

Oh My God 581

Chapter 581: Cunning

Meng Chao tried his best to remove Bloody Soul from the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's skull so that he could plunge it through weak areas like eyes, nose, or neck, but the blade was stuck firmly in its skull, as if it was a piece of metal that had fused into the skull after it cooled down.

Fatigue and pain swept through Meng Chao's body like a flood.

Even though he had killed a Demonic Black Mountain Bull with just one slash earlier, that Demonic Black Mountain Bull was just like the Skeleton Feline earlier. After getting an overdose of the Deification Capsule, its bodily fluids possessed strong acidic and poisonous properties.

It had shattered Meng Chao's motorized armor long ago.

So, when the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's sticky organs sprayed on him, even if he had spirit energy protecting him, his skin still had to deal with acid. He was covered in blood, and all his nerve endings tasted the pain of being gnawed on by more than ten thousand ants.

This was already the nth time he was injured on that long day.

He did not have a way to leverage himself, so he could not pull out Bloody Soul by even an inch.

So, he decided to just ignore the bone-shattering pain and grabbed Bloody Soul's hilt with both hands and all his strength.

Crack, crack, crack, crack!

Shaking it was easier than trying to pull it out.

Visible cracks appeared on the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's skull.

Meng Chao roared as loudly as a monster, and the cracks continued spreading.

The Demonic Black Mountain Bull was in great pain, and it stomped in anger. It also began to ram its horns at the concrete wall at a more rapid pace and with more strength.

It even lowered its head a few times and dragged Meng Chao against the floor, which left trails of blood.

But no matter how it crashed into the walls and dragged Meng Chao around, he refused to let go of the saber. It was as if the hilt had blended into his burning palms. He kept shaking and twisting it with all his strength. Spirit energy gushed out of him, and the spirit flames on the blade became even brighter.

This was no longer a contest between two monstrous physical bodies.

It was a clash of wills between a human and monster after they stripped off all their physical differences.

And in such a contest, only the brave would win!

Meng Chao pushed all his weight onto Bloody Soul's saber. With a roar at the top of his lungs to help him ignore the pain that let him know that all his joints had practically shattered, he pushed the saber inch by inch into the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's brain.

In the end, he even pressed his face against the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's head.

His eyes were bloodshot, as if they were burning. They were only 0.1mm away from the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's red, beady eyes.

"Die, monster," Meng Chao whispered into the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's ear.

The Demonic Black Mountain Bull, a monster that would even dare to lower its head to charge at a Hell Beast in the wild, finally experienced the feeling of its knees shaking.

In the end, before it could reduce Meng Chao into a pulp, the Demonic Black Mountain Bull lost all its strength.

It let out a resigned wail and became slower. Its red eyes were filled with fear and despair.

It could easily crush four walls made of reinforced concrete, but now, even after accumulating strength for ten seconds and ramming into a random wall, it could only crush half of the wall.

Meng Chao finally left a bowl-sized wound on the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's skull.

It was a ramen bowl, of course.

Meng Chao let out a thunderous shout and finally pulled out half a meter of Bloody Soul.

Then, strength exploded from his spirit meridians like a volcano. The burning blade sank into the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's brains again.

Since Meng Chao used too much strength, his entire right arm went inside. Only his shoulder remained outside.

As his spirit energy continued rushing forth, his right arm and Bloody Soul looked like they had turned into a railway gun. They fired more than ten times consecutively.

The muzzle was red and scorching hot, and the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's brain and spine began to sizzle.

Flames gushed out of the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's orifices.

It finally fell down.

A mountain of flesh weighing dozens of tons landed on Meng Chao, which made him wince.

But the victor in the battle of brawn was him!

Meng Chao grinned and started laughing silently.

But his mirth only lasted for half a second before his eyelids started twitching.

Something... seemed wrong.

The air was filled with the smell of burnt protein. The temperature kept climbing higher, and it far surpassed the limits of what Meng Chao could do when his spirit energy surged.

Meng Chao blinked. Soon, he noticed that the Demonic Black Mountain Bull above him was burning.

No, it was not as simple as Bloody Soul burning its brains and spine. All the cells in its huge body and the mountain of flesh weighing dozens of tons were heating up rapidly. Before smoke even rose up from it, sparks had already gushed out from its torn flesh!

'Self-combustion?'

Meng Chao remembered the cases he read about people who had taken Deification Capsules.

Since they drained too much of their energy, it caused the mitochondria that were in charge of transforming energy in the cells to go out of control. Because of that, a few people had started burning for no reason after a fight as if they were torches doused in gasoline. In an instant, they burned to a crisp.

Even if they did not do a spontaneous human combustion, the temperature of the people who took the capsules would still reach above boiling point, so the liquid in their bodies would evaporate, and they would turn into horrifying, dried up corpses.

Those reactions had been violent, but the Demonic Black Mountain Bull had to have taken more than ten times the amount of Deification Capsules that the normal robbers took.

At that moment, the mitochondria in its body went completely out of control, so it was only natural that it would release flames that were ten times or even one hundred times more brilliant than a human's.

Meng Chao groaned.

It was fine if the Demonic Black Mountain Bull burned to ashes. The problem was, Meng Chao was crushed under it. His right arm and Bloody Arm had pierced its brain and stabbed into its body. The hilt was actually stuck in the spine!

Meng Chao did his best to pull the saber out.

But the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's desperate struggle before death had caused its flesh and muscles to twitch, and they clamped down on Bloody Soul and Meng Chao's right arm .

The flames were spreading really quickly. In an instant, the Demonic Black Mountain Bull turned into a huge fireball.

When it burned so badly that it curled up, its flesh became really brittle, and Meng Chao finally found the chance to get out.

He first removed his legs from underneath the burning mountain of flesh. Then, he stepped on the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's horns and leaned back with everything he had.

Finally, he pulled out Bloody Soul and his right arm.

A large amount of sticky, burning body fat dripped on Meng Chao from the Demonic Black Mountain Bull's carcass.

He looked like he had just been hit by napalm.

More than one hundred boils instantly formed on his skin.

He rolled more than ten times on the ground to get rid of the flames.

Even so, he was badly burned, and his skin cracked.

And with the wounds he sustained when the Demonic Black Mountain Bull dragged him across the floor and slammed him into the walls, he felt like he was about to combust as well.

Even breathing was torture, and moving his fingers was a luxury.

He only wanted to lie there with his limbs splayed and watch the smoke-shrouded ceiling until the apocalypse arrived.

But he could not! He had to stand up!

Terrifying holes had been left in a lot of the structures which supported the walls when the Demonic Black Mountain Bull charged around like a brute.

At that moment, the rebars and pillars around the holes were creaking. It was the bone-chilling sound of metal fatigue.

Besides, the Demonic Black Mountain's combustion had started an underground fire.

The large creature had a lot of liquid fat in its body, and even after it died, it refused to stay quiet. The burning fat flowed everywhere like magma, which spread the fire, and the situation went out of hand in an instant.

No matter how sturdy the metal was, it could not stop the flames from burning.

When the steel became liquid, the sturdiness of Mutual Gold Coliseum and all the structures affiliated to it was reduced. There was a high chance that it would completely collapse, just like the Deification Capsule pharmacy.

Besides, Meng Chao and the Demonic Black Mountain Bull had fought chaotically. Both sides did not restrain their vitality magnetic fields, so the other elites had to have sensed it.

Meng Chao was not worried about running into normal gang members, but he did not want to run into Phantom Bear Xiong Wei while in his current state.

He also did not want to be captured by Red Brows Su Lun.

Until he thought of a way to completely prove his innocence, he had to look for...

Meng Chao's teeth dug deep into his lips. He used his burning blood to cool down his even hotter chest and forced himself to stand up on quivering legs.

But suddenly, his pupils shrank into the size of needles.

He turned around and heard cracking sounds behind him. It was the sound of reinforced concrete scratching against stones. He turned in that direction.

Then, he saw nine objects that looked like pythons, aquatic dragons, and tentacles rising slowly in the flames and smoke.

While the nine stone dragons danced, Lu Siya smiled at him.

Red Brows Su Lun placed his hands behind his back in the special VIP room in Mutual Gold Coliseum. It was located on the highest floor, and he was currently in front of a wide French window.

He looked into the distance through the window and saw the lair in which everyone was moving in a flurry and which was shrouded in smoke.

Explosions and flames were everywhere. Waves of heat gushed into the sky and created huge whirlpools on the gray cloud-covered sky.

Smoke pillars containing loads of impurities looked really colorful but were like chains that came stretching out of hell. They bound the lair tightly.

In the meantime, fighters, who were armed to the teeth and wore different gang emblems on their chests, looked like metal-made chess pieces. They waited in the open-air arena, ready to charge into hell without fear with just one word from Su Lun.

This gave him the enticing feeling that he was about to build his success on a pile of corpses.

No one could see his red eyebrows and lips curl up. A face full of ambition was reflected on the French window.

A few gang members whose armor were ruined and were injured crashed in while staggering.

“Commander Su and gang leaders, the monsters in the coliseum have all been released. They were fed and injected with large doses of stimulants, which turned them into really fierce superbeasts. The electromagnetic and self-destruct collars don’t work, which has caught us off guard. The losses are heavy, and the situation is now completely out of control!”

Su Lun sucked in a deep breath. At the moment he turned around, the ambition and brutality on his face were gone. In their place were great regret and earnestness.

“It’s my fault. I didn’t expect that Meng Chao would be so cunning and arrange such a despicable move.” Su Lun looked pained and punched the air fiercely. He then gritted his teeth. “I was careless for a moment, and fell into another trap!”

Chapter 582: Trouble

The higher management of the gangs was in the VIP room.

When they heard Su Lun’s words, their faces became as dark as thunderclouds.

One of the gang leaders had an eyepatch over her left eye. There was a burning rose sewn on it. This woman was the gang leader of Rose. “Commander Su, Meng Chao is so cunning that he has exceeded our expectations. You don’t need to blame yourself.

“But the lair is facing a life and death crisis. Now, even Mutual Gold Coliseum, the heart of the lair, has been infiltrated, and Meng Chao is wreaking havoc. As the highest commander, you must come up with a solution!”

“Don’t worry, everyone. Even if I die, I will die together with that traitor!” Su Lun narrowed his eyes and spoke swiftly. “As for the solution, I have it. First, I suggest that all the gang leaders and higher management of the gangs stay here and not leave this place. After all, Meng Chao is skilled in assassination and all sorts of treacherous strategies. Xue Rui, Xiang Wei, and Xiong Ying were all killed by him. If you go out alone, you’ll be in danger. We can’t give him the chance to kill us one by one.

“Also, we don’t know just how many people he and the abnormal beast behind him have dragged to their side. You must understand that it would’ve been impossible for them to accomplish the task of releasing all the monsters in the coliseum without a mole helping them!”

The gang leaders were stunned, but Su Lun’s words made sense.

They looked at each other and became paranoid, thinking that everyone around them was a mole.

“Second, we’re in abnormal times right now, so we must use abnormal methods. The lair is in chaos, so we can’t let Leprosy Village add fuel to the fire. We must give orders to the army around Leprosy Village that once the villagers show any signs of restlessness and want to charge out, we must act before they do and kill them all without mercy!” Su Lun said murderously.

“That’s...” The crowd became hesitant.

“Everyone, this is not the time for petty kindness!” Su Lun gritted his teeth. “I won’t deny that there might be some innocent villagers, but we’re at war, and this is a brutal war that has rendered us helpless!

“During the zombie crisis, we went through countless tragedies like this. We thought that since the infected showed no signs of turning, they had a chance to be saved. We let infected people mingle together with healthy citizens. It made it difficult for us to split them up, and that’s why we lost the best chance to purify them. In the end, hundreds and even thousands of zombies broke out in an instant, and all the people in one building and at times an entire residential area were all eaten!

“I know that all of you don’t want to be blamed for killing innocents, but that’s fine. For the sake of the lair’s safety and Dragon City’s brighter future, I’ll do it. I’ll give the orders. After all, I’m the highest commander right now, so I’ll be your scapegoat!”

“Commander Su...”

The crowd was shocked.

The gangs were actually economic entities. They had all sorts of companies and clubs under their names, and when their leaders went outside, they were known as chairmen and presidents. They longed to clear their names so that they could become something like the leaders of the nine great mega corporations.

Hence, they knew very clearly that even if purifying all of Leprosy Village was necessary, whoever gave the order would be denounced as a manslayer and butcher. His reputation would plummet, and he would never be able to stand tall in the business field and perform any major acts that would stun the world again.

Su Lun was a business genius and had earned the title of the God of Wealth.

This was something all the gangs in the lair were aware of.

It was a waste of his talent for him to stay in the lair. He should have had a greater stage for his talents.

But if he gave out the order to purify Leprosy Village with his name...

"I'm not some major figure with a huge reputation. I only know how to repay all the kindness shown to me. In the past, I came to the lair with nothing, but Mr. Jin took me in. He gave me the chance to use my talents, and all of you trusted me as well. That's why I could try out all sorts of new business management techniques and make good use of my talents fully.

"I've already made up my mind that my future is going to be bound to the lair. We'll die together and live together, so my reputation is nothing," Su Lun said. "But there's one thing. Right now, communications within the lair are still facing major interference. Even with the nine-specialized large crystal communicators Lu Siya brought over, we can only set up a few point-to-point communication bases. We can't effectively send our orders to the frontlines.

"Meng Chao's brutality and cunning nature have been witnessed by everyone. And his master can only be even more brutal and cunning. I guarantee you that the chaos brought by the beasts under Mutual Gold Coliseum isn't the last part of their plan.

"To be able to gather all the resources in the lair at the fastest speed to handle the enemy's surprise attacks, I need your absolute trust and the tokens from your gangs or a letter you personally wrote so that I can head to the frontlines and command the middle ranked and lower ranked members of your gangs."

"That's..."

The leaders had full trust in Su Lun, but they were naturally on guard when it came to relinquishing power, and they became a little hesitant.

However, Su Lun was not in a hurry. Once he finished speaking, he turned slightly and began admiring the flames that were everywhere in the lair. It was a beautiful sight outside.

Time was on his side, and he waited patiently.

Boom!

A deafening explosion rang out in the distance again.

A large fireball rose in the sky like a sun and lit up the smoke-shrouded lair.

The shockwave was like a tidal wave that instantly swept through several kilometers. It crashed violently into the wide French window of the VIP room.

Even if the French window was made of the sturdiest anti-explosion glass, there was a loud creaking sound, and countless intersecting cracks spread out.

Through the cracks, Su Lun could see the lair torn apart by the flames. The land below looked as brutal as hell on earth.

"Which place exploded?!"

A few managers of the gangs jumped up.

“It looks like Rose’s territory, but the color of the flames is off!”

Rose’s gang leader had an expression so sour that she looked like someone who had been dead for three days in water. She gritted her teeth and said, “Rose invested more than seventy million yuan to build a monster bone powder processing factory. Could it be?”

“Monster bone powder contains a lot of potassium, calcium, sodium, and other substances. Their processing also produces a lot of inflammable and explosive substances. If that powder was spread around and someone lit a fire, an explosion could happen at any moment.” Su Lun frowned. “If a large monster bone powder processing factory had indeed exploded, Rose won’t be able to get rid of the fire and provide disaster relief on its own. We must gather all the strength of the gangs to help them!”

“Commander Su, from now on until the end of the crisis, you can mobilize all the forces of Rose. Your voice is my will!”

Rose’s gang leader hesitated for three seconds, then removed a ring with the picture of a rose embedded on it from her thumb. She placed it on Su Lun’s palm.

With someone taking the lead, things became easier.

The other gang leaders were also worried that no one would help them when similar tragedies happened in their territories if they did not join.

Besides, Red Brows Su Lun was a helpless scholar. Even if he really commanded their forces for the time being, when they personally came forward to take back their authority, would they really need to worry that the people who had been working for them for decades would refuse to acknowledge them?

With that thought in mind, they removed the tokens of their gangs or the letters they personally wrote and signed before they handed them to Su Lun.

“Thank you for your trust. Even if my bones get crushed and my ashes scatter into the wind, I will fight against Meng Chao and his companions!”

Su Lun was very grateful, and he pointed skyward to swear his oath.

At that moment, a Golden Tooth gang member suddenly appeared outside the VIP room and peeked in through the door. He seemed like he had something to say.

Su Lun’s expression did not change. He apologized to the group and went out of the room so that he could bring the trusted follower from Golden Tooth into a corner.

“What’s going on?” he asked calmly.

His trusted follower said, “Three fighters from other gangs ran into Meng Chao in the underground. They escaped and now want to meet their gang leaders. Should I bring them in?”

“They ran into Meng Chao?” Su Lun blinked. “They weren’t attacked by him, and he didn’t kill them?”

“No,” the trusted follower said with puzzlement. “When they ran into Meng Chao, they were attacked by a berserk Demonic Black Mountain Bull, and they didn’t have time to attack him.”

“But for some reason, based on what they said, not only did Meng Chao not attack them he actually helped them and saved their lives. After that, he didn’t attack them either and said that he’s innocent. He also said...”

“What else did he say?”

“He also said that you’re the real traitor.”

Su Lun scoffed. “Only three-year-old children would believe such bad lies.”

“Then, should I bring the three of them inside?” the trusted follower asked.

“Wait,” Su Lun said. “The gang leaders are discussing a plan to handle the situation now. It’s best that we don’t interrupt their train of thought with such trivial matters.”

“Besides, are you sure that those three people are absolutely safe? Are you sure that they weren’t lured to the monsters’ side by Meng Chao? Are you sure they don’t have zombie viruses, Blood Flower spores, Deification Capsules, or other things like that? Are you sure they won’t launch suicidal attacks?”

“That’s...” The trusted follower was slightly stunned. “It’s possible. Then, how should we deal with them?”

“We can never go overboard about being careful when we handle Meng Chao’s tricks. Take them away first and investigate fully before interrogating them. Of course, make sure that you don’t hurt them. Once you’re certain that they’re fine, bring them up,” Su Lun said.

“Got it,” the trusted follower said. “But when these three people ran up, they were creating a ruckus. Many people would have heard them while they were coming here. Besides, they belong to different gangs and have plenty of friends, so I don’t think we can control them for long.”

“I’m aware of this. Go do what I asked!” Su Lun waved his hand and had the trusted follower leave.

Then, he rubbed his face fiercely in the direction of a dark corner.

“Meng Chao...” With a voice that seemed to have come from hell, Su Lun hissed at a volume that only he could hear. “You’re really a pain in the butt!”

Chapter 583: True Colors

“Commander Su?”

The gang leaders stood at the entrance to the VIP room and stared at him.

“I’m fine. I’ll mobilize forces now to get rid of the fire at Rose’s territory.” Su Lun forced a smile and walked outside.

Two built and fully armed bodyguards immediately followed behind him.

Su Lun frowned a little.

The two bodyguards spoke at the same time. “Vice Gang Leader, we’re already very regretful that we couldn’t stop Meng Chao from ambushing you just now.”

“We swore to Mr. Jin before that we’d rather have our bones crushed than let you lose half a fingernail. Please be at ease, we’ll definitely not let the same thing happen again!”

Su Lun pondered this for a while before he nodded. He did not reject the two bodyguards’ good will.

He first arrived at the temporary equipment warehouse and got himself a set of light motorized armor that was suitable for his build.

Then, he returned to the room where Meng Chao first ambushed him. He stared at the hole at the center of the room. It led straight underground and was still burning. Thick, black smoke came out of it, and screams could be heard from the floors below.

“Vice Gang Leader?” The two bodyguards were puzzled. “Are you thinking about going down? It’s really chaotic down there, and you’re not that strong...”

“It’s precisely because the situation down there is so chaotic that I must go down and take a look. It’s so I can give orders effectively.” Su Lun smiled. “Naturally, I’m not strong enough to be able to put up a proper fight, but Phantom Bear Xiong Wei is down there, and I have plenty of loyal lair fighters around me as well. I even have the both of you ready to risk your lives to protect me, so why should I be afraid?”

As he spoke, he jumped down without hesitation.

The two bodyguards exchanged a glance before they followed after him.

Xiong Wei was growing more and more enraged by the chaotic terrain under the coliseum. The berserk monsters and fighters were attacking everything in a frenzy because of their panic, and they blasted the walls apart until the maze-like underground was in pieces. The place looked like ruins.

What was even more terrifying was that the Demonic Black Mountain Bulls Meng Chao encountered were not the only ones affected. There were dozens of monsters who took in Deification Capsules ten times the dosage that a human could take. They self-combusted and turned into fireballs that rolled around the floor.

Another problem was that the vitality of monsters was much stronger than that of humans, and they also had a lot more fat.

Even after they turned into fireballs, they did not die. Instead, they sped up and crashed everywhere from the pain, which made the burning fat spill everywhere.

They were like napalm bombs taking part in 100m races. The smelly and poisonous flames spread all over the underground space.

The entire area was filled with red, orange, blue, green, yellow, and purple flames.

Fierce black smoke that looked like they were demonic organs squirming could be seen everywhere.

And monsters jumped out of the smoke all the time. They were burning and bared their teeth at anyone they saw.

Humans whose faces were even more monstrous than the monsters' were all over the place, since their mental strength indices kept dropping, and they shouted while firing their guns and swinging their weapons.

Chaos. Chaos. Chaos. The entire underground space was full of chaos.

Red Brows Su Lun moved calmly through the fiery, hellish, and chaotic world.

He first went to the place with the loudest and densest cries for murder, where he ran into many fighters whose armor were in tatters. They were badly battered and covered in wounds.

"What's going on?" he asked sternly after grabbing one of their collars. "Where is Gang Leader Xiong?"

"H-He's ahead. More than ten monsters surrounded Gang Leader Xiong, and he's them in a killing frenzy!" the fighter answered in a panic.

Perhaps it was because there was a strange attraction force between vitality magnetic fields, but the powerful people released incredibly dazzling spirit flames that made them look like burning torches in the darkness, which attracted monsters to them.

If one did not bother to suppress their vitality magnetic field or restrain their breathing and heartbeat, they would become a huge target for monsters.

Many monsters acted like insects attracted by the light. Like moths flying to flames, they would charge at the powerful humans, as if they had self-destructive tendencies.

Hence, it was not strange that Phantom Bear Xiong Wei was surrounded by a large batch of monsters.

Of course, even if the monsters shut under Mutual Gold Coliseum ate a large amount of Deification Capsules, they still did not manage to become Apocalyptic Beasts.

The Demonic Black Mountain Bull was already one of the strongest.

Hence, the monsters would be unable to kill Phantom Bear Xiong Wei just by themselves.

A spark appeared in Su Lun's eyes. He continued downward and walked to the even more chaotic and dark battlefield.

The two bodyguards followed him. They were puzzled, but they did not dare to question or suspect Su Lun's actions.

They bypassed a few battlefields where the sounds of gunfire and monster roars were mixed together.

They gradually entered a dark tunnel filled with smoke.

Not a single human was in the area.

Of course, there were no monsters around either.

Finally, one of the bodyguards was unable to hold back from speaking. "Vice Gang Leader, I don't think there are monsters here."

"No. There is," Su Lun said with a smile.

In a flash, two huge black pythons suddenly flashed down like lightning from the smoke-covered ceiling above the two bodyguards. They opened their mouths and bit down on their heads.

No, those snakes were not pythons. They were ferocious beasts similar to the Slit-mouthed Anaconda!

The difference was that compared to normal pythons, these creatures could open their mouths in six different directions at once and eat prey that was five times larger than their heads.

Also, their mouths were covered in dozens of densely packed rows of teeth that trembled at a high frequency.

No matter how sturdy a skull was, it would instantly be ground to powder.

Besides, the two beasts had eaten a lot of Deification Capsules. All their scales stood up high, and sparks flew out of them when they knocked into each other, as if they were blades crashing into each other.

Even if the two bodyguards wore helmets and armor, the metal let out cracking sounds in the super pythons' mouths. Those sounds he bodyguards' skins crawl, because it was the sound of their helmets shattering.

Their surprised cries and pained screams were muffled by the huge pythons' mouths.

The men wanted to draw their sabers and guns, but the two super pythons had already bound them like nooses on gallows. The pythons locked their limbs together and used all their strength to constrict them.

Crack! Crack! Crack! Crack!

The two bodyguards' joints bent in the opposite direction. They shattered, and white bones pierced their skin.

The bodyguards started spasming violently.

But the huge pythons just brought up their tails.

The ends of their tails were covered in a corneous substance. It made them look like sharp awls that reminded of the tails of scorpions, but were dozens of times larger.

Thud! Thud!

The two monster tails pierced the armor and stabbed into the two guards' chests.

Their violent spasms instantly ended.

The two huge pythons continued constricting until they crushed the armor and bones into mush. Then, they slowly let go and used three tongues that were as agile as those of anteaters to pry open the humans' crushed armor so they could feast on the delicious flesh.

Su Lun remained expressionless and did not get himself involved. He just watched calmly on the side.

What was even stranger about this was that the two huge pythons should have gone berserk after taking in Deification Capsules, but they did not seem to have noticed his existence. They did not even look at him and only focused on eating the meal before them.

When the huge pythons swallowed the two bodyguards' heads and Su Lun was certain they were absolutely dead, he quietly vanished into the darkness.

This time, he was much faster than before.

In fact, he was so fast that he surpassed the speed that a military adviser with no fighting abilities should have.

When he saw burning or collapsed regions, he even moved on the walls or ceilings like a gecko and crept through narrow and winding cracks without hesitation, displaying great 3D mobility and spatial deduction abilities.

On his way, he saw humans fighting fiercely against monsters.

Layers of faint light appeared on him, which was similar to how a chameleon changed its colors. It was also similar to the optical camouflage created by spirit energy magnetic fields. It allowed him to blend into his surroundings, as if he had become one with the darkness.

Sometimes, he was discovered by some monsters with heightened senses, but the hungry and fierce monsters acted just like the two huge pythons earlier. They ignored him and ran past him to attack other humans.

Su Lun's attention was not on the humans or monsters.

Instead, it was on the marks left in the battlefield around him.

More accurately speaking, he was looking for marks left by Meng Chao.

Sometimes, he would stop to rub his fingers carefully against the scratch marks, slashes, and marks left by impacts on the walls and floor.

At other times, he pressed his ear against the walls, floor, and ventilation pipes to listen to the sounds that came from different floors.

There were also times when he sank into contemplative silence.

Even if he had a helmet and goggles to hide his face, his eyes shone with a dark and sharp light.

Suddenly, he seemed to have heard a sound from the burning and continuously collapsing building.

He immediately turned into a practically invisible arrow and charged into the ruins.

He moved through two collapsed areas and stepped over corpses strewn all over the floor, then jumped down a flight of stairs with two parts broken off of it before going through a hole left in the floor.

The area underneath seemed to be the place where the fire had started.

The air was practically all gone there.

The entire area was filled with thick smoke, and hot poison was practically dripping on the ground.

Amid the crackling flames were humans shouts and screams.

Whoosh!

The light around Su Lun changed again. Like a drop of ink blending into a pool of ink, he blended into the smoke.

His posture when he moved through the smoke made him seem like a ball of slowly squirming smoke.

With the thick smoke providing cover, he soon locked down on the source of the noise.

And he saw an incredibly brutal sight.

It was Meng Chao and Lu Siya!

They seemed to have fought for a long time. Their skin was torn from all the fighting. Not even an inch of it remained unmarred.

Meng Chao was also badly burned and bruised. He looked like a demon who had just crawled out of hell.

Lu Siya might have had a motorized armor to protect her, but aside from her puffed out chest plate, everything else had shattered. Her shoulder guard, elbow guard, and knee guards were all gone, and her limbs were bent in unnatural angles.

Their blood gathered together into a bottomless pool.

Some of it had evaporated because of the flames and dyed the black smoke a hideous shade of red.

Chapter 584: The Wrong Script

The lower half of Meng Chao's body was bound by hundreds of stone snakes formed by reinforced concrete.

He looked like he was knee deep in mud, which instantly coagulated. It turned him into a strange statue that had not yet been completed.

He struggled desperately and roared at the top of his lungs while trying to break free of the restraints, but the stone snakes acted as if they had a life of their own. They slithered rapidly around his upper body.

They wanted to crawl into his body through his orifices and fill his organs with reinforced concrete.

Meng Chao pushed the concrete creatures with his fists, and shattered pieces flew everywhere like rain.

Yet once they landed on the floor, they soon gathered together once more under Lu Siya's control and attacked Meng Chao.

Countless small stone snakes gathered into two thick stone dragons and opened their rebar-covered mouths to bite Meng Chao's neck.

Meng Chao spread his arms and grabbed the areas seven inches under the two stone dragons' heads. His veins popped up, and even his eyeballs bulged out, but he did manage to stop the stone dragons from biting him.

But in the next second, he could no longer persevere.

On the surface, Lu Siya had the advantage.

However, once Su Lun observed the situation carefully, he noticed that Lu Siya was also on the verge of a collapse from exhaustion. She'd had to control tons of reinforced concrete to form stone snakes and stone dragons in their battle.

Or at least, that was how it appeared.

Her hair was in a mess, her face was pale, her skin was dry, and her thick blood vessels and tendons popped up on her skin. Her beautiful face had long since become unbearably haggard.

Her spirit flames flickered like candles in the wind. They split uncontrollably and spread around her.

Even the spirit tattoos that spread from her skin to the reinforced concrete were messy and dim. They were originally exquisite runic symbols, but now, they were no better than lousy scribbles.

This was the sign of a person losing control over their spirit energy and being on the verge of entering spirit energy deviation.

This was not a good sign.

Just as Su Lun expected, after a brief stalemate, the two vicious stone dragons that bound Meng Chao started cracking.

Shattered pieces started falling from the stone dragons like scales.

Meng Chao's hands dug deeper into the stone dragons' necks, as if he was about to crush the stone dragons in the next second.

Even though the victor had yet to be decided, it was clear just who was going to emerge alive.

If no external forces interfered, Meng Chao was definitely going to break free within three minutes and crush Lu Siya as well as her stone dragons.

Su Lun remained in the black smoke and watched everything coolly. There was a faint, mocking smile on his lips, as if he was sitting on a VIP seat and watching two clowns put on a low-grade performance.

He did not intend to attack. He did not care about Lu Siya and Meng Chao's survival and took a step back, about to leave quietly.

But at that moment, he noticed a reflection on Meng Chao's face.

Under the illumination of the burning flames around them, the reflection on Meng Chao's face was too bright. It was as if his face was covered in oil.

He was sweating.

But there was more sweat on his face than a normal human could possibly secrete.

It was also very sticky. When it pooled around his temples and forehead, it formed a shiny shell.

Su Lun's eyes went wide.

His mind raced, and he instantly understood everything.

He removed his disguise and lifted his mask. Then, Red Brows Su Lun walked out of the darkness with an upright stance.

“Commander Su!” Upon seeing him, Lu Siya became ecstatic. She did not even care about why he appeared here alone and immediately shouted at the top of her lungs. “I’ve already caught Meng Chao! Hurry up and assist me! The saber is under my feet! Kill him!”

Su Lun looked beside Lu Siya.

It was as she said. There was a beautiful saber surrounded by spirit flames and nine crystals embedded into it beside her.

“Alright!”

He put on an expression that said that he was going to risk his life and rushed forward to grab the crystal saber.

Meng Chao seemed to have realized that his death was imminent.

His face turned even more savage, and he bared his teeth while letting out a monstrous roar.

“Meng Chao, your death is nigh!” Su Lun shouted. He grabbed the saber and raised it high above his head. His spirit energy exploded like a volcano.

But before he could completely create his spirit energy magnetic field, the nine crystals on the saber shone with fierce light. It gathered into two electrical arcs that crept into Su Lun’s arms through the hilt, electrocuting him until his hair stood up. He twitched and fell down head first.

“Wha...”

Lu Siya was a little stunned.

Even Meng Chao stopped struggling and roaring.

It was as if something had gone wrong with the script and the director called for them to stop acting. They turned into puppets with their strings cut, and the battle sank into a strange silence.

Lu Siya turned around and stared at Su Lun’s palms in disbelief. Smoke was coming out of them.

Behind her, Meng Chao quietly broke free from the two stone dragons’ restraints.

They had not been as strong and sturdy as they seemed. They were empty shells that only appeared strong.

Lu Siya made a mistake not even elementary school students would make.

She seemed to have forgotten that she was in a death match against Meng Chao and exposed her back to him while he was within attack range.

It was as if she still thought that they were close comrades, who risked their lives together and could entrust their backs to one another.

But Meng Chao betrayed her trust and made use of her idiocy.

“Wha...”

It was only when Meng Chao appeared behind Lu Siya like a God of Death that the usually skilled and powerful Queen Bee remembered him.

With a puzzled expression, she wanted to turn her body around to ask him, ‘How could this happen?’

But what she saw was a twisted, savage smile on a face covered in a lot of adhesive liquid. It was a completely different face from that of the real Meng Chao.

Splat!

Before Lu Siya could understand what was going on, Meng Chao rammed a punch into her spine.

His punch contained astonishing power, and it was like a drill rotating at high speeds. It instantly pierced Lu Siya’s chest, for even the puffed out chest plate could not hold him back. A blood-drenched arm shot out of her chest.

Lu Siya widened her eyes. Aside from blood gushing out of her throat, the only other thing that came out were her rasps.

She lowered her head to look at the arm that had pierced her chest plate.

“Meng Chao” was holding a hot, pulsating heart.

The next second, he crushed that heart without hesitation.

“Meng Chao”’s palm released a red flame that burned Lu Siya’s heart to a crisp, then he tossed the remains on the floor.

Through the horrifying hole on the motorized armor’s chest plate, Su Lun could clearly see the broken bones and torn flesh inside.

She fell on the floor and twitched helplessly.

She understood something when she was about to die.

The Queen Bee’s face was full of shock. She stared at “Meng Chao” with eyes full of anger. She used her last bit of strength to speak, and her voice came out in a rasp. “You’re... not... Meng... Chao...”

“Meng Chao” smiled.

Unfortunately, his smile was destroyed by the adhesive liquid that kept dripping down. It made his expression full of indescribable evil.

“Unfortunately for you, you figured it out too late.”

“Meng Chao” stepped on the left side of Lu Siya’s chest plate and stomped on the spot where her heart had been.

Lu Siya’s eyes froze, and she stopped breathing. Her spirit flames also disappeared without a trace.

“Meng Chao” snorted derisively and kicked Lu Siya’s corpse into the corner.

The broken walls had already been swaying from the flames. After the impact, they collapsed with a bang and buried Lu Siya's corpse.

Once "Meng Chao" dealt with the corpse, he snorted and went in front of Su Lun

From the moment Su Lun appeared, the battle had progressed in a manner that made no logical sense, and it arrived at a very strange conclusion.

Why did Lu Siya not find Su Lun's appearance strange?

Why did the crystal saber that Lu Siya told Su Lun to pick up hurt him?

Lu Siya's stone dragons might have been empty shells that only appeared strong and fierce, but why was Meng Chao able to break free of them with just a simple tug?

Why was Lu Siya not on guard against Meng Chao and even dared to expose her back to him?

An onlooker would have definitely been puzzled and dumbfounded by this chain of events.

Yet Su Lun was as calm as ever. He seemed to have seen through the script a long time ago.

As for "Meng Chao", who had ambushed him on the surface not long ago and should have been mortal enemies with him, showed no signs of going to attack.

"Meng Chao" was silent for three seconds before he said something really strange. "This place is too hot."

"Indeed." Su Lun did not seem to find it strange. He watched as adhesive liquid continued flowing down "Meng Chao", and his facial features became like melting wax. He nodded and said, "It's too hot for you."

"So, you suspected Lu Siya from the start, that she didn't really want to kill Meng Chao?" "Meng Chao" said. "Why?"

"Because she spoke too much," Su Lun said faintly. "When she descended and saw us, she started to talk and explained the reason behind why she had to kill Meng Chao.

"The reasons she gave, that killing Meng Chao would protect his fame and save the value of the brands he endorses as much as possible, protecting Lu Siya and her father's investments, and the rest, all made sense.

"But Lu Siya is currently the most beloved lady in the Lu family. She might even inherit Sky Pillar Corporation in the future, so a rich girl like her should be arrogant and prideful. Was there a need for her to waste her breath to explain things to lair citizens like us?

"If Lu Siya did not have ulterior motives, she wouldn't have said so many things. She would have just given her orders.

"The more she explained, the more certain I became that she wasn't being honest. Right from the start, she only had one goal that made her give up on the spotlight at the frontlines and come to the chaotic lair.

“She didn’t want to kill Meng Chao, but to save him!”

Chapter 585: Adapt to the Situation

‘I see.’ “Meng Chao”’s smile grew even stranger. “That’s all?”

“There’s also her personality,” Su Lun answered smugly. “Since Meng Chao, Lu Siya, and Shen Yupeng are the most outstanding young talents in Dragon City and the most difficult enemies to deal with, I’ve examined their personalities before. I have a full grasp of their way of doing things and their weaknesses.

“Lu Siya stated that Meng Chao is a person who focuses on offense and would rather injure himself to make sure that he has the initiative firmly in his hands.

“In truth, Lu Siya is also the same, since people are always attracted to those who are the same as them.

“In the circle of the rich, Lu Siya is famous for being ambitious and doing anything to achieve her goals. To a certain extent, she is even more terrifying than Meng Chao. After all, Meng Chao’s cunning and deviousness is limited to only battlefields, while Lu Siya’s ambitions and methods can be used in many areas, including the business field.

“Look at the past two years. The things she did to help her father climb up the seat of authority shows that she deserves the title of the Queen Bee.

“And with her father’s Sky Pillar Minerals supporting her, over the past half a year, she gathered more forces and caused more trouble. She couldn’t be stopped.

“Would the first thought of such an ambitious woman be to cast her closest comrade aside for her own survival after she heard that he betrayed Dragon City?”

“A normal person might make that decision and cut off all ties with Meng Chao.

“But Queen Bee Lu Siya is definitely not that conservative.

“Besides, if she did that, she would be left with a fatal problem. Phantom Bear Xiong Wei, a lot of gang members, and I would know the truth about the matter. Even if she managed to hide the past for a time, there is no secret that will remain hidden forever. Sooner or later, the news would definitely travel out, and those with ulterior motives would use it as blackmail against Lu Siya.

“From my understanding, she has a great desire for power. Even Sky Pillar Corporation might be unable to satisfy her appetite. So would she allow such a major piece of blackmail to end up in the hands of gang members before she reached the heights of her ambition?”

“Based on these two things, I deduced that Lu Siya did not believe that Meng Chao betrayed Dragon City.

“The reason why she entered the lair was to personally investigate the matter. As long as there was a slight suspicious point about this and the slightest hope to save him, she would do everything she could and protect Meng Chao regardless of the cost!”

“No wonder...” “Meng Chao” nodded in a contemplative manner. He cast a glance at the crystal saber on the floor. “It’s no wonder you could see through their trap.”

“If I couldn’t see through such a lousy trap, I’d deserve to be captured by them.” Su Lun smiled. “I know that there are plenty of crystal weapons with certain requirements for the user’s cultivation realm. Basically, the higher the grade of the crystals and monster materials, the stronger spirit energy the weapon would contain. This means higher requirements for the user’s cultivation realm.”

“Many good weapons require the user to be at Heaven Realm or Deity Realm to use them.”

“If one’s cultivation realm is not high enough and they activate their vitality magnetic fields to control the weapon, they will be like three-year-olds playing with sabers and injure themselves.”

“Lu Siya thought that she was in a two-man act with the real Meng Chao, and her goal was simple. An offensive spirit energy magnetic field that cannot be activated by low-grade superhumans was sealed in this crystal saber.”

“If I could brandish this crystal saber and activate a sharp saber glare, it would mean that my cultivation realm is far higher than that of a helpless military adviser of the lair.”

“If that was the case, Lu Siya would believe that I was hiding my strength and am a traitor with evil intentions.”

“But she didn’t expect that I wouldn’t fall for it. I only used thirty percent of my spirit energy to activate the crystal saber, and just as I expected, not only did I not activate the offensive spirit energy magnetic field sealed inside, I even suffered a backlash from the saber, which further proved the ‘truth’ that I only had average fighting strength.”

“Lu Siya believed Meng Chao’s words from the start, so she didn’t expect me to be this weak.”

“You should really have seen her dumbfounded expression just now. It was really exciting. Unfortunately, you won’t be able to see it again.”

He shrugged and could not hold back a chuckle.

“Not bad. These two idiots thought that they could use their wits and luck to have a smooth life and resolve all dangers just because they solved the Raging Waves battle, the Blessed Paradise Murderous Pets Case, and the ambush at Noble Descent Hotel. How foolish!” “Meng Chao” laughed savagely and suddenly looked at Su Lun coldly.

“But you’re a fool as well. Aren’t you worried that the two bastards will fly off into a rage and kill you as well, then destroy all evidence even if they didn’t have any proof that you were the traitor?”

Su Lun shuddered because of “Meng Chao”’s fierce gaze. He quickly said, “They wouldn’t. I could tell that the two bastards were putting on a two-man act from the start, which was why I was about to leave. But right then, I noticed that you weren’t the real Meng Chao, so I appeared to join your plan!”

“Oh?” “Meng Chao” frowned and asked darkly, “Was there a flaw in my disguise?”

“No. Your disguise is naturally flawless. But there are flames and smoke everywhere, so the temperature here is really high. That’s why...” Su Lun explained hurriedly.

“Meng Chao” understood.

He lifted a finger and swiped his face gently. A clump of semi-transparent adhesive liquid was left on his finger, and he rubbed it between his fingers.

“Heh...” He laughed in a ghastly manner. “We’re lucky that fool of a woman didn’t know about it.”

“Indeed. It doesn’t matter how smart the Queen Bee is, she would have never even dreamed that the person who was putting on a two-man act with her was you.” Su Lun smiled. “And it’s also clear why you would pretend to be Meng Chao and stay beside Lu Siya. Whatever her real goal for entering the lair, she still represented the outside world, the nine great mega corporations, and the Survival Committee’s stance on the matter.

“If Lu Siya was also assassinated by Meng Chao, the communication bridge between the outside world and the lair would be completely broken, and no one could stop the chaos that is about to happen.

“Speaking of which, Lu Siya is a Spirit Sensor, and she is very familiar with Meng Chao. It couldn’t have been easy for you to have deceived her, especially when you couldn’t reveal even a single bit of killing intent. Otherwise, all your efforts would have been in vain, and she would even know that someone is pretending to be Meng Chao.

“That’s why I appeared to divert Lu Siya’s attention and help you. I hope that it didn’t disrupt your overall plan.”

Su Lun lowered his head, as if he was respectful, but in truth, he was feeling really pleased with himself.

“You did well. If you didn’t attract her attention, I wouldn’t have been able to kill that stupid woman so easily.” “Meng Chao” smiled and continued, “Aside from Lu Siya, how are the preparations on your side?”

“I’m done preparing everything. All I need now is a catalyst,” Su Lun said. “Aside from Phantom Bear Xiong Wei, I’ve already gathered all the higher management members of the gangs in the VIP room. It’s located at the highest point of the audience seat in Mutual Gold Coliseum.

“Right now, the coliseum’s underground layer is on fire. The flames, heatwaves, and smoke naturally move up. Before long, the audience seat and VIP room will be shrouded by smog.

“To ensure everyone’s safety, the VIP room where the gang leaders are has activated internal air circulation. The air they breathe is provided by the ventilation pipes, which are, of course, controlled by me. They will breathe in whatever gas I want them to breathe in.

“The former Reaper Squad members of Group 1, who are ready to take Deification Capsules to increase their fighting strength by several degrees, are already in position. Once those gang leaders notice that they’re poisoned and have inhaled a lot of powerful anesthetic gas, they will circulate their spirit energy to detox. Meanwhile, our people will rush in and kill them all.

“Our people are also situated in the squads surrounding Leprosy Village. As long as the smallest sparks appear between the villagers and the gang members, I’m confident that I can make the entire situation explode.

“Once the gangs are without their leaders and the villagers start charging out, it won’t be hard for me to turn the entire lair into a sea of fire, since I have the highest command over the armed forces for the time being.

“And once the few hundred thousand people in the lair and the areas around it are badly burned, once their eyes, skin, throat, trachea are scorched, damaged, and infected, their immune systems will be on the verge of breakdown. At that time, the zombie virus, Blood Flower spores, and Deification Capsules will reveal their terrifying destructive abilities. The vortex of chaos will spread from the lair to the whole of Dragon City!”

The terrifying situation that Su Lun described made “Meng Chao” fall silent for a long time.

He sucked in a deep breath, and his savagery as well as cold presence suddenly disappeared without a trace.

He looked a little terrified, as if this was the first time he heard about the plan. He clicked his tongue. “Seriously... You’re going to destroy everything and kill the children too, huh?”

Su Lun’s smile froze.

“Wh-What did you say?”

He suddenly found that there was something off about the situation.

‘Wait...’

Su Lun’s pupils suddenly shrank to the size of needles as he turned to the smoke-shrouded corner.

He heard rustling from the broken wall. Suddenly, the stones and reinforced concrete gathered together as if controlled by some mysterious force. They turned into dozens of agile stone snakes.

The dozens of stone snakes were like dozens of arms that dragged something out of the debris, and then, they intersected with each other to form an aggressive-looking throne.

Lu Siya sat on the throne, even though she had a hole in her chest plate and should have died a long time ago. She stared at Su Lun with great interest.

“Red Brows Su Lun...” Lu Siya said with a smile. “You should take a piss and look at your own reflection right now. You might never again see such a good expression if you don’t look at yourself now.”

Chapter 586: Pretty Good Luck

Su Lun’s expression was really fascinating.

He looked as lost as a deep sea fish that was suddenly brought thousands of meters up and found itself at the surface of the sea.

He might be smiling confidently because the key to victory was in his hands, but his eyes shone with panic. Not only were his facial features twisted, all his muscles were also twitching uncontrollably. Even his eyebrows were raised high, as if they wanted to flee from his face that was about to break down.

“Ah... That’s...” he stuttered for a long time, but he still could not form a complete sentence.

Lu Siya calmly removed her shattered motorized armor.

It revealed her astonishing figure. She only wore a thin, skintight fighting suit that showed all her curves.

The curves in her chest area were astonishing, but there was not even a single wound the size of a fingernail, much less a hole that could allow someone to dig her heart out.

“That’s impossible...” Su Lun widened his eyes in disbelief.

Lu Siya tossed the chest plate she removed at Su Lun’s feet.

The see-through hole in her chest plate and the blood stuck inside it answered all the questions that Su Lun had not managed to ask.

The motorized armor Lu Siya wore in the beginning was customized. It stuck close to her, and there was not a single bit of extra space. She could not play any tricks with it.

However, she tore it off piece by piece when the armored airship experienced great damage while descending.

Later on, to catch Meng Chao, she switched to a suit of strengthened, offensive, heavy armor with more than ten guns, rocket launchers, and M203 grenade launchers.

Even though the motorized armor could automatically adjust to the size of the user and fit the user based on their size, strengthened offensive heavy armor had a lot of space for ammunition and cooling so that the user could carry as many firearms and weapons as possible. From the outside, it looked really mighty.

It was not that hard to get some extra space in a suit of heavy motorized armor that was more than 2.5m in height and was nearly 2m in breadth.

With Lu Siya’s cultivation realm, she could be said to have reached the peak control of her muscles and bones, so she could control them at will.

She then curled up in her huge motorized armor and controlled her rather large pecs to move a little to the right. This created some space beside her underarm, which was enough for her to stuff a large amount of monster organs inside.

When “Meng Chao” unleashed the fatal strike and appeared to have pierced her back, in truth, all he did was graze her pecs. At most, he left some lacerations and contusions under her armpit, but he did not injure her in the slightest.

Then, “Meng Chao”’s arm pierced the monster organs that had been stuffed inside the motorized armor, which resulted in a bloody mess.

When he pushed his arm out of Lu Siya’s chest plate, right at the spot where her heart was, he held a hot, pulsating heart. The visual effects of that were naturally terrifying.

Su Lun thought about this quickly, and he immediately understood that the heart “Meng Chao” grabbed was fake. There was a huge chance that it was a monster heart that was about the same size as a human heart!

With the spirit flames of a superhuman, it was not hard for a monster heart that had just been harvested to remain hot.

And with a bit of spirit energy to imitate bioelectricity, he could stimulate the muscles in the heart so that it would pulsate. It was an insignificant child's play.

What a joke. He actually fell for such a trick!

Su Lun's expression cracked, and he felt really regretful.

With resentful eyes, he stared at "Meng Chao", whose face was covered in adhesive liquid and whose facial features were melting.

"Meng Chao" rubbed his face to remove the slimy, sticky, shiny, and semi-transparent liquid off. He rubbed it on his clothes, not bothering about how slimy it was.

Once all the adhesive liquid was wiped off, something unbelievable happened.

His face had been distorted, and he looked hideous, like a half-melted wax statue, but now, his facial features had returned to normal, and he looked like Meng Chao again!

"Y-You're really... Meng Chao?" Su Lun asked, terrified.

He looked like he had seen a living ghost, but also like he wanted to find the largest crystal bomb so that he could die with Meng Chao.

"That's right." Meng Chao wiped off the last bit of adhesive liquid off his face and flicked it at Su Lun's feet. He grinned. "This is grease from a Demonic Black Mountain Bull and around eight other monsters. I also mixed around five types of crystal powders inside to create a semi-transparent ointment.

"I first spread a lot of that ointment on my hair and behind my ears. The ointment melted because of the heat and flowed down, naturally making it look like I'm secreting adhesive liquid and are like a melting wax statue.

"Of course, there were some differences compared to how your master melts when he faces heat. But I believed that you wouldn't have seen him melt many times, and it would be impossible for you to have observed him at a close distance. Besides, there's a lot of fires here, and there's smoke everywhere, this would make it even harder for you, right?"

Su Lun looked like a fish brought out of water. His lips moved, but he said nothing.

"You're right about something, though. The trap with the crystal saber was child's play. It didn't suit someone who is the God of Wealth in the lair, the vice gang leader of Golden Tooth, and the No.1 traitor. So, we never thought about using this trap to expose your true colors," Meng Chao said with a grin. "But after you saw through our trap, you'd definitely feel pleased with yourself and relax. In fact, you might even feel that you're superior in terms of intellect.

"When someone is mentally relaxed, they usually are at their most vulnerable. This is something I learned when I was living in the wild.

“Since your master could pretend to be me and kill as well as commit all sorts of heinous crimes, I can naturally do the same thing and pretend to be it to set you up.

“I admit that I was gambling, but just like how I’ve blatantly told you when I first ambushed you, I no longer have any other options besides staking everything on one bet.

“Fortunately, I’m pretty lucky.

“Perhaps every noble person who has great ideals, has removed himself from low tastes, and is only passionate about contributing to their hometown has good luck.”

Each and every one of Meng Chao’s words was like a nail that stabbed into Su Lun’s coffin.

Su Lun took two steps back. He looked like he was really stuffed into an invisible coffin and could not breathe, which turned his face pale.

He cradled his chest, and his blood-red eyebrows twitched. His sharp gaze went from Meng Chao’s throat to Lu Siya’s throat.

“Do you really trust him so much?” he asked in disbelief.

If he were to be frank, Meng Chao’s tricks were not even worthy of being mentioned.

Even so, without Lu Siya’s absolute trust in him, this sort of trick would have never seen the light of day.

Su Lun had managed to figure out that Lu Siya came to save Meng Chao, but he did not expect that she would be so determined.

“Didn’t you say that you had analyzed my personality? Just like Meng Chao, I’m someone who prefers offense to defense. There’s no way I’d ignorantly cut my ties with Meng Chao and destroy my greatest investment up to date!” Lu Siya said airily. “Also, listen well, Red Brows Su Lun. I might not trust Meng Chao completely, but I sure as heck do not trust you either. If I had to find someone that I trust completely, it could only be me.

“I will only use my own eyes, ears, and brain to decide whether Meng Chao is good or evil, whether he is a criminal or an innocent, and whether he is a hero or a traitor.

“Su Lun, you’re too impatient.

“From the moment I descended, I have been watching you. Your microexpressions and your body language showed just how eager you were to kill Meng Chao.

“After Man-eating Shark Zhou Chong, Snake Eye Mo Lan, and others came to think wrongly of Meng Chao as a traitor, they wanted to kill him as quickly as possible to get rid of future troubles, but your killing intent was even stronger than that of Phantom Bear Xiong Wei. Hating evil could not explain such strong emotions.

“So, before I met with Meng Chao, I kept an eye on you. There’s a reason behind why you lost this round.”

Su Lun looked like he had been struck by lightning and swayed.

“It would have been better if I didn’t show up,” he mumbled. “If I didn’t show up, you wouldn’t have discovered any evidence, and without concrete evidence, it would have been impossible for you to prove that I’m a traitor.”

“But how could you have held back and now shown up?” Meng Chao asked. “You’re guilty. Besides, you also know that Lu Siya didn’t come here to kill me, but to save me. Then, if Lu Siya found me first instead of Xiong Wei, there was a high possibility that we would explain things to each other and resolve the misunderstanding. That’s something you could not tolerate.

“Besides, I didn’t kill innocent lair citizens, as you wanted me to. Instead, I saved quite a lot of people from monsters.

“Even though these people wouldn’t immediately believe me, once I saved enough, it’d become a problem to you in the long run.

“You couldn’t watch me scheme things with Lu Siya, either. After all, she didn’t come into the lair alone. She brought with her a large group of elite fighters from Sky Pillar Corporation. Even if she were the only one to trust me, that alone would be problematic for you.

“So, you could only enter the underground alone to personally take care of me.”

Su Lun pondered over this for a long time and found that Meng Chao was right.

It was impossible for him to have waited up there calmly like a fisherman.

“But how could you be certain that I knew that the Vortex would melt at a high temperature?” Su Lun asked through gritted teeth. “If I didn’t know about the Vortex’s secret, your careful disguise would have been the same as you flirting with a blind man. It’d be completely useless.”

“There was that possibility, and it was very great.” Meng Chao sighed. “If that was the case, I could only surrender and let Big Sis Ya do whatever she wants with me. I would trust that she wouldn’t kill me immediately or let Phantom Bear Xiong Wei do that either.

“As long as I didn’t die, I could confront you. Even if I couldn’t expose your true colors, I’d at least make everyone suspect you. At worst, I’d ask them to bind me together with you with a chain so that we’d be together when we do everything. Then, you wouldn’t be able to cause any trouble.”

Chapter 587: The Biggest Problem

Su Lun’s expression twisted into one of resignation.

It was as if he was asking himself, “How could I have been defeated by a hooligan like this?”

“Give up, Su Lun!” Meng Chao took a step forward and said loudly, “I’ve temporarily quelled the chaos in Leprosy Village and prevented the villagers from rushing out blindly. Big Sis Ya also decided to enter the lair and investigate the truth. These things mean that you’ve already lost. All your other actions are just a desperate struggle that will make you sink deeper. Or do you really want to drag the whole lair in the grave with you?”

Su Lun stared at Meng Chao.

Half a minute later, he slowly clapped and cheered for him.

“Meng Chao, as expected of the most outstanding person among the youngsters in Dragon City. It’s no wonder why Queen Bee Lu Siya is obsessed with you and listens to you.

“I swear that I didn’t underestimate you. Once I learned that you were involved in this case, I became absolutely on guard and set up more than ten traps to deal with you.

“To my surprise, you saw through all of them and ended up giving me a checkmate. I accept my defeat in your hands.”

His voice gradually turned from calm to sharp.

His presence also became completely different from earlier.

Even the shadow cast on the floor due to the light looked like it was elongating and splitting endlessly.

From a tall and thin human, it turned into a ferocious and terrifying monster.

“But I won’t surrender just like this.” Su Lun cackled. “Even if you and Lu Siya are both outstanding people of the Golden Era, you might be unable to detain me!”

The sounds of bones cracking rose, and Su Lun’s presence changed completely.

A moment ago, he was still a helpless military adviser in the lair.

But at that moment, he was like a drawn saber that had drunk more than one hundred people’s blood. A practically substantial killing intent filled the area.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya’s expressions changed.

‘This guy WAS hiding his strength!’

Meng Chao felt like he had returned to the wild and was facing a terrifying predator lurking in the swamps.

There were plenty of predators that pretended to be helpless in the forest. They disguised themselves as low-grade monsters to lure in their prey.

When their prey attacked them, they would reveal their monstrous true selves, letting the prey know that they were the actual food.

Now, Red Brows Su Lun was giving Meng Chao the feeling that he was a top-class predator in sheep skin.

Even though Su Lun was definitely not so strong that he could win against or even kill Meng Chao and Lu Siya, his astonishing vitality magnetic field guaranteed that Meng Chao and Lu Siya would have to pay a hefty price if they wanted to make him stay.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya exchanged a glance.

Their expressions became incredibly nervous and grave.

Whoosh!

Meng Chao brought his hands up. Blood Saber and the chain-bound Ghost Blade flew into his hands at the same time from the floor behind him.

Crack, crack, crack, crack!

Lu Siya whistled. The shattered stones and reinforced concrete on the floor were attracted by her spirit energy magnetic field once more. They floated in the air leisurely and formed a brand new stone dragon.

The stone throne beneath her also shattered into nine stone dragons and bared their teeth at Su Lun.

All of them looked like crossbows that had been drawn to the max and were letting out creaking sounds.

The atmosphere was so tense that it looked like it was about to rip.

A bloody battle was about to start.

At that moment, Meng Chao threw his chain saber forward, and it let out a loud clang.

When the chain crashed into itself, it created thousands of sparks and caused the hot air to explode. It attracted Su Lun's attention.

He had heard of Meng Chao's elusive chain saber before.

When the first spark appeared, he imagined more than one hundred ways the chain saber could attack him. He also calculated all the ways he could dodge and even counterattack based on each attack's trajectory.

However, just when he mobilized all of his muscles to launch a destructive attack in the direction Meng Chao might attack, a power that was ten times stronger than his, Meng Chao's, and Lu Siya's suddenly appeared behind him.

It was as if a dimensional door had silently appeared half a meter behind him.

A mudslide that weighed ten thousand tons poured down with an unstoppable momentum and rammed into his back.

Su Lun cried out in pain.

He felt as if his spine had shattered into thousands of pieces, and each of the shards turned into burning hot steel needles that pierced his nerves, flesh, and organs.

Su Lun was absolutely helpless against this surprising and peerless attack.

He was thrown forward and flew around four meters before he landed on the floor at Meng Chao's feet with his face down.

Su Lun coughed up blood.

He felt as if a great flood had broken through a dam in his throat, and he could not stop it.

All the spirit flames that he had just lit up in his cells were instantly extinguished.

A ball of rampaging spirit energy that did not belong to him ran around in his limbs and wreaked havoc in his blood vessels, nerves, and spirit meridians, causing him such great pain that he started crying. He twitched around like an ugly lobster.

With just one strike, Su Lun was reduced to his original form.

This time, he was truly helpless.

He raised his head with great difficulty and met Meng Chao's derisive and merciless gaze.

In the reflection in Meng Chao's eyes, he saw a figure that should not have been present. It should have been impossible for it to be here.

"X-Xiong Wei!" Su Lun screamed in terror.

The one who had appeared suddenly behind him and ended the battle in one blow while Meng Chao and Lu Siya diverted his attention was really the second strongest person in the lair—Phantom Bear Xiong Wei!

Only a person of Xiong Wei's caliber was able to destroy all of Su Lun's resistance.

"That's impossible..." Su Lun could not believe it. "You were clearly fighting against a lot of monsters who ate Deification Capsules. I heard your angry shouts and sensed the vitality magnetic field you released. Was that all fake?"

"That's right."

Phantom Bear Xiong Wei looked like a vengeful ghost who had crawled out from the depths of hell. Dark spirit flames surrounded him as he stared at Su Lun as if he could swallow him along with his armor without even any seasoning.

"It was all fake," Black Bone's gang leader hissed. "The person who killed Xiong Ying was right in front of me, so how could I get entangled with some monsters?"

"But that doesn't make any sense!"

Su Lun knew that this time, he really could not turn the tables anymore. His face became stark white, but he still could not understand a lot of what had happened. "S-Since when did you team up with Meng Chao and Lu Siya?"

"From the moment Meng Chao released the rat stained with Red Radiance Jade powder," Lu Siya answered for Xiong Wei. "At that time, I pretended to have noticed Meng Chao's tracks and went to chase after him with Gang Leader Xiogn. In truth, I did it to shake you off so I could talk with Gang Leader Xiong in a quiet and calm place deep in a deserted ventilation pipe."

"You..." Su Lun could not believe it. "You were certain that the traitor was me and not Xiong Wei?"

"I told you, you were too hasty. You were even more eager to kill Meng Chao than Gang Leader Xiong," Lu Siya said. "Even if I didn't mention it, you became a suspect rather than Gang Leader Xiong."

"The reason for that is simple: Saber Jin Wanhao is dead, well, not really, but his body has completely broken down. From today onwards, the lair has entered a Post-Jin Wanhao era."

“Gang Leader Xiong benefits the most from Saber Jin Wanhao’s passing. As long as news gets spread, he will become the strongest person in the lair. He will be able to crush Golden Tooth effortlessly, and Black Bone will become the strongest gang in the lair, so he will obtain a lot of benefits.

“A question then arises. With such a great future, why should he fall into decadence and become the monsters’ lapdog?”

Su Lun was speechless.

He ground his teeth for a long time before he raised his head and stared at Xiong Wei. He asked falteringly, “But... Even if Lu Siya believed that you’re not the traitor, why should you side with her and spare Meng Chao?”

“Xiong Ying was really killed by Meng Chao. A few experts examined his body, and even Lu Siya checked it. She can prove that all of Xiong Ying’s wounds and the fatal chest one were left by Meng Chao!

“Lu Siya, would you dare to say that those wounds weren’t left by Meng Chao?”

“Meng Chao, would you dare to say that you didn’t kill Xiong Ying?”

Lu Siya and Meng Chao looked at each other.

A strange light shone in their eyes.

“Indeed, I admit that all of Xiong Ying’s wounds were left by Meng Chao,” Lu Siya said calmly.

“I admit that I killed Xiong Ying too,” Meng Chao admitted to it frankly.

“You heard it! Gang Leader Xiong, he admitted to it!” Su Lun looked like he had just grabbed a lifesaving log and shouted hysterically. “Meng Chao is the one who killed your son! This is the absolute truth!”

“I know.” Xiong Wei’s expression held so much pain that it was an unbearable sight. He sucked in a deep breath and said clearly, “They’re not the only ones who examined his body. I also personally went to see it behind everyone’s backs. I touched his wounds and... even cut them open.

“Meng Chao is a rising star in the superhuman circle. I’ve naturally examined his fighting videos and am very familiar with his fighting style, including his unique Bloody Soul.

“That’s why I was certain from the start that Xiong Yin was killed by Meng Chao.”

Su Lun was absolutely confused now. “If that’s the case, why then?”

“But after I personally checked my son’s body, I discovered something that I couldn’t understand. Perhaps you can explain it to me, since you have the brightest mind in the entire lair, Vice Gang Leader Su.”

Xiong Wei stared at Su Lun. His eyes were completely bloodshot, and he spoke in a quivering voice. “A father knows his son best. Even though I loved Xiong Ying, I also knew just how strong the boy was.

“With Meng Chao’s fighting strength, he could have killed Xiong Ying with just one slash.

“Even if it was dark, or they ran into each other in a narrow space, or the battlefield was in absolute chaos, or Xiong Wei was able to perform outstandingly under the threat of death, or some other reason, Xiong Ying would still have died a horrible death in less than ten moves.

“So, Vice Gang Leader Su, tell me, why were there dozens of slashes on Xiong Ying’s body?”

Chapter 588: Phantom Bear Exits the Cage

The question stunned Su Lun for a long time.

Clearly, he had not thought of this fatal flaw when he set the trap.

He thought about it for a long time before he stuttered, “Perhaps Meng Chao was heavily injured at that time and his fighting strength had plummeted. That’s why he fought on equal grounds with Xiong Yin?”

“If it’s as you said and Meng Chao is a despicable traitor who long since joined the abnormal beasts and was absolutely unharmed during the explosion of the Deification Capsule pharmacy but only pretended to be injured to lure in and kill Bullet Xue Rui as well as almost kill Snake Eye Mo Lan, how could there be a chance for this schemer who has been lurking in the dark to be heavily injured?” Xiong Wei said coldly. “Besides, if Meng Chao were really heavily injured, his grip on the saber should have been weak.

“You should know that Bloody Soul is a heavy saber embedded with high-grade crystals. You need a lot of strength and spirit energy to keep it stable.

“If he were heavily injured, even if he was able to wield Bloody Soul, his cuts would be chaotic, and the wounds would vary in terms of depth.

“But Xiong Ying’s wounds were practically perfect in terms of angle, strength, and depth. It’s proof that the wielder had masterful control over his weapon.”

Su Lun found himself speechless.

“Meng Chao killed a Tyrant Mammoth a few days ago. Some of the parts from this Hell Beast were transferred to the black market controlled by Black Bone, and Ms. Lu’s mobile computer had a video of the fight. I slowed it down ten times and observed it carefully, and I have to admit, after training for three months in the wild, he has already far exceeded the level of a superhuman who has just entered Heaven Realm. He can now be considered a true first-class fighter,” Xiong Wei said. “Let’s recall what has happened. Based on what you said, Meng Chao first appeared at the borders of Leprosy Village to attract our attention, then set up ambushes in the underground maze before killing Rattlesnake Xiang Wei and my son.

“In other words, Xiong Ying should have been caught off guard and ambushed by Meng Chao.

“Even though I would hope that my son could create miracles, logic is telling me that my son wouldn’t even last three seconds if ambushed by a first-class fighter who managed to kill a Tyrant Mammoth by himself, much less fight for a long time against said ambusher, which would lead to so many wounds.

“Let me tell you something, even Rattlesnake Xiang Wei didn’t have so many wounds. The ambusher first used a chain saber to crush Xiang Wei’s neck, then pierced his spine, causing it to explode. The blade just pierced his chest. The ambusher killed Xiang Wei like he was slaughtering a chicken and didn’t give him a chance to struggle.

“Rattlesnake Xiang Wei is considered a veteran fighter in the lair, and he was killed in seconds. So why did my son die in such a dragged out fashion?”

Su Lun opened his mouth as if he wanted to defend himself but knew it would be in vain.

“Don’t you dare tell me that Xiong Ying was tortured before being killed,” Xiong Wei said coldly. “First, my son doesn’t have any personal grudges with Meng Chao. What reason would there be to stab Xiang Wei to death but use nearly one hundred slashes to kill my son?”

“Second, at that time, a large group of gang members were rushing over to join the fight. Meng Chao wouldn’t have had the time nor the mood to torture my son.”

Su Lun was silent for a long time before he sighed. “Then, I don’t think I can give you any reason.”

“To conclude, Xiong Ying was indeed killed by Meng Chao, but it’s impossible for Meng Chao to have required nearly one hundred slashes to kill him. This is a serious problem that I noticed once I personally examined my son’s body.” Xiong Wei gritted his teeth. “Red Brows Su Lun, you might be smart and have managed to obtain a method to get stronger quickly, like some mutation similar to using Deification Capsules, after betraying your friends, your gang, and Dragon City, but unfortunately, you can’t rely on strength alone to become a good fighter.

“Lair citizens might be inferior to the elites who learned in schools when it comes to our strength on paper, but all the people here are lucky bastards who managed to survive hundreds of battles and fought their way through mountains of corpses.

“Before we learned how to speak, we learned how to use sabers. We slaughtered our way out from the other greedy lair citizens and became gang leaders. Every one of us has more than one hundred scars.

“To you, scars are just scars. But to us, wounds are a page of a book, a picture, and a scream. Dozens of wounds can form a truth, and it’s the truth that you’ve been trying your best to hide!”

When Su Lun heard this, he was finally unable to hold back from vomiting on the floor.

“So, you’ve been suspecting me all along?” he mumbled.

“That’s right. Since even before Ms. Lu came here, I’ve been suspecting you,” Xiong Wei said. “The reason is simple: You’ve been mentioning that Xiong Ying accidentally heard you give the order to kill Meng Chao and wanted to take credit to earn respect from me. That’s why he took action to help Rattlesnake Xiang Wei.

“Hmph, you’re a smart and cautious person. If you didn’t intentionally let him do whatever he wanted and even instigated his actions, would Xiong Ying have heard you and your subordinates?”

“There were three people sent to kill Meng Chao, Xiang Wei, Xiong Ying, and Song Jinbo. They were never the best combination to begin with, but now, two of them are dead and one is missing. When a person is dead, they can’t be a witness. You can say whatever you want when it comes to how they died!

“From the moment I discovered that there was something strange about Xiong Ying’s death, I became highly suspicious of you.

“I didn’t kill those Red Crowned Speed Dragon Kings in the cage in the coliseum to vent my sadness over losing my son, but to suppress my anger. I squashed all my anger into the depths of my heart so that I wouldn’t show it on my face.

“And it was all because I knew that there was something wrong with you, but I couldn’t kill you straight away! I could only humor you and try to look for clues about your crimes!”

After saying this, Phantom Bear Xiong Wei was finally unable to control himself.

He let out a roar and swung his arms. With two loud bangs, he left behind two clear and large palm prints on the walls that were around eight meters away from him.

“Ms. Lu told me that she noticed something off about you, and I agreed to it wholeheartedly. That’s why we decided to work together.” Xiong Wei’s eyes started bleeding, which made him look as ferocious as a demon. He left behind deep footprints on the floor with each step he took as he closed in on Su Lun.

“I’m sorry for disappointing you. Even if I didn’t know whether Meng Chao was innocent or not, I wouldn’t have fought against him with everything I had or killed him the moment I saw him, because I had to ask him a crucial question: Why did you fight against my son for so long?

“But of course, now, I don’t need Meng Chao to give me the answer.

“Thank you for telling me the truth, Red Brows Su Lun. I’ve finally found the real killer and can help Xiong Ying rest in peace!”

Even Meng Chao and Lu Siya could sense the resentful killing intent from Phantom Bear Xiong Wei.

At that moment, it was as if he had really turned into his moniker and was a rampaging bear that crawled out of hell, even though he was only skin and bones as well as rage.

Meng Chao even felt as if Phantom Bear Xiong Wei’s pores had opened up like the gates of hell. Xiong Ying and countless ghosts lurking in the netherworld all charged out so that they could take revenge for themselves through him.

Meng Chao and Lu Siya shuddered.

They instinctively stuck close to each other and sensed the goosebumps on the other’s flesh.

They were only onlookers, but they were so intimidated by Phantom Bear Xiong Wei’s presence that they could not open their eyes.

As for Su Lun, he was even more terrified, because he had to face the livid Xiong Wei.

Even if his brain was moving at high speeds because he was anxiously searching for a way to survive, he had lost control over his organs and limbs, and he kept making a fool of himself.

“W-Wait! Gang Leader Xiong, listen to me! You can’t kill me! I surrender, I sur—”

His pleas for mercy were instantly drowned out by his screams.

Xiong Wei stomped on his right foot and crushed it, along with the armor that surrounded it.

Then, with a second stomp, he crushed his ankle.

After that was the lower half of his calf.

It was followed by the upper half of his calf.

Very soon, the area below Su Lun's right knee was gone.

It was as if it was devoured by a hungry ghost from hell.

Su Lun was in so much pain that he nearly fainted.

But Xiong Wei injected a wisp of spirit energy into his bloody wounds so that he would stay awake. He would not be able to die even if he wanted to, but neither would he be able to live properly.

"Don't worry, I won't let you die, at the very least, not now." Xiong Wei crouched down and smiled savagely. He drew closer to Su Lun and whispered, "You should remember how I said I wanted to deal with Meng Chao, right? Let me tell you a secret. At that time, I might have been talking about Meng Chao, but I was thinking about cutting you into pieces!"

His anger had not faded away yet. He slapped Su Lun, and half of his teeth were gone from the strength of that slap.

"S-Save me..."

Su Lun's head rolled to the side powerlessly, and he begged for mercy from Meng Chao and Lu Siya incoherently. "I surrender. You can't kill me. I can help you capture the Vortex. I know a lot of secrets about the monster civilization! I'm willing to cast aside darkness and join the light!"

Meng Chao and Lu Siya ignored him and did not move.

Then, Xiong Wei repeated his actions and crushed Su Lun's left leg into a pulp as well. Su Lun's throat was about to tear from all the screaming, and it was only then that Meng Chao went forward. "Gang Leader Xiong, that's enough."

Xiong Wei turned around and cast a cold glance at Meng Chao.

"Brat, are you ordering me around?" Black Bone's gang leader asked with a savage look. "Even though Xiong Ying fell for the enemy's scheme, you're still the one who killed him. I'm only barely restraining my urge to hit you, and it is my limit. If you ask for more, I'm going to kill you too!"

"Gang Leader Xiong, if you're really interested in sparring, I'll naturally entertain you once the storm calms down in the lair," Meng Chao said, refusing to relent. "But don't you think that the true culprit who killed your son is still walking around freely?"

"After all, I was deceived, and Su Lun was just an accomplice. The one who truly controlled Xiong Ying so that he would die by my hand is the abnormal beast, Vortex.

"You'll definitely be able to vent some of your hatred if you cut Su Lun into pieces, but if you capture the Vortex and cut it into pieces as well, won't you be able to vent even more of your hatred?"

Chapter 589: Capture All Of Them In One Go

Xiong Wei chuckled coldly before he used the tip of his toe to stab one of Su Lun's bloody wounds, and shattered bones flew everywhere.

Su Lun rolled on the floor in pain and screamed nonstop.

"Do you think he's going to tell us honestly?" Xiong Wei asked.

"I'll... say it..." Su Lun said with the last bit of his strength "As long as you spare me, I'll tell you everything! I'll even bring you to capture everyone!"

"Vice Gang Leader Su, Commander Su, God of Wealth Su, I really don't know whether to say you're smart or really stupid." Meng Chao crouched down and tapped Su Lun's swollen and hot cheek, then sighed. "You're already in this state. Do you think that you have any room to bargain with us and even talk about conditions?"

"You don't have any choice. You must tell us everything honestly; this is your only option. You must work together with us and capture the Vortex as well as its puppets. Then, you will jump on the chopping board on your own like some rotting piece of flesh and hope that we'll be merciful when we cut you up.

"This is the only thing you can do, do you understand?"

Su Lun's eyes roved about.

He looked at Meng Chao, then at the expressionless Lu Siya, and finally, at the fuming Xiong Wei.

Finally, he nodded at Meng Chao.

"There is a warehouse with materials in an incomplete building beside Mutual Gold Coliseum. A group of former Reaper Squad members are lurking there," he said quickly. "They committed unpardonable crimes over the past decade, so as death row convicts, they were sent to the Reaper Squad to carry out the most dangerous tasks in the wild.

"In the end, due to various reasons, they ended up in the hands of the monster civilization and were modified and brainwashed by abnormal beasts. They're killing machines who became new people and regained their freedom. They're also the Vortex's trump card.

"As I said, they're waiting for my signal and for flames and smoke to completely surround Mutual Gold Coliseum. The VIP room above the audience seat is filled with poisonous gas and high-density anesthetic gas. The middle and higher management members of the gangs will lose most of their fighting strength, then the former Reaper Squad members will charge in and carry out Operation Beheading to get rid of the pillars of the gangs."

Meng Chao nodded and, after a moment of contemplative silence, said, "Tell me the names of the former Reaper Squad members, their characteristics, and weaknesses. Also, have they taken Deification Capsules?"

"No. The Deification Capsules are stimulants specifically made for normal people and low-grade monsters. The lower their fighting strength, the greater the increase of strength. The former Reaper Squad members consist mostly of two- and three-star superhumans. Quite a few of them have reached Heaven Realm. The Deification Capsules are no longer effective on them."

Su Lun paused for a moment. "But there are a few batches of robbers who have a lot of Deification Capsules on them. They're hiding all around the lair. They're also the ones who committed hundreds of robberies outside over the past few days.

"They took in large quantities of Deification Capsules for a few days, so even if they didn't die by some stroke of luck, their vitality has already been pretty much drained. Their bodies are full of injuries, and they're already useless.

"In our plan, they're mainly going to be used as trash to attract attention.

"There are gang fighters experienced in battle in the coliseum, and they might interfere with the Operation Beheading.

"In our script, we'll instigate the robbers to launch suicidal attacks at the important areas. Since their heads have already been corroded by the Deification Capsules and they're already a little mad, they won't refuse. We might also send them to warehouses full of inflammable and explosive materials to light them on fire. The greater the ruckus they cause, the better.

"Because of it, I will have a reason to send the last remaining elites in the coliseum out, now that I have the highest commanding power. This would form a window of opportunity since there will be an extreme lack of fighting power for at least half an hour in the coliseum.

"Half an hour is enough for the human killing machines to complete Operation Beheading."

"Tell me the specifics of where those people are hiding, their targets, and your code to meet up," Meng Chao said. "Also, you mentioned that you have subordinates around Leprosy Village?"

"That's right. I bribed some people. They're not just from Golden Tooth, but from all the gangs, and I sent them to be stationed outside Leprosy Village."

Su Lun had already understood the situation and knew that there was no meaning to hiding anything, so he spilled the beans willingly. "Their task is to fan the flames in the conflict between the villagers and gang members, such as using gunfire to increase the intensity of the problem. They're to do their best to make the conflict so bad that it'll turn into a full-on fight. Because of that, the enraged villagers would charge out and destroy the order in the lair."

"There were actually people who willingly fell into decadence and became the monsters' puppets in the gangs?" Meng Chao could not believe it.

"These people don't know that they're doing things for the monster civilization. Most do not even know that they're doing it for me," Su Lun said. "Most probably think they're only doing this for money and resources."

"For... money?" Meng Chao mumbled.

"99% of the people in the world do things for money." Even though Su Lun was in such great pain that he wanted to die, when he heard Meng Chao, he smiled, though it looked more like a grimace. "It's especially the case in the lair. A middle-grade crystal the size of a fist is enough to buy a person or multiple people's lives, even if it's full of impurities and bubbles. As long as I offer a high price, no one will ask who the master behind the crystal is and won't question the goal behind what I ask."

“Enough with the nonsense.” Meng Chao reached out and grabbed Su Lun’s jaw. With a bit of strength, cracking came from Su Lun’s jaw.

Half of Su Lun’s teeth had been knocked out by Xiong Wei. The nerves under the broken teeth were exposed to the air, and when Meng Chao pressed down on them, Su Lun started spasming in pain again.

“Now, take us to the place where the robbers, traitors, and former Reaper Squad members are,” Meng Chao ordered coldly.

“I-I can take you there, but I don’t think you’re strong enough to handle them.” Su Lun grunted. “The robbers and traitors are easy targets, but those former Reaper Squad members have died once or even multiple times. They’re ferocious ghosts who crawled out of hell and have direct contact with the Vortex. They aren’t completely under my command.

“They’re wary and have a lot of experience in fighting, surviving, and fleeing from complicated situations. Second-class fighters from the gangs and you might be unable to capture them in one go.”

“You don’t have to worry about that.” Lu Siya moved forward, and an unfathomable smile appeared on her lips. “Did you really think that I was the only one who entered the lair?”

Fifteen minutes later, more than ten people lay in a smelly room on the second basement level of a large building that was as complicated as a hive, as cramped as an ant’s nest, and as dirty as a pig’s pen. It was surrounded by illegal buildings and situated next to a large waste sorting and recycling factory.

Even though the group wore hooded cloaks of the lair citizens, the thick smell of blood spreading out from their pores was something not even the thick cloaks could cover.

The skin that was exposed was an abnormal shade of white, and it looked even more hideous than that of a zombie.

Thick but messy blood vessels encased muscles that twitched nonstop, showing that these people were in a state of excitement and exhaustion. It was a paradoxical look.

Under the hoods were twisted faces due to them draining their lives too much to release their desires.

Their eyes were bulging out of their sockets, and the spark of humanity in them had been replaced by a fierce, animalistic glint.

The people were clearly awake, but they were exhausted. They could not even move their fingers.

All of them held metal tubes that contained Deification Capsules next to their chests. Sometimes, they licked their lips and cast hungry eyes at the metal tubes.

It was as if the only meaning left in whatever little remained of their lives was to eat the Deification Capsules and charge out to fight fearlessly.

“How long do we have to wait before we can take action again?” One of the robbers could not tolerate it anymore. He reached for the metal tube with a quivering hand. “I want power. I want to enjoy that damn strength. I want to punch through walls, flip over an armored vehicle, and tear apart motorized armor! That feeling is amazing!”

“Wait. The boss has his own arrangements. We can’t interfere with the big plan!”

A man who seemed like the leader of the robbers kicked him, causing the metal tube in his hands to roll away.

The robber leader gulped and gasped as he said, “It’ll be soon. The fire outside is already very large. Once the gangs’ forces spread out even more, we’ll rush out and light up the junkyard beside us.

“This junkyard is full of inflammable and explosive items as well as thick miasma. If we blast it into the air, everything within a circular area of a few kilometers will be in chaos. At that time, we’ll welcome our world!”

“At that time, we’ll empty the warehouses of the gangs!” Another robber who looked as thin as a skeleton started cackling. “Then, we’ll use the resources from the gangs to create more Deification Capsules and continue killing, stealing, and having fun!”

When they remembered the endless joy that made them feel as if they were on cloud nine, all the robbers laughed savagely.

“I think it’s past the allocated time. Why isn’t the signal here yet?” one robber asked in slight worry. “Did something happen?”

“Shut up. Nothing will go wrong with the boss.” The robber leader kicked the person and spoke confidently, though he was also lying to himself. “Without the boss’ planning, we’d still be nameless nobodies in the slums, and everyone could step all over us!

“But under the boss’ instructions, we stole from a lot of big companies and industries, and even the secret police couldn’t do anything to us!

“Compared to the mega corporations and secret police, the gangs are nothing. The boss has definitely arranged everything a long time ago!”

The robbers started cackling again.

Since they were immersed in the feeling of the upcoming robbery and murder, the overly excited robbers did not notice a colorless and scentless, high-density anesthetic gas seeping into their room through the cracks in the window and the door and the ventilation pipes.

Chapter 590: Evil Will Be Judged by Evil

When a number of people felt as if their world was spinning and the metal tubes containing the Deification Capsules fell on the floor but they did not have the strength to pick them up, the inexperienced robbers finally realized that the situation was off.

But at that moment, the rooms behind the walls to their sides and the corridor outside filled with sounds of motorized armor being activated and various metal pieces hitting each other. There was also the sound of special bullets being loaded.

Three minutes ago, all the lair citizens around the room with robbers were evacuated.

A group of armored and armed fighters from Black Bone surrounded the place.

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

Before the robbers could grab their weapons and guns, more than ten heavy firepower motorized armor fired at the same time. They did not give them the chance to eat Deification Capsules and awaken to supernatural abilities.

The dense lines of fire were like the God of Death's scythe. They easily penetrated the walls, ceiling, and floor. From six directions, they formed a 3D map of bullets, and in just a second, a lot of the unlucky robbers were torn to shreds.

The remaining robbers did not have any strength to fight back.

They were normal people to begin with. Their nerves and muscles had also been severely damaged by the side effects of the Deification Capsules. Without taking in any medicine, their reaction speed could not compare to even that of a high school student.

In the face of the fierce gang members, the robbers instantly showed how weak they really were. They either lay dumbfounded or started screaming. Very soon, they were hit, shot through, and torn to shreds.

Based on what Su Lun said, they were just sacrifices that were going to be used as trash. They did not know any important information, so there was no meaning in letting them remain alive.

The gang members were not secret police. They did not show any mercy when they were in a situation where they had to act fast to get rid of trouble.

In just half a minute, the robbers who were daydreaming of glory were reduced to piles of steaming flesh.

At that moment, the gang members in motorized armor knocked down the damaged walls and entered the room. They swung sabers that looked like maces and weighed dozens of kilograms to get rid of the final problems.

Similar things happened in the other ten or so hiding places of the robbers at the borders of the lair.

In less than ten minutes, the robbers who had committed heinous crimes and whose hands were stained with blood a few days ago were all killed.

Evil will be judged by evil. This was the only phrase that could be used to describe their miserable deaths.

The people in the squads stationed outside Leprosy Village with orders to fend against any abnormal activity in the village were sent to new special squads to carry out a new order, which was to capture Meng Chao.

The order was signed by Red Brows Su Lun, and there were red seals from each one's gang on the paper.

There were also a few invisible holes at the corner of the paper, which was a communication code only they and Su Lun knew.

These people did not suspect anything and joined the new squads which headed underground to the place where Meng Chao was said to be hiding.

However, when they followed their squad mates into a dark place that was completely silent, they found that their “squad mates” had discreetly set up fighting formations and surrounded them.

Derisive and hate-filled gazes pierced their souls like nails of a coffin. They instantly understood everything and knew that the orders for their execution had been given.

Meanwhile, the former Reaper Squad members hiding behind a pile of construction materials in a construction ground not far away from Mutual Gold Coliseum heard faint tremors above them.

This was the sound of grenades exploding.

The monsters locked in Mutual Gold Coliseum had gone completely out of control, so to kill these creatures that had taken in Deification Capsules and increased in fighting strength by leaps and bounds, they had no other choice but to use grenades.

However, based on the number and type of crystals in the grenades, the explosive sound and spirit energy fluctuation rate from each type of grenade was different.

It was just like how there were no two sets of fingerprints that were exactly the same. It was also impossible for grenades to have the exact same explosive sound and spirit energy fluctuation rate.

If the grenades were modified and had some rare crystal powder and rare metal shrapnels mixed in them, the explosive sound and spirit energy fluctuation rate would be distinct and unique.

The sound waves and spirit energy fluctuation rates could travel incredible distances through the ventilation pipes.

If someone detonated a grenade with unique raw materials in a certain location under Mutual Gold Coliseum, the former Reaper Squad members who were lurking in the construction material warehouse would immediately hear it.

Right then, the lair was still suffering from severe spirit energy magnetic field interference, so the communication channels and tactical data link network were still a mess. The gangs, abnormal beast, and the outside world could not effectively send messages.

Hence, Su Lun and the former Reaper Squad members had agreed upon this operation signal.

“Three processed grenades have been detonated. The time span between the first two grenades is one second, and the time span between the second and third grenade is three seconds. The signal is correct. The world above is already in chaos and the gangs are suffering from a severe lack of fighting power. The gang leaders have also sucked in a lot of poison and anesthetic gas. They’re completely paralyzed now.”

A man with intersecting scars on his face that made it look like his face was made of bumpy, torn flesh sewn together moved his ear away from the wall of the ventilation pipe and smiled savagely. “Now, it’s up to us!”

The former Reaper Squad members moved like real reapers who had turned into phantoms. They snuck into the darkness, and through the ventilation pipe, they reached the depths of the coliseum.

The place was full of smoke and flames.

Noisy shouts and pained screams came from a distance.

The former Reaper Squad members wore the motorized armor and fighting suits with the gangs' emblems on them. Su Lun had gotten the equipment for them.

No one noticed their presence, and no one tried to stop them.

Based on the path that they had agreed upon earlier, they went straight up, and soon, they reached the VIP area meant for the audience.

This place was filled with thick smoke, and they could not see a thing.

The former Reaper Squad members were not robbers who just joined the world of superhumans. They were calm and professional, so they could compare to the most elite special forces in the Red Dragon Army.

They were on guard as they searched, hid themselves, and located their targets. After a series of dazzling tactical maneuvers, they found the VIP room where the gang leaders were.

The leader with the deformed face shut his eyes and increased his senses to the max so that he could scan the inside of the VIP room inch by inch.

'We're at the right place.' He gave a signal to his comrades. 'There are thirteen people inside. Their breathing, heartbeats, and vitality magnetic fields are really weak. They should be badly poisoned and in a coma. Be prepared. We'll charge in three seconds!'

Hungry glints rose in the former Reaper Squad members' eyes.

They could not wait to hear the gang leaders gurgling in pain after they cut their throats with their weapons.

Three, two, one...

The leader with the deformed face suddenly shuddered, and his pupils shrank to the size of needles.

'Wait, something's not right.'

The breathing and heartbeats of the people inside were indeed very weak, but they were too stable and rhythmic.

Based on what they agreed upon earlier, Su Lun would inject a nerve agent made of dozens of superbeast poisons into the ventilation pipe of the VIP room to heavily damage the gang leaders' cerebral cortex and central nervous systems.

After they were poisoned, their heartbeats would become really weak and chaotic.

They should not be like what he heard now. They were as balanced and stable as that of a person in deep sleep.

"No, we've fallen into a trap!"

The leader used the last second to clamp down his raised fist.

All the former Reaper Squad members behind him had already brought out their weapons like monsters who broke out of a cage, but within half a second, they quietly stopped all their movements.

Unfortunately for them, from the moment they left the construction material warehouse, they were already targeted. The positions of the hunter and the prey had already changed.

Boom!

Phantom Bear Xiong Wei had been pretending to be unconscious and waiting for them in the VIP room when he realized that the former Reaper Squad members did not charge in directly to their deaths, so he decided to let out a fierce roar. He pushed forward with both palms, and like a volcano eruption, he blasted the door open to attack the leader's face and chest.

The leader of the Reaper Squad had a scarred face, which made him really ugly, and at that moment, his expression turned even more hideous.

But even if his face became ten times more hideous, it would not scare Xiong Wei in the slightest.

The leader could only let out a similarly crazed roar and punch forward with both hands.

Boom!

When the fists and palms met, sparks and light that looked like cannonballs crashing into each other appeared.

Xiong Wei took three steps back, and a mouthful of blood surged up his throat.

He cackled and swallowed the hot blood.

Meanwhile, the leader of the Reaper Squad took seven steps back. The force enhancer system on his arms and back let out crackling sparks, and he nearly fell on the floor.

While he fought against Phantom Bear Xiong Wei, the fixed direction anti-monster mines that were set on the top of the walls by the side of the corridor and behind the ceiling all detonated.

The seemingly sturdy and thick reinforced concrete had long since been emptied from behind. The walls that faced the former Reaper Squad members were really just a thin layer.

The anti-monster mines behind the walls were stuffed with destructive shrapnel that had really sharp edges.

Quite a number of them were also mixed with monster bone powder and crystal powder when they were being created. Aside from being able to instantly tear apart a monster's sturdiest shell and skin, they could also penetrate deeply into the monster's body and interfere with their vitality magnetic field.

Of course, it was the same case when they were applied to humans.

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

Dozens of anti-monster grenades exploded in all directions at the same time.

More than ten former Reaper Squad members were caught off guard. They were instantly engulfed in shockwaves, flames, destructive power, and a wave of crystal powder that interfered with their vitality magnetic fields.

Even if they had motorized armor and spirit energy magnetic fields protecting them, they could not fend against the destructive shrapnel that came charging at their heads and even their groins. The shrapnel continued to spin at high speeds and letting out sharp shrieks.

Their motorized armor instantly turned into scrap metal that was full of holes.

Even though they were not fatally wounded, dozens of destructive shrapnel had still penetrated deep into their bodies.

Quite a number of them had shrapnel stuck in their joints or even threatening their main arteries and severely affecting their spirit energy circulation as well as stopping them from releasing their fighting strength in one explosive move.