

Martial Arts 411

Chapter 411: Destroying My Image!

Kong Li and the others went berserk when they saw the item in Wang Teng's hand.

Astonishment!

Disbelief!

The atmosphere turned strange.

Niu Li finally understood why Nie Jianqiang reminded Wang Teng repeatedly not to use the brick during the military drill.

One brick, one enemy. His actions were so smooth and violent that he was lost in wonder.

Even the giant apparitions, who were known for their strength, couldn't resist a knock from his brick. The veterans from his troop were strong, but they weren't much stronger than these dark apparitions.

Hence, he could imagine their ending if Wang Teng had used his brick.

They wouldn't be in life danger during the drill, but the atmosphere would definitely be messed up.

A veteran getting smashed by a recruit would be a huge jock.

With this thought in mind, he couldn't help but look at Yuwen Xuan.

Kong Li was staring at him too, her expression extremely strange. Her little junior brother was a little fierce.

Feeling the gazes from his comrades, the muscles on Yuwen Xuan's face twitched uncontrollably. He tried to maintain his composure, but he was already cursing in his heart.

He had lingering fears!

At this moment, he suddenly felt fortunate that he didn't have to go through this treatment. If not, he wouldn't have been able to stay in the troop anymore. He would find a hole and bury himself inside. He would have no face to see other people.

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Wang Teng kept the brick calmly as if nothing had happened. He wore an innocent expression, pretending that the human posts were unrelated to him.

Everyone: ...

Wang Teng ignored their gazes and scanned the area with his spiritual power. He picked up all the attribute bubbles.

Dark Force*110

Spirit*60

Spirit*50

Enlightenment*15

Dark Force*125

Dark Force*65

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This time, he was ruthless. One brick per giant apparition, killing them forcefully. Thus, he received many spirit attributes.

However, there weren't many enlightenment attributes. It looked like the giant apparitions weren't very smart.

What a waste of their big head!

However, he had to admit that their big heads made it easier for him to hit them.

Big head, big head, no worries when it rains. Others have umbrellas, but I have a big head!

Look, didn't this comparison give you a visualization of the size of their heads?

Enlightenment: 301/1000 (Emperor Realm)

Spirit: 368/1000 (Emperor Realm)

At the same time, their dark Force bubbles contributed a few hundred points of dark Force. Suddenly, Wang Teng's body trembled. His dark Force had advanced to another stage.

Dark Force: 320/5000 (7-star)

He accidentally raised his dark Force up another level. Now, he was considered a master among the dark apparitions.

Wait, he wasn't a dark apparition!

"Huh?" As Wang Teng was happily picking up the attributes, his gaze suddenly paused.

Intermediate Stage Strength Talent*20

There was a talent attribute!

What a surprise!

As the attribute merged into his body, he understood the uses of this intermediate-stage strength talent.

In summary, it was a physical talent.

The stronger his talent, the stronger his physical body. His strength would also increase continuously.

It was different from physique scriptures. Talent was innate; scripture was hard work.

All in all, the higher your talent, the easier it would be for you to practice a physique scripture. At the same time, your strength would increase many times.

For instance, if a martial warrior with beginner-stage strength talent had one point of strength, then an intermediate-stage strength talent martial warrior's starting strength would be double, starting with two. If they practiced the same physique scripture, using the same effort and time, a normal martial warrior would grow by one point while an intermediate-stage talent martial warrior would increase by two points. The difference might be small at the start, but as time went by, the gap would grow larger and larger.

Intermediate Stage Strength Talent: 20/500

"Not bad!" Looking at the changes in the talent row on his attributes panel, Wang Teng nodded silently.

Speaking of it, he had received a Berserk battle technique from a giant apparition in the past too. It was an explosive battle technique, but Wang Teng never had the chance to use it. It wasn't his fault, though. His opponents were all too weak!

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The process of picking up attributes seemed long, but it only lasted for a few seconds.

At this moment, the military martial warriors who got saved by them came forward and thanked them.

The leader of this team was a second lieutenant. He came forward and bowed. "Lieutenant Colonel Niu, Major Yuwen, Major Kong, if you hadn't passed by, we'd have been in danger."

"We're all comrades. There's no need to thank us," Niu Li replied.

The team was familiar with Kong Li and the two majors. They exchanged a few words and then shifted their gazes to Wang Teng.

Wang Teng was the only unfamiliar person in this group. Moreover, he looked very young.

However, they had personally witnessed his strength. This fellow might be young, but he was extremely powerful.

Hence, the second lieutenant asked politely, "This is?"

A hint of slyness flashed past Kong Li's eyes. She waved his hand and said, "Don't care about him. He's just a corporal in charge of miscellaneous stuff. You saw it just now. He runs real fast."

Wang Teng: ...

He thought that this senior sister was a good person, someone he could converse with. From the looks of it now, he was too naive.

This lady was evil!

She defamed him in front of so many people, calling him a corporal in charge of miscellaneous stuff.

Mind you, he was their life savior. If he hadn't arrived in time, many more people would have been dead.

Wang Teng had already thought of his image in his head.

A brave and righteous uprising star of the military... But it was gone now!

Woman, you're dead!

You've ruined my image!

This is a huge grudge!

"Corporal!" The second lieutenant widened his eyes in surprise and stared at Wang Teng in disbelief.

A corporal was so powerful?!

He had only left the military city for three days, but such a huge change had occurred. Even corporal positions were held by such powerful people?

For an instant, the second lieutenant doubted himself. He was afraid that he wouldn't be able to catch up with the times.

What if he went back and his superior informed him that he would retire with honor?

What should he do?

"Don't listen to her. This fellow might be a corporal, but he's very powerful. He's a special case," Niu Li shook his head helplessly and said.

The second lieutenant heaved a sigh of relief.

Fortunately!

He didn't have to retire with honor.

Indeed, if all the young people were so powerful now, the dark apparitions wouldn't have anything to do. They could go back and farm.

The second lieutenant shook his head to clear the unwanted thoughts in his mind.

"Corporal... Wang Teng, thank you for your help!"

Then, he took a step back abruptly and shouted with a stern face, "Salute!"

The soldiers around him straightened their backs and saluted at Wang Teng.

"You're welcome!" Wang Teng was stunned. He hurriedly returned their salute and smiled. "If you don't mention corporal, I'll be happier."

The second lieutenant and the soldiers around him froze for a second. Then, they burst out laughing.

They exchanged a few sentences before the second lieutenant left with his team.

Niu Li told the second lieutenant to go the path they came. He said they had cleared that path, so it was safe for now.

Then, they continued on their journey and mission...

Chapter 412 Have The Dark Apparitions Gone Out For Shopping?

Level one and two restricted zones would be regularly cleared by humans, but the level three and four zones were different. Level three and four restricted zones were the dark apparitions' territory. Dark apparition garrisons had already appeared further into the level-three restricted zone.

Their target was the no. 56 garrison in the level-three restricted zone.

Along the way, the atmosphere was a little oppressive.

"Are you angry?" Kong Li glanced at Wang Teng and teased him.

"Go away. I'm not close with you." Wang Teng turned his head.

"Aiya, as a man, you mustn't be so narrow-minded." Kong Li inched over shamelessly.

"Haha." Wang Teng scoffed.

"Three Force dishes meal," Kong Li suggested.

"Do you think I look like someone that can be bought over with food?" Wang Teng wasn't moved.

"Four meals!" Kong Li added.

"Six meals, one from a Force chef master." Kong Li gritted her teeth. This was a fortune.

"Deal." A smile immediately appeared on his face. "As expected of my senior, you're so generous."

"You're brutal." Kong Li was speechless.

"Small case, small case," Wang Teng smiled and replied. "Childish!" Yuwen Xuan snorted.

"Hey, Major Yuwen, aren't you interested in Force dishes?" Wang Teng teased him.

"Not at all," Yuwen Xuan replied coldly with a stern face before ignoring the two.

Wang Teng started discussing excitedly with Kong Li and planned the six meals properly. Yuwen Xuan frowned. He wasn't used to their interaction.

This was a serious and dangerous mission, but they turned it into a delicious food forum. How irritating.

Niu Li smiled, but he didn't say anything.

He didn't care about the process as long as it didn't affect the mission.

At around 2 pm, the four of them successfully arrived near the no. 56 garrison of the dark apparitions.

They hid in a small hill and looked at the garrison in the distance. The dark apparition's garrison was entirely different from the human garrisons. Their garrisons were crude, made of large rocks, and were pitch-black. In the dark, it would be hard to notice them.

The architecture was special too. Wang Teng didn't know how to describe it. It was rough, evil-looking, and exaggerated...

This was the first time he saw a Darkland-style building. He was curious, so he sized it up uncontrollably.

Suddenly, he realized, to his surprise, that aside from the low-level dark apparitions wandering around the garrison, there weren't any signs of high-level dark apparitions. He couldn't help but look at Niu Li. He asked through a voice transmission, "Have the dark apparition gone out for shopping?"

Niu Li stared at Wang Teng, and a vein popped out on his forehead. What kind of strange thoughts does this guy have in his mind?

Go out shopping?! Can you read the atmosphere and stop acting like an idiot when you should be serious? He took a deep breath before replying to him through voice transmission, "Dark apparitions like the dark. Even high-level dark apparitions with intelligence don't like to move around in the day."

Wang Teng noticed that Niu Li said 'don't like' and not 'they can't.' No wonder these low-level dark apparitions were able to move freely in the day.

He looked at the sky and said, "This area is covered by dark clouds and saturated with dark Force. There's no difference between day and night, right?"

"To them, the day is the day. The sun won't disappear, so they will still get irritated by it."

"Do you know the reason?"

"It's probably because the sun has changed too." Niu Li pondered for some time before he opened his mouth. "After all, according to various legends from different countries, the sun is an ultimate Yang object."

"Are you telling me that the legends are true?". Wang Teng asked curiously.

"I don't mean that. However, the legends originate from somewhere. Maybe our ancestors saw something," Niu Li said in a meaningful tone.

Wang Teng believed him. After all, this era couldn't be inferred using common sense. Humans possessed frightening power. In the eyes of the ancient people, they were no different from gods and devils. However, he still had some queries.

"Is this a guess, or did you find related evidence?"

"What do you think?" Niu Li looked at him and smiled.

Seeing his reaction, Wang Teng knew that he wouldn't be able to get an answer today.

Were these people all the same?

"Actually, I don't know much. I only heard a word or two." Niu Li shook his head.

Wang Teng didn't probe further. He activated his Spiritual Sight and scanned the garrison. As expected, he saw a few thick balls of dark Force.

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"Three 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions!" They didn't move immediately. Instead, they waited until night dawned. Through the dark clouds in the sky, they saw a moon hanging in the air, scattering its

silver-white glow on the earth. The four soldiers ate the rations they bought and spoke to each other using voice transmission to pass the time.

However, their attention was all on the no. 56 garrison below.

At approximately 10 pm, they finally sensed some movements in the garrison.

There were three figures in the distance. They conversed for some time before heading in different directions.

Niu Li frowned. He gave his order. "Follow one each. I'll stay here."

"Yes," Wang Teng and the others replied immediately. "Wang Teng, will you be alright?" Niu Li glanced at Wang Teng and asked again. "Don't worry. I won't die."

Niu Li nodded and didn't say anything else.

The three soldiers chose a direction each and executed their hiding skills as they followed the dark apparitions.

"Don't die!"

Kong Li's voice entered his ears. Wang Teng's gaze shimmered, but he didn't turn his head. He was already a distance away.

He executed his Wave Invisibility Skill and covered himself with dark Force, disappearing into the cold wind under the night sky.

If he only used dark Force, he might get discovered by the dark apparition. However, with the addition of the Wave Invisibility Skill, his concealing ability increased many folds. Wang Teng believed that he wouldn't be found out as long as he was more careful. He followed behind the dark apparition, keeping some distance between them.

The other party was a dark apparition he had never seen before. It was tall and lofty, at least three meters in height. There was a pair of huge antlers on its head that twirled backward. This was a weird monster with a deer head and human body.

Its limbs were muscular and thick, and it had a pair of wings on its back. It moved extremely fast. There was also a bone-like scorpion tail behind it.

It looks a little ugly. Wang Teng wondered to himself.

After some time, he saw the dark apparition dashing into a forest below. Then, cries of agony from wild beasts were heard. Wang Teng hid afar and saw the deer-head human-body dark apparition catch a huge star beast. It furiously bit and tore the flesh off the beast. It was a terrifying scene.

It came out to eat. Wang Teng shook his head speechlessly. He thought that it had some secrets, but this was it?

Half an hour later, the dark apparition went back to the garrison. Wang Teng followed it and came back to the hill where Niu Li was hiding.

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan were back too. They reported the situation on their side and discovered that the three dark apparitions seemed to have gone out for a meal. They didn't have any other actions.

Chapter 413: A Detailed And Thorough Plan

The four of them hid stupidly outside no. 56 garrison for three days.

These three days passed without any accidents.

The three high-level 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions went out a few times, but it was all to eat. The lifestyles of these dark apparitions were extremely regular, so regular that it seemed scary.

They either ate or slept every day. They were worse than a nerd who loved to stay at home.

Wang Teng and the others started wondering if the high-level dark apparitions came to no. 56 garrison because they wanted to have a holiday in a different environment.

Besides the three 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions, many 2-star to 5-star soldier-level dark apparitions came out to hunt for food too.

The dark apparitions with deer head and human body, the vampire dark apparitions, and the giant apparitions were among them. There were around 200 in total.

Nothing was amiss from their activity. They didn't even show any signs of wanting to attack the human garrisons.

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Wang Teng glanced at the three calm officers beside him. They were extremely patient. They had waited for so many days, but they weren't agitated or impatient at all.

He could only say, as expected of veterans.

Wang Teng couldn't help but complain in his heart.

Their mission was to investigate the strange happenings in the garrison. However, they wouldn't be able to find anything if they just waited without doing anything.

Finally, Wang Teng couldn't stand it anymore and asked using voice transmission, "Old Niu, how long do we have to wait?"

"You can't wait anymore?" Niu Li smiled and replied using voice transmission.

"It has only been a few days, but you can't wait anymore?" Yuwen Xuan glanced at him in contempt.

"I can wait. I can wait as long as you want. It won't be a problem. I just feel that idling around like this is a complete waste of time." Wang Teng ignored him and shook his head.

Niu Li nodded. "The time is almost ready. The past few days were for us to observe the internal situation in the garrison. Now, we can make our move."

"Move? What move?" Wang Teng asked.

“Sneaking into no. 56 garrison.” Kong Li smiled and replied, “Do you think we can discover anything by waiting outside without doing anything?”

“The highlight of the mission is here.” Niu Li turned serious.

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan dropped their casual attitudes.

“You will each be in charge of investigating an area respectively. I’ll wait for you outside,” Niu Li said.

Then, he glanced at Wang Teng uncontrollably. Wang Teng’s performance for the past few days had exceeded his expectation. He didn’t act like a recruit at all.

His skills were on par with Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan.

Most importantly, this fellow was extremely powerful. He charged directly whenever he met any dangers, but no accidents happened along the way.

When he followed the 7-star dark apparition out as it hunted, he didn’t get discovered either. This was proof of his skill.

Thus, he wasn’t too worried about Wang Teng for this mission.

During the past few days, the four of them had built some chemistry with one another, including Yuwen Xuan. He wouldn’t target Wang Teng when it came to important matters. Hence, he didn’t say anything. The four of them immediately started discussing the details of this undercover mission.

Half an hour later, the three officers exchanged glances with one another and gradually disappeared on the spot.

“This brat creates surprises all the time. I can’t even detect any traces of his concealing skill.” Niu Li looked at the spot where Wang Teng was standing a second ago. He shook his head and sighed in his heart.

It was night, so most dark apparitions should be asleep.

There was some danger in sneaking into the garrison now, but it would also allow them to find anything amiss here.

They couldn’t wait until the dark apparitions left to sneak in because they weren’t able to confirm that the dark apparitions went out only to hunt for food.

They might be doing this to fool outsiders and cover up the truth. Who knew if they were heading out for their real purpose today. No one could be sure.

Wang Teng evaded the low-level dark apparitions outside the garrison’s perimeters and climbed over the wall to enter.

Based on the plan they came up with, he went all the way to the back.

The dark apparitions probably didn’t expect someone to sneak into their camp, so there were no patrols. They were all sleeping soundly.

Are you seriously so careless?

Wang Teng stood in a corner and complained helplessly.

He felt that there was something wrong with this mission. It was so smooth that he didn't know what to make of it.

Wang Teng roamed for some time before he finally found the place where the dark apparitions were sleeping. It could barely be called a dormitory.

This dormitory was a little scary. Somehow, it looked like a scene from a horror movie.

It was shaped like a room in a palace and was completely empty. Fortunately, Wang Teng was experienced, so he raised his head and looked up.

Good riddance, numerous heads were floating in mid-air in the dark.

However, why were they all upside down?

He looked at them carefully. There were rows and rows of vampire-like dark apparitions hanging upside down from the ceiling. Their eyes were close, and their faces were white.

A timid person might be scared to death if he saw this scene in the middle of the night.

These dark apparitions love to put on an act. Why can't they sleep properly? Why must they hang themselves up?

Also, according to legends, shouldn't vampires sleep in coffins?

Why aren't these vampire dark apparitions going by the book?

Wang Teng shook his head and threw these random thoughts out of his mind. This wasn't the time to think about that.

He had to see if there was anything suspicious about these dark apparitions.

Here came the question: how should he investigate?

Wang Teng hid in a dark corner and touched his chin. His gaze was ambiguous as he occasionally glanced at the vampire dark apparitions on the ceiling. A sinister smile gradually appeared at the edge of his lips.

I have an idea, hehe...

The next moment, he disappeared on the spot.

Using his Spiritual Sight, he knew that these dark apparitions were all at the 4-star soldier level and below. There were only five 4-star soldier-level dark apparitions. Their difference in ability was huge.

Hence, even if he went near them, he wouldn't be discovered.

Based on this, he came up with a detailed and thorough plan.

He would silently close in on one of the dark apparitions and cover its mouth. Then, he would knock it unconscious, bring it away, and question it...

That was the gist of his plan.

He would choose one of the 4-star soldier-level dark apparitions. After all, some things would only be known to those with stronger abilities.

Wang Teng even wondered if those 4-star soldier-level dark apparitions knew any secrets.

He couldn't care anymore. He decided to test it out.

So, which one should he choose?

Wang Teng scanned the vampires and started pointing at them. Finally, his finger stopped on a vampire dark apparition who was smaller than the others.

Alright, it's you!

Wang Teng silently flew closer and arrived behind the dark apparition. He furrowed his brows and turned upside down. Then, he quickly covered his opponent's mouth.

The vampire woke up with a start. It opened its eyes wide, with fear and confusion in them.

It wanted to struggle and alert its companions, but...

The next second, Wang Teng knocked it unconscious.

After a series of actions, the dark apparition was kidnapped by Wang Teng. None of the other vampires noticed anything.

Even if they woke up and found it missing, they would only wonder if it had gone to the toilet.

Chapter 414: Wow, You're Quite Fierce!

No. 56 garrison

Warehouse!

Wang Teng knocked the Lycan dark apparition who was guarding the warehouse unconscious and closed the main door.

Now, it was time for the highlight of his plan.

Questioning!

Wang Teng thought for a moment before using his spiritual power to form an imprisoning rune. He sealed off the dark apparition's Force.

Then, he arranged a small-sized soundproof rune array around them.

Perfect!

Only a Divine Spirit Master and an advanced-stage runemaster could do this.

Wang Teng felt a little proud. He shifted his gaze to the unconscious vampire dark apparition, and a sharp look appeared in his eyes.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, you're like a pig.

The brick appeared in his hand, and he slapped it on the dark apparition's handsome and pale face without showing any mercy.

Of course, he didn't aim at the face because he was jealous.

After all, he was more handsome than this dark apparition who gave off a morbid beauty.

Slash! Boom!

After a round of beating, the vampire dark apparition woke up in confusion.

Who am I?

Where am I?

Why am I getting treated so inhumanly?

Oh right, kidnapping!

Someone kidnapped me just now!

Damn it, who is this impudent person? How dare he kidnap a noble vampire dark apparition right inside the garrison? This is unforgivable...

However, it was being slapped right and left, so its head kept swaying back and forth at high speed. Its vision was a blur. It couldn't see the culprit's face at all.

Slash! Boom!

Wang Teng didn't notice that the dark apparition was awake. He hit him so smoothly that he continued slapping the dark apparition with the brick.

The vampire dark apparition felt his tears flowing out. He wanted to activate his dark Force, but he got a rude shock.

The dark Force in his body had disappeared? There was no reaction in his Force nucleus.

What's going on?

"Huh? You're awake?" A voice finally entered his ears.

It was the human language.

The vampire dark apparition squinted.

Damn it, he landed in the hands of a human.

The vampire dark apparition's face was badly bruised and swollen. He could only open his eyes slightly.

He tried his best to open his eyes wide, attempting to see the culprit's face through the small gap.

His vision was still hazy, but he finally managed to see his enemy's face.

This was a young human being.

He actually landed in the hands of a youngster? The vampire dark apparition was infuriated! Ouch, so painful!

The change in his expression was too violent, so it pulled at his muscles. He felt excruciating pain on his face.

This made him even more furious.

“Human, you’re dead. You’re in deep trouble!”

“Huh, you can speak the human language? This is perfect.” Wang Teng sized up the dark apparition in front of him in astonishment.

He was still wondering what he should do if they couldn’t understand each other. Yet, this dark apparition could speak the human language. This was great; it saved him much trouble.

But he should still learn the dark apparition language when he had the time.

It wouldn’t hurt to have too many skills.

“Did you hear what I said? You’re dead. You’re in deep trouble!” the vampire dark apparition bellowed.

“Wow, you’re quite fierce.”

Wang Teng raised his eyebrows and raised his brick.

Another round of walloping.

“Can you talk properly now?” Wang Teng asked.

“I’m a noble vampire. I’ll never succumb to you even if you use such a brutal method,” the vampire replied stubbornly.

Slash! Boom!

“Human, I want to kill you. I want to suck your blood...” the vampire dark apparition roared.

Slash! Boom!

“You’re dead, you’re dead...”

Slash! Boom!

“You’re really dead!”

“It’s rare to see such a strong-willed dark apparition like you. You have my respect,” Wang Teng praised him.

Then... slash, boom!

“Stop hitting me!”

Wang Teng: ...

His face turned black.

I just complimented you, but you slapped my face. Where's my pride and dignity?

Slash! Boom!

The vampire dark apparition felt puzzled. He had already surrendered. Why was he still getting beaten?

Slash! Boom!

After many rounds of beating, the dark apparition's face grew bigger.

Wang Teng was afraid of wasting more time, so he stopped. If not, he would have continued beating him.

"Can you talk properly now?"

The vampire dark apparition felt the pain on his face and nodded fervently.

"Good. Now, I'll ask, and you'll answer. If I don't ask anything, you're not allowed to speak. Do you understand?" Wang Teng said calmly.

The vampire dark apparition hesitated for a moment. If this human questioned him about some secrets, should he give in, or give in, or give in?

"Why? You don't agree with what I've said?" Wang Teng raised his brick again.

"Don't. I'll reply to you properly." The vampire was no longer as proud as before. He became a coward.

"There are three 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions here. What's their purpose?" Wang Teng went straight to the point.

The vampire's expression changed. Then, his face started hurting.

"I—"

"I suggest that you think thrice before you speak. I'm an easy person to talk to, but this fellow isn't that kind." Wang Teng played with the brick in his hand as he sniggered.

The vampire: ...

This devil!

Sigh, he didn't want to be a rat, but this young man was ruthless!

"I think they came to see someone."

"You think?" Wang Teng raised his voice.

"No, I'm sure of it," the vampire immediately replied.

"See who?" Wang Teng nodded and continued asking.

"I'm not sure. Besides the three of them, no one knows the answer," the vampire replied.

Wang Teng frowned.

The vampire felt his heart pounding furiously. Was he planning to beat him?

He immediately shouted, "I really don't know!"

"Alright, look how frightened you are. I've already told you that I'm an easy person to speak to." Wang Teng glared at him.

The vampire shrunk his neck. *Do you think I'll believe you? If you're easy to speak to, my face wouldn't be swollen.*

"Now, we have come to the quick response segment. If you hesitate even a little, I'll reward you with the brick," Wang Teng said.

The vampire immediately understood Wang Teng's intention. He couldn't lie if he had to reply instantly. However, he didn't dare not reply. He could only nod his head.

"Very good. The segment will start now. How many days have they stayed here?"

"Five!"

"Did the person they're supposed to meet come during these five days?"

"No."

"When will the person come?"

"I don't know!"

"What's their future plan?"

"I don't know."

"Do you want to live or die?"

"I don't know!"

"You don't know anything. It looks like there's no reason to keep you alive!" Wang Teng scoffed.

The vampire's expression froze. What did he say just now?

"Wait!"

"I want to live. Live!"

His desire to live was extremely strong. He stared at Wang Teng pitifully.

"Oh right, I still have some questions for you," Wang Teng said.

"Go ahead. You can ask me anything," the vampire replied.

"Your race has a talent called Bewitch, right?" A mysterious smile appeared on Wang Teng's face as he leaned forward and whispered to the vampire.

"How do you know!" The vampire was flabbergasted. Ouch, his face hurt.

“You don’t have to know. Now, let me ask you, do you have that ability?” Wang Teng mocked.

“I don’t. This ability is only born to those vampires with high talent. I’m not one of them,” the vampire said dejectedly.

“One last question. Do you have ways to resist this skill?” Wang Teng asked.

“There’s no special method. You can only resist if your spiritual power is higher than the person who uses this skill,” the vampire said.

“Is it? I can feel at ease then.” Wang Teng nodded his head.

“?” The vampire looked at Wang Teng in confusion. What was he saying? Why was he speaking so strangely?

Then he suddenly realized that the young man’s gaze was starting to turn weird.

“This is?!” The vampire’s pupils constricted. He was filled with disbelief. A possibility flashed in his mind. “No, this is impossible!”

He wanted to turn his head away, but his thoughts had slowed down. He couldn’t think properly, and he couldn’t move his body.

What’s going on?

This was the last thought in his mind before his vision turned black.

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After some time, Wang Teng got the answer he wanted using his Bewitch skill. It was no different from what the vampire said a while ago.

What an honest vampire!

His brick method was a success!

As expected, this brick could solve any problems he had.

Wang Teng nodded. Then, he tapped his finger on the dark apparition’s swollen head and invaded its mind with his spiritual power, destroying his consciousness.

The vampire died.

A few attribute bubbles floated out from his body.

Dark Force*35

Dark Language*1

Handsome*60

Spirit*70

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Wang Teng raised his eyebrows.

Handsome!

Handsome again!

Are vampires honestly so handsome? Why do they always drop the handsomeness attribute?

Or is it because he smashed his face with his brick?

Hitting the face would allow him to drop attributes related to the face. It made sense.

However, the number seemed a little high. Was he too brutal?

Amen...

Chapter 415: Don't Blame Me. You All Forced Me!

Actually, Wang Teng felt that his appearance was handsome enough. If he continued to become more handsome, the other guys wouldn't have a chance.

Wait, something strange seemed to have sneaked in.

Dark Language!

As the bubble merged into his body, a memory appeared in his mind out of nowhere.

This is a language bubble!

Just a moment ago, he wanted to learn the dark language, and here it was now. When was the system ever so considerate?

Wang Teng couldn't believe it.

However, it was understandable that this dark apparition would drop a language talent. After all, he was able to grasp the human language.

This was a good thing. It would be awkward if he eavesdropped on a secret conversation between dark apparitions, but he didn't know what they were saying.

Wang Teng kept the corpse of the dark apparition in his space ring. Then, he sized up the warehouse.

Heh, there's something here!

There was a pile of green-color ores in the corner of the room.

"These are celestites!" Wang Teng touched his chin. As an advanced-stage blacksmith, he immediately recognized the ores.

Celestite was a wind element ore, best used for forging wind element weapons. They were widely sought after by wind element martial warriors.

Wind element was a mutated element, and hence, the relevant ores were hard to find. Naturally, they possessed a high value.

Judging by the size of this pile of ores, it was worth at least five billion.

Oh my, five billion!

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Hearts were shooting out of Wang Teng's eyes. This was a surprise.

"Old Niu told me not to alert the dark apparitions, but he didn't say that I can't steal things." Wang Teng sniggered. "Also, the dark apparitions probably won't notice the disappearance of the ores for some time even if I steal them. By the time they find out about it, they will think that it was a thief. This is what I call diverting their attention and killing two birds with one stone. Amazing!"

Wang Teng kept the celestites in his space ring and prepared to leave. Along the way, he saw the Lycan dark apparition on the ground.

Slash!

He pointed his finger at it, claiming its life.

He threw the corpse into his space ring so that it could accompany the vampire dark apparition. He would take care of the bodies after he left.

Wang Teng left the warehouse and started searching the area he was in charge of. Around ten minutes later, he stopped moving, becoming extremely vigilant.

Using his Spiritual Sight, he saw an area covered with the thickest dark Force. This was the room of one of the 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions.

Wang Teng looked inside the room and was stunned.

A coffin!

The dark apparition seriously slept in a coffin!

Wang Teng's expression turned strange. The three 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions consisted of one with a deer head and human body, one giant apparition, and one vampire.

He scanned the room. Besides the coffin, there was nothing strange.

He shook his head and left carefully.

Wang Teng finished investigating the area under him. He then met up with Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan at the agreed location.

Three sneaking figures gathered in a corner.

"Did you find any clues?" Wang Teng asked through voice transmission.

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan shook their heads helplessly.

Wang Teng was dumbfounded. He wanted to verify his findings with them, but they didn't discover anything.

“What’s with your expression?” Kong Li raised her eyebrows. She seemed to have seen a hint of disdain in Wang Teng’s expression.

Yuwen Xuan didn’t look good either. He was a major. Where would he place his dignity if he got looked down on by a recruit?

“Cough, let’s talk about the mission.” Wang Teng coughed and changed the topic.

“Did you find something?” Kong Li asked, her eyes lighting up.

Yuwen Xuan looked at him too. There was disbelief on his face. Did this fellow really find a clue?

“I did find something,” Wang Teng replied humbly.

“Say it quickly!” Kong Li rolled her eyes at him. This wasn’t the time to be humble.

Wang Teng chuckled. He didn’t hide his information and immediately told them what he got from the vampire.

“The three dark apparitions are here to meet someone? Who is it? Why do they need to put in so much effort?” Kong Li frowned.

“Is your information reliable?” Yuwen Xuan questioned.

“I can’t say 100%, but it’s 80% reliable,” Wang Teng replied confidently.

If he didn’t have any hidden secrets, he would have said 100%.

“80%! Are you sure?” The two majors were startled. This was a high percentage. It was high enough for the military to invest manpower and resources in delving further in this direction.

“How did you get hold of this news?” Yuwen Xuan asked again.

Wang Teng noticed that they still doubted him, so he took out the corpse of the dark apparition and summarized his investigation process.

The majors: ...

The muscles on Yuwen Xuan’s face kept throbbing. He looked at the indistinguishable face of the vampire dark apparition and the head that had swelled to two times the normal size. He couldn’t imagine what this dark apparition suffered before its death.

This fellow is a devil!

Kong Li looked at the vampire’s appearance and then at Wang Teng, her gaze going back and forth between the two. Her expression could only be described with one word: strange.

She silently swore that she would never provoke Wang Teng in the future.

However, they started to understand why Wang Teng was 80% confident.

No matter how hard your bone was, you would surrender after getting beaten like this.

If it was them, they would be confident too!

They took a deep breath. Kong Li nodded and said, "Your information is very useful. We have two choices. We can retreat, or we can stay behind and wait for the secret person to come."

The three of them went silent.

To a military martial warrior, the mission was everything. They were willing to take enormous risks for the sake of the mission.

"I'll stay behind. You guys can go back and report this to Lieutenant Colonel Niu," Yuwen Xuan said.

"Let me stay behind. My concealing method is better than yours, and it's safer too," Kong Li hesitated, but she still stepped up.

"Your concealing method is similar to mine. It's nowhere more powerful. If I can be discovered, you won't be any different. Let me stay. If something goes wrong, I have 30% confidence that I can escape," Yuwen Xuan said.

"Bullshit, how can I be worse than you? I have 35% confidence that I can escape." Kong Li's anger got ignited. She was unwilling to back down.

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Wang Teng rubbed his forehead as he listened to them quarreling using voice transmission. He said, "Erm, majors, why aren't you asking me?"

"You're a recruit. Don't interrupt us." The two of them rejected his proposal without turning their heads.

"I have 100% confidence that I can escape. Also, I don't want to hurt your pride, but my concealing method is much better than yours. The dark apparitions might never notice me," Wang Teng said in frustration.

The two majors turned quiet instantly. Then, they turned in unplanned unison and looked at Wang Teng.

"You're 100% confident that you can escape!" Kong Li stared at Wang Teng curiously.

"That's why people like you will never understand what a true genius is." Wang Teng shook his head helplessly, acting like a lonely indomitable warrior.

"Speak properly." Kong Li glared at him.

"You won't believe me even if I say it."

"Are you sure the dark apparitions won't notice you with your concealing skill?" Yuwen Xuan asked.

"Of course!" Wang Teng replied calmly.

"For some reason, I think that you're acting." Kong Li glanced at him before turning her head and asking Yuwen Xuan, "Yuwen, what do you think?"

"I agree!" Yuwen Xuan replied expressionlessly.

Wang Teng: ...

Chapter 416: Are All The Female Dark Apparitions So Pretty?

After a series of hesitation, wavering, and indecisiveness, Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan left. The mission was of utmost importance to a soldier!

Wang Teng had more confidence in completing this mission as compared to them. Hence, they had no reason to stop him!

Wang Teng heaved a sigh of relief when he saw them leaving.

Although Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan were powerful, their abilities offered no help in this mission. If they stayed back, they might create more trouble for him instead.

Now that they had finally left the garrison after much persuasion, he could do whatever he wanted. He was being truthful when he said that he was confident in completing this mission.

Not long ago, a thought had flashed through his mind, and he came up with another detailed and thorough plan.

An evil smile peeked at the edge of his lips.

The next second, the muscles in his body started wiggling. His entire body was changing. Finally, he took on the appearance of the vampire dark apparition who got beaten up by him.

Of course, it was his appearance before his face became swollen.

Wang Teng used his ice Force to form a mirror and checked his appearance. A satisfied smile appeared on his face uncontrollably.

The Morph Skill didn't disappoint him.

Whether it was the height, the physique, or the face, he was 99.9999999999% similar to the vampire dark apparition.

Wait, something felt amiss.

Wang Teng frowned uncontrollably. He took out the corpse of the vampire for comparison and slapped his forehead in enlightenment.

The wings!

The vampires had bat wings. He didn't morph those wings out.

He triggered the skill in his mind, and the muscles on his back started squirming. They extended out and finally turned into a pair of bat wings.

He flapped them softly. They felt like real wings.

Fortunately, the Morph Skill was impressive enough, so he was able to create the pair of wings.

The dark apparitions came in weird shapes and forms. Morphing into them was so tricky and exasperating.

Wang Teng complained in his heart. Then, his gaze landed on his clothes.

All he needed was a set of dark apparition clothing.

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Sometime later, Wang Teng walked out of a corner. He had already changed into the vampire's clothing. Fortunately, the scene wasn't bloody when he killed the vampire, so his clothes remained clean. If they were dirtied, he might have had to wash them before wearing them.

Wang Teng strutted his way into the vampire's dormitory. The best concealment was to hide among his enemies. If he didn't say it himself, who could tell that he was a human?

Wang Teng didn't continue investigating. Instead, he went back to the dormitory and rested there like the other vampires.

But when he saw the situation inside, he was in a dilemma.

The vampires were all sleeping upside down.

What if he got cephalemia?

Once again, Wang Teng felt that there was a small flaw in his detailed and thorough plan.

Nevermind!

A human would always be careless in one way or another.

This minor flaw was negligible.

Wang Teng gritted his teeth and merged with the darkness. Then, without anyone noticing, he appeared on the ceiling.

He hung upside down and closed his eyes.

He was a big emotionless bat now!

However, he didn't sleep. He opened his eyes occasionally and used his Spiritual Sight to observe the movements of the three 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions.

He would stay here obediently if no suspicious Force movements appeared around them.

Time passed slowly. Soon, it was night.

Once night arrived. It was time for the dark apparitions to go out to hunt for food.

Wang Teng didn't notice anything amiss in this period.

The three dark apparitions returned to no. 56 garrison after hunting outside. Wang Teng didn't follow them. He believed that the three veterans wouldn't stay put and do nothing.

After they came back, it was the weaker dark apparitions' turn to hunt.

In the room, the vampire dark apparitions woke up one by one, their crimson eyes flickering. Their gaze was bloodthirsty. They spread their wings and flew out in masses like a flock of bats.

Wang Teng hid among the bats—the vampires and waved his ornamental wings. He was using the ability of a 7-star soldier-level martial warrior to sail through the sky.

The other vampires didn't sense anything amiss.

At this moment, a voice rang beside his ear. "Rupert, you seem abnormal today."

Wang Teng's heart skipped a beat.

Rupert was the name of the vampire he was disguised as. While questioning the vampire, he had already thought of a rough plan, so he used his Bewitch Skill to lure some personal information from the vampire's mouth.

Hence, when he heard someone calling him, he was flustered.

Was he discovered?

Was there a flaw in his plan again?

This didn't make sense. He hid so well. How did the vampire notice him?

There was no need to be anxious!

If everything failed, he would kill all the dark apparitions!

Many thoughts flashed past Wang Teng's mind. He turned and looked in the direction where the voice came from...

Oh my god, it's huge!

The first thing that entered his vision was something that could not be explicitly mentioned.

Cough, this wasn't the time to observe something unrelated!

Wang Teng's gaze landed on the face. Her hair was brown, complemented with a pair of green eyes. She was gorgeous, a peculiar seductive vibe hanging around her.

This thought popped into Wang Teng's mind abruptly.

His brain churned, and the images of Rupert's acquaintances entered his mind. The information of the female dark apparition was among them.

The face was the same!

Phyllis, a female dark apparition that Rupert had been chasing for a long time. Phyllis was probably a little interested in Rupert too, but she hated some of his traits. As a result, they didn't move further in their relationship.

No wonder the other party came to talk to him!

Wang Teng felt relieved. It looked like the female dark apparition didn't see through his disguise. She just felt that her 'Rupert' was a little abnormal.

Normally, once Rupert woke up, he would pester Phyllis continuously. He was a chatterbox.

This was the part of him Phyllis didn't like. Unfortunately, Rupert didn't know about it. As an outsider, Wang Teng naturally didn't know either.

He just felt his head hurt. He got entangled in a bloody love relationship between two dark apparitions. What was he supposed to do?

This is very urgent! I need an answer immediately.

Wang Teng couldn't find a way out. He could only look at Phyllis in confusion without replying to her.

Phyllis frowned. She said with a hint of frost in her voice, "A chatterbox like you can be quiet too? Are you constipated?"

Wang Teng couldn't help but pay a silent tribute to Rupert.

He had chased this sharp-tongued female dark apparition for seven years, unwilling to give up. It must be difficult for him.

He probably wasn't popular among the ladies. If not, why did he have to hang onto a single tree?

What a poor fellow.

After a few seconds, he finished his silent tribute. An idea popped into his mind, and he replied to Phyllis hurriedly, "I had a dream this morning..."

Phyllis furrowed her brows harder. This fellow was always so ridiculous. She was furious at his cowardice.

"As for what dream it is, you don't have to know."

Wang Teng didn't continue the story. He kept a straight face, revealing no loopholes in his acting. He added with an indifferent expression, "You just have to know that from today onwards, I'm no longer the Rupert you know. I've decided to change, so you might never see the fellow who has always been pestering you."

Phyllis: ...

Chapter 417: Actually, He Really Wanted To Slap Him To Death Just Now...

Wang Teng didn't plan to interfere in the complicated love relationship of these two dark apparitions. This female dark apparition was beautiful and her figure was terrific, but he was a person with integrity!

A female dark apparition? Even their race was different. There was no way they could make love—no, there was no possibility of anything happening.

Hence, he planned to use this method to distance himself from this female dark apparition.

In the past, you gave me the cold shoulder. Today, I'll make sure I'm above your station!

Indeed, this was Wang Teng's perfect plan, or so he thought.

You don't like Rupert, right? In that case, I'll represent Rupert and ignore you!

From today onwards, stay away from me.

I'm not serving you anymore!

Wang Teng could already predict the future progress of this relationship. He laughed silently in his heart. If he could, he wanted to give a thumbs up for his wit and craftiness.

However...

Phyllis's eyes lit up. "Really?"

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Wang Teng was dumbfounded. The other party's reaction was a little different from what he had expected.

Based on this female dark apparition's temper, shouldn't she turn and leave?

Why do I see some happiness on her face?

"Phyllis!" Wang Teng accentuated his tone and tried his best to maintain his indifference. His voice was icy. "I, Rupert, have my pride. I don't want to talk about the past. From today onwards, I'll not pester you for no reason. Can you please—"

"It's great that you're thinking this way!" Phyllis was elated.

Wang Teng: ...

Why?

What went wrong?

Her expression wasn't right. Suddenly, he had a bad feeling.

"Cultivate properly in the future and complete the missions given by the sirs. Try to perform in front of them and work hard to climb the ladder!" Phyllis was excited. "We came from ordinary backgrounds, so this is our only way up!"

Wang Teng: ...

After a few seconds, Wang Teng looked at Phyllis in wonder, who was following him instead of leaving him. Suddenly, he wanted to find a corner and squat there so that he could go over the situation again.

Was his method wrong?

Or were his thoughts wrong?

An admirer who was a simp suddenly became cold and distant. Shouldn't she be furious and leave?

Yet, this female dark apparition didn't. Instead, she became closer to him. What kind of twist was this?

Did dark apparitions like this attitude?

Wang Teng didn't understand. However, he didn't want to reveal any loopholes, so he adhered to his words and put on a stern face. He ignored Phyllis.

The other party didn't seem to mind. In fact, she was quite delighted and followed him like tissue paper stuck on a shoe.

After some time, they arrived at a forest. They split up and started hunting for food.

"Why are you following me?" Wang Teng stopped. He turned to look at the female dark apparition who didn't want to leave him.

"I want to hunt with you," Phyllis replied.

"No, I want to be alone." Wang Teng rejected her harshly.

"Alright, I understand. You just decided to change, so you need some alone time to get used to it. I mustn't stay too close. Otherwise, you might go back to your usual self." No one knew what Phyllis was thinking. She nodded and turned to leave.

Wang Teng: ...

"You're right; you're always right. Just don't get too close to me."

Wang Teng felt helpless. If she continued like this, he felt that he was going to get pushed by her.

Must he sacrifice his body for a mission?

No way! If the female dark apparition did anything overboard, he would slap her to death.

Naturally, Wang Teng didn't hunt for food. He put on a show and met up with the other dark apparitions at the end. They went back to no. 56 garrison together.

These dark apparitions slept in the day and were lively at night. They were having a whale of a time.

The Lycans, the giant apparitions, the vampires... this was like a party for the devils and monsters.

Wang Teng sat in a corner and hid in the dark. A strong urge to kill boiled in his heart as he looked at the scene in the lobby.

These dark apparitions invaded the human world and massacred his kind mercilessly. They wreaked havoc without fear and had caused many tragedies. Yet, here they were, partying without any guilt.

Indeed, they deserved to die!

"Rupert, why are you here alone?" Phyllis walked over from afar.

"Phyllis, why care about this fellow? He's useless. He's not suitable for you." Another tall and handsome vampire dark apparition followed her. His gaze was filled with contempt as he looked at Wang Teng.

"Quirke, I've already said that this is none of your business. Stop following me. You're irritating!" Phyllis replied angrily.

They arrived in front of Wang Teng as they bickered with each other. Wang Teng remained calm, though. He didn't expose any of the killing intent in his heart. He just looked at the two dark apparitions indifferently.

Quirke's face had already turned black from Phyllis's words. Thus, when he saw Wang Teng's expression, he felt that he was belittling him. He shouted in anger, "Shift your eyes away and apologize. If not, I'll break your back immediately!"

"Quirke, what do you want to do?" Phyllis's expression changed slightly. She glared at the male dark apparition.

"Try it!" Wang Teng frowned and stared coldly at the other party.

He had a mission, so he didn't want to create trouble. However, that didn't mean that he was afraid of trouble.

"Very good. I wonder who gave you the courage to talk back to me. I'll give you two choices now. Kneel and beg, or accept my challenge." Quirke squinted. Malicious intent poured out from his eyes as he spoke in a cold-blooded manner.

This fellow never dared to refute him in the past. What happened to him today? Why did he go crazy and turn manly all of a sudden?

If he didn't teach him a lesson, everyone might forget who the notorious Quirke was.

Phyllis's expression changed again. She quickly stood in front of Wang Teng and said, "Don't forget what the three sirs said. If you dare create trouble, they will not forgive you."

Quirke's pupils constricted, and he seemed to have remembered something frightening. He snorted at Wang Teng and said, "You're lucky. Once the three sirs leave, I'll let you have a taste of my power."

He glared at Wang Teng and turned to leave.

Wang Teng remained expressionless as he watched Quirke's back.

Phyllis noticed his silence. She thought he was worried that Quirke would trouble him in the future, so she comforted him in a soft tone, "Don't worry. If we fight him together, we might not lose. He won't dare to go overboard."

Wang Teng gave her a strange look. What did Phyllis like about Rupert?

That fellow couldn't be compared with that Quirke guy, but Phyllis was still thinking about him.

Strange thoughts went through his mind, but on the surface, he kept a serious expression and said, "I'm fine."

Phyllis looked at Wang Teng's face. Suddenly, she realized that there was no fear in it. His gaze was extremely calm too. He seemed to have turned into a different entity altogether. She started feeling doubtful.

When did this fellow change so much?

However, he was better than before.

Wang Teng didn't have the time to care about this lovesick female dark apparition.. He looked at Quirke in the lobby. Actually, he really wanted to slap him to death just now...

Chapter 418: The Academy Owed Him An Oscar!

“Sigh!”

Wang Teng sighed loudly after he walked out of the lobby. He couldn't stand the bunch of demons inside anymore. They were like maniacs.

And he was the only normal person in this mental hospital.

That was why he had to leave them. If he stayed too close with that bunch of madmen, any sane person would go crazy.

Looking up at the moon peeking out from behind the clouds, he got emotional.

He had disguised himself as a dark apparition and infiltrated into their camp. He was probably the only person who dared to think of this plan and do it.

Moreover, he might be the only person who had the ability to do it. After all, there was only one bug in the world—him!

He felt that everything seemed like a fantasy.

If his identity was exposed, he imagined that the hundreds of dark apparitions would turn and stare at him simultaneously. That scene would be a little... awkward!

The next moment, he shook his head hurriedly. No, he mustn't be exposed!

“Why did you come out?”

Phyllis's voice appeared behind him. Wang Teng couldn't help but frown. This female dark apparition was so irritating.

She followed him everywhere like a plaster, yet Wang Teng couldn't slap her to death.

He could only keep a stern face and reply calmly, “They're too irritating. I want to have some peace.”

“You've changed so much. In the past, you loved to mingle with them, but you're voluntarily keeping your distance now. I'm really curious about your dream that caused such a change,” Phyllis said.

Wang Teng was startled. He hoped that she didn't notice anything wrong. No matter how much a person changed, there was a limit and a reason.

Fortunately, he used a dream as his excuse, and the other party believed him. She thought in that direction, so she didn't sense anything amiss.

However, in front of Phyllis's question, Wang Teng felt that he needed to work out the plot of his dream properly.

Indeed, one had to use multiple lies to cover up one lie.

Headache!

Wang Teng sighed. He racked his brain and came up with a storyline quickly.

He replied in a composed manner, "Phyllis, have you ever experienced the fear of being controlled by death? Do you understand the pain of getting betrayed by your closest friend? Do you know the despair when your friend leaves you to die?"

"I..." Phyllis stared at Wang Teng absentmindedly. She seemed alarmed by his series of questions.

Wang Teng was pleased when he saw her expression. However, he pretended to shake his head as if he was mocking himself. "I knew that you wouldn't understand."

"Rupert, don't act like this. It's just a dream." Phyllis looked at Wang Teng worriedly. He seemed a little possessed.

"It was just a dream, but it seemed so real. Also, that dream was more terrifying than you could imagine," Wang Teng replied.

"Even so, I won't betray you. I understand that you don't trust others, but have you stopped trusting me too?" Phyllis said with heartache.

Wang Teng looked at her indifferently without saying anything.

Phyllis trembled. His calm gaze was without any shred of emotion. She took a few steps back unconsciously.

She couldn't understand why the Rupert who loved her dearly in the past had become so cold and detached suddenly.

Phyllis didn't continue the conversation. She left dejectedly.

Damn it, she finally left!

Wang Teng heaved a sigh of relief. He nodded to himself when he recalled Phyllis's reaction and the tears hovering at the ends of her eyes before she left. His acting was splendid!

Wang Teng rubbed the stiff muscles on his face. It was hard to deal with a female dark apparition. He was now praying that the mysterious person would appear soon.

Once he got the information he wanted, he would leave instantly.

Wang Teng instinctively used his Spiritual Sight to scan the locations where the three 7-star soldier-level dark apparitions were at.

"Huh?"

His pupils constricted.

In his vision, the three brightest balls of dark Force were heading in the same direction. But that wasn't the main point.

The main point was, another bright ball of Force had appeared at the spot where they were about to meet.

That ball of light wasn't black. It was green!

Wood Force!

There was another human martial warrior in this garrison?

From the brightness of the glow, that person was at least at the 9-star soldier level!

Very suspicious!

Wang Teng frowned. He dashed towards that direction without any hesitation.

During his discussion with the majors, they had guessed that the person the three dark apparitions were meeting might be a human. After all, the presence of traitors was revealed a long time ago.

There were always people who couldn't resist the temptations given by the devils and fell into their embrace voluntarily.

However, when he saw it personally, he still couldn't understand.

What was going through the minds of these traitors? Why did they have to be weasels when they could be humans?

Wang Teng moved quickly. He evaded the dark apparitions around him and arrived only a second after the three dark apparitions. He stopped outside a room.

"You've arrived!"

"Haha, we have been waiting for you for many days." The dark apparition with a deer head and human body let out a peal of evil laughter.

"It can't be helped. I couldn't get away. I rushed here when I was still on my mission."

Their conversation floated out of the room faintly. They didn't expect someone to eavesdrop on them, so they didn't use voice transmission.

Actually, most martial warriors wouldn't use voice transmission to talk to one another if they had the choice. It was too troublesome.

The mysterious person's voice was hoarse. It might be a fake voice. It looked like this person was cautious, even though he didn't use voice transmission.

Wang Teng inched forward carefully. He merged into the darkness, hiding his aura and Force waves. There were concealing runes on his body, too, formed using his spiritual power. With his current level of spiritual power, even the 9-star soldier-level martial warrior wouldn't be able to discover him.

He peeked into the room through a crack in the window.

Unfortunately, I can't see through objects with my Spiritual Sight. If not, I won't have to go through all these troubles!

Wang Teng complained in his heart.

The mysterious man had covered himself entirely with a black cloak. Wang Teng couldn't see his figure. The man was facing sideways, so he couldn't see the face under the cape of the black cloak either.

Turn around! Turn around! Come on, turn around!

Wang Teng screamed in his heart. Unfortunately, the person didn't listen to him. He couldn't see the face no matter how hard he tried.

Wang Teng was exasperated. He had no choice but to focus his attention on their conversation.

"Time is tight. Let's get down to business."

"Nine days later, my race is going to launch a surprise attack on the Star Maple Troop. Prepare to welcome us."

"Attacking the Star Maple Troop!" The mysterious person was obviously shocked. "Why the sudden move?"

"Haha, that's not something you have to know." The dark apparition sneered.

"Alright. When I decided to join your side, I knew that this day would come sooner or later. I just didn't expect it to be so fast.." The person regained his composure and shrugged.

Chapter 419: The Touch Of Darkness

"It's good that you are mentally prepared." The dark apparition laughed menacingly. "Don't worry. The higher-ups won't forget your contribution. Once this mission ends successfully, you will follow us back. The sirs will help you break through your soldier level."

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As the discussion between the three dark apparitions and the mysterious person landed in Wang Teng's ear, his expression gradually turned grave.

These dark apparitions wanted to attack the Star Maple Troop!

The Star Maple Troop was a troop from the Xingwu Continent. They weren't stationed in this area. Instead, they were guarding another dimensional rift. Were the dark apparitions planning to combine their forces from these two dimensional rifts and capture the Star Maple Troop forcefully?

All kinds of possibilities flashed through Wang Teng's mind, leaving him shocked.

This piece of intel was crucial!

Many people would die once the war started.

The game was already over for the Star Maple Troop if they suffered a combined attack from the dark apparitions stationed behind two dimensional rifts unprepared. Even more, an insider was helping the dark apparitions.

The tragedy of Yang City was still fresh in his memory.

Wang Teng's gaze turned sharp. He controlled his breathing so that he wouldn't expose himself.

The conversation in the room continued. They discussed some details of the plan, and Wang Teng remembered everything carefully.

Then, the mysterious person entered a secret passageway and disappeared from the room.

He came from a secret passageway! Wang Teng was enlightened. No wonder he didn't detect the arrival of this person.

He was focused on the movements above the ground and neglected to inspect below the ground.

Wang Teng activated his Spiritual Sight and saw the direction where the mysterious person was heading in. He calmed down and prepared to leave. He would track the person a bit later.

The dark apparitions remained silent for some time. Then, the vampire said, "Is this person reliable?"

"Don't worry. I have planted the Touch of Darkness in him. He has no other choice but to work with us." The dark apparition with a deer head and human body scoffed.

"The ambush of the Star Maple Troop must be a success!" The giant apparition opened his mouth.

"Hahaha, those humans keep opposing us. In that case, we'll annihilate one of their troops first." The dark apparition with a deer head and human body gave a sinister smile.

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The killing intent in Wang Teng's heart almost overflowed. He left quietly and found his way out of no. 56 garrison. He planned to chase the mysterious man.

However, he remembered that the other party had only left seconds ago. He couldn't attack him near the garrison since it might alert the dark apparitions.

Thus, he went back to the hill and met up with his companions.

The three officers were stunned when they saw Wang Teng. Then, they felt relieved. It was great that he was fine.

They gathered around him and asked, "What's the situation?"

Wang Teng didn't waste any time. He immediately told them what he knew.

"What? They want to attack the Star Maple Troop!?"

The three officers were astounded and filled with disbelief. They didn't expect Wang Teng to bring back such a major piece of news. It was unexpected.

"We must immediately go back and report this to the higher authorities," Yuwen Xuan said grimly.

"That's right. There's not a moment to waste. Let's go back immediately." Niu Li nodded and turned around.

“Wait!” Wang Teng suddenly shouted.

Three gazes landed on him instantly.

Wang Teng’s performance during this mission was remarkable. They might not have realized it, but they were starting to take his opinions seriously.

Thus, when he opened his mouth, Niu Li asked, “What’s up?”

“I want to intercept and kill that mysterious man!” Wang Teng shocked them with his words.

“Are you crazy? Based on what you said, that mysterious man is a 9-star soldier-level martial warrior. We don’t have any chances of winning even if we attack him together. What ability do you have to kill him?” Kong Li frowned.

If it was possible, they wouldn’t let the mysterious person leave either. This man was the crux of the dark apparitions’ plan to attack the human troop. They could only gain the upper hand if they took him down.

However, his ability surpassed all four of them immensely. This was why Niu Li didn’t ask them to intercept him and suggested going back to report to the higher authorities.

“The mission is of paramount importance. Don’t get blinded by military exploits.” Niu Li thought that Wang Teng wanted to gain military exploits, so he frowned as he rejected him.

“Can you listen to what I have to say first?” Wang Teng replied helplessly.

“You...” Kong Li expected better from him. Why was he still being stubborn when they had expressed their opinions? He was too insensible.

Niu Li waved his hand and said to Wang Teng, “Go ahead.”

“I have confidence that I can take him down,” Wang Teng said calmly.

“Pfft!” Yuwen Xuan snorted. He continued in an icy tone, “You’re only a 7-star soldier-level martial warrior. Where did you get the confidence to make this statement? I admit that you did well up to this point, but you’re seeking death if you go and intercept that person.”

“Wang Teng, this isn’t the time to fool around. This information is very important. We need to bring it back quickly.” Niu Li didn’t believe Wang Teng either, but he still explained to him patiently. He was a genius, and he deserved his respect.

“You guys never believe what I say.” Wang Teng sighed.

“Stop being stubborn and listen to the leader,” Kong Li said agitatedly.

Wang Teng shook his head. He wasn’t willing to let that mysterious person leave so easily. He contemplated for a while and suggested, “Why don’t you bring the information back and let me deal with the person alone? This shouldn’t be a problem, right?”

“What bullshit are you spouting now? It’s too dangerous for you to go alone. I object.” Kong Li was furious.

“I object too. I’m the leader. I’m ordering you to go back with me immediately,” Niu Li put on a stern expression and replied to Wang Teng straightforwardly. This was the first time he had ordered Wang Teng as his leader.

After he finished speaking, he turned and left with the two majors.

Wang Teng followed them helplessly. Their method wasn’t wrong, but he understood his own ability the best. If he combined his spiritual power with his martial arts cultivation, he was confident that he could take down the 9-star soldier-level martial warrior.

However, he couldn’t explain this to them. This was what caused the situation now.

Were they going to let the mysterious man leave without doing anything?

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The four of them went back the same way they came. Their speed was faster compared to when they came.

This mission was surprisingly smooth. Of course, all the credit went to Wang Teng, but he was such a bother.

He insisted on killing that 9-star soldier-level martial warrior! The youth knew no fear!

Niu Li felt his head hurting when he thought of this.

He must be sulking now. He’s not making any sound.

He turned his head and glanced behind him.

“???”

There was no one!

The veins on Niu Li’s forehead bulged out as he roared in anger, “Where is he?”

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan turned their heads in astonishment. Even they hadn’t noticed when Wang Teng disappeared.

“Did he leave to kill that mysterious person?!” Kong Li’s expression was ugly.

“What other reasons can there be?” Yuwen Xuan shook his head. He felt that Wang Teng was digging his own grave.

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Niu Li was infuriated by Wang Teng’s sudden departure. At the same time, he was frustrated. Just like what Nie Jianqiang said, this brat wasn’t easy to deal with.

“He shouldn’t have gone far. Let’s split up and search for him. We must bring him back,” Kong Li suggested.

As his senior, she didn’t want to see a rare genius from her alma mater dying in this place.

Niu Li pondered for a while before he nodded. “The time limit is half an hour. If we can’t find him by then, we’ll stop searching and gather here. You should understand the importance of the information.”

“Understood!”

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan nodded simultaneously. Then, they started searching for Wang Teng immediately.

At first, Wang Teng wanted to tell them the position of the secret passageway. However, they didn’t agree to his interception proposal, so he didn’t have the chance to share this information with them.

Thus, the three officers could only fumble their way around. If they were lucky, they might catch up with him.

Half an hour later, they returned to the original spot.

Kong Li’s face was black. She said indignantly, “Is that brat rushing to die? Why did he run away so quickly!”

“Alright, a general is exempted from the king’s dictations in a battlefield. He’s a tough nut to crack. I did expect him to create trouble, but I didn’t think that it would happen this early.” Niu Li shook his head and sighed.

“This is his decision. Whether he lives or not is up to his fate,” Yuwen Xuan said coldly.

“Idiot!” Kong Li glared at him.

“Alright, alright, stop arguing. That brat is a smart kid, so he might return unscathed.” Niu Li said, “There’s nothing we can do if we stay here. Let’s hurry back.”

Kong Li was a soldier, so she knew that Niu Li’s decision was the best. She gritted her teeth and said, “Okay, it’s up to himself whether he comes back alive or not.”

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Wang Teng didn’t know what had happened on their end. He predicted that the officers would choose to head back for the mission even if they discovered his disappearance.

Hence, he wouldn’t affect the delivery of intel even though he had defied a military order.

He never expected them to stop and search for him. Still, he didn’t have the time to waste. He was chasing after the mysterious man in the passageway.

He had wasted some time in convincing them earlier, so the mysterious person was already a distance away. He had exceeded the scope of his Spiritual Sight.

Fortunately, Wang Teng remembered the direction of the passageway and chased after him on the path. Finally, he saw the ball of Force light that belonged to that person.

Phew!

If he had to return without accomplishing anything, it would have been embarrassing!

Wang Teng silently heaved a sigh of relief. Then, his gaze turned sharp, and his speed increased exponentially within a split second. He decided to dash ahead of the person and ambush him.

After all, this mysterious person was a 9-star soldier-level martial warrior. He shouldn't underestimate him and should remain vigilant. If he could catch him off guard, that would be the best. If he couldn't, he would have to waste much effort and time.

A mountain range appeared in the distance. Looking in the direction where the mysterious man was going, he should be heading for the mountains.

Without a doubt, the exit of this secret passage was in the mountains.

The length of the secret passageway was longer than expected. It must have been hard for the dark apparitions to dig such a lengthy passage.

Wang Teng couldn't find the exact location of the exit, so he had to keep a close watch on the mysterious person.

A few minutes later, he appeared in the middle of a mountain valley.

Wang Teng activated his Spiritual Sight and scanned the valley. He finally noticed something different.

The exit of this passage was in a mountain cave. It was concealed with a high-quality rune array, so ordinary people couldn't detect it.

However, Wang Teng was an advanced-stage runemaster with impressive spiritual power. This was a piece of cake for him.

He hid his figure and stepped into the cave. The next moment, he frowned involuntarily.

There were two balls of dark Forces in the cave. They were at the 3-star soldier level.

Wang Teng sighed. He had made a mistake. He didn't expect there to be two dark apparitions guarding the cave.

He gave up the idea of ambushing the mysterious person. If he wanted to capture the mysterious person, he had to kill these two dark apparitions first.

However, the mysterious person was very close. There was no time.

If he took the risk and killed the two dark apparitions, he was afraid that he would be discovered. Once he alerted the person, the possibility of taking them down would drop. It wasn't worth it.

Also, Wang Teng wanted to capture the mysterious person alive. He planned to dig more useful information from their mouth.

If Niu Li and the two majors knew his plan, they would have reprimanded him for overestimating himself and building castles in the air.

It's hard to capture him alive!

Wang Teng touched his chin. He was 80% confident of killing the mysterious person. As for capturing them alive, he felt the chances were only 50%.

He looked at his attributes panel and scanned all his skills. His gaze paused on something.

Wait, I have a brilliant idea. The corners of his mouth lifted and formed an eerie smile.

He secretly left the cave and hid outside, waiting for the mysterious person to come out.

A few seconds later, a figure covered in a black cloak came out of the cave. The person was wearing a mask, so no one could see their face.

Pfft, how vigilant! Wang Teng pouted.

The figure scanned the surroundings and walked out of the valley. He chose a direction and stepped into the forest.

Wang Teng followed secretly.

Half an hour later, the figure was already a distance away from the exit. Once confirming that no one was on their trail, they took off their black cloak and mask. His face was finally revealed.

This was a handsome man around 30 years old. He gave off a dignified vibe and had a crew cut, looking smart and capable.

There was a conspicuous scar on his forehead.

Below the black cloak, he was wearing the red-black military uniform of the Xingwu Continent's army. Wang Teng had seen the uniform in Yang City, so he was familiar with it.

When he saw the military uniform, a sneer appeared at the edge of his lips. It was followed by waves of killing intent.

This person deserves to die!

The mysterious man increased his speed after he took off his disguise. He headed in a certain direction into the mountains.

He's not planning to leave? Wang Teng frowned. He had no choice but to follow the man and wait for an opportunity.

The two of them didn't fly in the air. The mountains were home to many powerful star beasts, and flying would make them an obvious target. They would get attacked easily.

Along the way, Wang Teng suddenly realized that the mysterious man wasn't just randomly moving about. He had a motive.

Roar!

Suddenly, an enormous star beast covered with scales pounced on the mysterious man. It opened its bloody mouth in an attempt to swallow him whole.

“Go away!”

The mysterious man scoffed. He punched his fist out and killed this 7-star star beast instantly.

He didn't look at the corpse and kept it directly into his space ring. Then, he continued moving forward.

Wang Teng's gaze landed on the spot where the 7-star star beast was killed. The corpse was taken away, but the attribute bubbles remained.

Earth Force*180

Wood Force*60

Blank Attribute*300

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This was a 7-star star beast, so it had dropped a sizable amount of attributes.

Wang Teng chuckled. He picked up the attribute bubbles and caught up with the mysterious man.

He didn't expect to have an unexpected gain from following this man. Were the gods rewarding him because they felt that he was having a hard time?

Wang Teng felt narcissistic.

During the journey, powerful star beasts would appear occasionally. The mysterious man purposely evaded the star beasts, but he still met some of them. When he did, he had to kill them.

Wang Teng stayed behind him and happily picked up the attributes.

The mysterious man was heading deeper into the mountains, so the star beasts he met were all formidable.

He tried his best to evade 8-star and above star beasts, but the mountain was only that big. He couldn't find alternate paths all the time. Thus, he had to choose the path with the weaker star beasts, mostly around 5-star to 7-star in level.

Even so, Wang Teng had a huge harvest. All his Force attributes saw an increase.

His blank attribute reached a new height too.

Blank Attribute: 4350

Wang Teng hid in the dark and happily watched the man battle a giant python star beast.

Fight, continue fighting! Drop more attributes!

Wang Teng felt fortunate that he had chased after the person. He wouldn't have been able to pick up all these attributes if he hadn't. Even more, he didn't have to move a finger.

Looking at the man, he nodded in approval.

What a free and good manual laborer!

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Boom, boom, boom!

The giant python hissed in agony. Its gigantic body squirmed and struggled on the ground for a while before it stopped breathing.

The mysterious person was also panting for air. It had been an arduous journey for him.

He was a 9-star soldier-level martial warrior, so these star beasts couldn't hurt him. However, it was still exhausting.

Nonetheless, he had to do this to get close to that place.

He kept the corpse of the giant python and dashed further into the mountain range. Time was tight. He mustn't dawdle anymore.

Fire Force*120

Wood Force*120

Blank Attribute*280

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Wang Teng picked up the attribute bubbles and followed the person hurriedly.

At night, the mysterious person barbecued the leg of a wild boar star beast over the campfire he created. A pleasant scent wafted through the air, tempting one to take a bite.

However, the man had used his Force to lock the aroma in this area so that it wouldn't attract other star beasts.

Wang Teng observed the other party silently not far away from him.

At first, he wanted to prepare some poison and feed it to the mysterious person secretly. Now, he was curious what this person's motive was. Why did he spend so much effort to head deep into the mountains?

If there were more attributes for him to pick up, that would be great.

The peace of the mountains at night was occasionally broken by the roars of wild beasts.

The man was extremely vigilant. Whenever a star beast came close, he would dodge it. He had wasted too much energy in the day, so he didn't want to fight at night.

Wang Teng felt bitter in his heart. He was forced to wake up many times at night. Why can't you let me sleep properly? You're so troublesome!

The next day, he continued following the mysterious man with a pair of panda eyes.

The mysterious man killed many star beasts along the way and finally reached a lake deep in the mountains half a day later.

Wang Teng's pupils constricted when he saw the location from afar.