

Canon 271

Chapter 271: Chaotic Battle, Humanoid Demonic Beast (2)

The fiery light was incomparably powerful. With a whistling sound, it instantly arrived in front of Yin Wuyou.

Yin Wuyou shouted as her body lit up. In a hurry, she blocked the fire with her sword.

Zhou Shu frowned, bent his knees, and shot into the sky.

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Boom!

Zhou Shu scattered the flames in front of Yin Wuyou with a punch. At this moment, a few more flames shot over from all directions.

Zhou Shu and Yin Wuyou hurriedly landed from the sky. At this time, the flames collided and exploded in the sky.

Zhou Shu and Yin Wuyou looked at each other. This should be an attack from someone from the Demon Realm.

It seemed that they couldn't fly randomly, or they would get hit like a bird.

"I took a glance just now," Yin Wuyou said softly. "There don't seem to be any of our people nearby. Dozens of kilometers southwest seems to be the army of the Demon Realm..."

"We came to a place occupied by the Demon Realm?" Zhou Shu felt that it was a little ridiculous. How did a logistics staff member like him get behind enemy lines?

He turned and saw that only Shi Songtao and Haitang were still with them...

Four of them and not a single official combatant...

"We're not surrounded by enemies, are we, Your Highness?" Shi Songtao said carefully.

Shi Songtao didn't know about the imperial cauldrons. Most of the soldiers who participated in the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament didn't know.

But they already knew about the Demon Realm before coming in.

Regarding the Demon Realm, the officials of the various nations only hid it from ordinary people. They couldn't hide it from these frontline soldiers.

Shi Songtao also understood who they were facing in the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament.

"So be it. What's the big deal?" Zhou Shu said indifferently. "They can surround us, but can't we turn the tables around and surround them instead?"

Shi Songtao: "..."

Are you serious?

There are only four of us. How many people do they have?

Isn't it obvious who's surrounding whom?

"What do we do now?" Shi Songtao said. He realized with some sadness that he seemed to be the weakest among the four of them.

Her Highness's little maid's cultivation might not be as high as mine, but her combat strength...

Shi Songtao was panicking now. If the enemy discovered them, wouldn't he be in the most danger?

"Surround them," Zhou Shu said casually and walked forward.

Yin Wuyou and Haitang followed without fear.

Shi Songtao was stunned. "Wait for me!"

He had to follow closely. If he hadn't been following Zhou Shu closely, he suspected that he wouldn't have survived the first wave of battle.

It seemed to be even more dangerous now than in the chaotic battle earlier. He couldn't be too far away from Zhou Shu.

The four of them walked straight toward the Demon Realm army that they had just seen.

Zhou Shu's thoughts were very simple—find the main army and peacefully be their logistics support.

A detour?

There was absolutely no need for that.

The Demon Realm army had the same thoughts as Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu and Yin Wuyou had already exposed their location.

The Demon Realm army was already swarming in their direction.

They were halfway across when they bumped into each other.

Previously, he had been focused on fighting and hadn't even had the time to carefully observe the Demon Realm army.

This was the first time Zhou Shu seriously sized up the Demon Realm army.

Speaking of which, it wasn't appropriate to call the people of the Demon Realm humans.

They were probably demonic beasts or demons.

In terms of appearance, they were not much different from the demonic beasts Zhou Shu had seen before. If there was one thing, it was that the pupils of these demonic beasts in front of him emitted a demonic red light.

Moreover, they seemed to be even more ferocious, bloodthirsty, and powerful than the demonic beasts Zhou Shu had seen before.

As Zhou Shu sized up the demon army, the demonic beasts also stared at the four of them with scarlet eyes.

Roar! The demonic beasts let out a roar, as if they were saying something.

But Zhou Shu didn't understand.

"Come and accept your fate!" Zhou Shu hooked his index finger.

The demonic beasts might not understand his actions, but they understood the expression on Zhou Shu's face.

Boom! A strong aura erupted from the demonic army.

Just as Zhou Shu was about to start a massacre, the demonic beasts suddenly stopped their riot. Then they parted, and a person slowly walked out from behind the demonic beasts.

That's right! A person walked out from the demonic beasts!

At least, from the outside, it looked like a person!

Zhou Shu sized up this person curiously. *A legendary humanoid demonic beast?*

Unfortunately, it was male.

Zhou Shu's gaze seemed to pierce the man. The man snorted and opened his mouth to speak.

But Zhou Shu didn't understand...

The man seemed to react. A cold light flashed in his eyes, and his voice changed.

"Human, tell me your name." He spoke rather stiffly.

He speaks our language? Zhou Shu found it even more interesting.

"If you understand human language, don't you know that you should give your name before asking someone else's?" Zhou Shu said.

As Zhou Shu spoke, Yin Wuyou obediently stood behind him and didn't rush to say anything.

The humanoid demonic beast narrowed his red eyes.

"How dare you talk to me like that? You're courting death," he said coldly. Then the ground under his feet suddenly exploded, and his figure disappeared.

Bang!

With a muffled sound, the humanoid demonic beast appeared again. If not for the deep pit under his feet, it would seem that he hadn't moved at all.

Surprise flashed across the humanoid demonic beast's face. He stared at Zhou Shu and said in a stiff tone, "Your spiritual essence cultivation is only at the fourth rank. Why do you have so much strength?"

"Why don't you tell me your name first?" Zhou Shu smiled faintly. "Also, are you the supreme commander of the Demon Realm army this time?"

Zhou Shu looked at the humanoid demonic beast with a strange expression.

He had heard from Meng Bai that the person from the Demon Realm who had killed ten first-rank martial artists in one battle had a humanoid form.

Could it be that he was so lucky that he encountered such an existence on his first time participating in the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament?

But judging from his strength just now, although he was also a first-rank martial artist, he didn't feel that strong.

He felt even weaker than the Qin emperor.

If the Qin emperor knew Zhou Shu's thoughts, he would definitely curse angrily.

What did he mean by weaker than the Qin emperor? Was the Qin emperor very weak?

"You don't deserve to know my name," the humanoid demonic beast said coldly. "Your strength is not bad. I can allow you to be my pet—"

Thump!

Before he finished speaking, he was sent flying.

All the demonic beasts present widened their eyes in disbelief.

The lord was sent flying by a human?

Boom!

The humanoid demonic beast flew hundreds of feet away and then stopped. There was a clear palm print on the right side of his face.

A powerful aura erupted from the humanoid demonic beast's body, and his face became slightly distorted from anger.

He roared, "I'll swallow you whole!"

Thump!

With another crisp sound, the humanoid demonic beast flew hundreds of feet away again.

And there was another figure where he had been standing.

Zhou Shu waved his hand and said casually, "If you don't know how to speak human language, don't spout nonsense. No one wants a pet like you."

The humanoid demonic beast was about to go crazy. His violent aura erupted as he stared at Zhou Shu. *How is this possible?!*

He clearly only has the spiritual essence of a fourth-rank martial artist. Why is he so strong and so fast?!

I'm a first-rank martial artist!

Zhou Shu's lips curled up. *Humanoid demonic beasts are also very weak.*

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Even if they stood still, it would take him half a day to kill more than a thousand demonic beasts.

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His eyes flashed as he formed a plan.

The moment Zhou Shu disappeared, a demonic beast grabbed his back.

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He winced as a searing pain shot through his back.

This was the disadvantage of the divine ability Unstoppable For a Thousand Miles.

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He looked up, grabbed the humanoid demonic beast, and placed the Great Destroyer Sword against his neck.

“Stop it, all of you, or I’ll kill him!” Zhou Shu shouted.

This humanoid demonic beast was clearly the leader of these demonic beasts.

When the demonic beasts heard Zhou Shu’s shout, they looked at each other and continued to pounce at him.

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Zhou Shu kicked a few demonic beasts away.

He slapped the humanoid demonic beast and woke him up from his unconsciousness.

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The humanoid demonic beast’s scarlet pupils were brimming with hatred as he let out a low growl. “If you kill me, all of you will die with me!”

“What a joke!” Zhou Shu sneered. “If I don’t kill you, we’ll all fight to the death.

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The humanoid demonic beast was furious, and his hair bristled. He wanted to struggle, but a force crashed into his body and scattered his spiritual essence.

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The remaining hundreds of demonic beasts suddenly stopped and hesitated on the spot while staring at the humanoid demonic beast.

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“Are you sure?” Zhou Shu sneered. “Your life and death are in my hands. You’re going to spare our lives?”

“Don’t think you can do what you want just because you injured me,” the humanoid demonic beast said coldly. “There are countless experts in the Demon Realm. There are countless who are stronger than you. There are a few who came this time!

“You humans won’t escape death this time.

“If you obediently kowtow and apologize to me, I can plead for you and spare your life.”

The humanoid demonic beast raised his head proudly.

Zhou Shu laughed in anger.

Is this guy brainless?

Is he confused about the situation?

“Cut the crap!” Zhou Shu slapped him.

The humanoid demonic beast was stunned, and tears welled up in his eyes.

Damn it! I’ve never been so humiliated!

This matter isn’t over!

He glared fiercely at Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu couldn’t be bothered with this stupid fellow.

“You, translate for me. Tell them to dig this area for me.” Zhou Shu pointed at the pit created by the humanoid demonic beast.

The humanoid demonic beast was stunned. He didn’t understand what Zhou Shu meant.

Thump!

The hesitation brought another slap to the back of his head.

“What are you doing?!” The humanoid demonic beast shouted angrily. If looks could kill, Zhou Shu would have long been cut into pieces.

“From now on, if you don’t want to die, you’ll do whatever I tell you to do.” Zhou Shu snorted.

“Otherwise, I guarantee that after you die, your name will spread throughout the Demon Realm. I guarantee that every demon will know how embarrassing your death was.”

The humanoid demonic beast was furious, but he had no strength to resist at all.

“I repeat, translate for them. Dig down from here.”

Zhou Shu said coldly, “Be good and listen to me, and I’ll let you live a little longer. You might live until someone saves you.”

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Thump!

The humanoid demonic beast's voice stopped abruptly. His entire body flew horizontally, and a clear handprint appeared on his right face again.

The air at the scene seemed to suddenly freeze, and it became abnormally quiet.

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The thousands of demonic beasts widened their eyes and couldn't make a sound. *Are we seeing this wrongly?*

The humanoid demonic beast flew in the air, and two streams of tears flew out.

The grievance in his heart threatened to overflow.

How could this happen?

How could a fourth-rank martial artist hit me?

Bang!

The humanoid demonic beast crashed heavily on the ground. He was facing the sky, his eyes empty, his face filled with despair.

"Too weak." Zhou Shu shook his head.

Shi Songtao: "..."

Haitang: "..."

Even Yin Wuyou was speechless. "Zhou Shu, you will get beaten up like this..."

"Really? Who will beat me up? Him?" Zhou Shu pointed with his chin at the humanoid demonic beast lying on the ground.

Boom!

The humanoid demonic beast jumped up from the ground.

A powerful light suddenly erupted from his body, and his aura rose steadily.

The powerful aura made the demonic beasts retreat step by step. They only dared to stop after retreating for more than a thousand feet.

Haitang and Shi Songtao couldn't withstand this aura and kept retreating.

"Grand Minister, protect them both." Zhou Shu looked back. Yin Wuyou was also struggling to resist.

The aura of a first-rank martial artist was almost unbearable for martial artists below the first rank.

Yin Wuyou knew that now was not the time to try to be tough. She didn't say anything and protected Haitang and Shi Songtao as they retreated a thousand feet away.

Under the pressure of a first-rank martial artist, Zhou Shu didn't seem to notice it, and he looked at the humanoid demonic beast with a faint smile. "Still not convinced?"

Clang!

The hair of the humanoid demonic beast suddenly grew crazily until it lengthened to his heel before stopping.

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“I will kill you! I must kill you!” The humanoid demonic beast roared as he suddenly disappeared into the air.

He didn’t really disappear, but he was so fast that ordinary people couldn’t see him with their naked eyes.

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What else was there to fight?

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The humanoid demonic beast glared at Zhou Shu. Then with a flash, he flew into the distance without looking back.

“You want to leave?” Zhou Shu smiled disdainfully.

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“Human, let me go, and I’ll spare your lives!” the humanoid demonic beast roared.

“Are you sure?” Zhou Shu sneered. “Your life and death are in my hands. You’re going to spare our lives?”

“Don’t think you can do what you want just because you injured me,” the humanoid demonic beast said coldly. “There are countless experts in the Demon Realm. There are countless who are stronger than you. There are a few who came this time!

“You humans won’t escape death this time.

“If you obediently kowtow and apologize to me, I can plead for you and spare your life.”

The humanoid demonic beast raised his head proudly.

Zhou Shu laughed in anger.

Is this guy brainless?

Is he confused about the situation?

“Cut the crap!” Zhou Shu slapped him.

The humanoid demonic beast was stunned, and tears welled up in his eyes.

Damn it! I’ve never been so humiliated!

This matter isn’t over!

He glared fiercely at Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu couldn’t be bothered with this stupid fellow.

“You, translate for me. Tell them to dig this area for me.” Zhou Shu pointed at the pit created by the humanoid demonic beast.

The humanoid demonic beast was stunned. He didn’t understand what Zhou Shu meant.

Thump!

The hesitation brought another slap to the back of his head.

“What are you doing?!” The humanoid demonic beast shouted angrily. If looks could kill, Zhou Shu would have long been cut into pieces.

“From now on, if you don’t want to die, you’ll do whatever I tell you to do.” Zhou Shu snorted.

“Otherwise, I guarantee that after you die, your name will spread throughout the Demon Realm. I guarantee that every demon will know how embarrassing your death was.”

The humanoid demonic beast was furious, but he had no strength to resist at all.

“I repeat, translate for them. Dig down from here.”

Zhou Shu said coldly, “Be good and listen to me, and I’ll let you live a little longer. You might live until someone saves you.”

Chapter 274: Hope for the Upgrade of the Great Destroyer Sword, Free Miners (1)

“Is this... blood silver?” Shi Songtao held a fist-sized stone in his hand and studied it against the sun for a long time. He gasped.

“Blood silver? What is that?” Yin Wuyou wondered.

She had a very strange feeling in her heart now.

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Before coming to the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament, she had heard a lot about how vicious the enemies were and how dangerous it was for humans.

But now...

She glanced at the demonic beasts digging for stones. *You call this dangerous?*

“Look, Your Highness. There are silver threads inside this stone. Doesn’t it look like streaks of blood?” Shi Songtao handed the stone in his hand to Yin Wuyou.

“This blood silver is a very rare forging material. When forging, if some blood silver is mixed in, it can make the fusion of various forging materials more smooth and harmonious,” Shi Songtao explained.

“You could say that the blood-like streaks in the blood silver are capable of adhering to forging materials. When you use it, the weapon seems to contain blood...”

Shi Songtao said a lot, but Yin Wuyou only heard one word: Rare!

As the grand minister of the Forging Division, she had never heard of this material.

This meant that the Forging Division had never purchased this material on a large scale.

This could also partly explain the rarity of this material.

How could the Forging Division not purchase such a useful forging material on a large scale if it was possible?

Shi Songtao continued, "As far as I know, in the ten nations, there's only a small blood silver mine in Great Wei. The blood silver produced every year is only a few thousand kilograms."

In a sense, blood silver was even rarer than Heaven Refining Stone.

However, Heaven Refining Stones were necessary for forging ranked weapons. As long as people forged ranked weapons, they would need Heaven Refining Stones.

As for blood silver, it was the icing on the cake. It was good to have it, but it didn't affect anything.

Heaven Refining Stone was a must, and blood silver was a luxury.

It was much more expensive on the black market than Heaven Refining Stone.

The reason why it was a black market was that other than the black market, it was impossible to buy blood silver anywhere else!

Great Wei didn't even have enough blood silver to use every year, so how could it export any?

Shi Songtao's eyes lit up as he looked at the demonic beasts digging diligently.

If this was a blood silver mine, he would be rich.

"Our Great Xia will occasionally have blood silver flowing in from the black market. Every piece is sold at a sky-high price!" Shi Songtao's voice was trembling.

Hundreds of demonic beasts had transformed into miners because their leader was being held hostage by Zhou Shu.

The demonic beasts were huge to begin with, and they were powerful. With a swipe of their claws, they dug out a large piece of earth and rock. Their efficiency was comparable to large excavators...

It hadn't been long, but there was already a lot of blood silver on the ground.

Shi Songtao's breathing quickened. Needless to say, the value of blood silver here was inestimable.

"We're lucky." Zhou Shu smiled. "I didn't expect there to really be forging materials in this space.

"I have you to thank for that." Zhou Shu patted the humanoid demonic beast's cheek.

He still didn't know the name of this humanoid demonic beast.

This humanoid demonic beast was grabbed by Zhou Shu, and his eyes were brimming with hatred. He could no longer be bothered with Zhou Shu. He only hoped that the Demon Realm experts could discover this place as soon as possible and rescue them.

Although he didn't understand what the humans were saying, he knew that the humans had forced them to dig for rocks. For them to do so, these rocks had to be useful to them.

What was useful to the enemy had to be destroyed if it couldn't be snatched away.

He was already thinking that if the experts on his side arrived, he would definitely take all these rocks away before he left!

Zhou Shu didn't know what the humanoid demonic beast was thinking. Even if he did, he wouldn't care.

It was impossible to take away something that was already in his pocket.

"There seems to be a lot of blood silver here. Think about what you can do to take it all away," Zhou Shu said with a smile.

What could be better than taking a hostage and then reaping hundreds of hardworking free miners?

He was in a rather good mood now. The injuries he had suffered when he tried the divine ability previously no longer affected his mood.

Previously, a huge pit had been created by the humanoid demonic beast. At first, Zhou Shu thought that his eyes were playing tricks on him. Later, he confirmed that the ores that appeared in the pit were indeed blood silver.

He was also a little surprised. Before coming to the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament, Meng Bai had told him that there would be forging materials in this space.

But how could ordinary forging materials compare to blood silver?

Among the forging materials knowledge from the Seven Star Dragon Abyss Sword, one of the materials was blood silver.

Zhou Shu knew more about the characteristics of blood silver than Shi Songtao did. He knew something that Shi Songtao didn't.

Blood silver was an indispensable forging material for upgrading weapons!

Weapons were like humans. Once they were born, their natural endowments were already determined, and it was extremely difficult to change them in the future.

Although weapons could theoretically be upgraded, the difficulty of it was impossible to describe in words.

For the past thousand years, there had been no clear records of weapons being upgraded!

Weapons could be upgraded almost exclusively in theory.

But Zhou Shu knew that weapons could really be upgraded.

And this blood silver was a necessary material for upgrading weapons.

Those idiots from Great Wei only treated blood silver as a catalyst to increase the power of their weapons. That was a waste!

Chapter 275: Hope for the Upgrade of the Great Destroyer Sword, Free Miners (2)

Coming to the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament this time was definitely the right choice for Zhou Shu.

It had only been a day, but his Great Destroyer Sword had already completed hundreds of kills. The conditions to upgrade it were directly unlocked.

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The method to upgrade the Great Destroyer Sword had long appeared in his mind.

There was a way, but there were no materials.

You couldn't make bricks without straw!

Now that he had coincidentally obtained the necessary material, blood silver, the rest of the materials would be easier to obtain.

He would find the main army later and get the other forging materials...

Zhou Shu was a little excited.

The Great Destroyer Sword was about to be upgraded to a black-grade weapon!

"That's right. There's so much blood silver. If we can't take it away, when the army of the Demon Realm attacks, they'll snatch it all away." Shi Songtao fretted blissfully.

"Snatch it away? They have to have the ability!" Zhou Shu snorted coldly.

The hundreds of demonic beasts continued to mine.

The pile of blood silver grew until it was almost a hill.

With so much blood silver, even if Zhou Shu was strong enough to move it, it was unrealistic to move it away just like that.

Dump it here?

How was that possible!

It was a shame to waste it!

Unfortunately, there was no such divine artifact as a storage ring in this world. Otherwise, he would have been able to take away the blood silver easily.

"Deputy Master, use the sound transmission stone to contact the general. If they're nearby, ask them to come and help," Zhou Shu said.

Now you remember that I'm the deputy master... Shi Songtao cursed silently. "I tried earlier. I don't know if it's because of the distance or something else, but I can't reach anyone with the sound transmission stone."

"In that case, we have no choice." Zhou Shu rubbed his chin and pondered. "This is the only way."

He made his decision.

“What are we going to do?” Yin Wuyou asked curiously.

“We’ll build a camp here,” Zhou Shu said. “The Huaxia Pavilion’s Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament branch!

“There’s so much blood silver that we won’t be able to take it away for a while, so we’ll use it here. When we return to Great Xia after destroying the people from Demon Realm, we’ll get the army to help us transport it back.”

If he couldn’t take it with him, he might as well not.

He would stay here to build a camp and guard the blood silver. At the same time, he would also forge weapons here. When he contacted the main army later, he could directly let them use this place as a logistics supply base.

It was killing two birds with one stone.

The more Zhou Shu thought about it, the more he felt that his idea was perfect.

“Build a camp? Just the four of us?” Shi Songtao’s jaw dropped. “Your Highness, we still don’t know the situation around here. What if the Demon Realm has already occupied the vicinity?”

“If they’ve occupied the vicinity, then we’ll be the base of operations behind enemy lines,” Zhou Shu said indifferently. “Also, who said there are only four of us?”

“Deputy Master, you can’t discriminate. Although the enemy is the enemy, you have to treat them as humans. Look, they are doing so well.” Zhou Shu pointed to the hardworking ‘miners’.

Shi Songtao: “...”

What do you mean I’m not treating them as humans? They’re not humans to begin with, okay? They’re demonic beasts!

Even if I treat them as humans, they’re not on our side.

And you expect them to help build the camp?

We should count ourselves lucky they’re not attacking us!

Shi Songtao complained, and his expression became strange.

His Highness doesn’t think that building a camp is just building a few fences and tents, right?

“Build a branch of the Huaxia Pavilion here? What a genius idea.” Unlike Shi Songtao, Yin Wuyou looked a little excited as she clapped her hands. “That’s what we’ll do!”

“It’s settled then.” Zhou Shu clapped his hands.

You’re deciding it just like that?

Aren’t you going to ask my opinion?

I'm the deputy master of the Huaxia Pavilion. Aren't I the second-in-command?

Are you really not afraid of danger here?

This place is most likely surrounded by the Demon Realm army.

Shi Songtao wanted to cry but had no tears. He had thought that following Zhou Shu was a very safe thing to do.

But now, he realized that he was walking on the edge of life and death all day.

"Deputy Master, please advise us on how to build our camp," Zhou Shu said. "We have to be prepared not to be able to contact the main army for a long time. At that time, if the Demon Realm army attacks the camp, we have to be able to defend it. Therefore, the camp's defense has to be strong. Also..."

Zhou Shu spoke leisurely. In any case, they didn't have to work themselves. Of course, the larger and stronger the camp, the better.

Shi Songtao sighed repeatedly, but what choice did he have?

He was just the deputy master!

Damn it. I'm going to build the walls of the camp thirty feet high!

Those demonic beasts won't be able to enter even if they die!

Shi Songtao was furious. Since he had been asked for his opinion, he had to make the camp as solid as an iron bucket. Otherwise, he wouldn't feel safe!

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When the humanoid demonic beast held hostage heard Zhou Shu's words, a cold smile flashed across his eyes.

If you have a death wish, that's for the best.

I'll play with you now. When I'm free later, I'll definitely eat all of you up one by one!

The humanoid demonic beast in human form made up his mind. *Aren't you going to build a camp?*

I'll help you build it!

When it's built, I'll bring people to capture all of you like turtles in a jar!

"Oh yes." Zhou Shu patted his forehead. "Blood silver mines usually have other forging materials nearby. Since there's blood silver here, there must be other forging materials in the mountain.

"Deputy Master, you don't have anything to do now anyway. Just look around and see if there are any other mineral mines."

Shi Songtao: "..."

What do you mean I have nothing to do? Didn't you ask me to design the camp?

Why do you want me to find mines now?

“Your Highness, I’m not a combatant. If I encounter other demonic beasts...” Shi Songtao said.

“Don’t worry,” Zhou Shu said. “There are no other demonic beasts within a few kilometers. If you really encounter any, shout for help. I’ll rush over soon.

“Deputy Master, we have limited manpower now, so you have to work harder...”

Shi Songtao rolled his eyes. *Like I’d believe you!*

If I encounter demonic beasts, I should shout for help?

By the time you get there, it’ll be too late!

“I won’t go too far. I’ll just look around!” Shi Songtao maintained his final stubbornness.

“Alright.” Zhou Shu nodded casually.

“Hey!” He patted the humanoid demonic beast’s head. “Tell your people to split into groups and do as I tell them.”

The humanoid demonic beast sneered in his heart.

Plan to catch a turtle in a jar, start!

For the Demon Realm, I will endure humiliation!

He deliberately put on an unconvinced expression. After Zhou Shu slapped him a few more times, he pretended to be unwilling and agreed.

After saying a few words in the beast language, a few hundred of the hundreds of demon beasts gave up mining and began to whittle the stones in the mountain into square stones.

The claws of demonic beasts were extremely sharp, and all of them were ranked. Not only were they good as miners, but they were also not bad as stonemasons.

The humanoid demonic beast shouted a few more times in the beast language.

Zhou Shu raised his eyebrows. *What was this kid saying?*

The language barrier is inconvenient. He can understand me, but I can’t understand him.

I won’t even know if he’s scolding me.

Should I learn a foreign language?

The first thing that came to Zhou Shu’s mind was the Zhuang Zhou Butterfly Dream Technique.

But his current Zhuang Zhou Butterfly Dream Technique could only go back to the last two years of the dream target.

The beast language of this humanoid demonic beast was definitely not something he had learned in the past two years. Even if he entered a dream, he wouldn’t be able to learn the beast language.

... Unless his Zhuang Zhou Butterfly Dream Technique could go back to when the humanoid demonic beast had just learned to speak.

Even if I can go back that far, I don't want to.

Thinking of transforming into a demonic beast, Zhou Shu felt his scalp tingle. His current mental strength was not strong enough to be unaffected by dreams.

It was better to think of other ways to learn the foreign language.

“Tell them to put the stones there when they're cut.” Zhou Shu casually pointed and told his hostage and translator.

Chapter 276: A Forger's Happiness, Mining Craze (1)

If someone asked Zhou Shu what his first impression of the Demon Realm was, then his answer would definitely be that the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm were the best miners, stonemasons, and construction workers!

The demonic beasts were huge, powerful, and had sharp claws.

Ordinary stones were no different from tofu under their sharp claws.

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They could easily pile up ten-foot-square stones.

Zhou Shu didn't know if it was because their leader was in his hands or if it was because of something else.

In any case, these demonic beasts were very obedient, and they would do whatever Zhou Shu told them to do.

A high wall was erected at a visible rate.

The high wall was fifty feet tall. It was like a small city wall.

The tallest of the giant demonic beasts was less than half the height of the high wall.

Zhou Shu was still a little dissatisfied, but Shi Songtao secretly heaved a sigh of relief.

With this high wall, it wouldn't be so easy for the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm to attack them again.

Zhou Shu and the others were currently on a mountain. They hadn't just erected four high walls.

After erecting the first high wall, Zhou Shu finally saw the efficiency of these demonic beasts.

A fifty-foot-high wall was only a few dozen large stones to them.

If it hadn't taken a little effort to gather the stones from the mountains, they could have done it in half a day.

Of course, after the stones were stacked, they needed further reinforcement.

Zhou Shu didn't need the demonic beasts to do it.

He directly used the Iron Smelting Hands Technique to fill the gaps between the stones into magma. After cooling, all the stones became one.

Then Zhou Shu instructed the demonic beasts to build a few houses not far from the blood silver mine.

This was a little more troublesome than building a high wall, but Zhou Shu only needed to instruct them to build houses and dig the mine at the same time. He wasn't in a hurry.

While the demonic beasts were building houses and mining, Zhou Shu and Yin Wuyou continued to plan the construction of the camp according to the location of the blood silver mine and the nearby mountains.

Anyway, there were hundreds of hard laborers. They were not afraid that their idea wouldn't be realized.

Yin Wuyou blushed slightly and looked very confident.

She even had the illusion that she and Zhou Shu were planning their own home...

With a certain thought, she fully displayed her knowledge as the princess of Great Xia.

All kinds of strange ideas came to mind.

She might not be a professional architect, but she was knowledgeable. She had seen all kinds of houses.

Many of her ideas made Zhou Shu's eyes light up.

If someone else was building the camp, it would definitely not be that troublesome.

Regarding camps during war, the first thing to consider was naturally practicality. Other than being able to keep enemies away, it had to satisfy the training, life, and fighting needs of the soldiers.

As for whether it looked nice or not, this wasn't even a consideration.

But Zhou Shu and Yin Wuyou were different.

They didn't take the war seriously at all. To them, this camp had to be not only practical but also beautiful, comfortable to stay in, and pleasing to the eye...

Anyway, they had so many free laborers, and these laborers worked fast.

Just like that, more and more blood silver ores were dug up, and the camp gradually took shape.

There were rows of extremely unique stone houses. Although they were not carefully carved or painted, they were still beautiful and graceful.

The polished, mirror-smooth stone was no worse than painted walls.

Zhou Shu was already very satisfied with being able to do this under the current conditions.

He was a little reluctant to execute these demonic beasts now.

They are such good workers. He didn't even have to pay for their meals.

But he also knew that these demonic beasts were not willing to serve him.

If not for the humanoid demonic beast as a hostage, these hundreds of demonic beasts would have immediately wanted to skin Zhou Shu alive.

“Your Highness, I found twelve different forging materials in this mountain.” Shi Songtao returned to Zhou Shu’s side excitedly.

He was covered in dirt, and his clothes were torn.

But for once, he didn’t care about any of this. His face was full of excitement.

“This place is a treasure trove!”

As a forger, there was nothing happier than seeing so many forging materials.

Over the past few days, Zhou Shu and the demonic beast laborers had turned this mountain into their camp.

After confirming that there were no other demonic beasts nearby, Shi Songtao felt at ease and started looking for mines in the mountains.

The search turned up this result, making him happy.

This space in the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament was ownerless. Whoever occupied it would own it.

In other words, everything in and on this mountain now belonged to the Huaxia Pavilion.

Although there were only a dozen types of forging materials, the amount was massive.

Shi Songtao had never dared to think that he would one day have so many forging materials.

In the future, he wouldn’t have to worry about forging materials anymore.

“Only twelve types?” Zhou Shu said unhappily. “Deputy Master, do you think it’s the same for the other places in this space?”

“What do you think about taking down those mountains as well?”

Chapter 277: A Forger’s Happiness, Mining Craze (2)

Zhou Shu pointed at the distant mountains covered in clouds.

The space for the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament was very large, almost equivalent to two provinces in Zhou Shu’s previous life, and it was the largest kind of province.

The entire space was full of varied terrain, mountains, and vast plains.

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The place Zhou Shu and the others were currently at was actually just a small hill on the outermost edge of endless mountains.

Shi Songtao was a little speechless. *It’s already good enough to occupy a mountain.*

There are only four of us. How much territory can we take?

Besides, how do you know the demon army isn't here?

If they accidentally encountered the demon army, the four of them might not even be able to defend this small mountain.

Although these demonic beasts were obedient now, if the army of the Demon Realm really came, they would definitely immediately change sides!

“Your Highness, I think we should work steadily. Let’s use the forging materials here to forge a batch of weapons. Then we’ll think about expanding our territory after we contact the great general and the others,” Shi Songtao said.

“You have a point, Deputy Master.” Zhou Shu nodded.

Shi Songtao was delighted. He finally had some presence as the deputy master.

“The forging of weapons is imperative,” Zhou Shu continued. “Now that the ore has been dug out, someone still needs to refine the forging materials.

“Deputy Master, you’re capable, so I’ll have to trouble you to refine these ores. Then we’ll forge them into weapons.”

Zhou Shu patted Shi Songtao on the shoulder.

Shi Songtao: “...”

In Great Xia’s Forging Division, refining ores was all done by Forging Apprentices. It didn’t require much skill!

I knew it. I rejoiced too soon!

Deputy Master? Haha!

Shi Songtao dejectedly went to refine the ore, while Zhou Shu looked up into the distance excitedly.

What he had just said to Shi Songtao was not just a casual remark.

He was really considering digging up all the mineral mines in this continuous mountain range.

It would be a waste not to use these miners. They would be obsolete.

And it wasn’t just about the miners.

This world was rich in mineral mines, and many forging materials that were rare in the outside world existed here.

Most importantly, he had to spend money to buy forging materials in the outside world.

It wasn’t necessary here. Whoever dug them up would own them!

Zhou Shu was a little excited when he thought about the mountain of materials in the Huaxia Pavilion’s storeroom.

Hundreds of miners are not enough, Zhou Shu thought.

Although the humanoid demonic beast that Zhou Shu was holding hostage didn't know what he was thinking, he felt a chill down his spine.

He had a feeling that this strange human was up to no good again!

But it didn't matter. The plan to catch a turtle in a jar was almost complete.

When the time came, he would definitely cut him open piece by piece and see what secrets he had. Otherwise, how could a fourth-rank martial artist defeat him?

It's not very reliable to control the demon army by holding hostages, Zhou Shu thought.

This time, he was lucky to catch a humanoid demonic beast.

Not every demonic beast army would have such a leader.

Moreover, even if he caught their leader, the demon army might not be so obedient.

If the commander of the army was captured and the entire army listened to him, what was the point of fighting? He could just directly execute all of them.

Now that Zhou Shu could order these hundreds of demonic beasts through this humanoid demonic beast, it could only be said that he was lucky enough to catch a fellow with an extraordinary identity.

Just from the difference in appearance between other demonic beasts and this humanoid demonic beast, it was apparent this humanoid demonic beast was definitely not ordinary.

This was not just because he was a first-rank martial artist.

Outside, there were also first-rank demonic beasts, but those demonic beasts couldn't transform into human form.

What will it take to raise an army of miners? Zhou Shu rubbed his brows in thought.

When others came to the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament, they were all thinking about how to kill their enemies.

But Zhou Shu was thinking about how to turn the enemies into his miners...

If anyone else knew what he was thinking, they would think he was crazy.

They speak different languages. How can I subdue them?

While thinking, Zhou Shu heard banging sounds beside him.

Curious, he turned to see Shi Songtao laboriously smashing a rock.

"What are you doing, Old Shi?" Zhou Shu couldn't help asking.

"Refining ores, of course," Shi Songtao said without looking up. "There are no furnaces here. I have to remove the impurities from the ore first, then think of a way to smelt and purify—"

"Stop." Zhou Shu was speechless. "You can remove the impurities just by knocking?"

"Forget it. Come here."

Zhou Shu beckoned Shi Songtao over.

This was something he had overlooked.

The forging furnaces they had prepared before coming here were all with Meng Bai's army.

Now that they had been separated from Meng Bai's army, they naturally didn't have a smelting furnace with them.

Without any furnaces, forgers were like soldiers who went to the battlefield without weapons.

Shi Songtao was helpless. Without a furnace, what could he do? He could only use the oldest method and try to make the ore purer.

"What now?" Shi Songtao put down the ore in his hand and walked up to Zhou Shu with his head lowered. "If you keep calling me, it's going to take a long time to refine everything."

Zhou Shu said, "Let me teach you."

Zhou Shu suddenly raised his hand and pointed between Shi Songtao's eyebrows.

His cultivation was more than ten times higher than Shi Songtao's.

His finger was extremely fast. Even if Shi Songtao had been prepared, he wouldn't have been able to dodge it. Besides, he wasn't prepared at all.

Facing Zhou Shu, a fierce person who could fight evenly with the Qin emperor, how could he, Shi Songtao, be on guard? Was being on guard useful?

Boom!

Shi Songtao felt as if his head had exploded. He had only one thought. *Why? Why does His Highness want to kill me?*

I've worked so hard...

Before the thought ended, Shi Songtao was surprised to find that he was still alive.

He looked at Zhou Shu in surprise.

"This is my unique secret technique. You will be able to use the Iron Smelting Hands Technique for three days," Zhou Shu said.

"After three days, you'll forget everything about the Iron Smelting Hands Technique.

"Use the Iron Smelting Hands Technique to purify the ore."

Zhou Shu waved his hand.

After the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament began, Zhou Shu received benefits from the Legendary Armament Canon almost every day.

His strength in all aspects was constantly increasing, including his divine ability Unparalleled Benevolence and the Iron Smelting Hand Technique.

Currently, the duration of his divine ability Unparalleled Benevolence was as long as three days.

As for the Iron Smelting Hands Technique, Zhou Shu could already forge weapons with his bare hands!

The divine ability Unparalleled Benevolence allowed Shi Songtao to possess half the strength of a certain cultivation technique. Half of the cultivation of the Iron Smelting Hands Technique couldn't be used to forge weapons, but it was easy for him to refine ores.

Back when they went to Great Qin, Shi Songtao had been the deputy envoy of the diplomatic mission, so he knew very well about the Iron Smelting Hands Technique.

It was because of the Iron Smelting Hands Technique that Zhou Shu had barged into Great Qin and defeated six experts in a row. In the end, he had fought to a draw with the Qin emperor.

In order to obtain the Iron Smelting Hands Technique, Great Qin had paid a heavy price.

His Highness passed on the Iron Smelting Hands Technique to me?

Even if I forget the cultivation method of the Iron Smelting Hands Technique three days later, I might not forget some of the insights I gain!

Shi Songtao was pleasantly surprised. He felt that his efforts had been worth it.

No, this isn't enough! As the deputy master, I haven't done enough!

His Highness even taught me the Iron Smelting Hands Technique. What reason do I have not to work hard?

It's the Iron Smelting Hands Technique that Great Qin paid such a huge price to obtain! Even if it's just to experience it, it's a great honor!

If I still try to find excuses to slack off, I wouldn't be human.

Shi Songtao's expression became extremely serious, and his eyes were brimming with motivation.

"Your Highness, I'm going to handle the ore!" Shi Songtao didn't say another word. He cupped his hands and turned to walk toward the pile of ores.

It was a short journey, but he walked with an imposing manner.

Chapter 278: Increase in Strength, the Plan to Catch the Turtle in a Jar (1)

Zhou Shu thought that he had overestimated the mineral reserves here, but he realized that he had still underestimated them.

With the efforts of hundreds of miners day and night, the few warehouses that had been prepared were quickly filled.

Thousands of kilograms of various materials were piled up in a mess.

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In the end, Zhou Shu and Shi Songtao felt numb about it.

The lack of manpower became apparent again.

Shi Songtao was the only one working on purifying the ore. Even if he had temporarily mastered the Iron Smelting Hands Technique, there was only so much work he could do alone.

He was not nearly as fast as miners could dig.

Zhou Shu didn't care much about purifying the ore.

In any case, he could slowly purify it in his own camp. If it didn't work, he could just bring the ore back to Great Xia.

He felt a little regretful now. There were only a dozen types of forging materials found in this mountain. He couldn't gather the materials to upgrade the Great Destroyer Sword!

His gaze fell to the continuous mountain range again.

There were more than a dozen kinds of forging materials in one mountain. There had to be other forging materials in these mountains.

But at the same time, there would definitely be a demon army in the mountains.

There was almost no doubt about it.

Zhou Shu had seen the arrival of the Demon Realm armies clearly. It was unknown how many there were.

If he was alone, going into the mountains in search of mines would be no problem at all.

Even if he encountered a demon army, he could come and go as he pleased.

But Yin Wuyou and the other two were with him now. He couldn't leave them behind.

More importantly, if he went into the mountains alone, even if he found the mineral mines, he couldn't possibly mine them himself.

Even if he dug them up, who would bring the ores back for him?

"What's most important? People." Zhou Shu sighed.

"What people?" Yin Wuyou asked doubtfully.

"Grand Minister, where do you think Great General Meng and the others went? Why did they suddenly get separated?" Zhou Shu said.

"I wasn't paying attention..." Yin Wuyou was a little embarrassed. How would she know? Zhou Shu had been eliminating demonic beasts too quickly back then, and she had used all her strength to barely keep up with him. How could she still be in the mood to care about Great General Meng's whereabouts?

[The Hundred Refinements Ring Pommel Saber you forged effectively completed a kill. The Heavenly Saber Art has improved by 10%.]

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[The Spring Embroidered Saber you forged effectively completed a kill. The Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form Technique has improved by 30%.]

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As he spoke, a few messages flashed past Zhou Shu's eyes.

This happened almost all the time.

Zhou Shu was already used to it.

But he also discovered that the standard weapons like the Hundred Refinements Ring Pommel Saber, the Spring Embroidered Saber, the Autumn Anatidae Plume Saber, and the Horse Slaying Saber were giving him less and less feedback.

This was not because the number of battles was decreasing but because the damage rate of these weapons had already reached a certain level.

Only the 100 standard weapons in the Legendary Armament Canon that Zhou Shu had personally forged would receive benefits after completing kills.

Zhou Shu had seen the number on the Legendary Armament Canon before. The number behind the Hundred Refinements Ring Pommel Saber had gone from 100 to 70. The Spring Embroidered Saber had gone down to 40.

It was similar for the other weapons.

In a few days, these standard weapons would be completely damaged. At that time, the feedback from the Legendary Armament Canon would hit rock bottom.

The ranked weapons were better. At least for now, none of them were damaged.

Zhou Shu participated in the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament precisely for this great harvest.

It was naturally a good thing to obtain so many forging materials now, but with the forging materials, he had to turn them into weapons and recruit workers.

He had to replenish the standard weapons in the Great Xia army!

Yin Wuyou looked at Zhou Shu with admiration in her eyes.

In her opinion, Zhou Shu's cultivation level was really increasing at all times.

Many times, as he walked, he fell into an epiphany.

Two days ago, while he was eating, he suddenly comprehended the Martial Dao and broke through to the third rank.

At the time, the humanoid demonic beast was so shocked that his tongue almost fell out.

Be it humans or demonic beasts, the third rank of the Martial Dao was a threshold. It wasn't so easy to break through.

But to Zhou Shu, breaking through to the Grandmaster's realm was as easy as drinking water.

The humanoid demonic beast form was even more certain that he had to kill this strange fellow. This fellow was too dangerous!

When he was a fourth-rank martial artist, he could beat him until he couldn't fight back. What about as a third-rank martial artist?

If this continued, wouldn't even those lords be unable to kill him?

He had to speed up his plan!

The walls of the camp had to be reinforced. He must not be allowed to escape!

What this humanoid demonic beast didn't know was that the increase in Zhou Shu's spiritual essence cultivation actually didn't increase his strength as much as he had expected.

The Dragon Elephant Prajna Technique and Golden Bell Shield Technique allowed Zhou Shu to have the strength of a first-rank martial artist.

His spiritual essence cultivation had increased from the fourth rank to the third rank, but his strength was still only at the first rank.

It could only be said that the shortcomings had increased correspondingly. His strength didn't increase.

His strength was still within the scope of a first-rank martial artist. He was only slightly stronger than ordinary first-rank martial artists.

On the other hand, Zhou Shu's Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form had grown significantly recently.

The first of the five mountains that he visualized was almost solid.

This allowed his divine sense to expand to a radius of ten feet.

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Divine sense was infinitely useful, and what Zhou Shu had developed now was only a small portion of it.

Among his cultivation techniques, Zhou Shu had the highest expectations for the Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form.

In the past few days, he had even taken the time to forge a Spring Embroidered Saber.

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In the future, when he encountered the Demon Realm army, he planned to use the Spring Embroidered Saber to kill enemies. This way, his Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form could improve a little.

In any case, as long as he wasn't facing a first-rank martial artist, there was not much difference between using standard weapons and ranked weapons.

"Your Highness! Your Highness! Bad news!" Haitang's cry suddenly sounded in the camp.

She stood on the wall of the camp and waved at Zhou Shu and Yin Wuyou.

They had free labor, so the walls of this camp were built almost like small city walls. There were even small watchtowers and pillboxes built on them.

It might be an exaggeration to call this camp a city, but it was not a problem to call it a fully equipped mountain stronghold.

There might be something wrong with the humanoid demonic beast's brains. When he translated Zhou Shu's orders, he even added some of his own pointers. In the end, not only did these demonic beasts do their best when building the camp, but they also took the initiative to add in some things that Zhou Shu had overlooked.

As a result, this camp was like a nest that mountain bandits had carefully built for many years.

"What happened?" Yin Wuyou asked as she floated up and landed on the observation deck.

The camp had limited manpower. Shi Songtao was busy with the forging materials, and Haitang was not idle either. These days, she has been acting as a sentry...

"Your Highness, there's a Demon Realm army!" Haitang pointed ahead anxiously.

Yin Wuyou looked in the direction she was pointing and indeed saw an army of demons!

The Demon Realm army was much larger than the one in the camp now. At a rough estimate, there were about 5,000 of them.

Moreover, they were advancing toward the camp!

It wouldn't take long for the Demon Realm army to discover this camp!

"Zhou Shu!" Yin Wuyou was also a little anxious and turned to look at Zhou Shu.

They had spent a lot of effort to build this camp. She definitely didn't want to give it up just like that.

But if they didn't give it up, how could the few of them stop the 5,000 Demon Realm troops?

The demonic beasts of the Demon Realm's armies were all ranked.

Five thousand ranked martial artists could even exhaust a first-rank martial artist to death.

Moreover, it was very likely that there would be first-rank martial artists in the Demon Realm army.

"There's no need to be nervous." Zhou Shu was very relaxed. "We'll deal with whatever comes our way. How many people are heading our way?"

He glanced at the humanoid demonic beast. "Behave yourself and don't try to make trouble. Otherwise, I can kill you at any time."

The humanoid demonic beast snorted and turned his head away without saying anything.

In his heart, he was delighted.

This kid probably thinks that with his strength, he can kill through an army of the Demon Realm.

He will soon find out what a great demon is and what a powerhouse is!

When the Demon Realm army surrounds the camp, I'll coordinate with them and guarantee that this kid will die without a burial place!

Zhou Shu used the Riding on Cloud and Wind Technique and gracefully ascended the wall.

The Demon Realm army was only a hundred kilometers away from the camp. At their speed, they would reach it in half a day at most.

It looked like the first battle at camp was about to happen.

Zhou Shu frowned.

There was no great danger.

At the very least, he could protect Yin Wuyou and the others and retreat.

But just like Yin Wuyou, he wouldn't give up on the camp so easily.

"Huh?!" Zhou Shu suddenly explained while observing the Demon Realm army.

Several kilometers away from the Demon Realm army, Zhou Shu saw a group of people lying in ambush in the mountains, preparing to ambush the Demon Realm army.

It's Great Xia's uniform.

From a hundred kilometers away, even Zhou Shu couldn't see the faces of those people. He could only roughly make out their clothes.

I wonder who's leading this army. They actually dare to ambush a Demon Realm army with so few people?

"Grand Minister!" Zhou Shu shouted.

"Here," Yin Wuyou replied.

"Do you see that?" Zhou Shu pointed to where the Great Xia soldiers were hiding.

"They are our people?" Yin Wuyou's eyesight was inferior to Zhou Shu's, but she could vaguely see some shadows.

"That's right!" Zhou Shu said solemnly. "We didn't see them before, but that's not important. Hurry over immediately and stop them from ambushing the Demon Realm army!"

"You want me to bring them back to camp?" Yin Wuyou instantly understood what Zhou Shu meant.

"That's right. There aren't many of them. Sneaking up on the Demon Realm army will be like moths to a flame.

"Bring them back to the camp. There's no need to take the risk now. We still have a chance to attack later.

"We have to be quick. We have to bring them back before the Demon Realm army finds them!"

Actually, it would be best if he rushed over.

He was fast and strong.

But if he left, Yin Wuyou and the other two wouldn't be able to suppress the humanoid demonic beast and the hundreds of demonic beast miners in the camp.

Other than him, Yin Wuyou's cultivation was the highest, so he could only let her make the trip.

"Understood!" Yin Wuyou cupped her hands playfully.

Then she flipped over and disappeared into the forest.

Zhou Shu's gaze followed Yin Wuyou's figure. A hundred kilometers was neither close nor far.

If Yin Wuyou encountered any danger, he would use his divine ability Unstoppable For a Thousand Miles to rush over even if he had to abandon the camp.

With his current strength, it was not an exaggeration to say that he could travel a hundred kilometers in an instant.

After all, Yin Wuyou was a second-rank martial artist. When she used her full strength, her speed was very fast.

As for the Demonic Realm army, they didn't seem to be traveling at full speed. Their traveling speed was neither fast nor slow.

In addition, the place where the Great Xia soldiers were hiding was still a distance away from the Demonic Realm army.

Therefore, Yin Wuyou successfully arrived at the location of the Great Xia soldiers before the two sides made contact.

Yin Wuyou said something to the soldiers before leading them toward the camp.

At this moment, Zhou Shu could tell that there weren't many Great Xia soldiers. There were less than a hundred.

There aren't many of them, but it's better than nothing. Zhou Shu thought that with these people, he could continue to develop the camp after dealing with this Demon Realm army. Otherwise, it would be difficult for the four of them to do anything.

Oh no! Zhou Shu suddenly frowned.

Yin Wuyou led the dozens of Great Xia soldiers through the forest and headed toward the camp.

The Demonic beast army behind them suddenly accelerated.

"They saw the grand minister!"

Seeing a few powerful birds soaring into the sky from the Demon Realm army, Zhou Shu finally understood.

This army was simply coming for the camp!

With the flying demonic beasts around, they had probably discovered the camp long ago!

These dozens of Great Xia soldiers were probably their prey, but the soldiers were still ignorant.

Zhou Shu frowned. He suddenly remembered that when the demonic beast miners built the camp, they had done a lot of work that he hadn't instructed them to do. Zhou Shu thought that it was because the humanoid demonic beast's translation was not good enough, and the effect of their construction was very good.

Now, Zhou Shu seemed to understand. *Did these demonic beasts use some unknown method to spread the news?*

I was careless after all!

This language barrier is a big problem. I have to learn the language of the Demon Realm later!

Zhou Shu's cold gaze landed on the humanoid demonic beast.

The humanoid demonic beast shivered. He looked at Zhou Shu nervously. *This kid didn't find out about my trap plan, did he?*

"Tell me. How do you want to die?" Zhou Shu said coldly.

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"You can't kill me!" the humanoid demonic beast roared. "I've done everything you asked me to do. You can't kill me!"

The humanoid demonic beast's level of human speech was average. He only knew these few words.

"Really? Didn't you do what I didn't ask you to do as well?" Zhou Shu sneered. "There's an army of demonic beasts outside. You were the one who informed them, right?"

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"The army is here?" The humanoid demonic beast was delighted, but then he shook his head and said, "No, I didn't!"

"You've been holding me hostage all this time. I haven't even had a chance to move. How could I have informed them?!" the humanoid demonic beast shouted.

"I don't care how you inform them." Zhou Shu snorted. "I don't need a reason to kill you."

Zhou Shu reached out and grabbed the humanoid demonic beast's neck.

"No...! You can't kill me!" The humanoid demonic beast struggled desperately.

Sensing that he was about to lose his life, the humanoid demonic beast finally panicked.

His plan to catch a turtle in a jar was about to succeed. He was unwilling to die at this time!

He had endured humiliation for so long and was about to take revenge. How could he die!

"Spare me. I'll do anything you ask!" the humanoid demonic beast shouted.

"You'll do anything I ask?" Zhou Shu's grip paused.

The humanoid demon beast saw hope and said loudly, "Anything! I can lead people to continue helping you mine and build your camp.

"There are many things I can do. Keeping me alive will certainly be more useful than killing me!"

In order to survive, the humanoid demonic beast no longer had any reservations.

If he had just been captured by Zhou Shu, he might have been determined to die.

But after so many days of compromising and striving to survive, he could no longer just die.

Actually, this wasn't a problem with the humanoid demonic beast. Many people were the same. In battle, they were willing to give up their lives on a whim.

But as time passed, their determination to die would not be so firm...

"I know a lot about the demons who have descended onto this world. As long as you don't kill me, I can give you all their information!" The humanoid demonic beast became a demon traitor!

"Really? Then tell me your name first." Zhou Shu looked into the distance.

Yin Wuyou was quickly heading toward the camp with the soldiers.

The Demon Realm army was getting closer and closer to Yin Wuyou's group.

At this rate, they would be captured by the Demon Realm army before they could enter the camp.

At this moment, Zhou Shu couldn't let anything happen to the camp. If this humanoid demonic beast led the miners to rebel when he went to kill the enemy, wouldn't the trouble be even bigger?

Therefore, even if he went to help Yin Wuyou, he had to resolve the problem of the demonic beasts first.

Otherwise, Shi Songtao and Haitang alone wouldn't be able to suppress these captives.

"My name, when translated in your language, is Yao Buqi," the humanoid demonic beast said.

"Yao Buqi¹?"

Even though the situation was tense, Zhou Shu almost spat out his saliva.

Are we going to play Monopoly? He can't afford it!

This name...

Has character!

Zhou Shu naturally knew that the humanoid demonic beast's name was just a transliteration. It definitely didn't mean what he thought.

Yao¹. That's an interesting surname.

Zhou Shu sized up Yao Buqi. *No wonder he said I can use him to threaten those demonic beasts.*

This guy might really be someone in the Demon Realm.

He may not be impressive, but his status is definitely not low.

Thinking of this, Zhou Shu hesitated. It seemed a waste to kill this fellow just like that.

He thought for a moment and then used his hand to knock the back of Yao Buqi's head.

The physique of demonic beasts was far stronger than that of ordinary martial artists. Yao Buqi was even stronger than a first-rank martial artist.

But Zhou Shu had mastered the Dragon Elephant Prajna Technique. His strength was shocking.

Under his palm strike, Yao Buqi's eyes widened, then his face filled with indignation as he collapsed to the ground.

After knocking Yao Buqi unconscious, Zhou Shu was still a little worried. He visualized the Five Mountains' True Form in his consciousness, and his divine sense transformed into five mountains that smashed into Yao Buqi's head.

Yao Buqi twitched, and his legs twitched twice.

"Deputy Master!" Zhou Shu called Shi Songtao over.

"Watch him. If the demonic beasts try anything funny, kill him first and then escape!" Zhou Shu said solemnly.

After thinking for a moment, Zhou Shu pulled out the Great Destroyer Sword and handed it to Shi Songtao. "Remember, prioritize your life!"

With that, Zhou Shu disappeared from the wall.

Almost at the same time, Shi Songtao saw Zhou Shu's figure suddenly appear in the air dozens of kilometers away.

Shi Songtao gasped.

He wasn't ignorant. He had seen many Grandmasters.

But this speed was simply beyond his imagination.

Isn't that too fast?

How strong is His Highness?

If he is so capable, why is he still a forger?

Zhou Shu's figure suddenly appeared in front of Yin Wuyou's eyes, startling her.

She almost thrust the Shadow Sword in her hand.

"Zhou Shu!" Yin Wuyou stopped in time and said in surprise, "Why are you here? The camp—"

She also knew that the camp was short-handed. If Zhou Shu casually left, the hundreds of demonic beast miners might revolt.

“Lead the soldiers back to camp first.” Zhou Shu didn’t have time to say more. “I’ll take care of the Demon Realm army.”