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Chapter 381: Tunnel Protection Squad

“Th-Thank you so much!”

After the fan, who seemed like a high school student, took a picture with Meng Chao, she said excitedly, “I didn’t expect that the legendary Meng Chao was so friendly!”

“I’m not a Deity Realm superhuman, just someone at the peak of Earth Realm. There’s no need for me to put on airs,” Meng Chao said with a smile. “But with such a cute supporter like you, I will definitely work hard and reach Heaven Realm as soon as possible! You’re still in high school, right? My younger sister is a high school student too. You have to work hard together with her. Train nonstop and become stronger!”

The fan was so excited after she received his encouragement that her eyes sparkled. She swung her arms and said seriously, “I’ll definitely work hard!”

“Work hard. Also, when you fight against zombies, be careful. Don’t get too close to them!”

Meng Chao smiled and bade farewell to the fan.

He felt really guilty, so he did not quite dare to look Lu Siya in the eye.

“Seize every second possible, huh?” Lu Siya asked with the ghost of a smile.

“You don’t understand,” Meng Chao replied seriously. “The abnormal beasts have changed their tactics and are using psychological tactics. They want to exaggerate the difference between superhumans and normal people so that they can intensify the conflict between them. Then, they can tear apart the communities in Dragon City.

“With that kind of situation in mind, as superhumans, we can’t put on airs in front of normal people. We have to be friendly and be part of the people’s lives. So, we should try to satisfy the fans’ requests, since that will allow us to maintain the harmony in Dragon City!”

“Makes sense. But if this fan was a burly man weighing more than one hundred kilograms, built like a tank, with scars covering his face, and a beard, would you still patiently give your signature and take a picture with him just like you did with the female fan? If you did, you’d make even more sense.”

Meng Chao scratched his head and wanted to defend himself further, but Lu Siya had already flown away.

The Heaven Realm superhumans might be able to freely apply maglev and soar through the skies, but if they wanted to travel long distances, they could not be fast.

After all, the physiological structure of the human body made it certain that humans could not fly.

Even though they could activate their spirit energy and perform short-distance sprints in the air, it used up a lot of spirit energy.

Hence, Heaven Realm superhumans often carried with them lightweight gliders. While above the people, they could glide through the air quickly while subtly changing their direction nonstop until they reached their destination.

When Lu Siya had already risen one hundred meters into the air and started gliding to Red Dragon River, Meng Chao activated his 3D mobile gear and jumped high into the air. Loud puffs of air came out from his gear as he jumped among the buildings. He moved as if he was flying.

One of them jumped and the other glided. Both of them rushed forward. Soon, they passed more than ten streets.

Smoke still curled up from the areas under them. Gunshots and shouts rose and fell. Quite a number of streets still had zombies in them.

One of the shelter areas with temporary tents was thrown into chaos by the zombies.

The two could see a lot of citizens wanting to escape. They squeezed themselves into narrow streets and shoved at each other. Those places were cramped.

It was difficult for the tanks and armored vehicles outside to come in. It was also difficult for the superhumans to make the citizens spread out.

If even one of the citizens there were infected by the new zombie virus, the consequences would be dire.

'We have to set up defenses everywhere and can't be hit anywhere. The Home Party's ideals will put us in a far too passive position against the enemy's surprise attacks!'

Meng Chao sighed in his heart.

Right now, they only faced monsters and zombies.

In the future, they would face elves, dwarves, dragons, magicians, and all sorts of strange Other World creatures.

Their magic, curses, plagues, bewitchment, and mind control were much stronger than the zombies in terms of invasiveness and destructiveness.

The Colonization Party's method would not work, but there were problems with the Home Party's ideals as well. If they thought that building a hoop-shaped defense line around Dragon City would make their defenses impenetrable and let them sleep peacefully, they would end up being beaten up and become mangled sitting ducks.

'The Colonization Party is full of mad dogs, but the Home Party is full of cowards. Just which path should Dragon City take in the future? It's a real headache!' Meng Chao thought.

'Let's talk about the battle in front of us right now. We're just defending and fighting back passively. We can't win the Monster War like this. It'd be better for us to find the abnormal beasts' nest, which is likely the satellite city that is even more terrifying than Dragon King Town. That's the only way!'

The tragedy in front of him made Meng Chao come to a decision. He had to reach Heaven Realm as soon as possible and join the operation to destroy the satellite city that was controlled by the abnormal beasts.

However, he first had to deal with the problem of the abnormal beasts invading and attacking them from all sides.

He and Lu Siya soon left the southern part of the city and reached the banks of Red Dragon River.

During winter, the Red Dragon River was like a hibernating aquatic dragon. It flowed slower than during the wet season in summer, which was why winter was the best period of time to construct a tunnel under the river.

But a lot of minerals and crystals came from upstream, where Monster Mountain Range was, so there were still patches of black shadows rising and falling in the slightly red water.

They were terrifying aquatic monsters who were flushed down by the rapid waters.

If the city used deep water bombs, they could hunt down these monsters and use them as nutritious food.

Yet there were seldom any superhumans who dared to jump into Red Dragon River to fight against the aquatic monsters with their fists deep in the river, because the water flowed too rapidly.

“Is that... a Lion Dragon Fish?”

Now that Meng Chao was at the peak of Earth Realm, his eyesight had become much sharper than when he was a one-star superhuman. Even when he was high in the sky, he could see a large body moving in the river.

On his mission for the Red Radiance Jade mine, Meng Chao and Lu Siya had fought fiercely against two Lion Dragon Fishes in a mysterious lake deep in Graveyard Forest.

Even now, when their cultivation realms and fighting strength had increased a lot, their hearts would fill with fear upon recalling that fight. They did not want a repeat of that fight.

However, if Gao Ye dug a hole into the construction site of the tunnel under the river, then all the water from Red Dragon River as well as the aquatic monsters, including the Lion Dragon Fish, inside would...

Meng Chao gulped and slowed down.

The construction deal for the tunnel under the river was originally won by Spirit Creation Creatures.

However, Spirit Creation Creatures ran into a series of crises caused by Gao Ye's transformation and had to split up their core assets and experienced technicians into different groups. Then, with help from the abnormal beast research department, they merged with Superstar.

The construction for the tunnel under the river was taken over by Superstar and two other infrastructure companies that were skilled in modifying biochemical beasts, along with a powerful company skilled in runic symbol machines.

It meant that the pie was split into four, and it managed to cover up the scandal of Gao Ye transforming into a monster.

Hence, Meng Chao was quite familiar with the construction site of the tunnel under the river. It was built at the edge of the southern part of the city, and it was at a place where Red Dragon River was rather wide.

Even though building the construction site at a wider area meant that they had more work to do, the flow of water was slower there compared to where the river narrowed. The erosion of the tunnel after it was constructed would also be weaker because of it.

After they received news that a lot of zombies had appeared at the southern part of the city, the construction had come to a halt. The technicians and engineers all armed themselves. The hammers the workers used were powered by crystals, and spirit gas gushed out of them. They could break the toughest stones as well as open the skulls of zombies and monsters.

Once the Red Dragon Army received the alarm from the abnormal beast research department, it immediately sent a rapid response squad over. The men brought with them three armored vehicles and stationed themselves by the construction site.

On the surface of the river there were patrol boats filled with deep water bombs. They went back and forth while looking for signs of abnormal creatures.

When Meng Chao rushed over, Lu Siya was above the construction site. She had already circled the Red Dragon River once. Then, she removed her glider while still in the air and jumped in front of the squad from the army to show her ID.

When they entered the second stage of the Monster War, the monsters continued evolving and growing smarter. The authority and power of the abnormal beast research department kept increasing day by day, and the department was beginning to grow into a powerful organization that could stand on equal ground with the Supernatural Tower and adjudicator court, just as Meng Chao remembered it.

The Red Dragon Army's commander gave Meng Chao and Lu Siya a standard military salute to show that they would provide aid and firepower as support while the abnormal beast research department took over command of the situation.

"Did anything happen?" Meng Chao asked the Red Dragon Army commander.

"For now, no," the Red Dragon Army commander said. "We arrived seven minutes ago to set up defenses and listen to movements underground. Right now, there are a lot of pests moving below us. They're loud and interference is strong. It's hard for us to get any useful information. But there are no cracks on the surface around us. We didn't notice any tremors or signs of the ground sinking in the tunnel that is under construction."

"What about the workers, engineers, and technicians? Have they come out?" Meng Chao asked.

"Some of the workers and engineers have retreated in time. Some are still in the tunnel," the Red Dragon Army commander said. "A lot of their large construction equipment is operating at full capacity in the tunnel. They need some time to retrieve everything and leave."

Meng Chao nodded.

Through Superstar, he had come to understand a bit about the construction in the tunnel under the river.

It was the first time Dragon City carried out a construction under a river after they transmigrated to the Other World.

A lot of the construction equipment was made specifically for this construction project. It was to be tested and examined. The engineers had to gather all sorts of data and train people to use the new equipment.

Even the Giant Sandworms and other biochemical beasts had a lot of resources poured into them and were tested repeatedly before they were created.

Various industries and related departments had invested a lot into the construction.

Naturally, the engineers could not just watch as their precious equipment was drowned by the river.

But...

Meng Chao cast a glance at Red Dragon River. Suddenly, he felt that the color of the river near the construction site was off.

The normal color of the water was slightly red.

Right now, it was beginning to turn a murky yellow.

There were also countless bubbles coming from the bottom of the river. It was as if there was something brewing up a tsunami in Red Dragon River.

“There’s something there!”

The patrolling motor torpedo boat on the river also noticed the abnormality.

It immediately fired a large number of deep water bombs into the river.

Bomb! Bomb! Bomb!

Thick water pillars shot into the sky.

The torn limbs of aquatic creatures flew into the air like rain, and their blood died the river red.

But the effect of deep water bombs in a river with rapid current was not that good.

Besides, their target was Gao Ye, an Ultimate Sandworm skilled in digging tunnels.

He could just dig into the riverbed and use the earth that had been accumulating for years there to minimize the impact from deep water bombs.

Besides, this place was too close to the construction site. If they were careless, the deep water bombs would destroy the tunnel under the river.

Hence, the motor torpedo boat did not dare to fire wantonly. It could only fire nonstop at the edge of the tunnel. Aside from killing a large number of aquatic monsters and causing a large amount of earth to fly up, which in turn caused the river to be even more murky and chaotic, they did not manage to drag the Ultimate Sandworm out.

At that moment, loud and piercing sounds came out from the Red Dragon Army commander's communicator.

His expression changed. "No! Water has spilled into the tunnel!"

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"I guessed right! This is Gao Ye's target!"

Time was pressing, so while heading to the working surface, Meng Chao called Ye Xiaoxing.

But the interference was very bad. Besides, he could hear deafening explosions from Ye Xiaoxing's side. Meng Chao shouted for a long time into his wrist communicator, but he did not know whether Ye Xiaoxing heard him.

He could only send the highest alert to Ye Xiaoxing, which symbolized that he had discovered the target. Then, he jumped into the construction site by the river with Lu Siya.

Since the current was rapid, the tunnel was dug deep under the river. They needed to fall for dozens of meters before they landed on the ground.

When they looked into the tunnel, it was dark, and they could not see anything. There was only a red glimmer in the distance.

The engineers who escaped told Meng Chao that due to the rat hordes biting the cables, all of them were severed. They could only use the emergency lighting system powered by crystals.

At that moment, the workers and experts who were controlling the equipment and biochemical beasts to minimize losses noticed that more water was seeping in. They had to abandon everything and run with their hands wrapped around their heads.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya poured spirit energy into their eyes, and it looked as if they had equipped rings of shining light around their pupils. By stimulating their optical cells, they could possess hawk-like vision in the darkness.

"Run! This place might collapse at any moment, and the water will charge in!"

Meng Chao and Lu Siya grabbed the workers who ran over and tossed them to the Red Dragon Army soldiers, who followed them closely, and sent them safely to the surface.

They then asked the Red Dragon Army to set up crystal bombs at the spot where the tunnel under the river connected to the underground tunnel.

If the tunnel under the river really collapsed, they had to explode the construction area to prevent the rampaging water from flooding the fully constructed tunnels that were connected to Subway No.20, because those tunnels were also connected to subways.

But detonations like these required precise calculations and holes for detonation at precise places. They needed at least ten minutes to prepare it.

Until then, Meng Chao and Lu Siya had to halt Gao Ye's destruction.

The further they went into the tunnel, the stuffier and more humid the air became. They could hear dripping and cracking everywhere. Countless intersecting cracks were appearing on the walls of the tunnel.

At some unknown point in time, the water had flooded the dry surface, and it went over their ankles.

A red light swayed ahead of them. A few workers staggered over from the dark.

Meng Chao grabbed those workers and shouted, "Run!"

But as a Spirit Sensor, Lu Siya noticed that something was off. "Careful!" she shouted out.

At the same time, she activated her ability. Spirit tattoos shone around her eyes, as if she had put on dazzling eyeshadow.

A few spikes formed of rocks shot out from under Meng Chao's feet and went toward the workers.

The workers were like puppets with ruined joints. They moved in strange ways and avoided the spikes, though barely.

At that point, they also revealed faces that were green, swollen and covered in red lines.

"Zombies?!"

Meng Chao shuddered and immediately understood what had happened. They were deep in a tunnel under a river. It was the best place for a rat horde to attack.

Even though it was winter on the surface, the underground tunnel was humid and hot. Many workers did not obey the standards of operation fully and did not wear their protective clothing properly.

As long as the rats scratched or bit their exposed skin, their tragic fates were set.

Meng Chao sighed. His legs instantly turned into whirlwinds, and he kicked the zombified workers away from him. They flew away like cannonballs.

He used a lot of strength, and all of them were reduced to a bloody mess against the walls of the tunnel. Their bones were broken.

With their spines crushed, it should have been impossible for them to get up. But strange sounds of bones protruding and flesh squirming came from where they fell. Then, as if they were controlled with a string by demons, they stood up again with crooked bodies.

There were a few workers who could not get up, so they decided to go on all fours, just like human spiders. Their heads spun 180 degrees, and they stared at Meng Chao and Lu Siya with bloodshot eyes.

Red threads gushed out of their wounds. They were like hungry tentacles that stretched out toward Meng Chao and Lu Siya.

“Blood Flower!” Meng Chao hissed.

He knew it. The abnormal beasts were indeed in control of a technology that allowed them to fuse the zombie virus, rabies virus, and pseudo fungus creature—Blood Flower—together.

They managed to turn humans into existences more terrifying than monsters.

Lu Siya sighed and snapped her fingers lightly. She turned the sturdy reinforced concrete under the zombies’ feet into loose, flowing sand, and their limbs sunk into it,

Then, she changed the electron shell and molecular structure of the flowing sand, turning it back to reinforced concrete, thus pinning the zombies firmly to the ground.

The zombies yanked at their limbs with everything they had. Rage appeared on their deformed, swollen faces. Even if they tore their joints and flesh, they insisted on yanking out their severed limbs.

Meng Chao could not watch it any longer. He pulled out his gun and fired repeatedly to end these innocent victims’ lives.

Even though the zombies continued squirming madly because of the stimulation from the viruses and Blood Flowers despite having their heads blasted open, at the very least, the people’s souls could rest in peace and would not need to continue to bear any pain.

The two were blocked for a moment by zombies, and suddenly, the tunnel wall cracked loudly.

The dripping of water was also replaced by another, even more terrifying sound. It sounded like thousands of horses running at them.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya could not stop themselves from looking at the top of the tunnel.

There were now fine cracks over there.

They had started on the surface near the river and had walked more than 300 m into the tunnel. In other words, they were right under Red Dragon River now. Above them was the raging river, along with countless aquatic monsters.

The sounds of horses galloping became louder. It was as if the river water had gathered together to form a huge army and was rushing at them, who were deep in the tunnel.

Lu Siya gritted her teeth and knelt down on one knee. She pressed her palms against the ground.

Countless spirit tattoos rose on her forehead, corners of her eyes, the roots of her ears, shoulders, arms, and palms. Then, they gushed out from her palms to spread out into the depths of the tunnel like living streams.

Soon, the walls of the tunnel were covered in spirit tattoos.

With spirit energy interference, the cracks soon closed up. Thick stone pillars shot out of the surface as well. They overlapped with each other to form multiple breakwaters. Then, they slowly fused together to form an impenetrable stone wall!

After being nourished by the Red Radiance Jade tsunami and Blue Origin Crystals together with Meng Chao under Raging Waves, Lu Siya had also gained a blessing.

Besides, she had also experienced all sorts of hardships in the abnormal beast research department over the past year. With her burning, ambitious nature driving her forward, she trained madly and fought hard every day, so her fighting strength had reached an explosive breakthrough.

She was no longer the mine explorer who needed powerful fighters to protect her. Instead, she was a true Heaven Realm superhuman. She could control sand, earth, and rocks to fight. She was a true daughter of earth!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The deafening sounds of water crashing against things could be heard deep in the tunnel.

Something had completely crushed the end of the tunnel, so the rampaging river water from Red Dragon River surged in like a berserk aquatic dragon.

Originally, the river would have been able to instantly flood the whole tunnel and destroy everything in it. But it was weakened by the breakwaters Lu Siya constructed, and the impact was largely reduced.

In the end, when the water reached their waists, Lu Siya finally closed up the damaged part of the tunnel and blocked it.

This task took up most of her spirit energy and stamina.

Her face was stark pale. Her breathing was rapid, and the spirit flames around her flickered.

At that moment, a black shadow squirmed madly in the water that had reached their waists.

Splash!

A monster with shining purple marks, which resembled an electric eel but was as thick as a python, suddenly shot out of the water. It opened its mouth wide, and electricity sparked from its sharp fangs. It went straight for Lu Siya's face.

It was an aquatic monster that had surged into the tunnel with the water!

Meng Chao acted quickly. He brought his arm down and cut off the giant electric eel's head.

Blood that was almost transparent gushed out of the creature's oropharynx. It fell limply back into the water and started twitching madly.

The electricity arcs illuminated the murky water, giving it a crystalline blue hue. It also illuminated the countless aquatic monsters hiding beneath the water's surface.

Since Lu Siya had sealed off the cracks in time, most of the creatures who came in with the water were small aquatic monsters, thin enhydrid-type monsters, or electric eel-type monsters.

But this did not mean that they were not dangerous.

Many of the aquatic monsters were not even at the length of Meng Chao's arm, but half of their bodies were their heads and they had unique jaw structures. When they opened their mouths wide, they could

easily bite off a human's head. Their astonishing bite strength could even allow them to bite through a steel plate like it was a biscuit.

They were like the upgraded versions of the piranhas on Earth.

Even a lot of the aquatic monsters who were dozens of times larger than they were would turn into prey for these man-eating aquatic creatures if they had the slightest wound on their bodies, because they would surge forward in a horde when they scented blood.

At that moment, after they tasted the blood from the giant electric eel, thousands of piranhas swam madly toward Meng Chao and Lu Siya. Some of them even jumped out of the water eagerly while being more than ten meters away. They surged toward them as one.

"You're just asking for it!"

From the moment he noticed that the innocent workers were infected by the virus and turned into new zombies, Meng Chao had seethed in anger.

His chain sabers burned with flames that could not be extinguished by water and dazzling electrical arcs that made the dark cave look like there was a sun inside. Then, as his spirit energy surged even fiercer than the river water, they split into dozens of illusions... No, they were not illusions!

Since Meng Chao used the Ultimate Style, he did not need to accumulate power or cool down. His advantage lay in possessing extremely good endurance. He instantly delivered dozens of fatal strikes to the center of piranhas' heads and accurately split open dozens of those that had jumped out of the water.

The piranhas lurking in the water were forced out when Meng Chao used the spirit energy that surged out of the 36,000 pores on his body to push the water away. He did the same thing again, then, and cut them into pieces.

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In an instant, the surface of the water was covered with the torn flesh from the piranhas.

However, the water did not calm down because of it. Instead, it started surging even fiercer. Soon, eight tentacles resembling those of the Slit-mouthed Anacondas shot out and went straight for Meng Chao's limbs and head.

Meng Chao snorted coldly. His chain sabers danced around him and formed an absolute defense that acted like a meat grinder, which cut the tentacles into pieces.

The tentacles danced madly in the air as they pulled back, and a large creature appeared in the dark.

The tentacles belonged to an aquatic monster that resembled an octopus. It possessed practically no bones, and its body was very soft. When Gao Ye had crashed into the tunnel and created a crack, it had slipped through it inside.

'Why are there octopi in the river?! This Other World is so messed up!'

Meng Chao made his chain sabers dance, forming dozens of illusions again. They entangled with the octopus monster's tentacles practically at the same time.

The runic symbols shone one by one on the chains, and it was as if blades made of flames and electricity had been inserted into the chains.

He pulled them back viciously and yanked out five of the creatures' tentacles from the roots.

The octopus monster grimaced in pain. Its head was like a giant heart, and at that moment, the mouth opened wide. Perhaps the octopus wanted to fire out ink, poison, or its organs.

But Meng Chao would not let it have the chance. His spirit energy flowed rapidly in more than sixty main meridians and hundreds of branch meridians. They activated the spirit acupoints, and his spirit tattoos appeared. They were domineering tattoos and blended his body together with his weapons.

The illusions of the dozens of chain sabers overlapped with each other again. He pulled them back, and as his arms swelled up, he threw them forward again.

This time, the two chain sabers spiralled and thrust forward like a spear with lightning and flames intersecting with each other. They drove straight into the octopus monster's body through its mouth.

The octopus monster's inborn skill was interrupted. It suffered from a spirit energy backlash, and Meng Chao's chain sabers wreaked havoc in its body as well, so it instantly started twitching madly.

The next instant, scattered sparks and electrical arcs gushed out from where the tentacles were severed. Smoke came out of the creature's head along with the pungent scent of something burnt.

Thud!

The two chain sabers came out of the back of its head.

At the same time, its destroyed flesh also came out of its body, and the octopus shriveled up like an emptied grain sack. It had breathed its last.

Meng Chao pulled back his chain sabers.

The entire fight had lasted only five seconds.

Meng Chao suppressed the creature completely during those five seconds and did not give it a chance to fight back.

One year ago, he was a one-star superhuman who had to run when he faced high-grade Nightmarish Beasts or break his brains to think of ways to fight against them in the northern battlefield.

Today, without blinking, he could casually kill a Grade 3 Nightmarish Beast.

To Meng Chao, this was what it meant to live through a year where his strength increased by leaps and bounds and he became an entirely new person!

His spirit flames illuminated the water and the aquatic creatures who fled while shoving at each other.

Once they sensed his absolute strength, the small aquatic monsters' desire to survive overcame everything else.

Meng Chao retreated to Lu Siya's side and helped her open a high-speed spirit energy replenishment fluid extracted from a superbeast's blood.

"Are you okay?"

"I'm fine." Lu Siya poured the contents of the spirit energy replenishment fluid into her throat, and some color returned to her face. She looked down at the communicator on her wrist, frowned, and said, "The captain has already received our signal, and they're rushing over. But they ran into a lot of monsters on the way, so they might still need some time. Can you continue?"

"Yeah!" Meng Chao stopped for a moment and thought about what she said. "A large number of monsters? Where did they come from? There was no fog descent over the past few days!"

No fog had torn through the dimension and left behind a large space-time rift.

So, it was impossible for the monsters in the wild to form groups and be transferred into Dragon City.

Only small space-time rifts could appear at any moment.

However, such rifts would only transfer a few monsters over. Whenever any passionate citizens saw them, they would usually surge up to the monsters and kill them. Then, they would cut them into pieces and bring them home as food.

"It's... Gao Ye?" Meng Chao's mind raced, and he thought of a possibility. "Over the past few days, aside from emptying the foundation of a building and eating half of a train, he has been leading us around in circles. He didn't do anything else besides this.

"Could it be that he had secretly cleared a tunnel leading into Dragon City from the wild so monsters could pass Dragon City's defense line? Then, he secretly moved them and had them lurk around until the zombies could cause a major ruckus and they could join the attack to create even more trouble."

If that were really the case, the monsters' ability to coordinate their attacks had increased to another level and they had to be now treated as a civilization.

When Meng Chao thought of this, he quickly came up with another thing as well.

"Wait. Gao Ye should still be around. Why is there suddenly no sound?"

"Careful!" Lu Siya cried out.

The water in the tunnel suddenly became murky, and it soon turned into tumbling lava.

A huge whirlpool appeared five meters away from Meng Chao.

Along with the splashes, a figure that was even larger than the octopus monster shot out of the mud and rushed toward Meng Chao. There was no space to escape.

It was Gao Ye, the Supernatural Entity—Earthquake!

"Gao Ye!" Meng Chao roared and threw his chain sabers forward.

They were knocked off kilter by the air flow mixed with shattered stones and mud that came out of Gao Ye's mouth and sank into the walls of the tunnel.

When Meng Chao sensed Gao Ye moving toward him with lightning fast momentum, he could only yank at the chain sabers and move to the side.

Gao Ye's gigantic, spike-covered body fell heavily into the water, and the force of it could shake mountains. Cracks formed on the walls of the tunnel because of it.

Lu Siya gritted her teeth. Her spirit tattoos shone, and like living roots, they spread out in all directions.

Not only did she manage to close up the cracks, she also made the reinforced concrete and stones under Gao Ye turn into mud. When half of his heavy body sank into it, she solidified it again. She also summoned more than ten spikes to stab him.

But Gao Ye acted like an elephant stabbed by an embroidery needle. He did not seem to feel it at all. The spikes around him trembled at a high frequency, and he easily shattered the sturdy rocks and reinforced concrete encasing him. He swung his tail and crawled underground again.

When he saw Meng Chao, he opened his mouth inch by inch. It was covered in dozens of rows of sharp teeth, which could crush a carriage.

There were dozens of green eyes in the folds on his head. They shone with a dim light as they stared at Meng Chao and Lu Siya.

No shred of humanity could be found in those eyes anymore. The only thing left was a brutal, predatory desire. It seemed like there would be no end to it.

"Gao Ye, I didn't expect that you would end up like this!" Meng Chao said with grief while panting for breath. "I went to the hospital you often went to for treatment and I saw the room you used when you were hospitalized. I also saw the patients who had lost their dignity.

"I participated in a lot of activities organized by Blue Home, and I understood the ideals of the Home Party. I also saw that there are a lot of problems in the current Dragon City.

"I admit that there are problems with Dragon City and that our civilization is sick. The phenomenon of us never adapting has persisted even after we transmigrated from Earth. In this new world that has spirit energy and miracles, countless normal people who have not awakened to supernatural powers have slowly lost their direction and can't find their own place. In fact, they might soon be cast aside by the new world, and will end up as sacrifices of the era.

"Gao Ye, both you and I came from normal families with no power and authority. We were willing to fight for normal people as superhumans and wanted to see superhumans coexist with normal people so that we could work together to build our home and create a beautiful future.

"I also agree with your thoughts. Superhumans need to be kept in check. Normal people should think of ways to find their own strength instead of waiting for the strong to bleed for the weak.

"But having a beautiful wish isn't a reason for you to do whatever you want.

"Look at you now. Just what have you become? You've completely lost yourself in this twisted power, and you're straying further and further away from your original intentions!"

As Meng Chao shouted loudly, Gao Ye seemed to suffer from a paralysis spell and froze on the spot.

His large body started twitching lightly.

It seemed like Meng Chao's words had triggered the last shreds of humanity left behind in his demonic body.

"Haven't you realized? You're used by someone!" Meng Chao struck while the iron was hot and continued. "I know that there are a lot of problems in the order that Dragon City is currently carrying out. But we've walked out of the apocalypse. Even though we've built the Survival Committee and Supernatural Tower, the law of the jungle still exists and it's still deeply affecting everyone.

"The mega corporations can cover up their crimes and the cultivation families are still growing into a monster. The powerful are always powerful, and they just keep on getting stronger. While the new paths for the poor to improve are decreasing, and the existing ones are becoming narrower. These problems are all around, and they must be rectified.

"But reforming order doesn't mean that you must completely crush the old order! Dragon Citizens are already sick of living in the apocalypse. There's no order and law there.

"We're also sick of trembling in fear against the threat of zombies and monsters.

"But look at what you've done. You're helping abnormal beasts bring monsters under Dragon City and trying to destroy the first underwater tunnel in Dragon City. You killed countless innocent citizens, but aren't they the people you said you wanted to protect?

"Do you really know what you're doing? Did you really not notice that you've strayed from your original intentions and are walking further into darkness?

"Are you really ignorant of the fact that you're controlled and are helping the enemy tyrannize us?!

"Wake up, Gao Ye. You shouldn't be like this! Humans shouldn't turn out like this!"

Gao Ye remained silent.

There was no longer a spot on his deformed and swollen body that could show human expression.

But the dozens of eyes looked around from behind the folds. No one knew what thought processes were happening behind them.

"Even though you've changed beyond recognition, I'm still willing to trust you one more time just based on the words you left for me in your experiment log!"

Meng Chao clenched his fists and hissed, "I trust that you'll break free of the enemy's control and remember your original intentions as well as awaken your pride as a human.

"It's not too late for you to turn back now. Stop with the destruction and tell me where you have been hiding to go through your treatment and evolution. Your changes were not natural. They're results of modifications by a lab.

"Tell me just who has been modifying you and where their lab is. Tell me their plans and goals.

"I swear that once we deal with the enemies using you, we will definitely solve the problems in Dragon City, but not with your current methods!"

Chapter 384: Fight Against a Supernatural Beast!

Meng Chao's voice was like a golden horn. It echoed in the depths of the dark tunnel.

Gao Ye looked as if he was struck by lightning and did not move even after a long time had passed.

It looked like he did not dare to look Meng Chao in the eyes. He even shrank back a little in the dark.

Then...

"Cough!"

Shattered stones, mud, metal bits from the train carriage he crushed, and acid that could melt stones came charged out of his mouth like a destructive flood.

"Ah!"

Meng Chao was caught off guard. When Gao Ye's attack struck him, he was sent flying like a kite with its string snapped. He crashed violently into the wall of the tunnel.

His shirt was instantly shredded, and he was covered in wounds. He looked really pathetic.

Gao Ye's eyes shone with a savage light. He moved to launch a follow-up attack.

Fortunately, Lu Siya activated her spirit energy in time and used a large amount of stones and reinforced concrete to form a stone dragon that was about the same size as Gao Ye. It rose in front of Meng Chao to fend off the attack.

Gao Ye became tangled up with the stone dragon.

The stone dragon let out cracking sounds. It could not last for long against Gao Ye's spikes, which vibrated at high frequency.

Lu Siya quickly dragged Meng Chao out of the human-shaped hole in the wall.

"What exactly were you thinking?" Lu Siya opened a high-efficiency medical injection with her teeth and stabbed it into Meng Chao's shoulder violently. It helped to stop his bleeding and promote the healing of his wounds.

When she looked at him, her eyes betrayed the disbelief at what he did. "Did you seriously think that you could make this abnormal beast snap out of its delusions with your simple speech and high school student level oratory skills?"

"Well... I think so before." Meng Chao was hurting so much that he grimaced. His lips twitched as he said, "After all, last time, when we were under Raging Waves and fought against Lin Chuan and the White Spirit, my silver tongue seemed to work!"

"..." Lu Siya sucked in a deep breath and forced herself to calm down for three seconds, but she still could not avoid cussing. "How many friggin' screws do you have loose in your head? If running your mouth off worked every time, why the heck would we need to cultivate so hard?! We might as well just switch from fighting to debating!"

“Alright, I was wrong.” Meng Chao gritted his teeth and got up. With anger spitting out of his eyes, he stared at Gao Ye. “But this proves at least one thing. He has already completely lost his humanity. He’s no longer human.

“Those sincere words just now were spoken from the bottom of my head, and they were very touching. Even I was touched by my own words.

“If he had even 1% of humanity left, once he heard me, he would have come to a realization and felt so guilty that he cried. Then, he would have cast aside the dark side to join the forces of good.

“Since he’s unmoved, this means that he’s no longer a human. He’s no longer Gao Ye but a complete monster.

“Then... I have no other choice!”

Bang!

Earthquake crushed the stone dragon Lu Siya had created.

As the crushed stones spilled everywhere, Meng Chao’s sabers shot out.

He jumped high into the air with his sabers and stabbed into the folds of the Ultimate Sandworm’s head.

Superstar had developed incredibly quickly over the course of one year, and Meng Chao had become a rich person. He had enough resources to hire skilled craftsmen from the Supernatural Tower to recraft Surging Lightning and Bloody Flame.

Not only did he embed higher quality crystals in them, he also had more beautiful and profound runic symbols carved into them. During the recrafting process, he even added expensive Apocalyptic Beast’s bone powder. It made the damage from the two sabers to increase to a terrifying degree.

While his spirit flames surged, the metallic shine from the two sabers was replaced by flames and lightning.

Not only did they easily stab into the Ultimate Sandworm’s head until only the hilts were left, they also caused the dozens of eyes it had to protrude because of the electric shock. They started sizzling with smoke from the burns.

The Ultimate Sandworm was in pain. It started tumbling about madly in the tunnel and crashed violently against the wall.

Meng Chao wrapped the chains connected to the hilt around his arms three times. Even if the chains dug into his flesh, he held tightly to the sabers and refused to let go. He even spun the hilts with all his strength to deal even more damage to the Ultimate Sandworm’s head.

Thud! Thud!

In the end, two horrifying, bloody holes appeared in the Ultimate Sandworm’s head. All sorts of strange, sticky liquid gushed out like a spring.

Meng Chao was also sent flying by the Ultimate Sandworm. He rolled three times on the ground to negate the impact. Then, he stood up again.

Unfortunately, the Ultimate Sandworm did not have a brain.

The neuralgia around its body allowed it to keep struggling on the verge of death even though it was heavily injured. This dealt even worse damage to its surroundings.

Boom! Boom!

Most of its eyeballs were now destroyed, so it was difficult for the Ultimate Sandworm to accurately locate Meng Chao. Hence, it decided to just crash against the walls like a lunatic to vent its pain. Its other goal was to...

“It wants to make the tunnel collapse from within!”

Meng Chao’s expression changed.

The Ultimate Sandworm had already created cracks in the underwater tunnel when it was ramming against it from outside.

Now, as it damaged it in a fit of madness, the intersecting cracks connected with each other.

In just a few minutes, the tunnel would completely collapse.

“Big Sis Ya, you’re in charge of strengthening the tunnel! I’ll stop him!”

Meng Chao gritted his teeth, and with a huge stride forward, he jumped up.

Unfortunately, this time, the Ultimate Sandworm was prepared. The spikes on its body started vibrating at high frequency.

Meng Chao had wanted to jump on its back and search for the place where the neuralgia were connected so that he could destroy the Ultimate Sandworm’s mobility, but his feet were nearly impaled by the spikes vibrating at high frequency on its body.

With those spikes, the Ultimate Sandworm started squirming madly in the tunnel.

Meng Chao now faced the same problem as he did when he met the Giant Sandworm under Trash Site 4.

The space in the tunnel was too small. The slightest carelessness would either result in him being squashed against the wall by the Ultimate Sandworm and being reduced to a pulp by the high-vibration spikes or swallowed by the giant mouth, where he would have to face the terrifying acid and adhesive liquid.

Meng Chao brought out the full strength of the Ultimate Style.

He turned into an illusion surrounded by electrical arcs and flames and danced around the Ultimate Sandworm. He left hundreds of wounds on the Ultimate Sandworm’s skin.

Unfortunately, its skin was so thick that it would drive anyone fighting against it mad. Last time, even when Ye Xiaoxing destroyed one-third of its body and organs, it was able to flee as if nothing had happened to it.

After evolving for half a year, it would definitely not be subjugated by Meng Chao’s sabers.

Instead, it seized the chance to cough up a mouthful of shattered stones covered in acid and adhesive liquid, which forced Meng Chao and Lu Siya to fend off his attack in a flurry of motion.

The cracks on the tunnel walls were growing.

They could hear the cracking sounds from above the reinforced concrete signalling metal fatigue.

Meng Chao felt anxious, but he could not find a way to solve the problem in one go.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!

Rapid gunfire came from behind him and Lu Siya.

It was the Red Dragon Army!

The military squad had finally escorted all the workers and engineers safely to the surface and set up enough crystal bombs in the tunnel behind them.

Now, they came forward to provide reinforcements for Meng Chao and Lu Siya.

Even though the commander of this military squad was just a one-star superhuman and most of the soldiers were normal humans who had not awakened to supernatural powers, they remained fearless even before an existence even more horrifying than Hell Beasts. They pushed forward as they fired at Earthquake.

The armor-piercing shells created sparks on the Ultimate Sandworm's rough skin.

The fire bombs also only created sparks.

The grenades, however, made it shudder in anger.

This scene touched Meng Chao's heart, but he was also worried.

He was touched by the Red Dragon Army's fearlessness and bravery, but he knew just how terrifying Supernatural Entities were. Their attack methods changed all the time and they never had just a few attacks.

Just as he expected, the Ultimate Sandworm's head suddenly turned red and grew twice as big.

Whoosh!

A red puff of gas shot out from the depths of its throat and filled the entire tunnel.

Boom!

When the gas ran into sparks, explosions rang out in the tunnel. The impact swept through the area and sent more than ten soldiers flying.

There were often incendiary and explosive gasses like methane deep underground. There was also the sludge and humus that produced those gasses.

And the Ultimate Sandworm had used some method to store compressed methane in its body.

Once it fired it, it turned into a fearsome methane bomb.

Fortunately, Meng Chao acted quickly. When the Ultimate Sandworm's head turned red, he threw his chain sabers and bound the waists of the soldiers who were at the forefront and dragged them away from the Ultimate Sandworm's attack range.

Even so, there were quite a number of soldiers who were badly burned and sent flying into the wall. Their bones were broken, and they coughed up blood.

'I have to give it my all! I can't let it fire a second methane bomb!'

Meng Chao's eyes turned bloodshot. He knew that if the same attack was repeated, the soldiers would not just be severely injured. Instead, the whole underwater tunnel would collapse, and the blood, sweat, and tears from countless people as well as the large amounts of investment would be destroyed.

When the Ultimate Sandworm opened its mouth again, Meng Chao removed all the grenades at his waist at the moment the methane was about to shoot out and threw them over.

BOOOOOOMMM!

Chain explosions happened in the Ultimate Sandworm's gaping mouth.

It was badly battered, and its head split open like a rotten flower.

However, if it could be killed with just eight grenades, it would not have been worthy of being called a Supernatural Entity.

Slurp! Slurp!

Squirring granulation tissue shot out of its torn wounds. They closed the wounds like bio gel and started healing them rapidly.

Meng Chao knew the Supernatural Entity's fighting strength very clearly, and he never thought that he could kill one just like that.

But while the creature had temporarily run out of methane and its mouth was torn open, it was the golden time to attack. Meng Chao used a chain saber to pick up an RG-6 with eight gun mounts, and with the other, he swept up a steel pipe from a corner. It was one of those used to support the tunnel during construction.

Meng Chao first tossed the steel bar that was half a meter thick at the Ultimate Sandworm, which was still dazed from the grenades' explosions.

Moments earlier, Meng Chao had also used his spirit flames to burn almost all of its eyes.

The Ultimate Sandworm could not identify what had come charging at it. It just instinctively opened its sturdy mouth and bit down on it.

Unfortunately, its mouth had just been torn, and it had yet to recover its bite strength.

The steel pipe stabbed its mouth and let out a loud screech due to metal fatigue. It started bending visibly, but it did not snap even after a few seconds had passed.

The creature was then unable to close its mouth.

Meng Chao held the RG-6 with eight gun mounts and let out a loud shout as he jumped into the Ultimate Sandworm's mouth!

Chapter 385: Torn Intestines, Blasted Stomach, Ripped from the Center!

As the metal moaned, the steel pipe that was half a meter thick was snapped in half, and the Ultimate Sandworm spat it out.

The rows of sharp teeth in its mouth immediately started spinning and vibrating rapidly.

The Ultimate Sandworm's teeth were strong enough to crush the sturdiest stones and metal. Naturally, it could also crush the bodies of superhumans.

Fortunately, before it could completely shut its oral cavity, Meng Chao had taken a huge stride forward and forced his way into its throat.

Even though he managed to avoid being crushed by sharp teeth, the depths of the throat were no heaven either.

The powerful muscles around him started contracting inward in an attempt to crush him to death.

The acid, adhesive liquid, and poison in the depths of the abdominal cavity also flowed out, continuously corroding Meng Chao's skin, and it made him feel sharp pain.

And along with the foul smell came the next methane bomb or shattered stone attack. The Ultimate Sandworm was quickly preparing it.

But Meng Chao endured the pain and stench as he brought up the RG-6.

It could fire eight small fist-sized grenades in ten seconds, which was why it was well-loved by Red Dragon Army soldiers.

It was also the one weapon normal people could utilize the best when they faced large monsters.

In the weapons market, it had a mighty nickname—Destroyer.

“Take this, monster!”

Meng Chao pulled the trigger of the Destroyer.

Bang!

Fist-sized grenades were pushed forward by flames and shot out of the barrel that was the size of a bowl.

Boom!

Since the Ultimate Sandworm's muscles served as an obstruction, the grenade exploded close to Meng Chao.

The impact made him narrow his eyes. He also saw that the depths of the Ultimate Sandworm's throat blasted to a mess.

Meng Chao grinned and pulled the trigger repeatedly.

Bang! Boom! Bang, bang! Boom, boom! Bang, bang, bang! Boom, boom, boom!

His vitality magnetic field resonated with the roars that came from the eight gun mounted RG-6.

The Destroyer wreaked havoc in the Ultimate Sandworm, and with a series of fierce explosions, it tore a bloody path in the monster.

The Ultimate Sandworm was in so much pain that it wanted to die. It rolled around nonstop.

Meng Chao felt the world spin and rolled along with the Ultimate Sandworm.

But he kept a tight grip over the flesh in the Ultimate Sandworm's abdominal cavity. The moment the spins slowed down a little, he would fire off another destructive grenade.

Very soon, all eight grenades were shot and created a mess in the Ultimate Sandworm's body.

Meng Chao tossed away the RG-6 and pulled out the two assault rifles from his back.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!

Two firing lines acted like two hot scalpels that cut into the Ultimate Sandworm's body crudely but accurately.

Meng Chao was not shooting at random.

Very soon, as the flesh was blasted open by the shots, he noticed nerve bundles that looked like electric cables.

The nerve bundles were as thick as fingers. They shone with a faint blue light and looked really bizarre in the monster's dark cavity.

At that moment, they were like really bright sources of light that moved the nerve bundles back and forth. It seemed like they were transmitting signals of pain and fear.

'That's it. Gao Ye and the abnormal beasts behind him are seriously evil geniuses. They actually managed to think about how to fuse the nervous chains in ecdysozoa creatures and thick nerve bundles from octopi. Then, they also placed the myelin sheaths unique to mammals to replace brains, and hence, they could increase their intelligence.

'But it's all thanks to his nerves being thick that I was able to trace the clues and find... this!'

Meng Chao emptied all his cartridges.

When the gun barrels of the assault rifles started burning with a hot, dark red shade in the dark, he tossed away the guns and brought out his chain sabers again.

No matter how tough the Ultimate Sandworm was outside, its abdominal cavity would be reduced to a bloody mess when Meng Chao mercilessly trampled on it.

The two chain sabers moved as if they were in No Man's Land. Meng Chao cut upward the shining nerve bundles like he was a butcher cutting up a bull. Soon, he found a spot where seven or eight nerve bundles were connected with each other. A lump of flesh that looked as deformed and ugly as a tumor but throbbed like a heart was there. It shone with a piercing neon light.

This was the Ultimate Sandworm's subesophageal ganglion.

Earthworms, sandworms, and other annelids relied on their subesophageal ganglion to control their mobility no matter how much they evolved.

Destroying their brain tissues was meaningless.

Destroying the relatively independent ring-shaped nerves from outside could only cripple part of their bodies.

It was only when their subesophageal ganglion was completely destroyed that they would be killed in one hit.

Meng Chao smiled and crossed his sabers.

Then, as if the Ultimate Sandworm had sensed that death was impending, it constricted its subesophageal ganglion.

It then screamed fiercely at the muscles around it through eight thick nerve bundles.

The muscles started twitching madly. They tried to form the next air gush to force Meng Chao out of the abdominal cavity.

But before that, Meng Chao's eyes, temples, spirit tattoos on his palms, and the crystals embedded in his sabers shone with the brightest light.

Bang!

There were six crystals embedded in Surging Lightning and Bloody Flame, and they were all of the highest grade. That included one supreme-grade Red Radiance Jade. But due to the vibrations from Meng Chao's vitality magnetic field, all of them shattered.

The spirit energy he received was enough to release more than ten killing moves. In an instant, all of them gushed out. Not only did they turn the spirit tattoos carved into the sabers into small offensive spirit energy magnetic fields, but also gave the sabers a crystalline quality, as if they were made of pure energy.

Meng Chao felt as if he was not holding two sabers, but two surging, violent streams.

He suffered a backlash from the spirit energy, and dozens of main meridians and hundreds of branch meridians in his body started burning fiercely.

His skin cracked along the spirit tattoos, and blood drops that were crystalline in quality seeped out of them.

But he gritted his teeth and controlled himself. When the resonance of his vitality magnetic field and spirit energy magnetic field reached their max, he rammed the two streams into the Ultimate Sandworm's subesophageal ganglion.

"Die, monster!"

The superhumans and soldiers in the tunnel witnessed a shocking scene that could not be described with words.

Meng Chao had actually jumped into the Ultimate Sandworm's mouth on his own and was swallowed by the Ultimate Sandworm.

Just when they were about to cry out in surprise, a chain of muffled explosions came from the Ultimate Sandworm.

Each explosion caused it to shrink into a ball and turn about in extreme pain. It no longer had the mighty presence of an abnormal beast.

Soon, it started losing strength while tossing and turning. It lay limp in the water like an earthworm that had been exposed to the sun for three days. Crystalline tumors rose on its skin.

Just when everyone was puzzled as to what those tumors were, they shattered, and from within came Meng Chao's rampaging spirit flames. They were like tens of huge light pillars that lit up the entire dark tunnel.

"Is this guy really a human?"

Even Lu Siya was transfixed as she mumbled under her breath.

"He's Meng Chao, right? He's really vicious. It's no wonder why the forums call him Ace Chao!"

The soldiers from the Red Dragon Army gasped in surprise while staring dumbfounded at the sight before them.

The Ultimate Sandworm arched its body one last time and tried to gather up the power hidden deep in its abdominal cavity. But Meng Chao raced ahead of it and detonated the high-energy substances in its body.

Boom! Boom, boom! Boom, boom, boom, boom!

The explosions came from the Ultimate Sandworm itself. They were even stronger than the explosions caused by the grenade, and made its abdominal cavity implode completely.

The torn up Ultimate Sandworm stopped moving.

"He... actually used such a crazy method to kill this giant?" Lu Siya and the soldiers looked at each other before they cried out at the same time, "Meng Chao!"

Meng Chao had a dream.

In his dream, he was in a maze made of flesh and organs.

He kept running in search of an exit, but no matter how he looked around, all he saw around him was a red sea of blood.

Then, he flew into a rage and brought his sabers up. He swung them fiercely until he broke out of the fleshy walls covered in fine fur. He saw light again.

Before him was a city.

Dragon City.

It was the Dragon City of his previous life. It was a few seconds before the apocalypse.

Ten thousand suns had already risen above Dragon City.

He shouted at the top of his lungs, calling for the citizens to hide and run, but it was already too late.

The ten thousand suns turned the world into a sea of light, and that sea swallowed up Dragon City and human civilization until not a single bit was left.

When the light of destruction gradually faded away, a brilliant sea of stars appeared in front of Meng Chao.

In front of the sea was the blue planet that they always dreamed of. It quietly levitated at a spot within his reach.

It was clean, quiet, sacred, and beautiful.

Meng Chao was unable to help himself. He reached out to touch the planet that looked like a blue gem.

However, right when his fingertips touched the blue planet, the sacred home of humans started burning. The blue planet soon turned a deep red as it was engulfed by strange flames.

It was like a burnt, ugly heart.

Then, it turned from deep red to stark white, and it started falling apart like sand before it disappeared with the wind.

Even the dazzling sea of stars serving as its background was hidden by a mass of formless black clouds.

The stars faded away one by one. Sometimes, they would struggle to shine, but it was all in vain. Soon, not a single star remained in Meng Chao's field of vision. Only the universe and its endless darkness were left.

Meng Chao was terrified and jumped up from the darkness, only to realize that he was lying in a medical cabin and was surrounded by warmth and gene medicine as well as high-calorie nutritional fluid.

He exhaled and finally remembered where he was.

But the nightmare from moments ago was unlike a normal nightmare. It did not fade away as his mind cleared up. Instead, it was imprinted on his cerebral cortex clearly, just like the Dragon City and its apocalypse.

'Is this a nightmare or a revelation from the future, just like my apocalypse diary?'

'There's nothing to say anything about Dragon City's destruction, but why did Earth also burn in my nightmare, and why did all the stars fade away?'

Meng Chao scratched his head. He felt that his return to the past and Kindling were not simple.

As his cultivation realm, fighting strength, and mind improved, he should be able to unravel more secrets, and they would not be limited to just Dragon City. They would involve the Other World, Earth, and even the stars.

Of course, right now, those secrets did not have major connections to him. They could not be solved by a mere superhuman at the peak of Earth Realm.

He should keep simple and small goals. He would deal with other matters once he defeated the Supernatural Entities and abnormal beasts!

Chapter 386: Vague Sense of Unease

Meng Chao sat up in the medical cabin.

He noticed that he was in a military-issued ambulance.

When he looked out the left window, he found that the ambulance was parked beside Red Dragon River. It was not far from the construction site of the underwater tunnel.

Based on how busy and tense the people were at the construction site and the facilities there, the Ultimate Sandworm had not managed to completely destroy the underwater tunnel.

The damage was pretty bad, but it was within acceptable range.

‘That’s good, then.’

Meng Chao sighed in relief.

He then saw a silver camp. It had a painted warning for biochemical danger and the emblem of the abnormal beast research department. Many researchers wearing white chemical protective clothing moved in and out.

By the looks of it, the Ultimate Sandworm’s carcass had already been dragged to the surface. The researchers were racing against time to discover the secrets of Supernatural Entities and abnormal beasts before its flesh and nerve bundles completely rotted away.

“You’re awake?”

A slightly hoarse woman’s voice came from beside him.

Meng Chao turned his head around and noticed that there were two medical cabins in the ambulance. Lu Siya sat in the other one. By the looks of it, she had woken up a little earlier than he did. Even though there were still a lot of IV tubes sticking out of her, she looked pretty good. She was already tapping away at her tab while working on something.

“How long have I been in the cabin and what’s the situation?”

Meng Chao stretched his limbs and spine. The light sting of pain made him feel like he was bitten by ants. It was not too bad.

“Forty-five minutes,” Lu Siya said. “Don’t worry. It isn’t anything serious. You’ve just drained your spirit energy and the acid from the Ultimate Sandworm had seeped into your skin. In the end, when the fat,

methane, nitroso-ene, ethenone, and other substances exploded, the impact gave you a slight concussion.

“The problems are not too serious, but the captain wanted me to tell you that your strategy of crawling into a monster’s stomach to wreak havoc was too reckless, since you didn’t know the strength of its organs’ acid and corrosive properties. You didn’t know how much bacteria and viruses were in the monster’s body, much less how destructive the incendiary and explosive substances in the monster’s body would be when ignited. If you were unlucky, you might have died together with the monster.

“He will apply for a reward from the government, soon. You will get medals and rewards that only official investigators can get. But if you run into a similar situation again, please don’t act like such a lunatic.”

“I was just... excited from all the fighting and it got to my head!” Meng Chao scratched his head and smiled. He could not quite believe it himself. “Is the Ultimate Sandworm really dead?”

“Don’t you remember?” Lu Siya asked. “You cut it apart from its mouth to its excretion pore and created a mess inside. You even ripped it to pieces. How could it not be dead?”

Meng Chao blinked and checked Kindling, which was burning at the corner of his eyes.

Just as he expected, a new notification had popped up.

[You killed the mutated form of the Ultimate Sandworm. Increased contribution points by 9,999.]

“It’s really dead, huh...” Meng Chao mumbled to himself.

He felt a little disappointed. Kindling seemed to be becoming more stingy with each mission.

9,999 contribution points might seem a lot, but he had faced the legendary Supernatural Entity. It was a bit of a slight to its status if it did not give Meng Chao fifty thousand contribution points.

Ever since he reached the peak of Earth Realm, he really wanted to reach Heaven Realm.

The things he had to cultivate became harder and needed more resources.

Even the determined and focused superhumans would need a few years or even more than ten years before to reach Heaven Realm.

Meng Chao was not stupid. He knew that his foundation was not too firm and he had to deal with too many matters on a daily basis.

He spent his time on lectures, the Ultimate Style, Broken Star Club, Blue Home, Superstar, the abnormal beast research department, and his cooperation with Yan Hengbo, Ning Shewo, and Luo Wu. He just did not have a lot of time to cultivate.

Since he only had limited time and wanted to improve fast, he could only splurge on his skills and use up the contribution points.

The skills he was cultivating right now were all from Gu Jianbo, Li Yingzi, Deity Realm superhuman Black Tortoise Zong Yue, and the anonymous donor who was even greater than Zong Yue.

They were completely different compared to basic martial arts like Ripple Force and One Hundred Saber Techniques.

Many of the spirit energy magnetic fields that were labeled as killing techniques and secret techniques had profound and complicated structures that made them look like 3D mazes. Even a 1% increase in Skillfulness required more than one hundred contribution points.

He had expected to earn a whole bunch of contribution points from the Supernatural Entity, but in the end, he only earned 9,999 contribution points. It was not enough for him to survive...

Meng Chao shook his head and looked at the light from flames that rose between the buildings situated far away from them. They were in the southern part of the city. He stopped thinking about nonsense and asked, "What's the situation in the southern part of the city? Did a large scale zombie horde appear?"

"No, even if the abnormal beasts caught us off guard. They first had the Ultimate Sandworm secretly dig an underground tunnel leading from outside the city, then quietly mobilized a large number of pests with zombie virus.

"Since they were in control of top-class neurological technology, the abnormal beasts upgraded the nervous systems of the pests and caused the low-class ecdysozoans and mollusca to be in possession of a certain degree of intelligence. At the very least, they could receive and carry out orders via brainwaves.

"The rat hordes were in charge of spreading the zombie virus, and the zombies created chaos. The shell-type monsters, ecdysozoans, and snake-type monsters were strengthened and upgraded, and they located the important facilities at the southern part of the city, which they then attacked them. They were really troublesome.

"But that's all. They were just troublesome.

"Sneakily causing trouble within Dragon City won't allow them to go to war with us. It's impossible for the enemy to secretly transport a lot of monsters into the city, and the ones brought in can't be of any notable strength. If there were high-grade Hell Beasts or even Apocalyptic Beasts with powerful spirit energy hidden among them, we would have detected them a long time ago.

"So, while we suffered a lot of damage in this attack, it's within controllable range.

"Right now, the communities in the southern part of the city have all been fortified. The Red Dragon Army and the superhumans in the city are stationed in various streets and residential areas as well. The captain and the people from Group 9 were sent to get rid of the zombies and monsters.

"The battle is still ongoing, but there has not been a large number of deaths, and no important facility has been damaged to the point that it is irreparable. Initial estimations state that if the monsters don't get reinforcements, the battle will end before dawn. The overall destruction will not exceed the degree of the last fog descent."

Meng Chao took the tablet from Lu Siya's hands and checked the data about their losses so far, which had been tabulated.

Then, he saw a few fighting videos taken from CCTVs and the cameras from the superhumans' helmets and shoulder cameras.

The fights were pretty intense.

The pests formed hordes of various colors as they attacked the humans' defense line.

Their individual strength was not great, but when they carried with them the brand new infectious zombie virus, they became pretty troublesome.

Fortunately, as the superhumans from all over the city came to provide reinforcements to the south, the pest hordes were unable to spread through the communities and infect the normal people, who were the easiest targets.

Zombies appeared here and there, but were not numerous enough to create a disaster. Many of them were killed by superhumans and passionate citizens working together.

Meng Chao sighed in relief.

Compared to his previous life, right now, Dragon City was performing much better against the abnormal beasts.

One of the reasons was because he had handed in the investigation reports and pretended to be the enemy in their exercises. Their simulation battles proved to be effective. The abnormal beast research department worked together with the relevant departments to upgrade the defenses and perform random checks on the important facilities in Dragon City.

The other reason was that the Ultimate Style had become popular a few years ahead of the time. The Broken Star Club had also united a large number of broken-star superhumans and increased their fighting strength.

Most of these people were the backbones of normal residential areas and grassroots units.

If these residential areas were considered as fighting units and the broken-star superhumans became stronger, it also meant that these fighting units became stronger.

'If we last through this wave, it won't be that easy for the abnormal beasts to use the same tactic to invade Dragon City,' Meng Chao thought.

But he still felt a slight sense of unease.

He pondered it for a long time, but he did not think of anything.

So he decided to remove the IV tubes and electrical cables connected to the monitors and said to Lu Siya, "Come, let's go and take a look at the Ultimate Sandworm's carcass!"

As a harvester, there was no way he would let go of the God-given chance to research a Supernatural Entity.

Besides, the progress of the Mystery of the Supernatural Entities was still stuck at 22%!

They crept out of the ambulance.

There was currently a severe lack of medical officers.

Since their conditions were pretty stable, the doctors and nurses went to treat the workers and technicians who were injured in the underwater tunnel. They did not force them back into the medical cabin.

But a few Red Dragon Army soldiers saw them. They were leaning against armored vehicles not far in the distance. The Red Dragon Army soldiers smiled and raised their arms to give Meng Chao a thumbs up.

Meng Chao recognized them as the soldiers who had fought together with him in the underwater tunnel just now.

He smiled and gave the soldiers a thumbs up as well.

Even though his wounds had not completely healed, their smiles filled him with strength.

There might be a lot of problems in Dragon City, but they did not lack heroes who had the courage to face those problems head-on and solve them. They would fight against the world and find unlimited happiness in it.

That was enough.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya went into the tent and put on chemical protective clothing in the disinfectant room.

The Ultimate Sandworm had suffered a complete implosion.

The researchers from the abnormal beast research department spent a lot of effort to form its general outline with what remained of its carcass.

The only thing that was in a relatively complete condition was the mouth covered in sharp teeth.

The researchers knew that Meng Chao had crawled into the giant's body and ripped it to shreds, so when they saw him waltz into the tent, they could not believe their own eyes.

Instinctively, they gave him the best position to examine the creature.

Meng Chao was not in a hurry to investigate it. He cast a glance at the initial dissection report from the researchers, and his eyes remained on the dense but crucial figures for a long time.

Then, he squatted down and stared at the Ultimate Sandworm's gaping mouth in a contemplative silence.

"What's wrong?" Lu Siya was very observant and noticed his unease and puzzlement.

She squatted beside him and looked at the same place as he did.

"It's nothing." Meng Chao was silent for a while before he asked Lu Siya, "Big Sis Ya, say, do you think that I've become much more violent over the past half a year?"

Lu Siya was silent for a while. "... How would I know?"

Chapter 387: Too Many Suspicious Points

“No, wait. Think about it. Half a year ago, when we ran into Gao Ye after he turned into a monster and fought against him in his lab in Spirit Creations Creatures, we weren’t his opponent,” Meng Chao said. “If Gao Ye had really wanted to kill me, I would have been eaten and turned into a pulp.

“Later, Captain Ye and the elites came to intercept him. Even though they managed to destroy half of his body, he still managed to escape.

“Big Sis Ya, you and Captain Ye are both at Heaven Realm, but two people at Heaven Realm weren’t able to stop him. Why was I able to kill him so easily when I’m just at the peak of Earth Realm?”

This question stunned Lu Siya.

She pondered it for a moment before she said, “You’re not a normal superhuman at the peak of Earth Realm. You have two spirit energies from the Red Radiance Jades and Blue Origin Crystals, and they aren’t completely activated yet. Besides, you also have a lot of strange techniques. You were also taught by a mysterious elite. Even I don’t have 100% confidence in being able to defeat you.

“Besides, who would be as mad as you and jump into the sandworms mouth to explode it from inside? And it worked since it couldn’t cultivate its organs and nerves into steel.”

“You might say that, but it’s not a simple abnormal beast!”

Meng Chao still found the situation off.

No one knew just how terrifying Earthquake was, but he did.

Even though he had interfered with its evolution and caused the Supernatural Entity to be far from its fully evolved, demon-like form, he could not have possibly killed it alone.

He could tell it based on the White Spirit.

It was also a Supernatural Entity that had not fully evolved, but when they ran into it under Raging Waves, it had given Meng Chao and Lu Siya so much pressure that they almost suffocated.

If it were not for the connection between the White Spirit and Lin Chuan and Lin Chuan snapping out of it because of Meng Chao’s words, Meng Chao, Lu Siya, and Qin Hu would have died underground.

And it had to be remembered that at that time, Lu Siya was already at Heaven Realm.

The two creatures were both Supernatural Entities, so there was no reason why the White Spirit would be much stronger than Earthquake.

‘There must be a problem. There is a limit to how much I can do even if I can fight monsters above my level. With my current strength of someone at the peak of Earth Realm, I can kill Nightmarish Beasts instantly and fight against Hell Beasts, but it’s impossible for me to kill a Supernatural Entity so easily!’

The more Meng Chao thought about it, the more he found things to be off. ‘Half a year ago, when Gao Ye transferred his soul to the Ultimate Sandworm, his soul did not harmonize with his body.

'Even so, when he faced Big Sis Ya and Captain Ye, he was able to escape easily, and they were both Heaven Realm superhumans.

'Over the past half a year, he must have been modified by abnormal beasts. His appearance had become much fiercer, so his fighting strength had to have increased by several levels as well.

'Even if Gao Ye's spirit has already been destroyed, the fighting intelligence from when he was a human would remain in his thick nerves. Group 9 had also determined that his fighting strength was unfathomable. That's why they poured all their resources into this operation and sent dozens of elites to hunt him.

'Among them were a few whose strengths were already at the level of veteran hunters like Soul Breaking Saber Luo Wu. If there was a need for it, they would even ask Captain Ye's older brother for help, and he's Broken Sword Ye Xiaoyue, someone at Deity Realm.

'But these people were held back by zombies and monsters. Even so, the Ultimate Sandworm didn't display the power that a Supernatural Entity should have. It was killed by me, someone at the peak of Earth Realm. It really feels like it was all bark and no bite. There is something off about this. Could it be?'

Suddenly, Meng Chao's gaze focused, and he thought about a possibility.

Lu Siya said, "You look like you figured something out. What did you think of?"

"I figured it out," Meng Chao mumbled. "Could it be that while I was in berserk rage and faced a life and death crisis, I awakened to a mysterious power in my soul, and this is the legendary SEED mode? That's how I killed it?"

"...Whatever you say," Lu Siya said. "Do you have anything else you want to check? If not, I want to go back and lie down in my medical cabin."

"Big Sis Ya, don't go. Listen to me analyze the situation," Meng Chao said while scratching his head. "I admit that I think that I have great cultivation potential, am a rare existence, and have power given to me by the spirit energy of the world, which means I can occasionally deliver critical hits, but even if I entered SEED mode, there's no way I could increase my fighting strength to this state, right? That doesn't make scientific sense!

"Besides, I didn't feel anything shattering in my head, any hot wave gushing out of my Dantian region, or didn't go through anything else similar to SEED mode. No matter what, it's not that I'm too strong, but that the Ultimate Sandworm was too weak."

"Oh," Lu Siya said. "Isn't it a good thing that the enemy is weak?"

"That's only good when the enemy is really weak." Meng Chao looked really conflicted.

The current Dragon City elites did not know just how terrifying Supernatural Entities were. That was why they made a wrong estimation of the Ultimate Sandworm's fighting strength.

But Meng Chao would not make that mistake.

The whole thing still bothered him.

Meng Chao pointed at the Ultimate Sandworm and threw a new question. "Big Sis Ya, say, why did this thing pop up before schedule? It shook the foundation of a skyscraper and made a set of power generators collapse. It even ate half of a train's carriage. After it destroyed those things, the abnormal beast research department fixed their gazes on it, and it could only flee helter-skelter.

"My question is, why did it do that?"

Lu Siya frowned slightly. "It was controlled by the abnormal beasts and was told to destroy Dragon City. What other reason do you need?"

"No. I'm not questioning why it wants to destroy Dragon City. I'm just curious as to why it did those things to alert us. It practically announced itself with fanfare," Meng Chao said. "Let's say that it didn't destroy the skyscrapers, power generators, and operating subways. Instead, it remained hidden underground obediently and sneakily dug underground tunnels leading to outside Dragon City for the abnormal beasts, what would have happened then?"

"We then wouldn't have been able to locate its hiding place and operation goals.

"Then, when the rat horde, zombies, and monsters appeared one after another, most of the superhumans and Red Dragon Army's attention would have been fixed on the southern part of the city. Then, it could pop out to cause trouble and would be able to destroy the underwater tunnel without any trouble, right?"

This question caused Lu Siya to sink into deep thought.

"Makes sense." Lu Siya squatted on the ground and thought about it for a total of three minutes before she mumbled, "He attacked ten days ahead. It does feel like he was acting rashly and alerted us."

"I know, right? Since the abnormal beasts had decided that they would attack the city en masse ten days later, why did they send the Ultimate Sandworm ahead of time? It was their tactical biochemical weapon that could dig tunnels underground, send forces in secret, and cause trouble on the surface," Meng Chao said.

"Of course, it would definitely be able to create a certain amount of destruction on itself, but it wouldn't be able to touch Dragon City's foundation. Instead, it would reveal its existence and would fall short of success when it came to its most important task. Don't the losses outweigh the benefits here?"

Lu Siya thought about it. "Did the abnormal beasts not think it through?"

"They have an abnormal beast with advanced consciousness transferring technology and gene modification technology as well as ability to control thousands of pests at the same time to create a biochemical storm and target the important facilities in Dragon City. Would they really not have been able to realize that this might be rash?" Meng Chao asked.

Lu Siya's face turned red. "Yeah, that doesn't make sense."

"It doesn't make sense at all. The abnormal beasts can't be that stupid, they're..."

'Existences who nearly won the Monster War in my previous life and nearly destroyed Dragon City!'

Meng Chao forced himself to swallow the second half of the sentence.

But he could not stop all sorts of thoughts from popping up in his mind.

“If I were an abnormal beast, why would I make the Ultimate Sandworm appear beforehand and attract the abnormal beast research department’s attention?”

Meng Chao thought about it carefully and ruffled his hair so much that it looked like a bird’s nest.

Suddenly, he stopped moving, and a dark light shone in his eyes.

“Unless the underwater tunnel was not the abnormal beasts’ ultimate goal and just smokescreen!”

“No way. Don’t you think you’re being a little too paranoid?” Lu Siya asked. “If they used the one-and-only Ultimate Sandworm as a smokescreen, then I’d have to say that the abnormal beasts are really willing to sacrifice their soldiers.”

“That’s right...” Meng Chao stood up swiftly and massaged his numb legs. He walked around the Ultimate Sandworm’s carcass three times, occasionally drawing closer to observe its skin, spikes, and nerves. He also took over the data the researchers gathered and focused to make calculations and comparisons.

Suddenly, his pupils shrank into two small dots. A cold chill gushed out of his pores, and he turned into a super high capacity 3D air con.

“Big Sis Ya, what did you just say?” Meng Chao mumbled.

“When?” Lu Siya thought about it and said, “I said that the abnormal beasts are too willing to sacrifice their pawns.”

“No. Before it.”

“Using the one-and-only Ultimate Sandworm as a smokescreen?”

“That’s right. That’s it! I know why I could kill this creature so easily now!” Meng Chao’s eyes shone brightly as he pointed at the Ultimate Sandworm’s carcass. “Because it’s not Gao Ye!”

“What did you say?” Lu Siya’s eyes filled with shock and disbelief.

“Don’t go saying that it’s impossible. Let’s talk about why we thought it’s Gao Ye,” Meng Chao said.

“Because...” Lu Siya pondered over it and said, “Not long ago, Gao Ye sent an experiment log saying that he’s gradually losing control and is about to lose his humanity. He also asked you to kill him.

“Soon after that, it appeared and started causing massive destruction. Based on the CCTVs, even though it has gone through a lot of evolution and has completely changed, its basic characteristics are very similar to when it fled half a year ago.

“Besides, it has terrifying tunneling and stone crushing abilities. I can’t believe that the abnormal beasts could modify a second Ultimate Sandworm into something as terrifying as Gao Ye.

“Even if this is just circumstantial evidence, you already killed it and we have concrete evidence. Just now, we compared the living cells we extracted from this Ultimate Sandworm with the living cells from

the Ultimate Sandworm half a year ago under Spirit Creatures Creations' lab. After comparing them, we're certain that they belong to the same creature. How can you explain that?"

"I can explain it," Meng Chao said darkly. "Big Sis Ya, even though their appearances and sizes are vastly different from each other, you should know that sandworms and earthworms are close relatives and their DNA components and certain characteristics are practically the same, right?"

"Earthworms and sandworms are both annelids. Since their nerves are inferior creations, their bodies are very independent and have great regeneration capabilities.

"If you used a knife to cut an earthworm in half at the center, it might not die. Instead, there is a certain chance that the two severed parts would grow into two different entities, and from 'it', it will turn into 'them'!"

Chapter 388: Blade of Thought

Lu Siya was stunned by Meng Chao's bold guess.

She could not help but turn and ask the researchers beside her about it. "Can the severed parts of sandworms live independently like earthworms after they're cut in two?"

The sandworm experts discussed this nervously for a while before they said, "If it happened in a natural environment, not quite.

"After all, the difference in their sizes is too great. There's also a certain difference in their structures. The sandworm's oral cavity alone is already very hard to reproduce. After all, it's covered in sharp teeth."

"But what if top-tier biochemical technology would help it in a lab?" Meng Chao said anxiously.

"We have to understand that we're not facing a wild sandworm but an art piece that has been carefully modified through genetic engineering. This sandworm contains the genes from creatures with incredibly powerful regeneration abilities, like earthworms, sea cucumbers, and octopi. Is it really impossible for it to turn into two?"

"Well..." The sandworm experts looked at each other before they nodded gravely. "In a lab, if you cut a sandworm into two and put the severed parts into incubation cribs, there's a possibility that the second half will grow a completely new oral cavity and the first an excretion pore."

"That's exactly it!" Meng Chao swung his arm. "This Ultimate Sandworm must have been born from the second half of Gao Ye's body, which was its butt and tail. It's an incomplete form, and that's why it's fighting strength wasn't as great as the original's. It didn't have any intelligence or humanity.

"Big Sis Ya, think about the battle just now. It didn't show even a teeny-tiny bit of fighting intelligence that was comparable to a human's, right?"

"Also, when I said those touching words, even a zombie would cry, while if a monster heard them, it would fall silent. But this didn't even cause a splash in the depths of its heart.

"I thought that my silver tongue was no longer silver, but now that I think about it, it's because the sandworm was just Gao Ye's butt and didn't have a soul at all!"

“Err...” Lu Siya said. “That’s just your guess. You don’t have any proof.”

“I don’t have proof, but it’s logical, isn’t it?” Meng Chao said. “This guess answers all of my questions in regards as to why its fighting strength was so weak, why it didn’t understand what I said, and why the enemies chose to release it ten days in advance to cause trouble.”

“Wait,” Lu Siya said. “Even if it’s really just Gao Ye’s duplicate, why did the enemy release it ten days in advance and make us wary of it? Even if it’s just a duplicate, it still possesses the ability to destroy the underwater tunnel.”

“Yeah. That’s another question...” Meng Chao mumbled and started thinking again.

But this time, it only took him half a minute. He raised a finger and said, “I can only think of one possibility. They wanted to attract our attention to the maximum degree so that the entire Group 9 would be led around the nose by this duplicate of the Ultimate Sandworm and we wouldn’t have the time to care about other things.

“At the end of the day, Group 9 is a squad specifically formed to investigate Lin Chuan and Gao Ye’s case. Once Gao Ye appeared, no matter what, we had to set aside everything in our hands and mobilize all forces to hunt him down.

“Everyone from Captain Ye to an offsite member like me have been working day and night playing hide and seek underground with this creature for more than ten days. We practically didn’t sleep, and so, naturally, we didn’t have the time nor the energy to handle other stuff.

“Let’s say that my hypothesis is correct and all of Group 9 has been chasing after the Ultimate Sandworm’s duplicate over the past half a month. What about the original? Where is it? What has it done? It has been ten days, and ten whole days are enough for Gao Ye and the abnormal beasts controlling him to set up a shockingly grand scheme!”

“Isn’t the destruction of the southern part of the city a ‘shocking and grand scheme’? The destruction this time has allowed the abnormal beasts to deliver the same damage as from a monster horde invasion when fog descends without any fog.”

“So what? Would Dragon City be destroyed because of it?” Meng Chao retorted. “Even if the speed of the abnormal beasts’ attack was increased by three or five times and the entire southern part of the city was engulfed in flames, it’d be nothing. Would Dragon City be destroyed just because of that?”

“No. It’s impossible. It’s not as if Dragon City has never been injured this severely before. During the most dangerous era, the territory humans controlled was less than half of our current city, but we managed to get through it.

“Big Sis Ya, if the monsters attack Dragon City purely through physical means, it’s impossible for them to destroy us. The danger will instead cause us to unite even more. It will also subtly cover up and put an end to the conflicts in Dragon City. I believe that the abnormal beasts know this all too well.

“Then, there’s little tactical meaning to launching such useless attacks.

"I know that tonight, the southern part of the city has descended into chaos and many innocent citizens have suffered greatly. Many buildings are still burning, and perhaps some skyscrapers have collapsed. Some of our powerful fighters probably died too.

"When everything comes to an end, there will be countless citizens who will have lost their homes and we'll need to find a place for them to settle down. We will encounter all sorts of problems.

"But these problems won't shake Dragon City's foundation, and it's impossible for them to affect humans' beliefs. Instead, it will unite us against a common enemy, and we will be one.

"And what price would the abnormal beasts have to pay for this?"

"First of all, this offense will allow us humans to realize that the abnormal beasts have a new strategy. From now on, we will definitely increase our surveillance of the underground world. Next time, it won't be as easy to dig an underground tunnel leading into the city from outside.

"Next, we would have also discovered the new zombie virus. Based on our learning and research speed, we will definitely soon uncover the secrets of the new virus and develop a corresponding vaccine and serum. We will also figure out a strategy to fight against the new zombies.

"Even the normal citizens will no longer be as lost and alarmed as they are now when they see the new zombies who can spit acid and self-destruct.

"Besides, the attack would have wasted a lot of genetically modified pests who have super nerves and basic intelligence. Even for the abnormal beasts, it must have required a lot of resources to modify them, right?"

"All of this is capital to attack Dragon City. Then, what exactly did the abnormal beasts gain by pouring so much capital into this? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. It's the same as the previous fog descents. The cost benefit ratio is so low that it's terrifying!"

When Lu Siya heard him, she could not help but say, "Isn't your imagination a bit too rich? In the past, that's how the monsters fought during the fog descents.

"Now, they're led by the abnormal beasts. The stealthy nature of the monsters' attacks, their targets, the coordination between different species, and the coordination between monsters and zombies have increased, so isn't that already aplenty?"

"No. It's far from enough." Meng Chao stared at Lu Siya seriously, and a light that far surpassed those belonging to the current era shone in his eyes. He said clearly, "Big Sis Ya, do you know what the current Dragon Citizens lack the most?"

Under his stare, a strange feeling rose in Lu Siya's heart. She instinctively asked, "What is it?"

"Tactical thinking," Meng Chao said. "We have plenty of Deity Realm superhumans who stand high above us in Dragon City. We also have experts who stand at the top of their specialties. We even have mighty generals who lead large armies of the Red Dragon Army.

"They're definitely far smarter than I am. But pardon me for being rude, I think that the current powerful and intelligent people in Dragon City can't quite see the overall situation and aren't skilled enough in tactical thinking.

“Of course you can’t blame anyone for it. After all, since Dragon City transmigrated to the Other World more than half a century ago, it has been an army in a foreign place. Our views are shrouded by the fog, and all we see and think about is limited to this small city. It’s inevitable that we have an increasing number of limitations and reach more deadends.

“Besides, our opponents have been far from smart creatures. The monsters never had any intelligence in terms of tactics. Their so-called city attacks were really just them charging into the city to destroy things because of their instincts, which was them marching to their own deaths. They might have been fierce, but they didn’t have any tactics. In terms of strategy, they could kill people, but in terms of tactics, each of their offenses were meaningless.

“Have you heard of this phrase before: Don’t argue with idiots, for they will drag you down to their level and beat you with experience.

“Similarly, we shouldn’t be fighting against Demonic Halberd Pigs in swamps. Even if we win, we will end up covered in stinky mud.

“Do you understand what I’m saying? The Monster War in the past was not really a war, because those fights were basically us playing house. We can’t call them a real war!

“Even if the Deity Realm superhumans and Apocalyptic Beasts fought soul-stirring fights in certain battles that are worthy of being written in epics, from a tactical point of view, it was no different from both armies rolling about in trenches.

“The result is that during the decades of this ‘Monster War’, not only have we never gained any sort of tactical thinking, we were instead pulled down to the level of monsters and ended up the same as them. We have strong bodies but simple minds!

“Let’s talk about the battle this time. Since the enemies chose to attack the southern part of the city first, we believed that the southern part of the city is their only goal. We never even considered why the enemies launched this attack and what their tactical goals were. This is the typical example of us seeing only the tree but not the forest!”

Lu Siya opened her mouth to say “Are you saying that no one else but you in Dragon City has tactical intelligence?”, but then closed it.

She remembered the many analyses and predictions Meng Chao had tossed out about the abnormal beasts, and they were all so accurate that they were terrifying.

Also, the Ultimate Style he helped create with Gu Jianbo was practically perfect against the continuously evolving monsters.

Lu Siya obediently did not say a word.

But Meng Chao also realized that he had overstepped his boundaries with what he said. The Dragon City’s fighters, intelligent people, specialists, and elites might actually possess tactical thinking. It’s just that their tactical thinking was definitely not as good as what it would be decades later, which was what he remembered from his past.

The current Dragon Citizens had only ever been enemies against stupid monsters, and their battlefield was limited to their city.

Decades later, the battlefield would switch to the entire Other World, and the enemies would also become all sorts of Other World races!

Meng Chao had only ever been someone who was in charge of being a vanguard or an assassin before the apocalypse arrived, but due to the much larger battlefield and the much more dangerous enemies, his mind had become a blade that was much sharper than anything the current Dragon Citizens possessed!

Chapter 389: Transmigration Technology Conference

Meng Chao thought about it and said, “Big Sis Ya, I was a little worked up and might have gone overboard with what I said just now.

“But based on my observations, there are indeed a lot of people who have not changed their way of thinking. Even the elite investigators in the abnormal beast research department are just treating abnormal beasts as smarter monsters.”

“Aren’t they, though?” Lu Siya asked.

“They might not be,” Meng Chao said gravely. “Abnormal beasts aren’t just smarter monsters, but intelligent creatures who are completely different from us, but just as smart as us. They might even possess higher intelligence and even stranger ways of thinking.

“When we face abnormal beasts, we can’t view them and fight against them as if they were just normal monsters. Instead, we have to imagine these abnormal beasts as truly intelligent beings who are leaders and generals who have fought in countless battles.

“A qualified general won’t readily send his army into a brutal and meaningless urban warfare. If he did that, there has to be a deeper meaning to it!”

Lu Siya stared at Meng Chao for a long time. “It’s strange,” she said, “Why do I feel like you’re sometimes an idiot, but other times you’re...”

She seemed like she had a wealth of things to say, but did not know where to start.

Meng Chao waited for a long time, but she still did not manage to complete the second half of her sentence. He could not help but say, “I’m what?”

“It’s nothing.” Lu Siya changed the topic. “So, what do you think the abnormal beasts’ goal is?”

“I don’t know. I need a map. Is there a map of the entire city here?”

There was a map of Dragon City in his tab, but the screen was too small, and it was not enough to give him inspiration.

There was no map in the lab either. In the end, he ran outside and asked the Red Dragon Army soldiers who fought with him just now for a map that was two meters long when spread open.

The military-issued map he received had been used by the soldiers for a long time. Its edges were already fraying, and there were a lot of labels on it. The newest situation of the zombie and monster dual attack was also marked on it.

Meng Chao's gaze only stayed on the southern part of the city for a moment before he focused on the whole city.

"What is the enemy's goal..."

At that moment, the squad leader of the Red Dragon Army came over to thank him. He had a bandage around his arm.

The squad leader thanked him for saving the entire squad by killing the Ultimate Sandworm. At the same time, he provided Meng Chao with the newest information on the battle.

The superhumans and Red Dragon Army were basically in control of all the important facilities in the southern part of the city and the residential areas with a denser level of population. They had already killed all the larger monsters that could be easily seen.

But there were still endless streams of pests coming out from underground.

As the humans gradually began utilizing their military strength, the accursed vermin changed their tactics.

They no longer gathered together to form insect swarms that seemed terrifying but could be easily burnt to a crisp. The moment they crawled out, they scattered and fled in all directions to crawl into all sorts of dark and wet corners.

Then, they would suddenly pop out on unsuspecting victims. Even if they did not get to bite a person, when a toad landed on the back of someone's foot, it would still scare them.

Millions of pests fled all over the southern part of the city. It made them much more difficult to deal with compared to Apocalyptic Beasts.

If they had been Apocalyptic Beasts, it would have been easier. All Dragon City would need to do was send three or five Deity Realm superhumans to dispatch them. If they were not afraid of death and casualties, they would definitely be able to kill their opponent.

But even if Deity Realm superhumans grew three heads and six arms, it was impossible for them to catch millions of pests in an hour or two.

Yet these creatures carried the new zombie virus.

Without vaccines and serums and any knowledge as to how many possible methods there were for them to spread the virus, it was difficult for normal citizens to join the fight to get rid of the pests. It was far too easy for more new zombies to pop up at any moment.

The superhumans and Red Dragon Army could only do their best to spread the citizens and work hard in all streets to destroy the rampaging zombies and vermin swarms.

The attack involved pests pestering and harassing the humans, but it was not enough to shake Dragon City's foundation. However, it did lead to a large number of superhumans and the Red Dragon Army being stuck in the southern part of the city.

At the very least, during this long night, aside from fighting against the vermin, zombies, and the viruses, they could forget about going anywhere else.

Meng Chao listened to the report of the battle from the squad leader, then lowered his head to investigate the map.

After a moment, he suddenly asked Lu Siya a seemingly unrelated question.

"Big Sis Ya, do you know whether there have been any abnormalities with Blue Home over the past few days?"

Lu Siya was stunned for a moment before she said, "I don't think there were any abnormalities. If there were, the captain would have informed us a long time ago. Why did you ask?"

"Group 9 is specifically in charge of investigating Lin Chuan and Gao Ye's case. Since Lin Chuan and the White Spirit both died under Raging Waves, all clues about them can be considered to have run cold halfway through. There are only two remaining clues, one of them is in Blue Home, and the other is the still living Gao Ye," Meng Chao said.

"Originally, Group 9 was investigating these two clues simultaneously, and I also joined quite a lot of activities organized by Blue Home. My relationship with the Home Party is pretty good.

"But when the Ultimate Sandworm that is really similar to Gao Ye appeared half a month ago, we placed our time, energy, and resources into locating it. That was unavoidable since, after all, the damage it caused was really severe.

"And because of it, our attention on Blue Home has decreased. Even I have not met Zhao Feixuan, Wu Haibo, and the other core members of Blue Home for more than one week. I don't know what they have been doing. I highly suspect that this is the reason behind why the abnormal beasts released the Ultimate Sandworm.

"Big Sis Ya, could you ask Captain Ye about it. He must have more information at hand."

This request was not much.

Lu Siya thought about it and used the tactical tab used by the abnormal beast research department to send a request for communication to Ye Xiaoxing.

The online communications within Dragon City were carried out by both optical fiber and wireless transmission.

It was very easy for wireless transmissions to face interference from the spirit energy in the Other World, while underground optical fibers could be easily bitten by rat-type monsters or taken down by erosion. This was especially the case after the monsters' intelligence increased by a large degree. Usually, the first thing they did when they attacked Dragon City was to destroy the internet and means of communication.

Hence, Meng Chao and Lu Siya had to wait for a long time before a blurry and shaky picture appeared on their screen.

The screen kept shaking, which was probably because it was recorded live through Ye Xiaoxing's shoulder camera.

In the video, they saw many manholes on the street across from Ye Xiaoxing. Then, the street cracked, and a large beetle crawled out of the ground. It released burning adhesive liquid, which was like magma, and it flowed everywhere between the buildings.

Group 9's elites had been chasing after the Ultimate Sandworm for ten days and nights without resting, so their physical and mental stamina were drained. Despite that, they continued charging toward the monsters regardless of the risks. Their spirit energy magnetic fields created dazzling and fatal killing moves that reduced the beetle into a bloody, shattered mess.

"Meng Chao, are you awake?" Ye Xiaoxing asked. "You did well in the underwater tunnel just now! I'm going to report your contributions to the government! But it's not the time to talk about that right now. If you and Siya have recovered and have replenished enough spirit energy, hurry up and help us here.

"Right now, the entire southern part of the city is a mess, and many of the citizens have not managed to hide within the forts and shelters. There are still people getting infected by the new zombie virus, and we're suffering from a severe lack of manpower!"

"Got it. If it's possible, we'll get there as soon as possible." Meng Chao braced himself then and said, "But Captain Ye, may I ask whether Blue Home has acted abnormally over the past half a month or whether there is any strange information about them?"

"Strange information?" Ye Xiaoxing asked. "No. Recently, Blue Home has grown in scale, and the status of the members they're drawing to them has been increasing too. Many politicians are supporting the Home Party's views and working together to spread its influence in the Survival Party, but they're using legal methods. The Colonization Party's views might be the main trend, but they're not absolutely correct, and they're not some fact that cannot be questioned and overthrown.

"If you don't consider their act of handing out eggs to the people in the streets as abnormal, then there is nothing abnormal about them."

"Is that so?" Meng Chao was semi-disappointed and semi-puzzled.

"Yes." Ye Xiaoxing delivered a fierce sword force at the beetle and stopped for a while. He suddenly remembered something. "By the way, Blue Home seems to have organized a transmigration technology conference and gathered the specialist team from Project 101 for it. The date... is today."

"What?!" Meng Chao's pupils shrank, and he asked anxiously, "Transmigration technology conference? How high caliber? Who are the ones attending the conference? Are all the members of the controllable transmigration technology team joining it?"

"Almost all of them. What I heard is that the person in charge of Project 101 is the leading expert in transmigration technology. He's Professor Lu Tianxing, and he will personally host the transmigration technology conference this time," Ye Xiaoxing said. "By the way, Lu Tianxing is one of the twelve

committee members of Blue Home, and he's also the heart and soul of the Home Party. He played a huge role in the formation of the ideals in the party."

"I'm going!" Meng Chao shouted. "This is an important figure! Why didn't he stay obediently in the Supernatural Tower to research transmigration technology but ran out to organize some stupid conference?!"

"What are you saying?" Ye Xiaoxing said. "Ascetic monks like Gao Ye who shut themselves in their labs and live the same life for years are rare. No matter how much the specialists are addicted to the technology they're researching, they must come out and exchange information with their peers, right?"

"Besides, you know that the Colonization Party has always been the mainstream in the Survival Committee. Most of the politicians are unwilling to put too much money into Project 101, so the specialists have to rely on various businesses and foundations to cover part of the project's expenses.

"Today, it's not only transmigration experts who will join the conference. The ones who fund their project—the powerful businesses and politicians that belong to the Home Party—will also join. The goal of the conference is to explore the technology and get more money, which is more important for them.

"I heard that Project 101 has entered its most crucial state. The funds they use daily are at astronomical figures. The investments they'll need in the future won't be a small sum, so if Professor Lu Tianxing doesn't show up personally when he's the one in charge of the project, how are they supposed to get the money?"

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"So, you're saying that the ones in the transmigration technology conference right now are the backbone of the Home Party, including the specialists and investors? As long as we killed all these people, the Home Party would basically be done for, right?" Meng Chao's mind burned, and he could not help but massage his temples. He gritted his teeth and asked, "Captain Ye, do you know where their conference is?"

"Noble Descent Hotel," Ye Xiaoxing said. "It's in Starlake Region, which is far away from this place."

Starlake Region was in the northwestern part of Dragon City.

It was half a city's distance from the southern part of the city. They stood really far apart from each other, and it seemed to be really safe.

But Meng Chao seemed to have thought of something. He mumbled, "All the superhumans and elite squads of the Red Dragon Army have been sent to the southern part of the city. This means that right now, Noble Descent Hotel has relatively weak defenses, right?"

Ye Xiaoxing frowned and asked, "Meng Chao, what exactly are you trying to say?"

"Captain Ye!" Meng Chao grabbed the tactical tab from Lu Siya's hands and stared at him while he said seriously, "Trust me. Noble Descent Hotel is about to be attacked, and that is if it hasn't already been attacked.

"The abnormal beasts poured in a lot of their capital tonight and caused a major ruckus, but their real goal isn't here. It's Noble Descent Hotel!"

Ye Xiaoxing's eyes went wide. "What did you say?"

"I might not have proof, but too many coincidences have overlapped with each other, and this in itself is a problem. The abnormal beasts did not choose any other time to attack but at the moment the Home Party chose to organize a transmigration technology conference, where the specialists and rich people would gather together. Don't you think it's too much of a coincidence?"

Meng Chao spoke like a gatling gun. "What is the goal of the abnormal beasts behind launching an ambush like this? Are they trying to destroy Dragon City's buildings, kill a large number of humans, and create fear as well as panic among the citizens? Yeah, these are their goals, but it's not enough. It's far from enough. It's not enough for them to sacrifice so much resources and tools. The real goal of the abnormal beasts is to destroy the Home Party!"

Ye Xiaoxing retreated from the battlefield and found a corner to listen to Meng Chao quietly. "Why?"

"Because controllable transmigration technology might be successfully developed, or at least, it has already achieved partial success!" Meng Chao said. "There is an expert in Project 101 called Wu Haibo, and he's in charge of promoting the project to the people and get investments. He often comes to Blue Home to organize lectures and spread knowledge about transmigration technology. Sometimes, he reveals some of the newest developments in Project 101. I heard that transmigration technology is beginning to take shape.

"Of course, I won't exclude the possibility that he did it to get more investments for Project 101 and to bring more members to Blue Home, and, thus, exaggerated the truth. But the early investors are quite satisfied with the development of the project, and if these rich people are willing to throw a large amount of money in this, this means that they must have developed something!

"Captain Ye, do you know what is the most terrifying thing for the monster civilization? Is it their devastating defeat at the northern offense or the appearance of a few new Deity Realm superhumans in Dragon City?"

"No. These things might be terrifying to them, but they won't necessarily destroy the hopes of the monster civilization's victory.

"Monster Mountain Range is vast. Even if they lost Raging Waves, they have other treacherous and rugged mountains. The abnormal beasts' biochemical technology is also developing nonstop, and it's not impossible for them to create existences more terrifying than Apocalyptic Beasts who can fight against humans' Deity Realm superhumans.

"But there is one thing that will mark the end of the monster civilization or complete domestication if it succeeds, and that is the successful development of transmigration technology, which leads to the activation of the tunnel leading from Dragon City to Earth.

"Once the tunnel between the Other World and Earth is opened up, it doesn't matter how many resources both parties are able to send in the beginning, because sooner or later, the steel army from Earth will pour into the Other World. Earth would very likely launch a deciding attack on the Other World.

“If that’s the case, no matter how much the abnormal beasts wrack their brains and how many momentary victories they obtain or even if they take over all of Dragon City, it’d be useless, because there will come a day when Earthlings would crush the monster civilization!

“In the past, the monsters didn’t have sufficient intelligence. Even the Apocalyptic Beasts as big as mountains didn’t. And they didn’t understand the importance of transmigration technology.

“But since you said that the abnormal beasts might have obtained the help from human satellite cities and humans whose souls were corrupted by the environment after they transmigrated. Then, these humans who have deformed souls and bodies would definitely let the abnormal beasts understand just how fatal transmigration technology is to them.

“That’s why, it’s impossible that they would just sit by and watch us develop transmigration technology so that they will be sent back to Earth in shackles to be judged!”

Ye Xiaoxing fell silent.

Meng Chao struck while the iron was hot. “I believe that the abnormal beasts have been deliberately planning on how to destroy transmigration technology and Project 101. This is their true goal for infiltrating Blue Home.

“Corrupting Lin Chuan and Gao Ye’s minds so that they will end up as their puppets were just secondary goals.

“But Project 101 is located deep in the Supernatural Tower, and there are plenty of Deity Realm superhumans cultivating or conducting research in the Supernatural Tower. Aside from exploration of the ruins and development of Project 101, there are other top-secret projects ongoing there at the same time, so defenses are really tight and it’s impossible for the abnormal beasts to rush into the Supernatural Tower to destroy Project 101.

“Hence, today, during the transmigration technology conference, they will kill all of the transmigration experts and the rich people who support the development of transmigration technology. This is the best choice for the abnormal beasts.

“I know that the birth of a piece of technology will not be decided by the survival or death of certain people, but at the very least, if they kill the people in the project and the investors, they will delay the time transmigration technology will be developed. Perhaps the abnormal beasts may even be able to completely destroy us and nip transmigration technology in the bud!”

Even if it was a winter night, Ye Xiaoxing broke out in cold sweat when he heard this.

White plums of smoke came out of his head. Clearly, his mind was working at super high speeds while he nervously thought about what Meng Chao said.

“I’ve never understood something,” Meng Chao continued. “The Ultimate Sandworm that resembled Gao Ye has been lurking around for a long time. Why did it suddenly pop out half a month ago and cause such meaningless destruction? I know that the monsters over the past half a century have been doing exactly that. They show up suddenly and kill people with a single stomp. They also make houses collapse and climb up skyscrapers to howl on top of them. But we’re already used to this fighting style.

“Monsters don’t possess intelligence and a sense of self. They’re puppets controlled by their genes and killing instincts, so they don’t understand that they’re fighting in a Monster War!

“But Gao Ye has intelligence, and the abnormal beasts have intelligence too. If we continue thinking that the current monster civilization will use the fighting style of the past, we’ll definitely suffer a major loss!

“The monster that resembled Gao Ye showed up half a month prior to the attack because it wanted to attract the attention of Group 9. It occupied all of our time and energy, so we were unable to care about the Home Party’s transmigration technology conference!”

“Your speculation makes certain sense.” Ye Xiaoxing gritted his teeth. “But I need proof.”

“I just thought about this a moment ago, so how can I get proof for you? If you want it, then you’ll have to wait for another hour or two, and the corpses of the transmigration experts, investors, and politicians will be your proof!” Meng Chao shouted at the top of his lungs. “Think about it, Captain Ye, aside from destroying transmigration technology, the abnormal beasts might also want to achieve another important goal with this attack—intensifying the conflict in Dragon City.

“Do you remember the One Hundred Ways to Destroy Dragon City I wrote?”

Ye Xiaoxing paused, then said, “How can I possibly forget after seeing that sort of thing once?”

“That’s good,” Meng Chao said. “As Dragon City and the Other World fuses together and the dimension slowly becomes stable, it’ll become more difficult for monsters to be transported into Dragon City in large, organized quantities through space-time rifts.

“And in a head-on clash, the monsters will have to pay a price so huge that they will not be able to bear it, because they will be using their physical bodies to fight against the defense lines formed by humans armed to the teeth. Even if they manage to break one or two bases, they will suffer.

“So, my guess is that the intelligent abnormal beasts will not use breaking into our bases with large scale assaults in various battlefields as their main tactic anymore. Instead, they’ll pour most of their energy and resources into intensifying the conflict in Dragon City and making humans fight against humans.

“What sort of internal conflicts does Dragon City have? It’s simple, the very first is the conflict between normal people and superhumans.

“You can fly, but I can’t. You can spit fireballs, but I can’t. You can kill Hell Beasts with one punch, but I can’t kill even a Demonic Halberd Pig. You live in a mansion, but I live in a shack. You earn massive amounts of money every day and live a luxurious life, but even if I die from overtime, I will only earn a small bit of money every month. I don’t even have the hope of paying for my children’s school fees and let my children turn into ‘you’. How could it be possible for this to not cause conflict?

“But right now, Dragon City is not rotten to the core yet. The nine great cultivation families who control the overall situation in Dragon City have people who are heroic and willing to sacrifice their lives to fight for others. The promotion channel for normal people hasn’t been completely shut yet either. As long they’re willing to risk their lives, even if they can’t become Deity Realm superhumans, they will still have a chance to become broken-star superhumans.

“In this sort of situation, it’s difficult for the abnormal beasts to intensify the conflict between normal people and superhumans within a short period of time.

“Even the most extreme normal humans have to admit that while superhumans enjoy glory and resources, they have to face greater dangers and shoulder heavier responsibilities compared to normal humans.

“Hence, while the normal humans are displeased with the nine great cultivation families, that displeasure is not to the point where they will want to overturn things.

“If I were an abnormal beast, I would not choose to target the conflict between normal people and superhumans. Instead, I’d target the conflict between the Colonization Party and Home Party.

“The reason is simple, because this conflict involves a competition of benefits, and it’s also clearer and more intense. There is a limited amount of resources in Dragon City, and the city’s budget is not inexhaustible, either.

“There’s only a certain amount of money. If they throw it all into the development and creation of the new superspeed armored airship, it won’t go into the development of controllable transmigration technology. If they organize a new expedition into Monster Mountain Range, they won’t be able to use that money to completely upgrade the defense systems.

“When it comes to money, if you take it off someone’s hands, it means you’re practically killing him. The Colonization Party and Home Party aren’t just engaged in a battle of ideals, but hate each other because they’re ‘murdering’ each other!”