide open, swallowing everything in its path, it was as if it wanted to suck everything into its stomach.

In order to resist the sudden suction, the upward wind also became stronger. The two seemed to be competing with each other, so Zhang Heng, who was a feather, was frozen in mid-air.

However, the stalemate did not last long. With a faint whizzing sound, the upward wind finally suppressed the downward suction and brought Zhang Heng up, they were temporarily out of the Dark Abyss.



However, Zhang Heng knew very well that the “Thing” under his feet had not disappeared. It continued to lurk there, waiting for the sudden upward wind to disappear, waiting for Zhang Heng to fall again, it fell into its mouth again.

However, its plan was ultimately unsuccessful. Zhang Heng floated for a while more before he saw an open door appear above his head. When he passed through the door, the door slowly closed behind him, it completely isolated the “Thing” below from him.

Then, Zhang Heng found himself standing in a white room. The room was empty. Other than a chair, there was no furniture, no windows, no doors, and not even a speck of dust, it was so clean that it was... spotless.

Zhang Heng looked around and sat down on the only chair. This place might be empty and boring to others, but to Zhang Heng.., he had many ways to pass the time here..

Zhang Heng slept for a full ten hours. Not only did he recover his energy and stamina, the exhaustion from before was also gone. After opening his eyes, he went to the bathroom to take a shower and eat something, after that, he brought his luggage to the parking lot and sat in his polo.

Zhang Heng did not set a destination. He only set a general direction to the southwest and drove for eight hours straight.

Sometimes it was on the highway, sometimes it was off the highway to the provincial road, County Road, and even the roads of an unknown village had his tire tracks left behind. It was not until the flow of time in the outside world resumed that Zhang Heng stopped, he filled up a car with gas at a gas station and used the cash to buy some food from the convenience store at the gas station. Then he continued on the road without resting.

On the road after that, he repeated the two things of driving and filling up the car. He didn't go to the hotel even when he rested. He just laid the back of the car down and narrowed his eyes for a while. Other than that, Zhang Heng also confirmed one thing.

The nightmares that he was experiencing right now had a pattern to them. Even with the extra 24 hours, they would only appear once a day, and if he could find a way to stop them.., the Nightmares wouldn't appear again for the rest of the day. For example, when Sage attacked him, and when he used the [ immune crystal ] last night, not only did he finally get a good night's sleep, he even took a nap on the way, he wasn't troubled by nightmares either.

Zhang Heng silently noted this down. After drinking the bottle of mineral water in his hand, he continued to drive forward. Because of the rain, the Nameless Road before him had become muddy, fortunately, Zhang Heng adjusted the height of the Polo's chassis before he set off. He increased the shock absorption spring, and at the same time, he changed the tires with a larger diameter so that they could pass through better.

Thus, the Polo drove along the winding path towards the mountains.

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At the same time, on the other side, a large-scale search operation began.

Although the three major guilds had reached an agreement on this matter, their attitudes were indeed slightly different from each other. Among them, silver wing was the most active, they had clearly stated that they hoped to get rid of this huge threat as soon as they found Simon. On the other hand, the people from the second front were more steady and did not object to getting rid of Simon, however, if there was a chance, they would not refuse to sit down with Simon and look for another solution. As for light arc, who had always been the most unyielding, this time, they unexpectedly expressed that they should first show respect before taking action, if they couldn't come to an agreement, then they would take action.

But no matter which party it was, their primary goal was to find Zhang Heng first.

### **Chapter 1365: There Was No Way Out**

Zhang Heng did not surf the Internet, so he did not know that the three major guilds had already reached an agreement to look for him.

However, even if he did not surf the internet, he could still guess the attitude of others towards him after his identity was exposed. This was also the reason why he had split up with Fan Meinan, Han Lu, and the others early on, it was also the reason why he had only asked Shen Xixi to help him get rid of the sniper at Fu Lou, but she had stopped him from going any further and continued to help him with other things.

This was because Zhang Heng knew very well that what awaited him was going to be an escape.

Since it was an escape, one more person and one less person wouldn't make much of a difference. On the contrary, it would drag everyone else down with it.

From the moment he made up his mind, he had already embarked on an extremely dangerous path. This journey would be more arduous than any of his previous ones, even Zhang Heng himself did not know what awaited him at the end of the road, but since he had already made his choice, he would follow this road to the end, even if it was a bottomless abyss.

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However, Zhang Heng did not know where he was.

He had followed the muddy path into the mountains four hours ago. After that, he even drove past a cliff and fell into the valley on the other side of the road.

There was still a section of road in the middle that had been washed away by the landslide two days ago. However, Zhang Heng had used his outstanding driving skills to drive the polo through the ruins of the road bit by bit, it was also at this point that he came across a small village.

Zhang Heng did not stop. Amidst the cheers and chases of the small ghosts, he passed through the middle of the village and continued to drive deeper into the mountains. At this time, the road in front of him could not even be called a road anymore, at most, it was a path made by humans and animals. Zhang Heng drove another two kilometers on this road and met a farmer who had just finished working in the fields and was heading home.

The farmer put down the head he was carrying on his shoulder and kindly reminded Zhang Heng, "Little Brother, there's no more road ahead."

"Thank you, I'm just taking a stroll," Zhang Heng said politely.

"It's getting late, it's time to go home," the farmer advised. "Your parents are waiting for you too, don't let them worry."

"I know," Zhang Heng said. "I'll go back after I'm done with the matters at hand."

"Sigh." Seeing that he couldn't stop the farmer, he could only sigh and watch the polo disappear into the night.

Although it was already night, it didn't really affect Zhang Heng much. After putting on the [ filter lens ], the 300 meters in front of him was like daytime to him, however, after driving for about seven kilometers, Zhang Heng finally stopped the car.

It wasn't that he didn't want to drive, but there was really no road in front of him.

To his left was a cliff, to his right was a dense forest, and in front of him was a stream. Although it was called a stream, it could actually be called a river. Zhang Heng got out of the car and measured the water depth, he knew that his polo would be there no matter what, and if he wasn't careful, he might even be washed off the cliff.

Seeing this, Zhang Heng didn't look dejected. He turned around and walked back to the car. He took out his laptop with a SIM card, but when he opened it, he couldn't find any internet signal.

Zhang Heng changed his position and angle a few more times. After confirming that this wasn't just one place, he put his laptop away. At that moment, he heard a noise coming from the forest beside him.

Zhang Heng turned around and looked at the source of the noise. To his surprise, it wasn't a beast, but an old man lying on the ground, motionless.

Zhang Heng took out the [ hidden scabbard ] from the trunk and walked toward the old man lying on the ground. After a simple check, he released his grip on the hilt of the knife. The old man looked like a villager from the nearby village, he looked like he was in his eighties. He had fallen from the mountain and hit his head somewhere along the way. One of his legs was probably fractured as well.

Zhang Heng helped him reattach his broken leg and fixed it with a wooden board and rope. He also used iodophor to disinfect and bandage the wound caused by the tree branches and stones, however, Zhang Heng had no other choice but to feed him some water and place him in the back seat of Polo's car.

The old man woke up two hours later. When he opened his eyes and saw where he was, he looked a little frightened. He struggled to get up, waving his hands around and slapping the glass, but he did not pull the car door handle, finally, Zhang Heng opened the car door and said to him, "Don't move, especially that injured leg of yours. Be careful not to become a cripple in the future."

The old man seemed to understand his words and finally stopped struggling. So, Zhang Heng brought him a bottle of mineral water and a box of supermarket best friends. "Have something to eat. I'll send you home in the morning."

The old man did not tear open the box of best friend. Instead, he stuffed it into his arms. Zhang Heng was afraid that the old man would not understand what he was saying, so he even showed him how to tear off the packaging. In the end, the old man nodded and shook his head, fortunately, he opened the bottle of mineral water and gulped it down.

At this point, Zhang Heng could tell that the old man did not have much contact with the outside world. Then, the old man pointed at his mouth and waved his hand. Zhang Heng immediately realized that the old man was probably a mute.

However, seeing that the old man might not be able to give his address, Zhang Heng was not in a hurry. "When I entered the mountain, I passed by a village. There should be someone there who knows you. Why don't I Send You There Tomorrow?"

In the end, the old man waved his hand again. Then, he seemed to want to get out of the car. Seeing this, Zhang Heng also went up to give him a hand and carried him out of the car. The old man pointed at the forest where Zhang Heng found him.

"Is your home there?" Zhang Heng turned around and asked.

The old man nodded this time.

Zhang Heng was a little surprised. He had thought that the old man had come into the mountain to pick firewood or to dig for wild vegetables, but he had not expected the old man to live here, this place was more than ten miles away from the previous village. Moreover, the previous village was already isolated enough that it was quite close to the depths of the mountains.

From the looks of the children chasing the car, there weren't many visitors in that place normally, but at least there was electricity and water. However, there wasn't even a telephone pole in sight. It was hard to imagine that most of the cities were filled with shopping malls, even with Starbucks and mcdonald's everywhere, there would still be people living in such a natural environment.

"Is there anyone else besides you in this mountain?" Zhang Heng asked curiously.

The old man nodded again.

"How many households are there?"

The old man shook his head again.

"Are you the only one in this place? How many people are there in your family, Father?"

Hearing this, the old man stretched out two fingers.

### **Chapter 1366: New Neighbors**

Zhang Heng had planned to wait until dawn to send the old man home, but he didn't expect the old man to be so anxious. He even ignored his injured leg and insisted on leaving.

After seeing the old man off, Zhang Heng simply took out his travel bag and locked polo. Then, he carried the old man through the forest and climbed up a steep cliff, in the middle, they jumped over a

mountain stream that was about a meter wide. Finally, they arrived at the old man's home in the middle of the mountain.

Although it was called a home, it was actually just a cave. Zhang Heng scanned the cave and found that it was about 200 square meters in size. Inside, there were some simple furniture, including a bed and a stool, a stove, a rice tank... there was no water or electricity, not to mention the internet. In fact, the furniture looked like it had been thrown away by others and had been picked up by the owner.

When he saw the figure on the bed, Zhang Heng understood why the old man was in such a hurry to come back.

There lay a small child. He was dark and small, like a little monkey. Although it was late, he did not fall asleep. His cheeks were flushed, and he was coughing softly.

Zhang Heng placed the old man on a recliner at the entrance of the cave. He walked up and touched the child's forehead, then looked at his throat. Fortunately, it was probably just a fever caused by an inflammation of the tonsils. No wonder the old man did not sleep at night.., he entered the forest, probably to pick herbs, but the sky was too dark, so he didn't see the path under his feet clearly and fell down.

It wasn't difficult to cure the illness. Zhang Heng had some anti-inflammatory drugs in his bag, and he fed the child on the bed a piece of amoxicillin with mineral water. Then, he found a place of his own and leaned against the wall of the cave, closing his eyes to rest.

On the other side, the old man saw that the child's condition was gradually improving, and he was finally relieved. After all, he was an old man, and after a night of torment, he quickly fell asleep after relaxing.

However, the old man usually did not sleep for long. He opened his eyes just after dawn, only to find that the young man who had saved him and treated the little girl was gone.

However, the old man saw the box of amoxicillin on the wooden table not far away. In addition, there was a walking stick made of small branches beside him. The old man stood up from the chair with the walking stick and walked to the bedside, he first looked at the child, then heard the sound coming from outside the cave.

The old man walked to the cave entrance and saw Zhang Heng on the cliff. Zhang Heng was carrying a heavy black box on his back as he climbed up the mountain. However, his footsteps were still light and steady, it seemed that he was not affected by the things on his back.

Zhang Heng also saw the old man standing at the cave entrance. He waved at him as a greeting. Then, he continued to climb up without stopping. However, he did not return to the cave, instead, he stopped at another stone wall not far away. The old man knew that place was also a cave, but it wasn't as big as this one, and the terrain was even steeper.

This was also the reason why he chose to live here in the end.

However, this wasn't a problem for Zhang Heng, and it could be seen that this wasn't his first time climbing into the cave. He even used vines to make a ladder for easy access.

In fact, including the 24 hours of time freeze, this was the seventh time Zhang Heng had entered and exited the cave. The first few times, he had mainly cleaned the cave, and then moved the props, food, and daily necessities he had brought in from the car.

Zhang Heng did not plan to stay here permanently because he did not have much time left. However, he was willing to spend some effort to make his life more comfortable under the current conditions, this time, he removed the battery from the polo car and used it to supply the electricity. Next, he would also move the engine and gasoline to this place.

However, after putting the battery in his new place, he returned to the larger cave next door to visit the old couple and the child who lived there.

Both of them looked much better than yesterday. The child's high fever had already subsided, but the old man's broken leg would take an unknown amount of time to heal, normally, an adult's fracture would take two to three months to heal. As for the elderly, it would take even longer.

Zhang Heng was worried that the two of them would not be able to eat, so he even brought them some instant noodles from the car. However, the old man waved his hand and refused. He placed the egg yolk pie that he had gotten from Zhang Heng Last Night in front of the little girl's bed, after that, he used his crutches to scoop out a bowl of rice from the rice vat and poured it into the iron pot. He also scooped out three large bowls of water from the water vat. It seemed like he was preparing to cook the porridge, and he even boiled Zhang Heng's bowl.

Seeing this, Zhang Heng did not rush down the mountain anymore. Instead, he stood to the side to help with the firewood burning and finished the porridge in the cave. At that moment, the little girl also got up from her bed, it was only then that Zhang Heng realized that the person he had fed the medicine to last night was actually a girl.

There was nothing he could do about it. When he was young, the difference between a man and a woman was not that obvious. Furthermore, the little girl looked a little malnourished. She was dark and thin. No matter who came, at first glance, he would think it was a boy.

Therefore, Zhang Heng left another box of multivitamins. Originally, he had brought this box with him just in case. Since he did not have much use for it, he might as well leave it for those who needed it more.

After breakfast, Zhang Heng didn't say much. He didn't even ask about the relationship between the old man and the girl, or why they lived in the depths of the mountains. He just continued to move the things that could be used.

In the end, not only did Zhang Heng put his luggage into the newly found cave, he also removed all the parts that could be used in the car. The rest of the useless parts were thrown into the stream, they were directly washed under the waterfall.

From that day onwards, the old and young couple, who had been living alone in the mountains, had an additional neighbor.

However, the new neighbor did not like to go out. Most of the time, he stayed in his cave alone. Only when he was eating would he come to the old man's and the little girl's Cave. Even though he had an

extra mouth.., however, the dishes were much richer than before. Zhang Hengche brought a lot of snacks and ready-to-eat food that did not require much cooking.

Other than that, with his survival skills in the wild, he could find a lot of wild vegetables and fruits just by going out for a walk. In total, it was much more than what he ate from the old man and the little girl.

Therefore, it did not take long for the little girl to fall in love with this young uncle who always brought good food every time he came. However, the expression on this young uncle's face was very calm no matter what, sometimes it gave her the feeling that it was like a stone.

### **Chapter 1367: Clues And Rewards**

Zhang Heng's appearance was like a pebble that had fallen into a pool of water. It caused a ripple in the little girl's originally peaceful life.

Although Zhang Heng spent most of his time in his own cave, other than eating, he would make a trip to the little girl's Cave whenever he was out, whether it was to cut down trees in the woods or dig up wild vegetables to hunt, he would ask them if they needed anything.

At first, the little girl was a little shy, so she mostly hid behind the old man. However, she gradually grew bolder. One time, she even quietly followed Zhang Heng. When Zhang Heng saw her, he did not wave his hand to chase her away, instead, he took the initiative to teach her some knowledge about plants.

From then on, every time Zhang Heng went out, the little girl would follow behind him. Therefore, Zhang Heng also taught her how to make traps to catch rabbits and how to fish with rocks. As for climbing trees, Zhang Heng did not need to teach her, the girl was quite skilled herself. She even took out bird eggs to give to Zhang Heng as a gift.

Unfortunately, happy times were always short.

Ten days later, a convoy drove into the small village deep in the mountains. From the SUV at the front, a man wearing a bulletproof vest and sunglasses got out.

He waved his hand to drive away the spectating kids. Then, he walked straight into the village committee's door. Ignoring the village officials who were welcoming him, he walked straight to a middle-aged man who was about forty years old, he asked, "Where is he?"

The middle-aged man, who was the village secretary of this small village, immediately said to his deputy, "Go, get the broadcasting station to call Chao Ying over."

However, just as the man took a step forward, he was stopped by a man wearing a bulletproof vest. "Come back." Then, he looked at the village secretary with a half-smile on his face. He looked around the office that was about to be filled with people, "Do you still remember what I told you before? The target is a very cunning and fierce fugitive who has taken more than 20 lives. You must not alert the enemy before you make your move. In the end, you made such a big welcome. Are you afraid that people will not know that we are coming?"

The village secretary smiled embarrassedly when he heard that.

"Forget it. I Don't blame you for the welcome, but you must not use the radio. Find someone to lead the way. We will find the person called Chao Ying Ourselves."

“Okay.”The village secretary wiped the sweat from his forehead and hurriedly agreed.

Therefore, three minutes later, the person who was sent to the radio station also got into the SUV and came to a field at the westernmost part of the village. A farmer named Wang Chaoying was fertilizing the field, the Man in bulletproof clothing saw the figure of the head of the field from afar. He jumped out of the car and walked to the front of the man without caring about the muddy road.

“Ten days ago, were you the one who saw a polo drive into the mountains?”

“What kind of broken gong?”Wang Chaoying was a little confused and didn’t know what the man on the other side was talking about.

The Man in the bulletproof vest wasn’t in a hurry. He took out a photo from his pocket and handed it to Wang chaoying. “It’s the car in the photo.”

“OH.”Wang chaoying wiped his hands on his clothes and took the photo with his calloused palm. He looked at it carefully a few times and finally said in an uncertain tone, “It should be this one.”

The Man in the bulletproof vest smiled. He knew why the farmer in front of him was hesitating. It was not because he did not see it clearly at that time, but because he was afraid that he would get into trouble after seeing today’s situation, that was why he subconsciously did not want to say it out loud.

The Man in the bulletproof vest did not make things difficult for him. He only continued to ask, “There is only one person in the car, right?”

“I think so.”

Wang chaoying answered while looking at the convoy beside the field with some fear.

“Thank you for your cooperation. I have nothing more to ask. I wish you a good harvest this year.”After saying that, the man in the bulletproof vest put away the photo and returned to the car. He said into the walkie-talkie, “It’s confirmed. He’s here.”

After saying that, he put down the walkie-talkie and let the person in the back seat take out a heavy, large suitcase from the trunk and hand it to the village cadre who had come with him, “This is the reward for providing clues. Don’t worry, it’s legal income. You can use it for anything.”

The village cadre opened the suitcase and saw the one million cash inside. He felt as if his breathing had become heavier. It was true that some villages were very wealthy, and every household had two or three scooters, but their village clearly did not belong to such a situation.

There was even a moment when he did not want to return to the village committee. The idea of taking the box of money and running away flashed through his mind. However, the box was so heavy that he could not run far even if he wanted to.

“Send a car to send him back. After that, we will prepare to enter the mountains.”After the man in bulletproof clothing dealt with the clues, he refastened his seatbelt, “Tell everyone to get ready for battle. Our opponent this time is not easy to deal with. It is best for everyone to use their strength to deal with the gods.”



“Aren’t you exaggerating a little too much?” Seeing the village official being escorted out of the car, another person in the back row spoke up, “The three large guilds have all made their moves. Three of the top ten players on the player leaderboard have already made it. No matter how powerful Simon is, there’s no way he can escape like last time, right?”

However, another person, who had been resting with his eyes closed, suddenly spoke up, “What did the arc of light say? Do they still want to talk to Simon at this time?” “We don’t have much time left, right? If Cthulhu really takes over Simon’s body, then the entire world will be in danger. Did the arc of Light’s group lose their heads? After their guild leader was heavily injured in the siege in February, they suddenly changed their attitude. Are they planning to put down the butcher’s knife, eat vegetarian food, and pray?”

The man in bulletproof clothing sneered when he heard this. However, he did not explain much and only said, “Ignore them. Although we don’t want to admit it, there are indeed many experts in the arc of light. If February’s siege was not heavily injured, it would not be a problem to say that they are the leaders of the three great guilds. We still need their help for this operation. At the very least, our initial goal is to capture Simon first. “What happens after that is nothing more than a bullet. As long as our hands are fast enough, the arc of Light’s people won’t be able to do anything about it.”

“Alright, you’re right.” The two people in the backseat checked the weapons in their hands and also put on bulletproof vests like the person in front of them, one of them was holding the fire qilin, which had once been the most popular weapon in a FPS game.

The team continued to drive deeper into the mountains in a somber atmosphere. They were clearly the attackers in the battle, but most people were not relaxed. There was nothing they could do. The shadow of a famous tree, Simon was too famous among the players. The battle at the headquarters of the deputy building proved this point once again.

Therefore, even those who thought that this operation would succeed did not think that the following battle would be easy.

### **Chapter 1368: Hunting Dogs**

The motorcade passed through the forest. The roar of the engine broke the peace in the mountains and startled the birds along the way.

The motorcade clearly knew that it would be difficult for them to be completely stealthy with so many people working together, so they did not try to cover up their movements.

The motorcade’s drivers were not as good as Zhang Heng. However, with the superior performance of the off-road vehicle and a team of engineers, they managed to cut down trees and pave the way to the place where Zhang Heng’s polo had arrived.

The three people in the lead SUV got off and looked at the river in front of them. The man in sunglasses said, “I don’t think his polo can drive through it. This is no longer a problem of driving skills.”

“Then where is his car?” A tanned man asked after looking around.

“He might have been washed down.” Another man pointed in the direction of the waterfall.

“Send someone down to take a look,” the man wearing sunglasses said. “I have a feeling that he should be nearby.”

Fifteen minutes later, the divers who had descended to the waterfall returned and reported that they had indeed seen the wreckage of the car underwater. Hence, the members of the convoy also got out of the car and formed a small team of six, they began to carefully search for traces of human activity in the vicinity.

This time, the three major guilds had made thorough preparations. There were many experts in the convoy who were good at tracking footprints, and they even brought hunting dogs with them.

The dog trainer gave the hunting dogs the items that Zhang Heng had found from the school to sniff out before releasing the hunting dogs. The group soon discovered the cave on the cliff wall.

The man in sunglasses led the two groups into the cave that was slightly lower.

They had been very careful along the way, and it was only after the sniper had aimed at the cave’s entrance that someone poked their head in. In the end, they only saw an old man inside.

The man in sunglasses looked around. After confirming that there was no one else in the cave, he put away the rifle in his hand and swaggered in. At the same time, he said to the old man who was mending his clothes, “Old Man, have you seen a man who is about my height? Well, he doesn’t have any expression on his face. He looks like someone who is not to be trifled with.”

The old man raised his head. His expression was a little confused and a little scared, but he still shook his head.

The man in sunglasses burst out laughing. He walked to the stone table in the middle of the cave and picked up the bottle of multi-vitamin pills, “Don’t tell me you bought this thing online. Even the postal service can’t get in this damn place.”

The two teams that came in with him also searched the cave. Soon, they found more things from the outside, including, but not limited to, a bag of beef jerky and amoxicillin pills, there was also a blanket.

However, one of them returned to the man wearing sunglasses. “I didn’t find any toiletries. It seems that he doesn’t live here.”

The man wearing sunglasses did not say anything when he heard that. He just walked to the old man, squatted down, and smiled, “Father, don’t be afraid. We are not bad people. On the contrary, the person who gave you the thing is the real bad guy. He killed a lot of people and his hands were covered in blood. He ran all the way here to escape the punishment of the law. For the safety of you and your family, we hope that you can cooperate with us and bring this dangerous thug to justice as soon as possible.”

However, the old man still shook his head and pointed at his own mouth.

“Are You Mute?” The man in sunglasses shifted his gaze to the old man’s injured leg. “Or are you under his care and don’t want to Betray Your Savior?”

The man in sunglasses knocked on the wooden board that the old man was facing as he spoke, “How long has it been? Were you injured when you met him?” “Don’t be fooled by him. Based on our

understanding of him, he's very cunning. Perhaps he's the one who did this to your leg. Ha, I know what you're thinking, but believe me, if he wanted to scheme against someone, most ordinary people would die without knowing how he did it."

"Don't you think it's too much of a coincidence? Your leg was injured, and he just happened to appear and save you. So you brought him to your residence, but you didn't know that you were inviting a wolf into the house."

The old man kept shaking his head.

The man wearing sunglasses finally lost his patience, but at this moment, another person walked into the cave. "The Hound found another cave. That should be his residence. Do you want to go take a look?"

"Of course." The man wearing sunglasses stood up and looked away from the old man. "There's nothing to investigate in this place. Leave a team here to prevent him from sneaking back. The rest of you, follow me."

The group followed the cliff wall and soon arrived at another cave. This time, the man in sunglasses finally revealed a look of surprise. In fact, he wasn't the only one.., the other members of the team behind him were also somewhat dumbstruck when they saw the scene in the cave.

"Is he... taking apart his own car?" The man with tanned skin asked in surprise.

"Why did he move the engine and fuel tank here?" "Yes, even the back seat was taken down to make a bed, and the reading lamp was also used for lighting. He really didn't let go of any parts that could be used," another person added.

Other than that, they also found some sharpened branches under a stone wall. It seemed that someone planned to make them into arrows, but they didn't have time to finish them. One set of clothes, one set of toiletries.., there was half a bottle of mineral water that hadn't been finished. Other than that, there was nothing else in the cave. It was unbelievably clean.

"He already knows that we're here," said the man in sunglasses. He picked up the bottle of mineral water and sniffed it, but found that it actually smelled of peach.

"That's not surprising. After all, we made quite a commotion when we came. But if that's the case, is he planning to hide deeper in the mountain and avoid me?"

"It's fine. As long as he appears in my sight once, he won't be able to escape again," the man in sunglasses said confidently.

However, after he finished speaking, he looked at the engine and fuel tank in the cave. He was a little confused. If Zhang Heng was only here to light up the cave, why would he need to go through so much trouble to remove so many things from the car, would he have to go through so much trouble to bring them back?

However, the search had already begun, so there was no time for him to think about such a problem. The man in sunglasses asked someone to bring the hounds in and sniffed the cave's scent, especially the scent left behind by the clothes, the six hounds soon started Barking and rushed out of the cave one by one.

## Chapter 1369: Traps

The little girl had been following Zhang Heng around for the past few days. Even though Zhang Heng was still teaching her a few tricks to survive in the wild, she did not spend the rest of her time collecting food to improve her diet. On the contrary.., from three days ago, Zhang Heng's attention had been focused on creating traps.

There were all kinds of traps, from the trees, underground, and in the water. Among them, there were some that were quite lethal. The little girl had seen Zhang Heng put four sharpened wooden stakes under one of the traps with her own eyes, even though Zhang Heng said that the traps were for hunting, the little girl could still sense something unusual.

She had already realized that something bad was about to happen, but she didn't ask Zhang Heng. Zhang Heng also didn't explain. He only told the little girl to remember the location of the traps, this was also why Zhang Heng brought the little girl along. She and her grandfather lived in this deep mountain. Zhang Heng was worried that the traps would hurt them before the battle started.

That afternoon, Zhang Heng brought the little girl to set up the traps as usual after lunch. It was at this time that he saw the birds that were startled by the commotion in the distant forest.

Zhang Heng frowned and looked at the little girl standing at the side. In fact, his trap setup was nearing its end, and he had decided not to bring the little girl with him this afternoon, this was because he knew that the group of people were looking for him. Previously, he did not even want to contact Shen Xixi and Fan Meinan, so naturally, he did not want to involve the grandparents in this.

However, from the direction where the birds were startled, the group of people was further away from the two caves than he was. Of course, the group of people did not know where he lived, so they definitely had to search for him. However, it was too late for them to rush back now, they might even be blocked near the cave. Not only would they not be able to use the traps here, but more importantly, they would definitely implicate the grandparents.

Therefore, Zhang Heng made a prompt decision. He found a relatively hidden hill and told the little girl to stay behind the hill, "Later, no matter what you hear, don't come out. If I'm not back by nightfall, you can go back to your grandfather. If you meet anyone else on the way, you can answer whatever they ask. As long as you cooperate well, they shouldn't make things difficult for you and your grandfather."

With that, Zhang Heng carried his backpack and left alone. Three days ago, he had already moved all the props and supplies out of his residence and hid them in another place that was even less easy to find.

Therefore, he went there first and took the -LSB- infinite building blocks ] and a bagLegosegZhanghHengheng had considered building a more powerful weapon, such as a missile launcher or a howitzer.

However, such weapons of mass destruction were not suitable for fighting in the mountains, and Zhang Heng had to consider the possibility of accidental injury, this was because he was not sure whether the group of people who came to capture him had brought the villagers from nearby villages as guides or even brought the old man from the cave with them. Besides, these large weapons were all surprisingly large and heavy, once the enemy couldn't be wiped out completely, it would be difficult to bring them away when they needed to move.

[ infinite building blocks ] might not be Zhang Heng's most powerful weapon, but it had always been the most flexible weapon. It could adapt to all kinds of combat situations, so Zhang Heng didn't want to use it as a one-time consumable.

Therefore, Zhang Heng's first weapon that he had assembled using Lego was still a gun — the SR-25 combat rifle!

The prototype of this sniper rifle was designed by Eugene Stoner. The semi-automatic rifle SR-25 produced by Knight Armory was originally a civilian product, but it was later picked up by the U.S. Special Operations Forces, it had entered the U.S. Army in 1990 and participated in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. It could be considered a weapon that had been tested in actual combat.

One of the main reasons Zhang Heng chose this gun was that it was relatively light. The entire gun weighed less than 5 kilograms. Of course, it was not as heavy as the Vorse S16 he had used on the elevated platform, however, the SR-25 could be equipped with 20 rounds of ammunition. For Zhang Heng, who did not have the ammunition to replenish his sniper rifle, every bullet was precious.

However, the effective range of this gun was only about 600 meters. It might not be enough on flat ground, but it was enough to fight in the forest.

Zhang Heng checked the newly acquired Sr-25 and walked toward the direction of the convoy.

He had only walked less than 200 meters when he heard the barking of dogs in the distance. There was also the sound of chaotic footsteps behind the hounds.

Zhang Heng did not want to waste his precious sniper bullets on the hounds, so he took off his shirt and cut it with a knife. Four minutes later, the six hounds rushed to the spot where Zhang Heng had been standing. They did not hesitate, they rushed toward a big tree not far away.

The two hounds in the lead missed their footing and fell into a deep pit. When the search team behind them arrived, they saw the three hounds circling the deep pit anxiously and whining.

The man wearing sunglasses walked to the side of the deep pit and took a look. He saw the tragic scene inside. The two hounds that fell first had their abdomen and neck pierced by the sharp tree stump. They were about to die, although the two hounds behind them stopped in time by the side of the pit, one of them was still knocked down by the companion behind them. It was not life-threatening. It was just that one of its legs was stabbed, obviously, he could not participate in the subsequent search.

"TSK, TSK, tsk. It was a bad start. That guy was indeed not unprepared," the man wearing sunglasses said. "Lead the remaining three hounds well. Be careful of the traps. We are fighting on their territory."

The hounds that had lost half of their original owners were also a reminder to the pursuers, making them a lot more cautious in their next actions. Even so, one dog and two people were still hit by the traps, they were injured by strange traps.

However, when he saw a player whose arm had swelled up and become twice as thick, the man wearing sunglasses was not angry. Instead, he seemed to have thought of something and praised, "Amazing!"

"What's Amazing?" The man holding the fire qilin asked.

"He knows that we brought hounds."

“And then?”The man holding the fire qilin was still confused. It was not surprising that Simon knew that they brought hounds. After all, the barking of dogs could be heard from a distance.

The man wearing sunglasses patiently explained, “Then, he played along. He used the hunting dog’s principle of action to track his scent, and instead, he gradually led us into his trap. This guy is as cunning and difficult to deal with as the rumors say. Moreover, according to the players who have entered dungeons with him, not only does he have a lot of tools, but he also has a lot of terrifying skills. He is practically an army of one person in the legends.”

### **Chapter 1370: The Dwarf And The Twins**

“One person can master the skills of an entire team? Is there really someone who can do that?”The man holding the fire qilin was skeptical.

“Rumor has it that he is the representative of the god of time, Chronos. He might even have a time and spirit house like the one in ‘Dragon Ball’that allows him to train in it,”the man wearing sunglasses said with a serious expression.

“Isn’t this cheating? !”The man holding the fire kylin instantly felt that the fire kylin in his hand was no longer fragrant.

“Don’t be so envious. I also heard that Kronos had no good intentions when he set his eyes on him,”someone on the other side who had not said much suddenly said.

“Who said that?”The man wearing sunglasses was stunned.

“The god of sleep, Shupnos, he told me,”a young man with half-awake eyes said. “Shupnos said that Kronos went to look for him and asked him for a favor.”

“What favor?”

“Shupnos didn’t say, but Shupnos seems to have known about Simon’s identity since a long time ago. Anyway, Shupnos didn’t look surprised after Simon was exposed.”

“These bastard gods are all not easy to deal with, and none of them are reliable.”The man in sunglasses snorted coldly, “Forget it, don’t bother about those things. This operation is packed with experts, and with sufficient preparations, even if Kronos makes a move, he won’t be able to stop us from killing Simon.”

As the three of them were talking, a gunshot suddenly came from the forest, and almost at the same time, a member of the search team fell to the ground. However, because he was wearing a bulletproof vest., this shot did not take his life. It only broke two of his ribs.

The search team reacted quickly. They immediately crouched down and looked for cover. At the same time, someone reported Zhang Heng’s location and weapon, “10 o’clock, distance... about 500 meters, using a 7.62 mm bullet.”

“Prepare a tactical encirclement,”the man wearing sunglasses said decisively, “Which team is willing to pin down the target?”

“Don’t bother, I can do it alone.” Before the others could speak, a short dwarf who was less than 1.4 meters tall said proudly. He was one of the few people in the team who did not wear a bulletproof vest, after saying this, his body gradually faded under the sunlight until it completely disappeared.

“Invisibility? This is really the ability that every man dreams of having,” the man holding the fire qilin sighed.

The Dwarf, who had used the invisibility ability, was so confident that he was on his way. In his opinion, no matter how powerful Simon was, he would not be able to deal with an enemy that could not be seen at all. His journey was said to be a hindrance, but if he was lucky.., he might even be able to finish off this powerful enemy that was ranked first on the player leaderboard.

This way, not only would he be able to make a name for himself among the players, he would also be able to save the world on his own.

However, what the search party had been waiting for was not the good news that the dwarf had brought. Instead, it was another gunshot. This time, Zhang Heng directly hit the target in the head. Unfortunately, the player did not even have the time to show off his ability before he was shot in the head, he was shot in the head.

Fortunately, the encirclement went smoothly. Ten minutes later, when the man in sunglasses arrived at Zhang Heng’s previous shooting spot, there was only blood on the ground. No one was seen.

The man in sunglasses was still wondering whose blood it was when he saw the man holding the fire qilin suddenly stumble. He seemed to have tripped over something. On the other side, about two meters away.., another player was also tripped by the air, and there was a bloodstain on his shoe.

The man in sunglasses sighed. From the distance of two meters, there was no need to save him. The dwarf probably had his head chopped off as soon as he got close to Zhang Heng.

“What kind of invisibility ability is this? Is it really that useless?” Someone couldn’t help but complain. “If you don’t have the ability, then don’t try to be so strong.”

“It’s not that he’s too weak, it’s just that the opponent is too strong.” The man in sunglasses shook his head, “When he passed by you guys just now, did any of you sense his presence? Furthermore, the invisibility effect did not disappear after his death. Clearly, there’s nothing wrong with his ability.”

Everyone fell silent when they heard this. However, Zhang Heng did not seem to intend to give them time to mourn for their comrade. Immediately after, another gunshot sounded. However, this time, the person who was shot only swayed a little, surprisingly, he only kneeled on one knee and covered his chest.

This time, Zhang Heng purposely looked for a player who was not wearing a bulletproof vest. However, after hitting the target, he could not help but raise his eyebrows.

The person covered his chest and panted heavily. However, when he moved his palm away, there was no wound or blood on his chest. On his palm, there was a bullet made of yarn.

The man holding the fire qilin widened his eyes. “You can do that?”

“The magician ranked 21st on the player leaderboard really lives up to his reputation.”The man wearing sunglasses was generous with his praise.

Even though he had no doubt about the final victory of this operation, he had been led by the nose by Zhang Heng right from the start. He had lost his men, but he had not even seen the shadow of the other party. The dwarf that had been sent to hold him back had long been killed, it was impossible to say that it would not affect the morale of the team.

Fortunately, there was still the magician. This beautiful move had saved some face for the search party. However, on the other side, Zhang Heng did not have any intention of fighting the magician to the death. He decisively turned his gun around after missing the first shot, after killing another player who was close to him, he did not continue fighting. He carried his sniper rifle on his back and moved to the next location.

Therefore, the man in sunglasses had no choice but to continue recruiting brave warriors to surround Zhang Heng.

However, with the dwarf’s experience, the players became more cautious this time. After about ten seconds, two more people stood out. “Let’s go.”

The man in sunglasses looked at the two identical twins before him. His eyebrows twitched and a hint of joy appeared on his face. “It’s great that you two are willing to help, but...”

“We have our priorities straight. Even though the arc of light advocates a peaceful solution to this issue, at the very least, we need to make sure that Simon is willing to sit down and talk to us, so let’s go convince him,”said the twin on the left.

“We will definitely talk to him,”said the other twin with a smile.

After that, the two of them walked toward Zhang Heng. They didn’t walk too fast or too slow, but they looked very relaxed until a bullet flew out from the forest, it hit the forehead of a twin on the left side, and the twin fell to the ground.