

## Dungeon S 851

### Chapter 851 System Intern's Powers

Even as the Golden Griffin flew and fought on a less favourable footing, Grandma Yuan was still able to evade and counter while dishing out damage on the colossal manifestation.

It was also because all her techniques were solely for demon exorcising and thus its potency against this big bad boss was far higher than an ordinary cultivator's technique or the ones possessed by the Border Guards and Royal Horse Battalion.

However, the only thing that she was unable to do was to halt the waves of monsters constantly coming out of the belly of Loopa Ooofpa. She had already tried her best stopping the manifestation from moving forward, but with only one person on the scene, there was only so much the district guardian could do.

That was why she had asked her students and assistant to stay at the border walls.

The low glowing green hues that crept on the wall via Claire's technique got even brighter, and she pumped in even more chi into it. "Advanced Trap Formation: Slime Scarecrows!" She called out the name of the technique in order to fully stabilise the formation she created along varying sections of the border wall.

As the name depicted, the glowing green hues that seeped through the crevices of the damaged concrete border wall immediately grew slimes in the shape of scarecrows. The remaining Bone Spirit Infused Demons that tried to climb over or bash the wall had been met with significantly high resistance as the Slime Scarecrows shot slimy projectiles to slow and if possible, kill them.

For those who got too close were instead entrapped by them and subsequently strangled. Slowly with no air or oxygen, the infused demon died from asphyxiation as the slime entered into their airway and filled their lungs with nothing but semi-viscous fluid.

This trap formation had also brought the much needed relief to other sections of the border wall in Dongguan especially with the flames in the forest starting to die down near the border walls after the deadly napalm strike.

The firestorm was still spreading at a significant pace further from the wall, but there's nothing left in front of the wall for the flames to burn, giving way for the Bone Spirit Infused Demons to dash through the smoke for safety.

And without the flames to slow the demons, the border walls only had barebone defences against the horde until Claire summoned her Slime Scarecrows.

"This is amazing! We can at least wait for some reinforcements because of that!" Lian said as she saw Claire's trap formation techniques in action.

"It's not even the start of it. I have successfully modified it in the past month or so. Besides, when it comes to Trap Formations, I have to show my powers once in a while, right? Else I cannot be teaching any more students on such a topic." Claire lied through her teeth as she actually used the Sub System's power to modify her current technique.

The other monsters or bellators might have thought that she possessed the same powers as Qiu Yue. To use money to boost her offensive strength since Claire had the Financing Sub System with her. But that was not exactly the case for the intern.

Instead, any monster that she killed got converted into valuable metals or gems. (With of course heavy taxing by the System.) And with the properties of those valuable resources, Claire was able to power up her techniques.

The killing of Bone Infused Demons enabled her to earn a bag full of topaz which she immediately utilised to enhance her current trap formation. Due to this the Slime Scarecrows eventually evolved into Slime Topaz Scarecrows, allowing them to possess the ability to fire energy beams from afar or burn the demons when caught inside the slimes.

As the Slime Topaz Scarecrows were similar to a carnivorous flytrap, many of the Border Guards also made use of them by luring the Bone Spirit Infused Demons towards them for better offensive options.

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"Claire, I have information to pass to Grandma Yuan. But seeing that she is busy fighting, the System prevents me talking to her." Hou Fei informed the young woman via the System Channel.

"Shoot." Claire said as she held onto a topaz and used its energy to create a sunburst effect, blinding the demons in front of her. It allowed the Demon Exorcists to finish them up in a jiffy. Hou Fei then explained the situation to her, and she understood the current state of the problem they were in.

"I understand. Basically, we just need something to aim at those eerie-looking holes so the Royal Zodiac Dragon Air Force can blast them to kingdom come?" Claire summed it up.

"Yeah, preferably doing some damage to them at the same time but they are using some sort of gravity like bomb to take the target out. So I have no idea what could be used to complement it." Hou Fei replied, but suddenly it clicked on Claire.

"Hey, Lein! You remember when you did that electro ball trick which nearly devastated the entire place and created a crater?" Claire queried as she went to Lein's side.

"Ehhh, yeah. What's up with it?" Lein had a blank look on his face as he was not expecting such a random question out of the blue.

"Can you replicate that and shoot them towards those genitalia looking holes?"

"You mean the monster's vaginas?" It was obvious Lein was holding his giggle back.

"Language!" Claire beat his head but at the same time, instinctively stifled a short chuckle. "It doesn't have to be at full power, just something enough to wound it."

"It will be hard to do so at this distance. If I try, I can't guarantee that I will have much control especially when this is a technique I have yet to master. Why do you need it??" Lein asked as he continued to stake a lookout for more demons.

"Because the Royal Dragon Air Force is coming down to beat the shit out of that thing and your electro orb seems like the best marker we can use to guide their bombs," Claire replied.

"Sounds like an adventure that Grandma Yuan will kill us for!" Lian was nearby and overheard the conversation, wanting to be in.

"I am only asking Lein about his assessment for this task. If it is too risky, I am just gonna need a lightning trace towards those holes."

"As defiant as this sounds, that electro orb thing is probably the best way to help Grandma Yuan." Su Zhen agreed as she wanted in.

"Why are you all here when I was talking to Lein only a few seconds ago?!"

"Call it team telepathy!" Rong exposed their trick and got knocked by Lian's fist.

"Don't worry. I believe we already have a plan to accomplish that. Besides, it should be safer if we do it together." Lein looked at the others, and they winked back at him with a complimentary thumbs up.

"Just don't make things too worrying for Grandma Yuan..." Claire warned as she let them go since it was her fault to overlook that they were a close knitted team.

## **Chapter 852 Electrical Markers**

The moment they were given permission by Claire to move forth, Rong stayed on the walls while the others jumped into the burnt clearing and continued into the forest.

The reason why Rong stayed back was mainly because of his unique cultivation that allowed him to pull them back to the walls if the situation turned dire.

This extra precaution was sorely needed with the firestorm within the forest still raging on. The team of newbie Demon Exorcists might be high grade cultivators with the ability to hold their breath for an extended period of time, but should they get stuck, there was a need for an escape route.

Hence, Rong came into the picture by enabling his cultivation of the Ox Demon Ao Ye. "Advanced Ao Ye Technique, Hair Tracking Ropes!" Rong shouted.

Despite the name, the hair ropes actually emerged from his hammer and they were like an extension of the hammer because of the particular technique. (Not his hair!)

It might sound weird at a glance but the folklore in which Ox Demon Ao Ye appeared, truly depicted Ao Ye as an ox with human features on its head. Instead of leather skin or fur, the body was filled with human hair, and it grew so long that it looked as if it was covered from head to toe with it. (Or one could say, from head to tail.)

Hence, Rong's cultivation allowed the hammer to grow long extending hair which each and every one of his teammates utilised by tying themselves with a tight knot around their body.

Not only that, but Rong also served as their eyes and ears because the hair ropes had sensory components on them, serving as the team's backup support.

And because he was up on the border walls, he could also use the bird eye's view on the ever-changing situation to his advantage. (Of course, the burning forest was a hindrance, but the information from the hair ropes helped complemented it.)

Meanwhile, Lian, the Nine Tail Fox Demon Cultivator led the charge into the forest as a forward scout, finding the most suitable path for the team to move forth.

With a few tails extending from her back, they acted as a balance component during her scouting as well as a chi absorber.

Whenever they encountered a Bone Spirit Infused Demon in front of them, she would use the accumulated chi in one of her tails to kill the enemy in one shot and push forward. Thus, allowing Lein and Su Zhen to save their chi. Time was definitely of the essence for them since Claire had warned them that the Royal Zodiac Dragon Air Force was coming in three minutes time.

However, even with her charged up chi tails, the number of Demons was increasing the further they got into the burning forest.

"Guess, it's time to use the present Boss Jin got us!" Lian said as she took out the dual inscription charm from her storage ring and activated it.

In an instant, her appearance immediately changed into a set of kunoichi ninja clothes. This allowed her tails to move freely at the back without any hindrance to her movement. (Although she would admit that Jin's design was a little sexy, it was very practical and made with functional use in mind.)

A design of a nine tailed fox was being embroidered on the black ninja clothes with gold and orange threads. With the use of the inscription charm, it heightened her power abilities, allowing her to grow one extra tail and get a better grasp of her senses. (If anything, it was similar to Jin's inverse eyes, but something extremely basic to the feeling of a sixth sense.)

Upon transformation, she took in the surrounding fire as her own chi and shot it directly at the Bone Spirit Infused Demons, allowing her to create a clear path big enough for her two teammates to follow.

They were successful until they encountered the very first hand tentacles which Claire had told them to either avoid or destroy with one clean shot! If they were on the fence or hesitated too much, they would suffer the consequences.

"Then let's see how much pain this hand tentacle can take!" Lian said as she slashed down with her dagger infused with the fire chi, utilising up to two tails worth of chi storage. Naturally, she succeeded.

Yet, this also meant that Lian could only bring them this far. Any closer would mean they would encounter even more hand tentacles and underestimating it would bring death to the team.

"My turn then!" Su Zhen said as she clasped her hands together in the direction of Lein and immediately four snakes appeared from beneath her and slithered towards the Qilin Cultivator.

"You sure your snakes can hold it out?" Lein asked as he already started to discharge the chi to create the electro orbs.

"I will be here to defend you, so rest easy and concentrate. No use overthinking stuff now." Su Zhen nodded her head, and soon the snakes lowered their heads for Lein to step on them.

After which, they calmly lifted him upwards, out of the smoky forest and into the open skies. It was almost half the distance away between the border wall and the Loopa Ooofpa. Obviously, Grandma Yuan noticed him from her Griffin and immediately questioned Claire for an explanation which her assistant gladly provided.

"No wonder. Fine, I will do my best to distract the Monster, but I cannot promise their survival." Yuan cut off her communication and started to summon even more chi, and this time, taking it straight from the System Ring.

"In the end, I still have to rely on you," Yuan said with a bitter smile as the ring glittered a little with a small input of chi. She then continued to stalk Loopa Ooofpa's actions and preempt the counter attack.

"You sure, you want to use your stored chi that quickly?" Yun said as she sat quietly behind the Golden Griffin despite Yuan's disgust.

"And see my little kids get killed in the process?"

"You said you did not care about their survival." Yun replied.

"I say I cannot promise their survival. I did not say I didn't care about them." Yuan answered while her Golden Griffin blew out golden electrical breaths to destroy the hand tentacles that were coming close towards Su Zhen's snake defences.

"Epic Qilin Technique! Electro Orbs of the Thunder Unicorn!" Lein shouted after he too changed into his Demon Exorcist uniform bestowed by Jin. The chi from the dual inscription charm somehow managed to stabilise the forms of the Electro Orbs and Lein quickly sent them flying toward the colossal manifestation's damnable genitals.

Why Claire suggested using Lein's attack was simple. The electromagnetic force from the electro orbs could potentially be the precursor attack for the gravity implosion bombs that were being sent by the Royal Zodiac Dragon Air Force.

And true enough, multiple screeching sounds were heard zooming past the skies the moment Lein shot out the Electro Orbs to the monster's belly.

"Visible Markers found. Chi projection adjusted. Weapons free, I repeat Weapons free!" The Royal Zodiac Dragon Pilot Leader commanded through the intercom, and the staff within the headquarter's office were watching through the radar and satellite feeds.

### **Chapter 853 Gravity Implosion Missiles**

The gravity implosion missiles flew rather silently compared to the conventional rockets as they were being sent down to their markers via a chi projection technique by the Royal Dragons Pilots.

Upon impact, the gravity missiles appeared like a standard explosion, but soon, the explosion got sucked into a pinpoint location centred around the tip of the missile and started to suck in any matter around it.

That naturally included the intact flesh on the Loopa Ooofpa. While it was a gamble, Claire with her limited high school science knowledge believed that the electro orb could act as a precursor attack that enabled the gravity bomb to serve as the second layer of repeated attack. This also prevented the introduction of a new fresh element for the Loopa Ooofpa for it to absorb.

After all, Lein's Electro Orb consisted of electromagnetic force, the second strongest fundamental force in the world which could definitely invoke the disruption of the gravitational waves depending on the calculations applied. While it might not work precisely how Claire's mind had intended, it did prove to be rather effective in practice.

Even better, the Royal Dragon Air Force managed to pull off the manoeuvre according to Hou Fei's recommendation. (\*cough\* Actually it was Kraft's idea and later the System refining it for the simpletons.)

Thus, the 'technical' third hit on the same spot was the one that did the most damage to the Loopa Ooofpa. Yet, all the behind the scenes planning did not matter to the guys at the border walls since they could see the colossal manifestation wailing in pain. (It did inadvertently boost their morale which was critical when they suffered such heavy losses.)

With an effective hit, the Royal Dragon Air Force was confident to proceed with a second sortie and that fortunately applied to the Royal Rooster Air Force too. They might not have the same kind of weaponry as the Royal Dragons, but most importantly, their attacks hurt the creature.

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"I can perfectly imagine those Banned Emperor Assassins or terrorists currently panicking, thinking something along the lines of 'how is this possible!'" Kraft pretended to express the horrid face to Jin, and it no doubt made Jin laugh.

"Told you, it's best to leave it to them for a solution." Mr Know-It-All chuckled as they now know how to defeat the colossal monster. "Let's go. We have been idle for far too long."

"Yes, sir." Ryuli said as she portrayed her cultivation. With the aid of the System, Kraft could vaguely see that the cultivation style was partially similar to the form of the Dancing Dragon. But at the same time, it felt way too similar to a certain someone's cultivation.

"Isn't that a little bit too much reminiscent of the Nineteen Lazy Astral Pandas cultivation style? Even the chi she exudes is almost the same as yours!" Kraft pointed out in the System Channel.

"Then she is really Ryuli?! How is that possible? She was a kid when I met her in that boxed up basement." Jin replied. He did not have any confirmation when she utilised the limited edition Panda Energy Beam Inscription charm but right now when she portrayed her dragon cultivation out, it was nothing but Jin's type of Maqi.

"While it is impossible for another cultivation user to have the same type of chi as User, the fact is indisputable when the System sees it with its own 'eyes'. Colour the System interested. Original Bellator Kraft, is there a second child that Ming took care which the System is unaware of?" The System questioned upon seeing the same thing.

"Illicit relationship? Hahaha, Ming would be too afraid to do that! Anyways you said boxed up basement...say where was that cellar you were held in again? I didn't get to see the exterior part of the area." Kraft commented, stating that he blindly followed the portal to where Jin was previously when he was stuck in a basement cell.

"Grandma's Yuan training camp? I don't really know. I merely followed the directions given by them previously and reached a broken down old temple before I got attacked by the Demon Exorcist trainees- well technically they are exorcists now." Jin answered as they fell back for the two State Agents to showcase their own offensive powers.

"Why does this address sound a bit familiar? System, do you have a picture of that place?" Kraft queried.

"System does not wish to waste precious resources on meaningless revelations when the battle is at hand." The System stated even though it did portray interest in the current situation. (It just did not want to entertain Kraft like how the fox dodged its initial questions.)

"I agree too. Even though the two agents are flying around brandishing their chi and powers, we should clear it as soon as possible." Que Er chimed in as she summoned out more birds. Her transformation had been extended with use of the Dark Sludge Crystals by Jin.

"I just want to boom stuff. :(" Peppers pouted as she sat on a Valg, already doing a few blasting mine spells to knock the Bone Spirit Infused Demons into Jin's portals.

"Target found and eliminated." Zeru suddenly interrupted the System Channel.

"Unfortunately the group we've encountered did not have the summoners though." Milk interjected. "They are merely offering their chi to maintain the Loopa Ooofpa... I think. Teehee."

"The main group could be at Dongguan. I can move now if you wish and we will leave a trace so the Snakes and Tigers can follow up from this later." Zeru reported as he made sure he plucked the dantian out of those assassins to prevent resurrection.

Milk knew Zeru was an insanely powerful sword saint but to see his powers at its full glory was terrifying. The Banned Emperor's Assassins never stood a chance the moment he turned dead serious. This made Milk wonder why Zeru had been holding back so much when he could simply cut down all of Jin's enemies.

"A few of my scouting birds are at Dongguan, you can use them to have the System set up their last seen location. Be careful though. Unlike here where the forest is largely intact, Dongguan had been decimated to the ground with napalm, and they used some weird bomb that caused the ground to get deformed a little." Que Er suggested.

"Put us in the mountains instead. They are probably hiding within it." Zeru replied, and Que Er complied.

"Please update us for any possible changes and help take a look at Grandma Yuan too!" Jin requested which both bellators willingly agreed to it.

"Welp, that was an unexpected but fortunate turn of events. I was hoping to torture the Banned Emperor Assassins." Kraft commented as he looked at the creature failing with desperation, all in the hopes to stop the minuscule cultivators from killing it.

If anything, the Banned Emperor had miscalculated that Jin and Grandma Yuan could get involved in this particular Monster Horde defence. It was Yuan's knowledge and Jin's army of misfits that brought the quick demise of their trump card.

In Dongguan, the elimination of the Loopa Ooofpa was proceeding well. Although Grandma Yuan was surprised to see the electro orbs and the plea to retreat from Claire, she was proud that they were able to make a difference and assisted her in defence of the border wall.

But that did not mean she was going to overlook her students acting against her orders. (Although she knew long all along they were doing something beneficial.)

With a quick glance, she found Lein and stared at him and subsequently the others with a menacing look. Her menacing aura was only strengthened by her griffin steed. The Demon Exorcists instantly knew that they were in deep trouble after the situation blew over.

## **Chapter 854 Silver Wings**

"Rong! Pull us out now! Grandma Yuan is looking straight at-" and before Lein could finish his sentence, the hair rope tied around his waist already started reeling him in at an increasingly fast speed.

"I know! I too can already feel her beady eyes staring at me! Hold onto your nape in case of whiplash!" Rong warned with his chi telepathy back at the group

"Those rascals!" Grandma Yuan chuckled a little more as she stood on her Golden Griffin, awaiting the right chance to finish the Loopa Ooofpa in one fell swoop after the Dragon's second attack according to their flying pattern.

But things never happened one sided in real life. The villains struggled to complete their own objective too. Grandma Yuan noticed that two human cultivators were running towards her, and their chi was being expelled into the surroundings.

"So, they showed themselves instead of running away, huh?" Grandma Yuan tapped on her Griffin and immediately, several Rainbow Feathers underneath the golden wings flew towards the location where she detected the chi.

"Huan, careful." Yung warned as he took his blade out and deflected the razor sharp feather projectiles. But to their surprise, instead of flying to another direction, the feather changed its course and proceeded to attack the Banned Emperor Assassin.

"Remember to keep your distance, Big Sister Yuan. We have no idea what foul tricks they have under their sleeves, especially when they have that dantian corruption poison." Hou Fei reminded Yuan as he relayed that information to Zeru who actually found the band of assassins rather quickly after Jin transported Peppers to his side too.

While it is not as legendary as the Scan spell that Peppers had, the magpies and crows' hard work finding the remnants of the Banned Emperor terror group made the subsequent kills easy. Zeru quickly searched and eliminated them.



There was no mercy in his strikes, and the birds did pick up two assassins who had run away from the area and were heading towards Grandma Yuan.

Without any hesitation, the System (even though it looked reluctant initially) had immediately teleported Zeru and Milk to deal with those assassins that were coming for Grandma Yuan.

After all, it deduced that its User would not forgive the System for making such a blunder under its watch. But to the bellators' surprise, Yun actually intervened when one of the assassins, Huan, came close enough despite Yuan putting a distance away from them by flying higher.

He had used the Loopa Ooofpa hand tentacles as a support to jump even as the Golden Griffin tried to fly and evade away from the damaged colossal manifestation.

"Do not think you can run away from me once I locked on to you!" Huan shouted as he picked a pistol up and aimed towards the Tiangong District Guardian.

Upon pulling the trigger, several black hydra silhouettes burst out of the gun, aiming for Yuan. It was then that Yun came between the hydra silhouettes and Grandma Yuan, deflecting most of the attacks with just a wide long blade.

Silverish wings soared through the sky on top of the Golden Bird. A Griffin silhouette appeared behind Yun and Yuan somehow felt that cultivation style Yun selected was meant to spite her further.

"You think using his cultivation style would make me delighted?" Yuan shouted, but it did not bother Yun a single bit as she released a technique yet again similar to Yuan's Rainbow Feather Storm.

"Advanced Silver Griffin Art, The Feathery Silver Cross Wave!" Yun shouted as she swung her blade and fully pushed back the Black Hydra silhouettes away with the first wave of silver chi energy. Only when the silhouettes dissipated, then she followed it up with the second and final wave of silver chi.

Huan tried to evade upon losing the fight of chi attrition, but Milk was behind him, giving him a sneaky shadow kick before conjuring chains made of light to pin him down. "Bon Voyage to the netherworld!" Milk said as she leapt backwards for the silver wave of chi to eliminate him.

Separately, Yung saw the opportunity to run even further away since he saw how absurd his teammate had decided to challenge someone who was leagues above him.

"The dantian corruption poison may be strong enough if you manage to get it into their body, you idiot!" Yung said as he tried to run until he suddenly felt that he hit a stick on the ground, which caused him to trip.

Only when he recovered from the attack did he realise Zeru was already there with his katana ready. However, even before Yung could move a muscle, Zeru cut his head away while holding onto his arm.

"Not too late, nor too early." Zeru said as he took the precaution to cut the left arm and kicked it away even though it was dangling lifelessly at the side when he beheaded the Banned Emperor Assassin.

At the tip of Yung's fingers was the Dantian Corruption Poison which the late assassin hoped to use against Zeru. Instead, the sword saint collected it in a sterile box and sent it to Evon for processing since he was the ultimate chemist in Jin's science team.

As for Yuan, she kept quiet for a moment upon seeing tears appearing on Yun's face despite it being expressionless after the fight.

"You still remember him, don't you? You do not have to act dumb in front of me. I too am a woman and mother." Yuan said as she lowered her Griffin, making it easier for her to ride on.

"There is still the Loopa Ooofpa. We got to-" Yun ignored Grandma Yuan's attempt in consoling, and she looked away to wipe her tears, but for the first time in a long while, the almighty District Guardian showed her softer side.

"Up, we are moving." Grandma Yuan cleared her throat and told her to climb up the Griffin. She did not know how much Yun remembered about her son and her, but that was something to resolve later, not when the Loopa Ooofpa still alive and kicking.

Yet, despite the dangers that the hand tentacles presented, the Golden Griffin was not moving anywhere else until Yun does.

It lowered its wings, and the Griffin used his body to cover the two cultivators while hovering in the middle of the battlefield. Even Yuan's manifested chi knew this was one of the times it had to protect its master at all cost during this indirect act of kindness.

For this small tiny opportunity to reconcile might never come again.

## **Chapter 855 Months of Planning**

"This... IMPOSSIBLE!!! How could months of planning have been thwarted so easily?!" Banned Emperor Elder Wang Ba Tan couldn't believe the reality of the situation as he controlled the Loopa Ooofpa's hand tentacles to intercept the incoming attacks.

He was not hiding in the mountains nor in some other remote location. No, he was actually inside the monster, offering up his blood, sweat and chi to the best of his ability to keep the colossal monstrosity alive.

His only hope was that his brother, Wang Ji Tan in Dongguan was faring better than him right now. After having been locked up in the Royal Tigers' special security prison for a long time, they had been freed by their companions and the brothers were finally able to exact revenge on the public.

Initially, things had gone smoothly with the destruction of several smaller cities around the world as part of their experiment and diversion. Confident about their odds, they had returned to China so they could unleash one of the largest Monster Hordes in China to put the Royal Zodiacs to shame.

All according to the will of their Emperor!

They could not tolerate seeing those traitors dominate the current world. The Elders wanted them out of society's equation and start a new regime with the Banned Emperor returning and rightfully reclaiming his rule over China.

Although Ba Tan knew that his age was getting up there, he believed that he still had it in him to lead this Monster Horde which would serve as the perfect opening declaration of war against the traitors.

However, things didn't go as expected. The resistance turned out to be far stronger than they had scouted, and the cultivators on-site were seemingly aware of the weakness of the Loopa Ooofpa.

He couldn't understand how this was possible. The archive reports should have been adjusted by an 'expert' in monsterology about five years ago. The army was meant to attack the target 'Sundew' with a variety of attacks all of them as mighty as possible.

By absorbing the attacks, the Unceasing Hunger would have grown in strength and become unstoppable. The army would have contributed to it evolving and becoming capable of throwing out even more dangerous moves that could hopefully decimate cities in a matter of minutes.

The Elders had made preparations to counter various famous cultivators from the Royal Zodiac Clans and those affiliated with them, including Grandma Yuan, the last surviving Demon Exorcists from the first appearance of the Loopa Ooofpa.

And yet, there he was, stuck fighting a bunch of unnamed cultivators he had never heard of or seen before.

Meanwhile, his brother was faring no better. It appeared as if he had sorely underestimated the powers of Grandma Yuan, despite all the simulations and projections from their best analysts. Then again, how could anyone of those have taken into account that Grandma Yuan was getting access to the System and its copious amounts of chi?

Given her advanced age, she should have been straining herself to maintain the enormous chi consumption the Golden Griffin needed to retain its physical form unless she relied on blood sacrifices. Yet, they were sure that was something she would never do to avoid repeating the fate of her fallen companions.

To merely call it months of planning was too humble of their grand plans. The Banned Emperor faction had long since infiltrated all corners of the government while keeping a low profile. While this Monster Horde was one of the first major attacks in years, one shouldn't ignore the decades of misinformation and misdirection that preceded this incident.

The main reason why Chancellor Ma He did not send out a bigger force of Demon Exorcists in the first place was that the report did not reach him. It was actually the Vice Chancellor who reviewed it based on a quick summary by his aides. Even Grandma Yuan's recommendation had been toned down by his aides. But whether the aides were part of the Banned Emperor faction or someone who had forwarded the report, that would be entirely another issue by itself.

Although the Banned Emperor had many plans in mind, the Monster Horde was undoubtedly one that had used up a considerable amount of their resources. Elder Wang was naturally aware of all of it, making him so distraught that the defenders were able to cope so well.

Their Loopa Ooofpa manifestation had been damaged to the point that it would be hard to make any groundbreaking changes in the current situation.

Not long ago, one of his charms broke, indicating that a foreign person had entered their secret hideout in the mountain. A quick localised scan via his chi found informed him that they had all been slaughtered mercilessly. Body parts all around the place and their solidified Dantian cores had been extracted with precision, ignoring all the charms, trap formations and competency of his comrades which should have been able to contend with even State Agents.

Everything had changed once that "Panda Man" and his teammates came in. At first, they had not seemed any different from the two Dragon cultivators or the annoying private contractors who had been disturbing his horde expansion for months.

He had even looked forward to the short girl charging up her energy which she was about to unleash on the Loopa Ooofpa. With that kind of energy, his Loopa Ooofpa could have been invincible... Until a man in a trenchcoat had appeared, making the girl actually divided up the energy and imbued it into birds the Panda Man had summoned after growing wings...

It became worse when the Royal Rooster Air Force, infamous for their bright red planes swooped in and used the same tactic with their missiles as seen as the newly arrived trio. This indicated to Wang Ba Tan that those people might actually be affiliated to the military, especially to the Royal Zodiac... And that made Ba Tan's blood boil.

"I cannot let myself be beaten by these lowly beings that are despised by our mighty Emperor! If they think they are so clever, then I shall show them a world of pain even if part of this monster has to be sacrificed for it! From the looks of it, they are of high cultivation and eliminating them will prove to be beneficial for the faction's future!" Ba Tan thought as he suffered another blow from Ryuli's energy blast from her war umbrella.

"Show me how you will survive the trials of our punishment...Hahahaha!!! FOR THE EMPEROR!!!" Ba Tan said as he pulled his hand out of Loopa Ooofpa's flesh and started to beat his chest and chant.

Immediately, Jin and the others felt that something was seriously off even when the Loopa Ooofpa was evidently wounded from their barrage of attack. The colossal manifestation did not stop and actually started to rampage further, forcing Jin to take out a new card from his deck and transformed once more.

"Card Activated, Dark Templar Form." The System stated as the armour lost its wings and turned into a cape instead. Jin's suit had transformed into a standard Dark Templar armour in appearance.

As for the strength and durability of the armour, it was definitely tougher than the ones the demon worshippers used. However, the only thing Jin really cared about at that moment was the ability to call upon Demons.

Jin and the System figured that if Loopa Ooofpa was from the Hell Plane, it should be possible to banish it back to Hell once more. Of course, Kraft and Peppers would be aiding in the procedure since there was no way a single cultivator would be able to banish such a colossal manifestation like Loopa Ooofpa.

However, things took a drastic turn when the monster howled loudly as if it was in pain and its hand tentacles started to vibrate.

"This does not look good! Zieg, can't you do it faster? Surely there should be something like an emergency banish in your repertoire?!" Jin questioned the Dark Templar Commander on his magical ritual which had already been accelerated by Jin's Maqi.

"This is already as fast as I can do without breaking the integrity of the ritual, Master! Banishing a named hell creature even though it's just a manifestation of it, is equally hard because of the rules involved in it! If I do a poor job, it will either not work or worse cause serious backlash to your body!" Zieg warned as he slammed the rider's gloves deep into the ground.

Now it was a race to see who would be first to kill the other.

### **Chapter 856 Turn of the Tide**

"Not good!" Kraft shouted as he pulled out a gun similar to No Mercy. 'Just Business', a 12 gauge short barrel shotgun, with the same miniature fox carvings on the wood handle itself, had been brought out magically from the depths of Kraft's coat.

Each time he fired Just Business, fox silhouettes would appear on the handle to temporarily break open the shotgun and aid Kraft with reloading the gun.

The foxes on No Mercy had started doing the same thing, holding onto bullets at the side, waiting for the right time to reload them. It made Kraft look as if he had a platoon of foxes hovering around his arms playing with bullets and shotgun shells, to enable his insane trigger happy fingers. He was firing at a rate much faster than any gunmen ever lived, except for specialised magic casters transmuting their mana into bullets.

If he wanted to, he could have used his chi to transmute it into bullets, but he was not in favour of wasting it. Why bother using chi when there were other ways to stop an enemy? The modern world had enough inventions to kill stuff. Might as well make use of it instead of straining oneself.

While one man was casually wreaking havoc, the same could not be said about Jin who was pouring all of his Maqi into the ritual circle where the ground started to draw lines by itself. The ritual circle clearly needed more than just one person to complete it, and Jin was absolutely pushing the limits to create the Banishment Circle.

Still, the five 'private' contractors on site had nearly forgotten that this was technically a collaborative effort between them and the Royal Battalions. Royal Snake General Hou Fei and Royal Tiger General Ya Bai knew the moment the hand tentacles started to multiply that it was now their job to assist the ones on the frontline to the best of their abilities.

Attack Helicopters fired their remaining missiles from a distance and sprayed their bullets while light artillery from the border wall emplacements was discharged to intercept the hand tentacles. It did provide a small reprieve, but the pressure to succeed was mounting from within the Loopa Ooofpa.

Elder Ba Tan had thrown caution out of the window and used taboo magic by offering part of his body as sacrifices for the Loopa Ooofpa to reach the highest pinnacle it could achieve.

As the hand tentacles multiplied, so did the Bone Spirit Infused Demons coming out from Loopa Ooofpa. "What the hell?" Mr Know-It-All could literally feel the earth trembling at the colossal manifestation, and they knew that even if they could remove the Loopa Ooofpa in time, the massive tsunami of demons could not be stopped by the border walls.

They literally needed something with the might of a nuclear missile to stop the horde from flowing into the cities.

"Hahahahah! You think we will be beaten by you Royal Zodiacs?! DIE!!!!" Elder Ba Tan happily cried out within the monstrosity as he felt his dantian core invaded by the hungry sentient flesh. "All hail the Banned Emperor and his magnificence! May he be reborn once more!" Ba Tan shouted with his increasingly coarse voice as Loopa Ooofpa consumed him slowly by pushing its flesh into his airways and orifices.

That caused the Unceasing Hunger to once again explode its production and in a matter of minutes, things turned for the worst. As soon as the hand tentacles were damaged, they instantly grew back their palms and started to retaliate back against the aggressors while still aiming to kill the five highly-skilled private contractors.

The hand tentacles aimlessly picked up the ground soil, trees, and even Bone Spirit Infused Demons and later throwing at whatever that was shooting at them. There was no discrimination to what they were throwing. Whatever was in their vicinity, the hand tentacles would use it.

This inevitably caused some of the Bone Spirit Infused Demons to loop over the border walls. While there was an invisible defensive barrier to prevent aerial demons from passing through, the projectile's force was strong enough to penetrate it, thereby causing a number of demons to land in the evacuated city.

Both the Royal Zodiac Generals were cursing madly when they saw the demons being flung over them. However, the only consolation was that the situation behind the border walls was well taken care of.

The provincial police, along with the Royal Tiger SWAT teams had assembled to intercept the incoming monster projectiles. Some of the firefighters as well as their elites, the Royal Rabbits' Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (DART) also joined the fray, in case of casualties and were ready to support the SWAT with manpower if needed.

Yet, all these were just band-aid solutions to the current situation when the final huge wave of demons was still approaching them.

"System! Remember what you told me about having a contract with the land?" Jin asked as he was still pouring his precious Maqi into the Banishment Circle as it grew larger. Now the dungeon supplier had resorted to using his Dark Sludge crystals as a supplement to avoid potentially fainting from the over usage.

"Is User suggesting to take control over the land temporarily?" The System asked.

"Yes!!! Let that thing drop into the ground or build a bigger wall in front of the border walls. Heck, teleporting all these monsters into our vicinity would also be a good idea! We just need to stop them

before they hit the cities! Do it, no matter the cost!" Jin panted as he looked at the Loopa Ooofpa still relentless in its production of monsters.

"If they asked, we could use this Banishment Circle as an excuse," Zieg suggested, knowing his master would not get away if the System started a large scale teleportation.

"I could also just wipe their memories away with a snap of a finger..." Kraft felt that he was being ignored once more.

"When it comes to that, we will settle it somehow. So, is it possible or not!?" Jin asked under duress.

"System does not disappoint."

### **Chapter 857 Communicating with the Spirits of the Land**

"Brrrr...Beeeeeep. Beep Diii Booop." Oddly, weird nostalgic sounds of an internet modem connecting to the internet resounded through the System's intercom as the System tried to communicate with the Spirits of the Land. However, that was all Jin could hear. He was unaware that the System was already chatting with them in their own special way.

"Query: Cultivation World's Spirit of the Land No. 769 and No. 052, System wishes to bargain for temporary total control over your land." The System stated in a digital telegram which no human would ever see.

"Acknowledging Cultivation World's Super Entity No. 002's request for communication. Please stand by... Connecting." The digital telegram subsequently turned into an invitation for channel communication.

"Connected. Involved parties received Query. Please stand by for a reply."

"Reply: Cultivation World's Spirit of the Land No. 769 and No. 052 both have noticed the amount of damage inflicted on their property. Cultivation World's Super Entity No. 002 request has been acknowledged, and they are willing to provide free reign over the mountainous forest area on certain conditions." The Channel that the System was connected to had started to send its demands.

"Acknowledged. Requests received. Reading the conditions to the agreement as per confirmation. Condition 1: Total annihilation of the Demons/Monster Horde in the affected area. Condition 2: Recultivate the forest to its former state. Condition 2-1: Restoration of wildlife to at least 25% of the initial state before the damage of this attack. Any amount above is not necessary but appreciated. Upon accepting these conditions, Spirit of the Land No.769 and No.052 are willing to waive off the tribute fee." The System reported.

"Reconfirmation of the conditions acknowledged. Any questions?" The Channel sent the digital telegram back.

"Negative. Cultivation World's Super Entity No. 002 accepts the agreement and generosity of the Spirits of the Land."

"Acknowledged. Likewise, Spirits of the Land thank Super Entity for the helping." After that last reply, the Channel ceased to exist, and a temporary authorisation certificate had been sent to the System's possession, giving it the control that it needed.

"User, the System has received the confirmation. However, there were conditions attac-" The System was about to list the conditions for Jin who was already edging from falling into unconsciousness.

"Just do it... Fuck all the conditions." Jin slurred and the System acknowledged its User's request.

"Affirmative. Please wait for a moment. Preparing for mass teleportation of all Bone Infused Demons into User's Open World Island instances as a holding area. In the meantime, it would be best for User to remove the Loopa Ooofpa before the mass teleportation activates." The System said as it newfound the lay of the land thanks to the authorisation certificate.

Without the need of a satellite like in the Goblin World, the complete unfettered control of the land gave the System an unparalleled amount of information to locate each, and every Bone Spirit Infused Demons. Its authorisation had also spread to the forests connecting to Dongguan Borders.

But to its surprise, the Loopa Ooofpa manifestation in Dongguan Borders was brought to a halt with the aid of Que Er's murder of crows and magpies. While the birds were distracting the hand tentacles from killing the District Guardian, it also formed a physical wall around the Golden Griffin, granting Grandma Yuan the time to execute her technique.

Not just any technique but the strongest in her arsenal. The Golden Thunder of the Gleaming Griffin complimented with the gravity implosion bomb aftermath. Its frightening boom in the dark night skies temporarily lit up the skies and even made the Qilin Cultivator Lein who specialised in lightning afraid of the ferocity of her power. If anything, Lein believed that the art itself was particularly close to a Legendary Art, were it not for his teacher's grade, which should not allow for such a thing.

Nevertheless, Grandma Yuan was not the MVP of that fight. That role would go to Yun who hammered in the proverbial nail that caused the death of the Loopa Ooofpa before it could do anything else.

The imitation of her late husband Epic Silver Griffin Art, Raging Thunder of the Silver Griffin complemented Grandma Yuan's technique, causing it to inadvertently electrocute the other Elder Wang before he could copy his older brother into sacrificing himself to summon a massive Monster Horde.

Even as the 'heart' of the colossal manifestation in Dongguan was killed, the horde it was producing dropped in terms of quantity but did not fully stop. However, it did not matter much because the elite Demon Exorcists once trained by Grandma Yuan had finally arrived.

"Hmm, a possible gathering for the funeral?" Yun asked after she sat down on the Golden Griffin behind the older woman as if nothing had happened.

"Your mouth is as bad as the first time I met you." Yuan snapped at her and yet at the same time, smirked ever so slightly. She might not be the same Yun but the fact that the System had always been copying stuff since the day of its inception, there was no doubt that the clone was still somewhat Yun even though her Dantian had been corrupted.

"Whatever. Just go back soon, my air barrier will not keep you safe much longer from all this forest smoke." Yun said while she was tapping something on her phone.



"No wonder, I did not have any breathing difficulties despite fighting above the forest fire. And here I thought Griffy had to do something about that." Yuan commented without actually thanking the other woman. Instead, she rubbed the feathers of her chi manifestation, and it cawed softly at the back scratch.

"And if Griffy had allowed you to sit this long behind me without making any fuss, means that there's still a part of old Yun inside you." Grandma Yuan thought to herself. She had already noticed it earlier as her Golden Griffin had obediently allowed Yun right before the start of the flight. Usually, it would kick a fuss or even bully the pillion rider with its tail since the proud Griffin usually never allowed more than one person riding it.

"System is very pleased to see both of you safe. With this being the case, System will leave Dongguan alone. Please clean up." The System analysed that it would be cumbersome if it interfered with the Demon Exorcists reinforcements.

However, that did not mean it missed the chance to secretly teleport away some Bone Spirit Infused Demons for its own keeping. It was wise enough to only choose those out of the sight from the humans and left the rest for the elite Demon Exorcists to handle. After all, half of the forest was still burning strongly from the napalm attack, and visibility was a problem.

"We are finally done..." Jin and Zieg said out in the System Channel simultaneously as the power suit he had on, immediately deactivated from the lack of Maqi holding it into place. Jin panting with beads of sweat dripping from his head, bit his tongue and spit at the ritual circle as the last ceremonial step.

"Good job." Kraft did not mince his words as he could feel the Maqi emanating from the enlarged Banishment Circle which had been spread around the forest.

## **Chapter 858 Banishment Ritual Circle**

One might wonder why Jin had not used the forest itself to power the Banishment Ritual. Cultivators from the ancient times did not have any shame in using the chi around them to power their techniques up after all.

Even Grandma Yuan who had executed her Gleaming Thunder of the Golden Griffin utilised the ambient chi particles around her to do so. Of course, she also abused the System's ring for the majority of the actual execution but taking from the surroundings was equally important. The amount of chi she and her Golden Griffin exuded was excessive, and it did not hurt to take some back as part of a 'recycle' process.

However, in Jin's case, that was different. His Maqi was particularly unique because it contained both chi and magic essence within it. Before he could take back the Maqi he emitted from the air to 'recycle', it had already assimilated perfectly into the surroundings. The trees and ground around him already took in his aura as part of their cultivation process and gave out their chi in return.

Jin could not take in any of those chi energies since the Banishment Ritual was created with both chi and mana. Too much of one property would definitely cause an imbalance in the Banishment Ritual's power. Sure, there were mana emissions from certain trees, but it was insufficient to turn over since the land

was predominantly chi energy-related, not to mention Jin had never received any training in manipulating those mana channels.

Without the suit, Jin would have long since bled out to the death. Not even offering up his Dantian core would have been enough for this Banishment Circle because of the control he needed from spamming the Dark Sludge Crystals. Being barely alive was quite an accomplishment for a Grade 8 Peak, and as Jin fell to the ground after completing the Banishment Circle, Kraft took over.

"While it is slightly shameful for me to use something you so painstakingly created, I have no choice. Peppers, I'll need your help too." Kraft said as Peppers smacked yet another Bone Spirit Infused Demon into the portal.

"Can't you see I am busy?! Unless you are telling me that I finally get to Boom Boom now?!" Peppers shouted excitedly.

"Something like that. Insert your boom magic, but delay it until it gets banished back to its own realm. That way, we can be sure that it will not come back to bite us in the future." Kraft explained that he wanted to use Peppers' magic as insurance.

With a title such as the Unceasing Hunger, there was no saying what the manifestation would do after it met up with its original body. Best case scenario? It would either meet its demise within Hell's Plane. Worst case scenario? It would manage to strengthen itself, crossing over the borders once more and disrupt the peace in Jin's world with an even stronger army while it was out for revenge.

"Awww yes. One Super Duper Mega Boomz coming right up!" Peppers immediately set her defences by taking control of three Bone Spirits Infused Demons and dominated their minds to defend her at all cost. "I actually have something prepared since I had to dial down the previous two attempts in explosions. But since it's for insurance, I would like some time to juice it up. Should be up before it gets banished!"

"Hurry up. The rest of the Horde does not seem in the mood to be waiting patiently." Kraft hurried her along as he hadn't missed that Mr Know-It-All had secretly protected them with his Dragon Wave Barrier. Unfortunately, there were way too many monsters rushing through so it was unavoidable that a number of them slipped through the 'cracks' of the barrier rather easily.

Kraft aimed his Just Business and No Mercy to the ground and immediately fired a round each from his respective guns, causing the Banishment Ritual circle to light up even further.

At that moment, the monster producing factory got dragged towards the circle despite its resistance. Even with its colossal size, there seemed to be an invisible force that continued to pull it towards the centre of the Banishment Circle, running over multiple monsters that it had just produced.

The irony was that it did not stop creating those monsters out of its orifices because of the last command that the late Banned Emperor Summoner had given it. Without a mastermind controlling its action, the manifestation could only act on instinct. It was grabbing random monsters to eat and replenish its strength, causing it to slowly evolve because of the resistance the monsters put up.

Yet, it was still helpless against the unstoppable pull from the Banishment Circle. As the name suggested, the circle was meant to banish the colossal manifestation Loopa Ooofpa out of this world. It

was a technique Dark Templar Leader Zieg had perfected after a failure he previously suffered in pursuit for more power.

At the time, the young Zieg had nearly killed the entire squad under him because of the insufficient control he had over the demon he attempted to summon. Similar to Grandma Yuan, he regretted the incident very much but unlike her, he did not have the luxury of being able to suffer in shock. His organisation's hierarchy did not give him any time to mourn not recover.

All he could do was to focus his energy into righting the wrong he had done. Since then, Zieg vowed not to have it happen ever again and he had achieved it by studying up on how to banish those demons back to the nether realms in case such a situation would occur again. He never expected it to be used as a combat skill since it took a long period of time to prepare the ritual.

For System Rider Dark Templar Form to complete it in under 15 minutes was a significant accomplishment in Zieg's eyes since he usually took hours to make it. And even with its completion, he later had to lure the demon to it without making it suspect anything else.

But make no mistake, the Banishment Ritual had to be specific to that particular demon alone. Else they would be pulling every single Bone Spirit Demon into it as well, and that would take a hell lot of prepared resources especially the Maqi Jin placed, rendering the ritual to be useless against the Loopa Ooofpa.

Thus, they were fortunate enough to have learned the true name of the demon. The Bone Spirit Infused Demons that were captured earlier also had some of Loopa Ooofpa's cells and residue on it, making it even easier for the System to enhance the Banishment Circle's power level.

Once the Banishment Circle had been activated, there was no way of dispelling it unless the caster stopped it... or perished. But with luck on their side, their Banned Emperor Summoner had self-sacrificed himself for one final push. It's too bad that he did not know there was a person with a System that would stand in their way even after his death.

Soon, the Loopa Ooofpa had been pulled to the centre of the Banishment Circle, desperately trying to get even more power by consuming the Monster Horde around it and could only hope that it would break free from it.

Sadly it would not be that simple with Kraft at the helm of the situation.

## **Chapter 859 Show Off and Tell**

"This is no attack but just a little tussle. And since my little master is knocked out, I might as well show those State Agents guys why they should not come near him for the time being." Kraft smiled as he stopped suppressing his chi and activated it fully for once. A burst of black aura immediately filled the forest with dread and misery.

State Agent Mr Know-It-All overheard what Kraft had mumbled before he showed his aura (Did he want him to hear it?) and already prepared counter chi aura defences for himself, but he was not fast enough to do the same for Ryuli.

Yet, when Kraft released his abyssal black chi into the surroundings, Mr Know-It-All was surprised by the strength of Kraft's overflowing chi. Ryuli simply did not stand a chance and fell to the ground unconscious. Were it not for her grade, she would have been choked to death, or that was what she thought.

"My bad, I should have maybe warned you." Kraft 'apologised' with a smirk on his face as he watched two State Agents unable to effectively withstand the aura. At this moment, behind his long coat, a black flurry tail appeared, and it subsequently separated itself into nine tails.

Those nine tails eventually grew more prominent with the chi he put in, stretched, and aimed for the Loopa Ooofpa. "Your stupid hand tentacles were a pain in the ass. Come and have a taste of your own medicine." Kraft spoke as the tails were only restraining him and pulling him nearer to the Banishment Circle.

"Ew, I always knew you were a foxy person, but your tail is seriously fugly. Do you need me to burn some of the fur and trim it?" Peppers teased as she was the only person not affected by Kraft's chi which indicated to State Agents that she was either a monster at Kraft's level or that he was in perfect control over his own chi. That itself would be a feat because not every person that exuded their aura would be able to control the strength of its dispersion.

By showing Kraft could do that easily while attacking the colossal manifestation meant that he does have the skills to back his cheap threats. However, the State Agents were currently being suppressed by Kraft's chi, and they could not see the overall picture.

The Original Bellator did not perform what was mentioned, his chi aura literally slowed the entire horde from moving forward during that duration. The only ones from the audience who were not affected by this were the Royal Zodiac soldiers and Border Guards who were outside his range and still frantically throwing whatever they got from the border walls to ensure that the Horde did not overpower them.

"Do you want me to wrap one of these tails around you instead, Munchkin?"

Peppers knew Kraft long enough. Whenever he changed her form of address to Munchkin, it was better to not push him further on a point. Apparently, the colouration of his tails fell under that category. (Was there perhaps an underlying reason for it?)

"Is the spell ready?"

"I would not be talking to you right now if it weren't." Peppers stuck out her tongue (her quiet form of revenge) and aimed her staff at the Loopa Ooofpa. A series of magic circles started to pop out all around the Unceasing Hunger.

"Good job. Now the moment I remove my tails, I will activate the second part of the Banishment Circle, my very own revision." Kraft 'warned' her but he already let his tails off and let off a smirk. He did not want to be part of Peppers' delayed explosion (Oh Karma would be such a bitch, if Peppers pulled it off.) and he also had to prevent the Loopa Ooofpa from eating any of his tails.

"Why, you!" Peppers triggered the spell activation, and the magic circles immediately turned into silhouettes of syringes. The Loopa Ooofpa instantly saw the needles as a threat and stopped eating any more of its 'children'. Instead, it began to form a barrier, but the multiple syringes around him merely proceeded forward and stabbed the Unceasing Hunger.

It wailed in pain as the syringes pushed its long needle into the main body as Peppers magically squeezed every single plunger and caused her own specially prepared magical content in liquid form into the Loopa Ooofpa.

"Dayum! This will certainly be one hell of an explosion when it gets banished!" Kraft thought to himself as he now directed the chi around the forest to create a replica of Jin's Banishment Circle right above the Loopa Ooofpa.

He had tried to fiddle with his master's ritual circle but realised that there was only so much chi he could insert into it without breaking the balance within the spell. Therefore, he recreated the circle based on the design itself. While it would prove to be only half as effective or even 25% of the strength because of its haphazard replication of the symbols on it, it would still be a deterrent without knowing the chant Zieg had spoken to handle the intricacies of the Banishment Circle.

True enough, the makeshift Banishment Circle started to affect the Loopa Ooofpa's movement while the real Banishment Circle turned into a large metaphysical gate of Hell that spread around the forest and started to pull the Unceasing Hunger back to where it belonged.

Technically, because it was a manifestation, it should not exist the moment it reached Hell, but like what Kraft had said, he was not taking any chances to make sure there were no two Loopa Ooofpa or a variant of it existing simultaneously. (It was as if he knew such an incident had happened and bit him back before.)

But to the people around the metaphysical gate, they were amazed to see such an extraordinary sight of the Loopa Ooofpa struggling to pull itself out of the gate.

"No, you don't. We have put in a shit ton of stuff to ensure you aren't coming back." Kraft declared as he used his tails to gather the surrounding chi to form a ball of black energy which he used to provide an extra push.

The Monster Horde, now unhindered by Kraft's chains, started to move forward. Unfortunately, they did not know that the System had already locked all of them in its sights the moment Kraft had managed to slow them down. Whether that was a coincidence or Kraft indirectly helping the System didn't matter as each, and every Bone Spirit Infused Demons were teleported into various island instances in Jin's prototype Open World concept for safekeeping.

While the Unceasing Hunger did its best to resist, Kraft looked at the two crippled State Agents who were still under the influence of his chi. "Now, just for a quick little experiment to see if it works for human beings too."

Kraft thought as he rubbed his fingers a little and two minuscule foxes appeared on his palm. "Go, Foxy Version 2. Let's see if you can assimilate with their chi and collect information from the notorious State Agents."

Kraft squeezed his hand with more chi, causing his latest trick to 'disappear' as he walked towards the two and extended a hand to help them up.

The menace was no more and 'assumed' to be exploded into oblivion.

## **Chapter 860 Recovery Efforts**

"You help us first before aiding your own Boss?" Mr Know-It-All felt a little suspicious of Kraft's current behaviour.

"Heh, you do not have to worry about him. Let him lie there for a while longer. He hardly has time to sleep properly these days." Kraft replied as he assisted Mr Know-It-All to stand straight for a moment and later extended his help to Ryuli who was just a few metres away and immobile because of him. She initially refused to be assisted, but Kraft insisted he grabbed her hand and pulled her up.

"What kind of spell was that? A combination spell?!" Ryuli asked as she quickly moved away from Kraft and instead used a tree for support before stabilising herself. "How is it possible to remove that large berserk colossal manifestation and that huge Monster Horde, all in one go?!" Her mind could not wrap around the fact that three unknown people had been able to basically single-handedly stop the entire Monster Horde.

Even though the military was supporting them from behind and having two State Agents on the scene, she felt that they could handle this crisis on their own without any of their help at all. What's more, this fox gentleman was not sweating after all that effort. Did that mean that what he had shown wasn't even the entirety of his true powers?!

Oddly enough, his chi did not give out an 'evil' vibe which she had encountered so often when fighting against enemies of the state. If she had to describe it, it felt more like Chaos. As strange as it sounded, it felt as if someone had taken Chaos and tamed it.

"Now, now. I can't give up secrets just like that, right?" Kraft grinned at Ryuli before giving her a formal bow. Then he went over to pick up Jin's body from the ground. "Peppers, let's return back to the shop."

"You gotta be kidding me. Do you seriously think I have the strength to move after performing that magic spell?" Peppers questioned as she was lying flat on the ground with her large witch hat as a cushion. Even while disabled, she had to feel comfortable.

"In that case, allow me to help you out, little girl!" Kraft's smile got wider.

"Policeman! Policewoman! Arrest this lecher! This paedophiliac! KYAAAAA! Ahahahhah~!" Peppers screamed as she was being pulled up via her abdomen and put over Kraft's shoulder just as Jin currently was. (He did not hesitate to tickle her waist while doing so.)

"I honestly do not know whether that was a real scream for help or that's just their way of bonding." Ryuli, now finally able to stabilise herself, whispered to Mr Know-It-All.

"Well, like it or not, they are certainly the heroes of this particular event." Mr Know-It-All replied.

"Oh yeah. Do remember your deal. Feel free to claim the credit for this. Just make sure to keep our involvement out of the media. Or I will find you and crush you both!" Kraft winked. After which he slapped Peppers' butt, and a portal appeared right in front of them while the remaining portals which had been used by the Valgs to catch the Bone Spirit Infused Demons were closed.

"Did you see that?! Sexual harassment! You caught him in action! Arrest HIM!!!!!!!" The unmovable Peppers cried out loud as Kraft entered the portal and the entire forest suddenly turned dead quiet. At that point, soldiers started to move in already, doing a sweep in case there were any remnant Bone Spirit Infused Demons around.

"Looks like our work here is done." Mr Know-It-All said as he pulled his badge out to show the first wave of soldiers that they were private contractors.

"You sure, we can keep this out of the report? How are we going to answer the higher-ups properly?" Ryuli questioned as she too showed her badge to the soldiers. They thanked them for their service and continued to walk through the area, making sure the dead bodies around were truly dead.

"Let me worry about that. But I have an inkling, they are going to keep things under wrap, too. You heard the fox gentleman. They don't want to be involved, and I bet the higher-ups would love to use this event as propaganda. Agent L, go back to the hotel and rest. When I have settled the stuff, I will bring you to that shop."

"Can't you just give me the address?"

"Heh, indulge your supervisor's whims once in a while." Mr Know-It-All denied her request as he started to walk towards the border wall. "Maybe, just maybe. I will get to witness something very special. Besides, I am looking forward to seeing that master of yours myself."

"Please, I will not call him master after abandoning me at that place. Besides, you are the only one I will ever acknowledge as my master." Ryuli declared as she followed him side by side.

"Heh, we will see." Mr Know-It-All felt that things were not that simple.

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As of 2056hrs, the Monster Horde had officially been stopped along Huizhou borders. The casualties and damage to infrastructure were devastating, but considering the eventual scale of the attack, it was minor. As for Dongguan, the elite Demon Exorcists were still hunting the remaining Bone Spirit Infused Demons.

While it was a little more difficult to fight in the night since the Demons were more aggressive with nightfall, the elite Demon Exorcists were able to clear them rather quickly within two hours after their arrival. The only problem was hunting each and every one of them which was eventually assigned to Claire and Grandma Yuan's latest batch of graduates.

With the System's control of the area, it was able to point out to Claire where the remaining Bone Spirit Infused Demons had been hiding. As much as it wanted to keep those demons for itself, the System believed it would be better to have the Demon Exorcists under Jin receive their official emblem.

This particular situation would definitely get Lein, Lian and Rong out of their provisional status. (It just did not want to admit that the current horde the System teleported caused it to be near full capacity once more.)

With the alert dropping, the citizens were able to return to their homes and the provincial officials had already started to send in construction teams late in the night to fix the damage done to the cities. In the meantime, fresh batches of soldiers were sent beyond the border walls to make sure none of those Bone Spirit Infused Demons survived. (They were mostly sent out to make the citizens feel safer)

The forest fire in Dongguan had also been put out with rescue planes and helicopters water bombing the area along with the aid of several water mages and capable cultivators. After which, the Demon Exorcists who took care of Dongguan's remaining horde were also seen patrolling the burnt forest to assist the soldiers doing the sweep.

The only real setback was that the Royal Horse Army Battalion had effectively been wiped out by the horde and their General had been reported dead after they found his body during the cleanup. It might be a victory for the cities but not to the military force who had taken a blow from this domestic terrorism.