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Chapter 994: Chapter 922: Laser Corridor Chapter 994: Chapter 922: Laser Corridor All the viewers' faces drastically changed; some of the more timid spectators turned deathly pale!

"Holy shit!"

"I'm scared to death!"

"The female corpse suddenly opened her eyes, and with this music, it's simply terrifying!"

"Is this female corpse the zombie from the movie?"

"I almost forgot this damn thing is a zombie movie; the film has been playing for so long without showing a trace of a zombie, but instead, it introduced something like a smart AI."

"It's truly Fish Papa's brainchild, attempting to mix the least scientific zombies with science?"

"The Red Queen is quite an intriguing design, isn't she the major antagonist in Chu Kuang old rascal's fairy tale 'Alice in Wonderland'? Is Xian Yu creating a crossover and paying tribute?"

"No wonder no one could escape the disaster at the company; things like the elevators were all controlled by the smart AI, Red Queen!"

"The female lead and her companions haven't noticed the corpse's eyes opened!"

The audience slightly relaxed and then looked on with even greater curiosity.

The sci-fi development was beyond all viewers' expectations, and the concept of a smart AI dumbfounded the audience, arousing a more intense anticipation for the unfolding of the story.

At that time.

Although the movie resolved some of the mysteries, many still remained shrouded in fog, such as what roles the female lead and the two men played in this event.

They all suffered from amnesia.

So what truth lay hidden in their memories?

Who is the good guy?

Who is the bad guy?

In the sixth row.

Butcher Zhengdao said, "The pace is truly perfect."

Beside him, Jia Haoren nodded, "The suspense is intricately designed."

The gripping suspense layered upon layers, seemed to envelop the events in a mysterious fog!

Just when the audience was about to be confused by the plot, the screenwriter suddenly revealed part of the mysteries!

This exquisite design not only kept the audience's interest but also sparked their curiosity to explore more mysteries!

Indeed, this was the case.

Now, the attention of the audience was completely captivated by the movie!

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The scene continued.

High-tech scenes were abundantly used.

It was in a different league compared to the original basic high-tech scenes.

The entire research facility exuded a futuristic and trendy vibe, especially the scenes scanned by the smart AI Red Queen through the monitoring perspective, which were filled with a strange sense of danger.

In the thirtieth minute of the movie.

They had to pass through a corridor.

The armed leader took the lead and placed a device on the door, which was then unlocked with the help of a tech personnel.

"Move."

The leader gave the command.

Several armed personnel followed him into the corridor.

However, just as the leader, among the four armed personnel, entered the corridor, the doors at both ends of the corridor suddenly shut!

Afterward.

One of the trapped armed personnel looked towards the end of the corridor, his expression blank and puzzled, and said,
“What is that?”

Before his words had fully settled, a white laser connecting the walls on both sides swiftly moved towards them!

“Get down!”

The leader’s face changed dramatically as he quickly crouched down.

One of the armed personnel’s five fingers were smoothly severed by the white laser, letting out a painful howl!

At the same time.

An armed woman failed to react in time and was directly hit by the laser.

In the eyes of all the spectators in the cinema.

A cut appeared on the neck of the female armed personnel.

The next moment.

Her head slid off.

This immediately plunged the entire cinema into horror!

Just as all viewers were engulfed in horror, the laser at the end of the corridor reappeared!

Swoosh!

The laser swept across.

The second armed personnel was cut in half, his body split into two!

Then,
the third laser appeared from the middle and even grazed toward the direction in which
the human body dodged as it approached.

The third armed personnel member was killed!

Only the leader of the armed personnel remained alive!

At that moment, the fourth laser emerged and, just as it was about to reach the officer, it
suddenly transformed into a net!

Swipe!

The officer's body was penetrated by this laser net, turning into fragments.

At this moment!

Everyone was silent!

There were no screams, no cries!

The whole theater was eerily quiet!

A tremendous shock enveloped everyone!

As the laser swept over, some audience members even felt as if they were part of the
scene, almost unable to resist dodging along!

And when the laser turned into a net, countless viewers fell into despair in that instant!

In the face of technology, even the best skills were of no avail!

"What is this!"

"My scalp is tingling!"

"I still can't stop imagining myself in that scene, trying to figure out how to dodge that
laser..."

"It's impossible to dodge a net!"

"My God, my back is all sweaty!"

"If I were in there, how desperate I would be at this moment!"

"What a twisted design!"

“Compared to this, the terror of the elevator scene at the beginning is child’s play!”

Laser Corridor!

Terminate everything!

This is one of the most classic scenes in “Resident Evil”!

Heads severed, lasers turning into nets, this scene has left a psychological imprint on many!

Many people who have seen this movie might forget the plot, but they will never forget this lethal death corridor!

Such an impact was not only for this theater.

In every other theater across Blue Star where “Resident Evil” was being shown, the audience was freaking out!

“Damn it!”

“Oh my God!”

“The more I watch this scene, the more terrifying it feels!”

“This laser is simply unsolvable unless someone turns it off!”

“It’s turned off, but it’s too late, those four were wiped out in seconds!”

“Lucky they didn’t all go in!”

“If everyone had gone in, it would have been a total wipeout!”

Tu Zheng took a deep breath, his face instantly covered with cold sweat.

This scene design was utterly shocking, a classic mess!

It wasn’t particularly gory, as there was no splattering of blood, nor was the music eerily done...

But it was frightening!

The fright arose from the sheer visual shock!

Because everyone who viewed it subconsciously put themselves into the characters’ place, especially with the naked-eye 3D viewing effect.

The result was just a slight projection, and despair immediately engulfed the heart!

“This scene will become a classic.”

Jia Haoren swallowed, starting to speak with a rather dry voice, “The last man alive had the most pitiful death, directly chopped into pieces by the laser corridor.”

“The movie’s pacing is controlled so well.”

Tu Zheng did not continue discussing the laser corridor, though he still couldn’t forget the scene:

“The zombies haven’t shown up yet.”

“Has it been half an hour already?”

Even the two experienced film critics were somewhat surprised; it was ostensibly a movie about zombies, but the zombies had not yet appeared.

Fortunately,
shortly after the two mentioned zombies, zombies finally appeared!

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Chapter 995: Chapter 923 Licker Chapter 995: Chapter 923 Licker At first, there was only one zombie.

It was a long-haired man in a white lab coat.

This man seemed impervious to bullets, shot numerous times, yet he kept advancing relentlessly.

However.

The audience didn’t think it was anything special.

Some even laughed, “Is that all?”

The horror of the zombies was nothing compared to the laser corridor.

Tu Zheng and Jia Haoren both looked surprised; what was so scary about this kind of zombie?

But then.

The moment a horde of zombies appeared, the faces of the audience changed color, and even Tu Zheng and Jia Haoren were flabbergasted!

What was this?

A dense mass of zombies appeared!

You couldn't see the end of them in the entire basement!

The one leading the zombies, clearly with a broken foot, was still walking, dragging an axe in hand!

And some of the zombies had flesh so decomposed that even some were left with only half a face, creating an image of extreme horror!

Swish, swish, swish!

Everyone's scalp tightened again, their eyes suddenly bulging as if they had seen some unbelievable scene!

"Holy crap!"

"So many!"

"A zombie legion, no way!"

"This is too twisted!"

"That one with only half a face, is that special effects?"

"It looks so real!"

"Scared pissless!"

"These are not the zombies I remember!"

"My claustrophobia is kicking in, how can you kill them all, there aren't enough bullets, okay!"

Not the same!

Not the same at all!

This was the first time the Blue Star audience faced such a scene!

They had never thought that when zombies appeared in a dense swarm, it would cause such a huge shock!

And the movies from before, they'd never filmed anything like it!

...

In a Qin Continent movie theater.

"Are you telling me these motherfuckers are zombies?"

"You're kidding me, how can there be so many zombies, I'm scared to pee!"

"These zombies' appearances are so not cool!"

...

In a Qi Continent movie theater.

“This shit’s too heavy for me, I love it!”

“Zombies surge like a tide, like they’re damn free!”

“It’s too thrilling!”

...

In a Chu Continent movie theater.

“What kind of zombies are these, for real!”

“I take back what I said before, these zombies are way scarier than just one showing up!”

“This is freaking awesome!”

...

Netizens across the continents were dumbfounded!

But this was not the scariest part yet!

When the female lead acted alone, an even more terrifying zombie appeared!

To be precise:

This should not be a zombie, but a dog!

The dog’s exterior flesh was completely decayed, its blurry bloodstains covering its entire body, as it howled at the female lead!

Seeing such a dog, the audience’s hair stood on end almost instinctively!

“Damn it!”

“Even the dogs have mutated?”

“That dog looks so freaking scary!”

“We’re done for!”

“What kind of freaky thing is this!”

“It’s getting more and more exciting, this is even better than the laser corridor!”

“Dogs are more terrifying than human zombies, these creatures run damn fast!”

“A live dog, people aren’t even a match, let alone a dead dog?”

...

Of course, the female lead would be okay.

Just when the audience was curious how the female lead would solve the problem, she seemed to awaken some memory and displayed an impressive marksmanship!

Bang!

The dog was instantly killed!

And when the female lead ran into another room, the audience's breathing almost came to a halt!

Several dogs appeared all at once!

This pack of dogs, with blood and flesh blurred all over their bodies, growled fiercely and suddenly sped up, charging at the female lead!

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The result.

The protagonist directly shot most of the dogs dead with a gun.

When the bullets ran out, one dog remained unscathed; she stepped on the wall and delivered a side kick, hitting the dog right in the forehead!

Previously it was horror!

Then it turned into excitement!

Now, it had become thrilling and satisfying!

The audience never expected the protagonist to be a hidden expert!

When the protagonist killed the first dog, everyone thought it was luck, but now they realized it was pure skill!

“Am I the expert?”

“This plot twist, totally unexpected!”

“I thought the protagonist would just be a burden in this kind of situation, yet her shooting is divine, and her close combat level is so high?”

“Awesome!”

“For the first time, I feel that a woman can be so cool!”

“No wonder the protagonist is the security head of Umbrella Corporation; she's a born fighter for sure!”

“Was she amnesiac before, and now her combat instincts have been awakened?”

“It looks like the protagonist is the strongest among them all. I knew there was a reason for a lead female role in this movie; the highlights are right here!”

...

One climax after another!

Zombies keep surging like tides!

The sudden appearances of the zombified dogs keep intensifying the horror and excitement!

And with the protagonist's sudden powerhouse performance, a massive climax was formed amidst the oppressing plot!

Up to this point.

The classic elements of commercial cinema have been fully utilized!

And as the dense horde of zombies pursues them, more mysteries in the movie are revealed.

The Red Queen explained everything upon rebooting:

It turns out these zombies were infected by a biohazard virus, turning into ravenous undead craving fresh flesh!

The dogs included.

At this moment, the protagonist finally remembered her name:

Alice!

...

The audience in theaters were stunned.

Tu Zheng and Jia Haoren were stunned too.

They were no different from the regular audience at this moment, completely led by the nose by the plot!

The tide of zombies and the setting of the biohazard infection provided a scientific explanation for their origin, completely shattering any Blue Starians' conventional impression of so-called zombies!

And the appearance of the zombie dogs further escalated the excitement!

After the protagonist's breakout, a perfect balance between oppression and excitement was achieved!

“This way of continuously unveiling mysteries while throwing out new points of excitement, it's simply commercial cinematic elements at their finest!”

“How did Xian Yu come up with this plotline!”

“I can guarantee that after this movie, countless films will mimic its design of zombie hordes!”

“The idea that animals can also be infected and become terrifying monsters isn’t new, but to put it in a zombie film like this, nobody has ever done it!”

This was virtually pioneering within the industry!

...

Within layers of shock.

The pace of the plot finally slowed down a bit.

After recovering her memories, Alice’s husband finally remembered his own memories too!

Turns out.

Alice’s marriage to her husband was a sham, they had just gotten caught up in their own act.

And the disaster at the Racoon City research facility was brought about by Alice’s husband.

This man wanted to steal the virus and antivirus to sell them, as there were buyers willing to pay a high price!

After stealing the items.

He intentionally broke the virus container, causing the disaster at the research facility.

Realizing this, the conflict was no longer just between humans and zombies and the Red Queen.

Conflicts among humans began to emerge.

In theaters everywhere, the audience’s enthusiasm for watching was at its peak!

“So the protagonist is Alice!”

“Alice, the Red Queen, aren’t those characters from ‘Alice in Wonderland’?”

“Xian Yu is indeed crossing over with Chu Kuang!”

“The climax from the laser corridor is just one wave after another!”

“That husband is detestable!”

“Look quick!”

“What is this?”

With an alarming scream, another zombie appeared on the screen!

This zombie, in the blink of an eye, killed Alice’s villainous husband!

If the threat level of a zombie dog is considered to be one notch higher than that of a human zombie, then this newly appeared zombie would probably be described as hellish in its danger!

This zombie was massive!

Its long tongue shot out a deep crimson color!

Its whole body was powerful and mighty, and it even possessed the ability to climb walls agilely, as if it combined the strengths of many animals!

Moreover.

This zombie’s body was devoid of skin, with only blurred flesh and clearly visible sinews on display, stirring an instinctive fear—

The Licker!

Chapter 996: Chapter 924 This is Not the Kind of Zombie I Know Chapter 996: Chapter 924 This is Not the Kind of Zombie I Know Yan Continent’s certain movie theater.

“This, my friends, is the real big boss!”

“The Red Queen called this creature ‘Licker’. It’s a monster developed early on by the institute, with a bunch of special genes fused into it!”

“Next to this, those zombie dogs are like little brothers!”

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Han Continent’s certain movie theater.

“My God!”

“The Licker can actually evolve!”

“Its body gets bigger, and its appearance becomes even more terrifying!”

...

Zhao Continent’s certain movie theater.

“Such a terrifying monster!”

“Alice probably isn’t a match for it!”

“She’s totally outclassed, okay? I have no idea how the screenwriter plans to arrange the plot from here. Is it even possible to kill this thing?”

...

Once the Licker appeared, all the major theaters went wild!

The audience for this kind of movie loves the thrill and terror.

Many people entered the theater without expecting that the mere setup of zombies could be played with such variety!

In such an atmosphere,

the movie finally entered the ultimate battle!

Alice and the others, facing the Licker, chose to run without hesitation.

A group of people boarded the train they had arrived on, fleeing indiscriminately!

However,

the Licker had already set its sights on them!

The metal train carriage was directly torn open by the Licker’s claws!

A reporter named Matt got his arm raked, leaving behind a blurry trail of blood.

Finally!

The train door broke!

The Licker’s massive body squeezed in!

In the close-up shot,

the Licker was displayed in the clearest view to the audience!

This was a creature with no skin, only flesh and fascia connected; its body was severely decayed, with its eyeballs rotten beyond recognition, and it had no skull, as if it had been skinned alive, with a giant tongue like a tentacle shooting out, covered in barbs!

In a desperate situation,

Alice grabbed an iron rod, plunging it down fiercely!

The Licker’s tongue was pierced from the base and firmly pinned to the train.

The train sped away.

The Licker’s body was dragged along the tunnel.

Amidst sparks flying,
the Licker let out a piercing howl!
Its body gradually ignited with the friction against the rails!
When its tongue's base snapped,
the Licker had turned entirely into a fireball!
The shocking scene, with adrenaline pumping through the audience, left
everyone feeling the exhilaration of a narrow escape!

Unfortunately,
in the process, everyone died!
Only Alice and reporter Matt survived.

"You won't die!"

Alice opened the antidote kit she had brought, attempting to give Matt an
antidote since he had been scratched, too.

Some audience members exhaled in relief.

They thought this was the end of the story.

However,
the plot did not end.

Suddenly, there was a flickering light from outside.

Underneath the light, a group of men wearing masks appeared, seeming like
doctors.

These men captured Alice and Matt.

"He's mutating!"

On the screen, it was clear to see sharp spikes growing from Matt's wound, as
a voice called out from nearby.

On the other side,
Alice was being restrained.

The audience, who had been ready to leave it there, were suddenly on edge
again:

"Are these people also from the Umbrella Corporation?"

"Has Alice been captured?"

“With such a twist at the end of the movie, could it be that there’s a sequel?”

“Matt mutated?”

“This story obviously isn’t over yet!”

“But according to the length, it should be about finished, right? If there’s any more plot, we’ll have to wait for the sequel, won’t we?”

...

The screen suddenly shifted.

Alice’s figure reappeared in the frame.

To the audience’s surprise, Alice was once again in the image from the beginning of the movie, with nothing but white drapes covering the key parts of her body.

What was even more shocking was this:

Alice’s body was riddled with thin needles!

And as the audience watched in astonishment, Alice bore the pain and forcibly removed all the needles from her body!

Covering her body simply,

Alice walked outside.

At that moment,

The camera suddenly zoomed out.

The entire city was in chaos, glass from countless skyscrapers shattered, and bloodstains were everywhere!

Horrifying!

Ghastly!

Desolate!

Alice walked on the streets, with cars haphazardly strewn about.

A gust of wind lifted a newspaper, and its front-page headline read with just four words:

“The Walking Dead!”

The text below was startling: “A terrifying event has erupted in Racoon City, with walking living dead everywhere...”

In the photo section,

An even vast horde of zombie pictures caused one's scalp to tingle!

And in the monitoring room of the room Alice was in before, the silhouette of a zombie flickered past.

This meaningful shot instantly sent shivers down the audience's spine!

"What does this mean?"

"The group that arrested Alice turned into zombies too?"

"Did they open the laboratory and let out all the zombies inside?"

"The newspaper clearly states that the whole Racoon City is damn well fallen!"

"If the armed squads are no match for so many zombies, how could ordinary people possibly resist?"

"Holy crap!"

"Fish Papa's imagination is breaking through the sky, an entire city of zombies, just think about it, it's thrilling!"

"I'm in love with this theme!"

"Completely not the kind of zombies I had imagined, zombies, zombie dogs, and even Lickers. According to the Red Queen's words, there are probably more monsters cultivated by the Umbrella Corporation than just the Lickers. It feels like the world is even more expansive than I imagined!"

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In major cinemas,

The audience did not leave but were fervently discussing.

In the cinema where Tu Zheng and Jia Haoren were present, there was also a large number of audiences discussing and admiring:

"What an exhilarating twist!"

"I didn't expect a lead female's movie to be this exciting!"

"The shot of Alice walking alone in the streets at the end was explosive. Could it be that she's the only living person left in the city?"

"I don't know."

"I'm really looking forward to the second part!"

"With such a big cliffhanger, there has to be a sequel!"

“Xian Yu is awesome, all this biochemical virus, genetic research, he completely overturned the old zombie formula. These aren’t the kind of zombies I knew!”

Amidst the discussions,

Tu Zheng and Jia Haoren looked at each other.

Taking a deep breath, Jia Haoren exclaimed with a sense of realization, “This is getting a bit tricky.”

“Not really tricky.”

Tu Zheng’s expression was somewhat complicated.

Jia Haoren was stunned, “From what angle do you plan to start criticizing? Surely you can’t say Xian Yu is degenerating by making a commercial film again?”

Tu Zheng said expressionlessly, “I mean, I’m not cashing in on this.”

“You...”

“This film is definitely going to set a precedent for zombie series films. In the future, who knows how many screenwriters will imitate this model. If I target a work that has set such a precedent, it’s tantamount to having issues with those who want to follow the film’s lead, a loss not worth the cost.”

“That’s the only option then...”

Jia Haoren looked at the excited audience who still had not left, as if they were prepared to listen through the movie’s end credits, and finally made a decision.

Tu Zheng was right.

This movie set a precedent for zombie setups.

A bit like an upgraded version of zombies, the densely packed horde of zombies brought a visual impact that was too stimulating for the audience.

In the future, there will certainly be a crowd of imitators.

And targeting such a pioneering film, if this genre becomes hugely popular later on, wouldn’t it mean getting a swollen face?

This dirty money, I can’t take it!

Chapter 997: Chapter 925: Set a Small Goal First Chapter 997: Chapter 925: Set a Small Goal First Tribe.

Ling Kong was communicating with a theater chain manager.

Today was not only the premiere day of “Resident Evil.”

Today was also the premiere day for Tribe’s new movie “Blade Woman.”

The theater chain manager laughed on the phone, “Congratulations, Mr. Ling, for making a good film for Blue Star. The initial audience reviews for ‘Blade Woman’ are quite good, and the attendance rate is high. If everything goes as expected, the box office should be very pleasing, it might even break the box office records for films with a female lead!”

“Thank you.”

Ling Kong suppressed his excitement, “I’ll need your continued support for the subsequent screenings.”

“Of course.”

Ling Kong then asked, “Do you know the situation with ‘Resident Evil’?”

The other side laughed, “With so many films from Blue Star, there is competition among the theater chains. Our chain favors Tribe, so we did not bring in Teacher Admirable Fish’s ‘Resident Evil.’ However, that movie also premiered today, and we should receive feedback soon.”

“Understood.”

After hanging up the phone, Ling Kong smiled.

The theater had reported that “Blade Woman” had a fine premiere, which boosted his confidence immensely about defeating Xian Yu this time.

Suddenly.

A panicked shout came from outside, “Mr. Ling, something has gone wrong, it’s bad!”

Ling Kong’s face darkened, “You’re the one in trouble, your whole family is in trouble!”

The assistant rushed in, panting, “Mr. Ling, listen to me, it’s those two film critics we found earlier who have switched sides and suddenly refused to help us write reviews to tarnish ‘Resident Evil!’”

“Switched sides?”

Ling Kong frowned, “If they’ve switched sides, so be it. It’s not a big problem.”

The assistant said with a dismal face, “It’s not that they switched sides, the problem is that after they switched sides, they publicly praised ‘Resident Evil!’”
“What?”

Ling Kong's cheeks suddenly twitched, and a sense of unease came over him again.

The assistant was right.

After watching "Resident Evil," Tu Zheng and Jia Haoren did not tarnish the movie but rather sang its praises!

"Sensory shock, beyond imagination, Teacher Admirable Fish always finds the most unexpected entry points, 'Resident Evil,' a film that is bound to make you panic and fear, yet irresistibly compelling. Perhaps in the future, zombies and the undead will become two distinct concepts in film discussions..."

Jia Haoren mentioned the difference between zombies and the undead.

Tu Zheng's review was even longer, evaluating the film overall:

"Why does Teacher Admirable Fish's 'Resident Evil' bring a whole new sci-fi perspective? Before entering the cinema, no one would have thought Teacher Admirable Fish's movie would be so rich in sci-fi elements; everyone was fooled by the zombie gimmick.

It seems like Teacher Admirable Fish's movies can always surprise you unexpectedly.

The entire film is filled with suspense, constantly piquing your curiosity, and continually bringing surprises.

Who is the female lead? What are the secrets of these amnesiacs? Where did the zombies come from? Who will become zombies? Who will survive? Why does the artificial intelligence Red Queen want to kill people? How to deal with the final Licker?

We, holding all these questions, have become captives of Teacher Admirable Fish.

Like all the audience, I was willingly sitting in front of the screen, waiting for the answers to unfold.

And just when we thought we had understood everything, the film ends with a dramatic twist.

Alice escapes from that damned lab.

She cautiously holds her gun, bullet already chambered, but:

On the desolate streets, only she remains alone amidst total devastation.

With the news of the undead ravaging the city, this scene shocked me more than the death-laden laser corridor, even more than the tide of undead!

New questions arise.

In the quickly grand and fiery music, suspense rises instantly, and the passion overflows, truly irresistible!”

Tu Zheng’s review even included slight spoilers, but they were not enough to affect the viewing experience.

Being a well-known and influential film critic, Tu Zheng’s review naturally attracted a lot of comments from the audience!

“Couldn’t agree more!”

“This movie completely defies imagination!”

“So good to watch!”

“The ending was indeed shocking; I even think it’s one of the most compelling endings among all commercial films. If a sequel were released now, I’d definitely buy tickets without hesitation!”

“I gasped throughout the entire film!”

“I thought the Red Queen was the antagonist, only to find out at the end that her purpose was to protect humans!”

“The twist with the Red Queen is classic indeed, and Alice suddenly bursting out in that scene was exhilarating, her action fierce and stylish, truly maximizing the charm of films with a strong female lead!”

Of course.

The comment section also had many netizens who hadn’t yet seen the movie.

They were instantly intrigued by the reviews from the first batch of viewers and film critics.

“Is it really that good?”

“It sounds pretty intense!”

“I see a lot of people saying zombies and the undead are two different concepts, what does that mean?”

“This movie even involves artificial intelligence?”

“Red Queen, Alice, aren’t those the characters from Chu Kuang’s ‘Alice in Wonderland’?”

“No way, I have to buy a ticket to see it!”

“Yes, the comments got me itching to see it; I’m going tonight!”

“What exactly is it about?”

“Can’t explain it to you; you’ll know once you see it. If it’s not good, you can hit me!”

Shhh!

The film critic effect!

Audience word-of-mouth effect!

The combination of these elements suddenly attracted a massive audience for “Resident Evil!”

Yu Dynasty chat group.

Everyone also found time to watch the movie.

Immediately.

They all mentioned Xia Fan!

Jiang Kui: “This movie is so well done, Xia Fan, you’re going to be famous. When I saw your bathtub scene, I almost wanted to lick the screen!”

Sun Yaohuo: “Wanna blaze? (Sunglasses) Who’s calling me?”

Wei Haoyun: “This is giving me the creeps, the first time watching a horror movie, barely held it together, Xia Fan is too cool, sister loves you!”

Zhao Ying Ge: “Okay, I must admit, Xia Fan’s physique is a 50/50 match with mine. He’s really something.”

Chen Zhiyu: “This physique, tsk tsk tsk, usually, I don’t pay attention, how could it not be popular, right? The movie is too brilliant, Teacher Admirable Fish is the eternal god!”

At last.

Xia Fan himself showed up in the group: “Pfft, you bunch of low-quality mugs!”

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The group was right.

In the following days, Xia Fan indeed became famous, and “Resident Evil” indeed became a hit!

Tribe.

Blogs.

Social media circles.

Major forums.

Discussions about this movie were everywhere!

And the box office of “Resident Evil” climbed up incrementally during heated discussions!

As for another movie of the same genre, “The Female Blade,” it was severely suppressed by this terrifying rival!

One week later.

The box office of “Resident Evil” had already accumulated around ten billion!

This was the most insane weekly box office among all of Teacher Admirable Fish’s movies, for various reasons.

First, as the continents merged, the number of viewers increased, and the market became more vast.

Second, as everyone progressively understood each other through cultural exchanges, the tastes of audiences across continents grew more aligned.

Third, the zombie theme in ‘Resident Evil’ was a first in Blue Star; there had never been a similar film before.

Fourth, Blue Star didn’t pay much attention to movies with a lead female protagonist, so there had never been a movie that magnified a female lead’s charisma to the extent of an Alice before.

Fifth, the movie’s investment was substantial...

Thus, although “Resident Evil” was not so high-grossing on Earth, it created a quite impressive result in Blue Star!

Impressive enough that Lin Yuan himself got a shock.

Mainly it was because the number of viewers had increased, other factors were secondary.

This made Lin Yuan suddenly realize that when Blue Star fully merges, the movie market might go utterly insane!

Because it wasn’t just about “Resident Evil.”

The average box office of other movies in Blue Star was also increasing yearly.

Different continents playing by their own rules wouldn’t work anymore, lack of cultural barriers meant the loss of local market protection mechanisms.

Some movies would dominate across continents!

Of course, as this situation developed, film investment costs were definitely going to become higher, compared to Blue Star, Earth's movie market patterns had completely lost their reference value.

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Similar insights were emerging in the industry.

"With the merger tide, the film market is changing."

"Now, these movie box offices have become increasingly baffling."

"Because the merger is aligning the viewing tastes across continents, differing popular movies across continents were due to taste variations. As these differences gradually disappear, the choices of movies people watch will become more consistent."

"Once Zhong Continent joins the merger, a qualitative change will occur."

"It's already somewhat happening now, before what movie could easily break ten billion in box office in a week, yet counting 'Resident Evil,' this year alone there have been four movies breaking ten billion in a single week."

"Admirable Fish's movie might just make it into the top ten annual box office."

"This movie really is a bit crazy, now there are quite a few companies considering writing movies centered around zombies."

Yes.

Although Lin Yuan's previous movies were also hits, Blue Star was simply too large, and there were many popular movies in the same period.

Therefore.

His previous films had never made it into the top ten annual box office of Blue Star.

But this "Resident Evil" was subtly showing such signs.

This movie performed exceptionally well, ensuring increased showtimes across continents!

More screenings meant more viewers, a natural result considering the film's good reputation, and commercial films always had a solid viewer base.

That said.

A similar situation had occurred in Celestial Dynasty before.

Before Xu Zheng's "Lost in Thailand," Celestial Dynasty's movie box offices were generally not high.

After that movie, the film market went wild, with the box office ceiling being broken repeatedly.

It wasn't the quality of the movies that improved.

It was purely that the film market had expanded.

And with Blue Star having the foundation of continental mergers, this burst of the movie market seemed even more traceable.

Some might wonder:

Why does "Resident Evil's" box office exceed Admirable Fish's previous films? Were Admirable Fish's previous films not up to par?

Of course not.

If "Spiderman" were released today, the box office would not be the same as back then.

Just like Star Grandpa's "Kung Fu Hustle."

In the market environment of that time, "Kung Fu Hustle" made just a few billion.

He later had one with a much higher box office, "The Mermaid."

This movie wasn't as good as "Kung Fu Hustle," yet its box office was many times greater.

Additionally.

Celestial Dynasty's highest-grossing "Wolf Warrior 2," with not even sixty billion in box office, couldn't crack the top fifty global box offices.

But in Blue Star's market environment.

With markets merging, no language barriers, and uniformed culture, sixty billion will be an attainable target for major top film companies.

At this moment.

Lin Yuan had greater expectations for movies, perhaps he should set a small goal for the future.

Like...

Making a movie that breaks a hundred billion in box office?

Chapter 998: Chapter 926: Seeing Guo Xiang Again Chapter 998: Chapter 926: Seeing Guo Xiang Again It was June.

The movie “Resident Evil” was still a hot topic, with box office numbers undiminished until the middle of the month.

In such a context, Starlight suddenly released a TV series, achieving success in both film and television:

The Return of the Condor Heroes!

As the sequel to The Legend of the Condor Heroes, The Return of the Condor Heroes aired and successfully continued the heat of its predecessor, and even more brilliant at that!

Its direct manifestation was:

The series premiere ratings broke three!

Not only did the actors become popular after the TV series aired, but also several classic songs from the drama, all penned by Xian Yu, became huge hits:

Come Back!

Wordly Tavern!

Unparalleled in the World!

Myths and Words of Love!

Heavenly Lovers!

All five songs were released as part of the TV soundtrack!

Unfortunately, these five songs weren’t released until mid-month, so they didn’t impact the seasonal chart rankings too much, but even so, they all squeezed into the top ten, adding even more heat to the martial arts resurgence.

It just so happened to be on this day.

Lin Yuan finished his “Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer” and handed it over to Jin Mu.

Jin Mu, upon receiving the manuscript, didn’t react with the excitement Lin Yuan had imagined, but instead fixed his gaze on Lin Yuan and asked,

“Are you really not going to torment the readers this time?”

“This time, it’s truly a refreshing tale.”

Lin Yuan had to explain once again.

He felt that Jin Mu had developed a trust issue with him.

Fortunately, Jin Mu ultimately believed Lin Yuan and turned to contact Ol' Xiong, the chief editor of the Fantasy Department at Silver Blue Books:

"Chu Kuang's new book, I'm preparing to send it to you."

"Another martial arts novel?"

"Chu Kuang plans to write a 'The Legend of the Condor Heroes' trilogy. This new book, called 'Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer', is the last part of the trilogy, so of course, it's also a martial arts story."

"The Legend of the Condor Heroes trilogy, Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer?"

Ol' Xiong's eyes suddenly lit up, but then became skeptical again, "Did Chu Kuang take any 'preventive measures' this time?"

"No."

"That's good."

Ol' Xiong let out a long sigh of relief.

He was genuinely worried, fearing the old rascal Chu Kuang would pull another Dragon Maiden Incident on them.

Although the issue had been resolved in the end, during those two days when readers blocked the door of Silver Blue Books, everyone was on tenterhooks, fearing that the readers would rise up and smash their way through the editorial department.

But...

One couldn't completely take Jin Mu's word for it.

After hanging up the phone, Ol' Xiong immediately led his editors to start reading this "Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer."

They read throughout the day.

That evening.

Although they hadn't finished the entire book, the expressions on everyone's faces clearly spelled relief.

Afterward.

The editors in the editorial department began a heated discussion of the major plots:

“As the final installment of ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ trilogy, the story is not heart-wrenching, and it could even be considered quite exhilarating.”

“Although the story covers a large span of time, and the real protagonist appears quite late, every detail that needed explaining from the previous installment is made clear.”

“Guo Xiang indeed never married in her lifetime.”

“The girls from The Return of the Condor Heroes, as expected, all ruined their lives the moment they met Yang Guo.”

“The most poignant part is Mongolia winning the war, with Guo Jing and Huang Rong dying in battle in Xiangyang City; although this plot point is only briefly mentioned in the book, it still tugs at the heartstrings. With the setup from the previous two books and the leap in time, this plot point minimizes the damage to the readers.”

“I initially thought the main character would be Guo Xiang.”

“I thought it would be Zhang Jun Bao, but with a sweep of Chu Kuang’s pen, good lord, Zhang Jun Bao turned into the over-ninety-year-old grandmaster Zhang Sanfeng.”

“Zhang Wuji must be the male protagonist who appeared the latest in history, right?”

Mid-discussion.

Editor YangFeng suddenly turned to chief editor Ol’ Xiong, “I have an idea, not sure if it’s appropriate to share?”

Ol’ Xiong raised an eyebrow, “Go ahead.”

YangFeng spoke with a smile, “This book’s opening acts and setup take a long time. Starting with Guo Xiang introducing the story, then transitioning with Zhang Sanfeng, the potential to misdirect is simply too great, even more ruthless than what happened with The Legend of the Condor Heroes. Why don’t we release the beginning online first to hook the readers’ curiosity, followed by arranging the full book’s publication? It can be considered a rather surprising marketing strategy.”

“You mean to release the first few chapters first?”

“I think up to chapter ten can all be considered the early setup for ‘Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer,’” someone said.

“Ten chapters is too many.”

“How about we release three or five chapters to test the waters?”

“I need to ask teacher Chu Kuang about this.”

Ol’ Xiong thought YangFeng’s suggestion was feasible, but he couldn’t make the decision on his own.

Ten minutes later.

Lin Yuan learned of Silver Blue Books’s plan.

He thought about it and didn’t express any opinions.

Jin Mu, however, suggested: “If we’re going to promote it this way, there’s no need for Silver Blue to post on our behalf. Boss, you might as well use Chu Kuang’s account to leverage the blog platform and publish the first few chapters of ‘Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer.’ That would have a bigger promotional effect than if Silver Blue were to publish them.”

“Release it ourselves?”

“One chapter a day, and after a few chapters announce the publication.”

“That’s also fine.”

Lin Yuan thought it made sense.

Jin Mu quickly reached a consensus with Silver Blue Books.

At seven o’clock in the evening.

Lin Yuan logged into Chu Kuang’s account and posted a message:

“Tonight at eight, the first chapter of the new book ‘Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer’ will be released. This book is the conclusion of ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ trilogy. The first few chapters of the new book will be released through the blog platform.”

At this moment.

‘The Return of the Condor Heroes’ TV series was in the midst of a hot broadcast.

The martial arts revival was growing more and more intense.

And this one post from Chu Kuang instantly drew the attention of the entire internet!

The concept of ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ trilogy was being widely disseminated for the first time!

The comments section of the post was absolutely flooded with messages from countless readers!

“The sudden news of the new book is such a pleasant surprise. Who knew the story hadn’t ended with ‘The Return of the Condor Heroes?’ Did the old rascal plan to write a martial arts trilogy from the beginning?”

“It certainly seems like it from the release timing!”

“So Chu Kuang, the old rascal, had a martial arts universe stashed away in his brain?”

“My fairy tale universe refuses to accept this!”

“My mystery universe just laughs without a word!”

“Before we argue about universes, I’m just worried he’ll throw in another NTR twist.”

“Even if Chu Kuang is arrogant, after the Dragon Maiden Incident, he wouldn’t dare such flagrant disrespect... right?”

“Guo Xiang, Guo Xiang, my great Guo Xiang must have a significant role. I’m waiting for the new book at eight o’clock!”

“Ah ah ah ah, I hope the new book will feature Guo Xiang!”

This time, no readers were begging the old rascal to let loose.

The book ‘The Return of the Condor Heroes’ had shown readers just how low this old rascal could go. If he were really set free to write, who knows what insane plot he could come up with!

So among the numerous comments.

The readers were both expectant and nervous!

Then the blog cooperated with the promotion, starting a full network push!

The news that Chu Kuang’s new book would be released at eight o’clock tonight on the blog platform spread quickly to tribes and various major forums!

On the tribe.

A lot of users immediately started to complain.

“Look at this old rascal, forcing me to use a blog now?”

“Can’t I see his new book early without a blog account?”

“Goodbye, tribe.”

“Blog, here I come!”

“For my goddess Guo Xiang!”

“Come on, you’re clearly here for your old rascal.”

“It’s your old rascal. Whoever likes this despised old rascal can have him; I choose Xian Yu!”

“Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer, huh? ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ wasn’t enough for Chu Kuang, now he wants to slay a dragon too?”

That evening, as the tribe’s leaders witnessed their traffic plummet yet again and cursed loudly, the blog was attracting the attention of the entire network!

And when eight o’clock came.

Chu Kuang’s first chapter of his new book was indeed published right on time.

As the blog’s traffic surged, Guo Xiang rode her little donkey, leisurely strolling into the view of countless readers...

In this moment.

The readers’ hearts melted.

Chapter 999: Chapter 927 The Old Rascal Shall Not Deceive Me Again

Chapter 999: Chapter 927 The Old Rascal Shall Not Deceive Me Again This is the first chapter of “Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer.”

The revised chapter title: “At World’s End, My Thoughts on You Are Unforgettable.”

On the road of Shaoshi Mountain, Guo Xiang, wearing a yellow shirt with a little East Heretic temperament, traveled the Martial World with a donkey and a sword.

Ever since Guo Xiang had bid farewell to Yang Guo and Little Dragon Maiden as a couple at the summit of Mount Hua three years ago, she hadn’t received the slightest bit of news from them.

Her heart continued to yearn, so she informed her parents, claiming she wanted to sightsee and enjoy the landscapes, but actually, she was seeking news about Yang Guo.

However, since that separation, the couple had ceased to appear in the Martial World, and no one knew where they had secluded themselves.

Guo Xiang had traveled from north to south and from east to west, nearly traversing half of the Central Plains, yet still had not heard anyone mention recent news of the Condor Hero, Yang Guo.

One could say:

At the start of the new book's first chapter, Chu Kuang immediately engaged all the readers in a collective memory of Guo Xiang's unrequited love for Yang Guo.

The original text described it thus: [Although Guo Xiang didn't necessarily need to meet with the couple, she would have been perfectly content to hear some news about how Yang Guo behaved righteously in the Martial World.]

Then the plot unfolded.

Jueyuan from the end of "The Return of the Condor Heroes" made an appearance;

The little monk, Zhang Jun Bao, showed up once again;

The Kunlun Three Sage, He Zudao from the Western Regions, entered the scene;

And the story thus began to revolve around Shaolin Temple.

Naturally, the protagonist's perspective was centered on Guo Xiang.

This was a massive chapter of nearly twenty thousand words, and whenever it came to the mental activity of the little East Heretic, Guo Xiang, it seemed impossible to not include hints of the Condor Hero's whereabouts, causing the readers to feel both heartache and sighs as they read.

Quickly.

The comment section became densely packed with messages!

The influence accrued from the two previous works, "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" and "The Return of the Condor Heroes," exploded completely under the guidance of a mere twenty thousand words by Chu Kuang!

"Perfect start from Guo Xiang's point of view!"

"Chu Kuang, the old rascal, knows exactly what he's doing, starting off with the bomb that is Guo Xiang, and also closely tied to the theme 'one glimpse of Yang Guo and you're led astray for life,' instantly drawing one's attention."

"Many characters are from the time of 'The Return of the Condor Heroes'!"

“Jueyuan and Zhang Jun Bao are back, as well as Yang Guo’s friend, Master Wuse. However, although this book frequently mentions the Condor Hero, Yang Guo and Little Dragon Maiden do not actually appear in it.”

“What a great start!”

“Shaolin Temple finally gets a part to play!”

“Everyone says it’s good, so let me raise a concern, isn’t this book a bit reliant on established settings? The previous two books, neither ‘Duel Atop Mount Hua’ nor the introduction of top Martial World experts mentioned Shaolin. So how come at the beginning of this book, Shaolin Temple suddenly has such a strong presence?”

“That does seem a bit unreasonable.”

“The old rascal’s pit is deep, bear with it for a moment.”

With the opening chapter of the new book, Shaolin Temple suddenly had its credentials raised significantly.

Clearly, during the periods of “The Legend of the Condor Heroes” and “The Return of the Condor Heroes,” the major events in the Martial World had no involvement of Shaolin, so some people found it unreasonable.

Of course.

A flaw cannot obscure the splendor of jade.

These minor issues with the setting weren’t something that anyone would seriously fuss over.

After Chu Kuang released the first chapter of “Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer,” it quickly took over the top trending spots, with discussability of related topics even easily sweeping through many of the latest major entertainment industry buzz!

Atop the new trending searches.

Trending first: #GuoXiang#

Trending second: #Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer#

Trending fifth: #OneGlimpseOfYangGuo#

Of the top five trending topics, “Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer” occupied three.

It’s important to note that this was when only the first chapter of the novel had been released!

One could only imagine how many readers specifically logged onto blogs to read the first chapter of Chu Kuang's new book.

What's more interesting is:

Other forums of similar genres also saw a surge of topics related to "Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer."

Even including the Tribe!

This sort of thing wasn't happening for the first time.

Even though Xian Yu, Chu Kuang, and Shadow had left the Tribe, the Tribe's trending search list would still occasionally be dominated by these three, which one netizen described as:

Not too harmful!

But extremely insulting!

And yet, the Tribe dared not block topics related to these three, otherwise their users might revolt, something they could not control.

And as more readers finished the first chapter of "Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer."

A new related topic suddenly also stormed the hot search rankings on various platforms!

The topic was: #WholsTheProtagonistOfHeaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer#

And the reason for this topic's emergence was simple, as many netizens had started to argue over who the protagonist of Chu Kuang's new book was!

Netizens generally divided into three camps.

The first camp believed that Guo Xiang was the protagonist:

"The entire story of the first chapter unfolds from Guo Xiang's point of view, so as we go through the story, we're seeing it through Guo Xiang, who else could be the protagonist if not her?"

To this, someone replied:

"I have no issue with a woman being the protagonist, in fact, I really like Guo Xiang, and I would very much welcome it if she truly were the protagonist, but Chu Kuang, the old rascal, has never written a novel where the main character is a girl!"

"You're wrong there."

“Chu Kuang likes to pursue changes in his writing. Who knows, maybe he plans to use Guo Xiang as the main character this time. There’s a movie out recently called ‘Resident Evil.’ Have any of you seen it? Xian Yu never wrote a script with a woman as the main character before this movie, but that doesn’t mean he won’t.”

Then there were those who believed it was Zhang Jun Bao:

“The ending of ‘The Return of the Condor Heroes’ specifically mentioned the young monk Zhang Jun Bao. The old rascal even took the trouble to introduce such a martially talented new character to everyone at the end of the story. Was it just to pad the word count? Not to mention he even had the ‘Condor Hero’ Yang Guo teach Zhang Jun Bao some martial skills. And now, Zhang Jun Bao makes an appearance in the first chapter of the new book. Think about what that implies, you guys need to mull this over.”

“Indeed.”

“In the first two books, whether it was Guo Jing or Yang Guo, both had great martial talent. Don’t even start with saying Guo Jing is too dumb or anything. Brother Jing’s martial skills are no less than any of the ‘Five Greats.’ Those who question his martial arts talent should re-read ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes.’ And the ending of ‘The Return of the Condor Heroes’ not only gave Zhang Jun Bao the spotlight, it emphasized that his foundation and talent in martial arts were very strong. Being so young and already able to spar with Yin Kexi, I don’t believe he’s not the protagonist.”

“Martial talent?”

“Isn’t Guo Xiang’s martial talent scary enough? Think of how many top martial skills she’s learned, including those from the East Heretic Huang Yaoshi, her father Guo Jing, and her mother Huang Rong, among other top martial experts in the Martial World. She even modified moves to create her own set of techniques. Isn’t that invincible?!”

Someone from the third camp could not hold back:

“The protagonist is definitely this newly emerged He Zudao. Not only is he modest, courteous, and elegant, but he is also called the ‘Kunlun Three Sage,’ which includes the Sage of the Zither, Chess, and Sword. His martial skills were so strong that even the Shaolin Temple took him seriously. Plus, he considers Guo Xiang his Soulmate. So, I think he’s the new book’s male protagonist, and Guo Xiang will be the ultimate female protagonist.”

This group had the fewest supporters.

However, there was still quite a loyal following.

And just when everyone was heatedly debating whether Guo Xiang, Zhang Jun Bao, or He Zudao was the protagonist, suddenly there emerged a fourth viewpoint: “Since you’re all using the patterns from ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ and ‘The Return of the Condor Heroes’ to speculate, let me ask you, in which of these two books does the protagonist appear in the first chapter?”

An intriguing perspective!

But this theory, too, quickly gained quite a bit of traction!

A netizen commented with a laugh: “It really wakes up the dreamer. The protagonists of ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ and ‘The Return of the Condor Heroes’ didn’t appear in the first chapter. It’s only because those two books were published entirely that we didn’t speculate, take ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ for example. If only the first chapter had been released back then, would we have thought the protagonist was Yang Tie Xin or Guo Xiaotian, or even Qiu Chuji from the Quanzhen sect?”

“Exactly!”

“This old rascal loves to tease readers with misleading content. After all, this isn’t the first time he’s done this. He’s probably peeking right now, snickering at us for guessing the wrong protagonist.”

This old rascal is too crafty!

Continuously misleading the readers with his words!

The possibility of him laying a trap in the first chapter of ‘Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer’ is very high!

Of course.

None of the speculations could end the suspense.

Regarding who the protagonist was, the netizens were still arguing fervently, ears red with debate, unable to convince one another.

At last.

Everyone couldn’t help but rush to the comments section to demand an update:

“Old rascal, release the second update quickly. I want to know who the protagonist is!”

“Guo Xiang Guo Xiang Guo Xiang!”

“Kunlun Three Sage, He Zudao!”

“I bet fifty cents, it’s definitely Zhang Jun Bao, after looking at everything, this character has the most protagonist vibes!”

“Get real, the protagonist hasn’t even appeared yet.”

“We have to use reverse thinking to deduce, don’t forget that Chu Kuang is a pioneer of narrative tricks. The protagonist of this book definitely has appeared. The protagonists of the first two books appeared later, so what’s wrong with coming out earlier in this chapter, right? He enjoys doing the opposite of what we expect and then swelling all of our faces with his twists. But this time, I won’t let him have his way!”

“This old rascal indeed pits us into guessing until our heads break, even with the protagonist!”

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In the Martial World.

Someone noticed the online debate and said with a wry smile:

“Only Chu Kuang could make readers argue like this from just the first chapter of a book.”

“When can I create such a buzz with my book?”

“Sweeping the hot search, the whole internet discussing it, if you didn’t know better you’d think his entire book was already out.”

“It’s mainly the buildup from the first two books that’s starting to erupt now.”

“Yeah.”

“No matter how much we argue, in the end, it’s because of the high expectations for Chu Kuang’s new book.”

“Eh? Quick, look!”

“Chu Kuang actually released the second chapter!”

“The second chapter is out? I’m going to read it now. I want to know who the protagonist is this time!”

...

Yes.

While the netizens were in various arguments about who the protagonist could be.

Chu Kuang unexpectedly released the second chapter of 'Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer'!

Chapter title: The Pine and Cypress of Mount Wudang Thrive!

This was unplanned, as Lin Yuan had intended to release one chapter per day, but seeing the netizens argue about who the protagonist was, a mischievous streak suddenly arose within him.

He decided to take misleading the readers to the end!

The proof was in the pudding.

This round of misleading was very successful.

As the readers eagerly began to read the second chapter of 'Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer,' the debate over the protagonist quickly cooled down quite a bit:

"I told you, the protagonist is Zhang! Jun! Bao!"

Those who supported Zhang Jun Bao as the protagonist immediately displayed triumphant smiles:

"This time, the old rascal won't be able to fool me again!"

Chapter 1000: Chapter 928: Exasperating Chapter 1000: Chapter 928:
Exasperating The protagonist is Zhang Jun Bao!

Zhang Jun Bao's supporters were so proud because the second chapter of "Heaven-Reliant Dragon Slayer" was so clearly direct!

In this chapter.

The Kunlun Three Sage, He Zudao, challenged the Shaolin Temple, only to be repeatedly defeated by the unknown Jueyuan and even the young monk, Zhang Jun Bao!

This was almost a "death sentence" for He Zudao!

How could a protagonist be repeatedly humiliated by minor characters upon his introduction?

Instead, Zhang Jun Bao rose unexpectedly because he embarrassed He Zudao, successfully showed off, but accidentally revealed that he knew Arhat Fist—

That's so protagonist-like!

As everyone knows, Shaolin Temple strictly forbids the unauthorized learning of martial arts, so logically, Zhang Jun Bao should not know Arhat Fist. Thus, once he revealed his skills, he stood in opposition to Shaolin!

The Shaolin Temple wanted to capture Zhang Jun Bao.

Jueyuan could not bear to see his disciple in trouble, so he took Zhang Jun Bao and Guo Xiang and fled, escaping Shaolin's pursuit.

Now that's showing off!

And there's the conflict!

The protagonist-like aura of Zhang Jun Bao was nearly bursting forth!

Not to mention, right before Jueyuan died, he loudly recited a set of martial arts mantras, possibly from the "Nine Yang Manual"!

And under such special circumstances, Guo Xiang and Zhang Jun Bao obtained the essence of the "Nine Yang Manual"!

The plot even specifically pointed out:

Zhang Jun Bao listened intently to Jueyuan's recitation, not daring to disturb. Doesn't this imply that Zhang Jun Bao was quietly learning the "Nine Yang Manual"?

The reader can completely imagine how powerful this martial art is.

It's related to the "Nine Yin Manual" mentioned in the previous two novels.

Nine Yin...

Nine Yang...

With such corresponding names, nobody doubts that these two martial arts are on the same level.

How could Zhang Jun Bao not benefit from learning this martial art?

He's naturally the Domain's Son, even more protagonist-like than Yang Guo and Guo Jing!

At least those two protagonists didn't obtain martial arts of this caliber in their early stages.

Some readers even started imagining Zhang Jun Bao returning to the Shaolin Temple and showing off various heroic acts, and becoming with Guo Xiang the third iconic couple in the "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" trilogy!

"This is good."

"Guo Xiang should forget about Yang Guo."

"Zhang Jun Bao is truly the right match for you."

Some readers who always felt sympathy for Guo Xiang thought this.

In everyone's hearts, Guo Xiang had already transformed from a protagonist into a female protagonist.

Indeed, Guo Xiang's behavior towards Zhang Jun Bao had the essence of a female lead towards a male protagonist:

When Jueyuan died and Zhang Jun Bao was lost and helpless, Guo Xiang actually gifted her intimate bracelet and recommended her own parents—That is, Guo Jing and Huang Rong.

Oh boy.

There was even a token of affection.

Zhang Jun Bao, and you still say you're not the protagonist!

The only thing a bit strange was, the ending seemed a bit off?

In the ending of the second chapter, Chu Kuang used esoteric writing to leap forward more than ten years!

The book wrote: "...

One day, while wandering in the mountains, looking up at the floating clouds and down at the flowing water, Zhang Jun Bao had an epiphany.

He pondered in the cave for seven days and nights, suddenly achieving a breakthrough, grasping the ultimate principle in martial arts of using softness to overcome hardness, and couldn't help but laugh heartily to the sky.

This laughter heralded a grandmaster who would inherit the past and usher in the future!

Using his self-realized fist principles, the Daoist concept of virtual completeness, and the internal techniques recorded in the 'Nine Yang Manual,' he created a martial style for the Wudang Sect that would illuminate future generations.

Later, traveling north to Baoming, seeing the three prominently exquisite peaks standing above the cloud sea, he had further insights into martial arts and thus styled himself Zhang Sanfeng.

That was the peerless master Zhang Sanfeng in martial arts history."

...

This was the only doubt.

Everyone was puzzled as to why Chu Kuang wrote this way, leaping over several years, directly writing about Zhang Jun Bao becoming a grandmaster, and even changing his name to Zhang Sanfeng!

Illuminating later generations!

Shining through the ages!

Chu Kuang, providing such high praise from an official perspective for Zhang Sanfeng, was truly baffling.

“So, is the new book an unbeatable genre?”

“The protagonist starts off as a grandmaster?”

“Is the old rascal done writing about underdogs rising slowly?”

“I still have doubts about Zhang Jun Bao being the protagonist because it feels like this plot line is more of a narration and summary, directly pointing out Zhang Jun Bao’s achievements. This kind of spoiler-like writing isn’t appealing and doesn’t fit with the old rascal’s style.”

“I feel the same way!”

“If it weren’t for the last section’s narration and summary, saying Zhang Jun Bao is the protagonist would be fine, but this last summary is too strange, it seems like Zhang Jun Bao’s story has already been told in just a few sentences, the spoiler vibe is strong, and besides, isn’t he a bit old to be the protagonist?”

Sure enough.

Due to the strange summary at the end of chapter two, a small portion of people still didn’t believe Zhang Jun Bao was the protagonist.

These readers were sceptical:

“I have a bad premonition.”

“Me too!”

“Same here!”

“Is the old rascal up to something again?”

“After all for this guy, writing a book by the rules? That’s not happening.”

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Meanwhile.

The novelists in the martial arts circle had also finished reading the second chapter.

“What’s the meaning of this second chapter, the pace is completely different from what I expected.”

“Chu Kuang’s thoughts are unfathomable.”

“His previous two books were the same, the plot progression was unpredictable, just like how he suddenly wrote about the dragon princess losing her innocence and Yang Guo losing his arm in the early part of ‘The Return of the Condor Heroes.’ Who could think of that, to be exact, who would dare to think of it?”

“From my experience, Zhang Jun Bao can’t be the protagonist.”

“It seems some people guessed right, the protagonist hasn’t officially appeared in the first two chapters, probably have to wait until the third chapter.”