#### Oh My God 401

# **Chapter 401: Spoiler**

The "wall" the monsters formed squirmed nonstop and turned into a "cliff".

This cliff symbolized death, and in the next second, it would collapse in the face of the hundreds of survivors.

Lu Siya was very anxious, and she whispered to Meng Chao, "Hey, aren't you really good at creating miracles? Do you have a way to flee to safety?"

"Well, I do have a very immature method." Meng Chao thought about it for a while before he shook his head and said, "Forget it, it's impossible."

"We're already at this point of time, so why are you still acting like some old biddy?" Lu Siya said anxiously. "No matter what method it is, we have to use it as a last ditch attempt! Hurry up and tell me what it is!"

"Alright, I'll tell you," Meng Chao thought about it and said, "Big Sis Ya, you're a Heaven Realm superhuman. There are also a few Heaven Realm superhumans here too. Even though most of them use their spirit energy to strengthen their brains and are in the field of academics, which means they're weak, they will still have mastered maglev. They can break free of gravity and slowly levitate in the air.

"Then we can do this. First, you activate your abilities and float."

When he was halfway through his plan, he came to a stop.

"Then?" Lu Siya was going to die of anxiety.

"Then, I'll jump up and grab your legs. Another survivor will then jump up to grab my leg. Then, another, and another. The Heaven Realm superhumans will then drag all the survivors up like a meat skewer and fly away," Meng Chao said. "Do you think my plan is workable?"

"...No," Lu Siya said coldly.

"That's why I said that I think this method is too immature. I originally didn't want to say it, but you forced me to." Meng Chao sighed. "There's no other way, we have to fight. Get me my Type 45 double-barreled heavy anti-aircraft machine gun and eight gun mounted RG-6!"

Lu Siya did not say a thing and handed him a pistol.

Meng Chao looked at Lu Siya.

"I have only three bullets. Use them wisely."

"Damn it! I'm giving it my all!"

Meng Chao gritted his teeth and grabbed the pistol. With a shout, he jumped on the cliff formed by the monsters.

Bang, bang, bang!

He did not even look when he fired the three bullets. Then, he tossed the pistol to the side and brought out his tattered sabers. Spirit flames gushed out of the tips of his saber along with his spirit tattoos to form a saber glare that was more than two meters long and had a crystalline quality.

It did not matter how many chips there were on the blade. Even if it was broken in half, as long as it was a cold weapon, it would allow the user to taste the pleasure of fighting!

Spirit energy surged, and the chain sabers danced. Meng Chao drew a huge X in the middle of the monster horde, causing the "cliff" to instantly crumble.

Quite a number of monsters were dazzled by the fall. Before they could react, they were gobbled up by the rock dragon Lu Siya formed with reinforced concrete. Then, they were ripped to shreds.

"Fight!"

"Give it your all!"

"Go!"

With the two motivating them, all the survivors felt their bloodlust stirred up.

If they had finished the bullets in their machine guns, they switched to semi-automatic rifles.

If they finished the bullets in their semi-automatic rifles, they used their pistols.

And if they used up the bullets in their pistols, they switched to cold weapons.

When their sabers were broken or their swords shattered, they grabbed materials from the monsters' carcasses or used their fists and feet to fight. They used their spirit energy to go up against the monster horde and swept the insects who jumped on the roof down once again.

#### Thud!

Meng Chao intersected his chain sabers and cut down the head of a Giant Centipede who was as thick as a python. Before the venom in its abdominal cavity could gush out, he brought his leg up and kicked the twitching carcass down the roof.

Using the chance, he sprawled down at the edge of the balcony and looked down.

Immediately, he felt his skin crawl and cussed under his breath.

The area under the roof was jam-packed with insect-type monsters.

Monstrous and ugly Giant Praying Mantises, Giant Spiders, Giant Centipedes, and their amalgamations covered the windows of the building.

As if they had come to realize that the humans wanted to flee, they gave up on searching for people in the hotel and killing them. Instead, they focused all their attention on climbing up and treated the outer walls that were perpendicular to the ground like flat land.

In an instant, twice the number of insects compared to earlier climbed up to the roof.

The survivors behind Meng Chao had already fought in multiple battles. They were now covered in wounds, tired, and out of ammunition.

When they looked at the black insect swarm, everyone gulped.

Even Meng Chao had despair in his eyes.

But this despair was soon replaced by a fighting will so great that he would not stop until he died.

If all the experts of Project 101 died, there was a high chance that Dragon City would walk down its previous path and head toward the apocalypse.

Then, he might as well fight to his heart's content here!

He used the chains to tie the blood-soaked hilts of the sabers to his wrists and sucked in a deep breath. He was just about to swing his sabers when Lu Siya pushed down at his shoulder from behind him.

"That's about enough. There's a limit as to how much you should play hero. We've done our best. We can be free of this without a guilty conscience," she whispered.

Meng Chao did not understand what she meant.

"The suggestion you gave just now isn't possible, because there's a limit to my maglev abilities. It's impossible for me to bring so many people with me," Lu Siya explained. "But if it's just you, perhaps I can run with you through the air."

Meng Chao was stunned. Then, he rejected the offer firmly. "No. I can't just cast aside so many survivors who fought with me and run away in front of the monsters!"

"But it's meaningless even if we stay here. The only thing we can do is die with them!" Lu Siya growled. "Saving people is one thing, but dying with them is another thing. There's only hope if you're alive, don't you understand that?"

"I... Of course I do." Meng Chao admitted that what Lu Siya said made sense.

But for some reason, he remembered the pale face of his peer just now, along with his wide eyes.

It was only at this moment that he realized that there was a faint smile on his peer's face when he died.

Why was he smiling?

Was he satisfied that he did not lose to the fear in his heart and could die standing while he faced monsters, just like a true Dragon Citizen?

"Big Sis Ya, you're right." Meng Chao sighed. "You're already a great friend for fighting with me up to this point. There's no need for you to die with everyone else. Go. I'll serve as your rearguard!"

"You..." Lu Siya hissed angrily. "You're an idiot!"

"Maybe," Meng Chao mumbled. "And maybe I'm naive, but I want to fight to the last second and see... whether the tides will turn."

Lu Siya cussed under her breath and ignored Meng Chao. She took three steps backward and was about to activate her vitality magnetic field to stir up her maglev ability and flee from the sky when another blood-drenched Heaven Realm superhuman rose into the air while swaying.

To her shock, when he went five meters into the air, dozens of acid and venom streams shot at him from all directions from the monster horde around them.

The Heaven Realm superhuman was also a Project 101 member. 90% of the spirit energy he usually accumulated during his training was given to his brain. He was the typical case of brain over brawn. When it came to fighting power, at most, he was an Earth Realm fighter.

During the continuous fights just now, not only had he drained his spirit energy, he had also lost more than one thousand milliliters of blood. His face was incredibly pale, and when he flew, he was not any faster than a snail, so he was not skilled at aerial mobility and aerial dodging.

He acted in a flurry of motion, but in an instant, he was hit by a few streams of acid and venom.

With a scream, he fell back on the roof.

Not only did he not manage to run, he ended up with new wounds on his body, which ended up with him bleeding even more.

"..."

Lu Siya's eyelids twitched. Without another word, she retreated to Meng Chao's side.

"Hey, I'm sorry, Big Sis Ya, for dragging you into this mess," Meng Chao said as he scratched his head.

"Enough with the nonsense!" Lu Siya gritted her teeth and shoved Meng Chao. "Since we have no way out, there's only one choice left. We have to create a new miracle just like we did under Raging Waves!"

Meng Chao roared and brought his sabers high above his head. The two saber glares intersected with each other like lightning. Not only did they cut a Scythe Head in half, they also cut the armor of a Three-eyed Spider Wolf behind it, and all sorts of juices flew out.

The same moment, the screeches of metal friction rose from beneath the roof, and along with them came a giant scorpion that was entirely golden in color.

Its entire body was more than three meters long and covered in spikes. It gave off a metallic shine, which showed that its armor was incredibly tough. Its front limbs were also unlike scorpion pincers, but like the huge and sharp pincers of crabs. They appeared to be able to cut armored vehicles in half.

The other insect-type monsters had to retreat when it appeared

The monsters who dared to get close to it were all rudely swept off the roof by its tail.

'Abyss Scorpion?'

Meng Chao sucked in a sharp breath after the terrifying name popped up in his mind.

The Abyss Scorpion was one of the few insect-type monsters that could reach the status of Hell Beast the moment it reached adulthood.

Their armor would have absorbed a lot of components from metals and high-grade crystals by that point, and it would be as strong as the toughest alloy armor humans created.

And the two pincers did not just possess powerful clamping strength. The twitches from its tendons could also reach a high frequency that would further increase its ability to tear apart its prey.

Meng Chao had once seen an armored vehicle torn apart by an Abyss Scorpion. It had taken him a total of half a minute before he could tell that it was once an armored vehicle.

If he were at the peak of his condition after he had recuperated and built up strength, he might be able to avoid the Abyss Scorpion tough pincers and stab his sabers into the gap between its shell.

But now...

Meng Chao cast a glance at his trembling hands.

The night had been long, and he had been fighting nonstop. He was way past his limit. Forget his fingers and arm muscles. He even had trouble controlling his sphincter.

The Abyss Scorpion could sense his and Lu Siya's exhaustion.

The sawtooth-like pincers started vibrating at high frequency, and the sound was like savage laughter.

The creature also lifted its scorpion tail up high. The poison needle shone with a savage red light.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya exchanged a glance and stepped forward at the same time.

Meng Chao brought up his cracked sabers. One more swing, and they would shatter.

Lu Siya controlled the cracked rock dragon to lift its head pridefully.

Just when the sabers and rock dragon were about to crash into the Abyss Scorpion's metal pincers, a flowing light descended from the sky at lightning speed and pierced the Abyss Scorpion's body to pin it against the roof.

Then, both of them saw clearly that the weapon that pinned the Abyss Scorpion was a red longspear, and it was only after they saw it that a supersonic howl came ramming into their eardrums like roaring thunder.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya looked up and saw the dark clouds fading away. Smoke retreated, and a burning griffin stepped out of the dark sky to descend toward them at high speed!

## The Griffin's Dance

## Chapter 402: Half a Step from Heaven Realm!

The Abyss Scorpion lived up to its name as a Hell Beast. Even if a longspear surrounded by spirit flames had pierced its body, it did not die. Instead, it struggled with everything it had and flailed its metal pincers and tail all over the roof, leaving behind holes in the reinforced concrete. Bits and pieces of it flew all over the place.

The Abyss Scorpion was about to upend the longspear when the burning griffin rammed into it like a shooting star.

In an instant, the Abyss Scorpion's metal pincers and tail became straight. It was as if its body was filled with tons of magma, and it burned it to ashes. Howling flames crawled out of the gaps of its shell.

Even if it was hit repeatedly with a rocket launcher, its defenses might not have been destroyed, but now, it was burnt to a crisp.

Then, a person landed gently on the longspear.

When the woman's foot touched the longspear gently, the longspear trembled. The griffin bared its teeth, and even the Abyss Scorpion's shell flipped open.

There was only charcoal and ashes under the shell, nothing else. Now, it looked like an armor that had fallen apart.

The Abyss Scorpion was killed instantly!

Meng Chao widened his eyes. He was about to hug the newcomer's legs and cry in happiness.

There was only one person in all of Dragon City who had such a domineering beast soul—his tutor's wife, the ace lecturer of Agricultural University's martial arts course, Griffin Li Yingzi, superhuman at the peak of Heaven Realm!

Compared to Lu Siya, who was a Heaven Realm superhuman who had switched from a mine explorer halfway through to a fighter, Li Yingzi was a young leader of the Beast Soul Style. She had perfected beast soul fusion and her coattails were thick, long, and made of 24k gold!

But before Meng Chao could throw himself into the arms of his tutor's wife, he heard a thunderous explosion behind him.

It was as if there were hundreds of tigers roaring at the same time.

When he turned his head around, he saw Soul Breaking Saber Luo Wu holding his standard broadsword that had a thick back and sawteeth. Flames that were more than ten meters long shot forward, and he swung the blade at the monsters at the edge of the roof. With a single swing, he cut more than ten of them into two. The unstoppable saber glare compressed air and formed an impact wave, and the monsters at the back row were swept off the roof.

It was fierce and domineering! He killed them with just one swing!

"Master Luo Wu is here too!"

Griffin Li Yingzi had just become a six-star superhuman, but Soul Breaking Saber Luo Wu was a famous, veteran superhuman who had reached Spirit Armor Realm a long time ago.

Based on his own words, if it were not for the fact that his mental training was not sufficient yet and he was worried that his humanity would get twisted as well as that he would suffer from spirit energy deviation once he reached Deity Realm, he would have been able to reach a higher state a long time ago.

Two superhumans at the peak of Heaven Realm had arrived together, and they instantly delivered a major blow to the monsters on the roof. They also made the survivors calm down.

But that was not all.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

When more monsters rushed fearlessly to the roof because of the mastermind's control and tried to tie down the two superhumans with numbers so that the remaining monsters could die together with the survivors, the sharp whistle of air being pushed through came from the dark clouds. Dozens of elite fighters dressed in nano-fighting suits and airtight armor landed heavily on the roof.

Meng Chao had never seen such exquisite armor before.

It gave off a crystalline feeling, and it did not seem like it was made of pure metal. Instead, it looked as if it was mixed with a lot of valuable crystals and monster materials. The fighting suits covered every inch of the fighters' bodies. Even the eye area was embedded with two rows that had six green detectors attached to them. Instead of calling them humans, it would be better to call them human-like killing machines.

Each fighter carried an automatic ammunition backpack that was like a mini armory.

Once they landed, the backpacks opened on their own. Two shoulder-carried M61 Vulcans flipped themselves on their shoulders, and two heavy machine guns whose power was only second to the Type 45 machine gun appeared in their hands. The balance of the armor negated the recoil and ensured the most precise line of fire. Then, four unstoppable lines of fire were trained on the monsters.

The dozen fighters fired at the same time, and nearly one hundred lines of fire became akin to scythes harvesting weed.

There were also more than ten drones circulating the air at low altitude that were connected to the armor through information chains. They accurately provided them with directions and corrected their lines of fire to maximize the killing effect.

Even if Meng Chao was not interested in the Machine Armor Style, he could not help but gulp when he saw the mighty strengthened exoskeletons known as Heavy Fire Armor.

"They're the best commandos Sky Pillar Corporation has, the Vulcan Commandos." There was great pride in Lu Siya's voice. "They might be Earth Realm superhumans, but the fighting suits and armor they wear are created with a lot of super alloys, and they're embedded with a lot of supreme-grade crystals. We also had runic symbol masters carve runic symbols into them, so they're definitely even more expensive than main battle tanks!"

Before Meng Chao could gasp in amazement, a sound that every Dragon Citizen was familiar with came from the depths of the dark clouds, and it was a sound that would make their blood surge whenever they heard it.

It was the sound of the steam engines from the Red Dragon Army's armored airship fleet!

Amid the deafening rumbles, nine armored airships descended from the sky like steel demons.

The weapons mounted on the airships had diameters that were several times larger than the diameters of the weapons held by a single soldier.

They also had perfect cooling and ammunition provision systems, so their ability to provide heavy fire for a long time were higher by leaps and bounds.

The nine armored airships circled around Noble Descent Hotel. Nearly one hundred lines of fire intersected with each other to form an unbreakable wall of fire. If any monster dared to take half a step past the boundary line, they would be mercilessly torn to pieces until they were only the size of a fingernail.

Aside from the airships, more Heaven Realm superhumans also soared over from the distance with gliders.

A lot of Earth Realm superhumans used 3D mobile gears to rush over from between the buildings.

The armored vehicle squad from the Red Dragon Army also charged over from the smoke to Noble Descent Hotel. They immediately opened fire on the monsters.

The abnormal beasts had attacked Noble Descent Hotel through the underground tunnel, so it was impossible for them to mobilize a lot of firepower.

When Meng Chao had managed to predict the abnormal beasts' target beforehand, the end result of the ambush was already set in stone.

Once Meng Chao saw powerful fighters and war machines descend on the roof and around Noble Descent Hotel and heard the roars of humans, the howls from guns, and felt the heat from the swords while they suppressed the zombies, monsters, and undead, he fell down on the roof with his limbs splayed. He sighed in relief as if a heavy burden was removed from his shoulders.

Next came the joyous occasion where his contribution points were calculated.

Fifteen minutes later, Meng Chao sat in a corner of a temporary medical camp while he shoved down free medical fluid and high-calorie nutritional fluid with the momentum of a T-rex at a buffet. He had his eyes half shut as he happily read the notifications from Kindling.

[Killed 213 Scythe Heads (normal monsters). Increased Skillfulness of heavy weapons by 99%. Increased level to Perfect Level. Increased contribution points by 5,312.]

[Killed 12 Golden Scythes (Grade 1 Nightmarish Beasts). Increased Skillfulness of heavy weapons by 12%. Increased contribution points by 3,411.]

[Killed Three-eyed Spider Wolves (Grade 1 Nightmarish Beasts)...]

[Killed unidentified undead named as Insect Carcass Amalgamation...]

[Killed Brain-rotting Insect (Grade 3 Nightmarish Beast. Increased Skillfulness of heavy weapons by 9%. Increased level to Ultimate Level!]

As the golden words "Ultimate Level" appeared before his eyes, the memories of him holding all sorts of murder weapons with huge diameters and blasting all sorts of monsters and evil creatures were unlocked in his mind.

The information flowed into his head like a tidal wave and gushed out from every crevice of his mind. They flowed to his entire body through his nerves and spirit meridians to train all his muscle fibers to gain the muscle memory of being able to control all sorts of heavy weapons.

Compared to when he first awakened to his previous life's memories, Meng Chao could now easily endure the pain of the information bomb in his mind and would enjoy the pleasure of improving at rocket speed.

He did not just improve in terms of heavy weapon usage.

Ever since his fight under Raging Waves, he had not enjoyed fighting to his heart's content.

The numerous times of near death and monsters shoving his head through Death's door had stimulated the potential at the deepest parts of his genes and soul, allowing the power from the apocalypse to be released even more violently.

The fight gave Meng Chao a total of 17,000 contribution points.

And without any hesitation, he tossed one hundred thousand into the treatment of hidden injuries, the clearing of his spirit meridians, and the rapid digestion of gene medicine and high-calorie nutritional fluid to increase his spirit energy.

As the one hundred contribution points turned into rays of golden light that surged into his organs and limbs, Meng Chao could sense all his blood vessels, nerves, and spirit meridians start shining. They were water in a river moving back and forth as the spirit energy fused with every part of his body.

The spirit energy grew like branches in the clear and crystalline river, then crawled out of his body through the 36,000 pores.

Meng Chao spread his palms and red flames gushed out of them.

With a single thought, the spirit flames started trembling at high speed. They spread into rings of spirit energy ripples. Even if he shut his eyes, he could still see everything within five meters.

He curled his fingers slightly.

Bloody Flame was by his side, and it jumped on its own onto his palm.

'This is... the signs of reaching Spirit Wielding Realm!' Meng Chao's mind surged.

Spirit Wielding Realm allowed the superhuman to release his spirit energy outward and, through a certain frequency, resonate with the planet's magnetic field. They could use that resonance to interfere with the molecular structures and even the atomic electron shell of various elements to perform basic changes to the states of those elements in the large world.

Lu Siya could turn sturdy rocks into soft sand and rock dragons with bared teeth. It was all thanks to her using this ability ingeniously.

A four-star superhuman was at Heaven Realm. They would mainly gain three divine arts—controlling items remotely, magley, and interfering with materials.

Right now, Meng Chao was already figuring out the secrets of controlling items remotely. He was only half a step away from becoming a true Heaven Realm superhuman.

'In just a short half a year, I've moved from nearly failing the national college examination to reaching the door leading to Heaven Realm.

'My current self is already stronger than the person from my previous life in terms of cultivation realm.

'Once I reach Heaven Realm, I will be considered to have really become strong. I will be able to unlock more memories from my previous life and secrets of the Other World. At the same time, I would be able to change more people's fates. Then, I will crush the nightmare that is the apocalypse!'

Meng Chao drank a can of compressed nutritional fluid that had been diluted ten times before he casually crushed the tough metal can. He felt as if the fatigue from earlier was gone. Each of his spirit meridian was filled with burning spirit energy. When he looked down, his wounds had already healed. Light shone from his skin, which had never happened before. Each of his muscle fibers was now sealed with explosive power.

When he looked at the battlefield in the distance, he felt as if he had not fought to his heart's content yet. He wanted to test his strength.

## **Chapter 403: New Life**

Rapid coughs suddenly came from behind him.

Meng Chao turned around and saw that Lu Siya's face was red while she beat her chest with her hands. Her back was bent so much that she looked like a prawn, and she coughed so much that she was crying.

There was also an empty compressed nutritional fluid can by her feet.

Lu Siya coughed for a long time and glared at Meng Chao. She looked at the dozens of empty cans he had tossed on the floor and was puzzled as well as depressed as she said, "Wh-Why is it that you can drink so many compressed nutritional fluids in one go without batting an eyelid?

"Do you have any idea that you just drank a week's worth of compressed nutritional fluid for a military tactical squad in just ten minutes?!"

"Um... Ever since I was struck by Red Radiance Jades and Blue Origin Crystals under Raging Waves, my spirit meridians and appetite became bigger." Meng Chao did not know whether he should laugh or cry. "Big Sis Ya, you weren't attacked as much as I by the Red Radiance Jade tsunami. Don't imitate me and drink undiluted compressed nutritional fluids!"

"You're now even more of a monster in my eyes. Why is that you can jump around after resting for only a little over ten minutes, as if you've been reborn. You even look like you got stronger."

Lu Siya cleared her throat gently and continued, "No matter what, we've made the right bet this round. We managed to save a lot of people from Noble Descent Hotel—transmigration experts, core members of Blue Home, and rich people investing in Project 101. These are contributions and connections!

"I've also managed to contact the captain just now. Since we managed to turn the tides in the end, the fact that we gave false military information is no longer anything serious. The captain will disclose the whole story for us.

"In truth, before the line was cut off, the captain made the same decision as I did. He also decided to place all his bets on you. Even though the communication lines in the southern battlefield were very chaotic at that time, he still did his best and found a large number of powerful fighters and military commanders. That's why the reinforcements arrived so soon."

When he remembered the situation on the roof, Meng Chao's heart pounded in fear.

If the reinforcements had arrived even three minutes later, the situation would have ended in a complete tragedy.

Fortunately, he had ridden a lot of coattails in the past year. He also built Broken Star Club and got to know a lot of broken-star superhumans who fight at the frontlines. Word spread faster than viruses, and in the end, they stopped the abnormal beasts' scheme.

"Now that I think about it, it really feels unbelievable," Lu Siya said. "Isn't your luck too good?"

"It might be because I've always loved helping people and contributing selflessly," Meng Chao said with a smile. "Those who love contributing will not have bad luck."

Lu Siya pouted.

"Big Sis Ya, you contributed a lot today too," Meng Chao said seriously. "Without you, it would have been impossible for us to save so many people from Noble Descent Hotel. Thanks for fighting with me until the very end."

"Enough with all that cringey stuff; you're making my skin crawl. You know that the lives of normal people and transmigration experts have nothing to do with me," Lu Siya said faintly. "To me, they're just war achievements and connections. They're all just steps that will help me climb upwards."

"It's fine." Meng Chao was already used to the way Lu Siya spoke. He spread his hands and said, "No matter what your goal was, it's good that we managed to save so many people."

Lu Siya was not used to Meng Chao thanking her sincerely, so she changed the topic and said, "By the way, that pregnant teacher called Ms. Xiao is your friend, right?"

"Yeah." Meng Chao's heart leapt to his throat again. "How is Big Sis Ya? Is she safe?"

"You sure call a lot of people your sister..." Lu Siya paused for a moment before she said, "She's fine. She just gave birth to a boy and a girl. Even though they were born prematurely, there shouldn't be any problems."

"What?!" Meng Chao jumped up. "Big Sis Xiao gave birth?! Here?! No way! Can we... Can we see her?"

Next to Meng Chao's tent was an airtight subatmospheric pressure medical treatment room. There was a thin, transparent bacteriostasis sheet separating them from within, where Xiao Fanghua lay in a sterile room.

Since she had sucked in too much poisonous gas in the battlefield and some acid and venom had landed on her body, the military doctors were worried that the zombie virus or Blood Flower's spores had invaded her body, which would lead to the two babies being infected and turning "evil". That was why they were keeping the room absolutely sterilized, like they were facing a major enemy.

Thank the heavens, though, the mother and children were both safe. It might have happened due to her practising the Ultimate Style while she was pregnant and her branch meridians being filled with spirit energy, which formed a second immunity system. The viruses and spores that entered Xiao Fanghua's body were all killed, and neither she nor her children were tested to have any abnormalities.

This might be the best news that night.

Xiao Fanghua was so exhausted that she could not even keep her eyes open.

When she saw Meng Chao, a sincere smile bloomed on her puffy face. She gestured and said, "Thank you, Meng Chao, you're their savior."

There was a small medical cabin for babies beside her. It contained two wrinkly babies with pink skin.

Honestly, they looked a little ugly.

But Meng Chao still gave a knowing smile.

Many innocents had died that day and many brave people had sacrificed their lives.

But in the face of the monster horde, new lives were born.

At this moment, Dragon City was still in a state of darkness.

Perhaps it would be the same tomorrow, and the darkness would persist for a long time.

But when tomorrow's tomorrow arrived, the two children would grow up into adults and Dragon City would surely face a truly bright future!

"Where is Old Zhao?" Xiao Fanghua asked softly. "Meng Chao, do you have any news about him?"

Meng Chao and Lu Siya looked at each other.

By the looks of it, no one had told Xiao Fanghua the news about Zhao Fanghua falling into the underground from the elevator shaft and that his survival was currently unknown.

When Meng Chao saw that Xiao Fanghua was at the weakest moment of her life right now, he did not know how to say it.

He just clenched his fists and promised Xiao Fanghua to look for him. "Big Sis Ya, just rest well. We'll definitely find Big Brother Zhao!"

When they left the medical room, Meng Chao's footsteps were a little heavy.

As he looked at the burning ruins on the battlefield, he clenched his fists, unfurled them, then repeated the motion.

Lu Siya did not know what he was thinking about and quickly said, "No way. You've been chasing after the Ultimate Sandworm for ten days and nights before you jumped into its mouth in the underwater tunnel. Then, you rushed through all of Dragon City anxiously to fight fiercely in Noble Descent Hotel. Aren't you tired?"

"I'm okay, I think."

What Meng Chao really wanted to say was "I've just been nourished by one hundred thousand contribution points. Not only has my fatigue and pain disappeared, I have a sense of hunger that is about to swallow me."

However, he thought about it and instead said, "Even though we saved most of the transmigration experts, the soul of Project 101 is still missing, and we don't know whether Professor Lu Tianxing is dead or alive. Besides, the mastermind who led the ambush is definitely lurking nearby. If we don't drag it out, I'll feel unsatisfied."

"You don't have to do it yourself, though?" Lu Siya sighed. "There are tens of millions of people in Dragon City, and you're not the only one who can fight. You're not the only one with brains, either, and you're definitely not the only one who can be a hero!

"We've already stopped most of the schemes by the abnormal beast, and we've also told the higher-ups about Professor Lu Tianxing as well as your guesses about the mastermind. Right now, the elites of the abnormal beast research department and the military, Soul Breaking Saber Luo Wu, Griffin Li Yingzi, as well as other powerful people are monitoring and searching the underground tunnels.

"You have no idea where Professor Lu Tianxing and the abnormal beasts' mastermind are hiding. If they're really nearby, they'll be discovered by the powerful fighters soon. If they've already run away, you won't be able to do anything about it either. You don't have a single clue in your hands!"

"Yeah..." Meng Chao thought about it for a long time and had to admit that Lu Siya was right. "We don't seem to be able to do anything else. We can only hand things over to fate now."

"Then go back and drink more of your compressed nutritional fluid before going back to the medical cabin to sleep. After that, take a comfortable bath and wait for the good news from the fighters!" Lu Siya said. "No matter what you're thinking, I don't even have the energy to lift a single finger anymore."

Meng Chao nodded in slight resignation and headed to his medical cabin.

But after he took two steps, he saw Blue Home members lying in the medical cabins beside him. They were all the people who attended the transmigration technology conference.

A thought struck Meng Chao, and he came to a swift stop.

"Wait, Big Sis Ya. I noticed something strange," Meng Chao mumbled. "Did you notice that the monsters didn't attack indiscriminately in Noble Descent Hotel? At that time, there weren't just the academicians, investors, and Blue Home core members who attended the transmigration technology conference in the hotel. There were also a lot of normal guests, waiters, and employees.

"If the monsters had fought floor by floor and killed on sight until they killed everyone, they would not have been able to make it to the top floors so fast.

"Now that I think about it carefully, the monsters spared most of the normal guests and employees. They went straight for the members of Project 101, especially Professor Lu Tianxing.

"Even when we reached the administrative corridor of the third floor, we only noticed people who attended the conference surrounded by the monsters. Many of the guests and employees had long since escaped.

"My question is, how did the monsters locate the Project 101 experts so accurately?"

Lu Siya was stunned for a moment, then she frowned and said, "What sort of question is that? It's naturally because the abnormal beasts' mastermind has long since known the floor where the conference is located and the experts' faces. When it controls the other monsters, it could also see it directly!"

"Not possible." Meng Chao shook his head. "Most of the ones who attacked Noble Descent Hotel are insect-type monsters. The vision of insects is different from humans. It's very hard for them to accurately discern a human's face. It's just like how a human will think all insects look the same when looking at them.

"Besides, think of the battlefield at that time. There was smoke all over the place. Poisonous gases wrecked the place, too. Some of the areas only had emergency lights lit, while in others even those were destroyed and everything was dark.

"The human faces were also covered in blood, grime, and dust. I don't think even their parents would have been able to recognize them at that point. Are you sure that the insects' eyes would be able to identify each transmigration expert in such a bad environment?

"Even if the insects who have compound eyes could identify their targets, there were also Giant Centipedes among them, and they're practically blind, because their eyes can only sense light. Yet those guys were also able to accurately locate their target. Isn't that a little too ridiculous?"

## **Chapter 404: Mole Surfaces!**

After those words, Lu Siya sank into deep thought as well. She pondered it for a long time before admitting it. "Makes sense."

"Also, many of the insects don't have brains. Even if they have thickened nerve bundles and myelin sheaths to strengthen their intelligence, I doubt that they can handle complicated information," Meng Chao said.

"What I'm saying is that while it's possible to gather insects in one place to attack a building, it is another matter to have them handle complicated images and identify the minor differences of a human's face so that they can locate and kill certain targets as well as spare the people aside from the targets. This just goes against their instincts. It's beyond the limits of what their nerves can do.

"Of course, the abnormal beasts' mastermind could control the insects, but if the monsters can carry out battlefield interdiction, we can too. The information chain between the mastermind and insects must be fragmented. It's impossible for it to be able to give orders to all the pests in real time just by controlling them.

"Also, what puzzles me the most is about how the monsters captured Professor Lu Tianxing alive.

"Based on what the survivors said, at that time, they were protecting Professor Lu and a batch of transmigration experts while warding off the monsters' attacks in a corridor. The next moment, though, a large number of monsters suddenly crawled out of the elevator shaft and tore through the elevator door to grab Professor Lu. They didn't stay to fight and just dragged him down.

"There are two problems here. First, how did the monsters know that Professor Lu would retreat using that path? There isn't just one elevator in Noble Descent Hotel, and naturally, there isn't just one elevator shaft. Each floor has several corridors, emergency staircases and escape tunnels.

"Professor Lu and the rest had dozens of escape paths to choose from, so how did the monsters manage to accurately choose and lurk in the path they would definitely pass by?

"But let's overlook this for now and talk about how there were coincidentally more than ten survivors moving through the corridor at that time. The group should have spread out in a long line, so how did the monsters manage to time it perfectly and tear open the elevator door while Professor Lu passed by it, then bind him with spider threads and drag him into the elevator?

"You must understand that while the elevator door is closed, even if the monsters and the mastermind share visual signals, it's impossible for them to see the situation in the corridor. How did they manage to time the attack so well?"

Lu Siya sank into deep thought. After a moment, she thought of something. "This question is simple. There's a mole among the survivors.

"We already know that the abnormal beasts have infiltrated Blue Home. Lin Chuan and Gao Ye were bewitched by them.

"Aside from them, there must be others who have been bewitched by the abnormal beasts but have yet to reveal themselves. It's highly likely that they were lurking in Blue Home and were there as 'frenzied Earth Returnee Party members'.

"This time, Blue Home organized the transmigration technology conference, including the time, location, attendance list, and other related information. The mole could have sent all that to the abnormal beast. That's why the abnormal beast could attack with the precision of a surgeon!

"When the insects charged out of the underground, the mole stayed close to Professor Lu Tianxing and used some sort of secret method to tell the monsters who their target is. What do you think of my hypothesis?"

"Big Sis Ya, not bad!" Meng Chao's eyes lit up. He slapped his thigh and said, "As expected, a person will be influenced by another when he or she spends a lot of time with them. Now that you've worked so long with me, you're finally showing great intelligence!"

Lu Siya was stunned. "What?"

Meng Chao immediately switched the topic and said, "Nothing. There's certainly a mole in Blue Home, but there are too many suspects. I've never been able to shrink down the number. By the looks of it now, the mole is among one of the survivors from the group with Professor Lu Tianxing.

"But this deduction only explains how Professor Lu Tianxing was captured. It doesn't tell us how the monsters were able to locate all transmigration experts and the conference members.

"There's no way a mole would have followed each transmigration expert and investor, right?"

The delight on Lu Siya's face was drowned out by puzzlement. She paced back and forth, shook her head, and said, "Well... I don't have any ideas. Could it be that the monsters found a way to mark the conference members beforehand?"

Meng Chao widened his eyes further. Suddenly, he jumped up in joy. "That's right! That's exactly it! Marking them beforehand!"

Lu Siya still could not figure it out. "How did they do it, though?"

"Think. What's the greatest difference between the conference members, the hotel staff, and the other guests? There's something only the conference members have. The other guests and hotel staff don't have it." Meng Chao looked at Lu Siya expectantly, but three seconds later, he could not help but blurt out the answer. "Emblem! They have an emblem saying 'New Era Year 57 Transmigration Technology Conference' on their chests!"

Lu Siya thought about it and nodded. "You're right. Each member has an emblem at their chests."

"Usually, when you organize a large conference, the committee members will give out means of identification that will differentiate the members attending the conference so that they can enter and leave the conference hall whenever they want, get in touch with the experts and investors, or go to the administrative corridor and the buffet restaurant to eat free food.

"But usually, these means of identification are all name tags, right?" Meng Chao said. "Just now, when I saw the survivors' chest emblems, I found it really strange, because I seldom see people use emblems as means of identification.

"Blue Home has its own organization emblem, so wouldn't it be just fine if they used a name tag and their own organization emblem as a means of identification? Why was there a need to make a new batch of commemorative emblems?

"If they were meant as a small keepsake from the conference, they would usually just order a batch of pens, bookmarks, USB drives, or something like that. Commemorative badges are usually awards given to those who joined a battle or are given out during commendation conferences for heroes, right?

"That's why a seed of doubt was planted in my heart.

"Unfortunately, the undead and pests just kept coming, and during the fight, I didn't have time to think about it. Now that I remember it, I find it really strange. There must be something off about these commemorative badges.

"They didn't issue the organization emblems from Blue Home because many people have old ones, and it wouldn't be easy for the mole to do anything about them.

"They didn't use name tags because name tags are too light and thin. It'd be difficult for anyone to do anything about them.

"They didn't give out pens, bookmarks, USB drives or other small trinkets because you can't be certain that the experts will keep those things on them while they're running for their lives.

"That's why they could only hand out commemorative badges that have already been tampered with during the registration before the conference. They probably even arranged a few staff members to put those commemorative emblems on the old experts' chests to make sure that they were all marked, and such marks would not be cast off while they're running.

"With this, the list of suspects for the mole decreases.

"If a person or people from among those who made the commemorative emblems, who handed out the emblems, and who helped the members put on the commemorative emblems were together with Professor Lu Tianxing while they were running away, this person or group would be the moles!"

Lu Siya looked at Meng Chao in disbelief, and her jaw fell slack.

"Don't, Big Sis Ya. I know that your admiration is about to burst out of you, but now is not the time for you to be dumbfounded. We have to verify this hypothesis."

It was very simple to make sure whether the commemorative emblems had been tampered with.

Practically all the survivors were gathered in the medical camp, because the acid and poison pollution in the hotel was bad. The new virus zombie and Blood Flower spores were strange as well. Even if a person looked like they were only wounded superficially and even unharmed, they could not be certain as to whether they were clear of being infected by viruses and spores.

Hence, the people who were saved from the building had to be isolated for treatment, observation, and tests.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya were superhumans at the peak of Earth Realm and Heaven Realm respectively. They were also refined by Blue Origin Crystals, so their immune systems were as sturdy as nails. They were the first to complete the screening and were confirmed to not be infected.

Some survivors had had their blood drawn and samples taken from their throat. They were currently waiting for the test results.

Among them were plenty of Blue Home members who had the commemorative emblem from the transmigration technology conference on their chests.

Meng Chao asked for the commemorative emblem from a Blue Home member he was familiar with and held it in his palm.

The first thing he noticed was that it felt heavy. It was unlike the light alloy that was usually used for emblems. Instead, it seemed like it was made of expensive metal like gold or silver.

The main theme of the entire emblem was the blue planet, but around it was a crystalline tunnel. It was connected to a Mobius strip that seemed to have no start or finish.

The emblem was really beautiful. It was very detailed, and Meng Chao was reluctant to part with it. It was no wonder why the members all placed them on their chests.

Meng Chao handed the emblem to Lu Siya.

Her eyes shone with a light that spread out in a radial form. It moved from her eyes to her forehead, then her temples.

She used her talent of a Spirit Sensor and stared at the emblem for a long time before she extended her thumb and caressed it to sense it. After a while, she mumbled, "I can sense a really strange... radioactivity? When this emblem was made, it was fused with a really rare radioactive mineral or rare crystal.

"The radioactivity is really weak. It's not strong enough to harm a person's health, which is why it's difficult for the average superhuman to sense it.

"But the insects' sensory organs are different from those of humans. I'm not sure about it, but perhaps to an insects' sensory organs, the people wearing these emblems shine as brilliantly as torches in the dark."

Meng Chao brought out a few reagents from his harvester's tool bag.

He placed the emblem on a metal tray and dropped a few reagents on it. When he was on the third one, the pink reagent reacted to the emblem, and a lot of bubbles came out of it.

"There's also some biomaterials in it. When they made this emblem, they added biomaterials like monster bone powder."

Meng Chao narrowed his eyes, and a sharp light shone in them. "Even though I can't be certain what sort of biomaterial it is, why would a normal emblem be made from radioactive and bio-materials?"

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Just in case, Meng Chao looked for another conference member and asked for another emblem.

Both emblems contained faint radioactive activity and both of them reacted to the bioreagent.

However, since Meng Chao had already mastered harvesting, he was able to tell that there were slight differences to the weight of the two emblems.

"When they created these two emblems, the ratio of the radioactive material and the biomaterial components was different." He thought about it and said, "If that's the case, the radioactive activity and pheromones they release will also be different in terms of strength and density."

His mind raced, and he soon found the answer.

He got one of the emblems from a normal conference member, while the other was from a Project 101 transmigration expert.

With that, it was very easy to guess that the soul of the transmigration project had to have the most radioactive material and biomaterials added to his emblem. To the insects, Professor Lu Tianxing's emblem would have given off the brightest light and released the densest pheromones.

This was the reason behind why the monsters were able to locate the project members and Professor Lu Tianxing!

"Who was in charge of making these emblems?" Meng Chao impatiently asked a few conference members.

The group looked at each other. Their faces were full of confusion and they did not know the answer.

"Big Sis Xiao!" Meng Chao was not discouraged. He immediately said, "She's Zhao Feixuan's wife, and Zhao Feixuan is one of the twelve committee members of Blue Home. She must know!"

Just as he expected, when they found Xiao Feixuan, who was about to fall asleep, she managed to give them the answer.

"They were provided by a friend of Old Zhao. His name is Zhou Tianshui," Xiao Fanghua said. "Old Zhao was in charge of the conference affairs this time. He originally wanted to order a batch of name tags and give some USB drives away as a commemorative gift, but Zhou Tianshui said that he has a batch of pretty decent old metal with him—Oh, he has an old metal recycling business, by the way—and he can use it to create emblems in celebration of Project 101 gaining progressive results.

"Zhou Tianshui is a firm believer of the Home Party, and he is usually very passionate about the affairs of Blue Home, no matter how big or small they are. Old Zhou didn't find anything strange about it, so he let him handle it.

"Three days ago, just as he promised, he brought a batch of very beautiful commemorative emblems. They're even more beautiful than the Blue Home organization emblems. Old Zhao was very happy and even brought those commemorative emblems for me to see. That's why I have a deep impression of them."

"Zhou Tianshui?" Meng Chao shut his eyes and tried to recall him for three seconds. Then, an image of a fatty who always smiled and looked like Maitreya Buddha rose up in his mind.

He had met Zhou Tianshui a few times during Blue Home's events.

The one that left behind the greatest impression was when Zhou Tianshui wore a long robe from Earth and got drunk. He recited a poem that had been passed down since ancient times, but due to carelessness, he tripped on the leg of a table and fell flat on his back, which tore open his long robe, which was a size too small for him already. Everyone snickered because of it.

As a person, Zhou Tianshui seemed harmless. He looked a little clumsy and silly.

He did not give off the radiance Lin Chuan, Gao Ye, and Zhao Feixuan had. Hence, when Meng Chao started investigating Blue Home, he had subconsciously overlooked Zhou Tianshui.

It was only at this moment that he realized that Zhou Tianshui was among the survivors who had been in the armory just now.

And the survivors in the armory were the group that had escorted Professor Lu Tianxing.

If the mole created the emblems and stuck to Professor Lu Tianxing like a shadow, then Lu Tianxing had to be that mole. There was no one else!

"We have to go back now! Zhou Tianxing should still be isolated in the medical camp!"

Meng Chao turned around and ran.

"That guy sure is audacious. He actually dared to lurk around among the survivors?"

Lu Siya clicked her tongue.

"His disguise is pretty perfect. If it weren't for someone who has a really keen nose, great intelligence, and unfathomable wisdom, it would have been very hard for anyone to rat him out and catch his tail. So why shouldn't he dare to stay?"

Meng Chao snorted coldly and said, "After all, if the abnormal beasts failed but he was still around, they might be able to launch a second attack.

"If Blue Home's core was damaged, he would also have a chance to reach greater heights, such as replacing Zhao Feixuan as Blue Home's committee member. He could then turn this lawful organization into a criminal one that will act in extreme ways and not shy away from violence. Like that, he would carry out the abnormal beasts' goals to intensify the conflict in Dragon City!"

As they spoke, they rushed into the isolation area of the medical camp.

"Where is Zhou Tianshui?" Meng Chao looked around but did not see the man.

A survivor who was familiar with Meng Chao said, "Old Zhou's screening results have come out. He's not infected by the virus or the spores, so he's boarding an ambulance with the other uninfected survivors and is going to be sent to the hospital in the downtown area."

Meng Chao cussed and asked, "When did he leave?"

"Around two minutes ago? You came right after he left, so you just missed him," the survivor said.

'Then, we'll still make it.'

Meng Chao asked Lu Siya to notify the hospital to immediately stop the ambulance Zhou Tianshui was on.

By then, this ambulance should have been at the borders of the battlefield.

To prevent stirring up Zhou Tianshui's suspicions, he wanted her to say that they were going to add two other patients who had passed the examination.

In the meantime, he brought out a gel spray from his harvesting tool box and sprayed himself from head to toe, especially his hair, underarms, and other places where his body hair was thick.

Very soon, the hospital sent a reply and said that the ambulance was waiting for them two streets away.

Lu Siya also notified the Vulcan Commandos—the corporate armored squad from Sky Pillar Corporation—and the elite investigators from the abnormal beast research department.

Meng Chao was afraid of the problem going out of control the longer they waited, so he immediately rushed to the ambulance waiting for them.

The ambulance stood alone in the darkness.

Meng Chao sucked in a deep breath and rubbed his face. He adjusted his microexpressions and went up with a smile.

The ambulance opened from the back.

There were six people who were only injured lightly inside. They were accompanied by a doctor and a nurse.

Since the people inside who had escaped the disaster were not injured badly and were tested negative for viruses and spores, everyone had relaxed expressions.

When they saw Meng Chao, all of them stood up with their backs bent in the ambulance, because he was a powerful fighter who had turned the tides around and saved their lives. They thanked him profusely and pulled him into the ambulance in a friendly manner.

Meng Chao saw Zhou Tianshui curled up at the back of the passenger seat. Upon seeing him, a cunning light quickly shone in Zhou Tianshui's eyes.

Immediately after, his fat face morphed into a beaming smile, and he said, "Club Leader Meng, I have to thank you for today. If it weren't for you showing your might, we might have ended up dead. You're just a university student, but you managed to become the club leader of the Broken Star Club. I knew it, you're really not an ordinary person!"

"Big Brother Zhou, you're being too polite." Meng Chao partially shut his eyes and watched the situation behind him through the rearview mirror of the ambulance.

Lu Siya had brought the Vulcan Commandos and split them into two groups at the end of the street to flank them.

Meng Chao bent his back and went forward with a smile. "Big Brother Zhou, let's squeeze in together. Honestly, when I heard you recite poems during the Earth poetry appreciation event, I felt as if I saw an old friend. Since we have the chance to talk now, we should."

"Of course!" Zhou Tianshui slapped his thigh as if he was not suspecting anything. He moved his butt and opened up some space.

Meng Chao went forward. Just as he was about to sit down, their gazes met, and they saw the sparks that flew from each other's eyes.

Meng Chao felt his skin crawl. The feeling that danger was impending struck his skull like an ice hammer. Before his conscious mind could even react, he instinctively shouted, "Run!"

But it was too late!

#### Boom!

A piercing ball of light exploded in the small ambulance. The impact was like a tsunami that pushed everyone to the window and car door. The windows were all shattered, and the car was torn open from within.

In an instant, Meng Chao's vision became stark white. His ears became wet, because the explosion was so strong that blood flowed out of his ears.

It was a stun grenade, a non-lethal weapon made specifically to capture monsters live.

But against their expectations, when it was developed, they found that it was just too strong. Even if the powerful light and shockwave would not take the monster's life, it would usually cause such a major blast that the monster would suffer a bad concussion and could no longer be tamed or researched.

However, Zhou Tianshui had managed to see through their plot and knew that Meng Chao had come to capture him. Without hesitation, he triggered the stun grenade hidden in the dark.

The medical staff and the patients with light injuries all coughed up blood and flew out of the ambulance like kites without strings.

Meng Chao felt like his brain was a supermarket, which had organized a 50% discount sale for all items for New Year's celebration, and everyone was going wild buying things inside.

After a long time, he was finally able to send spirit energy into his brain. It cleared his blood vessels and nerves, and he slowly regained his vision.

He looked up and found that Zhou Tianshui had jumped out of the ambulance through the shattered windshield. He was currently running madly through the dark street.

He might have been plump, but he moved like he was flying. In the blink of an eye, he was already dozens of meters away.

Meng Chao gritted his teeth. He could not even be bothered with how dizzy he felt. He had to give chase.

He brought out the full strength of the explosive power of a superhuman at the peak of Earth Realm. It was as if there were rocket propellers installed under his feet. With just a few steps, he reduced the distance between them until it was less than ten meters.

#### Whoosh! Whoosh!

The chain sabers left his hands. Even though the blades had already been chipped, the chains still managed to wrap themselves around Zhou Tianshui's legs.

But against his expectations, Zhou Tianshui managed to easily slip out of the bindings as if he had grease covering his body. He was only slowed by half a beat by the chains.

Meng Chao continued to chase after him and threw a punch. With a roar, Demon Subduing Pole charged forward at full strength.

Zhou Tianshui let out a piercing screech and spun like a spinning top. Then, with the power from the spin, he threw a punch at Meng Chao's arm.

## Bang!

The two of them clashed.

Zhou Tianshui was the boss of a metal recycling company on the surface. Even though he was also a superhuman, his skills were geared toward the refinement and creation of metals, not fighting.

In his investigations in the past, Meng Chao had not noticed that he had any astonishing fighting strength, either.

But in their fight, Meng Chao did not manage to take Zhou Tianshui down with just one blow. His fleshy arms were like two boneless pythons, which made Meng Chao's Demon Subduing Pole feel as if it was a stone that sank into the ocean. The feeling was plain horrible.

Zhou Tianshui used the force from Meng Chao's fists to fly more than ten meters away. His movements were as light as those of a balloon.

He sucked in a deep breath in the air.

His already swollen body swelled up even more, and from a normal balloon, he turned into a hot air balloon.

Splash!

When Meng Chao caught up to him again, Zhou Tianshui widened his eyes, and a thick faint green gas shot out of his body!

## **Chapter 406: Tunnel Under the Tunnel**

Meng Chao could smell a humid and rotten scent.

It was like the swamp gas that came out from deep in primitive forests.

Not only was swamp gas poisonous, it was also very easy for it to...

Whoosh!

Zhou Tianshui was like a balloon with a hole in it. As the swamp gas gushed out, his body shrank by nearly one-third its original size.

The next second, the swamp gas that gushed out of his body exploded violently. Green flames rose into the air and nearly hid half of the street.

All the windows at both sides of the street shattered.

Meng Chao was also blown back more than ten meters by the blast.

His retina was touched by the burning swamp gas, and it burned and swelled so much that he could not describe it with words. His vision became blurry once more.

He rubbed his eyes for a long time and found that the swamp gas had turned into sparks of will-o'-the-wisps. They flew everywhere, and Zhou Tianshui was nowhere to be found.

Lu Siya finally caught up.

"You lost him?" she asked.

"Yeah," Meng Chao said.

"He didn't suspect anything, did he?" Lu Siya asked.

"Trust my acting skills. He definitely thought that he managed to escape with his own abilities." Meng Chao smiled slightly.

Lu Siya nodded and sucked in a deep breath. She narrowed her eyes and said, "I 'saw' his escape route."

"Thank goodness for the special tracing chemical I made. It was originally prepared for Gao Ye. I didn't expect that I would use it for this guy." Meng Chao felt thankful.

Earlier, he had analyzed things with Lu Siya. Zhou Tianshui was the type of mole that could not possibly be the mastermind who mobilized so many monsters and organized the whole "create a ruckus somewhere else to attack the real target far away with a precise ambush."

Even if they managed to capture him on the spot, they might not be able to get any crucial information from him.

Right then, Professor Lu Tianxing's survival remained unknown. The mastermind had yet to show up, so it would be better if they cast a wide net to lure in the fish. They intentionally let Zhou Tianshui go to see whether he would meet up with the mastermind.

Hence, when they clashed, Meng Chao had sneakily smeared the tracing chemical on Zhou Tianshui.

The special tracing chemical contained powder from Red Radiance Jades and Blue Origin Crystals as well as adhesive liquid from Demonic Swamp Lizards.

Ever since they were hit by the Red Radiance Jade tsunami under Raging Waves and escaped from death by hiding in a Blue Origin Crystals cave, Meng Chao and Lu Siya became really sensitive to these two crystals.

No matter what material it was, as long as it had a bit of Red Radiance Jade powder contained in it, they would be able to sense it.

And the Demonic Swamp Lizard was a very interesting monster.

Its power was not great. It could not even be considered a Nightmarish Beast, but it contained a unique skill to confuse and intimidate enemies.

It could secrete dozens of different adhesive liquids and release the scent of Nightmarish Beasts or even Hell Beasts.

When it smeared this adhesive liquid over leaves and shrubs, it would disguise its nest into the nest of a fierce beast, so normal monsters would not dare to get close to it.

And its personal scent was a fragrance that could not be described with words. Once a human had been trained to detect it, even after it had been diluted ten thousand times, they could still smell it.

Meng Chao was a harvester, while Lu Siya was a Spirit Sensor, so they were not unfamiliar with the scent of the Demonic Swamp Lizard. After receiving strengthening training from the abnormal beast research department, as long as they placed spirit energy into their nasal mucus, they would be able to get a really good sense of smell and accurately locate the Demonic Swamp Lizard's scent.

Besides, with their perception toward Red Radiance Jades and Blue Origin Crystals, Meng Chao and Lu Siya, with just Qin Hu maybe being able to match them, would be able to sense the tracing chemical Meng Chao made. It was much more discreet and effective than the normal tracing chemical the abnormal beast research department made.

Originally, Meng Chao made the tracing chemical to capture the Ultimate Sandworm. He did not expect that he would use it here out of blind chance.

Zhou Tianshui thought that he had escaped.

He did not know that his escape route was like a shining path in Meng Chao and Lu Siya's eyes.

"We'll notify the higher-ups and look for more fighters to help," Lu Siya said.

"No. Notify the higher-ups that they just need to send one person over. I'll go over first," Meng Chao said. "I didn't smear a lot of tracing chemicals on him just now. If he flees underground, the tracing chemical is going to disappear and we'll end up suffering a loss even though we're trying to trick the enemy.

"I've smeared a lot of tracing chemicals on myself, so I should last for an hour or two. I'll chase after him, and it'll make it easier for you to get them all in one swoop. We'll be able to get the masterminds as well!"

Lu Siya wanted to stop him, but after thinking about it, she decided to keep quiet.

They had known each other for a long time. Meng Chao was not a person who could be persuaded from his plans with ease.

"Then be careful. Don't be stupid. Based on the situation right now, the abnormal beasts' mastermind might be an Apocalyptic Beast. Even Heaven Realm superhumans couldn't deal with it, so a puny superhuman at the peak of Earth Realm like you won't be able to handle it," Lu Siya said. "I'll go to the captain now and mobilize more fighters, including the captain's big brother. Once I get Deity Realm Broken Sword Ye Xiaoyue over, I'll come find you."

"Don't worry. I won't die that easily." Meng Chao smiled confidently.

In his heart, he added, 'Before I destroy the apocalypse, I won't die so easily!'

He tracked down the marks Zhou Tianshui left and chased after him quickly.

He went around the corner, and the tracks actually took a ninety degree turn. They appeared on the wall of a building. Then, they disappeared into a window.

Clearly, Zhou Tianshui had climbed the building and jumped into the window.

If it were not for the tracing fluid, Meng Chao would have chased him down a straight line and would have likely lost him.

Meng Chao followed Zhou Tianshui's path and moved through the building. Then, he jumped out of another window.

There was an entrance to a subway station right underneath it.

Since there was a monster invasion, all the subway stations used by civilians in the city had stopped operating. The only ones that remained in operation were utilized for military routes and transported firepower at rapid speeds.

That subway station was the same.

When Meng Chao went forward to look, he noticed that the ground lock at the bottom of the metal grails pulled down at the entrance was broken.

Someone had broken it, pulled up the metal grails, crawled in, pulled them down, and made it seem as if the subway station was still locked.

"It's here."

Without hesitation, Meng Chao pulled up the metal grails and crawled in.

He jumped down the stairs in two steps and went over the turnstile. He arrived in front of the station and noticed that Zhou Tianshui's tracks went straight into the depths of the tunnel.

With his guard up, Meng Chao traced the tracks. He walked along the tracks until he was more than ten meters into the tunnel. Then, the tracks turned into a maintenance tunnel on the side.

Meng Chao held his breath and gently pushed open the door to the maintenance tunnel.

It was dark inside. Even when he stretched his fingers, he could not see anything, so he shut his eyes and used his spirit energy to scan the area. He formed an outline of most of the pipes, cables, and maintenance tools.

In the darkness, the spirit flames spread out by the Red Radiance Jades and Blue Origin Crystal powder were a flickering sign. They pointed him straight ahead.

Meng Chao went to the end of the maintenance tunnel and pushed away two toolboxes. Someone had dug a hole in the wall behind them.

Behind the hole was an air well that went straight down.

It was so dark that it looked like it went straight to hell.

Meng Chao looked behind him and found that he had already left behind tracks that were ten times brighter than Zhou Tianshui's.

Lu Siya should be able to bring dozens of Deity Realm superhumans, hundreds of Heaven Realm superhumans, and one million Red Dragon Army soldiers in time, right?

After assuring himself of that, he made up his mind and crawled into the air well. He used both his arms and legs to crawl down.

The air well was really long and deep. There seemed to be no end to it.

Based on the repairs on the walls, it did not look like it was a hole made by a sandworm. It seemed to have been carefully made by humans.

In the end, he finally reached the end of the air well and went into a horizontal, ventilated duct. Beyond it was yet another collapsed tunnel with all sorts of twisted tracks.

This tunnel was even darker than the maintenance tunnel above him. He felt like he was thousands of meters under the ocean.

Meng Chao used his spirit energy to scan the area and noticed a torn up train buried under the collapsed stones not far away from him.

He went up to investigate and found out that the train was a model from more than half a century ago. It was a design used on Earth.

By the looks of it, this tunnel was a subway that existed on Earth.

When Dragon City transmigrated, it transmigrated alongside it.

But since it was at the borders of the transmigrated area, the space was distorted. The tunnel collapsed, and it was then abandoned as well as forgotten.

To the pests who were skilled in underground activity, it was the best secret tunnel.

Meng Chao crawled into the cracks between the collapsed stones and jumped into the abandoned train's head.

He moved through the wagons and found a lot of skeletons in the seats.

At the moment the transmigration happened, the subway was still in operation. Many of the passengers were in the wagons, and without knowing anything, they transmigrated to the Other World. Before they could react, space distorted, and the tunnel collapsed, so they died in the depths of the ground.

Transmigration was definitely not something fun.

While walking forward, due to carelessness, Meng Chao crushed a few bones and light snaps echoed in the area.

Meng Chao sighed in his heart when nothing happened. Then, he became even more careful than before as he bypassed the skeletons of his kin from half a century ago.

Suddenly, he went still in the middle of the second-to-last carriage.

Zhou Tianshui's tracks had disappeared.

There had always been a faint trail up ahead until that moment.

Even though the scent was getting fainter, it was not to the point where it would disappear in an instant.

Meng Chao narrowed his eyes and looked around him warily.

Suddenly, the faint sound of bones snapping came from behind him.

Crack.

Without hesitation, he executed a Scorpion Swings Its Tail and hit something that felt like leather.

That thing fell, but it did not even release a grunt before it charged at him with a momentum ten times fiercer than before.

It was... Zhou Tianshui?

They were in a narrow carriage, so he could not use his weapons. If they were to fight, they had to engage in melee combat.

Meng Chao executed a shoulder throw and pinned the other person to the floor.

But even though he had already caught the man's hands and legs, a powerful gust of wind suddenly came from behind him.

Thud!

Meng Chao's spine was hit, and he flew away.

When he turned around and looked, he saw a human-shaped monster.

It had Zhou Tianshui's face, but its face, chin, limbs, and body were covered in bronze scales.

The limbs were covered in sharp bone spikes while the fingers had turned into sharp claws. And on its back was a tail covered in scales. It looked like a morning star.

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The monster stuck out its forked tongue. There was also a membrane layer outside its eyeball.

Through the membrane, Meng Chao could see that it looked especially thirsty for blood.

Whoosh!

The monster spread its claws and pounced on the spot where Meng Chao had been standing just then. Its claws easily tore through the floor. It then lifted it and crushed it.

Meng Chao seized the chance to strike the monster's shoulder. Sparks flew out, and the crack-covered Surging Lightning finally shattered. Only the hilt remained in his hands.

"What sturdy scales!" Meng Chao clicked his tongue.

After Zhou Tianshui transformed, his scales were so sturdy that they were comparable to those of a Hell Beast.

Whoosh!

Zhou Tianshui did not care about the wound on its shoulder. It swung its tail, and the morning star went straight to Meng Chao's face.

He snorted coldly. Now that the chains were without the blades, they wrapped themselves around Meng Chao's swollen right arm. Spirit energy activated the runic symbols, and it was as if his right arm had been fitted with an indestructible spirit energy boxing glove.

He lowered his body so that the tail would only graze his head.

Then, he executed a powerful Demon Subduing pole with his right fist. Explosive power shot forward, and all of it went into Zhou Tianshui's abdomen.

The punch threw it eight meters away, and it coughed up blood.

But it did not lose its fighting strength. After three seconds, it cradled its stomach and stood up while staggering.

Even though its mouth was covered in blood, a crazed smile bloomed on its face, and it became even more monstrous and ugly.

"You're that durable?" Meng Chao's pupils shrank. "The original Zhou Tianshui wouldn't have been able to get such a strong body if he cultivated based on the normal path. So, this is the reason behind why you betrayed your kin and willingly became the abnormal beasts' lapdog? To obtain greater power?"

"Heh, you don't understand at all."

Zhou Tianshui laughed strangely. Even though he was beginning to resemble a Giant Lizard standing up, he still retained his ability to speak. It was just that his voice was hoarse, and it sounded like claws scratching against glass. It was piercing to the ears.

"Monsters are just tools. We're the ones controlling them, not the other way round." He used his forked tongue to pick at the blood at the corner of his mouth. Then, he laughed hideously and said, "So, I didn't betray my kin nor have I become the monsters' lapdog. All that I'm doing is for the sake of Dragon City's future!"

"For Dragon City's future?" Meng Chao could not help but laugh. "For Dragon City, you were willing to lead monsters into attacking Noble Descent Hotel and sacrificing millions of innocents and killing all transmigration experts. If you aren't mind controlled by abnormal beasts, do all your actions make sense to you?"

"The transmigration experts must die, Project 101 must come to a halt, and the Home Party must be destroyed!" Zhou Tianshui's gaze turned increasingly frenzied. It seemed like he was stuck in a circular logic. "You don't understand. It's impossible for us to return to Earth, and it's impossible for us to clear the tunnel between Earth and the Other World. Even if we cleared it, it'd be useless. No one will help us. Dragon Citizens can only rely on ourselves!

"Dragon City has a limited amount of resources. We have to stake everything we have to expand outwards to have a future. Trying to defend the city will just lead to us dying in captivity!"

"I understand now." Meng Chao narrowed his eyes. "So, you're not a frenzied Home Party member. You're a complete Colonization Party member."

"That's right. The Home Party is filled with cowards who are afraid of death. They want to build a tall wall and hide behind it until they breathe their last breath. Even if they manage to live like dying creatures for a few more decades or for more than a hundred years, there will come a day when we will be discovered by existences even more terrifying than monsters.

"At that time, since Dragon Citizen would have placed all its hopes on the walls and transmigration technology, we will surely die!" Zhou Tianshui growled. "We must move forward with everything we

have and pour all our resources into conquering the Other World. Then, in the process, we will get stronger continuously. While we win, we will get more resources, and in the end, we will have a greater victory. This is the only path for Dragon City, and it is the only future that is bright for us!"

"..." Meng Chao felt his heart freeze.

He believed in what Zhou Tianshui said when he mentioned that there were existences even more terrifying than monsters in the Other World.

By the looks of it, he was not the only one who was in control of the precious information about beyond Monster Mountain Range.

There were plenty of powerful people in Dragon City, and they had a relatively clear understanding of the terrors of the Other World.

Unfortunately, they could not predict the future.

Even if they knew that there were plenty of stronger Other World civilizations beyond Monster Mountain Range, they would think that the only solution was to expand madly so that they could fight and get resources to fight even more.

Just as Meng Chao expected, Zhou Tianshui became even more excited as he spoke. It seemed like the ideals of the Colonization Party were already a brand that was embedded deeply in his brain.

"There is only one path to a bright future, and that is to win. All the people in Dragon City and all the resources must be used for expansion." He extended two claws and screeched, "But all the Dragon Citizens have to be united for this. Yet when we wanted to expand outward, the Home Party jumped up and held everyone back.

"Do you know how much resources the Survival Committee and the other businesses have already poured into controllable transmigration?

"Those resources could have been used to make crystal fighting vehicles, armored airships, and superhuman fighting squads armed to the teeth. They could have become the fuel that would help the peerless superhumans reach new heights and become the capital for our colonization war!

"But now, it's all up in smoke!

"Still, the Home Party isn't satisfied. They have this fantastic dream of upgrading the defense system of all the residential areas in the city, and they want to pour in an astronomical amount of money and resources into this. It's all so that they can save a few more useless normal people's lives!

"This is an incredibly brutal era where we suffer from a severe lack of resources. Right now, mercy and waste are huge crimes. The normal people are like ants and do not contribute to Dragon City at all. There's no need for us to put so many resources into saving them.

"If we are shortsighted and kind and pour more resources into transmigration technology and normal people while cutting the resources for expansion and the superhumans, there will come a day when our enemies will march forward with an army to our borders. All the Dragon Citizens will die without a grave then, regardless of whether they're superhumans or normal people!

"The Home Party isn't willing to give up and is becoming better at bewitching people. Many greedy normal people are starting to believe their words, and the resources in Dragon City are going to be further divided for both sides. Conflicts between different strategies to develop the city will rise, and we'll end up in an undecided state that will lead to us losing.

"With that being the case, there is only one solution. I have to strike at the root. I need to kill all the transmigration experts so that Project 101 will be crippled.

"This is the only way that I can destroy the Home Party's impractical dream of returning to Earth and make them admit to the cruel reality. Then, we will gather all the resources together, cut off all our means of escape, and win this war of survival!"

"..."

Meng Chao had to admit that Zhou Tianshui was making a lot of sense.

In any case, based on his previous life, Project 101 had ended up with nothing and wasted an astronomical amount of resources. But in the end, forget about going back to Earth, they did not even have a way to transmigrate back to Pluto!

If Project 101 had not existed in the first place and the resources were not poured into the development of controllable transmigration but into the cultivation of superhumans and the building of the Red Dragon Army, would Dragon City's fighting strength have become greater? Would they have had a better chance at winning the war and conquering the Other World?

Meng Chao did not know.

Speaking of which, was Zhou Tianshui doing this because "it's impossible to develop transmigration technology, so to prevent the waste of resources, he must get rid of all transmigration experts" or because "the development of transmigration technology will be crippled if all transmigration experts are killed"?

It was a mess.

Hence, Meng Chao could only listen to his heart.

He sized up Zhou Tianshui seriously.

If the words earlier had been spoken by a girl who was prettier and purer than Lu Siya and she had a pair of watery, sincere eyes, there might have been a 1% chance of Meng Chao being persuaded.

But since Zhou Tianshui had turned into a humanoid lizard who could spit out swamp gas...

Meng Chao could hear his own heart telling him "Let him just ramble on. What sort of nonsense is that? How could it represent Dragon City's future?"

"That's right, you're too ugly!"

Meng Chao bound the two chains around his arms and took a huge step forward. He then threw two punches, delivering two powerful Demon Subduing Poles. They had two times the power, and it felt twice as good!

"Wha-"

Zhou Tianshui looked like he wanted to say "Me being ugly has nothing to do with the ideals of the Colonization Party!"

But he could not say a single word.

After he transformed, his scales were as tough as nails, and he could withstand a full-powered blow from Demon Subduing Pole.

However, Meng Chao practiced the Ultimate Style and had reached the peak of Earth Realm. He was best at executing a dense wave of chain attacks, so he would not just deliver a single Demon Subduing Pole!

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

Meng Chao swung both arms that were like cannons that kept on firing cannonballs. Spirit flames surged, and they even caused the chains surrounding his arms to burn red. The offensive runes on the chains also shone with a piercing light and released loud screeches.

Every time he struck, it would feel like he was pressing a grenade against Zhou Tianshui's chest, which would then explode.

In the beginning, Zhou Tianshui could rely on the advantage of his scales to ward off the attacks.

Its tail even swung to counterattack.

But soon, as Meng Chao continued sending more than five punches every second, Zhou Tinashui's arms, shoulders, chest, abdomen, and sturdy scales started cracking. Some of the scales were even sent flying.

Besides, since Meng Chao's arms were bound by chains, they were a blunt type heavy weapon. Even if he could not destroy the scales with one punch, the force from them would still ram into Zhou Tianshui's organs.

Zhou Tianshui felt that there was a—No, there were one hundred sphere-shaped lightning balls rampaging between his thorax and abdomen.

He lost his ability to think. He could not even breathe.

All he had was one thought, 'Why is it that even after fighting fiercely for a whole night, Meng Chao is still able to deliver so many powerful punches? Just who is the real monster here?!'

## Chapter 408: This is the True Supernatural Entity

In just a short minute, Meng Chao threw three hundred punches.

The destructive force of those three hundred punches made it seem like they were really demon subduing poles.

The blows were so strong that Zhou Tianshui's joints twisted in the opposite direction and looked distorted. The scale-covered chest sank in, and white, broken bones jutted out from the gaps between the scales under his ribs.

In the end, Zhou Tianshui broke down mentally. When it swung its tail, it broke off and went charging toward Meng Chao.

This was not an attack, but an escape skill similar to how geckos broke off their tails to flee for their lives.

Meng Chao slapped the broken tail away only to notice that Zhou Tianshui had already scurried off to the end of the abandoned train.

With a growl, he moved like lightning. His chain-bound arms started making creaking noises because of his swelled up muscles. His punches flew forward like cannons that had been accumulating power for a long time and rammed heavily into Zhou Tianshui's back.

Zhou Tianshui could not even scream in pain. It flew forward like an out-of-control kite and smashed into the end of the train, creating a hole. Then, his body flew another ten meters forward before landing between the cold tracks like a lump of scattered mud.

Meng Chao intersected his arms and slammed them together fiercely, creating a lot of sparks.

With the faint light from the sparks, he saw where Zhou Tianshui was and jumped out of the abandoned train.

But by that time, Zhou Tianshui was already gone.

It seemed like the lizard man had crawled under something.

Meng Chao blinked. It was dark ahead of him, and there was a faint bad presence.

In an instant, all his pores opened up, and he felt as if someone had stabbed into his spine like an ice hammer.

He quickly activated his spirit energy to scan the area and noticed a huge object that occupied practically the entire abandoned tunnel ahead of him.

Meng Chao could only see the huge mouth clearly. Rows of teeth filled its entire mouth, and they were even sharper than those of the Ultimate Sandworm.

Above the gaping mouth were dozens of green eyes. Aside from hunger and killing intent, they would occasionally shine with shreds of humanity.

"Gao Ye?"

Meng Chao's pupils shrank to the size of two dots.

He was right.

The Ultimate Sandworm that destroyed the underwater tunnel was just Gao Ye's copy. Its goal was to create a fake attack and shift the abnormal beast research department's attention.

The monster in front of him was the real Gao Ye. It was also Earthquake of the Nine Great Supernatural Entities!

This was the creature that cleared the tunnel from outside the city into the northwestern part of the city. It was how the abnormal beasts could instantly transport so many pests beneath Noble Descent Hotel.

Since Gao Ye appeared here, that meant that the abnormal beasts' mastermind was definitely around as well

When Meng Chao's guesses were verified one by one, complicated feelings rose in his heart.

The good news was that he released a unique scent, radiation, and pheromones, so Lu Siya, the Deity Realm superhumans, and the army would soon arrive.

The bad news was that he did not know how soon was soon. The Gao Ye in front of him did not seem to be very patient.

'I must think of a way to stall for time,' Meng Chao told himself in secret.

He put on a megawatt smile and tried his best to speak in a gentle and friendly tone, "G-Gao Ye, hello. We meet again. Do you remember me? I'm Little Meng from Agricultural University. I'm the one you often contacted through emails.

"Didn't you always like to talk about your ideals? Honestly, the consciousness transferring technology you created is really amazing. It's an era-breaking breakthrough. It will help a lot of people gain supernatural powers through another method.

"Look at your current self. You look so... mighty, big, and full of manliness. Your mouth is just a little too big. But you're a man, so if you have a big mouth, you can eat loads, so it's pretty good.

"When I see how domineering you are, even I am a little tempted. It's a coincidence, Spirit Creation Creatures and Superstar has now merged, so we're family. Why don't we sit down and talk about the details of the consciousness transferring technology or your thoughts on creating Giant Sandworms?"

Gao Ye, who was larger than the train carriages, thought about what he said for three seconds. Then, his fangs started spinning rapidly, and the creature pounced on Meng Chao.

"Don't be so eager!" Meng Chao really wanted to cry.

When he faced Gao Ye's gaping mouth, he could only turn tail and run. He jumped into the train again.

But since the train had been underground for more than half a century, the carriages and its floors had corroded so much that they were really brittle.

Just then, the metal fatigue of the train had reached its limit due to the shock from Meng Chao's chain attacks. He actually created a hole in the floor when he jumped in, and his leg sank into it.

'Are you trying to kill me or what?!' Meng Chao groaned in his heart.

When he turned his head around to look, he unhesitatingly ripped apart half of the carriage.

Even if he managed to pull his leg out, he might not be able to escape from Gao Ye's mouth.

"Bastard, if you're not willing to talk with our mouths, then we'll talk with our fists!"

Meng Chao burned with rage. Once he pulled his right leg out, he saw that half of the carriage had already ended up in Gao Ye's mouth, so he decided to stop running and jumped into Gao Ye's throat.

He wanted to use the same method and crawl into Gao Ye's stomach to throw its stomach into chaos with the method he used to kill the clone in the underwater tunnel.

Even though this time he did not have a RG-6 with an eight gun mount nor the Type 45 AA machine gun, his fists were bound by chains, and they were unstoppable cannons!

But against his expectations, Gao Ye's fighting strength was much greater than that of the clone.

Before Meng Chao could climb into his stomach, Gao Ye's throat cavity had already shrunk. Its fangs were like nails on a floor that was rapidly closing in, and they went straight to Meng Chao.

Gao Ye also expanded and contracted the muscles in its throat, making them act like an iron wall that completely locked down the throat cavity.

Meng Chao was in a predicament. He could only raise his arms up high and use his chains to hold against Gao Ye's teeth.

He felt like a giant trying to push heaven away from earth.

But this heaven was still rapidly closing onto him. If he wavered just a little, he would be squashed into a pulp by this heaven.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Gao Ye wanted to spin his teeth, but they were held in place by Meng Chao's chains. The man and the sandworm used a very strange posture to engage each other in a contest of strength. Cracking sounds came out nonstop from between the fangs and chains, but no one knew whether it was the teeth that were shattering or the chains cracking.

Meng Chao's face was flushed red. Beads of blood seeped out of his pores.

He looked like he was situated thousands of meters under the ocean and was facing the pressure from thousands of elephants stomping on him. Not a single bone in his body was not screaming.

But he could not let go.

If he did, Gao Ye would spin his teeth rapidly, and they would act like a meat grinder that would turn him into dumpling filling.

At that moment, Gao Ye opened up his throat again.

Meng Chao could sense a great threat accumulating at the depths of the creature's throat.

However, he could not move nor run anywhere. He could only watch Gao Ye's throat as it opened up to release soundless roars.

In an instant, Meng Chao felt all of his nerves, blood vessels, spirit meridians, and all the cells that formed his body start vibrating rapidly.

His organs felt like they were boiling, burning, and being crushed.

A tornado that seemed like it came from hell started howling in his ears. It was as if there were countless female demons crawling into his ears and stabbing his eardrums.

'Is this... some kind of soundwave or ultrasound attack?'

Meng Chao had seen similar equipment on some large tunnel boring machines.

When they dug tunnels or mines, they would sometimes run into really sturdy rocks that could harm the drill and the machine.

Then, they would look for the frequency that would allow them to resonate with the stone. They would set it up then and make a machine release a unique infrasound or ultrasound. Then, the stone would vibrate at high frequency from within and would shatter soundlessly.

This was the principle behind using ultrasound stone shattering machines.

In the past, it was a function unique to runic symbol machines.

But Spirit Creation Creatures was ambitious. They wanted to use genetic modifications to make Giant Sandworms have similar functions. This was one of the projects Gao Ye had been pushing forward.

However, he used the consciousness transferring technology to turn into the Ultimate Sandworm and fled, so he did not finish it.

Meng Chao did not expect that after not meeting for half a year, Gao Ye would return with mighty strength and such a terrifying new ability!

Even if Meng Chao had already turned his body as tough as nails, he could not resist the ultrasound that could shatter even diamonds, and it was coming at him at such a close distance! It was practically hitting his head!

An increasing number of cracks showed up on the chains binding his arms. Each of the runic symbols on the chains started screeching.

In the end...

Bang! Bang!

The two chains shattered one after another.

Gao Ye's mouth fell shut like gates covered in fangs.

Meng Chao coughed up blood. He felt his vision turn dark as if a wall had collapsed on him.

Then, he knew nothing else.

When he opened his eyes again, he noticed that heaven and earth had turned upside down.

... No, he was the one hanging upside down in the depths of an abandoned bus stop.

He did not know how long he had been hanging there. In any case, all his blood had surged to his head, and it came gushing out of his eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. It dripped on the floor.

Meng Chao bit the tip of his tongue and used pain to clear his head.

He looked up with great difficulty and noticed that he was wrapped up into a giant cocoon that seemed like a hornet's nest but also like spiderwebs. Only his head was exposed outside.

There were a lot of semi-transparent bugs that looked like spiders working hard on the cocoon.

They crawled around and spat out spiderwebs that were even stronger than macromolecular steel wires. They wrapped those spiderwebs repeatedly around the cocoon.

Meng Chao tried to move his body to test its strength, and all his bones, muscles, and even organs flared up in sharp pain. It hurt so much that he could not help but grunt.

'That damn destructive ultrasound. I wonder how many fine wounds it left in my body.'

He felt like his body was a porcelain vase that had been run over by a roller before it was glued back messily with a glue stick. He felt really brittle right then.

Forget about the high-intensity spiderwebs, he might not even be able to break normal spiderwebs now.

Thank goodness he had Kindling.

He could use contribution points to heal his worst injuries.

And even more fortunately, he had wolfed down compressed nutritional fluid that could last a week for special forces military squad. It was the perfect fuel for Kindling!

'The other party must not have guessed that I can heal instantly despite such grave injuries and return to the peak of my condition.

'This is the greatest mistake it made.

'Come out now, mastermind, our game hasn't ended yet!'

## Chapter 409: The Mastermind Shows Up!

Meng Chao thought quickly and focused his attention on Kindling.

He tossed nearly seventy thousand contribution points into the system to cast three Middle Stage Healing Skills on himself.

The fine hidden injuries from the destructive ultrasound were all healed as the golden light circulated in him.

The dozens of compressed nutritional fluid he wolfed down were all digested too.

He tried moving his fingers again, and his muscles tensed up. The pain had already reduced to the point that he could endure it. It even stimulated his nerve endings slightly so that he could enter a relatively excited state, which was good for fighting.

Meng Chao quirked his eyebrows.

'That's strange.

'I was badly beaten up by Gao Ye, so why do I feel like my fighting strength has increased from moments ago. In fact, it feels like I'm getting more comfortable with the more I'm hit.'

Meng Chao's mind raced, and he soon understood what had happened.

Training was really just using heavy weights and working one's muscles with multiple sets to push the body past its limit. The process would tear their muscles, and when they healed, they would usually grow excessively, so the muscles would swell and their strength would increase.

Cultivation worked under the same principle.

Every time the nerves and spirit meridians were torn, if they healed, they would usually be stronger than before, and the runoff volume would also be greater. It could then accommodate more information from the nerves and more spirit energy flowing through them.

This was the reason behind why so many superhumans were able to reach breakthroughs during battle and why they became stronger as they fought.

Of course, not all superhumans had Meng Chao's super regenerative powers.

It was fine for the nerves and muscles, but to most superhumans, if their spirit meridians were crushed, it was difficult for them to heal within their lifetime.

Hence, only monsters like Meng Chao could improve drastically by leaps and bounds while they were hit.

'Gao Ye's ultrasound attack did not just crush my body. It also crushed the wall blocking me from Heaven Realm. I suppose it's a blessing in disguise.'

Meng Chao could sense that the distance to Heaven Realm was getting shorter. He felt that he only needed a turning point to understand magley, and he would be able to soar in the sky.

He swung his fist in his heart and looked around.

There were more than ten humans hanging upside down at the sides of the tunnel in the abandoned train station.

They were all wrapped up tightly in huge cocoons.

The largest cocoon was twice the size of that around Meng Chao. There were also countless semitransparent spiders crawling all over it.

Meng Chao narrowed his eyes and sized up the human who received this special treatment.

Even though the man's face was covered in bruises and blood, Meng Chao was still able to identify him. It was the leading transmigration expert in Dragon City and the person in charge of Project 101, Professor Lu Tianxing!

Beside Professor Lu was someone Meng Chao was familiar with—Zhao Feixuan.

Even though aside from Meng Chao, all of the hostages hanging upside down had their eyes shut and were unconscious, their vitality magnetic fields were still surging faintly. There was also faint breathing coming from their noses.

Clearly, they were not dead yet.

'Thank goodness the key person from the project is not dead yet. As long as he isn't dead, we have hope.'

Meng Chao sighed in relief.

But when he observed the area and saw the numerous pests everywhere in the abandoned train station, he tensed again.

There were too many insect-type monsters in the train station.

Besides, most of them were superbeasts like the Golden Scythe. There was practically no normal monster around. They were basically all elite commandos among monsters.

By the looks of it, the enemy did not intend to retreat with normal monsters.

It made sense. Cannon fodder could be found all over the place. If they were left behind, they could misdirect the humans, who would look for them, and make them waste their ammunition. There was no need for the enemy to take them back.

Meng Chao looked into the distance.

Gao Ye was lying on the tracks at the foot of the platform.

He was twice as large as the clone in the underwater tunnel and five times more terrifying. The oppressive presence he released also caused Meng Chao to feel suffocated, even though he was dozens of meters away. Gao Ye was ten times more domineering than the clone.

This aura befitted a Supernatural Entity from the legends

'One of them is a Supernatural Entity, while the other is the mastermind, and they have so many superbeasts around. If I got rid of all of them here, I could cover all the losses we suffered tonight, and we'd even profit from it,' Meng Chao mumbled in his heart.

'Unfortunately, the trarcing fluid on my body is very diluted now. I probably lost it while in Gao Ye's mouth. I wonder whether Big Sis Ya will be able to trace the scent, radiation, and pheromones to find this place.

'No, I can't just wait for Big Sis Ya to save my life. I have to do something!'

Meng Chao's mind raced as he analyzed the situation.

First of all, why didn't the enemy kill him straightaway?

'That's right. I'm the representative of Dragon City's Golden Era and have miraculously risen to power over the past year. I have also stopped the monsters' scheme repeatedly.'

Lin Chuan, Gao Ye, the White Spirit, and the Noble Descent Hotel ambush battle were all related to him.

Killing him straightaway would be a waste.

They would either interrogate him and analyze his brain to get his secrets before eating him or they would brainwash, mind control, or bewitch him so that he would turn into the next Lin Chuan, Gao Ye, or Zhou Tianshui so that he would subconsciously or consciously become the abnormal beasts' weapon.

That had to be the case.

Then, he should have the chance to carry out the strategy of stalling for time.

Even though he was currently trapped, he had two major advantages.

First, the other party did not know that he could instantly heal himself and return to the peak of his condition.

If it were any other superhuman besides Meng Chao, after they fought for an entire night, were covered in wounds, drained of their last energy reserve, and attacked at a close distance by destructive ultrasound, even without having spider threads forming a cocoon around them, they would not be able to summon strength in any of their organs.

The abnormal beasts had to be thinking that they captured a hostage who had lost his fighting power.

But they weren't aware that there was a monster that was even stranger than they were in front of them.

Second, Lu Siya might bring powerful fighters to him at any moment.

Did he have a third advantage?

Meng Chao narrowed his eyes and observed Gao Ye.

Once Gao Ye turned into Earthquake, he naturally did not have a face, so Meng Chao could not read his emotions.

But he still felt that instead of saying that he was resting, it would be better to say that he was daydreaming.

A thought rose in his mind, and Meng Chao recalled the words Gao Ye and Zhou Tianshui said, and he found a slight difference between them.

Gao Ye had obtained his supernatural powers for normal power, and that was also why he developed the consciousness transferring technology. He hoped that he could make the powerless normal humans as strong as monsters.

But Zhou Tianshui was an extreme Colonization Party member. He believed that most of the resources should be given to superhumans and war machines. For the future of Dragon City, the benefits of normal people had to be cast aside.

The differences in their ideals meant that they should be enemies.

Yet they had willingly become the weapons of abnormal beasts.

Perhaps one of them or both of them were not that willing to work together. Their thoughts were just used by the abnormal beast controlling them.

'In what sort of mental state is the current Gao Ye? Is he still capable of thought, has a consciousness, and a sense of self?

'When he helped the abnormal beasts attack Noble Descent Hotel, he hurt a lot of normal people. Was it out of his own will or was he controlled directly by the abnormal beast, just like the other insect-type monsters?

'Is his spirit able to recognize and acknowledge this control, or is he fighting back and resisting it?'

Meng Chao thought about it carefully and decided that he could still save Gao Ye.

The reason for that was very simple.

Based on Gao Ye's current form and might, he was already very close to the Earthquake from his previous life.

But based on what Meng Chao remembered, the Supernatural Entity Earthquake would only start causing trouble under Dragon City two to three years later. Only then would it bring massive destruction.

The question then was: Why didn't the monster civilization from his previous life bring Earthquake into the battlefield two years earlier than its official appearance?

It had to be known that in his previous life, due to the major defeat in the northern offense, Dragon City had a shortage of resources and was at its weakest right then.

If Earthquake was brought into the battle, the abnormal beats might have been able to destroy them while they were still weak.

This was an obvious strategy, and Meng Chao did not believe that the abnormal beast would not have thought about it.

Since Earthquake was not brought into the battlefield in his previous life, the only reason behind it could be that it had not been fully modified yet.

The Earthquake in front of him was already very close to its complete form based on its appearance and fighting power.

From its ability to secretly transport a large number of monsters into the underground of Dragon City, its fighting efficiency had to be pretty decent.

'The body has already been fully modified. Then, there is only one answer behind why it isn't brought into the battle. His mind has not been fully modified yet.

'His current self is still the human Gao Ye, not the Supernatural Entity, Earthquake

'The abnormal beasts in my previous life used two or so years to repeatedly bewitch him and influence him before they were able to completely strip him of his humanity and make him fall into the pits of hell as well as turn into a monster.

'The abnormal beasts now were forced by the situation and sped up their process of bewitching Gao Ye. They even used a really simple but crude method to forcefully brainwash him so that he would turn into a pure killing machine.

'But when it comes to brainwashing, you'll be able to get better results if you influence your target slowly and gently.

'If you forcefully brainwash someone with a simple and crude method, you might be able to get some results for a period of time, but the target will definitely fight back and lash out against you.

'Perhaps this is the crucial key that will decide whether we will win or lose this battle!'

While Meng Chao was thinking, rustling sounds suddenly came from the tunnel.

All the insects in the abandoned train station brought their mandibles up and stood up like humans.

Even Gao Ye snapped out of his dazed state. The dozens of eyes above his throat cavity shone with a murky green light.

A piercing screech struck Meng Chao's brain.

His mental strength index was like a boat in a raging ocean. Sometimes, he would rise to the top of the waves, and sometimes, he would be sent pummeling into the depths of the ocean.

'Wh-What powerful mental power!

'It hasn't even showed up and is not targeting me with a mind attack, but the mental ripples it releases subconsciously already stirred up such a terrifying mental storm!'

Meng Chao marveled at it in his heart.

By the looks of it, the abnormal beasts' mastermind was about to appear!

Just as he expected, dozens of high-grade insect-type monsters crawled out of the tunnel as the vanguard to open the path. They looked monstrous and had powerful presences.

They were all Grade Three Nightmarish Beasts known as Kings of Nightmares.

They could even be as strong as Hell Beasts that were on the same level as Heaven Realm elites.

Their appearance caused the Grade One and Grade Two Nightmarish Beasts to retreat in a tide. They respectfully opened up a path.

Then, a tentacle that could stretch at will and was really flexible shot out of the tunnel to surround the pipe above the abandoned platform.

The tentacle shrank and pulled out from the darkness a monster that would only appear at the deepest pits of a person's nightmare.

# Chapter 410: Third Supernatural Entity, Demonic Abyss Eye!

At first glance, it was like a much larger Demonic Air Ripping Eye. It was also a huge eyeball with tentacles all over its body.

But there was a layer of really sturdy muscles covering the eye.

The muscles were beneath a thin membrane covered in wrinkles. It caused it to turn from a huge eyeball into an amalgamation of a brain and a heart.

It relied on dozens of stretchable tentacles to wrap around the objects in front of it to drag its body forward.

Even though its ball-shaped body was a little swollen, it was not slow at all.

When it arrived at the center of the abandoned train station, it extended more than ten tentacles to the area around it and dragged its body into the air.

Its body released a bewitching presence and a light that would suck a person's soul into it.

All the insects in the area kowtowed and worshiped it, while Meng Chao felt chills all over his body. He trembled, even though it was not cold.

'Demonic Abyss Eye!'

A fearsome name rose in Meng Chao's mind.

This was one of the names of the Nine Great Supernatural Entities from his previous life.

Back then, Meng Chao had only conducted limited research toward the Supernatural Entities. He had only gone online to search for some information when his family's fate was tied together with Qin Hu and the White Spirit.

Demonic Abyss Eye was one of the Nine Great Supernatural Entities. It was said to be the ultimate evolved form of Demonic Air Ripping Eyes, the superbeasts who were skilled with mind attacks. It had also absorbed a lot of abilities from other monsters who were skilled in mind control, like the Brainrotting Insect, so it was a specialist in mind control and bewitching people. It was even better at it than the White Spirit, who was a nine-tailed Illusion Wolf.

The creature in front of Meng Chao had a strange shape and bizarre bones. It was most likely the Demonic Abyss Eye.

Just as he expected, once he made that speculation, Kindling jumped at the corner of his eyes, and a notification popped up.

[Progress for the Mystery of the Supernatural Entities increased by 3%. Current progress: 25%.]

'Right after this guy appeared, I gained 3% progress for the Mystery of the Supernatural Entities. It's indeed the Demonic Abyss Eye!'

Meng Chao's mind raced, and he quickly recalled the information he had read in his previous life.

The Demonic Abyss Eye had a really unique mental technique. It could infinitely magnify the thoughts lurking in the deepest parts of the human mind.

Usually, monsters that were skilled in mind control and mind attacks would use fear to break down a human's mental defenses. They would also hypnotize or create illusions so that the human would get lost in a nightmare and would not be able to get out of it.

There were also parasites like Brain-rotting Insects that could attach to the human body or crawl inside. They would then stimulate hormone secretion and physically change or destroy a human's brain. They could also use other methods.

Such simple and crude methods had their limitations and weaknesses.

If the monsters created illusions, they could confuse people for a time, but when the illusions continuously violated the laws of physics, humans would easily see through them.

If the monsters tried to use fear to destroy people's mental defenses, the humans could fight back with exciting war songs and the determination to stand together against the common enemy. They could also work together so their brain waves would bounce back and hurt the monsters.

Hypnosis and brainwashing required parasites to control the human brain by attaching themselves to it physically. Then, they could make humans turn into their own tools, but those who were hypnotized would either be muddle-headed or change drastically. They would turn into something like walking corpses that could only carry out a destructive mission once. They would definitely not be able to carry out missions for a long time or go out onto complicated undercover missions.

The Demonic Abyss Eye's methods were much better than such low-class tricks.

Each human had all sorts of thoughts in their minds.

When they passed by the bank, they might imagine themselves being able to teleport into the vault and getting a large batch of high-purity crystals. Then, they would flee without anyone noticing them.

When they saw people who were really charming, they would also be filled with all sorts of thoughts and want to have some really amazing time with them in bed.

When they were engaged in a conflict with someone else and got really angry, they would even think about killing them.

Even the kindest person would not be able to avoid having the most evil thoughts in his or her mind.

However, a normal person possessed logic and knew morals, laws, and all sorts of societal customs that limited their actions.

When they passed by a really charming person on the streets, they might have all sorts of thoughts in their minds. They might even consider marrying that person, but once they went to the next street, they would forget about the person and the family. That was how it was for normal people.

At the end of the day, thinking such thoughts was not a crime.

But the Demonic Abyss Eye's technique was to look for the thoughts lurking in the deepest depths of the human mind and activating them. Then, it would turn those thoughts into a brand that could not be destroyed.

The people who had the mental brands would gradually be unable to forget about certain evil and dark thoughts. They would then repeatedly strengthen those thoughts and become even more extreme. In the end, they would walk down the path of crime.

Since those thoughts were born in their own minds, no human would think that they were brainwashed.

They would retain their original minds, personalities, and memories, and they would be no different from their past selves when they worked, lived, cultivated, and handled their relationships.

However, the dark thoughts would repeat themselves like viruses. They would infect the person through and through. In the end, they would occupy their entire soul, and when the Demonic Abyss Eye needed them, those thoughts would erupt forth!

'I see. I understand it completely now. Lin Chuan's transformation wasn't completely due to the White Spirit. After all, the White Spirit had just been born at that time. Its abilities were still very weak. It could only communicate with the human soul and create some illusions.

'Similarly, Gao Ye and Zhou Tianshui were both bewitched by the Demonic Abyss Eye. Certain thoughts deep in their hearts were infinitely magnified, and they ended up as puppets for abnormal beasts!'

Honestly, Lin Chuan and Gao Ye's thoughts were not wrong.

Ever since the appearance of superhumans and their nonstop growth, a powerful social stratum that stood above normal people and possessed special privileges appeared.

At the same time they defended Dragon City, they continuously expanded the power of their families and businesses. The solidification of the social stratum and the narrowing of the promotion channel showed up, and it was naturally not a good thing for Dragon City's future.

Lin Chuan hoped that more resources would be given to the education of normal people so that the schools where they studied would have the facilities the descendants of superhumans enjoyed in private schools. They should also get better teachers, high-calorie nutritional meals, and other cultivation resources. That way, the descendants of normal people would have another path. They would have hope and a chance to compete fairly. The future Dragon City would then be more harmonious.

Gao Ye saw that balance was gradually disappearing when the superhumans were getting stronger nonstop. He was worried that the superhumans would be corrupted, change, and fall from grace in the future. They would no longer care about the survival of normal people. They might even turn around and oppress normal people. That was why he wanted for normal people to have a way to keep superhumans in check and use the power of monsters to contribute to Dragon City and human civilization.

In truth, even Zhou Tianshui's ideals made sense. They needed to tighten their belts and give most of the resources to expand their territory. As long as they made the pie bigger, their internal problems would naturally be solved. Compared to the tempting pie, temporarily tightening their belts was nothing!

There was nothing wrong with the three ideals.

Meng Chao felt that even if there were some problems with the details, they were not major. They could be brought to the table and discussed normally. After all, the truth would become clearer the more it was debated. Perhaps after it was intensely discussed, all sorts of ideals would fuse together, and they would come up with something that would be the bright path that Dragon City should take.

But under the Demonic Abyss Eye's bewitching spell, the three men took extreme paths.

No matter how correct their thoughts were, once they were infinitely extremified, they would end up being disastrous. Even the correct thoughts themselves would turn incredibly hideous.

This was what the monster wanted.

"We're going to succeed soon!"

While he was thinking about this, Meng Chao suddenly heard a screech.

It belonged to Zhou Tianshui.

He was not dead yet, but Meng Chao had wounded him from head to toe. He crawled out from among the pests with a face covered in blood and grime. A maniacal light shone in his eyes; his ideals were fully occupied by the most extreme of the Colonization Party's ideals. He did not care about how odd it was for him to stand together with monsters.

He staggered and pushed his way to the front.

The Demonic Abyss Eye stretched a few tentacles and gently caressed his wounds.

He grunted, feeling comforted. Then, he flailed his arms as he said, "We've nearly succeeded, but the brat threw a wrench into our plans. It's fine though. We've already captured the brat. As long as we cut him into pieces and crush his bones to powder, we can prepare another, an even more thorough plan. We will definitely be able to completely crush the Home Party and help Dragon City walk down the right path!"

The brat he mentioned was naturally Meng Chao.

The Demonic Abyss Eye looked in the direction he pointed.

Meng Chao immediately sensed an unusual power scanning his body and brain.

He quickly used Walking Corpse and adjusted his breathing, heartbeat, and all the functions of his organs to the point where they showed signs of terrible injuries. He seemed on the verge of death.

He let his mind go blank and allowed the beats that seemed to come from hell and were ready to snatch his soul to pound in his mind while he forced himself to not use any mental power to fight against the Demonic Abyss Eye. He did not want to reveal the trump card he could only use during the most crucial moment.

The Demonic Abyss Eye stared at him only for three seconds.

But those three seconds were really torturous to Meng Chao. Each one felt like a whole year.

Just when he was about to lose it and bring out the powerful mental power from the apocalypse in like a flood to clash against the Demonic Abyss Eye, the creature looked away.

It extended more tentacles to gently wrap them around Zhou Tianshui to comfort him.

Meng Chao sighed a little.

But he felt that the Demonic Abyss Eye's actions were really strange. It appeared that it had some special tastes.

Zhou Tianshui had been enjoying it in the beginning, but as more tentacles bound his body and tightened around him, he felt so much pain that he sucked in sharp breaths. Only then did he realize that something was wrong. "Wait, no—"

But it was too late.

The Demonic Abyss Eye used its dozens of tentacles to completely wrap him up and drag him under itself.

In the beginning, Meng Chao could still hear Zhou Tianshui's screams and puzzled shouts. "Why?! Didn't we say—"

But soon, only the sounds of bones being crushed could be heard, along with slurping sounds. Meng Chao was unwilling to think about those sounds in depth.

After a while, the Demonic Abyss Eye extended its bloody tentacles.

Zhou Tianshui could no longer be found.

'Idiot, to the abnormal beasts, your greatest value was that you could infiltrate Blue Home. But now, your real self has already been revealed to the world.

"If you showed up, not only would you be captured by the abnormal beast research department to be interrogated about the secrets related to the Demonic Abyss Eye, you'll also be useless in the next scheme of the abnormal beasts. You're only trouble at this point, so why should they keep you around?"

Meng Chao sighed for the fatty who once wore a long robe from Earth and recited ancient poems while drunk.