

## **R. Paradise 411**

Chapter 411: Being at wit's end

Olivier's fingers lightly tapped the table before she asked: "So this kind of Philosopher's Stone, how many sacrifices are needed to make one?"

Edward thought for a bit, then said: "Probably ten people or more."

"So many?"

"Right, this is just an estimate. I have studied Philosopher's Stone thoroughly, and I can make a guess."

Olivier asked again: "If it was as big as an egg?"

"What?"

Edward looked at Olivier in fright.

"Don't be surprised. I saw one that big two days ago."

Knowing the origin of the Philosopher's Stone, Olivier started feeling the weight of this red stone in her hand.

"I can't imagine how many people died for one that big. Who has such a big Philosopher's Stone?"

"..."

Olivier didn't say it was Su Xiao, and she had a feeling that the Explosive Flame Alchemist did really come to form an alliance with her.

And if they had to fight Central City's Force, then an Alchemist Master is needed, the same way this Fullmetal Alchemist is important.

"I understand. Why did you come here?"

Olivier asked.

"We are here because...."

The Elric brother told Olivier their purpose in coming here, looking for a little girl to consult her about Alkahestry.

In front of the Dwarf In the Flask, Alchemy technique would become useless, they also talked about how their father, Hohenheim, or someone with his appearance is the chef behind the Homunculi, and the latter calls him father.

"So that how it is."

Olivier looked at the picture of the girl as she said.

"We want to find her."

As Olivier and the Elric brothers were talking, a soldier barged in: “Major General, something bad is happening.”

“What’s the matter, don’t be so flustered.”

“It’s... In the underground, a monster suddenly jumped out into the underlayer base.”

“Monster?”

“Yes, a monster.”

Olivier frowned.

“What’s its position.”

“Near the weapon warehouse.”

As soon as the Soldier finished speaking, Olivier stood up hurriedly. The weapon warehouse is the basis of their strength. Losing the weapon would make them vulnerable.

The Elric brothers followed behind Olivier.

“You two, stay here.”

Olivier ran directly after saying this, and she wasn’t sure whether Edward and Alphonse were enemies or allies.

“We can help. Don’t forget that we are Alchemist Masters. If the fort is in trouble, we can’t sit down and do nothing.”

Edward said with a smile.

“When we are there, follow orders, don’t move on your own. If you do anything, you’re dead.”

“Don’t worry, and we won’t.”

Olivier nodded.

The group quickly rushed to the mess underground.

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The weapon warehouse wasn’t just for stocking weapons, but it also held the laboratory, which develops weapons and tests them.

As soon as they entered, they saw a tall figure with a body full of the muscle being besieged.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The soldiers fire at him, but the bullets couldn’t pierce his skin.

“It hurts, so troublesome.”

The big man said slowly as if he was lazy.

“It’s so big in here.”

The robust man had one eye, and on the other side, he had a red stone and looking at him, anyone can tell that he wasn’t a normal human.

The Elric brothers looked at him and saw a circle on his shoulder with a snake inside.

“This is... A Homunculus.”

Edward recognized the giant and felt anxious. They came here to look for a way to deal with them, and since they are here, it means that their plan was discovered.

“We are here to find a way to restore my brother’s body.”

Edward’s words were like whispers. He was threatened by the Homunculus and feared that if they made a wrong move, the life of his friend would be in danger.

“Who are you?”

This big man was Sloth.

Sloth was different from the other Homunculi. His IQ was low, and he was dull by nature. His dream is to sleep all the time.

“I must dig a hole... To cause trouble.”

Sloth moved to the side, and every time he took a step, the ground cracked by his weight.

“Make way!”

A female shout bellowed as Olivier was inside a tank with only half her body out.

“Get ready!”

The muzzle of the tank pointed at Sloth.

“Open fire!”

Bang!

Olivier wasn’t interested in Sloth’s words since he dared come here. She won’t listen to his explanation.

A shell directly hit Sloth in the face and exploded.

The flame and smoke filled the place as the soldiers relaxed since the enemy was dealt with.

As the smoke dispersed, Sloth appeared with a slight injury on his cheek while the red stone in his eyes was shining with electricity.

“How is this possible?!”

The morale of the Soldier suffered a heavy blow as they faced this monster.

Olivier was shocked for a second before she shouted: “Stop watching and continue firing.”

After ten seconds, another shell was fired at Sloth.

Before the dark red shell hits Sloth's abdomen, he swatted it away like a fly.

"It hurts, hurting is troublesome, I must work."

Sloth ignored the shell as he was too lazy to fight or talk.

Boom! Boom!

Shell started flying at him one after the other, but Sloth wasn't affected.

Instead, he lifted a metal pipe and hit the tank, directly damaging it. The soldiers inside the tank were squashed, and the other tanks immediately backed away.

"Don't stop firing."

Olivier was a little helpless. She was dealing with something so inhuman for the first time and didn't know what to do.

"Olivier, we are allies. How can you not inform me when there is trouble here."

Olivier raised her head and saw Su Xiao sitting on the rail in a high place, with a smile on his face. He held a cigarette in his hand, and his dog followed behind him.

"Can you deal with this monster?"

Olivier narrowed her eyes as she knew that the Explosive Flame Alchemist wasn't simple.

"I already killed a few of them. That's why they wanted to arrest me."

Su Xiao jumped down directly.

Chapter 412: Speed

Everyone's attention was on Su Xiao, but he didn't pay any attention to them as he stared at Sloth.

Although Sloth appeared to be dull, his speed was the highest among the others.

Homunculi received an ultimate skill when they were created, Greed received the ultimate shield, Gluttony had a mouth that can devour anything, and Envy can enlarge himself.

Su Xiao didn't do much in this world other than killing Homunculi, so he knew them pretty well.

Other contractors wanted to kill them as well, but they weren't as fast as Su Xiao.

As he fell down, Su Xiao took off his coat directly.

At this time, Su Xiao was wearing metal rings around his arms that he bought from The Reincarnation Paradise. They were training weights to help him build his strength.

Because he didn't think that he will be fighting so soon, he wore them to control his power and accurately swing his sword.

"Bob, help me distract him for ten seconds."

Kacha, Kacha, Su Xiao started removing the metal rings around his arm.

"Wuff!"

Bob rushed toward Sloth, although it didn't participate in fights often, he always fought with Su Xiao and could hold aggro for a few seconds.

Bob started circling around Sloth, who looked at Bob in confusion.

“Wuff wuff! (Come on, Grandson)!”

Kacha, Kacha...

The metal rings around Su Xiao's arms were heavy, and when they fell on the ground, they made a muffled sound.

Su Xiao moved his arms and felt quite good after taking the weight.

Suddenly, Dragon Flash appeared in his hand, and he charged it with Azure Steel Shadow to the maximum.

“Isn't this fellow known as the Explosive Flame Alchemist? He won't use his bomb but fight head-on with that monster. Is he courting death?”

Olivier was puzzled, but she quickly noticed Su Xiao's steps and posture were more profound than her own.

“Must work, can't sleep, this is troublesome.”

Sloth didn't have any intention to fight, and his goal was just digging a hole.

“Sloth.”

Hearing Su Xiao's words, Sloth looked at him.

“You recognize me?”

“Of course I do.”

Human... You smell Envy and Gluttony's blood, and you're an enemy. I will get revenge.”

Although Sloth was talking slowly, his senses weren't bad as he immediately discovered that Su Xiao killed Envy and Gluttony.

“Brother Envy must avenge him.”

Sloth's muscles tightened as he moved toward Su Xiao slowly.

Su Xiao walked toward Sloth head-on. In a one vs. one situation, there is no chance of winning against a Homunculus, except for someone strong.

As the distance was getting close, Edward Frowned.

“Hey, that guy is immortal, even if you injure him....”

A sharp blade flashed, leaving a blue arc in the air.

Puchi!

Blood gushed out and flew in the air.

“Huh?”

Su Xiao looked at Edward, who couldn't say anything after that.

“How is this possible.... What's with that speed.”

Su Xiao's move shocked everyone there. That guy could even stop tank shells, but he was cut so easily now.

With the Penetration skill and Dragon Flash's Penetration, any armors were just ornaments for Su Xiao.

Sloth looked at his arm. He had a chance to evade but hesitated as he thought it was too troublesome to avoid.

Each Homunculi had a flow, somewhere serious, and Sloth's flow was fatal.

His sturdy arm that fell on the ground turned into ashes as a new one started growing on his body. His regeneration was neither fast, not slow.

“Should you be so serious? Being serious is troublesome, but I have to avenge brother Envy and dig a hole, so troublesome.”

Sloth's momentum changed as the red light flashed in his eyes.

Su Xiao's threat slowed down if Sloth's threat was 5% previously, not its 50%.

“Major General, what shall we do?”

Olivier's men asked.

“Don't worry, let's take a look for now.”

As the battle continued, Su Xiao didn't rush to attack again. Instead, he was ready to avoid at any second.

Suddenly, the Ground under Sloth's legs cracked.

Boom!

Sloth shot out like a cannonball, turning into an after image in everyone's vision.

Su Xiao instantly moved sideways and was hit by the wind pressure as Sloth passed by. He narrowed his eyes as blood stained his arm.

Fast, too fast!

Although Sloth was huge, he was the quickest, even though he represented laziness.

Sloth had only one move, and that is to hit his enemy with full speed.

Boom!

Sloth hit a wall behind Su Xiao, and the steal wall was dented.

Sloth turned around as red light flashed from his eye.

“How can we cope with such a monster.”

Edward wanted to help Su Xiao even though he wasn't his ally, but this monster was too much.

“Big Brother, do we help?”

“We must help.”

But how? I can't see that fellow when he moves.”

Alphonse's words made Edward speechless. He knew that if he joined the fight, he would be a hindrance.

Su Xiao used the metal wire from his armguard and laid out a trap for Sloth, and the Azure light was flashing on the wire.

Sloth recovered and looked at Su Xiao.

Suddenly he moved toward Su Xiao, but he didn't manage to hit him. Instead, he hit the metal wire.

The metal wire couldn't cut through Sloth's hard skin and could snap at any moment.

Su Xiao directly charged the metal wire even more with the Azure Steal Shadow to make it sharper.

Sloth rushed again, and this time, his body was cut several times.

If sloth was normal, then he would've lost his ability to attack after being cut, but it wasn't the case.

His tattered body flew toward Su Xiao quickly.

It was too late to avoid, Su Xiao directly enacted the protective shield around him.

As soon as the shield appeared, Sloth's head slammed into the shield.

With a snap, the shield broke, and his head continued toward Su Xiao, but Dragon Flash was faster.

Puchi!

Sloth's head was cut in half, and each fell to one side.

Pieces of cloth were scattered around Su Xiao as blood filled the ground.

“Did he kill it? That guy is also a monster. No, he is even stronger than a monster.”

Olivier's face wasn't good. She actually let such a person stay in the fortress for a few days and with only ten soldiers to watch him.

Sloth wouldn't die easily, but he wasn't that far from it now. With this kind of injury, Sloth can't recover quickly, and even if he did, he wouldn't be able to recover much more.

Su Xiao swung his sword to the side to clean the blood then looked at Sloth's body scattered on the ground.

Chapter 413: Speed And Strength

Red electric light flashed, and the majority of the separated limbs turned to ashes. On the torso didn't turn to ash.

“Can he even regenerate from this kind of wound?”

Olivier's eyes opened widely as she couldn't believe the scene in front of her. In the end, Olivier wasn't an ordinary woman and accepted the facts in front of her quickly.

The surrounding soldiers withdrew as the fight was between two monsters, and they didn't want to meddle with it.

After ten seconds, Sloth's body regenerated fully.

“Fights are troublesome. Sleep is good.”

Although Sloth was in combat mode, his mouth still uttered such nonsense.

Su Xiao's body bent down as he stepped on the ground heavily, ready to flash toward Sloth.

Unlike Sloth, who charged forward without a plan, Su Xiao maintained a level head and dealt with every problem using his sword.

Su Xiao appeared before Sloth, as he didn't give him to attack.

Dragon flash slid in the air in a blue arc and fell on Sloth.

Push!

With no resistance, Sloth's arm flew up.

Sloth snorted. His pain endurance was muscular. Even though the Azure Steel Shadow burned his energy, and it should've been very painful, he didn't react much.

After Su Xiao's attack, Sloth directly counterattacked and punched Su Xiao. The punch was too fast that it even broke the sound barrier.

Su Xiao only saw this happen when he fired a shot from the Spider Queen.

He mustn't let that punch touch him, he was the crazy healer, and this punch would cripple even the latter.

But even so, Su Xiao couldn't react and avoid this punch normally.

“Soru!”

Su Xiao instantly used Soru and retreated quickly.

Most people didn't speculate using Soru to back away, but it can be used, and it was only slightly slower than moving forward.

Boom!

Su Xiao was hit on the chest and flew toward the steel wall.

“This is bad.”



Although Edward didn't agree with Su Xiao's way of acting, they had a common enemy now, and Su Xiao's defeat worried him.

In the original Show, Olivier's defeated Sloth using the cold climate of the north, but even then, Sloth wasn't using his full power.

To be precise, even in his final battle, Sloth was too lazy to use his full power.

But now it's different, Sloth wanted revenge, and his laziness was suppressed by anger.

“Ready to open fire....”

Olivier was about to give orders, but Su Xiao stood up, which made her startled. She first thought that Su Xiao was a Homunculus as well. But a few seconds later, she dispelled this thought as she now knew how resilient Homunculi were.

“Bah!”

Su Xiao spat a mouthful of blood and shook his head, feeling dizzy.

His Hp fell to 27% even though he didn't receive the full impact.

His opponent didn't just possess speed, but strength as well.

He took out a bottle of Intermediate Alchemy Potion and drank it along with a bottle of wine.

[Rum]

Quality: Blue

Type: Consumable

Effect: After drinking this Rum, movement speed increase by 15%, pain resistance increases by 60%, strength increases by 3, Agility increases by 3, and Stamina increases by 3.

Rate: 60

Description: Never Provoke a drunk.

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After drinking a few mouthfuls, a warm feeling appeared in Su Xiao's abdomen, and the pain on his chest disappeared, and the wounds he had were no longer painful.

“I was careless.”

Su Xiao blamed himself a little. Since entering this world, everything was going smoothly, which made him look down on the Homunculi.

‘Battle Lessons (Painful Articles): Never underestimate an enemy just because of temporary success.’

Su Xiao smiled, he learned his lesson and didn't lose his life, and whatever doesn't kill you will make you stronger.

His eyes were clear as his Hp recovered above 90%. Of course, the Intermediate Potion didn't have such an amazing effect, and it was Bob who is healing from the background.

Skill 3: Loyal Protector (Active): Consume 50% Mana, restore 60% Hp in three seconds, cooldown 24 hours.

Bob wasn't just watching the show, and he was always ready to help Su Xiao at any moment.

Su Xiao rushed toward Sloth once again.

Su Xiao wouldn't make the same mistake twice. He quickly turned to the side and dodged Sloth's charging path.

With Dragon Flash to his waist, Su Xiao swung his sword and cut Sloth in two.

The two parts of Sloth slammed on the wall hard.

Before Sloth could recover, Su Xiao once again attacked. He moved his sword quickly that it formed a blue net that chopped Sloth to bits.

Sloth quickly regenerated. Su Xiao already figured out the formers fighting style and gradually gained the upper hand.

Once again, Sloth charged at Su Xiao, who was prepared, and once again cut him down.

Although Su Xiao was badly beaten before, he still managed to take control of the battle.

The number of times he killed Sloth increased one by one...

Ten minutes later, Su Xiao was breathing hard, not because of exhaustion, but because of his injuries.

Sloth was on the ground panting as his Philosopher's Stone was about to run out of energy.

Su Xiao swung his sword for the final time on Sloth.

"Death... So troublesome, I really want to sleep."

The Philosopher's Stone on Sloth's body shattered, and his body gradually turned to ashes.

[You killed Sloth.]

[Sloth was a key character in the plot, you gained 5.7% World's Origin. You currently have 28.3% World's Origin.]

[You're special Talent activated, you Mana increase by 15 permanently, you currently have 974 Max Mp.]

[Achievement Quest: Conviction (5/7)]

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Although he already killed Sloth, Su Xiao still took out a bottle of Alchemy potion and drank it.

'This thing can't be used continuously, or its effect will be reduced. If I drink more than three bottles one after the other, it will become ineffective. I need of few days to be able to drink it again. A bottle in ten minutes should be right.'

The surrounding people weren't credible, and Su Xiao won't leave his safety in others' hands.

Chapter 414: Flames Of War

Su Xiao picked up the Treasure Chest, which no one saw.

Su Xiao didn't care about everyone but Olivier as he looked at her.

“This is a Homunculus. Like you said, seeing is believing.”

Su Xiao didn't have to explain anything anymore since she saw how Sloth recovered his lost limbs many times.

“We will cooperate.”

Before, Olivier was hesitating because she wasn't sure of the information, but now, everything was clear.

Now they were allies against the Dwarf In The Flask.

However, Su Xiao was still cautious of any contractor, in fear of ruining everything.

Olivier didn't want Su Xiao against her; she saw how strong he was and didn't know anyone that strong.

But such a muscular fellow said that the Dwarf in the Flask was strong, so how strong was that?

Successfully allying with Olivier advanced the plan by a large leap.

Su Xiao's Quest was capturing the power of God (fake) that the Dwarf in the Flask was using, rather than defeating him.

If it was just defeating him, Su Xiao could've done it by sneaking in and getting him there. Even though the Dwarf in the Flask was strong, Su Xiao was confident in taking him down. The current Dwarf in the Flask didn't obtain that power of God (fake) yet, and he would obtain it later.

The Quest gave him a headache because he needed to defeat the Dwarf in the Flask after the nationwide transmutation circle was activated.

And here is the problem, after activating the transmutation circle, the Dwarf in the Flask would become extremely powerful. He could even say it was exaggerated.

Su Xiao's goal from the start was to hunt the Homunculi, not to just gain the World's Origin and Treasure Chest, but also to speed up the activation of the Transmutation Circle.

Since five of the seven Homunculi are dead, the Dwarf in The Flask who can't leave the underground base would surely feel something wrong.

The remaining Homunculi were important, one was monitoring Central City, which is pride, and the other was the commander King Bradley, or Wrath.

Those two can't leave Central City, which will make the arrangement stagnate.

And with Sloth now dead, the Dwarf in The Flask had two options, one was to wait patiently, and the other was to activate the Transmutation Circle forcefully.

Su Xiao was hoping for the second option. Since the Transmutation circle wasn't complete, the Dwarf in the Flask would obtain the Power of God (fake) with the equivalent exchange law, but he wouldn't be as strong as he originally would be.

He needed to make sure the Dwarf in the Flask wasn't too strong and still could activate the circle. That's why this mission burned quite a few brain cells for Su Xiao.

They now had two strong armies, one was under Mustang, and the other was under Olivier.

But can those two armies face the full army of Amestris? The answer is an absolute no.

But there is a big flaw in the Dwarf in the Flask's plan, which is keeping secrets from humans and believing that humans were below him.

Only the Homunculi knew of his plan, and even though King Bradley (Wrath) is the Chief Executive of Amestris, he can't expose himself, and with the status of the Homunculi made public, the army would unite against them.

When Amestris constantly expanded, civil wars occurred unceasingly, with regional officers greatly discontent with King Bradley. If he didn't have the Dwarf in the Flask's support, he wouldn't have made it to his position.

It's not that he was incompetent, but it was the Dwarf in Flask's plan, which is anti-human.

Although Amestris wasn't a great nation, it was considered a country, and such a country that continued to expand over so much time suddenly stopped, and civil wars started. Couldn't someone discover such an anomaly?

The Dwarf In The Flask didn't pay attention to any of this, as he didn't want to govern the country but use it.

To sum it up, the Dwarf in the Flask looked down on humans too much, but he forgot who created him in the first place.

Su Xiao's plan was simple, reduce the Dwarf in the Flask's trusted subordinates, unite allies, make the entire country rebel, forcing the Dwarf to Activate the Transmutation Circle early.

Two-thirds of his plan is done, just one-third to go.

What Mustang wants is the position of King Bradley, what Olivier wants is to preserve the north, and both were in conflict with the Dwarf in The Flask.

The Flames of war will soon ignite, and it won't fall on Su Xiao's shoulders but on the Homunculi. Su Xiao only provided a small spark.

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In the fortress, one day passed since Su Xiao killed Sloth, and his injury somewhat recovered.

In a conference room, Su Xiao sat before a round table, and Olivier sat on the other end with an old-style telephone in hand.

"I really didn't think you'd be able to convince her."

Mustang said over the phone.

“What is the attitude of the other Generals?”

Olivier asked.

“What kind of attitude can they have. Although they knew that King Bradley is a Homunculus and knew about the Dwarf in the Flask, they are just sitting around and enjoying their lives.” As soon as Mustang’s words ended, Olivier stood up and hit the table.

“Are those pigs stupid? They want to sit idly while the situation is this dire?”

“Those guys aren’t stupid. Now they are ready to take their troops out of Amestris, which is good for us since we only have to worry about Central City’s Army and some nearby troops, about 200,000 total.”

Chapter 415: War Preparation

The officers in the frontier prepared to escape Amestris, which wasn’t good news for Mustang, who planned to go against the Homunculi, whose existence couldn’t be denied anymore.

In the original show, Mustang and the others weren’t as relaxed as they were now. After all, they didn’t have all the information about the Dwarf In the Flask’s Plan.

If the Dwarf in the Flask established the country to prosper, no one would rebel, but his plan was anti-human to the extreme.

His behavior in the recent centuries was enough evidence already, as civil wars appeared after the other taking quite a few victims with them.

“You should move faster; my current situation isn’t good, and I cannot make a move in Central City.”

It seems that Mustang’s situation was quite poor as well.

“What’s the situation?”

Su Xiao’s brows wrinkled. If Mustang is in trouble in Central City, the plan won’t work well.

“Don’t worry. I will bring the nearby army stationed in the small town to confront the Central City armed forces. They think that I’m insane with everything in front of them already.”

With Mustang’s attitude, he would protect the small town and avoid any hostage situation to blackmail him.

“What do you suggest?”

Olivier looked at Su Xiao.

“I have nothing in mind. I’m not good at commanding armies, so you decide that.”

Olivier and Mustang were experienced and careful. Although the three of them were cooperating, they could possibly betray Su Xiao at any time.

“As the one who suggested the alliance, your words have weight. You can speak freely.”

Mustang said as if probing Su Xiao.

“As I said, I’m not good at commanding an army, and I’m more suited for fighting enemies.”

Su Xiao replied, and Olivier and Mustang stayed silent for a while.

“What is your goal? My goal is to take the commander position. Olivier wants to defend her territory. What do you want?”

Mustang needed to know this information for the Alliance to move smoothly.

“My goal? Something the Dwarf In the Flask has.”

“What thing?”

“His research results in alchemy.”

Su Xiao’s words took Mustang and Olivier by surprise.

“Do you want to arrange a nationwide Transmutation Circle?”

Hearing this, Su Xiao shook his head as this suspicion was normal.

“You two think that I can set something like that? Do you think I can live for several hundred years? Furthermore, Mustang, you should be clear about this.”

Mustang replied: “Then if we won, you could take his technique, except for the information about the nationwide Transmutation circle, which we will destroy completely.”

“No problem.”

Su Xiao agreed.

“I don’t an issue either.”

Olivier agreed.

Since they now could work together, this made Su Xiao’s plan move further.

“Then the Alliance is officially established.”

With this, the Alliance was truly established.

Su Xiao’s plan was to let the Dwarf in the Flask obtain the fake power of god before taking it, which will be troublesome. Su Xiao also considered activating the Nationwide Transmutation Circle himself, but there is an issue with that. He wasn’t an Alchemist. He may have Alchemy skills, but not the ones from this world.

The Dwarf in the Flask's goal by making the Nationwide Transmutation Circle is to obtain the Philosopher's Stone and create the Gate of Truth inside his body.

The Gate of Truth is the fake power of god, which is Su Xiao's objective.

Su Xiao's goal was the Gate of Truth that the Dwarf in the Flask will obtain, but can a human withstand that kind of power? The answer is no.

To sustain the Gate of Truth, a large Philosopher's Stone is a must. The Philosopher's Stone is created by sacrificing human souls, and if Su Xiao obtains it, he will mostly become a Necromancer.

He was currently developing into a close-range fighter. Therefore, he had no interest in the Gate of Truth and only considered it as a quest item.

"Since we formed the Alliance, we should start planning."

Su Xiao's train of thoughts was interrupted by Olivier.

"There is nothing to plan, and you dispatch troops to Central City directly. Later we find a way to destroy or capture the city. Our ultimate goal is the Dwarf in the Flask."

Mustang's plan was simple and crude, which made Olivier stunned.

"So simple?"

Olivier suddenly felt that her allies were unreliable.

"Right. Otherwise, you can propose a plan."

Su Xiao won't interfere with their plans as long as they dispatched troops to the Central City.

Mustang's army will confront Central City's army sooner or later. What remained was Olivier.

Olivier and Mustang weren't silly, but they knew that a confrontation with the Central City's forces is a must, and Su Xiao didn't need to do anything.

"Mustang, isn't the plan too simple?"

"No."

Mustang's reply surprised Oliver.

"If the plan is so crude, I'm withdrawing from the Alliance."

"As you want, but I should remind you that with Dwarf in the Flask's plan, avoiding a head-on war is impossible."

Mustang's attitude was firm, and he was clear about what needed to be done. The Transmutation circle wasn't complete, and it was the best time to defeat the Dwarf in the Flask.

“You can withdraw, but you must escape Amestris like the other generals. I don’t want the Dwarf in the Flask to gain even more by sacrificing you and your soldiers.”

Su Xiao’s words made Olivier frown. No one was willing to become a sacrifice.

“I was kidding. When do we march for war?”

Olivier realized that going or staying here won’t change anything, and some people will die. Su Xiao didn’t force anything, but the threat of the Dwarf in the Flask is what forced them into the Alliance.

“Now.”

“We’re going to war now?”

“Right now, immediately.”

Su Xiao’s attitude was firm, as the earlier they get to Central city, the better.

“How long does your army needs to assemble?”

Su Xiao looked at Olivier.

“Mostly ten minutes.”

The efficiency of her army was beyond imagination. Tens of thousands of soldiers who can assemble in ten minutes were unheard of anywhere.

Under Olivier’s Orders, the entire fortress started bustling.

Olivier’s words were empty boasting, as in less than ten minutes, the army was assembled in front of the fortress.

#### Chapter 416: War

The army assembled on the white snow, wearing their snow camouflage uniform, making it hard to discern between them and the snowy ground.

They know that war was coming, but they didn’t fear what to come.

The Elric brothers stood in front of the fortress, witnessed the army power, and couldn’t help asking.

“What is going on? Is there a war coming?”

Although Edward was a national Alchemist, he wasn’t clear about the concept of war.

“That’s not right, brother. The army seems to be headed into the country.”

“Into the country? What’s going on....”

Edward thought of something frightening. Olivier is going to rebel.

“This isn’t good. We cannot let this happen.”

Edward wanted to turn around and keep this from happening.



“Shorty, don’t mind other’s business.”

Su Xiao looked at Edward and spoke.

“Who are you calling Shorty, what’s going on?”

“Hm? We’re going to Central City and overthrow someone’s rule.”

Edward’s pupil contracted.

“What about the Central City’s residents.”

“They can only accept their fate.”

“Stop kidding; there are more tens of thousands of people there.”

“So?”

Edward’s breath almost stopped. If the Northern soldiers fight with Central City, then most civilians will become cannon fodders. Weapons can’t discern between a soldier or civilian.

“When we were talking, you should’ve listened secretly.”

“Listened to what....”

Su Xiao stared at Edward, making him terrified.

“Look for your father, tell him the plan of the Dwarf of The Flask, and beat him if need be. Otherwise, no one can stop the Dwarf in The Flask.”

Although Edward’s Father wasn’t as strong as he was before, the Dwarf in the Flask was created by him.

“My father? He...”

Edward stopped as Su Xiao threw a document toward him containing what made the Dwarf in the Flask.

“How... How is this possible.”

“Nothing is impossible. This is the Dwarf in the Flask’s development process. The Nationwide Transmutation Circle was created in the span of hundred years. Half of the previous Philosopher’s Stone created by the last Nationwide Transmutation Circle is inside your father’s body and contained hundreds of thousands of souls.”

Van Hohenheim was very important to defeat the Dwarf in the Flask.

Edward continued reading the document.

“This simply an act of a friend, but what does this has to do with the Dwarf in the Flask and Van Hohenheim’s defeat.”

“You don’t need to know. You will see in Central City.”

Su Xiao turned around and walked.

“Wait, the northern army can’t...”

Edward’s words stopped as Su Xiao turned his head.

“Don’t mind other’s business. If you get in my way, I will kill you.”

Su Xiao’s hand was on the handle of Dragon flash.

“Kill me then.”

Edward held his palms together as blue rays flashed.

“Just kidding, you can’t die yet. You’re an important sacrifice.”

Su Xiao turned around to leave, while Edward stood dumbly in the same place while shivering.

“This is bad, and this is really bad. Why does this fellow seem more dangerous than the Dwarf in the Flask? Alphonse, Alphonse...”

Edward looked at his brother, who was standing still.

“Did you see the pendant in that man’s hand, brother?”

Alphonse spoke in a shaky tone.

“What pendant?”

Edward tried his best to recall and remembered the pendant in Su Xiao’s hand.

“That’s... Winry’s Pendant?”

Winry was Edward’s Childhood friend.

“That bastard, did he take Winry?”

Edward was furious and about to rush toward Su Xiao.

“Don’t go, brother. We should leave quickly and look for Winry.”

“But...”

Edward calmed down.

“Okay, let’s go find Winry first, then we go to Central City and stop the war.”

The Elric brothers hurriedly left the fortress, and shortly after, the army left the as well.

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Two days later, the army stopped in a small town.

This town is like a supply station for the Northern army since they didn’t plan on going all the way on foot. They needed to take tanks and arms, or else they wouldn’t be able to go to war.

This town was the first step into taking Central City, which was why Central City deployed twenty thousand soldiers here.

The Northern army received several warnings as they knew the purpose of the army coming here.

Olivier didn't stop the army and continued marching.

Thousands of tanks moved slowly on the snow leaving track marks.

The northern army dispatched more than 50,000 men, an average of 50 men by a tank.

They weren't all inside the tank, but even atop of them.

Su Xiao sat on a tank's barrel, looking at the peaceful town.

Half a Kilometer to the town, sandbags were already in place, and soldiers held their weapons, preparing to engage.

"Byakuya, the battle is about to start, don't sit on the tank."

Olivier directly said.

"How many are there?"

"About 20,000 to 30,000, all of them armed."

"I will take down the enemy's commander."

During the war, Su Xiao didn't want to deal with ordinary soldiers. Killing the enemy's commander was faster.

"Okay."

Suddenly a shout came from the enemy ahead.

"Olivier Armstrong, surrender. You are a former General, and the president will make a way out for you."

No one seemed to bother about this, and Olivier directly said: "Assemble formation, ready for battle."

Thousands of tanks lined up, followed by fifty infantrymen. The tanks started moving forward, followed by the infantry.

This was the way of a large-scale war, and the tanks would make way for the infantry behind.

Boom! Boom!

The tanks started firing their shells, and mud splashed everywhere.

An officer of the Central army became frightened as soon as the battle started. He was only a second lieutenant because he had relations and never went to war before.

The shells started raining, and an explosion filled the place.

A shell fell down beside the frightened lieutenant before it exploded, sending shrapnel directly into his body, killing him after forty-three seconds since the war started.

Chapter 417: Wars and Civilians

The tanks moved forward while shooting at the enemy soldiers, with the infantry following behind. Bullets flew across the battlefield, whizzing around the soldier and hitting the unfortunate ones, killing them.

Su Xiao followed after a tank, and not long after, a shell fell nearby.

Su Xiao didn't care about it the same way the northern army didn't care. There was a saying that describes this situation: Veterans fear Machine Guns while recruits fear artillery.

As long as the shell wasn't too close, there wasn't much danger. By dropping to the ground, the soldiers can avoid most shrapnel. Only if they were unlucky would they be injured.

The Central city's army started counter-attacking the northern army's tanks.

Even though the Central City's army had more advanced weapons, they couldn't gain any ground against the Northern Army.

Weapons didn't matter right now, as the accomplishment of each side created the disparity.

Central City's army was stationed in Amestris center, away from the chaos of war. On the other hand, the northern army was constantly defending the borders and gaining experience.

Suddenly, the aircraft of the central city's army arrived.

This is the only weakness of the northern army; they didn't have an air force. The central army didn't provide them with an air force.

The technology of this world wasn't very advanced, so even though they had an air force, the most they could do was drop bombs on top of them.

Right now, the sound of the civilians screaming filled the small town.

The northern army had over a thousand tanks, and each one had a small combat unit inside operating it.

In one of the tanks, a commander got angry as he observed the surrounding.

In wars, each soldier will have a nickname, which will make them risk-free even after the war. Even if they killed someone, they wouldn't be afraid of their persons or their families.

Scarface, the commander's nickname inside a tank, observed the surrounding enemies on the plain in front of them.

There were many pits in the plain, which could possibly cause trouble for the tank.

Several bullets hit the tank grinding on the shield of the tank.

“Direction five o'clock, a heavy machine gun inside a pit. Deal with it.”

Scarface shouted as the muzzled directly turned around toward the pit.

“Load a high explosive shell and drop it inside the pit.”

Ten seconds later, a shell exploded out of the muzzle directly toward the pit.

The Machine gun and the soldiers operating it poked their heads out of the pit, and suddenly, the shell exploded.

Corpses flew through the air along with the remains of the machine gun.

“Dealt with...”

Suddenly, a bullet grazed the tank and left a deep scratch before hitting the ground on the side.

“What’s that.”

A soldier in the tank asked, but Scarface laughed without caring about the Anti-tank gun.

“That’s a 88 mm artillery, and you only need to focus on the sound to tell.”

Scarface then angrily started roaring and giving a command to deal with the Anti-tank gun, or else they will lose many tanks.

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The war was getting heated up over time as the tanks continued marching forward.

“Machine guns, ready!”

The machine guns on the tanks elevated and started harvesting the enemy’s souls.

The Central Army couldn’t gain the advantage at all.

After ten minutes of a heavy open fire: “Infantry, ready!”

The tanks stopped in their tracks as the infantry were ready to advance toward the enemy.

In this kind of war, the infantry played a huge role.

Although the firepower of the infantry was less than tanks, they were more flexible and agile.

Su Xiao sat on top of the tank, grabbed Spider Queen, and started wiping up machine guns.

Su Xiao still had five bullets, but he wouldn’t rush to fire only if necessary.

After all, each bullet costs him 50 Paradise Coins.

Fifty thousand soldiers against 20,000, and after less than an hour, one-fifth of the central army already fell.

Su Xiao found a military officer with a colonel rank through the scope, observing the situation inside a building safely.

With his finger on the trigger, Su Xiao directly fired at the colonel. The colonel’s head exploded and stained the window with blood and brain matter.

With a few other shots, another two adjutants of that same colonel died.

The cartridge case fell down. The sound of gunfire was common in wars, but Su Xiao killed the enemy’s high-ranking military officers without anyone noticing.

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After five hours, the sound of gunfire subsided as the Central Army scattered, leaving behind corpses.

The war ended temporarily, and sounds of wailing filled the place.

“Aaah!”

“Save me, don’t give up on me!!”

“My arm? Where is my Arm?!”

No one was unaffected in this war. Well, maybe only Bob was unaffected.

Bob was conducting a magnificent feat right now; he was gnawing on a tank.

Several soldiers looked at this helplessly. They knew that the Dog belonged to Su Xiao and could only ignore him.

Since Bob gained his flesh, he can’t be satisfied with normal toys to gnaw on.

Su Xiao moved toward Olivier casually.

“How many died?”

“More than 4,000.”

Olivier’s tone was low and deep, and she wasn’t happy about losing her people.

Even though they killed more than half of the enemy’s soldiers, they lost 4,000 of their own.

After some time, the corpses were set on fire to avoid them rotting away. The entire battlefield was filled with the smell of blood and gunpowder with the charring smell of corpses.

Even when he saw this scene, Su Xiao’s heart was greatly moved. This is the reality of firearms wars, which was more frightening than cold weapons wars.

Su Xiao wasn’t moved or shocked because he witnessed the war in the Reincarnation Paradise and in the modern world. Even though he didn’t live through a world war, he still read and saw many things about it.

The current war didn’t end as the army started marching toward the town.

On the gate of the war, there was a corpse hanging there with a sign written on it: “This is the fate of resistance.”

The corpse belonged to the mayor of the town, as he didn’t agree with the war and the central army executed him directly.

“Don’t open fire. I’m not a soldier.”

Someone moved forward and seemed like a prisoner.

“Raise your hands where I can see them.”

A soldier shouted with the rifle in his hand aimed at the prisoner.

Su Xiao walked forward.

“Are there any central army forces in the town?”

“There is, in the....”

Bang!

A bullet moved through the prisoner’s head, busting it out.

“A sniper!”

The infantry hid away in the tanks and moved through the town.

In the small town, the military remnant of the central army only knew that the Northern army were rebels and didn’t know that the senior management of the military was after the Eternal life with the Dwarf in the Flask. They were only sacrifices.

That Senior management of the military didn’t know that they won’t obtain eternal life because the Dwarf in the Flask won’t cooperate with humans, only use them.

After storming into the small town, the Northern army’s primary goal was to control the train station without a train. It will be hard to enter Central City.

Chapter 418: Starting a Fire

The tanks moved, crushing the gravel under the continuous tracks.

The tanks, which could only move in the main roads since the other roads were too small for them, searched the town for the remnant of the Central Army.

Su Xiao sat on top of a tank directing it through the way as he could sense the enemies with his perception.

“The House on Five O’clock has 20 people.”

Hearing Su Xiao’s instruction, the tank commander instantly gave an order.

“Turn the muzzle toward the house on five o’clock.”

“Change to Incendiary bomb!”

The tank has many types of shells. There are bombs, there had armor-piercing shells, and also smoke bombs.

An Incendiary Bomb is a bomb that contains an incendiary agent (as jellied gasoline) and is designed to kindle fires at its objective.

The bomb was fired, and the bomb was directly set on fire.

After several seconds, pitiful cries rang from the house as several soldiers ran out like zombies.

The fire wasn’t from a normal bomb but a white phosphorus ball bomb.

(T/N: The White Phosphorus Bomb is being used by Israel against Palestine citizens, even though the Phosphorus bombs are prohibited internationally. And by citizens, I don’t mean armed resistance, but ordinary civilians like women, kids, elders, even doctors to prevent helping the injured, and journalists to prevent spreading the news to the world. They even managed to convince Facebook and Twitter to stop the news from spreading on social media. What I watched in videos

are the most inhuman things I saw in my life. I don't know why other countries are okay with that. It's unnerving to think that humans could do such a thing to other humans, let alone unarmed civilians, amongst which are babies that don't know how to even talk or walk yet.)

The Central Army wailed under the bombing wailed.

A recruit from the northern army raised his gun to end their suffering, but a veteran stopped him.

“Just let them burn to death.

“But...”

The recruit seemed to struggle as he looked at the soldiers in pain.

“My brother was killed by those soldiers an hour ago. This is nothing.” The veteran sneered and continued to enjoy the wailing of the soldiers.

War causes hatred, no matter whether it was a war between countries or a civil war.

The tank troops continued to advance as Su Xiao continued sensing around him.

Bang!

A bullet suddenly hit the hatch beside him, causing sparks to fly in the air.

Su Xiao's felt cold, as he didn't sense the bullet only when it hit the hatch.

Su Xiao looked at the mark left on the hatch to locate the sniper's position from the direction of the bullet.

“It seems like someone else is joining the fun.”

Su Xiao looked at the clock tower behind the town and spotted a dark barrel.

If you look closely, you will notice the silencer.

There was a contractor there. No doubt he was the one to shoot. There are only a few powerful snipers in the Fullmetal Alchemist's world, and it's unlikely that any of them could escape Su Xiao's perception.

“Seven O'clock, the clock tower.”

Although the commander didn't know if the enemy was there or not, he still gave a command for the muzzle to aim there.

“All tanks focus fire on the clock tower direction.”

Su Xiao shouted, and as a sponsor of the alliance, he can command the army of tanks.

More than ten tanks headed his command and bombed the clock tower, and razed it to the ground.

“Where did this contractor come from? How does he have so many tanks? This is simply cheating.”



A female contractor with a long golden pigtail runs quickly.

Her name was Mira, and she is a sniper in the real world. After entering the Reincarnation Paradise, she killed many contractors without them noticing.

Mira held her sniper rifle and escaped because that's the only way out.

Su Xiao saw Mira escaping and didn't pursue her as she was too far and he didn't want to waste time. Moreover, the bullet wasn't aimed at him previously, it was aimed at Olivier, and the latter was very keen and evaded quickly.

After two hours, the small town was cleaned of the remnant of the central army, and the only thing left is taking over the train station.

Su Xiao walked in the street and saw many civilians occasionally walking full of dread of the northern army.

The northern army entered the train station, and after five minutes of gunfire sounds, the northern army dragged several corpses leaving a trail of blood behind.

After gathering all the corpses of the Central Army, they poured gasoline on them and ignited them.

Wars and Plagues were associated. If they don't deal with corpses quickly, many diseases will emerge.

Not long after, the train station was under their control, and the Central Army's General didn't have time to blow it up.

The General didn't expect to lose so quickly. From the large pile of rations, he prepared to have a prolonged fight.

He was whimsical as the fight didn't even last one day.

The train left the station with forces led by Olivier.

Su Xiao wasn't in a hurry to leave and instead stayed in the small town.

The seats of the train were removed to increase the number of soldiers it can accommodate, while the tanks were loaded on the Goods train, which was lucky sufficient to bring enough tanks for now.

Even so, the transport can't be done in one or two trips. It needed at least four or five times.

Olivier led the forces to advance as she needed to control most of the train stations leading to Central City.

Su Xiao stayed to guard the small town and kept in touch with Oliver.

Two days later, Olivier took over six train stations.

The military officers of Amestris weren't all puppets. Some of them were discontent with Central City's behavior long ago and seeing Olivier launching such a large-scale operation. They wanted to join.

The initial army started to rise as even more soldiers joined them to amount to 400,000 soldiers.

Su Xiao didn't expect this at all, he thought that when they reached Central City, most soldiers will die against Central City's military, but it didn't look like that anymore.

He understood that the small fire he started along with Mustang was getting bigger and bigger.

On the fourth day, Su Xiao took the remaining 4,000 soldiers in the small town and took the train toward Central City. This is the final batch of the army, and since the forces behind the alliance grew so much, it wasn't necessary to guard this place anymore.

The number of trains and train stations under their control grew, and the number of soldiers grew along with it.

Right now, the army had 600,000 soldiers.

However, the main force is still in the tens of thousands, those under Mustang and Olivier's subordinates.

The others are taking a stand right now, but if they found that their losses are too much, then they will withdraw without a second thought.

Chapter 419: Finally, it starts

On the fourth day after the war in the small town, Su Xiao arrived in another small town near Central City where Mustang was waiting.

The train slowly stopped, and Su Xiao got out. To his surprise, Mustang was there to greet him.

This time, Mustang wasn't wearing his Military uniform.

“What's the situation?”

Su Xiao inquired straightforwardly.

“It isn't too good. We already clashed with Central City's forces and made little to no progress.”

“Hm?”

Su Xiao doubted that the normal army of Central City could stand in front of the northern army, which means something else happened.

“Are there any irregular troops?”

“It's the undying legion.”

Su Xiao nodded, hearing the name 'Undying Legion.'

The undying Legion was the Dwarf in the Flask's invention. Using philosopher's stone, he takes a soul and attacks it to a body, and no matter what is done to them, unless you take the blood rune on them, they won't die.

The only way to eliminate them is by destroying the blood rune.

But the blood rune position was constant, and it would take time to look for it in every single one of them.

“There is some good news.”

Mustang said.

“What is it?”

“Most of the central city’s army surrendered and retreated with their families, while the remaining soldier doesn’t have any fighting spirit.”

Before the undying Legion took the stage, the Alliance army and the Central City’s forces clashed, and the Alliance army was winning.

Su Xiao could hear the sound of gunfire even though the small town was 5 kilometers away from Central City.

The undying Legion’s style wasn’t using firearms, which means that there are soldiers fighting as well.

According to Mustang, some people could control the undying Legion, but it’s apparent that the Dwarf in the Flask was behind this.

It seems like they want to have a prolonged war.

The central city was losing, and the Alliance army completely surrounded it.

The decisive battle was about to start.

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Su Xiao sat down inside warm water inside a bathtub. The scars of countless battles were apparent on his body.

There was another man in the bathhouse along with him.

“Good plan. Victory is almost assured.”

The man looked 40 to 50 years old with golden hair made in a ponytail.

This is Van Hohenheim, Edward and Alphonse’s father.

It was Hohenheim who took the initiative to come look for Su Xiao.

“That is said, you will comply with the plan?”

“Right, the Dwarf in The Flask is born from my blood. I have the responsibility to eliminate it.”

“Even if you die to do so?”

“It doesn’t matter. I should die, actually. I already have a pair of heirs, so I’m satisfied.”

Hohenheim chuckled.

“So you have some Philosopher’s Stone inside your body?”

Su Xiao asked.

“Dozens of people’s souls.”

“Seems like you are prepared.”

“Right.”

The Philosopher’s Stone inside Hohenheim’s body originally contained several hundreds of souls, but only dozens remained.

“When is the fight?”

Hohenheim took a long breath.

“Now.”

Bang!

The gate of the bathhouse was trampled as Edward entered.

“Hohenheim, you are here.”

Hohenheim didn’t speak as he didn’t want to explain anything to Edward.

Edward finally looked at Su Xiao.

“You actually caused a war that claimed so many people’s lives!”

Edward was very angry, and he arrived on the battlefield that looked like hell on earth.

“How many people died? If I remember correctly, probably more than 100,000 people.”

Hearing Su Xiao’s reply, Edward raged.

“100,000 people... Do you even care about the lives of humans?”

“What’s the big deal.”

Su Xiao didn’t turn around as he already decided to deal with the consequences.

This war indeed rested on his shoulders, and he acknowledged that it claimed many lives.

Su Xiao stood up from the water as it was time for the battle.

“It’s about to start.”

Hohenheim thought that everything would end soon, so he was somewhat excited.

“Right, my people are prepared. How is your side?”

“They’re ready.”

“Then let’s start.”

Su Xiao wore his clothes and got out of the bathhouse.

“Edward, although I know that you don’t see me as a father, I must say this today....”

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After three hours, Su Xiao, Mustang, Olivier, and the others gathered in the conference room.

In the room, many familiar faces gathered.

Edward’s master, Izumi Curtis.

Edward’s brother, Alphonse.

Edward’s Father, Van Hohenheim.

Olivier’s younger brother.

Mustang’s subordinate, Riza Hawkeye.

And a few other subordinates of Mustang.

They all were here to deal with the Dwarf in the Flask.

The final battle was about to start, and the one who assembled all of them here was Su Xiao.

Those people won’t take orders from him, but they have a common goal, which is dealing with the Dwarf in the Flask.

Su Xiao spread the map of the central city.

“First, if we want to get close to the main building, we need to move here.”

Su Xiao pointed at the map, while the other just looked without speaking.

“The Dwarf In The Flask is under the president’s building. There is a laboratory there, and Alphonse was there once, so he remembers the way.”

Everyone looked at Alphonse.

“I remember it.”

Alphonse was slightly anxious, but he knew this must be done.

Edward sat on the side silently, as he also knew that they must defeat the Dwarf in the Flask.

“Very good. After entering the laboratory, we divide into ourselves before we unite when we reach the Dwarf in The Flask’s position.”

Chapter 420: Death Mentality

At 2 am, Central City streets were empty except for the patrol of the Military marching under the light bulbs.

The war was ignited once again outside Central city. The atmosphere inside the city was gloomy as the food prices shot up and the currency value went down.

More than a dozen figures quickly crossed the street and surrounded the president’s building.

“Why is this place not guarded?”

Olivier held her sword as she looked at the presidential palace vigilantly.

“That guy doesn’t need guards.”

Su Xiao knew King Bradley’s power and shook his head.

Su Xiao’s heart tightened as he felt the aura underground. It was the aura of death that belonged to countless souls.

There was no one inside the presidential palace, not even a servant.

“Let’s go straight in, no one inside.”

Su Xiao walked inside the building while the others hesitated slightly before following up.

Sure enough, there was no one inside the building.

“Bob, step back.”

Su Xiao moved his muscle while bob took a small step back.

“What is that guy going to do?”

Everyone looked at Su Xiao in confusion.”

Su Xiao clenched his fist as the energy of the Azure Steel Shadow covered his fist and flashed with a blue arc.

“Could it be that he wants...”

“Hey!”

Su Xiao ignored everyone and raised his hand before slamming it down.

Boom!

Cracks filled the ground as everyone’s expression changed.

“What are you doing? This will expose us.”

Edward shouted.

“We are already exposed. How else is this place empty.”

Mustang sighed as the infiltration plan failed.

After the crack filled the floor, it fell.

Sure enough, there is a secret place under the palace, and they jumped down. They saw corridors extending in every direction.

They didn’t know which way they should go, as this place should be quite complicated.

“We move separately.”

Su Xiao finished speaking and walked forward with Bob.

“Wait?”

Mustang shouted.

“Huh?”

“It’s too early to go alone now.”

“No, I’m more accustomed to going alone.”

Su Xiao vanished in the black corridor while Mustang looked hideous.

“What’s wrong, Mustang.”

Olivier detected that something must be wrong and asked.

“Something seems really wrong with our ally, really wrong, and I just have the impulse to turn around and leave.”

As he finished speaking, a strange sound came from a black corridor.

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Su Xiao had his reasons to separate from the group.

His plan isn’t to deal with the Dwarf of the Flask before he activated the Nationwide Transmutation circle.

Before the Dwarf in the Flask activates the transmutation circle, Su Xiao wants to let Mustang and the others defeat it.

Su Xiao was looking for an important person as he went through the corridor.

After several minutes, Su Xiao found the end of the corridor.

The sound of footsteps spread inside the corridor, and Su Xiao directly looked at the person and smiled.

“I didn’t think I would run into you. Should I say I’m unfortunate, or am I lucky?”

Su Xiao started preparing for battle.

In front of him, an old man wearing an eye patch and looking upright stood.

“Explosive flames Alchemist, or should I call you the sponsor of the alliance, Byakuya?”

This old man was King Bradley.

“Call me whatever. Byakuya was just a code name.”

Su Xiao drew Dragon Flash as a blue electric light coursed through it.

Su Xiao suppressed his senses to three meters around him to make them stronger.

King Bradley held his sword as he looked at Su Xiao.

King Bradley was inhuman swordsmanship, and all of his abilities were enhanced, but he was a half-homunculus, and he can’t regenerate.

King Bradley was an orphan and was adopted by the organization to train him and many other orphans.

When King Bradley was young, he was injected by liquid Philosopher's Stone and got one of the Sin, Wrath.

Although the process was painful, he persisted and finally became Wrath.

All of his abilities are at their apex, but it's a pity that he had a bunch of pig teammates.

King Bradley doesn't have any humane emotion except for anger.

Although Philosopher's stone injected his body, his life span and regeneration weren't the same as the others.

Su Xiao didn't say anything and tried using Havana's eye to see King Bradley's stats.

[Comparing Intelligence attribute... Your intelligence exceeds the targets, and you can obtain 100% of the enemy's stats.]Name: King Bradley

HP: 100%

Mana: 480

Strength: 42

Agility: 40

Stamina: 37

Intelligence: 28

Charm: 29

Skill 1: Homunculus (passive): HP +300, Mana +200, Strength +15, Agility +13, Stamina +10

Skill 2: Swordsmanship master Lv.19 (passive): attack power using swords increases by 81%.

Skill 3: President's aura (passive): May deter enemies.

Skill 4: Ultimate Eye (Passive): Dynamic vision +300%, mental reaction speed +10%, can see enemy's flow.

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Su Xiao smiled. The president is stronger than he imagined. He doesn't have any attribute below 20. He was level 19 in swordsmanship and had his ultimate eye.

Since Su Xiao was had the swordsmanship master level 18, he understood that King Bradley was strong just by having that skill.

Su Xiao held the sword and didn't think about anything other than defeating King Bradley while preparing himself to die against him.

Su Xiao wins without preparing to die while fighting against someone this strong.



“You have a good look on your face. You’re mentally prepared to die, right? I just happened to get the same feeling.”

Su Xiao took a step and rushed toward the president as soon as he finished his words.