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Chapter 1711: Ace Assassin

Swoosh!

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Only seconds after Chen Xiaobei made himself invisible, hundreds of men tore through the dark forest like phantoms.

From their clothing and their gear, Chen Xiaobei could tell that a larger half of them were Tenshou warriors, while the smaller half were Royal Dome soldiers.

This time though, the commanders leading the group were two very powerful elites!

Ding!

[Combat power: Early phase of God-Ascension cultivation; Lifespan: 1,311years; Health: 600,000; Combat power: 600,000]

The Netherspirit Battlescouter focused on an arrogant-looking young man in Samurai armor. He was holding a katana which was stained red on the blade – no doubt, he was the one who had attacked the white lion!

“Wow! 600,000 combat power!” Chen Xiaobei muttered in surprise. “If I’m not mistaken, this guy ranks fifth on the Nine-Zones Earth leaderboard! On land, he’s about the same level as Ao Liancheng. Only in the sea, however, would he lose to Ao Liancheng!”

Ding!

[Cultivation: Early phase of God-Ascension cultivation; Lifespan: 1,152years; Health: 500,000; Combat power: 500,000]

The other commander was from Royal Dome, armed in a sharp and flashy protective covering. However, in both cultivation and demeanor, he was one stratum beneath the Tenshou youth, and at forty, he was no longer qualified for the Nine-Zones Earth leaderboard.

“Prince Wugui Kojiro*!” The Royal Dome commander said. “The green light came from that ravine over there! Could it be some sort of tiancai dibao* descending?”

Wugui Kojiro narrowed his eyes, and said in a complacent tone, “How would I know? The only way to find out is to go there!”

The Royal Dome commander nodded. “Prince Wugui Kojiro is too precious! I, Ximen Hanfeng am a tough man. So, I will go take a look!”

“You? Are you going to keep the Tiancai Dibao all to yourself?” Wugui Kojiro smirked. “I saw the green light with my own eyes. Even if I do let you go on your own, don’t even think of hogging everything!”

“Prince Turtle*, what kind of person do you take me for?” Ximen Hanfeng smiled ingratiatingly. “Our families are allies. Why would I do something that will destroy our friendship? If you don’t trust me, then just come with me!”

“Heh, I was just kidding!” Wugui Kojiro chuckled. “When General Ximen comes back later, you wouldn’t mind letting me check your storage bracelet, would you?”

“Er...” Ximen Hanfeng hesitated for a moment and then shot the prince an awkward smile. “Of course not!”

“Great!” Wugui Kojiro smiled. “Tenshou warrior, listen up! I want three units to follow general Ximen!”

“Yes, sir!” Immediately, thirty Tenshou warriors stepped out, katanas strapped to their side as they gathered next to Ximen Hanfeng.

“Listen up, Royal Dome soldiers...” Ximen Hanfeng began.

But Wugui Kojiro cut him off, “Why? Are there not enough people, general Ximen? Let me send you another three units, how about that?”

“I...” Ximen Hanfeng stammered. “No... No need. Three units are enough.”

After that, Ximen Hanfeng left for the ravine with the thirty Tenshou warriors.

Wugui Kojiro was obviously suspicious in nature and did not trust Ximen Hanfeng at all. Not only did he want to check Ximen Hanfeng’s storage bracelet, but he also sent thirty of his men to keep an eye on him.

Furthermore, Wugui Kojiro was not willing to go to the ravine himself – obviously worried that there might be life-threatening danger there.

To put it bluntly, he was ordering Ximen Hanfeng around like a dog!

Wugui Kojiro wanted a share of benefit but used Ximen Dafeng as his cannon fodder in case there was danger!

Not only was this a selfish act, but it was also very spiteful of him. He could not care less about the welfare of his ally.

Ximen Hanfeng knew that all too well but he had no choice. In strength, position and qi field*, Wugui Kojiro was way more superior to Ximen Hanfeng. He could only swallow his discontent and be a good, obedient dog.

Chen Xiaobei observed all of that from afar.

“Little Turtle is not going! This is my chance! Watch me take them down without using any weapons!”

Chen Xiaobei changed to an invisible state.

Formless, invisible, and quiet, Chen Xiaobei made his way to the ravine completely unnoticed.

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The bottom of the ravine was in complete darkness!

Even with a torchlight, the visibility was still very low.

Ximen Hanfeng instructed, "Everyone, split up and search. One of you can come with me. I won't keep the Tiancai Dibao to myself!"

At that, all the Tenshou warriors split up leaving the most experienced warrior to follow Ximen Hanfeng to keep a close watch on his every move.

Irritated, Ximen Hanfeng deliberately quickened his pace to make the journey more strenuous for the warrior.

He was able to stretch the distance between them to about ten meters so that the warrior had to chase after Ximen Hanfeng's shadow.

Crack!

Suddenly, there was loud, crisp sound.

In the darkness, Chen Xiaobei, like the legendary Ace Assassin, put one hand over the warrior's mouth and the other hand at the back of his head, and twisted, breaking the poor warrior's neck before he could even react.

Even the real Ace Assassin was not as good as that!

"Huh? What's that sound?" Ximen Hanfeng was very alert. He immediately turned around to inspect the situation.

But with the 10-meter distance between them and only a torchlight, he could only make out a rough silhouette.

"General Ximen! I found something!" Chen Xiaobei used True Sound to imitate the middle-aged warrior's voice.

"You found something? Stay where you are! I'm coming over now!" Ximen Hanfeng ran over excitedly.

Chen Xiaobei animated the Galactic Secret Rune Cloth's special ability so that the Nightstalker Outfit changed and became exactly like the Tenshou warrior's!

"Where is it? Tell me!" Ximen Hanfeng asked impatiently, searching the surroundings without so much as glancing at Chen Xiaobei. He did not even notice that he was actually talking to Chen Xiaobei and not the Tenshou warrior.

"It's over there in the crevice of the rock! There's a faint green light!" Chen Xiaobei simply pointed towards a random direction.

"Where? How come I don't see anything?" Ximen Hanfeng turned in all corners until he gave up and shouted in frustration, "You bastard! How dare you make fun of me! I can kill you with one slap!"

Ximen Hanfeng could not afford to offend Wugui Kojiro, so he leaped at the opportunity to vent his anger at the Tenshou warrior.

“It’s there!” Chen Xiaobei answered. “Wait here. I’ll show it to you!”

“Do you think I’m blind?” Ximen Hanfeng hissed. “If you can’t show it to me, I will tear you into pieces!”

“Look! It’s here!” Chen Xiaobei walked up to Ximen Hanfeng and pointed at a random stone wall.

Ximen Hanfeng focused all his attention on Chen Xiaobei’s finger.

Thus, the golden opportunity for the Ace Assassin to kill his target!

Footnote:

tiancai dibao*: (天材地宝) Generally used to refer to plants or minerals that have special effects/ treasures

Wugui Kojiro: (武归小次郎) The given name Wugui is not a real Japanese name. The author made up the name so that it sounds exactly like 乌龟 (turtle) in Mandarin.

Prince Turtle*: As aforementioned, the prince’s name is a pun for turtle in mandarin, also read as wu gui.

Qi field*: A field of a vital force forming part of any living entity.

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Chapter 1712: Deadly Knuckles

Swoosh!

Chen Xiaobei did not dither but struck at the precise moment!

Ximen Hanfeng’s attention was on Chen Xiaobei’s left finger – the right time!

He was standing right next to Ximen Hanfeng, with almost no distance between them – the favorable position!

Most importantly, Ximen Hanfeng did not pay any attention to Chen Xiaobei. He was completely unguarded, unprepared! This was a golden opportunity for him to strike.

Time! Position! Opportunity! Chen Xiaobei had them all! There was no reason for him to slip up!

“Shatter all Right Directions!”

A purple-gold light illuminated from within Chen Xiaobei’s right palm and dragon scales sprouted where his skin was.

His Chaos Ethereal Force developed into a Cold Ice Ethereal Force at maximum capacity, sending forth a thunderbolt!

BAM!

An explosion boomed as purple-gold claws collided with Ximen Hanfeng’s Dantian.

“Blaaaaaargh...” Ximen Hanfeng threw up a mouthful of blood as his body was sent slamming to the opposite side into the stone wall.

“Who... Who are you... Your combat power is not even 210,000... How did you manage to hurt me...” There was terror in Ximen Hanfeng’s eyes as he spoke. “And... My Dantian is only wounded, not destroyed but why can’t I stir up my Ethereal Force... Why... Why is this happening?”

“You don’t have to know why! Just die like a good lamb!” Chen Xiaobei sprang towards the injured man with his dragon claws raised in the air.

“Shatter all Eight Directions!”

BAM!

The claws swung down and struck the top of Ximen Hanfeng’s head with absolute force!

In reality, with Chen Xiaobei’s combat power, he should not be able to break Ximen Hanfeng’s physical defense but because he had used his Special Ability, the Shatter all Eight Directions skill, the results were different as well

It was as if a punishing earthquake ripped through the firm ground. Ximen Hanfeng’s health could defend him against Chen Xiaobei’s surface strength, but it was not enough to protect him from the skill’s hidden force.

The hidden force entered Ximen Hanfeng’s body and sent violent ripples into his head.

His brain, meridians, muscles, and bones shook violently.

His face was crumpled as thick globs of blood poured out of every orifice – his ears, eyes, and mouth.

In a matter of seconds, Ximen Hanfeng drew his last breath and died in a pool of his own blood.

“Effortlessly done!” Chen Xiaobei grinned, as he picked out a blue gemstone from Ximen Hanfeng’s Dantian.

That’s right! It was the Abyssal Ice that Chen Xiaobei found earlier on!

This ice was already in his palm when he launched his first strike.

Because the Shatter all Eight Directions skill impaired Ximen Hanfeng’s Dantian, and the Abyssal Ice’s extreme Yin cold was injected into his Dantian which prevented him from using his Ethereal Force!

If it had not been for this secret tactic, Chen Xiaobei’s second strike would not have killed Ximen Hanfeng.

It would seem that Chen Xiaobei really did have the natural gift of an assassin.

Hide, plan, strike, kill! The entire process was executed to perfection, absolutely flawless!

Ding!

[You have received 10,000 merit points for eliminating a first generation villain]

Ding!

[You have received 50,000 merit points for eliminating a fifth generation villain!]

Ding!

[Your current merit points total are 34,560,000. You are 10,440,000 points away from the next level.]

[Charm: 3,456,000; Luck: 3,456,000]

Merit points for killing the Tenshou warrior and Ximen Hanfeng were deposited into his account.

The warrior was no one special, of course.

But Ximen Hanfeng, on the other hand, could have done it with his eyes closed if he really wanted to kill Chen Xiaobei.

In comparison to the warrior, Ximen Hanfeng was an evil man who indiscriminately killed innocent people. It was no surprise that he was worth 50,000 merit points.

Following that, a Tenshou warrior came running. "General Ximen! Did something happen? Was that you shouting?"

"Yes, that was me!" Chen Xiaobei replied using the True Sound skill. "I found something here! Go ask Prince Turtle to come down here and take a look!"

"You found something? That's great! I'll report to the prince immediately!" The warrior stopped running and took out his phone, excited to be the bearer of good news.

As he was doing that, Chen Xiaobei used the Special Ability again and altered his outfit to match Ximen Hanfeng's armor.

Of course! It was all just an optical illusion!

If someone were to physically touch his Nightstalker Outfit, they would be able to tell that it was fabric and not tough armor.

However, if a person were just to look at it and not touch it, they would not suspect it to be anything otherwise.

Chen Xiaobei was going to use the same tactic on Wugui Kojiro but with some minor adjustments.

Chen Xiaobei moved forward so that the bodies of his victims were out of sight.

Wugui Kojiro was already running towards Chen Xiaobei, an apparent excitement in his voice. "What did you find? What Tiancai Dibao is it? Hurry! Tell me!"

"There's a green light coming from here. I dared not touch it first. I waited until you came so that you can inspect it!" Chen Xiaobei was employing the same trick, pointing a finger at a crevice in a random rock.

"Good! Wait, I'm coming!" It only took Wugui Kojiro two steps to reach Chen Xiaobei.

"Look! It's here!" Chen Xiaobei pointed with his left hand while his right clasped the Abyssal Ice.

“Where? I don’t see it!” There was an intense voraciousness in Wugui Kojiro’s eyes as he focused them at the cleft in the rock where Chen Xiaobei was pointing at.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, purple-gold light exploded. At the trigger of Chen Xiaobei’s right hand, the ability, Shatter all Eight Directions was launched directly at Wugui Kojiro’s Dantian.

BAM!

Taking advantage of timing, place and opportunity, Chen Xiaobei landed his first strike!

The hidden force penetrated Wugui Kojiro’s body and rocked his Dantian. At the same time, the Abyssal Ice’s freezing Yin Qi permeated the injured meridian and muscles, freezing Wugui Kojiro’s Dantian so that he could not use his Ethereal Force.

Now that things had progressed to this point, you might say that it was all going smoothly like when Chen Xiaobei killed Ximen Hanfeng.

But there was a slight difference here!

Wugui Kojiro’s combat power was higher than Ximen Hanfeng’s by 100,000!

On top of that, he was much more cautious!

When Chen Xiaobei launched his attack, Wugui Kojiro managed to throw a punch before his Dantian was frozen.

Swoosh!

The punch, reinforced by Ethereal Force, imparted 600,000 combat power, plunging towards Chen Xiaobei like a cannon!

Bam!

Chen Xiaobei’s cultivation was in itself, very low. Combined with the fact that they were standing at very close proximity, meant that the punch was unavoidable, hitting him squarely in the chest!

Bam!!!

Chen Xiaobei slammed into the rock behind him, and humongous granite boulders collapsed on top of him, burying him under the rubble.

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Chapter 1713: Peak Defence

“Blaaargh...” Blood came sputtering out of Wugui Kojiro’s mouth. His knees caved in and he crumpled to the ground.

The Dantian was the core, the most important position in every cultivator’s body.

With their Dantian damaged, not only would the cultivator be prevented from using his Ethereal Force, but their blood circulation and breathing cycles would be greatly affected too.

“Brrrrr... So cold... What happened...” Wugui Korijo sat on the floor with an ashen face and purple lips. There was a piercing yin cold stabbing at his Dantian. His veins and muscles were beginning to freeze.

“Who was that... Only 210,000 combat power... That’s not Ximen Hanfeng... Why did he attack me... And what’s with this cold... Someone help me...”

Wugui Kojiro’s body was trembling from the cold.

As the cold began to spread, his breathing and blood flow grew weaker. He did not even have the strength to shout out for help.

BAM!

The rocks which piled on top of Chen Xiaobei burst open all of a sudden and Chen Xiaobei walked out of it, unscathed.

“You... You’re not dead... This... This is impossible...” Wugui Kojiro’s eyes widened in genuine surprise. “Your combat power is only 210,000... I punched you... You should be dead... How are you unharmed...”

Right now, Wugui Kojiro was like a tiger with its claws and teeth removed, maimed and harmless

Chen Xiaobei addressed the wounded man with a smile. “I have a really delicious piece of biscuit here! Eat it and I’ll answer all of your questions.”

Chen Xiaobei took out the Heavenly Dog Biscuit as he made his way to the prince.

Terror filled Wugui Kojiro’s eyes as he protested, “No... I won’t eat it... That’s poison... I will not eat it... Warriors... Help... Come and help me, quick...”

Unfortunately for him, he was too weak, and his voice was too soft to reach his men’s ears.

Moreover, Chen Xiaobei was already standing in front of him, prying his mouth open with one hand.

With his free hand, Chen Xiaobei forced the dog biscuit into Wugui Kojiro’s mouth.

“Mmmmmrrmm...”

Wugui Kojiro struggled with whatever energy was left in his body. But with his mouth clammed shut by Chen Xiaobei’s hand, the dog biscuit began to melt and take effect.

Soon after, Wugui Kojiro acknowledged Chen Xiaobei as his master.

Chen Xiaobei took the Abyssal Ice back and threw some Spiritual Medicine to rectify the cold and also a Taiyi Life Enhancement pill at Wugui Kojiro’s feet. “Get rid of the cold Qi first, and then take the pill. Your body will be able to recover quickly!”

“Yes... Thank you, master...” Wugui Kojiro’s voice shook as he ate the Spiritual Medicine.

With the cold qi expelled from his body, the color gradually returned to his face.

After that, he swallowed the Taiyi Life Enhancement pill, and his Dantian began to heal.

In a short few minutes, Wugui Kojiro had completely recovered. No one would be able to notice that anything was amiss.

“Master, I’ve sort of figured out how my Dantian was injured, but theirs is still something I’m don’t understand...” Wugui Kojiro said.

“Go ahead and ask,” Chen Xiaobei answered.

“I don’t understand how you were able to survive my punch,” Wugui Kojiro enquired. “My fist had struck your body, yet you were unscathed. It just doesn’t make sense...”

“That’s simple!” Chen Xiaobei answered. “The protection of the clothes that I’m wearing is close to peak Spiritual Instrument level. Strikes below God-Ascension cultivation cannot hurt me!”

If Chen Xiaobei had used the Ultimate Protective Puppet, the prince’s fist would have struck an invisible barrier.

However, as the puppet wasn’t used, Wugui Kojiro’s fist did make physical contact with Chen Xiaobei’s body.

Chen Xiaobei’s health alone would not have been able to shield him from that punch. The real reason why he did not sustain any injuries was all thanks to his recently upgraded Nightstalker outfit.

“Peak... Spiritual Instrument... That’s almost as powerful as an Earth-God instrument!” Wugui Kojiro swallowed. “Master, you are truly amazing! I didn’t know that you have such a powerful item with you!”

“You’ve asked to many questions! We don’t have much time. It’s your turn to answer my questions!” Chen Xiaobei said in a stern voice. “Tell me, why did Tenshou and Royal Dome send their soldiers here?”

“We’re here to sabotage Saint Duke’s betrothal contest! We were going to prevent the competitors from being able to complete the task of killing a Giant Barbaric Tiger within a month!” Wugui Kojiro answered honestly. “Tenshou and Royal Dome’s second joint-attack is set to take place after one month! As long Saint Duke’s plan to choose a Fuma is not realized within this month, they won’t be able to receive external help. They would be completely destroyed in the joint-attack!”

“What? The second wave of attack in only one month away?” Chen Xiaobei gasped. “The people of Saint Duke are completely unprepared!”

Wugui Kojiro nodded. “To be precise, there are only 22 days left to the attack! When morning breaks, it would have been the eighth day of this operation!”

“That...” Chen Xiaobei shook his head worriedly. “No! I have to stop the attack or Saint Duke will be wiped out!”

“I’m afraid that’s going to be very difficult...” Wugui Kojiro frowned.

“No matter how difficult it is, it has to be done!” Chen Xiaobei narrowed his eyes as he thought out loud. “If I stop the attack, the betrothal contest can continue! Now, I have to kill a Giant Barbaric Tiger and secure my place for the betrothal before terminating the attack!”

“That... That’s impossible...” Wugui Kojiro looked at the ground despondently. “With what little time left, just finishing one of those tasks is not going to be an easy feat!”

“No! I cannot allow Saint Duke to fall and I also cannot give up my place in the contest!” Chen Xiaobei’s eyes glimmered with determination. “For the remaining 22 days, I will be racing against time! You better coordinate with me and try not to give me any problems!”

“Yes, master! I will report everything to you! But as to whether or not we’ll succeed, that is not certain...” Wugui Kojiro muttered. “This is because Tenshou and Royal Dome have sent a lot of God-Ascension elites here... and my brothers... They might not listen to me...”

“I know! Keep me updated. I will come up with a plan!” Chen Xiaobei said. “Can you settle Ximen Hanfeng’s death?”

“He... He’s dead?” Wugui Kojiro took a step backwards. “Don’t worry, master. Everyone here is my trusted aide in this ravine. I will tell them what to say so that no one will find out the truth!”

“Good! That’s that then! Remember my phone number and keep in contact!” Chen Xiaobei gave the prince his number and snuck out of the ravine.

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10 miles west of the ravine, Chen Xiaobei located Ao Liancheng and the disciples of the Divine Tiger Faction.

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Chapter 1714: Divine Tiger’s Past

“Zhufeng! Are you alright?” Ao Liancheng asked, anxious. “We were just planning on how we’re going to save you!”

“I’m fine. Am I not in one piece?” Chen Xiaobei shrugged.

“Childe Chen! You really are incredible!” Su Xiaoman was starry-eyed. “Our Xiao Bai is a 500,000 combat power Spiritual Beast at the early phase of God-Ascension cultivation! The enemy injured Xiao Bai yet you were able to escape unharmed!”

“Oh, I’m just lucky.” Chen Xiaobei said nonchalantly. “It’s not safe in these mountains. You guys better leave as quickly as possible!”

“What actually happened?” Ou Yanghu asked. “Seven days ago, we were attacked by Tenshou Starfield. What do they want anyway?”

“Because there’s some conflict going on among the Nine Zones... There’s no time to explain now!” Chen Xiaobei said. “You need to get out of this place! If you meet anyone from Tenshou, reveal your identity immediately and let them know that you’re not here to capture the Giant Barbaric Tiger so they won’t attack you!”

“Capture the Giant Barbaric Tiger?” Su Xiaoman and Ou Yanghu, and all 100 members of the Divine Tiger Faction wore a peculiar expression on their faces.

“What is it? Is the tiger related to your faction?” Chen Xiaobei asked.

“Yes!” Su Xiaoman explained, “Three thousand years ago, our faction’s ancestor subdued a Giant Barbaric Tiger and made it his Spirit Beast. It helped him to defeat all his enemies and he finally managed to get himself to the Earth-God Realm! The Giant Barbaric Tiger is our faction’s emblem!”

Chen Xiaobei posed another question, “So, do you still have the tiger in your faction?”

“No...” Su Xiaoman shook her head. “The Giant Barbaric Tiger has an Earth-God’s strength... Ever since the last cat followed our ancestor to the Earth-God realm, no one in our faction has subdued another one...”

“Has anyone ever tried?” Chen Xiaobei asked.

“Of course, we have!” Su Xiaoman said. “Subduing a Giant Barbaric Tiger is a dream that everyone in our faction wishes to achieve! The members of our faction had tried all kinds of ways to capture the tiger but we have never been successful...”

Chen Xiaobei shone with anticipation. “Then, all these must mean that you know how to quickly locate a Giant Barbaric Tiger, right?”

“Yes!” Su Xiaoman nodded. “We have a specific method to find the tiger. We’ve always been successful at tracking it but not subduing it...”

“That’s great! That’s awesome! Do you know how to do it? That would be a great help to me!” Chen Xiaobei was so happy he gave Su Xiaoman a big bear hug.

After his conversation with Wugui Kojiro, Chen Xiaobei found out that he only had 22 days left to stop the joint-attack on Saint Duke.

Every minute and every second was significant to Chen Xiaobei.

If he could find the Giant Barbaric Tiger in the shortest time possible, he would have quite a substantial surplus of time for his subsequent endeavor.

“I... How can I help you?” Su Xiaoman blushed. “We are indebted to you, Childe Chen. I... I’m willing to agree to anything...”

“I want you to bring me to find the Giant Barbaric Tiger! The sooner the better!” Chen Xiaobei answered.

“You... You want to subdue a Giant Barbaric Tiger?” Su Xiaoman asked.

“Subdue or kill. I’ll figure it out when we find it!” Chen Xiaobei said eagerly. “Of course, if it’s inconvenient for you to escort me, just tell me how I can find the cat. I’ll track it down myself.”

“I’m willing to be your guide!” Su Xiaoman nodded decisively.

“Great! That’s great!” Chen Xiaobei was thrilled.

“Hang on for a minute, Childe Chen.” Su Xiaoman turned away and found a few attentive members of her factions and urged them to look after the injured Gang Zi and Xiao Bai.

While she was gone, Ou Yanghu spoke up, "Childe Chen, I really sorry, but I have an assignment to complete. I would have gone with you, otherwise!"

"I understand!" Chen Xiaobei nodded. "Again, you'll just need to protect your faction brothers and my friend. Don't worry about everything else!"

"Don't worry, Childe Chen!" Ou Yanghu thumped his chest and declared, "Your friend is my friend too! I will make sure he leaves the mountains safely!"

Ao Liancheng protested, "No! What are you saying, Zhufeng? You're not bringing me with you?"

Chen Xiaobei answered, "Your wounds still need to heal! It's better for you to leave this place!"

"Who told you that?" Ao Liancheng objected. "It's the eighth day already! After eating that pill you gave me, my injuries are already 80% healed! I don't care! I have to go with you! If anything happens to you, I don't know how I can face my people!"

"I..." Chen Xiaobei exhaled. "Alright. Come with me then. There shouldn't be any danger anymore..."

Chen Xiaobei had only agreed to it for the hundreds of millions of merpeople disciples.

In the past seven days, Chen Xiaobei had been receiving notifications on his Netherspirit Battlescouter.

Chen Xiaobei's current total number of disciples had risen to a shocking one billion.

If Ao Lianchen went back, constantly worried about Chen Xiaobei, his other disciples would begin to fret too.

They would then discover that the Chen Xiaobei they worshipped was not as powerful as the legend led them to believe.

The disciples who were grateful to him would never forget him, but the disciples who worshipped Chen Xiaobei for his capacity might find themselves beginning to doubt him, which would gradually reduce his disciples.

Yanwang said that without the total amount of 100 million disciples, his Heavenly Path's reward would be taken back.

With 1 billion disciples, Chen Xiaobei could claim the Heavenly Path's reward ten times.

But if he was even one disciple short of 1 billion, that number would be reduced to nine.

At this critical juncture, Chen Xiaobei could not afford to lose any disciples.

Finally, when all the plans were finalized, Chen Xiaobei, Ao Liancheng, and Su Xiaoman went on a tiger hunt, whereas Ou Yanghu led his faction members out of the mountains.

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Chen Xiaobei took out a Tenshou combat spacecraft and under Su Xiaoman's directions, flew towards the mountains.

They flew the whole night, and when it was almost dawn, Su Xiaoman told Chen Xiaobei to land on a mountain sheltered by an indigenous forest.

"I am sure that there is a Giant Barbaric Tiger in this mountain!" Su Xiaoman said. "From now on, we'll have to be extra careful! One wrong move and our lives will be at great risk!"

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Chapter 1715: Strength of a Tiger

"There's no need to rush. There's no movement nearby!" Ao Liancheng kept the spacecraft, scanning the environment cautiously.

"By the time we sense any unusual activity, it might be our funeral!" Su Xiaoman said. "The Giant Barbaric Tiger is the king of the mountains. When the spacecraft landed, it already knows that someone has invaded its territory. Right now, it might even be making its way here to kill us!"

"That's right up my alley! We'll just wait for it here!" Chen Xiaobei toggled his storage bracelet, getting ready to take out his trump card to fight the Giant Barbaric Tiger.

"Are you joking?" Su Xiaoman hissed. "The Giant Barbaric Tiger may not be at Primordial Spirit cultivation, but it has the strength of an Earth-God! Unless you have a Two-Star Earth-God instrument, there's no way you could defeat it!"

"I don't understand what you're saying..." Chen Xiaobei looked genuinely puzzled. "If it's not at Primordial Spirit cultivation, then how could it have Earth-God strength?"

"You don't know this?" Su Xiaoman looked taken aback.

"Zhufeng is from a low-ranking starfield. He doesn't know the 'Giant Tiger's Strength' saying," Liancheng explained.

"Low-ranking starfield? How is that possible?" Su Xiaoman paused for a moment to process the information. "Childe Chen is really powerful – I thought he's from the land of Green Dragon!"

Apocalypse Starfield was made up of four continents: Green Dragon, White Tiger, Vermillion Bird, and Black Turtle.

Green Dragon, being closest to the Earth-God realm, was superior to all the other continents.

Chen Xiaobei reviving all living things on the barren land with a wave of his hand was an Earth-God's move.

In fact, not only Su Xiaoman thought that Chen Xiaobei was from Green Dragon but so did the other 100 Divine Tiger disciples.

Ao Liancheng shrugged in response. "To be honest, I don't believe that Zhufeng is from a low-ranking starfield either. But that's not important! Zhufeng is a good friend! A good brother! A hero's origin doesn't matter!"

"Mm... Childe Chen is a good person indeed!" Su Xiaoman smiled. "Alright, I'll explain to you. The Giant Barbaric Tiger is a very special kind of Spirit Beast! Legend has it that they were born with divine

strength because they are the descendants of the Heavenly Realm's Divine Beasts! A newborn cub has 100,000 combat power! The most interesting thing would be the Giant Barbaric Tiger's combat power, which is not connected to its cultivation but with its age! To put it simply, regardless of how high or low their cultivations are, once the tiger reaches adulthood, it would possess a One-Star Earth-God combat power!"

Chen Xiaobei exclaimed in surprise, "Wow! This talent is amazing! Does its combat power continue to increase as it ages? If the tiger lives up to a hundred or a thousand years, can it actually dominate the heavens?!"

"Talents are endowed by the heavens. How could it be used to dominate them instead?" Su Xiaoman replied. "Although the heavens may have granted them a remarkable talent, they also deprived them of the opportunity to become limitless! Once they had reached adulthood, their combat power would stop increasing! They would be forever stuck at Earth-God level!"

"What..." Chen Xiaobei raised an eyebrow. "Their combat power won't increase for eternity? That's problematic..."

Su Xiaoman nodded. "Because their combat power remains constant, it had turned into a unit of measurement!"

"Unit of measurement? What do you mean?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

Su Xiaoman explained, "Take an Earth-God who had just broken through to Primordial Spirit cultivation for example. Their combat power is not measured by how many tens or hundreds of thousands. We would say that he or she is 'one tiger-strong'! A Two-Star Earth-God is 'two-tigers strong', and so on. A nine-starred apex Earth-God is 'nine-tigers strong'!"

"There really is such a thing?" Chen Xiaobei's smiled. "Back home, we have a saying '*the strength of nine bulls and two tigers'!"

"The strength of nine bulls and two tigers?" Su Xiaoman repeated quizzically. "In the Earth-God realm, it's the opposite – two-tigers-and-nine-bulls strong represents a two-starred apex Earth-God!"

"Bulls' strength is also a measuring unit?" Chen Xiaobei was very fascinated.

"Yup! The Green Spirit Wild Ox is also a type of Spirit Beast that doesn't experience a change in combat power once they become adults. That's why it has also become a unit of measurement!" Su Xiaoman explained. "That saying in your hometown may have been passed down from the Earth-God realm!"

"That... Maybe..."

Chen Xiaobei put a finger on his chin.

The Earth-God realm's saying of 'two tigers and nine bulls' had existed for 10 million years. There was a good chance that on earth, it was gradually modified into Nine bulls and two tigers.

Of course, the regular bulls and tigers on earth could not compare to the Green Spirit Wild Ox and Giant Barbaric Tiger!

The strength that they represented was also naturally poles apart!

“Alright, let’s go! We talked for this long just so that you’re well informed on just how powerful a Giant Barbaric Tiger is!” Su Xiaoman said. “Right now, it’s in hiding and we’re out here in the open! It won’t be stupid enough to come charging at us! It will observe us quietly from afar, and then attack when we’re not paying attention! The moment when the Earth-God strength is unleashed upon you, there’s nothing you can do even if you have your trump card with you!”

“What is your plan then?” Chen Xiaobei asked.

“We’ll have to exchange positions with the tiger!” Su Xiaoman answered. “Once we locate it, it’ll be the one in the open! We’ll be at an advantage and we’ll be safe!”

Before Chen Xiaobei could answer, a snobbish voice called out, “That makes a lot of sense! Who knew, that there would be an expert around here! Hey, missy! Take me to find a Giant Barbaric Tiger! What did that Chen moron promise you? I will beat his offer by tenfold!”

“Who... Who are you?” Su Xiaoman asked.

Not far away from where they were standing, a dozen men led by two young men approached them.

One of the young men walking in the front had a blank, glacial look about him. He was the young master of Royal Dome’s most powerful faction, Ximen Shuoxue!

The other one, the one who had spoken, was the pompous-looking young master of Saint Duke’s most powerful faction, Yumen Yuanqing!

“Ugh, what is that putrid smell?!” Chen Xiaobei said in a mocking voice. “Oh, it’s that shit-eating young master Yuwen! You could’ve at least gargled before you left the house. The air stinks when you speak!”

“Hey, Chen! Do you want to die?” Yuwen Yuanqing hissed, his face now darkened in a shade of red.

“I don’t want to die; I want to find a tiger!” Chen Xiaobei retorted. “Little Man here is my guide. I will not agree to lend her to you!”

“Hmph! If you have money, you can even make the devil push the millstone for you*!” Yuwen Yuanqing jutted his chin. “Hey, miss! I think you heard me well enough. I will pay ten times what Chen is paying you!”

“No!” Su Xiaoman refused. “I will not help you even if you pay me one thousand times, one million times more! Also, don’t blame me for being unkind to you if you keep badmouthing Childe Chen!”

Footnote:

*the strength of nine bulls and two tigers: tremendous strength or effort.

If you have money, you can even make the devil push the millstone for you*: Money makes the world go round. You can do anything as long as you have money.

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Chapter 1716: Eradicating Eyewitnesses

“You stupid girl! Watch what you say! I, Yuwen Yuanqing, am the young master of Saint Duke’s most powerful faction! Are you sure you won’t give me face?” Yuwen Yuanqing said through gritted teeth. In his circle, he was a person of status and prestige and many people were desperate to serve him!

But then again, here was a defiant Su Xiaoman turning down his grand offer! She even defended Chen Xiaobei who was against him!

The worst part was, of course, losing face in front of his subordinates and his good friend Ximen Shuoxue.

“Hmph! I am not from the nine zones. Why should I give you face?” Su Xiaoman had been so nice and polite all the while but she now displayed a feisty side of her.

“What the f*ck! A lion is a lion even when he is sleeping!” Yuwen Yuanqing was snappish. “Let me give you a taste of my medicine!”

“Young master, don’t!” A middle-aged man behind advised.

From the way he was dressed, one would assume that he was a core elder of Saint Duke’s most powerful faction. His senior rank and high cultivation were not to be overlooked.

In spite of everything, Yuwen Yuanqing was so used to being unbridled in his barbarity – why would he listen to anyone’s advice?

Subsequently, Yuwen Yuanqing invoked his Ethereal Force which had reached the peak of Ethereal Force. All 330,000-combat power was unleashed at full force towards Su Xiaoman.

Despite the full-throttle attack, it was an unwise move as Su Xiaoman who although looked very much younger than him, was a lot more powerful than he was.

Smack!

Su Xiaoman placed one hand on her tiny waist, while the other moved faster than lightning towards Yuwen Yuanqing’s face.

“Arrrrghhh...” Yuwen Yuanqing screamed as he was flung past a large number of trees.

“Ah... Hack hack... How...” Yuwen Yuanqing was lying on his back ten meters away, screaming and throwing up blood and snot.

“Young master! Are you alright?” The middle-aged man rushed over to check on him.

“Alright? My head nearly exploded... and you’re asking if I’m alright? Hack hack...” Yuwen Yuanqing’s face was crumpled in pain. “Elder Yan! Avenge me... Hack... Retaliate...!!!”

“Retaliate?” Elder Yan looked doubtful.

Su Xiaoman gave him a stony look, “Retaliate? Come on then! I’m more than happy to oblige!”

“Elder Yan... What are you waiting for?” Yuwen Yuanqing was furious. “That Earth-God instrument you have... Take it out and kill them all... We’re being bullied by a little girl. Where will our faction hide our face?”

“Simmer down, young master! Don’t you forget that this is Apocalypse Starfield, not Saint Duke...” Elder Yan said in a grave tone. “Apocalypse Starfield is hidden with elites everywhere! There are just too many people we cannot afford to offend... That young lady may be young but her combat power is already 600,000. I believe that she has someone more powerful behind her!”

“What?! She... 600,000...” Yuwen Yuanqing licked his lips nervously.

“Yes... 600,000 combat power!” Elder Yan said. “That slap just now... if she hadn’t held back, your head really would have exploded...”

Yuwen Yuanqing sucked in a deep breath. It looked as if he was going to throw up.

“I tried to tell you not to fight her but you didn’t listen...” Elder Yan frowned. “This is not our domain... We cannot do as we please...”

“Is there anything else?” Su Xiaoman sniffed scornfully. “If not, I’ll be leaving!”

Chen Xiaobei and Ao Liancheng could not help but smile at this, secretly giving the girl a thumbs up.

She was loyal to her people and ruthless to enemies.

This girl was very likable!

“Wait!” Ximen Shuoxue suddenly spoke. “Childe Yuanqing is like a brother to me. I will not watch him get beaten and do nothing about it!”

“You mean you’d like to get a good beating too?” Su Xiaoman raised a palm, a threatening look playing on her face.

“Positions!” Ximen Shuoxue called out. His face still a blank canvas.

The men behind him immediately assembled into a battle formation.

Half of these men belonged to Ximen Shuoxue and the other half to Yuwen Yuanqing! They were from different factions, yet they were extremely well-coordinated! They had clearly practiced this many times beforehand!

“Childe Shuoxue... No!” Elder Yan said nervously. “The enemy is not some run-of-the-mill person... and Neptune’s Ao Liancheng is here too... If a fight breaks out, the ramifications would be too much for us to bear!”

“I don’t understand! What is there to be afraid of, elder Yan?” Ximen Shuoxue said. “Your combat power is 700,000! So is Elder Han’s! On top of that, both of you each have an Earth-God instrument! Also, there’s this powerful combat formation! If we’re not afraid of the Giant Barbaric Tiger, why should we be afraid of these three incompetent fools?”

There was a look of uncertainty in Elder Yan’s eyes. “You mean...”

Elder Han walked up to his comrade, a smug smile on his face. “Our young master is saying that there’s no one around and we should take this opportunity to kill the three of them. No one will be the wiser!”

“That... That’s not wise...” Elder Yan stammered. “Chen Zhufeng and Ao Liancheng are both contestants of the betrothal. If the Saint Duke Emperor finds out...”

“Are you mad?” Elder Han was still smiling. “Do you know why your young master became sworn brothers with our young master?”

“I.. don’t...” Elder Yan shook his head.

“One month after this, there will no Saint Duke imperial family!” Elder Han smiled. “Your entire faction will be shielded when war breaks out because your Childe Yuanqing and our young master are both sworn brothers!”

“This... This, this...” Poor Elder Yan inhaled sharply.

“Listen to my young master and you’ll still be an Elder after the war!” Elder Han smirked. “Refuse and you’ll be killed along with them! That won’t take up too much effort!”

“Is that true... young master...” Elder Yan wiped his sweaty palm on his shirt.

Yuwen Yuanwing nodded. “Yes, it’s true. My father had formed a secret alliance with Royal Dome. Next month, Saint Duke will be eliminated, and we’ll be safe...”

Ximen Shuoxue narrowed his eyes. “Elder Yan is a smart man! Should I have to tell you what to choose?”

“I... I understand...” Elder Yan’s murderous Qi was unleashed. “I’m very much willing to serve Childe Shuoxue!”

Elder Yan and Elder Han stood in front of the combat formation, eyes locked onto Chen Xiaobei.

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Chapter 1717: Xiaoman’s Plan

“Shit... That two men are the core elders of two powerful factions! Their combat powers are each 700,000! They even have two Earth-God items with them... There’s no way that we can go against them!” said Ao Liancheng.

“Blame me for being too aggressive... I really shouldn’t have beat up that guy... I should have known that it would have been impossible for them to come here to capture this Giant Barbaric Tiger without any solid backup!” said Su Xiaoman with her lips pursed.

The massive combat power shown by the enemies had managed to make Ao Liancheng and Su Xiaoman feel threatened by it. When it came to combat power and items, they knew that there was no way that they could win the battle. Once the fight started, the enemies would surely not show them any mercy.

“Both of you! Don’t be afraid! Once the fight starts, I want the two of you to run as fast as possible! Just leave me here! Go and look for the tiger! I will contact the two of you later!” said Chen Xiaobei in a calmed manner.

“Zhufeng! What kind of joke is that?! Among all of us here, your combat power is the lowest! You are going to die if we leave you here alone! Let me stay back and buy you guys some time! You should run

away with Xiaoman! After all, I'm after the prince of Neptune Starfield! Maybe! Just maybe they will not kill me..." said Ao Liancheng.

"Stop dilly-dallying! Just listen to me! There is still something I need to do! Don't worry! I will not die here! The two of you will only distract me if you guys continue to stay here!"

"But, you will not be able to defeat them even if you stay here!"

"Just stop talking! Come with me now! Quick!"

Suddenly, Su Xiaoman grabbed Chen Xiaobei with one of her hands and grabbed Ao Liancheng with the other. She then started to drag them to the rock nearby as fast as possible. Su Xiaoman's combat power was quite high, which caused Chen Xiaobei and Ao Liancheng to fail in resisting her tug.

"Thinking of running away?! Not so easy! Royal Dome Deity Sealing Formation! Up!"

Swoosh!

Immediately, the dozens of people behind the elder started to channel their Ethereal Force at the same time. Among this dozen people, half of them were at Ethereal cultivation and the other half were at Celestial cultivation. A terrifying energy wave was unleashed from the formation when all of them banded together to power up the formation.

"That... That is the Royal Dome's Deity Sealing Formation! There's no way that we can run from it..." said Ao Liancheng in despair.

"Is that formation really that powerful?" asked Su Xiaoman.

"That is an Earth-God level formation! As long as it is powered by an Earth-God Instrument, it can seal the movement of an Earth God with ease!" said Ao Liancheng.

"This is bad! They have two Earth-God Instruments with them! They can use one of them to seal our movement and the other one to kill us... Xiaoman! Let go of me! It will be too late if I don't bring out my trump card right now!" said Chen Xiaobei.

It was now clear that Chen Xiaobei no longer had the situation under his control. Though he had the item called Asura Mirror that could be used to break the seal of any formation, it could only work on formations that were below Earth-God grade! Considering that the Royal Dome's Deity Sealing Formation was an Earth-God grade formation, Chen Xiaobei would never be able to put his Asura Mirror to good use!

"Don't worry! We will be fine... Right now, all we need to do is to keep quiet... Like really quiet..." said Su Xiaoman with a trembling voice.

Swoosh...

Before they realized it, the white light that came from the formation had the three of them surrounded. While they were under the light, none of them could use their Ethereal Force and they could not move their bodies as well!

"Xiaoman! What the hell are you doing? We are so dead this...."

“Quiet!

At first, Chen Xiaobei and Ao Liancheng did not understand what Su Xiaoman was trying to do. Seconds later, their hearts started to beat ridiculously fast and the expressions on their faces changed. They did not dare say a word anymore.

Roar!!!

A deafening roaring sound could be heard from behind the giant rock. Following the loud roar, a giant creature charged out from the back of the rock. It was a giant tiger! Its at least 20 meters tall and at least hundreds of meters long! Its sharp claws and teeth were sharper than an Enigmatic Steel Blade and thicker than an adult’s thigh! Also, the golden fur on its body made it look like a Fire Kirin!

The most terrifying part about it was its aura! Before it landed any attack on its prey, the pressure from the overpowering aura had already given a good shock to everyone’s heart.

“Giant... Giant Barbaric Tiger...”

Elder Yan and Elder Han screamed at the same time. As for Yuwen Qinyuan, he fled the scene before anyone else could the moment he saw the tiger. Even the poker-faced Ximen Shuoxue’s face was now slightly twisted.

“Xiaoman.... You are so smart...”

Chen Xiaobei’s state of mind could be considered as the most powerful one amongst all of them. When everyone was left in a panicked state, Chen Xiaobei was the only one who could figure out Su Xiaoman’s smart plan. Earlier, she had already noticed that a Giant Barbaric Tiger was hiding behind the rock. The spot under the giant rock was actually a blind spot. That was why the tiger could not spot them.

At the same time, the formation that the enemies triggered aimed at the rock. The Giant Barbaric Tiger that was hiding behind the rock felt threatened by it, which was why it came out from hiding and prepared to attack them. While the tiger fought with the enemies, Chen Xiaobei and the rest of them sat back and watched the whole fight unfold before them.

Swoosh!

The tiger then jumped on top of the formation with lighting speed!

“Shit! The ability of the formation has already been used on the three people earlier... We can’t seal the tiger anymore... We are so dead...”

Everyone was left in despair.

BAM!

BAM!

The tiger leaped into the air and landed in front of its enemies like a giant mountain. With only a single swipe with its claws, 30 of them were sent to meet their maker.

The killing had finally begun!

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Chapter 1718: Third Party Benefits

Roar!!!

The Giant Barbaric Tiger let out an earth-shaking roar and started to swing its front paw mercilessly as its enemies. Not only was the attack extremely fast, but its strength was also not to be underestimated as well.

Swish!

Swish!

Two giant claws swiped at its enemies. Like slicing through tofu, all 30 of them were easily shredded to pieces.

BAM!!

The Giant Barbaric Tiger stood up and leaped towards the remaining ten people. Landing from at least ten meters up high in the sky, the remaining survivors were squashed to death. When the tiger was done with them, the whole place was scattered with broken body parts, bloody flesh, and pools of blood. Within ten seconds, all 40 people that were assigned to the formation were killed by the Giant Barbartic Tiger.

Elder Yang and Elder Han were the only survivors left on the battlefield. Seeing that all their allies were being eliminated, they could not help but start shaking in fear. As for Yuwen Qinyuan and Ximen Shuoxue, the two of them had already retreated hundreds of miles away. They were preparing to board their spacecraft to flee the scene when they saw that their allies were killed within seconds.

“What... What should we do now?” asked Elder Yan with a quivering, terrified squeal.

“Fight... We still have an Earth-God Instrument with us... We might be able to defeat it if we work together... We will surely be killed anyway even if we run away from it!” said a very pale Elder Han.

Shiiiiing!

Immediately, Elder Han drew out a blue long sword that looked like it was made of crystal. This sword was the signature sword of Ximen Shuoxue. To win the fight against the Giant Barbaric Tiger, he had no choice but to bring out this sword. The Deity Sealing Formation earlier was powered by this very One-star Earth-God Item.

Roar!

Immediately, the tiger sensed that there was imminent danger coming at it. It then turned around and glared at the two elders that were holding their Earth-God Instruments.

Swish!

Swish!

Elder Yan and Elder Han took out 200 medium-grade Spiritual Stones to power up their Earth-God Instruments. The two of them were not an actual Earth God yet, which explained why they were not

powerful enough to use the Earth-God instruments. Since the two of them were the core elders of the most powerful faction in a high-tier starfield, 200 medium-grade Spiritual Stones were nothing to them.

Swoosh!

Knowing that the two elders were going to attack it, the Giant Barbaric Tiger immediately pounced at its enemies to attack them first.

“Divine Frost Heavenly Slash!” shouted Elder Han while pointing his sword to the sky.

The blue light emitting from the sword lit up the entire sky. Immediately, the temperature around them dropped drastically. It was as if everything was about to be instantly frozen and shattered by the sword!

Shinng!

Both of the Giant Barbaric Tiger’s front claws came in contact with the sword before a sharp noise could be heard echoing in the air. Seemingly, the tiger’s claws and the longsword were just as powerful. That was why Elder Han could not defeat it with his attack.

“Demonic Flame Holy Explosion!”

Suddenly, Elder Yan let out a loud roar and used both of his hands to life up his Crimson Flame Fan.

Phissh...

A hundred-meter tall demonic overlord was summoned!

He had three heads, eight arms, and was burning with fire! The flames that came from him were so scorching hot, it was as if they could singe the entire world to ashes.

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

Seconds later, the demonic overlord landed all eight of his arms on the Giant Barbaric Tiger. Each arm packed the strength of a crashing meteor. The tiger had already mustered all its strength to hold off the attack of the Ice Crystal Longsword, so there was no way it could defend itself from the attack against the demonic overlord.

Wail...

Sob...

The Giant Barbaric Tiger threw up a mouthful of warm blood and had an agonized look on its face.

However!

The Giant Barbaric Tiger was after all a powerful beast with special talent. Apart from possessing the strength of an Earth God, it also possessed the toughness to withstand its attacks! Though the two elders managed to hurt it, it was still not enough to cripple it!

Swish!

It held on to its pain and attempted to launch another attack at Elder Yan. There was no time for Elder Yan to fill himself with Spiritual Qi to defend himself against the attack of the tiger.

BAM!

Elder Yan was turned into shredded meat by the tiger's claw.

Roar!

After that, the Giant Barbaric Tiger looked for the right timing and shot up into the sky to grab the Crimson Flame Fan. Once it got hold of the master-less fan, the entire battle had now taken a different turn.

“Divine Frost Heavenly Slash!”

Elder Han saw that there was a chance for him to launch a surprise attack at the tiger. He immediately recharged himself with enough Spiritual Qi to launch his ultimate attack again.

Wail...

Knowing that Giant Barbaric Tiger had suffered from plenty of injuries earlier, it was forced to retreat to dodge Elder Han's attack... for now. As for Elder Han, he did not pursue the tiger. Instead, he wanted to control the Crimson Flame Fan first.

Swish!

Suddenly, a black shadow dashed to the Crimson Flame Fan with lightning speed and grabbed it before Elder Han could get his hands on it.

“Chen!!! You again!!!”

To his surprise, Elder Han did not expect that someone would snatch the Crimson Flame Fan from him.

“Good treasure! You are mine now!”

Immediately, Chen Xiaobei established Spiritual Connect with the Crimson Flame Fan.

“Hmph! You can't even use it even if you get your hands on it! Your cultivation is too damn weak! I can kill you with a snap of a finger!”

Again, Elder Han took out hundreds of medium-grade Spiritual Stones and prepared to launch his ultimate attack at Chen Xiaobei.

At the same time, Chen Xiaobei brought out this Blood God's Deity Killing painting, Chaos Blood Sword, and Ying Zhen's Black Coffin from his Infinite Space Ring. With all of them absorbing a total of 900 medium-grade Spiritual Stones, they could launch three strikes of an Earth-God level attack. Ying Zhen's Black Coffin had absorbed another 100 medium-grade Spiritual Stones earlier, which meant that the Black Dragon Riders would receive immediate healing if they got hurt in battle.

“You... You... You...”

Elder Han almost peed his pants when he saw what Chen Xiaobei was about to do to him.

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Chapter 1719: Deploying A Chess Piece in Secret

“What now? Afraid of me? Weren’t you trying to kill me earlier?!” asked Chen Xiaobei with an untroubled voice and squinted eyes.

At the same time, the Chaos Blood Sword, Crimson Flame Fan and Blood-God’s Deity Killing paining were hovering around Chen Xiaobei. The crimson rays had colored the entire place in a ghastly blood-red. Their terrifying aura and pressure had landed entirely on Elder Han.

“I... I’ve made a mistake... I won’t dare to do it anymore... Please spare my life... I beg you...” said Elder Han quietly while kneeling on the ground.

The blue light that came out from Elder Han’s sword was slowly fading away. Though it had absorbed enough Spiritual Qi earlier, Elder Han had lost all his battle intent. That would mean the battle had come to an end.

“I like your attitude! Break your Spiritual Connection with the sword and hand it over to me right now. Do it and I will spare your life!” said Chen Xiaobei.

“About this...”

Elder Han hesitated.

“Elder Han! This Divine Frost Sword belongs to my father! He will kill you and your family if you give away this sword!” said Ximen Shuoxue.

“I... I will fight!”

Rendered with no other option, Elder Han had to fight Chen Xiaobei.

Shinng!

Seconds later, Elder Han’s sword regain its power and was ready to land a powerful attack on Chen Xiaobei.

Swish!

Of course, Chen Xiaobei would not just sit there and let Elder Han attack him. Before Elder Han’s sword reached him, Chen Xiaobei launched his Chaos Blood Sword first. As he was at close proximity, Elder Han did not have enough time to dodge nor defend against Chen Xiaobei’s attack. Before he could realize it, he had already been decapitated by the Chaos Blood Sword.

Ding!

[You have eliminated a fourth-generation villain! You have been awarded 40,000 merit points!]

Ding!

[Your current merit points are 34,600,600! You will need another 10,400,000 merit points to proceed to the next level! (Charm: 3,460,000. Luck: 3,460,000)]

Swish!

Without wasting any time, Chen Xiaobei sent his Chaos Blood Sword flying to the spacecraft that was parked far away from him.

BAM!

The spacecraft exploded as Chen Xiaobei's Chaos Blood Sword penetrated its fuel tank. As for Ximen Shuoxue and Yuwen Yuanqin, the two of them were blasted out of their spacecraft and landed on the floor.

Blargghh...

Blargghh...

Though the two of them were quite tough, the surprise attack rendered them defenseless and severely injured by the explosion.

"You have ten seconds to crawl to me! Fail to do so and I will kill you!" said Chen Xiaobei in a dominant voice.

Earlier on, Chen Xiaobei could actually kill them with ease. However, he figured out that he still had use for them which was why he kept them alive.

"Crawl?"

Ximen Shuoxue and Yuwen Yuanqin stared at each other and they felt that they were greatly humiliated by Chen Xiaobei. Considering that they were famous young elites from the nine zones, they had never experienced such humiliating treatment before in their lives.

"Let's crawl..."

Seconds later, both of them had made up their minds to crawl to Chen Xiaobei as fast as possible because the Chaos Blood Sword was hovering on top of them.

"Chen... Childe Zhufeng... We are here now..."

None of them dared to stand up when they finally reached Chen Xiaobei.

"Give it to me!" said Chen Xiaobei barked while pointing at the Ice Crystal Sword.

"Yes... Yes... Yes..."

Ximen Shuoxue then pushed away Yuwen Yuanqin, picked up the sword, and handed it over to Chen Xiaobei with both hands. If the two of them wanted to live to see tomorrow, they had no choice but to do whatever Chen Xiaobei demanded of them.

Right after Chen Xiaobei took over the sword, he established a Spiritual Connection with it.

He then said, "Open your mouth!"

"Huh?"

Feeling puzzled, the two of them opened up their mouths without any hesitation. Chen Xiaobei then tossed in two pieces of Heavenly Dog Biscuits.

Gulp...

Gulp...

Like the usual, the two of them were now Chen Xiaobei's loyal hounds.

"Eat this as well!"

Chen Xiaobei gave them one Taiyi Life Enhancement Pill each.

"Master! What kind of pill is this?! I can feel my injuries healing rapidly!"

"Master! I can feel that as well! Your pill is really amazing!"

"Cut the crap! Tenshou and Royal Dome are about to launch their second wave of attack! I need the two of you to help me stop it!"

"About this... I don't think I can do anything about it..." said Yuwen Yuanqin, gulping.

"Idiot! Don't you have a solution with you? Your dad says that he will attack all the planets that are located on the outer part of Saint Duke Starfield! He will also open all the portal that leads to the capital planet! You can actually destroy his plan from the inside!" said Ximen Shuoxue.

"Ahh, I see now! I understand! I can complete this task with ease!" said Yuwen Yuanqin in a more confident tone.

"I will do something on my side as well! I'm just a young master from the powerful faction of Royal Dome, and it will be hard for me to interfere with the plan made by the royals! However, I can assassinate the new prince and cause chaos internally!" said Ximen Shuoxue.

"If that's the case, the crisis will be solved!" said Chen Xiaobei.

With the chaos that Ximen Shuoxue created, he would be able to delay the second wave of attack, giving Chen Xiaobei more time to figure out a permanent solution.

"Act now since the two of you know what to do! Update me from time to time!"

"Master! I still have a question! The first wave of the attack had caused a great deal of damage to Saint Duke! Even if Royal Dome can't attack them, Tenshou will still be able to get the job done!"

"Don't worry! I have planted a chess piece in Tenshou!"

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Chapter 1720: Big Cat is Captured

"What?! You have someone in Tenshou as well?! Who is that person? Is he good enough for you? If he's just a normal person, I'm afraid that he might not be able to bring our plan to success!" asked Ximen Shuoxue and Yuwen Yuanqin.

"That person's name is Wugui Kojiro! I'm pretty sure he's more than qualified to help me!"

"How... How is that even possible? Wugui Kojiro is the youngest prince of Tenshou Starfield! He is also the emperor's favorite son! When it comes to position and power, he's definitely way better than us!"

“Is that so? It seems like my chess piece is a pretty darn decent one!”

“It is very decent indeed! As long as we can make good use of Wugui Kojiro, we will be able to make a huge mess in Tenshou Starfield!”

“Alright! I’m really glad to hear that! Right now, I’m going to capture the Giant Barbaric Tiger first! After that, we can make use of the remaining 20 days to come up with a more thorough plan!”

“You want to catch the Giant Barbaric Tiger? Do you need our help?” asked Yuwen Yuanqin.

“Are you really that stupid? Our master has four Earth-God Instruments with him! To him, catching an injured tiger is as easy as eating a piece of cake!” said Ximen Shuoxue.

“Right... Right... Right... I’m dumb...”

“Now that you guys have lost the Earth-God Instrument, what are you going to tell your superior?” asked Chen Xiaobei.

“That’s not a problem! We will tell them that we were attacked by the Giant Barbaric Tiger and everyone who came with us was killed by it! In the process of killing us, all of our Earth-God Instruments were robbed by the tiger! No one would be able to testify that we are telling lies!” said Ximen Shuoxue.

“Right! Right! Right! That’s what we are going to say!” said Yuwen Yuanqin.

“Alright! That would mean that all of our problems are solved for now! The two of you can take your leave now!”

“Yes, master!”

Ximen Shuoxue and Yuwen Qinyuan then took out another spacecraft and left the place. As for Chen Xiaobei, he took out his cellphone and called Ao Liancheng. After the Giant Barbaric Tiger saw that Chen Xiaobei had brought out his trump cards, it knew that it would never be able to defeat Chen Xiaobei. Hence, it fled the scene. When Ao Liancheng and Su Xiaoman saw that Chen Xiaobei had the whole thing under his control, the two of them left first to follow the tiger. It would be really difficult for them to look for it if it were to start hiding at some secret place.

“Hello... Zhufeng... have you settled the matter over there?” asked Ao Liancheng in a whisper.

“Settled! What about your side? Judging from the volume of your voice, I believe that you guys still have it in your sights, right?”

“Yes... You are right! Xiaoman and I are waiting outside the cave that it lives in... But... we don’t dare to enter it... so we have no idea what’s going on inside...”

“I remember Xiaoman once told me that the Giant Barbaric Tiger is not a real Earth God, right?”

“Yes. You are right... a Giant Barbaric Tiger is a special beast. Once it grows into an adult, it will possess the strength and health of an Earth God but doesn’t possess its cultivation.”

“What that being said, the Giant Barbaric Tiger doesn’t have the Primordial Spirit Zone ability, right?”

“Right... The Primordial Spirit Zone is a unique ability on an Earth God! No one can possess this ability unless they are truly an Earth God... You have so many Earth-God Instruments with you. I believe you can bring it down even if it is a One-star Earth-God!”

“Hehe... The sweetest victory of a battle is the kind of battle that doesn’t require a fight! Still, you can make the enemies surrender to you! Send me your GPS location, I will come to you right now!”

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Around ten kilometers away.

Ao Liancheng and Su Xiaoman were hiding on top of a tree; looking down at a giant cave.

“Childe Liancheng... It’s been almost ten minutes since you called Childe Chen. Why is he not here yet? Could something bad have happened to him?”

“I don’t think so... Judging from his voice, I think he is pretty relaxed and calm! I believe he has everything under his control! Nothing bad will happen to him!”

“This is really weird... At the speed he can travel at, he should be here right now. Why didn’t I see him?”

“Let me call and ask him again!” said Ao Liancheng in a nervous manner.

Rumble...

Rumble...

Suddenly, they could hear a loud rumbling noise coming out from the cave.

“What’s going on...? I thought the giant tiger had suffered some serious injuries! Why is it moving again?!” asked Ao Liancheng.

“I have no idea as well... Judging from the noise, I think the tiger is slowly coming out from the cave...” said Su Xiaoman who was beginning to panic.

“What is it trying to do? We both saw that it ran back to its cave with blood coming out of its mouth! It should be resting right now. This doesn’t make sense!”

“I cannot figure it out as well... There’s no time now! Can you call Childe Chen and tell him that the tiger is about to move to another place? Let’s continue to follow it!”

“Alright!”

Ao Liancheng nodded and proceeded to call Chen Xiaobei.

Ring...

Ring...

Ring...

“Eh? Childe Liancheng, did you hear a cellphone ringing nearby, or did I hear wrong?”

“I heard it too!”

“The ringing sound came from that direction!”

Ao Liancheng and Su Xiaoman looked at the giant cave at the same time. After that, they saw something really shocking. The tiger strolled gingerly out from the cave slowly and it seemed it was in peace.

However, this was not the most shocking part!

Ring!

Ring!

The ringing sound got even louder now.

They saw a young man in jet black attire standing on top of the head of the tiger!

“I’m done with the big cat! You can hang up the call now!”