Martial Arts 1161

Chapter 1161: They Wouldn't Have To Worry About Carrying A Warrior!

At 6 am on the No. 29 Defense Planet, a major general suddenly appeared on the platform and looked at the people below.

The people who were chatting in low voices in the field shut up and looked at the major general in front.

"Everyone, this mission is extremely important. We called you guys back because this matter is urgent." The calm voice of the major general echoed in the field.

The listeners tensed up a little.

"I'll not waste your time. I've already sent your missions to you. Please check it and don't leak it to anyone.

"Then, bring your subordinates and head to the frontline. Do you understand?"

"Yes!" the people below yelled loudly.

This major general was indeed fast and furious. He didn't speak much. In fact, his speech was so short that it surprised Wang Teng.

Wang Teng and Di Qi glanced at their wristwatches and read through their mission.

"Our missions are different." Di Qi shook his head in disappointment.

"The missions are assigned to us by the higher authorities. We can't choose them." Wang Teng didn't mind. He had many methods that he couldn't show in front of others. Going alone was better for him.

However, he had subordinates too as a major. That was a little troublesome.

Wang Teng felt that being a lone ranger was more suitable for him.

"What a pity. Let's compete and see who will win more military exploits," Di Qi put on a smile and said.

"Troublesome!" Wang Teng glanced at him and sighed.

How did that cold and distant Di Qi become like this?

Compete in military exploits?

Wasn't he forcing him to boast?

I don't want to boast around. I just want to accumulate military exploits and rise in rank silently.

"It's decided then." Di Qi didn't wait for Wang Teng's reply and agreed for him. Waving his hand, he walked toward one of the parking spaces. "Let's go!"

Silence.

Why did he have to force him?

Wang Teng shook his head speechlessly. He walked towards the No. 18 parking space.

The subordinates sent by the higher authorities were already waiting for him there. He just needed to go and report.

There were 20 martial warriors waiting for him in an orderly manner at the No.18 parking space. They recognized him the instant he walked over.

"Major Wang Teng!"

The martial warriors greeted him in unison. They moved as one body and wore stern expressions as they looked ahead.

Wang Teng sized up the 20 martial warriors and silently studied their abilities.

Firstly, they were all celestial-stage martial warriors.

They were in the same realm as Wang Teng. They were all at the seventh level and above. None of them was lower than him.

Based on their auras, these were all formidable warriors who roamed the battlefield. They couldn't be compared to ordinary martial warriors.

It wouldn't be easy to lead this team if he couldn't convince them.

Wang Teng suddenly remembered what General Cameron had said.

Since he was a major, he didn't need to start as a normal soldier.

But why did they give him a bunch of subordinates at the same stage? Were they testing his ability or giving him an opening gambit?

Wang Teng shook his head with a smile.

"Let's go." He saluted and gave his order without wasting any time.

"Please."

A tall female martial warrior with a stern expression stepped forward and raised her hand to lead the way.

Wang Teng looked at her.

This lady was from the fox race. He could see the characteristics of a fox on her. She was a white fox and looked seductive and beautiful.

However, her cold face made her distant and fierce.

"I'm your adjutant, Adjutant Peggy," the female martial warrior said calmly.

"Adjutant?" Wang Teng was surprised.

Wasn't that like a secretary?

When there's trouble, give it to the adjutant. When there's no trouble, go for the...

"This is your first time on No. 29 Defense Planet, so you might not understand this place well enough. Hence, the higher authorities sent me to be your adjutant. I'll provide you with the information you need and explain whatever is necessary.

"I'm not just an intelligence personnel. I'm a strong enough martial warrior as well and have been on the battlefield 137 times. As for my military exploits, you can check on the internal military network later. It's recorded in detail.

"Thus, I'll be assisting you on the battlefield for all your missions on No. 29 Defense Planet," Peggy did a self-introduction.

Wang Teng kept his wild thoughts and spoke to her with a serious expression, "Alright, Adjutant Peggy, I'll have to trouble you in the future."

"Let's board the battlecraft first. I'll introduce the members of this unit later," Peggy said.

Wang Teng nodded. He followed her onto the mid-sized military battlecraft.

"This is the Eagle Seven Model battlecraft used by the military. It's known for its speed and agility. Its attacking power isn't that good," Peggy introduced. "Of course, it doesn't have any problems dealing with devil lords."

The remaining martial warriors also boarded the battlecraft. They sat down on the seats at the side.

Peggy sat beside Wang Teng.

As someone who was used to traveling in large spacecraft, this battlecraft was a little squeezy.

However, there was ample space. It could fit 30 people. They only had 21 people in this unit.

The members of the unit remained quiet after boarding the battlecraft. However, they would secretly glance at Wang Teng with a hint of hostility and unwillingness in their gaze.

This was normal.

If their direct superior was a familiar and powerful martial warrior, they wouldn't have any grudges. However, Wang Teng was airdropped into this position. He had no military exploits and hadn't even been on the battlefield before.

It would be strange if they were convinced by such a superior.

The battlefield was a dangerous place. If their superior wasn't good enough, there was a high chance that they wouldn't return alive.

Wang Teng was a sharp and sensitive person, so he caught their emotions. However, he didn't take it to heart.

The battlecraft rose slowly and headed towards their destination, the third frontline defense base.

The spacecraft was controlled by the battlecraft's subsystem. They didn't have to worry about it.

Wang Teng blinked and spoke in his mind, "Round Ball, I'll leave it to you."

"No problem. I'll handle it." Round Ball chuckled and invaded the battlecraft's subsystem.

This was to prevent any accidents from happening. It was better to have personal control over this spacecraft.

With Round Ball in control, he would be able to detect dangers instantly and make quick judgments.

This was the military's communal intelligence system, but the one on this spacecraft was just a subsystem. Its defense ability wasn't as powerful as the main system. Round Ball hacked it without being detected.

Peggy and the others wouldn't know that this battlecraft was in Wang Teng's control.

"Major Wang Teng, let me introduce the members of this small unit." Peggy waited for Wang Teng's response. After receiving approval, she started introducing the members.

"This is Flight Sergeant Arwen. He has been on the battlefield 87 times and made..."

Wang Teng was surprised that Peggy understood this unit like the back of her hand. She knew all their stages, military exploits, the number of times they went on the battlefield, etc.

Wang Teng had a brief understanding of his unit.

"Thank you, Adjutant Peggy, thank you for your introduction." Wang Teng smiled at Peggy before looking at the others.

"I'm glad to know all of you. Since you're on my team, let's take care of each other.

"The battlefield is a place of life and death. The only promise I can give is that I won't take your lives as a joke, that's all."

The hostility in everyone's eyes died down a little.

This major wasn't like the normal descendant of an elite family they knew. He seemed easy to interact with.

Normally, people from elite families didn't think much about the lives of normal martial warriors. They had heard of many instances where their comrades suffered terribly under the leadership of such people.

Some martial warriors who came back alive had experienced it personally, so they weren't just groundless rumors.

Wang Teng didn't say much. He closed his eyes and started resting.

They were still some distance away from the third frontline. Their journey wasn't safe either.

Their environment became even more dangerous after they left the safety radius of the military base. Dark apparitions could appear at any moment.

Some dark apparitions would attack immediately when they saw human battlecraft.

That was why the battlecraft couldn't travel at high speed, allowing enough reaction time for an accident.

Peggy and the others were familiar with this situation. They didn't dare let down their guards throughout the journey. All of them held their weapons in case of any emergencies.

They felt a little helpless when they saw Wang Teng's nonchalant attitude.

Their leader seemed to be a newbie without any experience!

However, they were all in the same boat, and Wang Teng seemed nice. Besides, they had no other choice. They could only accept him and work even harder to stay alert.

20 Mythics could carry a Warrior.1

The 20 martial warriors exchanged glances with one another and saw resolution in each other's eyes.

Good, with this resolution, they could achieve anything... They wouldn't have to worry about carrying a Warrior.

The battlecraft flew for 50 kilometers. Suddenly, a red alert appeared on the main control screen. Peggy stood up and walked over.

The other martial warriors clutched their weapons tightly. Their auras changed.

However, they didn't know that Wang Teng had already detected the appearance of dark Force before the alert blinked on the screen.

"Major Wang Teng, there's a group of dark apparitions in front. Based on the Force fluctuation detected, there are at least 13 devil kings," Peggy said in a low voice.

Chapter 1162: The Devil Moth Race Dark Apparition!

Wang Teng slowly opened his eyes after hearing Peggy's voice.

He had already confirmed the type of dark apparitions and their numbers the instant they appeared. Thus, he wasn't worried.

However, 13 devil kings were a formidable opponent for their small team.

The dark apparitions were normally more powerful than human martial warriors. Also, their abilities were unpredictable, and they couldn't die.

The human martial warriors, or rather, the ones in the light faction never had an advantage over the dark faction. The difference in strength was vast.

Hence, during battles with dark apparitions, the light faction had to send numerous martial warriors before they could resist the dark faction.

Wang Teng regarded himself as the light faction. Actually, he wasn't the only one using this term.

The two factions were universally acknowledged as the light and dark factions.

Wang Teng knew this a long time ago, but he was never at the frontline, so he didn't meet many dark apparitions. Thus, it didn't hit him as hard.

He might achieve a different kind of enlightenment on this No. 29 Defense Planet.

Going back to the main topic, the appearance of the 13 dark apparitions caused the atmosphere in the battlecraft to tense up. However, Wang Teng wasn't worried.

He glanced at his men. Before he spoke, someone stood up.

"Major Wang Teng, we request to fight." The person who spoke was Flight Sergeant Arwen. He was the top three strongest martial warriors among all the soldiers. The strongest was Peggy. She was at the peak of the celestial stage and had ample battle experience.

"The dark apparitions have discovered us. It will be hard to get rid of them. We can only fight," Peggy explained in a low tone as she stared at the red light getting closer on the screen.

"Go and destroy them!" Wang Teng replied calmly without getting up.

Letting these martial warriors fight would allow him to understand their skills better.

"Yes!" Peggy was surprised by Wang Teng's composure. However, she didn't think too much and responded without any hesitation.

The cabin door opened, and the 20 martial warriors headed over. They wore fierce-looking battle armor before rushing out of the battlecraft.

All the 20 martial warriors, including Peggy, went to deal with the dark apparitions.

Actually, Peggy wished that Wang Teng could act too. There were 13 devil kings. More people meant more strength.

Wang Teng was a celestial-stage martial warrior too, so he wouldn't be weak.

But Wang Teng showed no signs of moving. She had to throw this thought away.

How could a subordinate ask her superior to fight?

Only Wang Teng was left in the battlecraft. Well, if Round Ball was included, that was two beings.

"Aren't you going out to take a look?" Round Ball asked.

"They should be able to deal with 13 devil kings," Wang Teng said.

"They're quite unlucky to meet a superior like you."

"Nevermind, let's go out and take a look." Wang Teng smiled. He stretched his back and walked to the exit, flowing out directly.

He didn't wear any battle armor and just came outside without protecting himself in any way. He looked at the black mist floating toward him.

Besides the 13 devil kings, there were also 30 devil lords. This was a powerful dark apparition group. One wouldn't encounter them normally.

However, they met this team of dark apparitions not long after leaving the military base.

This was how a defense planet was like. You would never know who you would meet the next second.

Peggy and the others were already in position. They were surprised when they saw Wang Teng.

However, their expressions changed upon noticing that he wasn't even wearing armor.

Their superior was a little unreliable!

Was he looking for death? Why wasn't he armored when facing dark apparitions?

"Major Wang Teng, hurry up and wear your armor. These are devil moth dark apparitions. They will release a type of powder that's composed of poison Force and dark Force. If you inhale it, you'll get stained with dark Force and get poisoned," Peggy shouted hurriedly. She couldn't care about her tone anymore.

Wang Teng glanced over in surprise.

He had never seen this dark apparition before. Wang Teng felt that he had a wide range of experiences and met many different types of dark apparitions.

However, this was the first time he saw one from the Devil Moth Race.

No. 29 Defense Planet was indeed a special place. He met a new type of dark apparition the instant he walked out of the base.

Moreover, this was a dark apparition with both poison and dark elements. It looked like he could get some benefits out of them.

An unnoticeable smile appeared at the edge of Wang Teng's lips. He said to Peggy, "Don't worry about me. Take care of yourselves."

Peggy felt blood gushing to her head in anger. He didn't listen to her and was even smiling. He didn't take her words to heart.

To think that she thought he was quite reliable. She must be blind.

Peggy felt a little helpless with this superior.

But this wasn't the time for her to overthink. The devil moth dark apparitions had already reached them, and the battle had started.

Wang Teng showed no signs of interfering. He came to the top of the battlecraft and sat there happily, watching the battle below.

These devil moth dark apparitions looked hideous. They were like humans. Their muscles were rough, and their faces were repulsive. They were born with compound eyes and a furry pair of wings on their backs. A black powder floated out when they flapped their wings.

Peggy and the others seemed afraid of this powder. There was a wind-element martial warrior in the unit. He created a gale to blow the powder away.

The martial warriors behind him charged forward and started attacking the devil moth dark apparitions with all sorts of Force attacks.

Wang Teng nodded. He could tell that these martial warriors had great experience and powerful combat abilities.

It wasn't long before most of the devil lords were killed. Three of the devil kings died too.

The human martial warriors cooperated well with each other, so there were currently no casualties.

Wang Teng noticed that Peggy's commanding skill was the reason they had such achievements. His adjutant wasn't an ordinary person!

She was an experienced commander, giving orders to everyone as they fought so that they could exert 200% of their combat power.

The devil moth dark apparitions weren't stupid. After they realized Peggy's importance in the team, five devil kings charged over to attack her.

Peggy's expression changed. She didn't fight head-on and chose to retreat.

Arwen and the others gathered around Peggy and protected her in the middle. They were prepared to receive a powerful blow from these devil kings.

This attack might be the most serious one since the start of the battle. There was a high chance that they would get injured.

The devil kings from the Devil Moth Race were closing in on them. They had no choice but to take them on. Arwen and the others stared at the devil kings while releasing all their Forces.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, a soft sonic boom rang through the air. Peggy and the others saw a blurry golden shadow flashing past them. Then, the bodies of the five devil kings froze in mid-air.

Splurt! Splurt! Splurt! Splurt!

The next moment, the five devil kings' heads fell off their necks. Greenish-black blood spurted out as their giant bodies plummeted to the ground.

Peggy and the others were dumbfounded.

What happened just now?

Boom!

The loud thump woke them up from their daze. They were finally certain that the five devil kings were killed in a single strike.

What is this?

Everyone was in disbelief. They scanned the sky in search of the golden shadow that had slayed the five devil kings.

They saw Wang Teng sitting cross-legged on the top of the battlecraft with a golden blade spinning around him.

It looked the same as the golden shadow they saw just now!

No matter how stupid they were, they knew that Wang Teng had acted.

But...

This was unbelievable!

Although their superior looked like a newbie, he was quite powerful. Furthermore, he was a divine spirit master.

What happened to being a Bronze?

He was a Mythic!

They felt embarrassed when they remembered the thoughts they had some time ago.

"They're running away!" someone reacted in time and shouted.

The dark apparitions gave up resisting after seeing how powerful Wang Teng was. They decided to make an escape.

"Take care of them. Don't let any of them go." With Peggy's order, the martial warriors dashed forward, annihilating the remaining dark apparitions.

Half of these devil moth dark apparitions were killed; the remaining had no motivation to continue fighting. Thus, they weren't the martial warriors' match. They were swiftly dealt with.

Even if they executed the devil transformation, it was futile.

Wang Teng smiled. He released his spiritual power and picked up the attribute bubbles scattered around him.

Constellation Force (Dark)*2800

Celestial Realm Spirit*250

Dark Venom Dust*100

Constellation Force (Dark)*2000

Celestial Realm Spirit*180

Devil Transformation*300

Constellation Force (Dark)*1500

Devil Transformation*320

Constellation Force (Dark)*1800

Dark Venom Dust*100

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Instantly, Wang Teng's constellation dark Force rose, collecting 18000 points. Unfortunately, he was still some distance away from reaching the sixth level.

Wang Teng wasn't impatient. There were many dark apparitions on No. 29 Defense Planet. This was just the start.

He also received 2100 points of Celestial Realm Spirit and 1350 points of devil transformation.

Spirit: 46800/50000 (celestial realm)

Devil Transformation: 2100/10000 (big achievement)

Wang Teng glanced at his attributes panel. He was getting closer to achieving a breakthrough for his spirit. It would reach the cosmos realm soon.

At that time, his ability would rise to another level.

His Origin Of Soul and Origin Of Life increased tremendously after he stole the Devour Nihility Beast. But his spirit attribute didn't increase much. It was still growing slowly.

It wasn't as fast as picking up attributes.

The last attribute surprised Wang Teng. This was the innate talent of the Devil Moth Race, the Dark Venom Dust!

Chapter 1163: The Third Frontline And Mission Requirements!

Wang Teng saw the devil moth dark apparitions executing the Dark Venom Dust during the battle just now.

It didn't seem that powerful. The gale created by a wind-element martial warrior was enough to blow the Dark Venom Dust away.

Another useless technique was added to his list.

Wang Teng shook his head in disappointment. But after some careful thought, he felt that this wasn't the case.

Mind you, not all units had a wind-element martial warrior.

The wind element was special, and there were fewer martial warriors with this attribute.

If there was no wind-element martial warrior, things would have been troublesome. The other martial warriors could push the Dark Venom Dust back with brute force, but this would only give them a short window.

The devil moth dark apparitions would release the Dark Venom Dust continuously during a battle.

Hence, whether it was a one-on-one battle or a team battle, there would be no way to stop the Dark Venom Dust if there wasn't a wind-element martial warrior in the team. In such a situation, the Dark Venom Dust was hard to deal with.

It meant that the Dark Venom Dust was an extremely useful technique.

Dark Venom Dust: 800/3000 (well-versed)

He received 1800 points of Dark Venom Dust, moving this skill from the foundation to the well-versed stage.

Wang Teng was eager to try it, so he executed the Dark Venom Dust with a pinch of his fingers. Tiny specks of powder appeared between his fingers.

Wow, the Dark Venom Dust made using the poison Force from the Demon Lotus Poison Body seems even more poisonous. I wish I could try it on someone.

He glanced at Pei Ji and the others silently.

Cough, they were all responsible subordinates. How could he have such dirty thoughts?

Wang Teng flicked his finger, and the powder dispersed in the sky.

Besides the attribute bubbles by the dark apparitions, he also collected the ones dropped by the martial warriors.

Most of them were Force attributes. There was nothing worth mentioning.

These attribute bubbles weren't big enough to induce a change in his stage.

Everyone cleared up the battlefield. Killing dark apparitions would give them military exploits. if they killed devil kings, their contribution would be higher.

The intelligence system of the military would count their contributions for them.

A martial warrior just had to link his wristwatch to the military's intelligence system when he was on a mission, and it would monitor the statistics in real-time.

The system would then compare the results it received with the various images detected by the satellites scattered around the battlefields before finally recording the data for the final military exploits calculation.

There would be no errors.

Hence, it was impossible for elite families to cheat and claim fake military exploits.

Of course, if one didn't want to be tracked by the military's intelligence system, he could just disconnect. That way, his contributions would be ignored.

This depended on the person's choice.

"The intelligence system of the Great Qian Empire might be an intelligent lifeform too. It might be more powerful than me," Round Ball suddenly said.

"Oh? How do you know?" Wang Teng asked.

"A normal intelligence system won't be able to do such complex calculations. Do you know how difficult is it to track so many martial warriors? It has to cover numerous defense planets. The system isn't just working on No. 29 Defense Planet," Round Ball explained.

Wang Teng nodded. Round Ball was more familiar in this aspect.

Pei Ji and the others cleared the battlefield quickly and kept the corpses of the dark apparitions in a piece of space equipment made for storing dead bodies.

Then, they returned to the battlecraft and continued heading to the third line of defense.

Pei Ji and the others glanced at Wang Teng occasionally. They wanted to speak but kept quiet in the end.

The ability of their leader exceeded their expectations.

He killed five devil kings at once. This wasn't a feat any celestial-stage martial warrior could achieve.

They thought he was a weakling, but he was just hiding his skills. He was too lazy to explain to them.

Everyone felt complicated. Astonishment, embarrassment, and many other emotions churned in their hearts.

However, they were happy to have a powerful martial warrior as their leader. This increased their safety on the mission.

They knew that if Wang Teng hadn't acted, there would be casualties after the collision with the five devil kings.

They would be laughed at by the people on the frontline if they had casualties before they reached the real battlefield.

On the battlefield, no one was afraid of death. However, everyone hoped that they could stay alive.

No one asked any questions. Knowing that Wang Teng was powerful was enough.

They started to treat him with more respect for the rest of their journey.

They gave him the respect of a formidable martial warrior.

In the universe and on the battlefields, the strong always gained people's respect.

Nothing significant occurred for the rest of their journey. They met a few dark apparitions, but Arwen and the others took care of them easily.

Approximately three hours later, the Eagle Seven battlecraft reached the third frontline defense base.

From afar, they could see a large metallic battle fortress laying prone on the ground like a gigantic wild beast. With the battle fortress as its center, there was a defensive wall that seemed to have no end to it. It was 30 meters tall and made of sturdy and tough material. It was thick too.

The entire wall looked like a giant python. It was a majestic sight.

"Major Wang Teng, we have reached the third frontline defense base," Peggy stood up and said as she looked at the scene outside through the screen.

"Let's land."

"Yes sir. I'll contact the defense base first." Peggy stopped the battlecraft in mid-air.

The battlecraft continued moving forward after their identity was confirmed. Then, it landed inside the metallic battle fortress.

They stopped in a parking space. Wang Teng and his unit alighted from the battlecraft.

"Major, please show your identification proof."

A team of martial warriors in battle armor walked over. The leader saluted Wang Teng as he spoke.

Wang Teng sent his identification information over.

The other party's expression softened a little after confirming Wang Teng's identity. He saluted and continued, "Major Wang Teng, welcome to the third frontline defense base."

Wang Teng nodded. "I came here on a mission, so I'll need to meet the commander of this base, General Darte."

"Please follow me. General Darte has already given his orders. You can meet him the moment you arrive."

Wang Teng entered the battle fortress with the leader. He came to a room that looked like a resting area.

A major was already waiting for them. He came forward to welcome Wang Teng and saluted.

"Major Wang Teng, please follow me. I'm General Darte's adjutant."

Arwen and the others waited at the resting area while Wang Teng followed the adjutant to General Darte's office.

General Darte was a heaven-stage martial warrior from the Three Eyes Race. He had long brown hair. However, he wasn't as strict and stern as General Cameron.

"Major Wang Teng, you're finally here." General Darte stood up and walked out from behind his desk with a smile.

"General Darte, I'm here to cooperate with your mission," Wang Teng bowed and replied.

He felt helpless that the people in the military saluted or bowed all the time. It was quite troublesome.

However, everyone was doing it, so he had to follow the masses.

"Please have a seat," Darte asked Wang Teng to sit on the sofa.

After sitting down opposite each other, Darte went straight to the point without wasting any time. He started to explain the details of this mission.

"We received news that a dark apparitions troop has stationed themselves to the northwest of the third frontline base. We don't know their intention.

"Thus, I need you to cooperate with me and head over to investigate this matter."

"What's the strength of the other party?" Wang Teng asked.

"We know that there are low-tier devil emperors, but there won't be more than two. We're not sure which race they're from. There are 30 to 40 devil kings and a few hundred devil lords and below."

"Two low-tier devil emperors?" Wang Teng was in deep thought. There was a large number of other dark apparitions too. This was a little troublesome.

Most importantly, there wasn't much effective information.

This was a little irritating.

"Although the numbers are big, your mission is to investigate. You do not have to fight with them," General Darte explained, "Also, I'll send professional intelligence officers to assist you. Do you have any other questions?"

"I understand. Send me the location. I'll lead my team over immediately."

General Darte was surprised at how fast he accepted the proposal.

Mind you, he contacted many other units in the past, but after hearing the number and strength of the dark apparitions, they would beat a retreat, claiming that they weren't competent for the job.

He did force some units to go ahead with the investigation, but none of them came back.

In the end, he had no choice but to seek help from the main base and asked them to send an elite team over for this mission.

General Darte was a little doubtful when he realized that Wang Teng was just a celestial-stage martial warrior. But, since he was sent by the headquarters, there must be something special about him. They wouldn't send him over to die.

Also, if Major Wang Teng backed off after understanding the situation, it meant that he didn't have the capabilities.

He could ask the headquarters to send another unit.

"General Darte, if there's nothing, I'll head down and prepare for departure." Wang Teng got up.

"Alright. I'll send someone to contact you. You can act immediately." General Darte nodded after witnessing Wang Teng's speedy response.

After sending Wang Teng off, he frowned. Then, he tapped his wristwatch and called the headquarters.

Chapter 1164: I'm A Professional At Making Holes!

Wang Teng didn't know that General Darte had contacted the headquarters after he left his office.

He returned to the room and reunited with Peggy and the others.

"Does anyone still need rest?" Wang Teng looked around and asked.

"Major Wang Teng, we didn't encounter much trouble along the way. We don't need to rest at all," Peggy said.

"Let's go then." Wang Teng nodded. "I've sent the mission details to your wristwatches. Take a look."

Everyone opened their wristwatches. After reading the mission details, their expression changed slightly.

Wang Teng had already marked out the number of dark apparitions and their stages accordingly in the mission details.

Although this was only just a scouting mission, it was undoubtedly a dangerous one.

This level of danger had already exceeded all the other missions that they had executed previously.

"Major, this mission..." Peggy frowned.

"You're not confident?" Wang Teng asked with a smile.

Peggy suddenly felt speechless.

Why was this fellow able to smile?

This mission was so dangerous. If they were not careful, the entire squad would be dead.

She admitted that this officer was indeed powerful, to the point where she couldn't figure him out. However, the mission clearly indicated that there were two low-tier devil emperors.

What was going on here?

The others looked like they didn't have any confidence either. The atmosphere was down and solemn.

"No matter what, this mission is in our hands. We can't reject it," Wang Teng said calmly. "But don't worry too much. I can't guarantee anything else, but I can bring all of you back safely."

The team suddenly looked at Wang Teng in surprise.

Bring all of them back safely!

They didn't know where Wang Teng got the confidence to make such a promise. But seeing how calm he was, it seemed that he wasn't fooling around with them.

"Major Wang Teng, I'll go with you." Staff sergeant Arwen suddenly stood up and said, "I will not be a deserter."

"If that's the case, I'm in." Peggy stood up as well. There wasn't any expression on her cold face, but everyone could see the determination in her eyes.

"I'm going too."

"Me too!"

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The remaining martial warriors expressed their decisions without any hesitation.

These martial warriors had all experienced the battlefield. It wasn't because they were afraid; they just didn't want to die in vain.

Wang Teng nodded in satisfaction when he saw everyone's reaction.

The morale is there!

"Alright, get ready."

After everyone packed up, they set off to the mission location without using the Eagle Seven battlecraft.

Wang Teng refused General Darte's good intentions to send other intelligence personnel to assist him. Their team had already established trust. He didn't want any other unnecessary voices.

They only required some relevant intelligence, and this could be done through communication via wristwatches.

The mission location was about a hundred kilometers away from the third frontline defense base. It wasn't far. With their speed, they didn't need much time to get there.

Everyone hid their bodies and flew across the endless wilderness.

20 martial warriors formed a bird-like formation. Each of them was alert and looking out in a direction. If they discovered a dark apparition, they could notify the others in time.

Wang Teng was at the head of the formation and played a key role in decision-making and adjusting the direction.

They encountered several waves of dark apparitions, but they avoided all of them as the mission was of greater priority.

As they approached, Wang Teng saw a valley in the distance and waved his hand. Everyone then stopped immediately.

"We're here. Land and hide," Wang Teng commanded.

The team landed on the ground, approaching the valley carefully.

On one side of the valley, Wang Teng led them to a hidden place. The twenty-one of them spread out and concealed their auras.

"I don't see any dark apparition." Peggy was with Wang Teng.

"There's a hole over there under those rocks," Wang Teng said without any hesitation.

"Hmm?" Peggy looked over and was a little surprised.

Those rocks were stacked together. It was impossible to see what was below it. If there was really a hole, how did Wang Teng find out?

And based on his expression, he was sure that the dark apparitions were in that hole.

This was unbelievable.

She didn't doubt Wang Teng. After all, he wasn't one to joke about these things.

But after a few glances, she finally noticed some traces in the surroundings.

Those rocks did have traces of being moved, but they were well-concealed and not easy to find. They had ignored that place just now.

"If the hole is blocked, it would be easy for us to be discovered once we move those rocks." Peggy pondered.

"Wait for me here. I'll go and have a look." Wang Teng rubbed his chin and disappeared from his spot.

Before Peggy could say anything, Wang Teng was already gone.

"This guy!" Peggy gritted her teeth and felt helpless.

He's so reckless!

It was best to observe in such a situation. It would be troublesome if he was found out.

However, Wang Teng didn't give her a chance to persuade him otherwise and completely acted on his own.

This made her feel inexistent.

But it was too late to say anything now. Peggy could only keep her eyes on the bottom. If anything happened, she could be the first to react and provide support.

However...

She couldn't detect Wang Teng's presence after waiting for a long time.

It was as if he had disappeared. There wasn't even a trace, making her rub her eyes in disbelief.

"Where did he go?"

She still couldn't find him after taking a closer look and even using her spiritual perception.

Bang!

Suddenly, she felt a tap on her shoulder. Her heart almost stopped.

Fortunately, she didn't make a sound due to her experience on the battlefield.

And she was ready to attack next.

"Do you really have to be so nervous?" Wang Teng grabbed her hand.

"..." Peggy finally realized that Wang Teng had returned.

Veins appeared on her forehead as she took a deep breath and said, "Major, please don't surprise me like this in the future. I will be scared to death."

"Alright alright. Sorry about that." Wang Teng felt a little guilty when he saw Peggy's resentful eyes.

He was used to judging Peggy and the others by his standards. He realized that it was impossible for them to detect him. Appearing like that was indeed frightening.

"I just took a look. There are runes below that rock. We would be found out if we move it." Wang Teng quickly changed the topic.

Peggy rolled her eyes and didn't harp on what happened just now. After pondering for a while, she said, "Then, we have two options."

"What options?"

"We can find other ways of entering the ground, or we can make a hole ourselves and enter from another place," Peggy advised.

"That sounds good." Wang Teng nodded in agreement. "Then I'll take a look at the other places."

He disappeared again.

Peggy rolled her eyes. However, she was relieved after experiencing Wang Teng's concealment firsthand.

This officer was much more capable than she had imagined. She felt a little confident about this mission.

In a scouting mission like this, having someone skilled in concealment was definitely a blessing.

"Adjutant Peggy, where did the boss go?" Arwen asked.

"He's looking for an entrance." Peggy recounted her plan.

When Arwen and the others knew about Wang Teng's ability to come and go without a trace, they felt more confident as well.

"There's no entrance." Wang Teng didn't return to Peggy's side this time and used voice transmission instead. "Looks like I have to make a hole myself."

"Would you be okay?" Peggy asked worriedly.

Punching a hole was the last resort, but it would definitely make a noise and they would be spotted.

"Don't worry, I'm a professional at making holes." Wang Teng was full of confidence.

Peggy was speechless.

What professional?

It was just making a hole, did he have to pass a test or exam?

After interacting for a while, Peggy already had an understanding of this officer's actions and words... He's a weirdo!

Wang Teng didn't know that Peggy was judging him. He had found a hidden place and was ready to drill a hole.

Before that, he had already scouted using his spiritual power. This location was the farthest from the dark apparitions in the cave. If he was careful, he wouldn't be discovered.

If he said he was a professional, then he was definitely a professional.

Wang Teng placed his hand on the ground. The surrounding rocks began to turn into sand gradually and floated up. They were then controlled by his spiritual power and fell to the side.

Heart Of Magnetic Essence!

This was the power from the Heart Of Magnetic Essence.

Wang Teng's Heart Of Magnetic Essence was a combination of Magnetic Physique and Heart Of Zhongyan, which was why it had the ability to turn rocks into sand.

After a short while, a hole appeared in front of Wang Teng without making any sound.

The dark apparitions wouldn't know that someone had made a hole.

Wang Teng then informed Peggy and the others.

Peggy immediately brought the others to Wang Teng's side. When she saw the neat hole in front of her, she was surprised and confused.

This is really... professional!

"Five people will go in with me. The others will be guarding outside. Notify us immediately if anything happens," Wang Teng said.

"I'll go with you." Peggy immediately stepped forward and chose four other martial warriors. They followed him into the hole.

When they entered, the sand above flowed back and filled up the hole, returning to its original rocky state. It was like there wasn't even a hole to begin with. Peggy's eyes were wide open.

What was that?!

Chapter 1165: Devil Armor Race!

"It's nothing. Don't be amazed!"

Wang Teng remained calm in front of everyone's astounded faces.

Silence.

Everyone was speechless. They felt that Wang Teng was boasting, but they couldn't find words to refute him.

However, this ability to control rocks and sand was similar to the special talent of certain earth element races.

Peggy had never seen such special races before, but as an intelligence personnel with a huge knowledge reserve, she had read about them. She didn't expect Wang Teng to possess such an ability.

Soon, everyone disregarded this issue and placed their attention on the surroundings.

They were in the dark apparitions' territory, so they needed to be extremely careful. They didn't dare to let down their guards.

Wang Teng stopped fooling around and activated his Spiritual Sight. He glanced around him. This was a cave with a dead end. It wasn't deep. They could reach the exit in a few steps.

The defense of this cave was the weakest. There was only a devil lord guarding this place 500 meters ahead.

Wang Teng signaled with his hand and asked his team to follow him. They inched their way toward the devil lord.

If they wanted to enter the core section through this underground tunnel, they needed to get rid of this dark apparition first.

When they were a hundred meters away from the devil lord, Wang Teng asked everyone to stop. They concealed themselves.

Peggy and the others fought with dark apparitions all year round, so they had their own concealing methods.

As for Wang Teng, there was nothing to be said. His Shadow Merging Secret Skill and advanced-stage Disguise Talent were perfect for this situation.

Besides, the Shadow Merging Secret Skill was the unique concealing method of dark apparitions. They wouldn't notice it if he used it here.

Using his enemy's skill to tackle them. How good was that?

The dark apparitions wouldn't expect the human race to have an oddball like Wang Teng.

"Wait for me here," Wang Teng spoke through voice transmission and disappeared.

Peggy was expecting Wang Teng's unique footwork, but the other four martial warriors had never seen it personally. They were shocked.

"Adjutant Peggy, where is our leader from? He has so many strange skills," a young man called Yola asked through voice transmission.

"I don't know." Peggy shook her head before reminding them seriously, "Alright, be serious. Don't let down your guard."

"Yes!" the others replied through voice transmission.

They looked nervously in the direction where the devil lord was. It would be troublesome if they made any noises during their sneak attack.

They wondered what method their leader would use to deal with that dark apparition.

Suddenly, they widened their eyes in surprise.

The dark apparition showed no signs of resisting. It didn't even notice anything before it collapse to the ground. It had lost its ability to resist.

"Come over." Wang Teng's voice appeared in their heads. The team members moved over and stopped beside Wang Teng.

"Gasp!

"It's the Devil Armor Race!" Peggy gasped as she spoke using voice transmission.

They were a little far from the dark apparition and the cave was dim and dark, so they couldn't see its appearance.

They only saw its face clearly after closing in. Hence, they recognized its race.

"Devil Armor Race!" Wang Teng blinked.

This was something new. This was a dark apparition race he had never seen before.

Coming to the No. 29 Defense Planet was the right choice. Look, within two days, he met two new kinds of dark apparitions.

It was time to collect more attribute bubbles.

"The Devil Armor Race has tough armor covering their bodies. It can't be penetrated using normal weapons. Their claws are extremely sharp too. They can cut through metals as if they are pieces of paper."

From Wang Teng's expression, Peggy knew that he didn't recognize the Devil Armor Race.

"Also, the more powerful they are, the harder their devil armor and claws will be. It's a weapon that grows along with them."

"Good riddance, we can make weapons with their turtle shell and claws," Wang Teng said with twinkling eyes.

Peggy: ...

She felt that his focus was a little... strange?

Normal people would feel fearful and worried upon hearing how powerful the Devil Armor Race was. But, Wang Teng was eyeing their battle armor and claws?

Also, he called the devil race a turtle shell. Seriously.

All the martial warriors on the No. 29 Defense Planet found it a hassle to meet a devil armor dark apparition. Their devil armor was extremely irritating.

But Wang Teng called it a turtle shell.

However, the description seemed quite right.

"There's dark Force on their devil armor and claws. We can't use them." Peggy shook her head in pity.

Wang Teng was filled with regret. He kept the devil armor dark apparition in his space equipment and said, "We'll talk about it after we go back."

After keeping the corpse of the dark apparition, he looked at the ground and saw three attribute bubbles floating there.

Collect!

Constellation Force (Dark)*1200

Celestial Realm Spirit*150

Advanced Stage Devil Armor*100

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"Huh?" Wang Teng gasped softly.

There was nothing special about the constellation dark Force and the spirit attribute. However, the last attribute startled him.

Devil Armor!

They just mentioned how tough the armor of the Devil Armor Race was and the attribute bubble came.

What was the relationship between them?

After all, this was a technique while the armor of the Devil Armor Race was an item.

Wang Teng quickly absorbed the attribute bubbles and understood the relationship. This Devil Armor would allow him to form a devil armor similar to the one of the devil armor race dark apparition using his dark Force.

This technique was not bad!

Wang Teng's eyes lit up.

The armor produced using this skill could cover his entire body. He could use it to pretend to be a dark apparition.

Then, he could roam around the dark apparitions' nest freely in the disguise of the Devil Armor Race.

Devil Armor: 100/1000 (foundation)

Wang Teng looked at his attributes panel. There were only 100 points of the attribute. He was at the foundation stage, so his grasp of the skill wasn't enough.

But, it wasn't hard to execute it. He just needed more time.

"The Devil Armor Race has another special trait," Peggy said again.

"What special trait?"

"They're good at making holes," Peggy replied with a strange expression.

Wang Teng: ...

For some reason, Peggy felt delighted when she saw Wang Teng's awkward expression.

Why did you have to boast?

"Alright, split up and find out what these dark apparitions want are up to. Be careful," Wang Teng said seriously.

"Yes!"

Everyone turned serious when talking about the mission.

An intersection appeared in front of them. Everyone was in charge of one passageway and split up.

Wang Teng chose the middle passageway. This was where the dark Force was the thickest.

Letting his team take this path was a little worrying, so he decided to do it himself.

After sending his team members off, Wang Teng blinked and started searching for information about the Devil Armor Race in the Devouring Nihility Beast's memory.

The memory bank of the Devouring Nihility Beast was too vast and messy. He spent some time searching for the information and found a more detailed explanation than the one Peggy gave him.

There was also an introduction to the weakness of the Devil Armor Race. Wang Teng used voice transmission to share it with his team.

In one of the passageways to the left, Peggy stopped in her tracks. She was flabbergasted.

Weakness!

Wang Teng managed to find the weakness of the Devil Armor Race!

This was a huge matter.

The human race had been fighting with the Devil Armor Race for a long time, but because of their devil armor, the martial warriors from the light faction had never gotten the upper hand.

The martial warriors from the light faction yearned to know the weakness of the Devil Armor Race, but they never succeeded.

Now, Wang Teng was telling her that he found their weakness.

If she knew that Wang Teng managed to find their weakness after seeing the Devil Armor Race for the first time, she might find it unbelievable.

"Major Wang Teng, this is a huge matter. Please report it to the higher authorities. You can get a huge military exploit," Peggy suggested in a stern and earnest voice.

"A huge military exploit? Really?" Wang Teng was shocked.

To him, the weakness of the Devil Armor Race was just a memory. He wanted to inform his team so that they would have more confidence when dealing with the Devil Armor Race. He didn't plan on getting such benefits.

"Don't underestimate the importance of this weakness," Peggy explained to him.

Wang Teng finally understood. He didn't find this information useful, but it could be put to such great use.

Well, not everyone was as perverted as him. Most people couldn't kill a Devil Armor Race easily. To ordinary martial warriors, learning the weakness of the Devil Armor Race was a lifesaver. It could decrease the number of casualties.

If the military wasn't stupid, they would give him a huge merit for this piece of information.

"Major Wang Teng, if you're confident, I suggest that you report this matter using the military intelligence system," Peggy reminded him.

"Alright, I understand." Wang Teng nodded and asked Round Ball to contact the military in his mind.

Peggy was right. It would be stupid if he didn't get free merit points. He would report it in case someone did it before him.

After all, he had already shared this piece of information with the other members of his unit. He couldn't promise that everyone could remain calm in front of military exploits.

Wang Teng started to view Peggy in a different light. She was able to withstand the temptation and remind him.

Interesting!

Wang Teng smiled. He didn't think too much about it and continued heading forward.

The security in the tunnel was tight. There was a guard every few steps, but most of the guards on the outskirts were devil lords. They didn't pose any challenge to Wang Teng and his team.

Wang Teng took care of every dark apparition he met. He knocked some attribute bubbles out of them before keeping them in his space equipment. He didn't raise any alarms.

Chapter 1166: The Source Of Chaos, Devil Ovum!

Devil Transformation: 1200/3000 (well-versed)

Wang Teng glanced at his attributes panel and smiled.

His Devil transformation had risen to the well-versed stage. He felt a stronger grasp of this skill and was able to execute it without any error.

Of course, it would be better if he could raise it to a higher level. The execution speed would be faster, and there wouldn't be any imperfections. He would seem like a real dark apparition.

But if he executed it now, he would still be able to fool devil kings and below.

Wang Teng stopped for a few seconds before asking his team through a voice transmission, "What's the situation on your side?"

Voice transmission was a method using Force to transmit one's voice. His team members might find it hard to pinpoint Wang Teng's location accurately in this environment and transmit their voices to him.

However, he had a powerful spiritual power, so he could find and communicate with them without a problem.

After his team received Wang Teng's message, they could channel their voices back easily.

The process was dangerous. If the dark apparitions noticed the Force fluctuation, they would be discovered.

But Wang Teng was confident in his skills.

"Major, there's nothing on my side," Peggy reported to him following his spiritual connection.

The other martial warriors had no findings either.

It looks like the secret is on my side. Wang Teng thought to himself. He continued heading forward silently.

After traveling for some time, Wang Teng finally met a devil king.

He was already extremely close to the core of the underground tunnel. Thus, Wang Teng didn't dare to kill the dark apparition.

He frowned and contemplated for some time. In the end, he decided to execute the Devil Armor.

Constellation dark Force silently surged around him, forming a pitch-black shell on his skin that looked like armor.

The Devil Armor covered Wang Teng from head to toe. There was even a transparent red plate protecting his eyes.

This was why Peggy said that devil armor dark apparitions were hard to deal with.

Even their eyes were protected by the armor, much less the other areas of their bodies.

The plate covering the eye looked thin, but it was much tougher than the armor on the rest of the body. It was incredible.

Within a few breaths, Wang Teng's body was covered with Devil Armor. He walked out of the dark.

He had turned into a devil armor dark apparition. Even his height increased to close to 3 meters. He looked no different from the real deal.

This was all thanks to his advanced stage disguise talent. It wasn't hard to increase his height.

Wang Teng exuded a thick dark Force and walked over directly. He looked as if he was walking back to his house.

The devil king in front saw Wang Teng and asked in a cold voice, "What are you doing?"

Wang Teng's dark Force was only at the planetary stage, equivalent to a devil lord. Thus, he was a rank lower than this devil king. He pretended to be afraid and replied using the dark apparitions' language, "Sir asked me to go in."

"Since it's an order from him, you can enter." The devil king let him in without probing further.

Wang Teng was stunned. So easy?

He had prepared a speech to confuse the dark apparition, but he didn't have to use it.

This was a little awkward.

"Why aren't you going in?" The devil king scoffed.

"Yes, yes." Wang Teng swaggered his way in quickly. The devil king blinked when he saw Wang Teng's walking posture.

"F**k, he's even more arrogant than me."

He didn't know that Wang Teng was wearing a disguise. If not, he wouldn't have let him in easily.

Wang Teng met a few more devil kings along the way. All of them let him in after asking one question.

He felt unaccomplished.

These dark apparitions were too relaxed. They didn't seem to be guarding something important.

Wang Teng wondered if the military had committed a mistake.

After some time, he finally came to the end of the tunnel. There was a huge underground hole some distance ahead.

Wang Teng stopped and hid in the dark, peeking at the hole.

There was a giant black ball of meat in the middle of the hole palpitating like a heart.

"What's that?" Wang Teng's expression changed slightly under the devil armor.

He felt a terrifying dark Force fluctuation from this meatball. It gave off a dreadfully evil and chaotic aura.

This was similar to the condition of a dark apparition after their devil transformation, but it was purer and thicker. Wang Teng felt a tinge of fear.

Outside, he had used his Spiritual Sight and Eyes of Essence to inspect the place, but he didn't see such a thick dark Force. He only knew that he was wrong when he got closer.

This ball of meat was frightening. The dark Force constrained inside was unimaginable.

The combined effect of his Eyes of Essence and Spiritual Sight always worked, but this time, none of them was able to detect the real dark Force held within this ball of meat.

"Devil ovum!" Round Ball's astounded voice rang in his mind. It was filled with disbelief.

"Devil ovum? What's that?" Wang Teng squinted. He could tell that something was wrong from Round Ball's tone.

"The devil ovum is the source of chaos. It is the start of a dark apparition riot. Its appearance will cause all the living creatures on a planet to get contaminated, and everything will fall into darkness." Round Ball had never sounded so serious. Its voice even trembled a little.

Wang Teng gasped in shock.

Was it so powerful?

He hurriedly searched through the memories of the Devouring Nihility Beast and finally found some information about the devil ovum.

After browsing through the memory, Wang Teng understood why Round Ball was thunderstruck.

This thing was indeed sinister and scary.

If it erupted on the No. 29 Defense Planet, the entire place would become another Darkland.

If the devil ovum absorbed enough energy, it could start radiating its power out of the planet and into the planetary sector.

That would be a catastrophe Only eternal-stage and above martial warriors would be able to wipe out this presence.

Fortunately, things hadn't reached the worst stage.

Chapter 1167 Wang Teng's Resentment!

The huge devil ovum was placed in the hole, which seemed to be restraining it. Only a small portion of its power was released. One could only sense the situation inside if they came within a ten meters radius.

The chaos and evil aura sent a chill down Wang Teng's spine. If an ordinary martial warrior stared at the devil ovum a while longer, he might get sucked into it. His spirit would be affected, and he would walk toward it uncontrollably.

Once he touched the devil ovum, or rather, get within ten meters radius, the martial warrior would be contaminated and become a slave of the dark.

Wang Teng only took a few glances at it, but he already felt the bewitching ability of the devil ovum.

"Gasp... this is scary!" He took a deep breath before speaking to Round Ball.

"This is the devil ovum. How can it not be scary?"

"Fortunately, it's just a baby. It's still absorbing energy and growing," Wang Teng's gaze turned sharp as he said.

"That's right, it's still absorbing energy from its surroundings."

"Yes, this is a mine." Wang Teng scanned the surroundings and nodded.

He was a mining engineer, so he knew where the mines were. He noticed something different about this underground tunnel on the way in and guess that this was a mine.

Now, he could confirm that this was a mine filled with Force ores.

What were Force ores?

Force mines were where energy stones came from. Energy stones were important resources for martial warriors, and they were the most basic form of energy ore.

The dark apparitions could absorb the energy stones too. They could change any type of Force in the energy stones into dark Force.

This was how scary the devil ovum was.

"Wang Teng, we must stop it," Round Ball said grimly.

"Don't worry. Let's take a closer look. This devil ovum won't explode so quickly," Wang Teng said.

"There are two low-tier devil emperors here. If we act and provoke them, they might detonate the devil ovum. That will be worse."

Round Ball didn't refute. It knew that Wang Teng was more reliable. He never made a mistake on important matters.

He would definitely be able to solve this matter perfectly.

"Alright, be careful. The devil ovum has a powerful bewitching ability. It will contaminate the people who get near it," Round Ball couldn't help but remind him.

"Have you forgotten that I possess dark Force?" Wang Teng smiled.

Round Ball was stunned.

He was right. Wang Teng already had dark Force. Why would he be afraid of getting contaminated?

He wouldn't!

F**k, this fellow was a bug!

Wang Teng had already used his dark Force when they met the Devouring Nihility Beast. Round Ball did ask him why he possessed the dark Force at that time.

This wasn't a small matter. No human had ever possessed the dark Force, unless this person had moved to the dark side and got contaminated by the dark Force.

So, the question was, why would someone be able to control his dark Force after getting contaminated?

This didn't make sense.

Round Ball examined Wang Teng's condition carefully. When he wasn't using his dark Force, it seemed to have disappeared. No one would notice it.

He didn't look contaminated.

Round Ball was certain that Wang Teng wasn't contaminated. He was still a human, but he managed to gain the dark Force through some special means.

Or he might have a special physique that allowed him to possess any kind of Force.

Round Ball was flabbergasted when it thought about this possibility.

Wang Teng seemed to possess all types of Forces and his stages were all quite high. All his Forces were progressing together.

Round Ball didn't understand how Wang Teng cultivated.

The amount of time he had was the same as others. While the others used up all their time and energy cultivating one or two Forces, Wang Teng managed to grow all his Forces to a high stage.

This didn't make sense at all!

Wang Teng didn't know what Round Ball was thinking. He was staring at the devil ovum. Suddenly, he got a shock.

He saw a large number of attribute bubbles gloating around the devil ovum. The devil ovum had attracted all his attention just now, so he didn't notice the bubbles.

What is this!

This devil ovum was scary. It had grabbed all his focus.

Wang Teng silently released his spiritual power toward the devil ovum to pick up the attribute bubbles.

There were two devil emperors standing guard here, so he was extremely careful. He didn't want to make any mistakes.

All the attribute bubbles were pulled over.

Wang Teng was like a thief holding the fishing rod and these attribute bubbles were fish raised by other people.

Constellation Force (Dark)*1300

Constellation Force (Dark)*1250

Constellation Force (Dark)*1320

Celestial Realm Spirit*200

Celestial Realm Spirit*150

Constellation Force (Dark)*1400

Constellation Force (Dark)*1350

Enchantment*50

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Within a few seconds, he collected all the attribute bubbles.

Wang Teng was stunned. The devil ovum dropped a huge number of constellation dark Force attributes. He counted them briefly. Within this short span of time, he had already received 36000 points of dark Force.

Constellation Dark Force: 6000/70000 (planetary stage seventh level)

The constellation dark Force in Wang Teng's body climbed from the sixth to the seventh level.

Another black constellation had appeared above the sea of nihility in his body. The seven black constellations spun in a circle.

Amazing. As expected of the devil ovum. Wang Teng complimented in his heart.

Besides the constellation dark Force, the devil ovum dropped some spirit attributes too.

It looked like the devil ovum wasn't just a carrier of dark Force. It was a spiritual body too. No wonder it possessed such a terrifying evil and chaotic aura.

Wang Teng gained 1950 points of Celestial Realm Spirit. Finally, his spirit reached the tipping point.

Spirit: 50000/50000 (celestial realm)

The problem was, it didn't tip.

Mind you, the number of points he received exceeded the upper limit, but his spirit was stuck at 50000. It didn't break through to the cosmos realm.

Wang Teng didn't understand what was happening.

Something wasn't right.

He carefully felt the changes in his spirit and suddenly realized that his spirit had gotten a little purer.

It was as if the extra spirit was squeezed into these 50000 points.

F**k, was it stopping him from achieving his breakthrough?

His spirit might be purer, but why did it have to come up with this sudden episode? How much longer did he have to collect spirit attributes so that he could advance to the next level?

Wang Teng's resentment soared through the roof!

Chapter 1168 Grab It And Run Away!

Wang Teng kept telling himself...

Don't get angry! Don't get angry!

He repeated the words a few times before he calmed down and stopped feeling as frustrated.

He thought about this carefully and suddenly understood why it happened. His spirit couldn't jump to a higher level because his Forces had not reached the upper limit.

The cosmos stage was a little special.

He could only achieve a breakthrough if both his spirit and Force attributes reached the limit.

This was because the cosmos stage required the merging of his spirit and Forces to form a small universe in his body.

This small universe would give birth to a small world, but that would be the latter part. One would have to reach the universe stage to think about creating a small world.

This meant that such a situation wasn't a bad thing.

In the future, when he received more spirit attributes, his spirit would condense and become purer and purer. This would be of great help to him when he advanced to the cosmos stage.

Wang Teng stopped thinking about this matter after understanding the reason behind it. He looked at the last attribute bubble.

Enchantment!

This was a special technique attribute bubble!

The cultivation method appeared in Wang Teng's mind instantly.

Without a doubt, this was a kind of spiritual technique. It was similar to the Bewitch skill he got from the vampire dark apparitions, but his Enchantment skill was much more powerful. The other party would have no way of resisting once they got hit.

Wang Teng felt that the Bewitch skill was already very powerful, especially after he raised it to the perfected stage. This was when he could release the full potential of this skill, and it was never a miss.

The people who got controlled by the Bewitch skill wouldn't be able to keep any secrets from him.

But the Enchantment skill was stronger and more sinister. He could plant an Enchantment seed in others. This was something like a psychological suggestion, gradually turning the other party into your target of enchantment.

What was so powerful about this technique? Your target could be far away, but they could still get enchanted and act based on the psychological suggestion left behind by the executor.

This wasn't like the Bewitch technique. Once the control was disconnected, the target would return to normal and wouldn't be affected anymore.

Also, if the distance was too far, no manual disconnection was needed. The Bewitch skill would disappear automatically.

Thus, there were limitations when executing the Bewitch skill.

Actually, one would be able to understand how frightening the Enchantment skill was after realizing the scariness of the devil ovum.

Of course, you couldn't execute the Enchantment skill as and when you wanted to.

It wasn't easy to leave a psychological suggestion in people's hearts. There were a few requirements that needed to be fulfilled. For instance, his spirit must be stronger than his opponent, and he needed to enchant the other party unknowingly...

In summary, the stronger his spirit, the higher the rate of success.

After all, Wang Teng wasn't the devil ovum.

The devil ovum was a special presence. It was the carrier of dark Force and chaos, so its enchantment power was exceptional.

Wang Teng didn't care. As long as he raised the Enchantment to the perfected stage, the effects would be great too.

Anyway, the Enchantment was similar to the spiritual marks he instilled in Cao Hongtu and Cao Jiaojiao. Both of them could help to enslave someone.

However, the spiritual mark was more direct and forceful while the Enchantment was gentler. It controlled the other party without them realizing it.

In comparison, Wang Teng preferred the Enchantment skill.

When he looked at the devil ovum again, it didn't feel as scary anymore. This was an attributes-producing baby.

Wang Teng hid in the dark and continued collecting attribute bubbles silently.

After a round of collection, the devil ovum started dropping attribute bubbles again.

Constellation Force (Dark)*1500

Constellation Force (Dark)*1300

Celestial Realm Spirit*120

Celestial Realm Spirit*170

Enchantment*100

Celestial Realm Spirit*150

Celestial Realm Spirit*160

Constellation Force (Dark)*1200

Constellation Force (Dark)*1000

Enchantment*150

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Again! Again! Wang Teng was delighted. The Enchantment attribute had appeared again.

There was nothing to say about the constellation dark Force and the Celestial Realm Spirit. The main item was the Enchantment skill. Three attribute bubbles containing this skill appeared and gave him 350 points.

Enchantment: 400/1000 (foundation)

Wang Teng glanced at the attributes board and felt a little helpless.

It couldn't be helped. Including the bubbles he received in the previous round, there were only 400 points of Enchantment in total. He was at the foundation stage.

Wang Teng wanted to hide for a while longer to see if more attribute bubbles would appear.

At this moment, a commotion occurred outside.

Boom!

Then, an explosion resounded.

Oh shit. Someone's fighting. Wang Teng's expression changed slightly. He knew that Peggy or someone had been discovered and must have engaged with the dark apparitions.

He didn't dare to move recklessly because the two devil emperors outside had also noticed the commotion. However, they didn't do anything.

Wang Teng used his advanced stage disguise talent to merge into the walls. Then, he executed the Shadow Merging Secret Skill to be on the safe side.

Due to the presence of the devil ovum, this entire cave was filled with dark Force. It would be impossible to find Wang Teng if he hid himself using the dark Force concealing method.

Of course, if he used other Forces, he would be discovered immediately.

The two low-tier devil emperors were silent and continued guarding the devil ovum. It looked like the importance they placed on the devil ovum was higher than Wang Teng expected.

This was understandable. It wasn't easy to breed the devil ovum.

Based on the Devouring Nihility Beast's memories, only a devil titan could form a devil ovum, but he would have to exhaust his power of origin. The devil ovum would then be thrown out to absorb energy and incubate slowly.

What was a devil titan?

The devil emperor level was split into low-tier, mid-tier, and high-tier. They were equivalent to the cosmos stage, heaven stage, and universe stage of humans.

The devil titan was above the devil emperor, equivalent to an eternal-stage martial warrior.

A devil ovum formed from the power of origin of an eternal-stage martial warrior, one could imagine how precious it was.

Even if the dark apparitions outside died, these two devil emperors wouldn't bat an eye. They would probably run away with the devil ovum and shift their base.

The people that came to investigate this matter were already killed by these dark apparitions. Actually, they had plans to leave, but most of the energy here had not been absorbed, so they couldn't bear to leave this place.

After all, it wasn't easy to find an energy mine.

Hence, they dragged their departure hoping that they wouldn't be disturbed.

Wang Teng frowned. He wondered how he should lure these two devil emperors away.

He mustn't let them leave with the devil ovum.

The commotion outside had gotten more intense. There seemed to be a huge battle ongoing.

The dark apparitions outside were all devil kings and below, so his team wouldn't be in any danger temporarily.

Wang Teng wasn't worried. He placed his attention on the devil ovum.

These two devil emperors also noticed the commotion was getting bigger. One devil emperor finally stood up.

"Gabatross!" The other dark apparition called.

"The situation isn't right. Gadbaw, I need to go out and take a look," Gabatross spoke using dark language. His voice was hoarse like two metal plates rubbing against each other.

"You can go out but not more than three minutes. Three minutes later, you must come back whatever the situation is," Gadbaw was hesitant, but he still relented in the end. "Notify me immediately if there are any accidents. Nothing must happen to the devil ovum."

"Alright, three minutes are enough!" Gabatross smirked.

The two devil emperors were from the Devil Armor Race. They were tall and had armor covering them. Their eyes were crimson.

Gabatross stepped on the ground and shot out at the speed of light. He flashed past where Wang Teng was.

Wang Teng's expression changed. He couldn't wait any longer.

Three minutes!

His team wouldn't be able to handle this devil emperor.

Fortunately, he left a clone outside, so he could hold the devil emperor back for some time.

Wang Teng stopped hesitating. He used his Shadow Merging Secret Skill to sneak closer to the spot where the devil emperor had left.

What's his name?

Gadbaw!

What a strange name.

But, it doesn't matter. He's just an extra.

Soon, Wang Teng was within ten meters of the devil ovum. He immediately felt an evil and chaotic spiritual attack. His expression changed.

Fortunately, his spirit was powerful enough to resist this spiritual invasion.

Wang Teng withstood the influence of the devil ovum while inching toward it.

9 meters!

8 meters!

6 meters!

5 meters!

3 meters!

At three meters, Wang Teng finally acted. He formed multiple light Force arrows without any hesitation and shot them toward the dark apparitions.

"Who?" A red glow shot out of Gadbaw's eyes as he bellowed.

He was appalled. He never expected light Force to appear here. He couldn't dodge in his situation because if he did, the arrows would land on the devil ovum.

The light Force was the natural enemy of the dark Force. Hence, it could harm the devil ovum.

Gadbaw roared in anger, and the dark Force in his body exploded. A pitch-black shield appeared in his hand, which he used to block the attack.

Boom!

The light Force arrow landed on the shield. Force fluctuations spread out, and a huge force punched the shield. Gadbaw was forced to take a few steps back.

He roared again and stomped his feet on the ground, forcefully stabilizing himself.

"I'm sorry. I'm leaving first."

A voice came from behind him.

Gadbaw turned around and realized that a figure had appeared beside the devil ovum. The person grabbed the devil ovum and ran away.

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Grabbed and ran away!

Gadbaw was dumbfounded. He watched the human lifting up the devil ovum and running away in a daze. He didn't manage to regain his senses in time.

What is this?

How can a human touch the devil ovum and not get contaminated?

Oh right, this human is a light-element martial warrior. He must have used some method to resist the dark Force temporarily.

But, this doesn't make sense either!

That's the devil ovum. How can a human resist the enchantment of the devil ovum?

This is unbelievable.

Many thoughts flashed through Gadbaw's mind. Then, he let out an angry bellow.

"Human, you're looking for death. Put down that devil ovum!"

Gadbaw started chasing Wang Teng. He increased his speed to the maximum as the dark Force churned around him.

"Come and chase me. If you catch me, I'll let you..." Wang Teng kept gathering light Force and hurled it backward.

Gadbaw didn't dare to touch the light Force, so he could only dodge and chase after Wang Teng at the same time. He almost exploded in anger when he heard Wang Teng teasing him.

"Die!"

Gadbaw's gaze turned sharp. He stretched his hands out, and the dark Force formed a huge pitch-black hand. It clawed at Wang Teng.

Wang Teng blinked. Emerald flame covered his free hand to release a punch.

Flames formed a fist aura with the Strength of Ultima. It charged toward the dark apparition.

Boom!

The giant black hand was destroyed, along with the flaming punch. No one gained any advantage.

Wang Teng took the chance to gain a few hundred meters.

On the other side, the moment Gabatross went out, he saw Peggy being chased by two dark apparitions.

Peggy's expression changed when they met in the passageway. She felt bitterness in her mouth.

She was so unlucky.

She met a devil emperor at the turn of a corner. She was going to die!

"How dare you come here. Do you have a death wish?" A sinister smile appeared on Gabatross's face. Then, he shot toward Peggy like a black arrow.

The other party spoke in the dark apparitions' language, so Peggy didn't understand him. However, she knew something wasn't right after seeing the devil emperor's expression. She escaped in a hurry.

She would never fight with him. She couldn't beat him either way.

"Are you trying to run away?" A sharp and cold killing intent floated into Gabatross's face. Dark Force swarmed around him and formed tentacles, stretching toward Peggy like an octopus.

Peggy's expression changed. She wielded the sword in her hand and slashed it out furiously.

The sword glows filled up the cave and collided with the dark tentacles.

Peggy was at the peak of the celestial stage, but the difference in ability compared to this devil emperor was vast. The sword glows got shattered by the dark tentacles, which continued swimming toward her.

Peggy felt despair. She gritted her teeth and activated all the Force in her body. Either the fish would die or the net would get torn.

Just then, an angry roar was heard deep inside the cave. Gabatross's expression changed. He ignored Peggy and rushed in another direction.

Peggy was stunned.

What was this?

Did the devil emperor just ignore her?

She blinked and started to think. That's where Major Wang Teng went. Did he discover the dark apparitions' secret?

Suddenly, she was in a dilemma.

Would Major Wang Teng be able to handle a low-tier devil emperor?

The shout probably came from another low-tier devil emperor. If the information was right, there were two low-tier devil emperors here.

Major Wang Teng wouldn't be their match. But with her strength, she would just be a burden if she went. She wouldn't be of any help.

"There are two devil emperors here, so there must be a huge secret. We have to get the news back. If things get worse, I can risk my life to save Major Wang Teng." Peggy's gaze turned firm. She made her decision and headed in the direction where the devil emperor went.

Due to the appearance of the devil emperor, the devil kings chasing Peggy went away to the other passageways. She met no hindrance and entered the middle tunnel smoothly.

At this moment, Wang Teng saw the thick dark Force rushing toward him from the front. He turned serious.

The other devil emperor was back.

As expected, this devil ovum was extremely important to them. Any accidents and they would come back immediately.

Wang Teng didn't hesitate though. He continued dashing out.

"Stay!" Gabatross saw Wang Teng and became indignant upon noticing the devil ovum in his hands.

This human sneaked past them, entered this cave, and attempted to steal the devil ovum.

Damn it!

If anything happened to the devil ovum, he would be a sinner. He would be eaten by the devil titan when he went back.

"Gabatross, stop him!" Gadbaw arrived and shouted from the back.

The two devil emperors blocked Wang Teng in the tunnel, one in front and one behind.

"Move!" Wang Teng's Bloodlust exploded. A powerful aura erupted from his body and crashed toward the dark apparition in front.

Boom!

Gabatross's pupils constricted, and he froze. He seemed to be stuck in a mountain of corpses, unable to move.

Did you think that dark apparitions weren't afraid of death? No, they were. They were terrified of presences more powerful than them too.

"What a strong killing intent! How is that possible?" Gabatross was appalled.

He couldn't move. The shadow of death encased him while the bloodlust aura made him tremble.

This was unbelievable. He was a low-tier devil emperor while the human was just a celestial-stage martial warrior. Yet, he possessed such a powerful killing intent.

Wang Teng darted over. Suddenly, a strange fluctuation flowed out of his body. The power of the domain spread out and enveloped the dark apparition. Then, it covered the entire cave.

Gabatross realized that he was submerged in a strange domain after he broke free from the Bloodlust Ultima. He was astounded.

"Domain!" He felt that he was seeing a ghost.

This celestial-stage martial warrior had an immense Bloodlust Ultima and a domain.

F**k, where did this freak come from!

Boom!

Before it could think further, a large patch of holy white flame fired up in the domain. It turned into a sea of fire and swarmed toward him.

"Holy Flame!" Gabatross screamed in panic.

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Holy Flame!

Fire Domain!

The domain that was the amalgamation of the two was just right to deal with the dark apparitions.

This technique was something he came up with after some research. By integrating divine flames into the domain, the power would increase by at least 30%.

Wang Teng looked back and smiled. It might not be easy to kill the low-tier devil emperor, but it was extremely simple to capture it. He had at least a dozen ways to do so.

He left the dark apparition behind and continued rushing outside.

At the same time, the dark apparitions who were following closely behind couldn't stop in time and entered Wang Teng's domain.

A couple of dark apparitions were screaming and jumping around pitifully in the domain formed by the Holy Flame.

The Holy Flame had a great restraining effect on them. Once they were caught by the flames, their dark Force would be burned.

The dark Force was like fuel, which made the Holy Flame burn even more violently.

There were even burn marks on the devil armor dark apparition's tough Devil Armor. If given the time, the flames would burn through the armor.

The two low-tier devil emperors couldn't care about the others and attacked the domain frantically, destroying it with their combined strength.

The domain wasn't strengthened by Wang Teng. It wouldn't be able to withstand the attacks of devil emperors.

But it did well to hold them off for a while.

By the time they got rid of the domain, they could no longer see Wang Teng.

"Roar..."

The two devil emperors were covered in burn marks and looked like a mess. Their faces turned dark.

"Chase!"

They were almost going crazy. Without any hesitation, they headed toward the direction where Wang Teng had left.

The devil ovum was still in his hands. Even if they were to die, it must be recovered.

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Peggy suddenly stopped in her tracks. She sensed a dense dark Force surging toward her. Her expression changed drastically.

"What powerful dark Force. What could it be?

"Has Major Wang Teng already been killed by the two devil emperors?

"But the dark Force seems even more terrifying than that devil emperor."

Just as they were thinking about it, the dark Force suddenly stopped.

The surroundings were dark, and Peggy could only see a blurred silhouette.

What is that existence?

The head was huge like a round ball, but the body was no different from an ordinary person's. It was really weird and unusual.

"What is that?" Peggy had never seen anything like it and was full of doubts. "When was there a devil race with big heads? Is that a new race?"

"What are you still doing? Hurry up and go."

Just at this moment, Wang Teng's voice rang in her ear.

"Major Wang Teng!" Peggy was astonished.

It was Major Wang Teng, not a dark apparition. But why was his head so big?

No, that's not his head. He should be carrying something.

"Come on, the two low-tier devil emperors are catching up." Wang Teng said.

"What's going on?" Peggy didn't have the time to think and immediately sprinted off. However, she still had to ask.

"We'll talk about it when we return. Don't come close to me. Go on ahead," Wang Teng said.

Peggy also knew that this was not the time to chat around and sped off.

Boom!

There were violent explosion sounds from behind. A horrifying wave of dark Force swept over, mixed in with the devil apparitions' roars.

Peggy's heart skipped a beat. She didn't dare to imagine what Wang Teng had done to anger the devil emperors like this. They were going crazy.

"Go! Go!" Wang Teng hurriedly shouted from behind.

He stretched out his hand. The Golden Crescent Blade flew out and cut through the top of the passage. An avalanche of rocks fell, blocking the passage behind him.

Just like that, both of them kept running away while breaking the rocks at the top. After some time, they finally saw light and reached the entrance.

The closed entrance opened up, allowing the noise of battle inside. The martial warriors that Wang Teng had brought with him were engaged in combat with the dark apparitions.

The two of them rushed out of the entrance.

Peggy finally saw what Wang Teng was carrying, and her pretty eyes grew large.

"This is... a devil ovum!"

As an intelligence officer, Peggy naturally recognized the devil ovum. Although she wasn't too sure at first, she confirmed her suspicions after seeing it clearly. She then realized that the secret of the dark apparitions might be this devil ovum.

No wonder the two low-tier devil emperors went crazy and kept chasing after them. As it turned out, Wang Teng stole their egg!

This was too surprising.

What she found harder to believe was how Wang Teng even dared to get close to the devil ovum.

If those from the light faction got close to the devil ovum, they would be corrupted. There were no exceptions.

No wonder Wang Teng didn't let her approach it. If she had gotten close, she would have been corrupted by the devil ovum.

She thought about it a lot and had mixed feelings in her heart. She assumed that Wang Teng wanted to sacrifice himself to destroy this devil ovum!

There was admiration and sadness in Peggy's eyes.

At the same time, the other martial warriors and dark apparitions noticed the devil ovum as well. The martial warriors had the same thoughts as Peggy; their faces were filled with respect and sorrow.

"Don't let him take away the devil ovum."

"Stop him!"

"Kill this human!"

The dark apparitions roared wildly and left the other martial warriors behind. They charged straight for Wang Teng.

"Woah!" Wang Teng was in huge shock.

Are all these dark apparitions on stimulants? Why are they so agitated?

"Stop them. Major Wang Teng is sacrificing himself to destroy the devil ovum. We shall not let these dark apparitions have their way," Peggy raised her sword and shouted like a soldier about to throw her life

"Yes, stop them. Don't let Major Wang Teng sacrifice himself in vain."

"Major Wang Teng, go. We will stop the dark apparitions."

One by one, the martial warriors rushed forward and fought the dark apparitions, buying time for Wang Teng.

"Huh?" Wang Teng was confused.

When did he say that he was going to sacrifice himself? Did they misunderstand something? Was he such a selfless person?

A series of doubts flashed in his mind. He had a bad feeling about this.

This wasn't right!

Boom!

There was a roar from behind. The two low-tier devil emperors were getting closer and closer.

"No, don't act rashly," Wang Teng's expression changed as he called out to them.

"Major Wang Teng, don't say anything. Go quickly. We'll stop these dark apparitions," Peggy said with determination.

Wang Teng: ...

"That's right, Major Wang Teng. Go."

"Quick, go. We'll not let these dark apparitions catch up to you."

The other martial warriors shouted one after another.

"..." Wang Teng almost felt emotional.

"Shut up," after a moment, he roared, silencing everyone. "Go, all of you go. It will be too late if you don't."

"No, Major Wang Teng, if we go, you won't be able to leave," Peggy said.

"Bullshit, I can leave whenever I want to. I don't need you all to cover for me. I won't be able to leave if all of you are here. Stop talking nonsense and leave quickly." Wang Teng was exasperated with these people.

"Go already. The devil emperors are coming soon. You will only drag me down."

Everyone hesitated. They couldn't just leave him behind alone to escape.

"This is an order. Go away!" Wang Teng yelled again.

"Okay, let's go." Peggy's eyes welled up, and tears almost trickled down her cheeks. But holding it in, she gritted her teeth. "Go, retreat!"

"Major!" the other martial warriors shouted with sorrow.

"Get out of here. I won't die." Wang Teng wanted to vomit blood when he saw their expressions.

Everyone thought that he was about to die.

Was he that weak?

These guys were looking down on him.

It was just a devil ovum. They made it look like he was going to die soon.

In the end, Peggy left with the martial warriors. They took one last look at Wang Teng as if they wanted to etch him into their hearts.

The dark apparitions didn't chase them as Wang Teng ran in the opposite direction. Their attention was locked on the devil ovum. They didn't care about anything else.

The two low-tier devil emperors rushed out from below and sensed the devil ovum's presence. They then headed over in Wang Teng's direction.

Wang Teng looked behind and was relieved when he saw that all the dark apparitions were chasing him.

That's good, that's good. They are all here!

He could do a big one like this.

Killing all these dark apparitions would produce a lot of attribute bubbles.

Wang Teng flew for a dozen kilometers and finally landed on a bare mountaintop. He then threw the devil ovum under his feet and stood on it while waiting for the dark apparitions to arrive.

Soon, dozens of black spots led by the two low-tier devil emperors approached from the distance. They stopped when they saw Wang Teng.

"Human, you can't run away." Gadbaw glared at Wang Teng.

"Hand over the devil ovum and I will leave your corpse intact," Gabatross said.

"Are you daydreaming?" Wang Teng looked at the two devil emperors and snickered.

"Still stubborn on the brink of death," Gadbaw said with a grim expression.

"Don't talk nonsense with him. Let's kill him and take back the devil ovum," Gabatross said.

"Don't get excited. Your devil ovum is still here with me." Wang Teng condensed a sword of light and slid it on the devil ovum. "Say, what happens if I poke it?"

"Don't you dare!" Gadbaw roared.

"Slash!"

However, Wang Teng's response was a merciless strike of the sword.

Along with a piercing cry from the devil ovum, catastrophic spirit waves swept through the surroundings.