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Chapter 281 - Finding Clues

The elder looked at Beta and said, "Beta, you should know about our present situation. Nowadays is a very tense period, and this human merchant appearing is very strange. They have just arrived, so they would obviously act normal, but a merchant not reaching out to others for a few days? Impossible, therefore in these couple of days them contacting other people is normal, but if they are still acting honestly in their tent, then there is definitely something fishy, we should stay alert, do as I say. In addition, do not put all our trade resources on them, do not break relations with other merchants, we don't dislike too much grain."

Understanding the meaning of the elder's words, Beta nodded, "Yes elder, I will immediately go handle it." The elder nodded and turned around.

The elder looked at the waving curtain and murmured, "Prince, your choice in this matter is really wrong, do you really think that the Herculean Bull tribe would be defeated easily? And that the Fighting Bull tribe invited the Humans for help, oh!"

The tent immediately fell into silence as the elder's mood became heavy. Recently due to the defeat of the Herculean Bull tribe, West Wonder King began to think of ways in order to please the Fighting Bull tribe. The first thing he did is rounding up their tribes' two Herculean Bull princesses who he married and sent them out to be slaves so that they'd completely lose their dignity.

Regarding this practice of the West Wonder King, the elder is very much in disagreement, Herculean Bull tribe was a great help to the West Wonder King, without Herculean Bull tribe there would be no West Wonder King today, although the Herculean Bull tribe helped the West Wonder King so that they could keep the Fighting Bull tribe in check, in the end they still helped out West Wonder King. And the West Wonder King's current practice isn't something that a proper beastman would do, but would instead be like what some ungrateful humans would do, the kind of humans that are despicable.

In fact, many people in the tribe are in opposition with the West Wonder King regarding this, but in the eyes of West Wonder King, Herculean Bull tribe is done. Of their two supreme elders, one is dead while the other is heavily injured, what other hopes do they have? Additionally, they lost their territory as well as all their properties, at this point, they can only become a vassal tribe to the Mastiffs. Forget about getting vengeance, they couldn't even return to the bull-headed tribe's territory, so West Wonder King decisively demoted the two princesses to slaves.

Zhao Hai did not know about any of these, as he returned to the camp he immediately made the undead unload the grains from the carriage and had them drive the carriage away. Zhao Hai also had them carry the Ghost Staff.

After completing all of these, Zhao Hai returned to the tent, Laura followed Zhao Hai from the side. Inside the tent Laura immediately asks, "Elder Brother Hai, do you really want to sell the grain to West Wonder King?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Yes, do not forget, currently we are merchants, we couldn't afford to show any flaws, so why shouldn't we sell? Right, starting from tomorrow do not stay inside the tent, go around the area and find if they have any special magic beasts, talk to them to see whether we could buy it."

Laura nodded, then frowned and said, "Then should we not ask for news about the second and third princesses?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "We do not need to inquire about it right now, we are acting as merchants, we're not supposed to care about these matters as long as there is profit to be had. For now, pay special attention to special plants and magic beasts, these are also integral to our trip."

Laura smiled, "Don't worry, but they are still monitoring us, is it appropriate for us to walk around?"

Zhao Hai faintly smiles, "Why would it be inappropriate? We are human merchants, don't forget about that. And human merchants that are unwilling to make contact with beastmen? Now that is unusual."

Laura also understood, so she did not say anything, she looked at outside the tent and quietly said, "I don't know how the 2nd and the 3rd princesses are faring right now, their situation must not be good nowadays, I just hope that the West Wonder King is a grateful person, or else their days would be much harder."

As it is getting late, Zhao Hai returned to his Space, he also needs to pay attention to the undead carrying the goods. As soon as the undead leave the Tauren tribe's area, they are to be filled with food so that they could come back immediately. His caravan currently has 100 large carts each able to carry 5,000 jin of grain, these 100 carts can altogether transport about 500,000 jin. Additionally, Zhao Hai still has additional 1000 or more carts available that could transport 2,000 jin each which adds more than 2

million jin of grain to the total amount. In this case, their supply would be very close to 3 million jin, a number couldn't be considered small.

But from West Wonder King's camp, if you want to leave the Bull-headed beastmen's area, the most direct way was to head towards the Iron Fort. If you head straight there it would take about six days before you can leave the Bull-headed beastmen's domain. But Zhao Hai can reduce this travel time to three days, so it takes about six days to travel back and forth, and each trip can carry almost 3 million jin each time.

A trip of 3 million jin each, in one month they could transport 15 million jin, although not at the level of 30 million, for Zhao Hai this income is already a lot. Additionally, he does not really want 30 million jin of grain to be sold to West Wonder King, 15 million is good enough.

At night, Zhao Hai entered the space to rest, but after they entered the space, they didn't immediately went to sleep, but instead they let Cai'er bring out the recordings acquired during the day.

The recorded events isn't just around the tent they were living in, as Beta led Zhao Hai to the tent, the camera also followed and recorded everything 2 kilometers around.

For Zhao Hai this video function seems very normal, but for Laura they look really amazing. They saw everything Zhao Hai went through throughout the day, event though she knew that these were obviously things that happened during the day, she still felt very excited and tensed.

Looking at her appearance Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile, he didn't say anything. This made Zhao Hai remember the first time he watched television and also similar to when he first started playing with a computer.

Zhao Hai has been observing the expressions of all the people he passed by along his way. There is nothing special about this route. Afterall, he did not go far from the camp, he's just in the immediate vicinity.

Zhao Hai listens to Beta calling out to the foreign affairs elder, the elder seems to be the elder who manages the external affairs in West Wonder King's camp.

There is nothing strange about the elder setting up the visitor's tent here. The outsiders who arrive to visit naturally won't be immediately invited to the center of the camp. Just like Zhao Hai's caravan, they would be placed on the outskirts of the camp. So the elder also erected his tent at the periphery of the camp to easily facilitate contact with the visitors. Another reason is for possible scouts to have no chance of getting inside the camp.

Zhao Hai attentively observed the elder because he found that the elder is very uncommon, his beastman body seems to express wisdom, this feeling made Zhao Hai very vigilant.

Zhao Hai has been paying attention to the tent, right now, he and Beta just came out. At this time, the tent is still in the vicinity of the record range, Zhao Hai immediately said to Cai'er, "Cai'er can you transfer the camera view to inside the tent?"

Cai'er nodded: "Yes". As she said it, the video suddenly turned, Beta and the elder appeared on screen, the words exchanged between the two entered Zhao Hai's ears.

Upon hearing the elder's words, Zhao Hai's face suddenly changed, he turned to Laura, "It seems that this West Wonder King is trying to throw their lot with the Fighting Bull tribe, Laura, in the next few days, you must pay more attention to any information regarding the 2nd and 3rd princess. If West Wonder King wants to rely on the Fighting Bull tribe, he would certainly won't be polite towards the 2nd and 3rd princesses, remember, only listen do not directly inquire."

Laura has now been accustomed to the magic of the monitor, when she heard Zhao Hai's command she understood immediately, then she replied with a straight face, "I did not think that West Wonder King is unexpectedly that type of person."

Zhao Hai forced a smile and said, "If he is not that kind of person, then he wouldn't have betrayed the Fighting Bull tribe chieftain, this situation is normal, I have already thought about this scenario, but I did not think that he'll really disregard his morals."

Laura sighs, "As a result, Big Brother Wales has lost a lot of strength, this has become a great blow on his part."

Zhao Hai replied with a cold expression, "We'll have our revenge soon, for now we should collect more information about the Fighting Bull tribe's situation, I think there are a lot of people in this battalion that

will talk about the bull-headed race's matters, we must pay attention and listen to the 2nd and 3rd princesses' matters, we should see if they are still alive or dead. If they are living, look at their current situation, if they're not treated well, we'll find a way to rescue them and then find Brother Wales, we still have a month of time in any case."

Laura nods, "This seems to be the only way, trying to count on West Wonder King isn't possible in our situation anymore, let's just leave it to Brother Wales to find another solution, right Hai-ge, do you want to tell Brother Wales about the current situation?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "We should tell him, otherwise Brother Wales would still be hoping there would be no trouble here, we should find a chance to inform Brother Wales one of these days whenever possible."

Chapter 282 - We Can Start

After a wordless night, Zhao Hai started his operation right at the very next morning. They could not become overly obvious, so they just carried simple transactions with the surrounding beastmen, when they discover a good product, they would just trade according to a preferred price.

Zhao Hai has exactly one month to gather information, so naturally he wouldn't be so impatient to complete it, what he needs to do now is to eliminate the wariness of the beastmen. How to eliminate wariness? For these beastmen, it is not talking to them nor helping them work, but instead selling them food at a discounted price.

So Zhao Hai did so, but since they need to be covert, every time they perform a transaction they try not to overly show that they want to curry favor with the beastmen, something unfitting for a merchant.

For the Bull clansmen monitoring Zhao Hai, they observed that his actions were just ordinary. There was nothing they could find suspect, and to make sure that there was no mistake, those who spied on Zhao Hai would ask those who have traded with him about their conversations. To their disappointment, Zhao Hai only focused on trading, and did not say many words.

After four days, those people lost their patience in monitoring Zhao Hai. Even the elder agreed that Beta should loosen his surveillance on Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai returned to his camp and through the screen he

could see that the people gathering around and about their tent have lessened, this made Zhao Hai very relieved.

However he didn't become impatient in gathering information, he continued his daily activities, but his activity range had grown in scope and is slowly heading towards the center of the camp.

On the fifth day after they arrived at West Wonder King's camp, Wales' blood hawk arrived. Zhao Hai wrote the current situation carefully and then handed the note over to the blood hawk to deliver the message to Wales.

He told Wales to not count on West Wonder King, and he fears that West Wonder King would ally with the Fighting Bull Tribe. The reason why Zhao Hai has still remained here is to monitor the situation of the Fighting Bulls community. He also wants to know about the 2nd and 3rd princesses' situation, if the two are in a bad situation he will find ways to save them and have them reunite with Wales.

After sending the letter, Zhao Hai felt that a huge burden has been removed from the depths of his heart, at the same time, he also monitored the cargo's progress. Tomorrow the caravan would arrive, along with it is nearly 3 million jin of grain, which is not a small number in any sense.

Zhao Hai saw the situation and immediately went to inform Beta. These days, the person Zhao Hai has the most interactions with is Beta. Although he knew that Beta was sent by the elder to monitor him, Zhao Hai has taken the initiative to interact with him often. This action would enable him to eliminate Beta's wariness. And also, if he were to always dodge and hide from Beta, it would be impossible to have Beta's surveillance on him relax in only these few days.

Beta is responsible for the security of the camp, therefore he doesn't go and herd like other bulls. Everyday, he goes on to patrol around the camp, Zhao Hai could very easily find him.

In these past few days, due to Zhao Hai's actions, Beta and Zhao Hai's friendship has been very good. Therefore when he saw Zhao Hai, Beta immediately smiled and greeted, "Brother Zhao Hai, what are you busying with?"

Zhao Hai quickly responded, "Brother, I've been looking for you. I need your help on a matter."

Beta stared surprised for a moment then replied. "Brother Zhao Hai, you've been very polite to me these past few days, tell me the matter you need help with, as long as I can lend a hand, I'll help you."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Brother Beta, our caravan will arrive at the camp tomorrow, this time they've brought a lot of grain. I need to find a place to unload the goods, you'll have to find me a good place."

Beta became stunned, and then he replied, "To be back so soon, Brother Hai, your men does things very quickly. How much grain did you bring this time?"

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile and said, "About 3 million jin."

Beta stared, with a startled face he looked at Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, did you say 3 million jin? Not 300,000 jin?"

Zhao Hai laughed and replied, "Brother, how can I possibly joke about his matter with you, 3 million jin is not wrong, therefore I need a very big place."

Beta sees that Zhao Hai is serious, he hurriedly replied. "Brother Zhao Hai, go back to your tent and wait, I'll immediately report to the elder, in a moment I'll provide you with an answer."

Zhao Hai showed a smile, gave Beta a salute and turned around to walk. Beta looked at Zhao Hai's back, then immediately turned his cow around and headed towards the foreign affairs elder.

Outside the elder's tent, Beta didn't give any warning and broke into the tent directly. Fortunately, there are no other people inside the tent. Only the elder was inside shuffling around with some books. When Beta came in, the elder became dissatisfied, "Can't you be more calm? Already an adult, but still rash and impatient."

Beta didn't even give a salute to the elder before he said, "Elder, Zhao Hai came to find me, he asked for help in preparing an area, tomorrow his first batch of grain is arriving carrying around 3 million jin in total."

The elder stared, his eyes lit up and said, "So quick? He really has 3 million jin?"

Beta nodded and replied, "Yes, Zhao said he was very sure."

The elder slowly closed his eyes as he muttered, "3 million jin of grain at half-price, this may save many matters for us. Go help him find a place, be sure to find a good area, when the grain arrives tomorrow, help him unload and see how good the grain is."

Beta issued a acknowledging sound, then turned away. When Beta went out, the elder opened his eyes and said to himself, "To ship so quickly, does he have a transit station in the prairie?"

It is not uncommon for human merchants to build transit stations in the beastman prairie. Some big merchant companies would construct stations on beastmen communities. Generally these stopover stations are made with medium or large beastmen tribe's cooperation. Human merchants place their station on the beastmen tribe territories and pay them commissions, this is so that they could move quickly and conveniently around the prairie whenever that wanted to transport.

The elder didn't care about whether Zhao Hai has a transit station or not, he is thinking about Zhao Hai's grain. To be honest, Zhao Hai's grain is very cheap. Even those merchants who often supply them with food wouldn't dare give the price that Zhao Hai is giving. These merchants would trade their grain at a price of 1000 jin for an Argali, but Zhao Hai's grain's price compared with these other merchants is a full half cheaper.

What does 50% cheaper grain represent in West Wonder Kings camp? It represents more food, this is a very good news for them.

At the very beginning, when Zhao Hai came to meet him, he still didn't believe anything that Zhao Hai said. So he let Zhao Hai as well as other merchants to deliver grain, he didn't think that Zhao Hai's grain would arrive very fast.

The next morning, a huge convoy can be seen slowly approaching West Wonder King's camp, getting closer and closer. Beta stood at the side of the camp, watching caravan after caravan. The convoy is composed of more than 1000 carts, in front of the convoy are 100 carts commonly used by the beastmen followed by the carts commonly used by human merchants.

Zhao Hai is standing on the ground outside, this time the team has some undead in it, but that isn't something for Zhao Hai to worry about. At this time Beta is watching the grain convoy. Watching this long parade of carts, Zhao Hai's heart is very excited, this convoy is his, how can he not be thrilled.

After the arrival of the convoy, Zhao Hai and Beta led the convoy to a vacant clearing. This is the area specially prepared to store Zhao Hai's grain. Now that the prairie is heading towards winter, there is absolutely no chance of rain. So even if they store the grain in an open area like this, they didn't have to worry about it being wet.

Beta has been paying close attention on the grain bags on the carts. The bags look ordinary, nothing special. Beta is carefully observing, he wonders what the quality of grain that Zhao Hai has delivered this time.

Quickly after they reached the open area, Zhao Hai wanted to command the undead to unload the grain. But he didn't think that other beastmen would run to help, Zhao Hai is too embarrassed to stop them, he can only assent.

When Beta picked up a bag of grain, he froze for a moment because the bag is too heavy. Not to say that he couldn't move it, its just that the bag has more weight to it compared to other merchant's bags of grain.

This made Beta stand still, his expression completely sunken. He has encountered this situation before, some grain merchants would put sand in the grain bags to make them heavier. This cheating method is the one that Beta disliked the most.

He picked up a few more bags of grain. The bags were so heavy that it made Beta's face look unpleasant. After he picked up the bags, he pretended to handle it carelessly, and he 'accidentally' dropped a bag from his shoulders. The grain is placed inside cloth bags, but these cloth bags, after long periods of transportation they couldn't possibly be able to retain their strength. After falling from Beta's tall body, the bag split immediately.

Beta looked at the split bag of food, he wanted to mock Zhao Hai with a few words, but as he glanced at the grains, he was stunned, the content of the bag is the highest grade grain, the individual grains seem to shine. If such grain cannot be called top grade, then the grain that they have been eating can only be inferior grain that hasn't even matured. Most importantly, there has been no sand inside the bag, it is very pure.

Beta stared at the bag of grain, and other Fighting Bull people also gathered around, looking at the split bag, their amazed expression is the same as Beta.

This method of falling and breaking one bag, seemingly looking for trouble with human merchants, isn't an uncommon deed for these Fighting Bull people. As long as there are problems with the food, they can seize the opportunity and purchase at a lower price. Looking at what Beta just did, everyone was ready to cause a disturbance, but when they saw the grains scattered on the ground, all of them have lost all their voices.

Zhao Hai looked at them and smiled. He knew, by looking at their expressions, that he can now carry on with his plans.

Chapter 284 - Seeing West Wonder King

The next morning, Beta went to find Zhao Hai to tell him that everything is ready, ten fighting bulls, ten wild blood cows, 1000 argali, and 600 wool blankets. Beta told Zhao Hai that he can take them away any time.

Zhao Hai went with Beta outside, Beta already loaded the blankets to the carts. The argali, fighting bulls, and wild blood cows are outside the camp. Zhao Hai casually inspected the blankets, they were very good, one of the finest blankets he has ever seen. Just by seeing the blankets, one would see the amazing workmanship of the beastmen.

After Zhao Hai expressed his gratitude, then he made the convoy leave, he commanded the undead to herd the argali, fighting bulls and wild blood cows outside.

Just like before, Zhao Hai let them carry the Ghost Staff, otherwise they wouldn't have any place to store the beasts.

After everything was done, Zhao Hai returned to his tent. He is still waiting for news as to whether he could meet West Wonder King today, he's very curious regarding this West Wonder King.

After his convoy has left, the grain that Zhao Hai brought has officially changed ownership. The elder has traded him with products and beasts in exchange for the grain, naturally, the grains are no longer Zhao Hai's.

Zhao Hai has also witnessed the ability of a big tribe to consume food. It still hasn't been an hour before the convoy left but the 3 million jin of grain can no longer be seen, they completely vanished, Zhao Hai felt very stunned.

Zhao Hai returned to his tent, he couldn't see Laura, but he knows that she went outside to trade with other beastmen. Even though Zhao Hai doesn't have any more grain, he still has fruit wine in his possession. Even though this type of liquor is not very popular with beastmen because they liked milk wine, most beastmen still traded for fruit wine, to be used when entertaining guests.

Vanity is also present within Beastmen, so some live in fairly decent homes, thus they'll also prepare some fancy wine when a special guest arrives.

Zhao Hai didn't care about any of these, he's not planning on leaving his tent today, he'll stay here in order to await news from Beta. If West Wonder King wants to see him today, and he still needs to find Zhao Hai, it would be somewhat annoying.

Zhao Hai didn't fear West Wonder King, but he needs to see West Wonder King. He needs to assess what kind of person West Wonder King is so that he could make appropriate plans.

He quietly watched the scenes on the monitor, the beastmen are still busy, the difference compared to a few days before is that there are no longer people observing them, not even one, this all began this morning. This allowed Zhao Hai to confirm his theory that the elder no longer suspects him of being a spy. And this result is what Zhao Hai wants the most.

Zhao Hai is quietly sitting in his tent, he also observed the undead convoy walk away. Because he fears that the convoy would get raided, he got Beta to stick West Wonder King's flag on his convoy. He believes that in this area, there shouldn't be anyone who won't give West Wonder King face.

Beta didn't say anything, he asked the elder, to which he agreed. After all, Zhao Hai is currently trading them grain at a very cheap price, and very good quality grain at that. If Zhao Hai isn't eligible to carry West Wonder King's flag, then all other merchants are even more so.

However, to be sure, Zhao Hai still placed the fighting bulls and wild blood cows inside the space, then he sent them towards the ranch. As the fighting bulls and wild blood cows entered the ranch, Zhao Hai heard an alert, "Bull Variant animal detected, Level 25, mentally unstable, irritable. Improving the animals' weaknesses... Animal Maturing time, 20 hours, may produce offspring 6 times, produces six calves each time. Consumes three grass per hour. Converting animal to data... Can now be purchased in the shop."

"Bull Variant animal detected, Level 25, special ability: resilient. Improving the animals capabilities... Animal Maturing time, 18 hours, may produce offspring 8 times, produces six calves each time. Consumes two grass per hour. Converting animal to data... Can now be purchased in the shop."

"Space has met Level Up requirements, promoted to Level 7. Increased quantity of beasts that can be reared. Current number of beasts the space can breed: 1300. Hopes that host continues to put in more effort."

Zhao Hai smiled. Good, finally time for a level up. He immediately took out 100 calves and placed them in the space. He turned to Mu'er and said, "Mu'er, I'll hand this space's ranch to you, make sure to maintain the number of argalis and bulls." Mu'er complied with a sound, at this moment, Cai'er informed him that Beta was coming and is soon to arrive at his tent.

Zhao Hai commanded with his mind, he immediately reappeared inside the tent. He walked outside and at this time was seen by Beta who said, "Brother Zhao Hai, come see the elder with me quickly. The elder shall take you to see the prince."

Zhao Hai nodded and walked with Beta. The West Wonder King's title, he himself claimed it. But he didn't dare call himself a royal, he could only claim to be a prince in private. But this prince likes to keep up appearances, like others calling him 'Your Majesty Prince'. Zhao Hai noticed this point yesterday when he asked the elder if he can meet with West Wonder King, and the elder himself called West Wonder King 'prince'.

They quickly arrived outside the elder's tent, Beta led Zhao Hai inside the tent immediately. The elder saw Zhao Hai and he immediately stood up and said, "Regarding mister's request, the prince has agreed. Please follow me.". After that, the elder led him outside.

Zhao Hai is appreciative of the neat way beastmen handles things. Zhao Hai followed the elder towards outside. He froze for a moment, because right outside the tent is a cart pulled by a bull. The cart is very big and also has a carriage on it, obviously meant for them to ride on.

Zhao Hai rarely sees beastmen riding carriages. They generally want to ride on top of their mounts, they think riding on top of a mount is more comfortable than inside a carriage. The elder seems to know what Zhao Hai is thinking, he said: "This elder is now quite old, it's impossible to stay still at the back of a bull, I can only manage by riding a carriage. Mister please." Zhao Hai returns the elder's gesture, then he rode the ox carriage.

The ox carriage is very large, much larger than Laura's cart, but the inside decorations are obviously inferior, it only has two simple seats on both sides of the carriage, and the above is covered in beast skins, a simple and crude set-up.

After Zhao Hai and the elder had sat down, the ox carriage began to move. When the elder got inside the carriage, he closed his eyes. It is obvious the he does not want to make conversation with Zhao Hai. Since there's no other way about it, Zhao Hai had to sit quietly inside the carriage.

After about half an hour, the carriage stopped, Zhao Hai who has almost fallen asleep immediately woke up. He opened his eyes and saw a pair of smiling eyes. Zhao Hai cleared his mind, looked at the elder and embarrassingly said, "Hehe, sorry elder, I almost fell asleep."

The elder didn't mind it, he smiled and said, "It's not a big deal, was the road too boring? Let's continue on, we don't want to make the prince wait."

Zhao Hai nodded, and along with the elder, they got off from the carriage.

Zhao Hai went out and gawked, he thought that when they arrived they would be outside West Wonder King's tent. But now, he was mistaken, after he got out, what he saw was that he was outside some wooden fences, and inside these fences should be West Wonder King's tent.

This is the first time that Zhao Hai has encountered this situation. There are no fences nor railings outside the beastmen camps. There are no fences outside the camp but instead there are fences surrounding West Wonder King's tent, it was as if he's a captive himself.

Of course, West Wonder King doesn't think that it is so, he just wanted to express that he and humans are different. However, in Zhao Hai's eyes, it is like a monkey that trapped himself in a cage, to express that he is different from humans is just ridiculous.

Standing at the front of the fence are two guards, once the guards saw the elder and Zhao Hao go off the carriage, they immediately gave a bow, the elder waved his arm and then led Zhao Hai inside,

While walking, Zhao Hai inspects West Wonder King's tent. The tent gave Zhao Hai the feeling of magnificence. In the open area outside the tent, two teams of cavalry can be seen patrolling back and forth. The cavalry are wearing leather armor and is equipped with a mace on their hands. You could sense the murderous aura emanating from them, one could see that these men were elites.

West Wonder King's tent is very white, it's very clean as well. The roof is gold colored and inserted above it is West Wonder King's war flag.

Zhao Hai understood that this is the camp's central tent, very magnificent. While Zhao Hai was observing, the elder actually didn't stop, he immediately led Zhao Hai towards the entrance.

From the outer gate to the tent entrance is about 100 meters, the two quickly arrived at the entrance where eight guards stood. The guards placed on both sides of the entrance of West Wonder King's tent stared at Zhao Hai, sizing him up.

Zhao Hai didn't mind it too much, he just wanted to follow the elder in entering the tent. The elder stopped right at the entrance and told the guard, "Foreign affairs elder Belluk brings the tribe's human friend Zhao Hai to seek an audience with the prince."

This is the first time that Zhao Hai has heard of the elder's name, but he felt uncomfortable. This isn't because he was dissatisfied with Belluk, but instead he became dissatisfied with West Wonder King. West Wonder King's faction on the cow-headed domain, is at most a medium tribe, which are innumerable inside the prairie. But this fellow not only dubbed himself as king, he also wants his subjects to address him as 'prince' or 'his majesty'. The main point is, his ego is too big, he places himself too highly, completely unlike a beastman. He's just like those Human nobles, wickedly arrogant.

Zhao Hai didn't know, but in truth, West Wonder King did this arrangement on purpose. When he sees a human merchant for the first time, he would exhibit an imposing stature before the human gets to meet with him to make them cower.

However he did not think that what he is doing is just deepening Zhao Hai's dislike for himself. Zhao Hai can even be sure that this West Wonder King isn't a big deal. Even though his strength still hasn't reach its max, he still acted as though he is someone grand. If such a person accomplishes something, the result wouldn't be considered noteworthy, simply not enough. Zhao Hai now understood why the Herculean Bull clan chief decided to support this West Wonder King, it is because this West Wonder King doesn't have the capability to threaten the Herculean Bulls.

Chapter 284 - Special Requests

Whoosh!

Then tent curtain was forced open, then a figure rushed in from outside. The elder could not help but frown, he knew for sure that it was Beta, no one but Beta would dare break into his tent like this. He put down the pen in his hand and looked up at Beta.

The elder could not help but pause for a moment because in the hands of Beta was a bag of grain. Beta looked at him excitedly, the elder knitted his brows, "What is it Beta, did something happen?"

Beta took a deep breath, then he put the grain bag down. And with a face full of excitement he looked at the elder and then he slowly opened the bag of grain, the contents of the bag fell towards the ground.

The elder watched the actions of Beta, then shifted his gaze towards the grain on the ground. These grains were the best grain he has ever seen in his life. He couldn't sit still, he stood up, walked towards the Bamboo grain, grabbed some with his hands and lightly chewed on them with his mouth.

Good rice! The elder looked up at Beta and said, "Is this Zhao Hai's grain?"

Beta nodded, the elder then said, "All bags are the same?" Beta nodded again. The elder immediately told Beta, "Go ask Zhao Hai to come over." Beta did not say anything, he immediately went outside in haste.

The elder slowly sat down, but his eyes never left the bamboo rice on the ground, such good rice, he has never seen them before in his life. If Zhao Hai supplies this rice, not to mention half price, even if he doubles the price the elder would still be willing to trade.

Before long, the sound of footsteps can be heard outside the tent, after which Beta and Zhao Hai walked in. This time the elder acted very polite. He got up and saluted to Zhao Hai, "Welcome Mister Zhao, please take a sit." Zhao Hai didn't dare to act big, he returned the elder's salute, he then went towards the elder's right side and sat down.

This is the way humans show respect, Zhao Hai sitting on the elder's right side shows an act of modesty. This gave the elder a very good impression. After Zhao Hai sat down, the elder looked at Zhao Hai, "For Mister Zhao to bring us such high quality grain, I am very deeply grateful for that."

Zhao Hai quickly responded. "Elder is too polite, to get into the elder's graces, this Zhao Hai is honored."

The elder actually didn't care about Zhao Hai's modesty, he looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Mister has such good quality grain, but why sell it to us at such a low price? I ask Mister Zhao to clear my doubts about this."

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile as he replied, "There is nothing to complex about it, there are actually only two reasons. First, because these grains are my territories' produce, therefore the price is very low. Second, is because I have just arrived at the prairie, and seeing the the prairie operates on an open market, the prices would be naturally low, of course, this does not mean that my price would increase later, be assured elder, my food price wouldn't change."

The elder looked at Zhao Hai and nodded. Zhao Hai's response was justified. The elder continued towards Zhao Hai, "How much grain could Mr. Zhao supply this year?"

Zhao Hai frowned and said, "Only 15 million pounds, my ability to transport is currently very limited, moreover I can only trade this month, after this month winter would arrive. At which point I would probably return to my territory, thus I cannot transport food here."

The elder gave an understanding nod, humans after all would need to return to their homes. It would be impossible for them to wade the winter with the beastmen race, they are not used to that kind of life, but 15 million jin of grain wouldn't be too less upon further calculation.

Zhao Hai looked at the elder and smiled, "Elder, I don't know if I would be fortunate enough to meet with West Wonder King? In order to discuss the possibility of cooperation next year?"

The elder paused for a moment, then he replied, "I don't have authority for this, I will report your inquiry to the prince, tomorrow I shall give you a reply."

Zhao Hai nodded, he looked at the elder and said, "There is another thing that I want to talk with elder, now that my men has delivered the grain, they need to leave immediately, can you look to see if I can get the payment for this batch of grain? To save me trouble of bringing them myself."

The elder paused, then he nodded and said, "Not a problem, but these things needs to be readied, you'll have to wait for a day. What payment does mister want? Do you want all of them to be argali?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "No, actually, I was going to talk to the elder about this matter. We have a few elders in the family, they are potion masters as well as alchemists. You should know, they like to collect special ingredients. Therefore, if possible, I'd want some special magic beasts and magic plants, if you were to offer your tribe's unique magic beast that would be better. Of course, we still would accept Argali as well as wool products as payment, I ask the elder to look into these matters."

The elder didn't think that Zhao Hai would have a special request. He looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister's meaning is, if we were to exchange the grains with some fighting bulls of our clan, then you'd offer a high price? What about magic beasts?" [TN: not the Fighting Bull clansmen but instead their 'cousin' Fighting Bull beast]

Zhao Hai hastily replied, "Be assured elder, I'd offer the same high price for magic beasts, but the quantities of these beasts couldn't be many. After all, I fear that I couldn't raise them properly."

The elder agreed to Zhao Hai's request, he nodded his head and said, "Well, I can give you ten Fighting Bulls, as well as ten wild blood cows. I hope mister can exchange each cow for 10 thousand jin of grain. Then we'll use Argali and wool blankets for the rest, what do you think?"

Zhao Hai thinks for a moment then replied, "There's no problem, ten fighting bulls plus ten wild blood cows account for two hundred thousand jin of grain, that leaves 2,800,000 jin of grain. If 2,800,000 jin were to be traded with argali, it would be 1,400 heads. So I'd like 1000 heads, and the for the rest I'd like 600 blankets. If your tribe has any magic plants, this number can be lowered, what do you think?"

The elder nodded, "Fair enough, I agree. Tomorrow, Mr. Zhao can get the things that you requested. However, currently we don't have the time to collect more magic beasts as well as plants for mister. The time is too short, moreover, during winter plants would wither, we can only wait for next year."

Zhao Hai faintly smiles, "That's fine, the elder can send some people to collect during these days. In a few days my second batch of grain will arrive, then we could trade, withered plants are okay, as long as it hasn't withered for more than one month."

The elder nodded, "Very well, we'll try our best. Mister can return, if West Wonder King agrees to meet mister tomorrow, I'll immediately inform you." Zhao Hai expressed his gratitude, then turned to leave.

Looking at Zhao Hai going out, Beta couldn't help but say to the elder, "Elder, why did you agree to trade him our fighting bulls? What if he studies them what do we do?"

The elder showed a faint smile, "Nothing, rest assured, humans have spent all these years researching about our soul beasts without much result. And do you think that if we don't give them some beasts, they wouldn't have any way to procure them elsewhere? If they really are to be greedy, then why not trade our soul beasts to bring more food for ourselves?"

Beta nodded, not saying anything, the elder turned to Beta, "You go take some people from the tribe and go search for some strange plants. If anyone were to spot some magic beasts, make sure to bring them alive." Beta complied, then turned to leave.

Zhao Hai went to his tent while assessing his conversation with the elder. But fortunately, there are no flaws in his part, he acted like any common merchant.

He just deliberately asked the elder for their magic beasts because he is very clear that he can't be too low-key. Human merchants tend to act high-profile towards the beastmen, so he should be the same from time to time. The opposite would cause other people to have suspicions. After all, spies would tend

to be low-key, trying not to stir up trouble as much as possible, on the contrary, if you were to act high-profile, no one would suspect you.

Zhao Hai also would not be too high-profile, but he also couldn't be a pushover. So he asked the elder for the tribe's companion soul beast as well as some special magic plants, which could be interpreted as a lofty request. At the same time, he also disclosed to the elder that he couldn't get these things at another place.

Zhao Hai knows very clear, that West Wonder King isn't most afraid of Wales. In his opinion, Herculean Bull tribe was already ruined. Wales is a prince of a declining tribe, they wouldn't even dare return to the Cow-headed beastman domain. West Wonder King fears the grudge held by the Fighting Bull chieftain.

And Zhao Hai, by requesting for fighting bulls and wild blood cows, gave clues to the elder that he is not related to the chieftain of the Fighting Bull Tribe.

Strictly speaking, West Wonder King's tribe is a branch family of the Fighting Bull tribe so they also use the same bulls as the main tribe. Their beasts, the fighting bulls, have bodies filled with short black hairs, a very violent ox-headed bull. The bull's height is nearly three meters, they cannot use magic but they have great strength, ranked in the top ten among the cow-headed domain. Moreover, they also have a special ability, Rage!

Rage can be considered as a very strange ability, because of their fury, their strength and defensive ability would greatly explode. No matter what level the opposing beast is, they would still dare to charge. This point is what excels them compare to other magic beasts.

Ranks of magic beasts are very strict, like the fighting bulls which can be considered as sixth rank magic beasts. Ordinary sixth rank beasts, when they meet eighth ranked beasts, would be immobilized, thus letting the eight rank easily slaughter them. But the fighting bulls are different, they are not afraid, whether it be eight rank or ninth rank beasts, as long as they are in a state of rage, they'd dare to make the first move and charge.

The wild blood cows, are a dark-type magic beast. They place only at the fifth rank, only five levels. They can perform simple blood magic, but this beast actually is most suited for the fighting bull clan.

The name wild blood actually doesn't conform to the cow's nature because of its two blood magics, one is Quick Recovery and the other is Gloom.

These two magic belongs to Support-type magic, Quick Recovery can be cast on somebody to quicken their wound healing my many folds, some being dozens of times faster. Gloom is a mental type black magic, once used, the target would become absolutely rational, like a puppet, and seemingly forgetting what anger is.

These two magics fit the Fighting Bulls perfectly. Regarding the Fighting Bulls' temper, with which single word can cause a fight, and their mounts would be similar, once the rage skill is used, it would be in a state of extreme anger, no matter if ally or foe, it would only know to charge, which in a battlefield is very fearful.

But the two skills of the wild blood cow happens to suppress this enraged state. So the Fighting Bulls absorb the wild blood cow's soul and train in their skills. After practicing in these skills their beastly souls would obtain two new abilities, which is to quickly recover wounds as well as make them retain a calm condition, not only them, but also to their mounts.

Their name of wild blood cows became so because they are completely blood red. Normally with black and white eyes, their eye color would turn red once in battle, like a violent man when he is angry, therefore it was given its name of wild blood.

Before, the Fighting Bull tribe is only an ordinary tribe within the cow-headed race. Their temperament is too bad along with their very disobedient mounts, they couldn't control their temper which wouldn't differentiate between friend or foe. Because of these qualities, they were not very well-liked among the cow-headed race.

Afterwards, after generations of effort, they finally were able to find soul beasts most suitable for them, which multiplied their battle effectiveness my many folds. Now they are famous within the cow-headed race as strong warriors.

The human race, all these years, has had researched beastmen soul beasts as well as beast relatives. They want to discover a way to crack this method that gave beastmen immense strength. But till now they still haven't succeeded. The Beastmen are still using soul beasts but humans are still using battle qi.

Humans have always coveted this method of obtaining strength from the beastmen for a long time. If they were to discover how these beastmen managed to have companion beasts, this would greatly increase the might of their cavalry. If they were to know how to use soul beasts, then their battle power would also increase greatly. But unfortunately, just as the beastmen said, these two abilities were given to them by the Beast God. With the exception of the beastmen, no other race could use these abilities.

Zhao Hai also knows that, before, some human merchants would purchase soul beasts as well as unique beasts from the beastmen and then bring them back to Human territory to do research on. But unfortunately, most of these beasts would die of illness. Even if its alive, the humans still couldn't find anything in their research.

Because of this point did Zhao Hai propose to the elder his purchase of their fighting bulls and wild blood cows. This is because he knows the elder will sell, in addition it would eliminate some of the elder's wariness of him.

As he returned to his tent, Zhao Hai immediately turned on the monitor. The words Beta and the elder has said right after he left gave him relief. He has now found out that the elder's wariness of him has basically disappeared.

Chapter 285 - The Princesses' Situation

Zhao Hai entered the tent with Belluk with his head bowed down, using the corner of his eyes he observes everything inside. The ground is covered with a layer of thick carpet endowed with an extremely beautiful design on top, looking very high quality, stepping on it felt like stepping on clouds which is extremely comfortable.

There's no fire pit inside the tent, but instead there is a big copper brazier about 1 meter in diameter. The brazier appeared very beautiful with its animal carvings. And on top of the brazier is a copper pot exuding the fragrance of milk tea.

At the top of the tent, a source brightness was hung. Zhao Hai stole a glance at it and saw a huge wheel shaped chandelier lamp, these are not oil lamps but is instead magic lamps. Zhao Hai felt very surprised, it seems that West Wonder King has been living comfortably, one must know that the price of a magic lamp is much greater than an oil lamp.

At this time, Belluk bowed, "This one has seen the prince."

Zhao Hai recovered from his shock and immediately bowed following Belluk, "This one sees West Wonder King." Even though he hasn't seen West Wonder King yet.

A hoarse voice replied, "Don't be so polite, Belluk, Mr. Zhao, please take a seat."

Zhao Hai started to look up, the first thing he saw was a table, this isn't a small table but a proper square table, it looked like a writing desk. On the opposite side of the table, a beastman could be seen, this beastman was about three meters high, has a huge Ox-head, a pair of scimitar-like horns, and an unattractive cow face caused by a very long scar, which made him look very fierce.

His body is very sturdy, he looks like a mountain just by sitting there. His body's muscles are very angular and detailed, comparable to cast iron. Behind him is a huge mace whose head is as thick as Zhao Hai's body.

The man was not wearing ordinary beastman leather clothes, nor is he wearing human cotton clothes, but instead he wore iron armor, a full set of human made iron armor, which made him look like a terrifying iron monster.

Looking at his appearance makes one think that he's a battle maniac, a crude and rude man. But Zhao Hai thinks otherwise, the eyes of this West Wonder King is very bright, it gave you a look that seems to penetrate your body and pierce your soul.

Zhao Hai did not think that people who possess these kinds of eyes would be a crude man, this man is surely not a simple character. But Zhao Hai didn't show any expression, after he expressed his gratitude, he sat down opposite West Wonder King on his table. Elder Belluk sat by his side.

West Wonder King curiously sized up Zhao Hai as he said in a deep voice, "Mr Zhao Hai, welcome to my camp, I must thank you for the grain."

Zhao Hai smiles and replied, "Your majesty is too polite, we are also in need of your help, not to mention who to thank, I myself must express my gratitude to you, without your tribe buying my grain I may need to wait until next year to find trade again."

West Wonder King laughed and said, "You humans really have your way with words, mister Zhao doesn't need to be modest, as long as you bring your grain to the prairie, it'll surely be instantly sold out."

If Zhao Hai didn't notice the look of his eyes before, he would've thought that West Wonder King was a hearty person who wouldn't have machinations in his heart. So now Zhao Hai isn't affected by the man's current attitude. He just smiled and replied, "Your majesty is too kind, what I say is certainly true. I consider the cooperation with your majesty as long-term, not just this year, but the next year and the year after that as well. You couldn't do that with any normal tribe, there no such guarantee. I wonder if I'd be honored to cooperate with your majesty for next year?"

West Wonder King didn't think that Zhao Hai would quickly get to the point. He looked at Zhao Hai's eyes and asked, "I wonder how much grain Mister Zhao can provide us next year?"

Zhao Hai thought for a moment then answered, "200 million jin!"

West Wonder King's face didn't show surprise, instead in a deep voice he asked, "The price?"

Zhao Hai smiled and replied, "Basically the same as this year, your majesty doesn't need to worry. Moreover, I could confidently guarantee the grain's quality."

West Wonder King looked at Zhao Hai, "Mister, you have to know that 200 million jin of grain is quite a substantial amount for our tribe. If there are any problems with your grain, then my entire tribe may be affected."

Zhai Hai nodded, "Of course I know about this matter, but your Majesty can be assured of my sincerity in this cooperation. I wont start transporting these 200 million jin of grains during autumn next year, I will instead send the grain in batches starting from the moment grass starts to grow on the prairie up until the start of winter when my carts can no longer traverse the landscape. What does your Majesty think?"

West Wonder King's eyes turned cold, "Why can you grow grass extensively, to the point that you can send us food the moment the grass grows?"

Zhao Hai smiles and replied, "Your Majesty, I can only say that my territory has a special climate wherein I can plant grain three quarters of the year. When the prairie's grass has grown, my first batch of grain would have just matured, after which I'll send it to your Majesty."

When West Wonder King heard what Zhao Hai said he was stunned for a moment and then he said, "Aren't you a resident of Aksu Empire?" What West Wonder King asked makes sense, after all the general climate in the empire only allows planting in one quarter of the year. Only the countries at the front may have two or three seasons of planting.

Zhao Hai shook his head, "I'm not, please be assured your Majesty."

[N: I think I need to do some re-reading because im pretty sure Buda clan is in Aksu empire. Maybe because his territory is quite far from the empire?]

West Wonder King nodded and said, "If mister is confident in his proposal, then we'll purchase all of your grain, I can guarantee a fair price."

Zhao Hai smiled, "This one thanks his Majesty, I will assure that his Majesty's tribe will have a supply of grain." West Wonder King nodded, "Well then, I will not keep you here, Belluk, make sure to accommodate Mister Zhao properly."

Zhao Hai hurriedly replied, "I wont dare make his Majesty worry, I'll excuse myself." He then stood up, gave a bow to West Wonder King and then went with Belluk to leave the tent.

On the ox carriage, Belluk looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I hope Mister wouldn't be offended, there are currently a lot going on in the tribe, the prince really has no time to spare."

Zhao Hai stared for a moment then smiled, "Elder is too polite, I'm not in the least offended, deciding the cooperation with His Majesty with me is already enough, the elder doesn't need to worry about me, I'll take care of my own matters."

Belluk nodded, then went back to silence. Zhao Hai opened the window and looked outside, suddenly he notices a Herculean Bull soldier, he was handcuffed and fettered. He was pulling a large cart with difficulty and was followed by a Fighting Bull soldier who wielded a whip in his hand.

Upon seeing this scene, Zhao Hai cannot help but he shocked, his complexion changed and immediately understood what was going on. He immediately calmed down his expression then pulled down the curtains.

Luckily Belluk was maintaining his silence with closed eyes, so he did not see Zhao Hai's actions. Zhao Hai let out a long breath, his heart became overwhelmingly calm, because he knew what that scene just now represented.

If the Herculean Bull's 2nd and 3rd princesses still held power, the Fighting Bulls would not dare to such a thing to the Herculean Bulls. It appears that the Herculean Bulls in this camp are certain to be the 2nd and 3rd princesses' retinue, now that the servants are treated this way, it is certain that the 2nd and 3rd princesses aren't in any better state.

The carriage quickly arrived at Belluk's tent. Zhao Hai dismounts from the carriage then politely said goodbye to Belluk, then he headed towards his tent because there are many things that he has to consider now. The most important thing is figuring out the 2nd and 3rd princesses' whereabouts.

At noon, Laura and Meg returned, but although they had a smile on their faces, Zhao Hai noticed that those were somewhat restrained.

When Laura went inside the tent, Zhao Hai immediately turned on the monitor. Seeing that no one was following them, Laura talked, "Brother Hai, we just heard that the 2nd and 3rd princesses were demoted by West Wonder King to slaves, being forced to forage on the prairie."

Zhao Hai nodded and added, "I thought so, just after I met with West Wonder King, I happen to see a Herculean Bull soldier pulling a cart while being whipped. If there was no incident with the 2nd and 3rd princesses, nobody would dare do such a thing to Herculean Bulls. It looks like West Wonder King is planning on returning to Fighting Bull chieftain's side.

Laura anxiously replied, "Brother Hai, what do we do now? We must find a way to save the 2nd and 3rd princesses otherwise we wouldn't have any face left to meet Brother Wales."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Don't worry, I have already thought about it, in a few days when the grain convoy gets out of the cow-headed race's territory and had the grain loaded up, I will have the Ghost staff brought back by the blood hawk. If our scouting around West Wonder King's camp goes well and we finally find the 2nd and 3rd princesses, we'll find a time to rescue them."

Laura thought for a moment then she nodded and said, "Presently this is only thing we can do and it's not like we can do anything else at the moment. We also heard something from the Fighting Bulls, it looks like it came from other Fighting Bulls. It is said that with the recent intervention of a human during the conflict, the Fighting Bull chieftain decided to deport all human from their tribe."

Zhao Hai paused, then he frowned, "So this is the case, the Fighting Bulls are really good at scheming. With this, not only can they let the humans escape, they can also provide an excuse, this chieftain of the Fighting bull tribe seems to be quite a character, now we don't really know if they really did expell the humans from their tribe."

Laura frowned, "It is not yet proven, just a speculation. There is also another rumor that the Fighting Bull chieftain killed the humans who helped him, and also that the Fighting Bulls are ready to attack West Wonder King."

Zhao Hai nodded, "We don't have to worry about that now, we need to think of means to rescue the princesses, we can talk about other matters later."

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Laura nodded and said, "Good, but when do we rescue the princesses? Do we wait up until we leave?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "No, if we wait until we leave to rescue the princesses, then West Wonder King would suspect us of rescuing them. As long as we find the 2nd and 3rd princesses, we'll immediately rescue them, only then would West Wonder King not suspect us."

Laura heard Zhao Hai's words and thought that they seemed reasonable, if they rescued the 2nd and 3rd princesses just as they left, then West Wonder King would undoubtedly find fault with them, adding

many variables to the current situation. But if they immediately rescue the princesses, West Wonder King wouldn't be able to find fault with them, even if he has his suspicions."

Meg looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, did you see West Wonder King today? How did it go, smooth? What kind of person is he?"

Zhao Hai thinks for a moment then he said, "He looks like a powerful person, if you judge based on his appearance, then you'd think he was a crude man. But if you take note of his eyes, you'll see that he has a calculating attitude. I went today and talked to him about the issue of our grain business, this should make him trust us."

Laura nodded and then smiled, "Now West Wonder King would feel proud, I have the inkling that he could not wait for the day that we'd bring him the grain."

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile, "First we need to stabilize him, have him stay his hand so that Brother Wales can continue on with his plans. And after we rescue the princesses, we'll snoop around the camp. But from all the rumors going around, it seems that the Fighting Bull tribe isn't in any better situation, by cooperating with a human they had place themselves in an awkward situation since its a beastman taboo to ask for help with humans, they'll have to cover it up. If I am the Fighting Bull chieftain, I'll help the humans escape the prairie, then await for a suitable time for to have them return, as the matter stands, they are on the losing side. This is a big help to brother Wales, it will make his success more possible."

Laura nodded, "If big brother Wales can counter-attack as soon as possible, then he'll certainly succeed because nobody would think that he'll counter-attack immediately."

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile, he didn't add any further comments, he looked at Laura and asked, "You have been in contact with the Fighting Bulls these past few days, what do you feel about them?"

Laura thought for a moment, then she said, "I don't really feel anything, I just think that they are very much unlike Spiel who was easy going, I don't like them."

Zhao Hai smiled, "Probably its because they are too practical, you cannot blame them, they often see convoys come so trading has become too common here. In any case, after this we won't have any interactions with them anymore."

Laura nodded, then turned her head to the monitor and saw several beastmen being busy, Zhao Hai suddenly sighed, "Look at their busy appearance, it is very difficult to imagine what their response will be when war comes."

Laura didn't say a word, none of them have experienced war so they cannot imagine that scene, but they had seen the Giant-Horned Bull tribe's appearance after Gasol's attack, and that is only a small tribe. If the big tribe outside encounters the same fate, it would be very difficult to visualize the scene.

Zhao Hai sighed, then the image on the monitor switched to the convoy. The convoy was still on the move without any accidents. Zhao Hai nodded, "Right, I just placed the fighting bulls and wild blood cows on the ranch. It made the ranch rise to level 7 and then I raised 100 cows. The milk wine that we made should be good by now. Want to return to Iron Mountain Fortress and have a taste?"

When Laura heard that the pasture has been upgraded, she became very happy. Then she said, "Brother Hai, the space's pasture is now level 7, what change do you think will happen when it reaches level 10?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "Who knows? The change that will happen may not be what I want, forget it, any change is good."

Laura smiles, "I believe that the pasture will keep improving, just like the farm. Also, I didn't think that the Milk Wine would only take a short time to ferment. To be honest, I cannot seem to get used to the taste of Milk Wine. But our milk might be very tasty, I can't wait to have a taste the flavor of our milk wine."

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile, to be honest he also wants have a taste of the wine. Seeing that it is now lunch time, Zhao Hai led Laura and others back to Iron Mountain Fort. He left the camp to Cai'er for monitoring, just in case if some people come to visit, they'd still have time to come back.

Back at Iron Mountain Fort, the residents have just finished eating their lunch. In general, the lunch provided here at Iron Mountain Fort is very simple. Since they will become busy at the afternoon, lunch would be brief then followed by a short break before they head back to work.

Seeing Zhao Hai suddenly come back, Green became somewhat surprised. Usually Zhao Hai wouldn't come back for lunch, but fortunately Green prepared a lot of food, he didn't need to prepare again.

While having lunch, Zhao Hai had Green bring some milk wine, Green got someone bring a pot to Zhao Hai. He then gave each person one cup to taste. The milk wine was very tasty, quite mellow compared to beastman-made wine. It was very fragrant, and coupled with the distillation method, the quality of the milk wine became a lot higher. Laura drank a cup, after which her face reddened.

Zhao hai didn't drink any more, he only drank a cup then returned to his tent back at the camp, then fell asleep.

In the next three days, Zhao Hai's life was very calm, sometimes they'd interact with some beastmen. But this time they didn't just trade things with the beastmen, they also asked them if there are any things that the beastmen specifically wanted, because if possible, he'd bring those to them.

Leaving aside that Zhao Hai trades them with products, when he asked them regarding things they needed so he can procure them, the beastmen became happy. In reality, these beastmen have many things that they want, but since Zhao Hai mainly trades with food they couldn't buy anything else, now that Zhao Hai wanted to listen to their requests, they'd be absolutely delighted.

But trouble came afterward, the news that Zhao Hai accepted requests spread throughout West Wonder King's camp and before long, a bunch of people came in with requests of all the things they needed hoping that Zhao Hai could procure them.

Zhao Hai felt that he made a big mistake, he really shouldn't have asked for requests. Since the beastmen still had a lot of things to do, Zhao Hai had them return first. He had their requests written down so that he does not need to list them one by one.

Zhao Hai did so because he had a lot of supplies from Casa City, almost all were prepared for this trip to the prairie. So Zhao Hai wanted these supplies to be traded for some argali.

He just underestimated the beastmen's desire to buy. Since the beastmen cannot buy whatever they wanted on this scarce prairie, their blown out enthusiasm was completely out of Zhao Hai's expectation.

Zhao Hai finally received all the list of orders, which was enough to compile a few books with. In any case, the grain convoy just reached outside the cow-headed race territory. Zhao Hai can only delay the orders until next shipment to bring in the requests.

These few busy days passed by quickly, Zhao Hai's grain convoy had finally left cow-headed race's territory. After they finished loading the grain, Zhao Hai immediately took back his Ghost staff. He then called a blood hawk to seek around West Wonder King's camp to find Wales' two sisters.

Now that the beastmen are preparing for winter, the quantity of grass to be foraged by a tribe as large as West Wonder King's camp reached astronomical figures. Therefore at this time, there were very many foragers out and about, but these foragers were mostly slaves.

Foraging grass for the winter season is very tiring work, you cannot return to the camp for a long time, you work from dawn to dusk, such high intensity work, only after then can you rest. Majority of the large tribes would have slaves do this job, sometimes having a certain quota per slave, if someone cannot meet the required amount, they may even get killed.

Fortunately the blood hawk is quick, and also Zhao Hai believed that the Fighting Bulls would certainly group up all the Herculean Bulls to one place, Zhao Hai is certain to find their specific location.

Laura and the team are also staring at the scene, very careful in looking, fearing that they might miss something. Soon they finally found their target, in reality, it wasn't that difficult to find them since they are not that far from West Wonder King's camp, only half-a day's journey away.

There were more than 100 Herculean Bulls working, both male and female. These people were in handcuffs and fetters. What made Zhao Hai surprised is that they are accompanied by a cavalry of 300 Fighting Bulls, moreover, they were fully-armed.

Zhao Hai didn't immediately make a move, he observed the Fighting Bull cavalry carefully, as well the the surrounding situation around the Herculean Bulls.

Sure enough, Zhao Hai found something not right with the surroundings. In the herds surrounding the Herculean Bulls, there were a lot of Fighting Bulls working, these were not slaves of the Fighting Bulls but true Fighting Bull clansmen. They also have their mounts and weapons with them. Moreover, you could see that they were not working that hard, instead, while working they would sometimes pay attention to the Herculean Bulls' situation. Counting them up, there were about 5,000 of them.

Zhao Hai immediately understood the situation after seeing this scene. This was a trap set up by the Fighting Bulls, they want to use the 2nd and 3rd princesses as bait. So when the Herculean Bulls come and try to attempt rescue, they would be attacked immediately, catching the Herculean Bulls off-guard.

Seeing this situation Zhao Hai's expression couldn't help but sink. Laura with a gloomy face also didn't speak. Some time after, Meg angrily shouted, "Too shameless! Without the Hercuelan Bulls they wouldn't even achieve what they are today. But look at what what he did, he unexpectedly set a trap for the Herculean Bull clan. Completely shameless!"

Meg rarely cursed people, but today she madly cursed, you could see how angry she was. Zhao Hai and Laura are also very angry, they really didn't expect that West Wonder King would be shameless to this point.

Zhao Hai can guess what West Wonder King is thinking, he wants to use this way to show the Fighting Bull tribe that he already drew the line between the Herculean Bulls and himself.

To be honest, after West Wonder King is finished with the Herculean bulls, he wants to hire himself onto the Fighting Bull clan. This point Zhao Hai can understand, after all, West Wonder King is a leader, not only himself, but he also needs to consider his people.

However, the method that West Wonder King used made Zhao Hai very angry to the point of enraging him. He knew from Wales that without the Herculean Bull clan, there wouldn't be a West Wonder King today, but West Wonder King actually treated the Herculean Bulls this way, Zhao Hai cannot forgive this action.

Laura didn't curse, but instead she turned to Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, what is your judgement?" Laura knows that Zhao Hai isn't a person to suffer a loss and remain silent, therefore she asked this.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, "We move this evening, I'll disptch the undead as well as the hawks. But not to save the 2nd and 3rd princesses but instead make West Wonder King's 5000 men my subordinates."

Laura stared, then immadeiately understood what Zhao Hai meant, she frowned and replied, "Is this okay? That is a large battalion of troops, and the camp is very close by."

Zhao Hai smiles, "Darkness is our domain, we'll tidy up the surrounding cavalry first then we'll rescue the 2nd and 3rd princesses after."

Laura nodded, then said nothing. Like what Zhao Hai said, after darkness, it would truly be their domain. With so many Undead, taking care of these Fighting Bulls should be very easy.

After watching the weather outside, Zhao Hai said with a low voice, "We shall rest first, in a while we'll begin. We will not wait for the day to be entirely dark, this time we are only here to monitor, it would be best for the Fighting Bulls to see us so they will not have suspicions towards our group.

Laura stared blankly for a moment, then showed a faint smile and said, "Right, we'll get loud during dinner, we'll also go out of the tent from time to time, so that no one would doubt us."

Zhao Hai smiles, "Right, by then we could provide evidence that we're not the culprit. They wouldn't think that we have the space, a mysterious existence, with us. I'll have the bloody hawk hold the Ghost Staff, we'll poison them first, then we'll begin."

Laura didn't have any further opinion, all those inside the tent hoped that the darkness would come soon.

Chapter 287 - Poison!

The sky slowly darkened, because of the preparations for winter, the whole camp had their dinner a bit later than before, sometimes at almost dark. The camp was filled with smokes rising from the tents.

Zhao Hai looked outside and sees beastmen beginning to cook, he could not help but smile, "Let's get started", he said. Laura nodded, as per usual, they prepared their dinner in their camp, nothing very out-of-place.

Zhao Hai didn't come out, through the space's monitor, he watched the Fighting Bull Cavalry in charge of the Herculean Bulls. The cavalry were currently cooking, one could see that the food was very good, a pot of boiled mutton. Some took out their pouches that were used to hold milk wine.

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile while seeing this scene, which was very suitable for him to use poison. Initially, Zhao Hai planned to have the hawks deliver the poison from the air but after thinking about it, it was very unrealistic. The blood hawks were not aircraft, and even aircraft cannot guarantee that the dropped bomb could hit 100% of the time, let alone the blood hawks by raining poison down.

Since there is no way to use poison with blood hawks, Zhao Hai thought of another ultimate weapon he had inside the space, the blood devouring mosquitoes.

Since the blood devouring mosquitoes have entered the space, Zhao Hai hadn't used them. This time he had the opportunity to do so, but Zhao Hai didn't make them bite, instead, he made them deliver poison.

The heads of these mosquitoes were not small, so one or two can secretly infiltrate a camp, and if too many were sent, they would be discovered, so Zhao Hai sent five blood devouring mosquitoes.

These blood devouring mosquitoes gained some improvements from the space so they were not afraid of the space's poisons. Therefore, Zhao Hai got them to suck up some poison to their bodies, then they dived towards the Fighting Bulls and spat out some poison to the big pot of mutton.

Zhao Hai, after asking Zhao Wen, knew that the mosquitoes possess such an ability. But he didn't expect that in addition to sucking liquids to their belly, they could also spit it out, they were too overpowered.

Initially, Zhao Hao planned to have them dive towards the pot in a suicidal attack. But it looks like there is no need for it now, the current setup is much better.

Zhao Hai only poisoned the Fighting Bulls that monitored the Herculean Bulls while excluding the Herculean Bulls. He feared that he may injure the 2nd and 3rd princesses, if that happens then he'd have no explanation to give Wales.

While the poison was doing its job, at this time Laura was preparing food outside. Today they also cooked delicious mutton. In the prairie, people didn't eat mutton daily because they regard Argali as their most important property, so how could the possibly always eat mutton

For herders in the prairie, they would usually eat bamboo rice. Only in special occasions would they cook mutton. Laura also knows this so they usually eat bamboo rice and some pie, they wouldn't eat mutton regularly.

However, today is a special day therefore Laura prepared mutton. Outside the camp stands a large pot, cooking inside the pot is the mutton, several people are laughing while preparing food.

Of the three, Meg was the one who cooked the food. She used to assist Merine prepare food, therefore she's a very good cook. Laura and Nier cannot cook food, since Laura was a genuine young lady, there would always be someone to prepare for her, and since Nier is always at Laura's side she also cannot cook.

However the two have not been idle, they followed by Meg's side laughing and joking being more of a hindrance than help, sending Meg into a flurry.

Zhao Hai sat in the tent, he faintly smiled while looking at the scene of the three women. Zhao Hai felt that he was fortunate that they got along so peacefully, if his backyard were on fire, then it would be a big problem.

Zhao Hai has also been paying attention to the condition of the several camps, seeing that the Fighting Bulls began to eat, Zhao Hai prepared to begin his plan. He selected a far away camp, with a wave of his hand he released some undead Fighting Bull Cavalry and Jackal Cavalry and had them head towards the camp.

Zhao Hai had to admit that these Fighting Bulls have good physiques. Even after eating the poisoned mutton, they were not affected immediately and were still drinking milk wine. But at the moment, there were people currently charging at them so they immediately equipped their weapons and readied to fight.

However, Zhao Hai's poison isn't that easy to deal with. This concoction is made from mixing different kinds of poisons, thus making it very overbearing. At the beginning, the Fighting Bulls didn't feel anything. Only when they rode their bulls to start fighting did problems arise.

As they readied to fight, naturally their blood flow would speed up thus increasing the rate of absorbing the poison and allowing the poison to reach the heart faster. So as these Fighting Bulls were charging,

after a hundred meters, they suddenly felt their body turn weak and their arms numb, at present they can only become accessories stuck at the back of their bulls.

At this time, the Jackal cavalry came. When it comes to harvesting life they are very good. Zhao Hai also immediately stored the undead Fighting Bulls, because the Fighting Bulls would cause much noise when running and may alert the surrounding camps.

The remaining matters became simple, the Jackal Cavalry completely slaughtered all Fighting Bulls. Later, Zhao Hai turned all of them into undead. This camp had 1000 people therefore Zhao Hai gained 1000 troops, after which they headed toward the second camp.

In the first camp, because the Fighting Bulls had just consumed the meat, the poison had yet to affect them. But when Zhao Hai reached the second camp, all the Fighting Bulls there were already poisoned and fell to the ground waiting for the blade to slice them.

Five camps became useless after Zhao Hai dealt with them. After cleaning up the battlefield, Zhao Hai took out all of his fighting type undead. Presently he has six battalions of undead fighters, 5000 of which were West Wonder King's subordinates.

Zhao Hai let 5000 men of West Wonder King take the lead, followed by 1500 cavalry behind, then they headed towards the place where the Herculean Bulls were located.

The Fighting Bulls that were with the Herculean Bulls were very anxious at first. But after seeing that they were encircled by their own people, they relaxed and even prepared to send greetings.

However, having suddenly appeared here, their clansmen immediately started to charge. And instead of responding to their calls, they were instead met with maces pounded on their heads.

6500 versus 300 who were totally unprepared, one doesn't need to look to know what the result would be. So the men under West Wonder King that couldn't react to what is going on immediately got slaughtered clean while the enslaved Herculean Bulls didn't react. The only looked blankly at all that happened, they really couldn't wrap their head around what is happening here.

But then suddenly they felt their head go dizzy, afterwards they lost their awareness. Before long, all of the Fighting Bulls vanished along with the Herculean Bulls. On the camp all commodities also vanished. The prairie became peaceful, it became extremely quiet, as if nothing happened.

But because they made a lot of noise while fighting, West Wonder King's camp naturally heard the commotion since the place is not that far away. So West Wonder King's camp immediately sent ten thousand cavalry towards where the Herculean Bulls were.

At this time, Zhao Hai seemed to be oblivious to all that was happening. He just ate mutton outside his tent. Midway through their dinner, Meg went out looking for beastmen to trade milk wine, with the reason that their supply of milk wine has run out.

It is normal for many beastmen to have dinner outside their tent, Zhao Hai's group also had dinner outside several times, especially during the times they were still monitored. During that time, Zhao Hai didn't return to Iron Mountain Fort nor to the space for dinner and always had their dinner outside so that the observers could always see them.

Later, after the people who monitored them were withdrawn, Zhao Hai still had his dinners outside. To the beastmen, this is nothing strange, everyone had no suspicions at all.

However, this night the camp was not peaceful. In the middle of the night, Zhao Heard a bugle ringing outside. They immediately ran outside the tent in a panicked manner. Currently, the entire camp was boiling with commotion. All Fighting Bull people went out their tents carrying their weapons.

Fortunately, these men didn't enter Zhao Hai's tent. But a few Fighting Bull cavalry were patrolling outside their camp, they didn't know whether they were sent to protect Zhao Hai's group or monitor them.

Zhao Hai pretended to restlessly walk back and forth in his camp while wearing a very worried face. At this time Beta came, Zhao Hai immediately saw him and moved forward to greet, with a panicked face he asked, "Brother Beta, what happened? Why did you suddenly mobilize troops?"

Beta looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Zhao, I'll have to inconvenience you, do not leave your camp. Just now we had one team of cavalry suddenly disappear outside when they went to forage some grass.

The prince is very angry, we are currently tracing them, do not go out of your camp. We have sent some men to protect you, you'll be safe inside the camp."

Zhao Hai pretended to be startled and said, "Good, I'll definitely refrain from going out. Thank you, brother Beta." He immediately turned back to his tent and looked at the monitor.

The monitor was guided by a blood hawk carrying the Ghost staff so that the situation around the camp can be seen. Teams of fully grown Fighting Bulls have equipped their weapons and rode their mount before heading out to the prairie, prepared for combat.

Chapter 288 - North

Laura looked at the monitor and said to Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, do you think they'd figure something out?"

Zhao Hai smiled lightly, "Impossible, the most they could see are nothing but hoof prints of some Fighting Bulls and Jackals, remember the way I left the scene, there is nothing left there but grass."

Laura nodded, then smiled, "What do you think will happen when they see the area? With the sudden disappearance of more than 5,000 people. What speculations would be in their minds?"

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile, "It's hard to say, from what it looks like, they would be possibly be looking for clues in the surroundings for quite a while. Now that we have nothing else to do, let's just behave inside the tent."

Zhao Hai's action this time was too sudden that West Wonder King hadn't even thought of them. What he knew presently was that the Herculean Bulls' area where they worked at was only a half-day's distance away from his camp. But, in general, if a horse ran very fast, it would be possible to reach the camp in an hour.

But around the camp, there were 5,000 Fighting Bull cavalry. These 5000 Fighting Bull cavalry, when in frontal charge, would surely be able hold wind against 3000 Herculean Bulls.

With such numbers, West Wonder King is confident that even if the strongest Tiger or Lion cavalry on the prairie would attack them, their clan member of 5,000 men could still keep up for an hour, they would have bought enough time for reinforcements to arrive.

But a faction sending thousands of cavalry to a camp which is only a half-day travel from his camp while being unnoticed is impossible. Therefore he believed that the Herculean Bulls cannot escape.

However, what he didn't expect is that in this world a person such as Zhao Hai would exist, one who has the capability to use the power of the Space to completely eliminate his 5,000 cavalry while also departing quietly.

Because he hasn't got any idea that Zhao Hai's method exists, West Wonder King felt stifled, he didn't know who he was facing against. For his 5,000 cavalry to simply just vanish is too strange, while leaving no trace at the scene except for some bloodstains. There was almost nothing left worth noting to see.

No trace, except for some tents around which looked like they even hadn't been disturbed. It looked like they were attacked by a heavenly general, suddenly landing from the sky, trampling his camps flat, then rounded everything up before flying away.

Getting zero leads, everyone from West Wonder King's camp developed headaches. In the end there was nowhere for West Wonder King to send his troops to. West Wonder King can only go to the Prophets in their tribe.

There were prophets in tribes like West Wonder King's. At the moment there were currently 5 prophets in West Wonder King's camp all of which were from the Water Buffalo Tribe.

It is said that in the entire cow-headed race, if one were to be prophets, they were generally of the Water Buffalo clan, because other branches of the cow-headed race cannot produce prophets most of the time. Other races' prophets couldn't come to the cow-headed race, this is a beastman tradition. Except truly big warrior clans like the Lion Race and Tiger race, who have prophets of different races, ordinary warrior clans would use their own race's prophet produced in their branch clans.

This time West Wonder King went to find the prophets for nothing but the prophecy for the future of his camp. He didn't ask who saved the Herculean Bulls because the prophets weren't gods, it's impossible to prophesize about those.

One of West Wonder King's five prophets was one who became very well-known amongst the beastmen. His name was Blue Jack of the Water Buffalo tribe, he began his debut quite early on in his life. He was best known for having a successful prophecy a few years ago. He prophesized that the beastmen prairie would have a great drought, and indeed, on that year the prairie did have a drought. This made him instantly famous amongst the entire beastman prairie.

Actually, Beastmen Prophets were not that mysterious. The main thing they use to combat were Beast Soul Tablets, just like how human magicians use their own conduit like staffs. And when prophesizing, among 100 prophecies, they could correctly guess five or six times. Quite a bad rate but the beastmen still believed them regardless, much like how the ancient Chinese believed in fortune-telling.

This time, West Wonder King gathered all the prophets in his tent. He looked at them and said, "Prophets, the situation of this tribe, I believe you already knew more or less about it so I won't say anything more. What I want to ask of you is to predict the situation of my tribe in the future. If our tribe won't have a good future, how then should we avoid the disaster, I ask the prophets for help."

Amongst those gathered, Blue Jack undoubtedly has the highest authority. He took the lead in giving West Wonder King the greetings, "The prince is too polite, sharing the worries of the prince is our duty-bound matter." Blue Jack wore a cotton robe which looked like a black magician's gown. He had wrinkles on his face, clearly showing that he's the opposite of being young. His hand is holding a cane which seems to be made from magic beast bone, white but not pale in color but white like pure jade, very beautiful. Hanging on his neck were skulls, 18 of them, these skulls were not genuine but are instead made of bull horns and is made to be black. Oftentimes he'd trace his hands on them making him look gloomy and grim as if he's not a beastman but a human black magician instead.

In all honesty, West Wonder King never liked Blue Jack, he thinks that Blue Jack is gloomy. But he had to recognize Blue Jack's real skill therefore he can only depend on Blue Jack heavily.

As soon as West Wonder King heard Blue Jack's voice, he nodded and replied, "Very well, then gentlemen please." He said as he prepared a few items for the several prophets.

Two things were extremely crucial to a prophet's prophecy. The first is the skull of a magic beast and the second is the blood of the beast. If the prediction is very important, they could even use their own blood.

Presently, five skulls were placed on the ground. These skulls were not of Argali, but the skull of bulls. In a beastman's view, the higher level the magic beast skull is, the more accurate the prediction would be, so this time West Wonder King presented high quality bull skulls.

Next to the five bull skulls were five bowls of blood, this was also a bull's blood. The prophets knew that this was prepared for them so they each took one set and then went towards the brazier in West Wonder King's tent. They put the skull in the brazier before they closed their eyes and started mouthing off incantations,.

These incantations were the type that only beastmen prophets could learn. The prophets believe that this language is used to communicate to the Beast God and receive instructions from him, therefore all prophets must study this language.

Soon, the prophets picked up the the bowls filled with blood then poured the blood onto the skulls.

Afterwards, the prophets took out the skulls inside the brazier and carefully looked at it. After some time, the prophets placed the skulls down and then turned towards West Wonder King. West Wonder King looked at the prophets before him and said, "Prophets, tell me, no need to be polite about it."

The prophets' expression were quite unattractive, "Prince, from the result of this time's prophecy, we fear that the situations of your camp is not good."

Other prophets also told the same thing save for Blue Jack. West Wonder King saw that Jack was not speaking, he quickly asked, "Blue Jack, what is your judgement?"

Blue Jack also shook his head, "Not very good, our West Wonder King camp will encounter a great calamity, but there is a way to resolve it."

Upon hearing what Blue Jack had said, West Wonder King's face changed its complexion, he quickly said, "I Invite Prophet Jack to speak clear words."

Blue Jack said, "From today's prophecy, if we want to overcome this calamity, there is only one way judging from what can be seen on the skull. Its that there is a means of safety in the north, but as to the

specific meaning I do not know. Perhaps to take refuge in the north, or perhaps there is a special person we need to assist in the north.”

West Wonder King knitted the eyebrows on his head, he looked at the prophets one by one, but no other prophet spoke any more words. West Wonder King frowned, he did not understand what this ‘north’ meant.

To say the north, that place is too big, and isn’t quite possible for them to take refuge in the north. Its impossible for a camp of 100,000 people to go and migrate during winter. Completely impossible to go, but to think of it, there is a special person in the north, because the Fighting Bull clan is in that direction, does this mean that they should take refuge with the Fighting Bull clan?

Actually, this idea of Blue Jack is already on West Wonder King’s mind. He had long wanted to go back to the Fighting Bull clan, therefore it reflected on his current actions. He made the Herculean Bull’s princesses into slaves and he also set up a trap for the other Herculean Bulls who may want to attempt rescue. These actions represent his willingness to side with the Fighting Bull clan.

However, he had long been in opposition with the chieftain of the Fighting Bulls. It could be said that many in the camp has had grudges against the Fighting Bull clan. If he directly said that he wanted to side with the Fighting Bull clan, the people in his camp wouldn’t agree. So he put out many actions to tell the people in the camp that he wanted to side with the clan.

But he could not say this idea plainly since he didn’t have a concrete reason. But now, with Blue Jack’s prophecy, it gave him a good reason to use the prophecy to tell the people that siding with the clan is the decision of the Beast God. This way the voices in opposition would lessen considerably.

But West Wonder King didn’t think that there was another entity in the north other than the Fighting Bull clan, the Herculean Bulls were also in that direction. The Herculean Bulls fled to the Mastiff territory which is in the northern direction as opposed to the Herculean Bull’s main camp.

Perhaps West Wonder King hadn’t thought about this because, in his opinion, the Herculean Bulls are done. They were a completely hopeless tribe who won’t be able to recover, they were simply out of his consideration.

Zhao Hai didn't pay attention to West Wonder King's tent, but if he did, he would certainly be shocked by the ability of these Beastmen Prophets.

These prophets have unexpectedly prophesized that 'north' is salvation. And Zhao Hai understood what this meant, it meant that West Wonder King should support Wales in taking back Herculean Bull's main camp. In this way, West Wonder King wouldn't be dealt with en-route, thus he would be absolutely safe.

It was a pity, however, that West Wonder King's thoughts didn't coincide with Zhao Hai's. His brain was now full with the idea of siding with the Fighting Bull chieftain, so how could he possibly thought of giving aid to the Herculean Bull clan.

What Zhao Hai is observing right now were the actions of the Fighting Bull Cavalry. The cavalry, holding torches in their hands, were performing a carpet search all around West Wonder King's camp. Of course, it was for sure that they wouldn't find anything.

The entire night had been restless, only when dawn came did the various troops return to the camp. Naturally they didn't have any leads, this made the entire camp develop a very tense atmosphere.

Naturally, Zhao Hai's group, who were behaving inside their camp the whole time were forgotten by the beastmen. This did not mean that they were looked down upon by the beastmen, but seeing that Zhao Hai seemed to not be a powerful person, he would naturally be ignored.

Belluk sent someone to check on Zhao Hai, but they only checked for a moment, because at the time of the accident, Zhao Hai's group were eating in their camp. A lot of beastmen have seen them, therefore it would be impossible for them to be the culprits.

In the next two days, the mood inside the camp isn't only of anxiety, but also of sadness. They have lost more than 5,000 young and capable men. These Fighting Bulls have their own families and some of them were even living near Zhao Hai's camp, seeing that their family members were missing, this made their family members sad.

For Zhao Hai, he didn't regret his actions. For their own sake, he must only do so. There was a saying: Just do, never regret. In Zhao Hai's mind, there is no good or evil in war, only victory and defeat.

With Zhao Hai being low-key, West Wonder King didn't have time to take notice of him. He wanted to side with the Fighting Bulls, but it's clearly not the time for that yet. After preparing for winter, he plans to announce his decision to side with the Fighting Bull chieftain. After all, the Herculean Bulls have just been defeated, if he immediately went forward to rely on the Fighting Bull clan, then it wouldn't be good for his image.

Just at this time, the sad atmosphere had been diluted a little because of a certain matter. And that certain matter is the arrival of Zhao Hai's grain convoy.

Zhao Hai's grain convoy came at a very timely moment since the camp's atmosphere is very bad. With the convoy's arrival, the sad atmosphere surrounding the camp has been cleared, the people's lives seem to become a bit calmer.

Unfortunately, because of the recent incident, there was no way for the Fighting Bulls to collect plants and magic beasts. Zhao Hai can only trade with Argali, this time Zhao Hai did not want wool products, he wanted to exchange the whole shipment with 1,500 heads of Argali.

At the same time, in front of the beastmen, Zhao Hai handed a stack of papers to the undead. The beastmen couldn't help but to be excited because they knew what those stacks of paper were, those were the requests of things that they made Zhao Hai purchase.

After the grain convoy left, Zhao Hai had managed to restore the beastman camp to calmness. People were foraging grass, you could also hear occasional laughter in the surroundings.

This made Zhao Hai very surprised. He looked at the beastman camp and then turned to Laura, "Laura why are they laughing? They just lost 5,000 people recently. Don't they feel sad?"

Laura looked at these beastmen, she sighed and said, "Perhaps they got used to it. I heard that in the beastman prairie, wars are very common. They do it to compete for slaves, compete for territory, compete for women, they will have wars. You can say that there are wars everyday in the beastman prairie. You can see that idea from the defeat of the Herculean Bulls, it had caused quite the sensation among the cow-headed race. But can you see whether or not the other beastman races were affected? No, because for the beastmen, that kind of situation happens very often."

Zhao Hai sighed and then stayed silent, he turned to go back inside the tent also followed by Meg . In the tent Zhao Hai turned to Laura and said, "I think that Brother Wales will soon find his fellow clansmen, we need to prepare grain for their consumption. Right, how many requests from this camp can we meet?"

Zhao Hai promised the beastmen of this camp to help them buy some things. There were some requests which were similar, so Zhao Hai made Laura help with the statistics of the orders and then look if they have enough from what they brought from Casa City."

Laura had known how to do all of these calculations mentally since she used to do this before, so naturally it would come familiar and easy. Therefore she smiled and replied, "It would be enough, but I do not think that we should give the items to them in one go. This may cause suspicions, from what I see, how about we give them a tenth of the total quantity? This would not only help ship items easily, it would also consume less space in the grain convoy." Zhao Hai nodded to show his consent.

Zhao Hai didn't idle about, he immediately sent a letter to Wales that the princesses were rescued and that his people were now saved so Wales would not worry. He also added the matter about West Wonder King preparing a trap, to make Wales completely lose trust in West Wonder King.

After completing all of these, Zhao Hai patiently waited for Wales' reply. He must determine Wales' condition and determine if Wales needed aid for anything.

Wales' reply quickly arrived, along with the letter, there were also six space bags brought. This time, besides grain, there were several things that Wales urgently needed, at the same time Wales also told Zhao Hai about the situation with the Mastiff tribe.

This time, the Herculean Bulls have suffered such a huge defeat. To understand, the Herculean Bulls used to have a number of more than one million clansmen and their troops have reached three hundred thousand. Now the Herculean Bulls have fled, their numbers have been reduced to half a million clansmen, but they still have troops of over two hundred thousand.

This is because during the Fighting Bull's attack on the Herculean Bulls, the Herculean Bulls didn't have a central command to coordinate them therefore they were quickly defeated. And in the process of being routed, those younger can run faster while the old and weak could not catch up.

Now these half million people came for refuge inside the Mastiff tribe, fortunately, there would be Herculean Bulls joining the group from time to time. Now, even though the Herculean Bulls have suffered such a defeat, they still have kept their fighting strength, they still have the ability to fight it out.

After Wales returned to the Herculean Bulls, he immediately took over the position of chieftain without question. He also took out Gasol's weapon and told the tribe that he had already executed Gasol on charges of treason against the tribe.

But most important thing is that he brought grain with him. These life-saving grains stabilized the will of the people. One could say that these grains were crucial to him being able to take the position of chieftain.

At the same time, Wales also told Zhao Hai about the news that Zhao Hai's magic peach juice and life water fully healed their tribe's Supreme elder. Not only did it heal his wound, it also pushed him towards a breakthrough and also having to the brink of another breakthrough towards the next level. If he were able to breakthrough successfully, his strength would undoubtedly soar.

Naturally, this breakthrough didn't mean that he would level up from 9th to 10th rank, that would be impossible. The 9th rank is divided into nine layers, the elder used to be 9th rank 3rd layer. And after this, he may possibly become 9th rank 5th layer, about two consecutive breakthroughs, which in the 9th rank is considered to be a miracle.

Zhao Hai didn't think that the magic peach juice as well as the life water would have this effect, this made him very surprised. But with this breakthrough, Wales can now arrange a plan for his counter attack.

Zhao Hai quickly prepared all of Wales' needs and delivered those to him. This time he used 5 space bags to store grain while the remaining bag was used to store some living materials.

Busy day, Zhao Hai's convoy have just arrived for the third time in West Wonder King's camp. This time, in addition to food, they also brought a lot of the items requested by the Fighting Bulls. Because of this, Zhao Hai's standing inside West Wonder King's camp improved by a lot, he had become one of the most popular here.

Due of this popularity, Zhao Hai had managed to get some news about the Fighting Bull clan. He is specifically concerned about news regarding West Wonder King and the Fighting Bull chieftain. West Wonder King already exhibited his motive to hire himself to the Fighting Bull chieftain, but he didn't explicitly say so, he has not sent someone to contact the Fighting Bull clan, hence in the camp, some sensed fear, they don't know what their future holds.

It was this sense of fear that the people at West Wonder King's camp made sure to pay special attention to the Fighting Bull chieftain. They were afraid of being attacked by the Fighting Bull chieftain.

But they also know that it would also be unlikely, because at this time, they need to forage for grass in order to prepare for winter. The Fighting Bull chieftain also needs to forage, moreover, he needs to forage for many more people.

In addition, winter is not generally a time where beastmen dispatch troops. Amongst the beastmen, aside a few races, few would choose to dispatch troops in the winter. However the sense of fear still exists, therefore inside the camp, plenty of rumors are in circulation regarding the Fighting Bull chieftain, both genuine and fake, it was very hard to tell them apart.

However, Zhao hai had reached two conclusions from looking at these genuine and fake rumors. First, the Fighting Bulls reduced all remaining Herculean Bulls into slaves, a total number reaching an astonishing three hundred thousand. Second, the human who cooperated with the Fighting Bulls was already not in the Fighting bull clan. Regarding this human's whereabouts there were two opinions. First, the human was really expelled by the Fighting bulls, and the second is that the human was killed by the Fighting Bull chieftain, Zhao Hai is partial towards the first opinion.

No matter which opinion it is, it became very clear that currently, the Fighting Bull clan did not have any helpers. If there were gonna be helpers inside the Fighting Bull clan, the success rate of Wales' counter-attack would drop.

Zhao Hai immediately told Wales about the information he had obtained, he hoped that Wales would attack as soon as possible. Due to it being winter, if they were to attack during this season, their time would be tight because war preparation isn't simple.

Although rumors were flying everywhere in West Wonder King's camp, overall, the general mood is positive. Especially because Zhao Hai had sent them grain, it made the camp's winter food sufficient, although they lost 5,000 people, people still wore smiles on their faces.

Now Zhao Hai had stayed inside West Wonder King's camp for about 20 days, in ten days he would have to leave. At this moment another convoy arrived at West Wonder King's camp.

This convoy already had established a cooperation with West Wonder King, this time they did not deliver grain to West Wonder King but instead they delivered living materials.

Different from Zhao Hai's amateurish mercantilism, these merchants who delivered commodity goods were genuine traders. Even though true merchants wouldn't be eager to trade during the winter, they still would like to trade grain. But delivering grain during this time isn't wise, they would be raided too easily, and going back would be similarly unsafe, moreover, big tribes would prepare grain in the two months following winter therefore transporting grain to the prairie this time is a pretty huge risk, and beastmen would surely find reasons to undercut the price.

So during these times, prairie merchants would bring with them living materials. These were items essential to living in the prairie, therefore these products' prices would never be undercut. For the small tribes, however, these things were not as attractive as grain,

The people of the caravan didn't think that inside West Wonder King's camp there would be another merchant group, but this group unexpectedly focused on trading grain.

The head merchant of the convoy had tried contacting Zhao Hai twice, but Zhao Hai seems to not like coming in contact with them. He did not criticize Zhao Hai, however, because through his connections in West Wonder King's camp, he understood who Zhao Hai was.

The merchant was startled when he heard of the facts, he did not think that Zhao Hai had managed to supply more than ten million jin of grain to West Wonder King. This number, for a merchant, is not a small number, this fact made him more careful of Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai was also very concerned about this merchant. The merchant said that he is an Aksu Empire citizen, named Bell, but he is not a Purcell Duchy citizen. He said he arrived to beastmen prairie through Ikisa Family territory.

Regarding the Ikisa Family, Laura had some knowledge about them. This is a family in the west of Purcell Duchy, its neighbor. Moreover, their territory also neighbored the beastman prairie, which became another passage for humans to smuggle goods towards the prairie.

And this Bell, is the Ikisa family's most famed grain and commodity merchant. But Laura didn't know that this Bell was in cooperation with West Wonder King.

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Bell appearing here was unexpected, Laura had cooperated with him before but not too deep, they didn't get to see face to face, they only knew each other's names.

The reason why Laura didn't get too deep with their cooperation was because Bell didn't hold a good reputation.

According to the rumors, Laura judged that Bell and Thompson were the same type person. They would resort to all means in order to achieve their goals, even though unethical. This mindset let Thompson transform the Markey family into a famous merchant family. Also, by using various means, Bell also made himself the largest grain and commodity trader in the Ikisa Family territory.

Because of Bell's style, Laura felt repulsed. Therefore there weren't much cooperation between the two of them.

Zhao Hai was sitting in the tent while looking at the picture on the monitor. Currently the picture showed Bell's image. Bell's location isn't far away from where Zhao Hai stayed, in a similar tent prepared by West Wonder King which were prepared for the use of human merchants.

After he heard about Bell's character, Zhao Hai felt that this Bell was a formidable man, therefore he paid special attention to Bell.

He wanted to know the other people accompanying Bell, and there were a lot of them. Bell himself is mediocre, only a 6th rank warrior, but in his entourage he had two 8th rank warriors, a 7th rank black magician, five 5th rank warriors, twenty 6th rank warriors, and 500 fifth rank and below personnel.

Such group, their strength isn't something to be looked down at. If they were to fight on the surface, then they would be a lot stronger than Zhao Hai.

However, Zhao Hai didn't worry too much that Bell would find trouble with him because Bell wouldn't dare do it. They were in the beastman prairie, they would have to obey beastmen rules, if they were to cause trouble, it would be equal to slapping the beastmen on the face, and they will not like it.

Zhao Hai knew that he is not in a low position in the hearts of these beastmen. He sold them grain at low prices. He also bought them items, and he didn't charge too much. All these beastmen felt good about Zhao Hai, so if Bell dares to cause trouble with Zhao Hai, then it'd be the end for Bell.

However, since Bell still hadn't done anything, Zhao Hai could only act amicably. But looking at Bell's fat face, Zhao Hai felt uncomfortable, he had thought of an expression for a person with a kind face but a cruel heart, a smiling tiger. In Zhao Hai's eyes, Bell was a smiling tiger.

Because of this, Zhao Hai shifted his attention to Bell as there doesn't seem to be any movements from West Wonder King. Zhao Hai is spying at Bell, he wants to know what measures he could prepare to cope with this man.

With his fourth batch of grain arriving at the camp soon, Zhao Hai fears that Bell would make a move then.

On the monitor, Bell was sitting still inside his tent. In his hand is a cup of fruit wine, and in front of him unexpectedly were fruits. One must know that in the prairie, it is very difficult to acquire them. Zhao Hai looked at the fruits and noticed that they were frozen, it looked like Bell didn't have any spatial equipment with him.

In front of Bell sat a person, Laura and Zhao Hai had not seen this person before. His appearance is that of a subordinate, he looked to be over 30 years old, but his face has the color of frost and wind, seemingly like a bachelor.

Zhao Hai turned his head towards Laura, "Laura, do you recognize this person?"

Laura shook her head and said, "I don't, maybe its an undead that Bell raised."

Then, they heard Bell speak, "How's the probing?"

The man said to Bell, "It's okay, there's nothing odd with Zhao Hai and Laura. Their names don't seem to be fake. The food they sold to the beastmen was haven rice, and they only sold it at half the normal price."

Tasting the wine in his glass, Bell said, "A completely careless and wasteful use of nature's gifts, if this haven rice were sold on the mainland, then they wouldn't sell for cheap, what a pity. Radiant Church, those bastards and Southern King that buffoon, they deserve to fall off their horse and die."

The man then followed, "Currently the Aksu Empire is still tracing the origin of Zhao Hai, but its a mess and they can't figure anything out . But it is certain that Zhao Hai came from a large aristocratic family and in his hand were space equipments, and that he is also a very strong black magician, other than those there aren't any leads."

Bell nodded, "This is normal, we can see from Zhao Hai's actions that he does not want others to take notice of him. But sometimes he does things that can only make other people pay turn their heads to him. How do you say it, low-key but arrogant. To be honest, I'm very like this Zhao Hai. Unfortunately my reputation is not good, otherwise I might have accomplished more right now. Right, what message did the league want to transmit?"

The servant suddenly smiled, "The league only transmitted a few words, three words, 'One of Us'."

Bell became surprised for a moment then he laughed, "I knew those old fogies of the league won't give up on Zhao Hai, one who is this powerful. In addition he is someone the Radiant Church wouldn't certainly let off. We can certainly pull him closer to the alliance, good, 'One of Us', perhaps, Haha, I must chat with him for cooperation."

The servant looked at Bell and said, "Will he believe you?"

Bell showed a faint smile and said, "I have this." He took out a small badge, it was a League of Black Mages' identification medallion.

Zhao Hai and Laura who saw this were shocked. They had not thought that Bell, this successful merchant, was unexpectedly a member of the League of Black Mages, this fact surprised Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai turned his head towards Laura, then he showed a faint smile, "The league's range of power really isn't to be underestimated, for a successful merchant like Bell to be a member of the league, really surprising."

Laura smiled, "Yes, what a coincidence, we should go see him, since he is in the league, let's just ask him for news about the Fighting Bull clan."

Zhao Hai smiled, then he stood up, "Come, let us go meet him." He said as he walked out, Laura, Meg and Nier followed hastily.

Even in his dreams, Bell would not think that all of what he said would be heard by Zhao Hai. Before he made his move, Zhao Hai beat him to it.

While Bell was discussing with his subordinate about when to see Zhao Hai, suddenly a voice came from the entrance of his tent, "Master, Mister Zhao Hai along with Miss Laura, Miss Meg, and Miss Nier, have come to see you."

Bell became surprised for a moment, he turned to his subordinate and asked, "They came first, what do you think?"

The man shook his head, "I'm unable to guess, even master wouldn't know." Bell nodded then he said, "Invite them in quickly." The servant on the entrance complied then turned to invite the visitors in.

Bell stood up, ready to meet Zhao Hai. The tent's entrance was opened, Zhao Hai and his group came in, Bell immediately smiled and greeted, "For Mister Zhao Hai to come suddenly, it really gave me a scare."

Zhao Hai smiled as he replied, "May Mister excuse my disturbance of your rest, I apologize." He said as he gave Bell a simple salute.

Bell quickly responded, "Mister is too polite, I am very honored, Mister please sit down." After Zhao Hai finished sitting down, a servant came and poured him a cup of wine, then they took out a bowl of fruit and place them on the table in front of Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile, he turned his head and looked at the two servants by the entrance, he then turned to Bell and said, "Mister Bell, I have somewhat of an important matter to discuss with you so can you please invite them to leave." Zhao Hai gestured towards the two servants by the entrance.

Bell stared blankly as he looked at Zhao Hai, then he nodded, he signalled towards the two servants, the servants bowed then drew back.

Seeing that the servants were now away, Zhao Hai turned his head to Bell and said, "This time I came to find mister bell to inquire about something." After he finished talking, a League of Black Mages' medallion appeared on his hand.

Bell didn't think that Zhao hai would show his badge to him, he stared for a moment then looked at Zhao Hai before he laughed, "Mister is really bad, you already knew about my identity." He also took out his badge, the two people stared at each other and laughed.

Some time after the two persons have calmed down, Bell looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I really didn't think that you could know of my identity so quickly, what do you want to know?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, "I wanted to know for how long have you cooperated with West Wonder King? And if whether you have any other cooperation with others?"

Bell became surprised for a moment, he looked at Zhao Hai puzzled, "Why do you ask? Mister Zhao Hai, do you have matters to take care of?"

Zhao Hai nodded, and replied, "Mister Bell, I'll be honest with you, presently I am in an alliance with the Herculean Bull's chieftain, the tribe's seventh prince Wales is my Beheading Oath Brother. The reason that I'm moving about in the prairie is to gather information for Brother Wales with regards to the Fighting Bull clan. But you also know that it's my first time in the prairie, therefore I am lacking with regards to information here, thus I wanted to ask you for help this aspect."

Bell looked at Zhao Hai, the information Zhao Hai told him really gave him a shock. He didn't know of a beastman performing a Beheading Blood Oath with a human. But Zhao Hai has unexpectedly managed to do it in his first year in the prairie, this is too astonishing.