

Oh My God 1451

Chapter 1451 Unlucky Fool

Meng Chao's cells, which were filled with spirit power, immediately surrounded the medicine that had invaded his body like an armor covering a warrior.

However, his body was as hard as steel and flesh. Even if the medicine's pressure was increased by a hundred times, it would still be impossible for it to penetrate.

However, Meng Chao still extracted 1% of the medicine and sent it into his own blood to observe its effects.

This should not be a simple nerve poison.

It was a medical medicine that was truly used to relieve pain, heal injuries, and stimulate the activity of the brain.

However, its healing effects came from stimulating the mitochondria, overdrawing vitality, and increasing the speed of metabolism to an extreme degree. It was an out-and-out uncompromising medicine.

Meng Chao did not doubt that even if a normal Heaven Realm warrior could gain a moment of stability and sobriety after injecting this medicine, injuries that they had forcefully suppressed would definitely become even worse after the medicine's effects wore off and make a comeback.

At that time, there would truly be no cure.

As expected, the other party did not really care about his injuries.

They just wanted him to recover to a state where he could barely answer the questions. As he thought about it, Meng Chao pretended that the effects of the medicine were acting up. His eyes trembled slightly, and his breathing became heavy. Seeing this, the female doctor placed her hands on Meng Chao's temples and gently rubbed them. At the same time, she softly said, "Don't worry, you're already saved." Her voice was like a feather, caressing Meng Chao's eardrum. It was filled with a mesmerizing charm.

Meng Chao felt that his cerebral cortex was covered in goosebumps. It seemed that aside from being a doctor who was proficient in using gene poisons, she was also a spirit expert who was good at controlling the mind.

Unfortunately, when this "spirit expert" met a weirdo like Meng Chao, who had once been in the raging flames of destruction, chatting and laughing with the Doomsday Wolf, her tricks... suddenly became even more childish than playing house with a three-year-old child.

Meng Chao controlled every cell in his brain precisely.

He almost perfectly simulated the brain waves that should be released when a heavily injured Heaven Realm warrior was mentally hijacked.

Then, he slowly opened his eyes.

However, his eyes were filled with bewilderment.

There was a hint of confusion and fear.

The muscles in his limbs subconsciously tensed up. It was as if he was still immersed in that treacherous valley that was pouring with torrential rain.

The female doctor keenly sensed his “fear” and put slightly more strength into her hand that was touching his temples.

“Don’t be afraid. It’s very safe here. We’ll treat you. It’s okay, it’s okay.”

The female doctor possessed Meng Chao’s ear and spoke in the most trustworthy voice. “However, in order to save you, we have to figure out what happened to you first. That valley belongs to Universe Corporation. Why did you come here?”

Meng Chao was still at a loss. He was not in a hurry to answer the female doctor’s question.

It was not until the other party’s fingertip released a weak biological electric current that continued to penetrate and stimulate the nerves in his brain that his eyeballs spun faster and faster.

It was as if he was in a nightmare, carefully searching for information in his memory. After searching for a long time, he finally spoke in a weak and muffled voice like a drowning person. “Rain, heavy rain, I was on patrol. The ridge, danger, landslide...” he said intermittently.

“Understood.”

The female doctor pondered for a moment and said, “Since the rainstorm was too fierce, you were worried about a landslide. The mudslide might have rushed into Sky Pillar Corporation’s mining area, so you were sent to patrol the ridge, right?”

“Yes...”

“The ridge was very dangerous. There were falling rocks and landslides everywhere. There was a possibility of triggering a mudslide. There was a big rock, a very big rock. The bottom was hollowed out. It was loosening and leading to an avalanche. I wanted to stop it, stop it, I wanted to stop it...”

“You found a huge rock that had been hollowed out by the rain. Once it rolled down, it would likely set off an avalanche-like chain reaction, triggering a larger landslide. So, you wanted to stop it?”

The female doctor’s eyes sparkled with a devilish light. She smiled and encouraged him. “Well done. You’re a hero. What happened after that?”

“After that, I don’t know. It hurt. My head hurt!”

Meng Chao looked pained. “I heard the sound of the sky collapsing and the earth cracking. There was a mudslide, and I seemingly rolled down with the giant rock and fainted at the bottom of the valley.

“I only felt mud everywhere. It was all dark and sour. I couldn’t breathe. I couldn’t move my hands and feet. I was going to die. I was going to drown!”

Meng Chao’s hands and feet struggled violently.

He perfectly simulated the posture of a drowning person who had fallen into a swamp.

The female doctor hurriedly comforted him.

She injected him with a sedative that had the effect of relaxing his muscles.

“What happened to the wound on your waist?”

The female doctor continued to ask, “It didn’t seem like it was caused by the mudslide and your body hitting the rocks, right?”

The confusion and fear on Meng Chao’s face became even more intense.

It was as if even he himself could not figure out whether what just happened was a dream or reality.

“Intruders.”

Suddenly, Meng Chao’s pupils constricted as he cried out involuntarily. “I saw intruders. I was stuck in the mud, but they didn’t see me. They just happened to step on my head!” “What? You saw the orc invasion?”

The female doctor looked very shocked. “Think about it carefully. Did you really see those green-faced, long-haired beasts invading our crystal mine?”

Meng Chao had only said “intruders.”

Yet, the female doctor took the initiative to help him equate “intruders” with “orcs.” She also helped him picture the beasts in his mind.

“Yes, they were green-faced, sharp-toothed, hairy fellows. I noticed that they had sharp claws and some of the intruders’ heads were like angry bulls. Some of them had scales of reptiles that gave off a sticky luster.” As Meng Chao spoke, he became confused again. “No, no, I tried to follow the intruders, but I encountered another landslide. I was afraid of being exposed, so I took the initiative to pounce on one of the intruders. “But when I was fighting with the intruder, I saw his eyes. He seemed to have... a pair of human eyes.

“Also, my wounds... Hiss... My wounds, they hurt so much. It looks like I got injured. It looks like someone shot me from a very long distance!”

The female doctor was silent for a long time.

“Don’t worry, we’ll investigate everything.” The female doctor made a solemn vow. “If the other party really consists of those damn orcs and they want to invade our hard-built homeland again, as well as even harm our compatriots, then we’ll definitely make the remnants of the monster civilization pay an incomparably heavy price! “As for you, you did very well. You perfectly fulfilled the duty of a superhuman. You stopped the orcs’ invasion of the crystal mine. You’ll receive a medal and become a hero.

“Next, your most important task is to rest well, heal yourself, and recall everything carefully. Think carefully about which direction the orcs sneaked in from, and what they looked like exactly. This information is crucial to the safety of the crystal mine and the entire Dragon City.

“But first, you need to sleep, hero. You need to sleep well.”

The female doctor covered Meng Chao’s eyes with her hands.

She injected a relaxation nerve into his brain, which reduced the activity of his brain cells and made him drowsy.

Then, she injected a large dose of tranquilizer into Meng Chao.

Under her control, Meng Chao quickly fell into a deep sleep. He was still twitching in his sleep as if he was once again caught in the scene of a heroic battle with the uninvited guests.

The female doctor held his wrist and monitored him for half a minute to make sure that there was nothing wrong with his physiological parameters. Then, she walked to a corner and turned on the crystal communication device on her wrist.

“I’ve figured it out. He’s just an idiot who doesn’t know anything.

“It was a landslide that landed in the valley. It rained for an entire night, and there were landslides everywhere.

“Yes, it was just bad luck, his bad luck, and our bad luck too.

“There shouldn’t be a problem. I didn’t find anything unusual about this guy. “If there really was a problem, he shouldn’t have attacked at that time. After we sneaked into the crystal mine and did what the orcs would have done, shouldn’t he and the people behind him have descended from the sky and made us more passive?

“So, he’s an unlucky fool.

“However, the fool is not sure what he saw exactly.

“I am ninety percent sure that I can turn him into a very good witness and make him believe that what he saw was the most vicious orcs.

“People are always willing to believe what is best for them.

“If what he saw was an extremely vicious orc race, then he would be a great hero in resisting the orcs. He would be able to receive cheers, flowers, glory, medals, and the benefits of real gold and silver.

“If what he saw was not an orc but a human, then he would be in endless trouble and even lose his own life.

“Which ‘truth’ do you think he is willing to believe?

“What? Isn’t 90% confidence enough?

“Alright, I understand.

“Yes, yes, yes. I’ll take care of it. “With his serious injury, it’s normal for his heart to fail.

“The medicine that I personally concocted will be completely broken down in less than twelve hours. There won’t be any evidence left behind. Even if I send it back to Sky Pillar Corporation for a test, it won’t expose any flaws. “Alright, I’ll take care of everything in half an hour at most.”

The female doctor then cut off communications.

She took out the fourth dose of medicine from her waist.

It was a dose of medicine that did not emit any light in the pitch-black darkness.

It only emitted an aura that was as dangerous as the abyss.

However, the moment the female doctor turned around and tried to gently push this dose of medicine into the “unlucky fool’s” body, she was shocked to find that the “unlucky fool” was gone.

The stretcher was empty except for a large amount of blood in a pool of dirty water.

Then, the breath of a ghost came from the back of her neck.

The female doctor’s pupils suddenly contracted.

However, it only contracted halfway before it froze completely, or perhaps forever!

Chapter 1452 The Only Clue

Before a black tide completely swallowed her consciousness, the female doctor tried to resist desperately.

However, she immediately felt ten thousand electrified steel needles ruthlessly pierce into her entire spine.

Several thousand bolts of lightning flowed through her central nerves and into her limbs and bones, controlling every strand of muscle fibers and every cluster of nerve endings. It made her instantly lose all mobility, including the ability to blink. ‘How is this possible?

‘Is this guy really a ghost? When did he get behind me and cause me to instantly lose all ability to resist?

‘Who is he? Who is he?!’

The female doctor’s hair stood on end.

She made a prompt decision and gave up the thought of resisting.

She poured the last of her strength into her heart.

Then, she tried to control her heart, getting it to beat at a rate of more than two hundred beats per minute.

There was a special chip installed in the inner wall of her chest, which could collect her physiological parameters anytime and anywhere.

It did not even matter if she was in prison, in a desperate situation where she could not even move her eyelids or fingers.

As long as she could still control her breathing, heartbeat, and the movement of her gastrointestinal tract, she could use this special chip to send a distress signal without anyone knowing

A master like her could even control her heartbeat as she wished. She could send a large message in a way similar to tapping Morse code to let her companions know more about the situation she was facing.

However, the female doctor soon found that there seemed to be six iron walls around her heart.

Her heart was still beating normally.

It was as if everything was under her control and she was not being attacked. Instead, she was doing what she was best at.

Her consciousness could not penetrate her heart!

The female doctor's heart literally sank to the bottom.

She wanted to grit her teeth and break the biochemical poison hidden in the root of her teeth.

However, she could no longer control her jaw bone and bite muscles. Tears, snot, and saliva flowed down uncontrollably.

Her soul was clear, but her body had become an airtight iron coffin. No matter how much her twisted soul screamed hysterically in her body, there was not a single sound or movement. Not even the slightest abnormality in her physiological parameters could be leaked out to alarm her companions.

The last thing the female doctor saw was Meng Chao's emotionless face hidden behind a thick layer of blood.

She wanted to glare at Meng Chao and let this mysterious person, who had appeared out of nowhere, know just how terrifying an enemy he had provoked.

However, when Meng Chao's gaze swept over her body, her soul could not help but tremble and curl up to its limit.

She was too familiar with that gaze.

It was a gaze that she possessed when she looked at the guinea pigs on her experiment table.

Only then did the female doctor realize regretfully that she was not capable or worthy to be the other party's "enemy."

From the start, she was just a tool, a chess piece that the other party had played!

Meng Chao gently tapped the female doctor's forehead.

Her eyes were instantly shrouded in a thin layer of mist.

Her heartbeat, breathing, body temperature, and even the frequency of her brain waves were all the same as when she was awake.

Yet, without Meng Chao's permission, it was impossible for her to send any information to the outside world, including her brain waves and abnormal heartbeat.

Then, Meng Chao searched through all the bits and pieces that the female doctor carried with her.

As expected, other than a few generic gene reagents and syringes without labels, there was no other information on the female doctor that could prove her true identity and secret mission.

Nevertheless, there was a very hidden scar below her left chest.

The scar had been repaired with the most advanced cell regeneration medicine, so it was impossible for the naked eye to recognize it. Meng Chao had to also rely on the Reaper's extremely delicate sense of touch before he could barely feel it.

Following the scar, Meng Chao touched the chip implanted in her chest.

After pondering for a moment, he quickly realized what it was.

He could not help but secretly rejoice that he had chosen the right tactic.

Whether it was to directly kill the female doctor, or remove all her joints but keep her awake so that he could interrogate her further, it was not a big problem for Meng Chao.

The problem was that an uninvited guest had spontaneously ignited while under Meng Chao's control.

Meng Chao did not dare to take the risk.

He could only make the female doctor lose consciousness for the time being and maintain her normal physiological parameters.

Although he could not interrogate her for information, he could at least save one crucial clue.

Meng Chao looked at the portable crystal communicator on the female doctor's wrist.

He did not take off the communicator rashly.

Instead, he injected spirit energy into his eyeballs, making them crystal clear in the darkness like night vision goggles. Then, he focused his attention and scanned the crystal communicator three times from the inside out.

As he expected, he found a few devices on the crystal communicator that seemed to be out of place as if they had been embedded later.

Another light thread, which was thinner than hair, extended out of the crystal communicator and pierced the female doctor's wrist. It seemed to connect with her nerves and veins.

The almost transparent light thread was made of a material that did not reflect any light. The slightest carelessness would make it unnoticeable.

If a simple and crude method was used to forcefully tear off the crystal communication device from the female doctor's wrist, this extremely fragile light thread would definitely be torn off.

Obviously, once that happened, not only would it be impossible to unlock this communication device, the female doctor's companions would also be the first to notice the abnormality in her body.

Fortunately, Meng Chao had a clear understanding of the enemy's work practices long ago.

He helped the female doctor lift her wrist and open her eyes. Then, he scanned her iris to unlock the address book.

It was a crystal communicator that was almost brand-new.

The address book and memory were all clean.

There was only one contact that had been called recently.

Under the contact, there was just a bare string of numbers.

There was no information such as “Boss”, “Captain”, or “Leader” that could possibly be used by others.

Moreover, Meng Chao dared to guarantee that if he continued to look into the number, the number he would eventually track down would not be an ignorant child who was barely eighteen, or a hooligan who had been fooling around in the Lair all day long, he would often be so drunk that he did not even remember his own name, or a middle-aged man who was absolutely innocent but had once logged into a website that he should not have logged into, thus allowing his identity to be stolen.

“What should I do?”

“Although I managed to stabilize the female doctor’s physiological parameters so that those on her side won’t be suspicious for the time being, this female doctor has to contact the owner of this number or her other accomplices once she’s ‘dealt’ with the ‘unlucky fool.’

“If I can’t find the owner of this number within half an hour, her side will definitely sense that something is wrong. “At that time, I’ll lose the trail again!”

Meng Chao’s mind raced.

He gently placed the female doctor on the stretcher and took a deep breath.

Then, like a sharp black arrow, he shot out of the container.

His surroundings were still in chaos. Although the storm had gradually subsided and Meng Chao had temporarily blocked the flood peak, no one could say for sure whether the rain would become heavier and the scattered flood would gather again.

The window period was not easy to come by. Other than the medical staff who were busy taking care of the injured, everyone else had been assigned to move building materials, build dams, dig drainage channels, and search for survivors in buildings and mines.

Everyone was exhausted. Their mouths, noses, eyes, and ears were blocked by the rain and mud. Naturally, they would not notice that a Deity Realm powerhouse had passed by them like black smoke.

Meng Chao soon found an empty office. When he left the office, he not only changed into a protective suit with the Universe Corporation logo painted on his chest.

He also learned the list of Universe Corporation’s management who were stationed in that mining area, including the “safety post responsibility list.” He also memorized the “mining area construction map” hanging on the wall and learned the distribution of key areas and buildings in the crystal mine.

Meng Chao's eyes pierced through the curtain of rain and scanned the entire mining area. He also increased the sensitivity of his cochlea to the maximum, not letting the slightest hint of movement slip by him.

Half a second later, he rushed toward the noisiest place in the southeast, which was not the medical station.

It was a temporary place where construction materials were stored.

Dozens of shirtless, strong men, who had the height of tigers and the waist of bears, were carrying a heavy object that was seven or eight times heavier on their shoulders and staggering forward.

A middle-aged man, who was also shirtless and tough but covered in scars and had his right arm amputated, was standing at a high place and commanding the rest loudly.

Meng Chao rushed forward.

"Where are President Shen and the others?"

Before he could greet them, he spoke directly to the middle-aged man, his face appearing twisted. "Something big has happened!" The middle-aged man was confused.

He looked at Meng Chao's face, which was covered in sweat, blood, and mud.

Then, he looked at the Universe Corporation's mark on Meng Chao's chest.

Then, he sensed the extremely urgent spirit waves from Meng Chao's body.

He asked subconsciously, "President Shen and the others are on the dam. What happened?"

Meng Chao's eyes followed the direction in which the lean men were marching and carrying construction materials on their shoulders.

He could vaguely see that in the northwest direction of the crystal mine, a few super mining carts and plenty of construction materials had been used to construct a rather spectacular temporary dam at the entrance of the valley.

Once the flood rushed into the valley, this temporary dam would become a vital lifeline. According to Dragon City's rules, the crystal mine's management would of course have to stay there and live and die with the dam.

Chapter 1453 Catching a Big Fish

Meng Chao did not answer the middle-aged man's question.

He turned and ran. The enemy could discover the doctor's abnormality at any time, so they had to seize every minute.

Meng Chao returned to the container at lightning speed.

He had gently twined two strands of hair at the entrance of the container earlier. Neither of them showed any signs of moving or breaking.

The mud on the ground was still the same as when he left.

Through the dim light, the female doctor could be seen lying on the stretcher like a dead snake. She could not even move an eyelash. Meng Chao held his breath and listened for three seconds. After making sure that there was no breathing or heartbeat from a third person in the container, he crawled in. In order to lock onto the owner of the mysterious number, he had to dial the number again from a close enough distance.

The problem was that once he removed the crystal communicator from the female doctor's wrist and lost the female doctor's physiological parameters, the crystal communicator would not be able to be activated and might even automatically alert the enemy.

In order to be absolutely safe, the enemy had to be racking their brains.

Meng Chao did not have time to think of a more ingenious way to crack it.

He could only use the simplest and most violent method.

Meng Chao directly carried the unconscious female doctor on his shoulders along with the crystal communicator.

The female doctor weighed at most a hundred pounds.

For a monster-level player like him who could carry an Apocalyptic Beast and do squats, after rounding it up, her weight was about zero.

The temporary dam was located at the mouth of the valley closest to the branch of the Raging Tiger River.

Meng Chao climbed along the left side of the valley and soon reached halfway up the mountain.

From there, one could clearly see the bustling crowd on the brightly lit temporary dam.

Large groups of strong workers were waving special engineering mechanical arms, which were like metal crab pincers. They were stacking up the various types of building materials that were constantly being transported up to the temporary dam. There were also quite a number of people working together, carrying thick, quick-drying material nozzles and spraying a large amount of concrete-like material onto the surface of the temporary dam.

A layer of steel plating was then placed on the surface of the quick-drying material.

It formed an iron wall that was strong enough to withstand floods and fierce beasts.

Everyone surrounded the bustling work site. They were unfolding blueprints, waving their communication devices, having loud discussions, and giving commands. Naturally, they were the crystal mine's high-level management personnel.

Meng Chao narrowed his eyes. His gaze was as sharp as the scope of a sniper rifle.

From hundreds of meters away, he scanned the faces of seven or eight high-level managers clearly. Then, Meng Chao used the female doctor's iris information to unlock her crystal communicator again and dialed the number without a name.

A monotonous dial tone came from the crystal communicator.

Meng Chao waited patiently

After a full seven to eight seconds, someone finally picked up the fatal call.

The problem was that at least four to five of the seven to eight high-level managers on the temporary dam were talking loudly into the crystal communicator. They were listening to and reporting the latest situation, as well as contacting manpower and collecting materials to deploy the next defense and rescue strategy.

Besides, most of them were wearing wireless earphones, and they could pick up and hang up the communicator without raising their arms. It was impossible for Meng Chao to determine who among the senior managers had answered the call just from their movements.

Meng Chao had no choice but to put everything on the line.

“Something’s wrong.”

He pressed the two fingers of his left hand gently on his throat muscles, emitting high-frequency vibrations that could not be recognized by the naked eye. Using the vibration of his throat muscles, he perfectly simulated the female doctor’s slightly hoarse but somewhat exasperated voice, “Someone saved that guy!”

The communication channel went silent.

However, Meng Chao could keenly hear that the breathing on the other side had suddenly become hurried.

At the same time, he noticed that the several senior managers, who were talking loudly into their earphones and standing in the middle, were looking at the person with the highest status among them. He was dressed in rather plain clothes and was no different from a mining engineer, but he had a drastic change in expression. It looked like he was almost shouting on the spot.

Using his extraordinary Deity realm vision, Meng Chao could even see sweat beads the size of soybeans instantly seeping out of the guy’s forehead. They reflected the dazzling lights of dozens of searchlights inside and outside the temporary dam.

The few managers around that guy had noticed his anger and panic. They all stopped the call and looked at him curiously.

The senior manager calmed down, took a deep breath, and waved his hand to indicate that everything was “okay.” He did not respond to the female doctor’s request for help.

Instead, he cut off communications cleanly.

Then, he lowered his head and gave the managers around him a few instructions.

Then, he left the temporary dam in a hurry. Meng Chao noticed that the guy was walking in a panic. As he went down the stairs, he took two steps at a time... Well, every step he took allowed him to cross four or five steps. He did not care about the surprised gazes of the people around him.

With the guy's status as someone who was admired by many high-level managers, the way he was walking made him look like he was running away.

Meng Chao did not wait for the guy to call him back.

He dialed his number again and found that his phone had already been switched off.

Meng Chao realized that he had revealed a flaw.

The other party had already smelled danger and knew that the person dialing was not the real female doctor. Perhaps, when the enemies communicated with each other, they had a special set of secret signals.

Even if they encountered an emergency situation, they still had a way to first confirm each other's identities.

Nevertheless, Meng Chao was not annoyed.

At least, he had caught a big fish!

Meng Chao left the female doctor on the spot.

He was not stupid enough to do anything to her, such as smearing the tracking powder from Picturesque Orchid Lake that only he could smell.

Since the other party already knew that the female doctor had fallen into his hands, they would not bring her back to their lair so easily.

They might even carry out the most thorough extraction and analysis of the traces left on her body.

If the other party discovered that Meng Chao was carrying the secret medicine of Picturesque Orchid Lake's witch doctor, it would not be worth it.

Meng Chao also did not try to shorten the distance between himself and the senior manager to avoid being noticed.

He just ran wildly on the mountainside. When the searchlights and everyone's line of sight were focused elsewhere, he jumped from one highland to another like lightning. It was to ensure that his line of sight could be firmly attached to that "big fish" at all times.

Soon, he found that the guy was rolling and crawling to the parking lot under the temporary dam. Then, he jumped into an off-road tracked vehicle covered in armor.

The engine roared, and its tracks spun. The guy even forgot to turn on the headlights before he rushed out of the crystal mine.

There were rolling hills outside the crystal

mine.

The only road was muddy and fragmented because of the heavy rain.

Even though the off-road vehicle with tracks pushed its crystal engine to the limit, it was like a boat that was bumping up and down in the stormy waves.

It was still not that fast.

That gave Meng Chao a chance to take advantage of it.

Being able to go in front of the other party in advance, Meng Chao completely submerged himself in the mud. Not even his mouth, nose, eyes, and ears were exposed as he quietly waited for the other party to crush him.

Meng Chao originally thought that the other party only had one way to go.

Unexpectedly, when the caterpillar SUV was two to three hundred meters away from him, the other party suddenly braked. Then, from under the chassis, six mechanical legs that looked like giant spiders extended out.

The mechanical legs waved around with all their might.

They actually carried the SUV and climbed up the ridge on the right side of the road.

They were about to cross this hill, and Meng Chao secretly cursed.

What a cunning fox.

If he had not broken through to the Deity Realm and could not extend his vitality magnetic field hundreds of meters away to sense the movements of every grass and tree, he would have possibly been fooled by the guy, allowing him to escape!

Meng Chao replanned his tracking route.

The second time, he blocked the other party from the front.

This time, the SUV with tracks, which had climbed over the hills, did not play any tricks anymore.

It directly ran over Meng Chao's body, which was lying in the mud.

When the two spinning tracks opened their bloody mouths and were about to shred Meng Chao's four limbs ruthlessly, Meng Chao pulled his limbs back.

Meng Chao curled his body into a ball, and like a weightless shadow, he lightly attached himself to the SUV's chassis.

Then, Meng Chao pressed his ears to the violently shaking chassis.

He tried his best to analyze whether or not there were other sounds mixed with the deafening roar of the engine.

Soon, after he familiarized himself with the crystal engine and blocked out the roar, he heard the senior manager's furious and hysterical voice from the driver's seat.

"I don't know!"

"How would I know where he came from!"

“You said that you would deal with him without anyone knowing!

“I’m not panicking! “No, I can’t stay in the crystal mine anymore. The other party is already suspicious of me. Even if there’s no evidence, what if the other party doesn’t care about me and catches me and tortures me? He’ll do it! Judging from the guy’s style, he’ll definitely do it!

“F*ck, no. I’m f*cking panicking!

“Good, good. That’s good!

“I don’t know where I am. I’ve crossed several mountains in a row. The weather is a mess. The planet’s magnetic field is completely chaotic, and the car map won’t work at all.

“It’s about thirty to fifty kilometers northwest of the crystal mine, not far from the branch of the Raging Tiger River. Wait a minute, the network seems to be a little more stable now. I’ll try to restart the system and send you the coordinates.”

Hearing that, a cold glint flashed in Meng Chao’s eyes.

He could not let the guy send the coordinates to his allies!

Meng Chao could only make a move.

He gently pressed his hands on the chassis that covered the steel plate.

Next, spirit energy immediately seeped into the seemingly indestructible interior of the steel plate like a babbling stream.

It gathered into the crystal engine at the front of the vehicle, and the crystal engine immediately let out a sonorous roar.

The steering shaft and the transmission rod also began to tremble violently.

The rotational speed of the two tracks was fast and slow respectively, hence the vehicle’s pace was obviously inconsistent.

The armored SUV immediately spun around on the rough mountain road. Soon, it lost control and rolled down the slope.

Chapter 1454 Innocence or Guilt

After an entire night of torrential rain, the low-lying area had become a muddy swamp.

The off-road armored vehicle was also loaded with extremely sturdy and heavy armor, as well as a large number of weapons and ammunition. It was comparable to a moving armory, and its own weight was extremely great.

After rolling over more than a dozen times on the hillside and crashing heavily into the swamp below the hillside, although its overall structure did not suffer too much damage, its two tracks were turned toward the sky. It could not turn over no matter how hard it tried. The six mechanical legs that were

stored on both sides of its chassis opened up again and waved awkwardly, trying to turn the vehicle's body.

Meng Chao followed it like a shadow. He jumped onto the four-legged SUV and exerted force with his arms, forcefully breaking the six mechanical legs.

Then, he turned his body in the air again, and his legs shot toward the armor on the left side of the SUV like a railway gun. He forced the steel giant beast, which was comparable to an infantry war vehicle, to move more than twenty meters horizontally and fall into the most viscous part of the swamp. It was the deepest and most unpredictable part of the swamp. The off-road vehicle immediately sank deeper and deeper into the swamp, with bubbles popping up. The passenger in the vehicle was naturally shocked.

The armored off-road vehicle, which had been modified without any limit on the cost, had a perfect safety system, and the passenger did not suffer the slightest injury even after rolling dozens of meters down the slope.

However, once the SUV sank into the depths of the swamp...

No matter how perfect the safety system was, it would not be able to help the passenger survive the disaster!

Before the armored vehicle completely sank, the passenger could only brace himself and try to break out.

Ka-cha, ka-cha, ka-cha.

Accompanied by a series of ear-piercing mechanical sounds, the armor around the SUV that could withstand the full-force attack of the ferocious Hell Beasts slid to the side.

Dozens of heavy machine guns and beehive-type rocket launchers were revealed.

The off-road vehicle was like an angry steel hedgehog, pouring fire in all directions.

Bang bang bang bang bang bang!

The dense bullet curtain set off raging waves in the swamp. If ferocious Hell Beasts were hit head-on, even they would be badly wounded.

In fact, the original intention of this off-road vehicle was to ride unhindered in a place where spirit energy was rich and monsters were rampant.

Unfortunately, Meng Chao was not a Hell Beast.

If one had to measure him in terms of monsters, he was also a level higher than the Hell Beasts. He was the absolute overlord among the billions of monsters, the Apocalyptic Beast!

Meng Chao strolled leisurely in the airtight bullet curtain.

As long as there was a hair-sized gap between the bullet and the rocket, he could slip in and approach the SUV without changing his expression.

Under the high-frequency vibration, his cochlea could clearly outline the internal structure of all the weapon systems beneath the vehicle's armor. He knew that his opponent would use up its ammunition in a few seconds.

One-third of the heavy machine guns and honeycomb rocket launchers' furious roars came to an abrupt end, and they had no choice but to cool down and reload.

At that moment, Meng Chao's entire body turned into a war hammer made of cold steel, ruthlessly slamming into the off-road vehicle's chassis.

His iron fist that was exploding with spirit energy was like a ground-penetrating bomb. Its destructive power, which could destroy everything, penetrated the chassis and directly destroyed the vehicle's weapons and communication systems. Not only that, but the top-down bombardment also accelerated the speed of the off-road vehicle settling in the swamp. Two-thirds of the vehicle's body had already sunk into the mud.

Both the heavy machine guns and the honeycomb rocket launchers were blocked solidly.

It was not Meng Chao's style to point until he was done.

He did not stop until he was done. His fists turned from war hammers into windmills, bombarding the chassis of the off-road vehicle like a whirlwind. Not only did he create a shocking dent made of hundreds of fist prints on the chassis, but he also smashed more than half of the SUV's body into the depths of the swamp. The armored SUV turned into an airtight iron can.

The deafening roar of Meng Chao's fists was like armor-piercing bullets hitting the interior of the SUV back and forth. The continuous amplification made the passenger feel the urge to bleed from all seven orifices and spew blood from his internal organs.

The passenger was forced into a helpless situation. They could only open the only skylight that exposed the mud and jumped out of the severely distorted carriage.

What greeted him was Meng Chao's fist that was magnified to the extreme like a shooting star from the sky.

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Bang!

Meng Chao smothered the passenger with his fist again.

The passenger screamed in pain. Blood splattered everywhere, broken teeth flew everywhere, and his entire face was twisted due to the extreme.

Meng Chao was still unwilling to stop.

He was like a crazy ape, constantly tearing at the armor and shell around the skylight.

The armor that was embedded with composite materials was as crisp as withered bark in his hands.

The skylight was severely damaged by him, and it could no longer be closed.

A large amount of mud was washed away by the rain and poured into the off-road vehicle, instantly drowning the passenger's legs.

The passenger was extremely scared, so he could only brace himself and try to break out from the skylight a second time.

Naturally, he was trapped by Meng Chao, who had the absolute advantage from above, for the second time.

This time, the passenger's soul was blasted out of his body.

Curling up on the severely deformed seat, white foam came out of his mouth, and his whole body spasmed. It took him a long time to come back to his senses.

He was horrified to find that the mud had already come up to his chest, and it was about to completely devour his mouth, nose, eyes, and ears-perhaps forever.

The people of Dragon City were no stranger to death, just like the people of Turan.

However, there were thousands of ways to die. On a night of torrential rain, trapped in a nearly abandoned armored SUV, sinking into the depths of the swamp and slowly suffocating to death was, undoubtedly, one of the most unacceptable ways to die.

Faced with Meng Chao's storm of insane attacks that did not give him any time to think, the passenger's spirit defense finally collapsed.

He let out a desperate scream.

At that moment, accompanied by a dull sound of metal friction, the passenger was partially surprised and partially confused to find that the off-road vehicle had temporarily stopped sinking

It was as if there was a thick chain dragging the steel beam on the chassis of the off-road vehicle.

And the pair of eyes that covered the entire skylight, like a volcanic eruption, also cooled down a little.

"Director Shen, you're a very important person. Judging from your status and your performance earlier, you wouldn't go so far as to commit suicide by taking poison and even burn yourself into ashes, would you?"

A faint mocking voice drifted over the passenger's head.

The passenger, Shen Yulin, was still in shock as he panted heavily.

His brain cells were operating at a rate close to burning as he tried his best to think of a way to survive.

"You-You've found the wrong person!"

Shen Yulin screamed hysterically.

"I have no grudge against you. No matter who you want to find or what you want to do, it has nothing to do with me. You've found the wrong person!"

Meng Chao laughed lightly. The chassis and chains of the SUV let out an ear-piercing scraping sound.

Then, the SUV sank into the swamp again.

The foul-smelling mud poured into Shen Yulin's mouth.

"Director Shen, we are in the same boat now. Our lives are in the countdown state. There's no need to waste each other's precious time by going in circles, is there?" Meng Chao said coldly. "Although the team you sent is well-trained, it will still be difficult for them to sneak into the crystal mine without being noticed.

"After all, this was once the territory of the orcs, who could attack us at any time. In order to ensure the crystal mine's safety, the three-dimensional defense system of every family is well-established.

"In order to ensure that everything is safe, you intentionally moved away a lot of the defense forces deployed behind the crystal mine. You even moved away a lot of mobile searchlights and reconnaissance drones, which created an opportunity for the uninvited guests.

"When I saw the uninvited guests while I lurked in the mud, I sensed that something was strange. These people were too familiar with the terrain and structure of the crystal mine. Compared with the other sides, the crystal mine was facing them, and the defense system seemed to be full of loopholes.

"It was as if there was a mole who was cooperating with them from the inside out.

"As for those who have the ability to adjust the deployment of the defense system and move the mobile searchlights and reconnaissance drones away, I believe that there can't be too many of them in a crystal mine.

"The mole is definitely a high-level manager of this crystal mine. "That's the reason why I locked onto you. "Of course, you can deny it.

"I don't want to kill you unless it's absolutely necessary.

"Why don't I tie you up and send you back to Dragon City. "The headquarters of the Universe Corporation, the towering Sky Pillar Corporation's headquarters, the Supernatural Tower, or the Survival Committee, I think there must be a place where we can investigate the matter clearly and determine your innocence or...

guilt?"

Shen Yulin's eyes darted around.

Although he could tell that Meng Chao did not have any killing intent for the time being, the invisible blade of judgment still grazed his throat gently. It made his internal organs cramp up, and he wanted to vomit.

"Who are you?"

Shen Yulin stopped struggling. He took a deep breath and calmed down.

Meng Chao smiled bitterly. "If I tell you that I'm just an ordinary member of the Lu family, who's found my first pot of gold and awakened some own abilities, so I'm going to try my luck outside Monster

Mountain Range and see if I can get more cultivation resources to soar to the sky and rise miraculously, would you believe me?”

Meng Chao looked at Shen Yulin. “If I say that there are no organizations, forces, or conspiracies behind me, that I don’t want to be involved in any maelstrom at all, that I don’t want to get into any big trouble, and that I don’t want to unravel any damnable, complicated, and near-death conspiracy, would you believe me?”

“If I say that I really came out to scout the situation on the mountain ridge, and when I was trying to stop the debris flow from erupting, I was washed into the mud at the bottom of the valley and accidentally crashed into your good show, as in, I’m really what the female doctor said, an ‘unlucky fool,’ would you believe me?”

Shen Yulin stared at Meng Chao with a strange gaze.

“I don’t believe any of it.”

He shook his head.

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“Indeed. If I were you, I would never be so stupid as to believe that there would be such a ‘coincidence’ and ‘misunderstanding’ in the world.”

Meng Chao grinned, revealing his sharp teeth. “Then there’s nothing I can do. President Shen, I only have two choices left.

“One, I tie you up and bring you back to Dragon City as I mentioned earlier. I think that the big shots of the Lu family will certainly be very interested in your scheme and the organization behind you. Moreover, they will have enough strength to keep me alive.

“The problem is that the rainstorm has cut off the road between the mining area and Dragon City.

“Also, I believe that your accomplices are searching for you and me crazily. They’ll definitely set up an inescapable net between the mining area and Dragon City. I don’t have a high chance of escaping back to Dragon City with you as a burden.

“Two, I can kill you and destroy your body, then sink into the deepest part of the swamp together with the SUV and pretend that nothing has happened. “But, damn it, my physical features have been exposed. There aren’t many people from the Lu family stationed in this mining area. It will be very easy for you to discover my identity and kill me at all costs. Without sufficient evidence and benefits, the important figures of the Lu family will not be able to protect me for the rest of my life. Even if they are willing to protect me and go through so much trouble, my future will be completely ruined!

“So, Director Shen, please teach me how we can survive this situation. How can we avoid a life-and-death struggle and perish together!”

As Meng Chao spoke, his eyes turned red again. He was like a trapped beast that was gnashing its teeth. His eyes were vicious and desperate. Shen Yulin was not sure about his expression. “You... You really bumped into us by accident?” “Of course!”

Meng Chao finally could not help but roar, “If I had planned this, how could I have discovered your tracks by myself?”

“If I had planned this, how could I have chased after your SUV by myself?”

“If I had planned this, you wouldn’t be stuck in the mud now, but in an iron window!”

“If I had planned this, a large group of people would have descended from the sky and arrested you and your accomplices. They would have been put on trial in the name of endangering Dragon City!”

“Believe it or not, I’m inexplicably involved in this damned whirlwind and your schemes for no reason, you bastard!”

“You should have listened to the female doctor, Director Shen. You should have asked her to make me the most perfect witness. Just as she said, I would have been a great hero to resist the orcs and enjoy the flowers, cheers, and medals. Your damn plan would have been carried out smoothly too. After all, you were going to destroy Universe Corporation’s crystal mine, which had nothing to do with the Sky Pillar Corporation. Why would I be so stupid as to uphold justice for my competitors? “It’s a pity that you ruined the possibility of a ‘win-win’ with your own hands, where we could have killed our way out of this together.”

“Now, I can’t run, and neither can you. We’re both doomed. Do you understand? We’re both dead!”

Meng Chao shouted at the top of his voice. He grabbed Shen Yulin by the collar and pulled him out of the mud a few inches away. He shook and roared so hard that his saliva almost turned into red-hot nails that were pressed on Shen Yulin’s face.

The more agitated he was, the calmer Shen Yulin became. His eyes rolled faster and faster.

“Alright, it seems that I’ve made an unforgivable mistake. It almost cost you and me our precious lives.”

Faced with Meng Chao’s rage, Shen Yulin did not struggle or resist. He only said, “Of course, you have a reason to vent your anger. But even if you kill me to vent your anger, it won’t solve anything.”

“In fact, the current situation is not as bad as you think. As long as what you say is true, then your life is before you. It only depends on whether you are willing to leave or not.”

“What do you mean?”

Meng Chao’s anger suddenly froze. His eyes shone like a drowning man seeing a lifeline.

He narrowed his eyes and looked Shen Yulin up and down.

He tilted his head and pondered for a while as if he was wondering if this cunning old man was planning a new trap.

In the end, his desire to survive overcame his vigilance. Meng Chao said, “Tell me, what do I have to do to survive?”

“It’s simple. Join us.” Shen Yulin smiled and gradually regained his calm demeanor. “You’re worried that you’ll die simply because you’ve discovered our secret and learned something that you shouldn’t know.”

“Indeed, an overly exuberant curiosity is often something more lethal than a nerve agent.

“But as long as you join us, we will all be on the same side. There’s no need to fight each other. It’s a life-and-death situation, isn’t it?”

Meng Chao looked at Shen Yulin as if he was looking at a complete idiot.

“Do you really think that I’m the kind of naive fool who’s just entered the world?”

Meng Chao sneered. “No matter what ‘we’ you are talking about, it’s hard not to suspect such a childish way of recruiting people. You’re just trying to buy time. What if I’m really stupid enough to believe your words and keep your life? What if your accomplices come and you turn hostile and refuse to acknowledge me?”

“Indeed,” Shen Yulin admitted frankly.

“In the absence of the most basic trust between us, it is indeed not easy to conclude a life-and-death deal.

“However, even if you don’t believe my promise, you should at least believe in your own strength. “You have already displayed too much astonishing strength tonight. Whether it is the lurking and killing at the beginning, the resistance to the gene drugs, or the ability to follow the clouds and find my sharp insight, these abilities, which are more precious than crystals, are enough to make you a talent that any large organization is willing to accept and nurture.

“It’s gold. It will shine wherever it goes. Wouldn’t it be a pity to kill such an outstanding talent like you with one strike?”

“Of course, just as you don’t trust us, we won’t trust you easily either.” “What if you’re just stalling for time, waiting for reinforcements or the chance to escape back to Dragon City?” “Fortunately, we’re far away on Earth, and our ancestors from thousands of years ago found a way to integrate people into a new team as quickly as possible. “It’s called the ‘pledge of allegiance.’

“As long as you’re telling the truth, I think that you definitely won’t mind following us and proving your loyalty with practical actions. We can also obtain a little of your secrets and use each other’s secrets to build a foundation of trust, right?”

Meng Chao lowered his eyelids.

There were continuous flashes in his eyes.

It seemed that he was seriously considering Shen Yulin’s suggestion.

“You don’t have a choice.”

Shen Yulin urged, “As you said, besides joining us, nothing else you do will matter, you will die.”

“...No.”

After listening to Shen Yulin’s words and thinking for half a minute, Meng Chao still shook his head slowly. “I’m a disciple of the Lu family, and I’ve contributed a lot to the Monster War. Although I can’t say that I have a bright future in the Sky Pillar Corporation, I can still get my share of the cake even if I do

it step by step. "You want me to give up everything that I have and do something that endangers the interests of Dragon City with you guys who are hiding and being sneaky as well as malicious? You want me to lose my reputation and die without a burial place?"

"Hehe, do I look that stupid?"

"Instead of becoming a traitor and public enemy to the Lu family, Sky Pillar Corporation, and even Dragon City, I might as well take the risk and fight you. If I win, I'll be a hero that everyone will remember. If I lose, at least I've done something, so I'll have a grand burial!"

His words made Shen Yuling widen his eyes.

It looked like he could not help but laugh.

"From the looks of it, there is indeed a deep misunderstanding between us."

Shen Yulin said, "Who told you that we're an organization that 'lurks around sneakily with ulterior motives and endangers Dragon City's interests'?"

"No, you have completely misunderstood us. "The truth is the organization I'm in includes elites from all walks of life in Dragon City. They are all powerful figures. Be it the Supernatural Tower or the nine mega corporations, including the Lu family and the Sky Pillar Corporation, we have our companions!"

"Our strength far exceeds your imagination. As long as you are willing to join and offer your loyalty to the organization, the organization will definitely help you obtain everything. Whatever you want, be it connections, status, wealth, opportunities, or cultivation resources, it's not a problem!"

"In fact, I'm the best example. "Since our two crystal ore mines are so close to each other, you should have heard of my name and experience."

"With my experience, if it were not for the help of my organization, how would I have the opportunity to control such a large crystal mine and its subsequent development plan? "Also, most importantly, I can swear to the heavens that my organization has never done anything that would harm Dragon City's interests. On the contrary, our philosophy is to defend its interests, mankind, and Earth's civilization by any means necessary!"

This time, Meng Chao was truly a little shocked. "How-How is that possible?"

"How is it impossible?"

Shen Yulin said, "You have to know that I'm the same as you. I come from one of the few noble cultivation families in Dragon City. We were born to rule Dragon City. The city's interests are our interests. To endanger Dragon City is to endanger ourselves. Just ask yourself, why would I do that?"

"Yes. That's also a question that I haven't figured out yet."

Meng Chao looked extremely confused as he mumbled, "You're the general manager of the crystal mine assigned by the Universe Corporation. No matter what natural or man-made disasters befall the crystal mine, you'll always be the first to be involved."

“So, why did you have your accomplices disguise themselves as orcs and sneak into your crystal mine to wreak havoc?”

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“Wreak havoc? No, no, no, my friend, you are completely mistaken. If everything goes smoothly, there won’t be any ‘wreaking havoc,’ and no one will be hurt because of it. I just want to put on a good show, a harmless good show!”

Shen Yulin widened his eyes, his face full of sincerity and innocence. “Who do you think I am? A natural-born killer who has lost all humanity? No, I’m the same as you. I am fighting for Dragon City’s interests, for our respective businesses and families’ interests, and for everyone else’s interests.

“During the Monster War, the claws and venom of the monsters left no fewer scars on my body than anyone else’s. “I swear to God that I have never thought of hurting the life of an innocent person.

“In fact, I moved most of the guards and miners to the other side of the crystal mine in order to minimize unexpected casualties.

“In the beginning, without you as an unexpected factor, the people wouldn’t have caused too much trouble.

“All they needed to do was wander around the crystal mine, set a few fires that wouldn’t expand, and collapse a few houses that had submerged in the flood and were about to collapse. Then, they would steal a few raw crystals from the warehouse. Most importantly, they would be discovered and leave traces. That would be enough. That was all I needed!”

Meng Chao was silent for a moment.

He seemed to be pondering over the credibility of Shen Yulin’s words.

“Alright.”

Meng Chao said, “If you’re not going to wreak havoc, then what’s the purpose of pretending to be orcs to sneak into the crystal mine, deliberately being discovered, and leaving traces behind?”

“The purpose is very simple. We hope that Dragon City can return to the right path, or rather, when Dragon City is hesitating on the right path and is about to make the wrong choice, we, as superhuman beings, have the responsibility and power to give Dragon City a gentle push from the back.” Shen Yulin stared at Meng Chao and said, “Did you know that the Survival Committee is going to veto the Northbound Plan proposed by the nine mega corporations?”

Meng Chao narrowed his eyes and put on a shocked expression.

“Those short-sighted members of parliament are going to miss the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and nail themselves to the pillar of shame in history forever!”

Shen Yulin gnashed his teeth and said, “They say that Dragon City has just ended a protracted war, and the wounds that have been flowing for decades have yet to heal. The people of Dragon City still need to rest for a long time to solve their internal problems.

“What else are they trying to say aside from ‘we are not familiar with the Other World’s geography and the human environment’? The Red Dragon Army has not completed the comprehensive renovation and change of equipment. The technology of the short-distance jump on the surface of the planet is not yet mature and stable. If we take too big a step, it will be easy for us to break all the eggs in our basket. Too many people, too much land, and resources will be swallowed at once. It will be easy for us to have an ‘indigestion,’ and so on.

“All in all, we have been using many excuses to hold back the progress of our nine mega corporation.

“Look at the north, look at the vast land in the Raging Tiger River’s basin. Who can calculate how rich and precious the resources that are hidden under this land are? Plus, these resources can help us superhumans cultivate into unparalleled super beings. They can also help our civilization evolve to unimaginable levels.

“We’ve shattered and crossed the natural moat that once stood in front of us—the wall of mist and Monster Mountain Range. Now, there are no more obstacles in front of us. Whether it’s the torrent of steel or the extraordinary will, we can press forward without any obstacles!

“Tell me, at such a critical moment, at the crossroads that determines whether Dragon City will survive or be destroyed, how can we be in a dilemma and cower in fear?”

“This...”

Meng Chao looked hesitant. “Besides, the arrow is already on the bowstring, and we have no choice but to shoot it. Right now, we’re riding a tiger, and we can’t stop at all.”

Shen Yulin changed the subject and asked, “Since you’re a member of the Lu family, you should have a large number of shares in Sky Pillar Corporation, right?”

“Of course.”

Meng Chao said, “The Lu family is the same as your Shen family. The immediate interests of all the family members are firmly tied together with Sky Pillar and the world’s two major groups.” “Then, you must have made a lot of money in the past year.”

Shen Yulin grinned and sighed. “The past year has been a golden and shining good time. Every investor of the nine mega corporations has experienced a surge in assets, freedom, and carefree life. Whether it’s Sky Pillar or Universe, the stock prices of even the most insignificant affiliated companies under their management will soar, as long as they come up with a new development plan or a new concept of cultivation. Even the descendants of the Lu family, like you and me, have earned an inexhaustible supply of cultivation resources.

“However, the good days will not last forever. The heavenly days of yesterday will be paid tomorrow.

“The valuation of the nine mega corporations has increased by so many times in the past year. Winning the war against the monsters and splitting the cake that is the Hidden Mist Domain is indeed a very important factor. “However, the Hidden Mist Domain is only so big. There are only so many monsters that we have suppressed and tamed. The war dividends that we have already received are not enough to support the nine mega corporations’ high valuation.

“The enthusiasm of the capital market for us and the confidence of all the investors are mainly pinned on the future, pinned on the words of ‘conquering the Other World.’ “Unfortunately, conquering the Other World is not such a simple thing.

“As for the distant future, nobody knows when it will come.

“The problem is that Dragon City can’t wait any longer. Our investors can’t wait any longer. Our entire financial market and economic system can’t wait any longer! “Even after decades of bloody battles and completely defeating the monster civilization...

“Even if Dragon City has ended its conflicts and turmoil, and ushered in peace and development...

“We are unable to solve a problem that has been placed in front of everyone. On top of that, everyone is deliberately pretending not to see it.

“Our population is seriously insufficient. The consumer market is too small.

“In the Earth era, we had nearly ten billion people. We could only maintain a strong civilization and a prosperous market by exporting manufactured products and infrastructure to the entire Earth. “Now, however, we only have tens of millions of people. Due to the long war, most people are used to the wartime economic system. They are used to splitting a penny in half, tightening their belts, being self-sufficient, and storing basic survival resources.

“Tell me, how can such a Dragon City successfully complete the transformation from a wartime economic system to a normal economic system, and create a prosperous scene that can be continuously developed and sustained over a long period of time?”

This time, Meng Chao really fell into deep thought.

The question Shen Yulin threw out was also the question he had been thinking about all along.

It was just that they had different answers.

“You should understand at this point, right?”

Shen Yulin sighed and said, “The so-called ‘golden era’ of the past year was just a binge after the victory of the war.

“No party goes on forever. The debauchery will eventually end. “Once the warrior, who defeated the monsters wakes up from his hangover and pulls out his sword to look around in a daze, what will he do?

“No matter how big the monster civilization is, the war dividend left to us will be emptied sooner or later. In fact, after a whole year of wanton spending, we’ve almost obliterated the monster civilization’s provisions.

“Including all the citizens of Dragon City, all the investors have pinned their hopes on whatever’s outside Monster Mountain Range.

“Before everyone figures out that the Dragon City civilization has long been mired in mud, we must find a way out of Monster Mountain Range.

“This is why the nine mega corporations are so eager to develop the mining area under our feet.

“It’s also the reason why the entire financial market has such high expectations of us, and why they’re blowing up the bubble with us.

“But have you ever thought that the mining area under our feet and the planned future development zone can really support such a high valuation and the entire financial market, which is flourishing and unstoppable?” Meng Chao recalled that the Dragon City civilization in his previous life did not carry out large-scale crystal mining and industrial development in this area.

He probed, “Are you saying that there’s a problem with... this mining area?” Shen Yulin’s eyes flickered.

“There are abundant resources under our feet, of course. The spirit energy inside the crisscrossing crystal veins flows like the surging Red Dragon River and the Raging Tiger River. If we can exploit all these resources, it won’t be a problem to build a new Dragon City.”

Shen Yulin said, “The problem is that large-scale development requires time and money. After all, this is not Earth, where the geological environment is relatively stable, but a foreign world where the planet’s magnetic field is extremely violent. It won’t be easy to fulfill our promises to the investors.

“Right now, there are already a lot of rumors in the financial market. People are questioning whether the nine mega corporations, especially Universe and Sky Pillar, are honest, prudent, and transparent enough in the development of the mining area. “The sudden rainstorm in front of us has made things worse for us.

“If we are not careful, the rainstorm will most likely become a fuse that will blow up the share prices of Universe and Sky Pillar, the valuations of the nine mega corporations, the financial markets of Dragon City, and the confidence of investors.

“Confidence is something more dazzling and precious than diamonds and gold in this unpredictable and dangerous world.

“Once the confidence of all investors is gone, the nine mega corporations may fall one after another like dominoes. The financial market and economic order of Dragon City will collapse overnight. Perhaps, we will degenerate to the bloody era before the Survival Committee was established, when order was broken, the strong preyed on the weak, and the law was broken!”

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Shen Yulin’s expression became more and more ferocious as he spoke.

The volume of his voice gradually increased, and he became more and more like a hungry ferocious beast facing its prey. The sound of his squirming intestines came from the depths of his throat.

In the end, even he realized that he had lost his composure.

He took a deep breath and lowered his tone as much as possible before he came to a conclusion. “Of course, no one likes war. No one is willing to put the fate of the entire city on the unpredictable gambling table again after decades of bloodshed and turmoil.

“However, the fact is that Dragon City urgently needs a new war to stop the bursting of the bubble and reconcile its internal conflicts. It has to successfully transform from a world without spirit power, a

technological civilization born and bred, to a new world with spirit power and extraordinary strength, an invincible ruler.

“The fact is that in the past decades, everything in Dragon City-economy, morality, law, order, occupation, and scientific research

— revolved around war and served the war. Victory was the highest and only purpose. “The profits of the nine mega corporations and the relevant departments involved in the military and war fields alone have exceeded 50% of the company’s total profits.

“Said 50% of profits are related to thousands of jobs, the livelihood and well-being of thousands of families, and, in turn, Dragon City’s entire consumption market and financial market.

“The fact is that the only survival skill that many citizens of Dragon City have mastered in the past twenty to thirty years is stabbing cold, shiny blades into a monster’s carotid artery of the monster, avoid its cervical vertebrae precisely, cut its throat cleanly, and harvest every bit of material on its body perfectly.

“As for the other residents of Dragon City, the only survival skills they have are crafting cold, glittering blades out of crystals and metals, or polishing thousands of components by hand and assembling them into a railway gun that is useless except for destruction.

“In the past year, because of the advent of peace, the skills that the residents relied on to survive have all turned into the skills of slaying dragons.

“Our nine mega corporations can still hold on for a while.

“How are these poor citizens going to survive?

“Don’t say such stupid things like changing careers.

“You should know that these citizens have devoted their entire lives to the only skill they have mastered in order to become qualified warriors and bladesmiths.

“Plus, the battles over the past decades have also left an extremely deep imprint on their bodies. It’s impossible for them to start a brand-new life from scratch as they drag their broken limbs.

“Besides, there are only so many people in Dragon City, and the consumer market is only so big. How can there be so many new jobs for thousands of citizens to live an easy and decent life when they are unable to expand to the outside world?

“Therefore, you will find that there is a very strange phenomenon in Dragon City today. “On one hand, after inheriting the heritage from the monster civilization, all kinds of new technologies, new projects, and new plans are springing up like bamboo shoots after the rain. The financial market is booming, and the entire city is rushing forward as if hundreds of rocket engines have been installed. It’s as if an incomparably beautiful future will arrive tomorrow.

“But on the other hand, as the war machine gradually dies down, an increasing number of ordinary citizens can’t find satisfactory jobs. Even many superhuman individuals have lost the purpose of training and the goal of fighting

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“Superhuman individuals like you and me who are engaged in the exploration, mining, and smelting of crystals and have a family background are quite lucky.

“The monster hunters who majored in combat and hunting skills aren’t as lucky. In the past, they were all superheroes who rushed to the front line of the Monster War and enjoyed the most beautiful flowers, the loudest cheers, and the warmest hugs. Naturally, they were the first to get the biggest piece of the cake.

“But now, the ferocious monsters in the past have either become a pile of broken bones or become obedient under the shackles and suppression of human beings.

“Therefore, these monster hunters with unparalleled military strength, like many ordinary citizens who have lost their jobs, are lost in the ever-changing new era and have tasted loss.

“The problem is that monster hunters are different from ordinary citizens. They can’t bear the fate of being ignored for a long time. If we don’t give them the sharp sabers in their hands and find a target that they can fight to their heart’s content, something bad will definitely happen!

“All in all, Dragon City, a war machine that has been rumbling and operating at high speed for decades, cannot be stopped. Once it stops, the power that can destroy everything will backfire on us, tearing the entire Dragon City into pieces.

“A brand-new war, although not a panacea to solve all problems, can at least stimulate Dragon City’s sluggish consumption market and bring new hope to all the citizens. It will unite everyone, including the ordinary citizens and superhuman ones. Of course, there is also a high chance that it will help us seize more resources, including, but not limited to, the natives of the Other World, the crystal lodes, the wider and more fertile land, and so on. “When the territory of the Dragon City civilization is ten times or even a hundred times larger than it is today, you’ll find that many problems that you can’t solve today will be resolved and disappear! “In the end, perhaps the most important thing is both of our immediate interests.

“As long as the nine corporations has control over it. More specifically, Dragon City has actually started a brand-new war and ushered in a glorious victory with advocacy from Universe Corporation and Sky Pillar Corporation. Without it, not only will there be no bubble in our valuation today, but we will also be in a once-in-a-lifetime depression. With it, there will be no problem for the stocks and options in our hands to rise ten times or even a hundred times.

“With your brains and skills, as well as the connections and opportunities provided by ‘us,’ won’t you have more than just wealth and freedom when the time comes?

“Owning an entire vein of crystals, together with hundreds and thousands of natives from the Other World as slaves who can be passed on to future generations... That’s not wishful thinking, but a bottom line that can be easily obtained!”

Shen Yulin was lively.

Every muscle on his face was dancing.

He had a talent that could make the aroma of a large pancake assail one's nostrils and make one's appetite soar.

It was a talent that could take out real gold and silver from the pockets of investors with just a few PowerPoint slides.

Meng Chao listened attentively, and his Adam's apple moved.

It was as if he had really swallowed the large pancake that Shen Yulin had drawn.

"However, the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is about to slip through our fingers!" Shen Yulin changed the subject and gnashed his teeth. "There are a lot of short-sighted idiots in the Survival Committee who are about to destroy the Northbound Plan, destroy Dragon City's future, and destroy the wealth and future that you and I are about to obtain.

"The vast and boundless valley of the Raging Tiger River is right before our eyes. Countless slaves that can be passed on to our descendants are right before our eyes. The crystal veins are right before of our eyes. The glorious victory is right before our eyes. The hope of conquering the Other World and building a 'New Earth' to establish the foundation of the world is right before our eyes! "However, we are about to be bound by the idiotic order of the Survival Committee and be stuck from moving forward!

"I think that the ancient generals were advancing triumphantly. Just as they were about to attack the yellow dragon, they suddenly received twelve gold medals consecutively from the back. They could not have felt more helpless, frustrated, and indignant!

"However, we are not, nor should we be, the ancient generals who only know how to be foolish and loyal.

"Even the ancient generals on Earth know that 'when the general is outside, the emperor's orders will not be obeyed.'

"Outside Monster Mountain Range, with first-hand intelligence, we are shouldering the important mission of finding and creating hope for mankind. Of course, we are much clearer about where Dragon City's sabers should be pointing than those naive, immature idiots who only know how to be moved.

"The Survival Committee's order must be respected.

"However, isn't it reasonable for the natives of the Other World to take the initiative to provoke us and sneak into the crystal mines to wreak havoc during the downpour, forcing us to defend and counterattack?

"It's also reasonable that we, who have been tracking and searching for the orcs' lair, lose our way due to the interference of the dense fog and the planet's magnetic field, chased farther and farther away in the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River's basin, isn't it?

"In order to rescue our companions who've lost their way, we should send more troops to explore along the Raging Tiger River. It's a reasonable decision that we should make. "When our main force finds and defeats the main force of the orcs, and we can even occupy a few large-scale orc lairs, the Survival Committee can only acquiesce and support our actions. Then, Dragon City will return to the right track, which leads to victory. "That's all we have to do.

“After hearing all of this, you should understand that everything we do is not for our own selfish interests, but for Dragon City’s entire future.

“Once the situation really develops in this trajectory, the benefits your Sky Pillar Corporation can obtain from it will definitely not be half a copper coin less than Universe Corporation.

“After all, Sky Pillar Corporation also has a large number of armed personnel stationed outside Monster Mountain Range.

“Your Sky Pillar Corporation also has a lot of idle weapons and ammunition, as well as the production line of weapons and ammunition.

“The overall valuation of Sky Pillar Corporation is at an all-time high too. If you can’t extract an astronomical number of crystals from the mining area under your feet in the shortest amount of time to fulfill your promises to the investors, you’ll also be in an unprecedented crisis.

“Also, the Lu family has a lot of experienced monster hunters who are used to living on the edge of a knife. In times of peace, their income and status have plummeted. They are full of complaints, and they create trouble for nothing.

“Hence, there’s no reason for you to stop me, and there’s no reason for me to kill you. “We are tied to the same boat. Do we have a second choice besides sticking together?”

Chapter 1458 Killing the Donkey

Meng Chao was silent for a long time.

“So, in the end, everything you do is for money?”

He narrowed his eyes and enunciated each word.

“Is ‘money’ not enough of a reason?”

Shen Yulin said, “From Earth to the Other World, from when humans just learned to use flames to bake spear tips to when several-hundred-ton rockets flew into the blue sky, humans have launched thousands of wars. Which war doesn’t have money as the ultimate

goal?

“However, you are partially right. This time, we are not only after money.

“What we want from this war is not just money but also dignity. It is dignity that should belong to us, dignity that belongs to all of us superhumans!”

“The... dignity of all superhumans?” Meng Chao looked at Shen Yulin in confusion.

“Don’t you realize that one year after the end of the Monster War, the atmosphere in Dragon City has become increasingly strange, and the way many ordinary people look at us superhumans has become more and more subtle?” Shen Yulin said coldly.

“When the ferocious monsters were still running rampant in Dragon City and threatening the lives of ordinary people, those ordinary people treated us superhumans as heroes, saviors, and omnipotent guardians.

“With tears in their eyes, they begged us to save their lives.

“They put all kinds of high hats on us, such as ‘the sabers of Dragon City civilization’, ‘the hope of human evolution,’ and ‘superheroes,’ forcing us to rush into the monsters’ bloody mouths and sharp claws and fight to the death.

“Forget it. As the leaders of the Dragon City civilization, we have the responsibility and right to protect our homeland.

“After countless superhumans came one after another, bleeding and sacrificing themselves, and suffering from spirit energy deviation, we finally suppressed and eliminated the monsters. They no longer pose a threat to ordinary people. Yet, go and look at the faces of those ordinary people again.

“Someone has thrown out the Equal Rights Act. They believe that superhumans, with their extraordinary power, have gained too many advantages in all walks of life, resulting in the rights of ordinary people being damaged. This involves unfair competition, hence we should think of ways to compensate ordinary people.

“Someone has proposed that we should levy higher taxes on superhumans. They want to throw all the hard-earned money that we’ve earned with our heads pinned to our belts from fighting against the monsters into the hands of strangers we don’t know.

“Some people suggest that we should further expand the proportion of senior management positions for ordinary people in various companies, organizations, and societies. They even suggest that we allocate our seats on the Survival Committee according to the proportion of superhuman to ordinary citizens. In other words, based on these people’s delusions, the number of superhuman seats in the Survival Committee should not exceed 10%!

“There are also suggestions that the daily training of superhumans individuals should be fully monitored, that a training account should be established, that daily payments should be made, and that it should be made public to all citizens. All details, including, but not limited to our current level, all the skills that we have, how many crystals have been consumed in order for us to cultivate, where the crystals were purchased from, and the cost of purchasing crystals should be shared. What is the ratio?

“According to their arguments, crystals are a strategic resource shared by all the citizens of Dragon City. Since superhuman individuals need crystals to cultivate and become stronger, they have the obligation to expose their entire cultivation process to the public and accept public scrutiny and inquiry. If too many crystals are consumed during their cultivation, or if the source of a particular crystal is own, the superhuman individual will have to pay the legal price.

“Furthermore, the hands and feet of superhumans are all weapons of mass destruction. Since the war has ended, how we firmly restrict such weapons of mass destruction in peacetime is a question that every superhuman must seriously consider. “There are even people who suggest that so-called ‘setting up accounts and settling accounts’ not only needs to be carried out immediately, but it also has to be traced back to the past twenty to thirty years, which includes the period of the Monster War. “I need to

find out if anyone is taking advantage of the war and plundering resources wantonly. They are secretly using the strategic resources that should belong to all citizens without going through the Supernatural Tower's normal application and procurement procedures!

"Heh heh, this is truly ridiculous.

"With the restoration of order in Dragon City, all industries need to be more open and transparent. This is something that everyone can understand.

"But cultivation has its own uniqueness. Who can say for sure how many crystals can be absorbed to advance to a higher realm?

"Moreover, many cultivation methods and combat skills are the greatest wealth and secrets of a superhuman. How can they be easily disclosed to the public?

"As for the usage of cultivation resources during the Monster War, it is even more confusing.

"Yes, in theory, all the crystal ore veins discovered by the superhumans and all the monster materials they hunted have to be submitted to the Supernatural Tower for registration. Then, the Supernatural Tower will exchange points, auction them publicly and distribute them uniformly. Cultivation resources that are not registered can't be used privately.

"The problem is that the battle situation is constantly changing. Everyone is fighting monsters in the depths of the wilderness. They are covered in wounds and exhausted. At that moment, if they discover a supreme-grade crystal or cut off a piece of ferocious beast's flesh, can't they swallow it and save their own lives? Is such behavior called 'stuffing one's own pockets? "There are no fish in the clear water. Superhuman individuals are human beings, too. They have their own desires, interests, and standpoints. If they are nitpicking over such a trivial matter, who is willing to step on the edge of the blade and rush to the frontline of the bloody battle?

"Right. There is also the latest news that I have just received. Someone is going to propose a National Training Law in the Survival Committee. It will provide free training resources to all the children of the right age in the city without discrimination. It will be provided for at least nine years in advance to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to cultivate and awaken before they reach adulthood.

"Of course, I can't say that there's anything wrong with the bill in theory.

"The problem is that cultivation resources are limited in reality. Where can we get so many cultivation resources to supply the millions of young people in the city, for them to squander? "Needless to say, once the bill is passed successfully, it will definitely take advantage of us, the high-level superhumans, and the nine corporations!

"And our right to speak will be further compressed to the extreme!

"Do you know that there is even a bizarre fallacy that is spreading in Dragon City right now, saying that supernatural powers and modern civilization are incompatible things. Everything in modern civilization is built on the basis of equality for everyone, and the individual differences caused by supernatural powers are getting bigger and bigger. It will only destroy the foundation of modern civilization, and eventually, our civilization will completely collapse. In this sense, there is not much difference between superhumans and monsters. Superhumans are monsters, monsters in human skin!

“Ha, it’s truly marvelous. If I were the king of monsters, I would clap my hands and cheer loudly when I heard this ridiculous theory!”

“So to ordinary people, superhumans are monsters in human skin? “Such a wonderful conclusion. Why did no one dare to bring it up when we superhumans were required to fight the monsters to the death during the Monster War?”

Perhaps it was part of the performance at the beginning

Nevertheless, Shen Yulin did reveal his true feelings in the end, and he was extremely resentful.

Meng Chao’s hair stood on end when he heard about it.

He did not expect the internal problems in Dragon City to be more serious than he had imagined.

Indeed, in a world with extraordinary powers, the differences between individuals were constantly expanding. Where would human civilization go? That was a question that everyone had to seriously think about.

“There’s nothing new under the sun. In fact, our old ancestors already summed up what would happen to us a long time ago. It’s nothing more than getting rid of somebody once he had served his purpose.”

Shen Yulin continued, “In the past, the threat of monsters was like the sword of Damocles, hanging high above everyone’s head at all times. At that time, when ordinary people needed superhumans, they naturally spoke well of us and listened to us. They didn’t care at all about how much resources we consumed.

“Now, since the monsters have been completely suppressed, superhumans have become useless to ordinary people. Naturally, the more they see us, the more they dislike us.

“It’s just like how the ancient emperors massacred their meritorious officials after establishing a brand new dynasty. Perhaps humans are such animals. They can only share hardships and not wealth.

“Fortunately, unlike the ancient meritorious officials, we superhumans have absolute martial strength. It’s impossible for us to be abandoned like a ‘bridge torn down after people have crossed the river or a donkey killed after the grinding is done.’ Those fellows who dislike us the more they see us can only incite public opinion, kidnap morality, hide in a dark corner, and shoot cold arrows at us.”

Meng Chao took a deep breath and said, “I’ve heard about these strange rumors, but I believe that the vast majority of ordinary citizens still trust and support the superhumans. It’s not as serious as you say, is it?”

“Of course. The vast majority of ordinary citizens are still reasonable and grateful, especially those small and medium-sized investors who are willing to fork out real money to support us in the financial market. Obviously, we have to defend their interests to the death.”

Shen Yulin said, “The problem is that many ambitious people are now using ordinary people to attack our nine corporations in order to fight for power and profit. As a member of the Lu family, you should know this better than me, right?” “This...”

Meng Chao was stunned for a moment.

“Isn’t Lu Siya, the traitor of the Lu family, the most typical example?”

Shen Yulin snorted coldly. “She was born in one of the nine corporations, but she betrayed the Lu family and the Sky Pillar Corporation and became the chief executive officer of Superstar Company. With the declaration of ‘inheriting Meng Chao’s will and fighting for the ordinary people forever,’ she fooled a lot of ordinary people and took the opportunity to help Superstar Company advance rapidly and expand continuously. It has become the tenth largest corporation in Dragon City after the nine corporations and is likely to surpass the rest!

“Hmph. What’s ‘fighting for ordinary people’? As a member of the Lu family, you should know this woman’s background better than anyone else. She is just using ordinary people to stir up trouble and fish in troubled waters to realize her ambitions!”

Chapter 1459 Sleeping on the side of the Bed

Meng Chao coughed loudly. “Kof, kof kof...” His face was flushed, and a meaningless sound came out of his throat.

“It seems that after Lu Siya betrayed the Lu family, the younger generation of the Lu family has been implicated by her.”

Shen Yulin said, “Otherwise, why would you be so agitated when I mention Lu Siya’s name?”

“Yes, yes!”

Meng Chao said, “Superstar Company has indeed been quite... arrogant recently, hasn’t it?”

“Who says so?”

Shen Yulin snorted. “When Meng Chao was still alive, he was already the face for the ‘rise of the grassroots,’ and he received the support of many ordinary citizens and low-level superhumans from humble families.

“Ever since Meng Chao, in the battle on Mist Mountain, in order to destroy the remnants of the monster civilization, he sacrificed himself and fell into the Raging Tiger River with the enemy. He was buried in the raging waves of spirit energy and became a legend that could not be replicated. In the eyes of many ordinary citizens and low-level superhumans from humble families, he was about to ascend to godhood.

“Lu Siya, an ambitious woman, claimed to be the successor of Meng Chao. She subtly reaped the trust and support of ordinary citizens and superhumans from humble families. In addition to her intelligence, means, and knowledge of the nine corporations, she has been able to grasp the critical points and solve the sore spots continuously in just one year. As a result, Superstar Company has grown more than tenfold. It has indeed caused a lot of trouble for the nine corporations.

“However, no matter how cunning Lu Siya is, she does not have three heads and six arms. How can she compete with the nine major families on her own?”

“Behind Lu Siya is the Broken Star Club, Battle God Palace, Blue Home, and even the Red Dragon Army. They all consist of middle-level and low-level superhumans from humble families, not the nine mega corporations or nine major cultivation families.

“These people want to seize the leadership of Dragon City from the hands of the nine corporations and replace the nine noble families of cultivation as the rulers of Dragon City. This is the real reason why Lu Siya is able to stir up trouble and Superstar Company is able to rise up so quickly and cause so much trouble in Dragon City!”

Meng Chao was silent for a moment before he said, “So, what are we going to do on the nine corporations’ side now?”

“It’s going to be very difficult!”

Shen Yulin sighed and said, “If the opponent is a monster that is baring its fangs and brandishing its claws, it will be easy. As long as the bayonet is red and the battle is bloody, the outcome of the battle will be clearly determined.

“But right now, the guys led by Lu Siya and Superstar Company are trying to manipulate the public’s opinion and try to take advantage of the small profits in front of them to deceive the ordinary citizens, slander the nine corporations’ rule over Dragon City, and lead Dragon City into the abyss of eternal damnation.

“It is not possible to deal with those people with ulterior motives by force alone.

“Besides, we are all human beings after all. We used to fight side by side. We don’t want to fight against each other unless it is absolutely necessary.

“That’s why I said that Dragon City urgently needs a brand-new war to divert everyone’s attention from the internal problems of Dragon City to the extremely vast foreign land. “A brand-new war can reunite the various strata of Dragon City, which are gradually cracking

“A brand-new war can give those warriors, swordsmen, gunmen, and hunters who hold the skills of slaying dragons but have no use for them, who feel lost and even have anti-social tendencies, a stage to show their skills again.

“A brand-new war means brand-new resources, brand-new jobs, and brand-new room for advancement. It can let those superhumans who come from humble families see the hope of making contributions and achievements so that they won’t keep having wild thoughts and try to snatch the cake from us, the old cultivation aristocratic families.

“Of course, a brand-new war will also allow millions of ordinary citizens to see the power and usefulness of us superhumans once again. Presumably, when we continue to plunder new land and resources for them, they will return with flowers, cheers, and hugs like they did in the past. They will once again respect and worship us as if we were guardians or even saviors!”

Shen Yulin’s words made a lot of sense.

If it was not for the fact that he had foreseen the outcome of this war in his doomsday memories and had personally witnessed the tyranny of the Turan civilization, Meng Chao would have been convinced by Shen Yulin.

The only problem was...

“Are you all so confident that you can obtain a new victory?”

Meng Chao frowned and asked.

“Of course. Our enemies are just a bunch of aborigines who drink raw meat and blood!”

Shen Yulin could not help but laugh. It was as if Meng Chao had asked a question that even a three-year-old child would know the answer to. “It’s not like you haven’t seen the appearance of those aborigines. They are deformed, ugly, and bony. They don’t have the sharp teeth and claws of monsters or the advanced technology of the people of Earth. They even lack the most basic organization and the courage to fight bloody battles. They are simply born slaves!

“If the heavens don’t take them, they’ll be blamed instead. Letting such a vast and fertile land before us be occupied by such weak aborigines from the Other World is simply a crime against civilization!

“Believe me, this war will definitely not last as long as the Monster War. There will be rivers of blood and heavy losses.

“In fact, I don’t think there’s a need to mobilize the forces from Dragon City at all. Even the Red Dragon Army doesn’t need to mobilize a single soldier. With the strength of the nine mega corporations, we can win this ‘corporate war.’

“No... Maybe, there won’t be a real battle at all. As long as the armored airships of the nine corporations descend from the sky and launch a round of firepower coverage on the orcs’ lair, the panicked aborigines of the Other World will collapse and kneel on the ground in worship as they shiver. “The winner will never have to be judged. Do you think that when the armored airships of the nine corporations return to Dragon City with large spoils of war and the news that the orcs have completely surrendered, will anyone still criticize us?”

Meng Chao sighed.

Shen Yulin was right.

Until now, the Turan orcs, whom the people of Dragon City had encountered aside from him, were indeed like weak slaves.

No, they were not “like” weak slaves. They were slaves in the first place, whether they were the rat people who had been enslaved by the five clans for thousands of years, or the old, weak, and disabled amongst the rat people.

The combat ability of the old, weak, and disabled rat people were used to calculate the overall combat ability of the Turan orcs.

This would be the most serious strategic misjudgment made by the Dragon City civilization.

“Director Shen, have you ever thought about this question?”

Meng Chao stared at Shen Yulin and enunciated each word clearly. “If the natives of the Other World are really so weak, why do so many monsters choose to live on Monster Mountain Range with relatively poor resources, relatively small space, and no potential for development? Why don’t they run to the two shores in the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River, where there are abundant resources and vast land, to be kings and overlords?”

“You have to know that many Apocalyptic Beasts have the ability to move mountains and overturn seas. They are as terrifying as railway guns that are loaded with nuclear warheads.

“Even such Apocalyptic Beasts don’t dare to cross the lake of thunder. Don’t you think that there is a small possibility that there are many existences that are more terrifying than the Apocalyptic Beasts in this mysterious foreign land? Isn’t it very likely that the war that we launch rashly will not develop according to our

plan?”

“Of course, we’ve thought about that.”

Shen Yulin revealed an expression that he had expected and indifferently said, “The result is still the same. Even if there are existences in the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River that are even more terrifying than the Apocalyptic Beasts, we still have to fight this battle!”

“Why?”

Meng Chao widened his eyes.

“The reason is very simple. Humans don’t harm tigers, but tigers eat people’s hearts!”

Shen Yulin’s eyes revealed a fierce light as he coldly said, “If we really live next to an existence that is even more terrifying than the Apocalyptic Beasts, let’s not talk about whether or not we can tolerate each other. Do you think it’s possible for the other party to tolerate us forever?”

“If you are an existence that is ‘even more terrifying than the Apocalyptic Beasts,’ do you think it’s possible for you to see a behemoth like Dragon City inexplicably appear behind you and be restrained by the laws of the Other World, then still believe that we can stay out of each other’s way?”

“We understand the principle of allowing others to sleep soundly on the side of the bed. The other party must also understand it.

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“It is better to attack first and then suffer. Since there is bound to be a war between us, instead of turning Dragon City into a battlefield and reigniting the flames of war that were finally extinguished in the streets and alleys of Dragon City, we might as well take the initiative to attack and set the battlefield near the other party’s lair. Only by pushing the battle line as far as possible to the other party’s lair can we not worry about smashing our own bottles and jars. Only then can we make the most of our technological civilization’s overwhelming and endless heavy firepower advantage!”

“Also, one of the most important points is that starting a modern war is by no means an easy task. It requires long-term preparation and large-scale mobilization.

“Right now, Dragon City has not completely emerged from the decades-long Monster War. We still have many experienced veterans, a large number of weapons production lines that can operate normally, and workers who are skilled in manufacturing technology. People are also used to the negative effects of war. Whether superhuman or ordinary people, they are not afraid of war.

“However, if peace continues, a lot of veterans will wither away. A lot of weapon production lines will be sealed, rusted, and scrapped because of insufficient demand. A lot of weapon R&D and manufacturing teams will lose their place and turn to civilian use or even be disbanded altogether. “You must know that scrapping a weapon production line and disbanding a weapon R&D team is easy, but rebuilding the entire military industry and the war system, as well as reshaping the fighting will of all the citizens, will be even more difficult than ascending to the heavens.

“If we are truly paralyzed by the peace in front of us and wait a few years after the horses are released, until the weapons are restocked in the warehouse, and only then do we realize that our neighbor is an existence even more terrifying than the Apocalyptic Beasts, do you think it’ll still be possible to restart the war machine in a hurry?”

Chapter 1460 Drastic Change!

To be fair, what Shen Yulin said was not without reason.

If not for the common threat of the Holy Light Temple, and Meng Chao, as well as “Jackal” Kanus experiencing the end of the world in their nightmares, the Dragon City civilization and Turan civilization might really fight each other.

It was precisely because of this that Meng Chao was even more confused. “Since this war has so many benefits and is so imperative, why can’t you speak your ideas openly, gather the will of all the nine mega corporations’ higher-ups, and then go to the Survival Committee to persuade more than two-thirds of the members?

“Don’t tell me that the higher-ups of the nine corporations and the members of the Survival Committee don’t understand what you just said?

“Why do we have to act on our own and report it after the fact?”

“There are two kinds of things in this world: those that can be done and those that cannot be said, and those that can be said and those that cannot be done.”

Shen Yulin calmly said, “There are also two kinds of people in this world. One is responsible for appearing in public and being righteous, and the other is responsible for doing whatever it takes and doing whatever is necessary. “Many members of the Survival Committee know the benefits and necessity of starting a war, and they don’t disagree with starting a war.

“They just don’t want the leadership of this brand-new war to fall into the hands of the nine corporations and the nine noble families of cultivation.

“The ordinary citizens, on the other hand, are often hesitant, greedy, and ignorant. They want to enjoy the benefits of the war, but they are not willing to pay the price of the war. They always think that the world will have the best of both worlds.

“If we continue to send the North Advancement Plan to the Survival Committee for discussion, we will only get into endless wrangling, and we will miss the fleeting opportunity to fight.

“As the saying goes, ‘meat-eaters are contemptible.’ What do those royal dukes, who only hide in the back and talk loudly, know? The future of Dragon City is still in the hands of people like you and me, who are on the front line, who have first-hand information, and are willing to sacrifice everything for Dragon City’s civilization. Don’t you think so?”

Shen Yulin stretched out his right hand from the mud with some difficulty.

He looked at Meng Chao with bright eyes.

Meng Chao hesitated for a moment as if he was seriously considering Shen Yulin’s suggestion, and he gradually leaned toward the other party’s position.

“Can you tell me about your organization?”

Meng Chao said, “You said just now that you have covered all walks of life in Dragon City, including the elites of all major fields, as well as the senior executives of various organizations and societies?”

“I really can’t imagine what kind of huge organization that is.” “That’s right.”

Shen Yulin smiled slightly, revealing a reserved and proud smile. “The scale and strength of the organization far exceed your imagination. Moreover, we will certainly absorb ten times more resources in the brand-new war and become the leader of Dragon City, able to guide the progress of the entire civilization. An outstanding figure like you will certainly be able to achieve great things with the organization’s help and be remembered in history!”

“Since the organization is so powerful, why have I never heard of your name?”

Meng Chao seemed to be a little moved, but he was also a little confused.

“You will hear about it.”

Shen Yulin only said, “After you show your determination, as well as loyalty, and officially join the organization, you will naturally know its name and history. Our organization has a long history and is deeply rooted. It is even older than the Survival Committee.”

“What?!”

Meng Chao was a little shocked. After thinking for a long time, he seemed to make up his mind. “Then, you should at least tell me the names of Sky Pillar Corporation’s higher-ups who joined the organization.

“Didn’t you just say that there are many big shots in the Lu family who are members of this organization?”

“It’s not that I don’t believe you. It’s just that the incident of Lu Siya betraying the Lu family has had a huge impact on us. I don’t want to be the second Lu Siya. I don’t want to be a traitor to the Lu family. I

also don't want to join a mysterious organization under the recommendation of a disciple of the Shen family. After all, do you know the relationship between Sky Pillar Corporation and Universe Corporation?"

"I understand."

Shen Yulin smiled. "So, you want a member of the Lu family who has a high position in Sky Pillar Corporation to act as someone introducing you to the organization?"

"That's right."

Meng Chao nodded, and a crafty light shone in his eyes. "After all, my future in Sky Pillar Corporation is still decided by the big shot of the Lu family, isn't it?"

"Of course, your request is very reasonable, and there's not much of a problem."

Shen Yulin said, "Pull me up, and you'll be able to meet the big shot from your family in a while. I guarantee that when you recognize his face, you'll definitely be shocked!"

Meng Chao hesitated.

"Can't you just tell me his name?" He was a little hesitant.

"Trust is mutual. I have shown enough sincerity in this quagmire. Now, it's your turn."

Shen Yulin calmly said, "Just as you said, you have no other choice. What can you do if you continue to hesitate?"

"As for the names, of course, I can name ten or eight of them. The problem is, how do you know whether I'm telling the truth or not?"

"What you hear is false, what you see is true. Pull me out and I'll bring you to the organization. Isn't it safer for you to meet the important figures of the Lu family?"

Meng Chao stared at Shen Yulin's face.

He tried to find the slightest trace of a lie on his face.

However, Shen Yulin's face was calm.

It was as if he was selfless and had a clear conscience.

Meng Chao looked around.

By then, the torrential rain had subsided and turned into a drizzling drizzle that penetrated through every orifice.

However, dawn had yet to arrive, and their surroundings were still pitch black.

He could only rely on the starlight that leaked through the gaps between the dark clouds. He could barely see what was in the distance or nearby. The undulating mountain ridges were like huge beasts that bared their fangs and brandished their claws, blocking all the roads.

Meng Chao took a deep breath.

He finally made up his mind.

He held Shen Yulin's extended hand.

"Hold on tight, I'll pull you up!"

"Alright!"

Shen Yulin's smile was extremely bright. He obediently held Meng Chao's hand with a tight grip.

Then, he suddenly exerted force.

"Crack!"

An extremely clear sound of bones cracking could be heard from Meng Chao's hand.

"Roar!"

There were dozens of radiating veins on Shen Yulin's face, as though they had been created by an explosion.

Accompanied by a beast-like howl from the depths of his throat, his expression instantly became extremely mournful.

His five fingers that grabbed Meng Chao were like five red-hot iron hooks that were deeply embedded into Meng Chao's skin and flesh. If one listened carefully, one could even hear the sound of burning.

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eng Chao seemed to be caught off guard, and he let out a scream of shock as well as anger.

Shen Yulin's face was filled with malevolence. He let out a strange laugh and pulled forcefully, causing Meng Chao to lose his balance and fall into the mud.

He took the opportunity to jump up. Like a raging flood dragon, he leaped up from the bottom of the abyss at an extremely high speed.

One should know that Shen Yulin's entire body had sunk into the mud earlier. His mouth, nose, eyes, and ears were barely exposed.

Under the pressure of several dozen million tons of mud, and with nowhere to borrow strength, forget an ordinary person, even superhumans with slightly lower cultivation bases would not be able to break free easily.

However, Shen Yulin directly jumped from the depths of the mud to the SUV that was about to be submerged. Then, he pressed Meng Chao under him.

In an instant, the positions of both the offensive and defensive sides underwent a hundred-and-eighty-degree reversal.

Shen Yulin's form and temperament were completely different from before.

The original Shen Yulin had a strong physique after long-term exploration and mining of crystals.

To be able to become the master of a mine, his hands must have been stained with a lot of blood, both monster blood and human blood.

Even so, he was ultimately a high-level manager. He mainly used his brain and not his muscles to solve problems. It was impossible for him to be as strong and valiant as a pure warrior.

Yet, the current Shen Yulin's body had not only expanded to twice its original size, but every muscle was as full as a bomb that was about to explode. At the same time, it seemed to have an independent will as it pulsed violently. His entire body looked so thick that even an anti-tank cannon could not penetrate it.

Moreover, his skin had also added a layer of granite-like texture, giving people a rough and hard feeling. It was as if all the flesh and blood on his body had been replaced with some kind of dense rock.

His eyes were even more frightening.

Right then, the raging flames that were spurting out of Shen Yulin's eyes could burn real granite into a pile of mud!

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It was as if a steam engine had been installed in Shen Yulin's body that was operating to the limit, causing white smoke to spurt out of his seven orifices.

In the midst of the white smoke, he revealed an expression of incomparable enjoyment and indulged himself in the unparalleled, unrestrained flow of power. He did not pay any attention to Meng Chao, who was firmly pinned down by his palm.

Meng Chao revealed a regretful expression. It was as if he had suddenly realized why Shen Yulin had been "open and honest," telling him so much to merely stall for time. Fortunately, under the cover of the mud, he was silently circulating his spirit energy and changing the structure of his cells. He had released a power that was even more violent than that of ferocious Hell Beasts.

Meng Chao was convulsing in pain and shrieking in horror. "You... You lied to me!"

"Don't be afraid. I didn't lie to you, and I won't kill you just like that."

Shen Yulin grinned, revealing his teeth that were even sharper than a chainsaw. His voice was a hundred times deeper and huskier than before, and it was full of suffocating pressure. "My promise is still valid. As long as you're not lying, you'll have a chance to join our organization.

"Of course, not in your current state.

"You're too smart, too dangerous, and too good at disguising your injuries. Even high-concentration anesthetics and truth-telling agents are ineffective against you. It's impossible for me to bring you back to the organization in such a state.

"Let me think... I will dismantle all your joints, break your limbs and vertebrae, blow up your internal organs, and drain two-thirds of your blood. That will be enough insurance, right?"

“Don’t worry. The organization is more powerful than you can imagine. We have the most advanced medical and gene-modulation technology. No matter what I turn you into, the organization will have a way to bring you back to life. They will even inject a brand-new, incredible power into your body and make you... like me!”