

Starchild 41

Chapter 41: The Trial Reopens

“Mei’er, thank you.”

Holding his tiny star fairy in his arms, Yun Xi quickly moved using the skill “Quicksilver Motion” and expressed his thanks to the cute and sensible star fairy.

It was way too difficult to do the Limit Practice in the empty valley.

Every time he finished one turn of the Limit Practice and fell to the ground under the big tree, Mei’er would lick his ears. Her tiny body went back and forth between the valley and the stream, bringing him lifesaving water.

Every time Yun Xi felt that he couldn’t keep on, that his soul and body both had reached the limit, it was Mei’er that made him summon up his last strength, forcing him to go on.

If the green hippo’s seed supported his body in finishing the grievous Limit Practice, then Mei’er was like a lighthouse in his heart, making him see hope when he was wandering in the sea of pain.

Now, Yun Xi was confident about the second star trial tonight.

Yes, today was the seventh day after the first trial. The time Mei’er said that the second star trial was going to start.

In the deep of night, Yun Xi sat on the roof of his home, looking at the starry sky.

Around him, the small town was so lively that it almost felt unfamiliar to Yun Xi.

One after another, bamboo houses occupied the place where families Yun Xi knew should be. The bamboo houses were very tall, the taller one was even over a hundred meters with huge banners hanging down from it.

“Wishing that Childe Yun He, Si Nian, and San Quan pass the trial of the Sword Palace!”

It wasn't the only banner like this. Even as Yun Xi headed back to town, he got to know the three hottest childes of the exam of the Sword Palace.

“Isn't that too exaggerated? These childes...” Looking at the small town that was decorated with lanterns and colored hangings and bursting with happiness, Yun Xi had never seen his hometown so lively.

“In fact, you know nothing about power...” Yun Xi reached out his small hands, feeling the light of the stars emanating from the sky.

Unlike the last time, this time he could clearly feel the coming of the power of the stars.

Compared to the last trial, this time, the scale of this trial increased by ten times.

Did that mean the stars thought there were ten times the amount of people that had the qualifications to enter the trial?

If so, just let it start. Perhaps tonight would be very long. With this kind of anticipation, Yun Xi went back to his small room, counting down to the time he had to enter the world of trial.

Ten, nine, eight, seven...

“Eh? Did I drink too much?” Childe Yun He was drinking with several noble friends, but he suddenly felt very sleepy. He couldn’t keep himself awake and lied on the table.

“Let’s drink to our heart’s content tonight!”

“Let’s walk together to the west!”

The noble childes who were drinking together with Childe Yun He were already drunk, and none of them found anything weird. They fell down one by one.

At the same time, in another place of the small town, the other boys and girls who took part in the exam of the Sword Palace also felt very sleepy.

“Hoo... why am I so sleepy? That’s strange...” Childe Si Nian was practicing his sword skill in the yard he just bought. He yawned and put down his two-handed heavy sword.

“The hexagrams are very auspicious and says that I should go to bed as quick as possible?” Childe San Quan was divining his luck for tomorrow and got a good prediction. He closed his eyes with satisfaction, sinking into deep meditation.

However, this time, he fell asleep unconsciously.

In the soft light of the stars, one after another, geniuses who came from all directions of the White Lotus Sword Domain fell asleep unconsciously.

Half an hour later, Yun Xi’s childhood sweetheart, Hua Huo, also fell asleep.

Finally, in the encampment beside the river, the twin witches stretched themselves together.

“It feels weird. I have a bad presentiment.” Red Lotus rubbed her temples, trying to raise her spirit, but her eyes couldn’t stop closing.

“Let’s sleep, sleep, my sister.” White Lotus was humming a soft and relaxing tune. Just like her sister, she also had an unknown presentiment.

However, it was a very sweet presentiment.

“No, I can’t sleep... dammit...” Red Lotus’s body shook for a couple of times, then finally laid down on the ground.

“Sister, let’s have a good dream.” White Lotus smiled sweetly, closing her eyes together with her sister.

“The second trial starts now!”

“Final Quest: The poor princess is locked up in an evil tower. Please defeat the evil stone soldier army and break into the tower to save the princess! ”

“Optional Side Quest: The brave girl is challenging the evil dragon. Go to become her partner and defeat the evil dragon!”

“Armory opened!”

“Gallery of Spoils opened.”

“Forging System opened!”

A series of notification tones rang in Yun Xi’s ears. It wasn’t as simple as the newbie trial, this trial was more difficult, and it was the first time there was a side quest that could be chosen. There were also the new armory, gallery of spoils, and forging system added in the trial.

Opening his eyes, Yun Xi found that he was sitting beside a campfire in the sunset glow.

As far as his eyes could see, there was a great tower sitting at the end of the coast.

The dilapidated palaces were linked together by floating stone bridges, releasing an ancient aura of vicissitude.

Obviously, the great tower was the location where the “princess” was imprisoned. Yun Xi had even expected who the princess was. After all, in the small town, only “she” could be the most glorious and beautiful princess.

Looking to the left, there was an active volcano emitting out red clouds to the sky. He could hear a dragon’s roar coming from that place and there were fierce griffins hovering above the volcano.

That was the way leading to the hero. Since the heroine was so powerful that she was able to challenge the evil dragon, Yun Xi practically knew who she was.

Last time, it was a single game line of the sleeping beauty, but this time there were two choices – the game line of heroine and the game line of the princess in the great tower?

The love system of the stars liked to make Yun Xi face extra-hard difficulties.

Just like last time, the stars also gave Yun Xi the map of the trial.

Yun Xi just took a glance, then the serried red points on the map scared him.

Except for the green point of himself, the green point in the volcano zone, and the green point on the top of the great tower, they were all blood red points.

“Ka La!”

“Ka La!”

“Ka La!”

It seemed that Yun Xi’s coming activated the switch of this trial world. The stone soldiers in different palaces all opened their eyes one by one.

“Enemy!”

“Invader!”

“Find, eliminate!”

Yun Xi hadn’t yet walked away from the campfire, but he already felt that he was involved in great danger.

Chapter 42: Stone Statue Legion

“Ka La!”

“Ka La!”

“Ka La!”

Unlike the newbie trial, Yun Xi didn't have enough time to prepare for it. After the trial started, a crowd of stone soldiers rushed out from the palace. They didn't even give one ten seconds to prepare.

Within such a little time, Yun Xi had only roughly observed the location the palace, the height of the volcano, and the distance between the final tower and himself.

Last was to choose weapons.

In the newbie trial, Yun Xi could only choose the newbie iron sword.

However, this time, he had other choices.

The first option was an iron sword, which Yun Xi was very familiar with. It was obviously the newbie iron sword which followed him while he was killed by the green hippo for 120 times, but was finally thrown away in front of the dark forest because he had to escape from Hua Huo at that time.

Not only this, he also obtained an armor. It was a pretty tattered cloth armor, but it was still better than nothing.

The last one was a sizeable, soft wooden shield. They were all the initial equipment Yun Xi had found beside the campfire in this round of the star trial.

However, before Yun Xi decided which weapon was suitable for him, the crowd of stone soldiers had come to him!

“Kill!”

“Kill!”

“Kill!”

These stone soldiers looked human, but they treated Yun Xi like their sworn enemy, rushing forward at him.

“Wait!”

The newbie trial left Yun Xi a wrong impression that the campfire area was an absolutely safe area. Before he even picked up his sword, he had been chopped down by countless weapons, and then his whole body was trampled into minced meat.

The second trial, his death count: one.

After killing Yun Xi, the stone soldiers walked in a circle along the campfire, then returned to the palace with satisfaction.

Ten seconds later, Yun Xi revived at the original place.

“Ka La! Ka La! Ka La!” Just as the stone soldiers walked back into the first palace, they immediately behaved as if Yun Xi stirred up their hornet’s nest, rushing toward him again.

This time, Yun Xi learned his lesson. He put on the cloth armor and held the newbie iron sword in his hand. As for the shield, he hesitated for a while but did not pick it up.

After all, Hua Huo’s seed didn’t teach him skills for using the shield.

After the time of a few breaths, the stone soldiers had come for him again.

“Come on!” Yun Xi had prepared for a cruel star trial. He stepped forward, rushing towards the dozens of stone soldiers with great courage.

One hit. By using the Quicksilver Motion and Flying Swallow Sword he learned in the valley, Yun Xi took the lead in killing one of the stone soldiers.

At the next moment, dozens of weapons chopped at Yun Xi’s body.

Three seconds later, another pool of blood stains appeared on the ground.

Ten seconds later, Yun Xi revived at the campfire again. He helplessly looked at the stone soldier army rushing at him from the distance again.

Oh no, this wasn't what he expected!

To fight one on one was completely unlike fighting against many!

Even Hua Huo hadn't had the opportunity to fight against over thirty enemies. Moreover, they were not some weaklings, but elite warriors.

By his estimation, the weakest one among them was at the top level of the 1st rank, and the strongest enemies were at the top level of the 2nd rank. All of them had the strength to fight with Yun Xi one on one, not to mention they were rushing forward at Yun Xi trying to kill him together.

When they gathered together, they were even more dangerous than the 3rd rank green hippo.

At least, the green hippo's moves were full of flaws that could be caught by him. However, even if he could kill one of the stone soldiers who were transformed from the participants in the town, how was it possible for him to kill them all?

This was the first time that Yun Xi experienced the power of an army.

"No, no... are you kidding me?" Yun Xi revived again while holding the newbie iron sword in his hand. He looked at the palaces in the distance, counting the number of his enemies and showing a forlorn look on his face after that.

“How is it possible to kill them all?”

“The difference between the newbie trial and the formal trial is too big!”

Once again, Yun Xi felt how heavy and hot the star’s love for him was.

“I won’t give up! Even if you’re the geniuses of the White Lotus Sword Domain, I will go across your corpses to see my princess!”

Yun Xi gnashed his teeth in anger. Relying on his iron-like will he practiced during the Limit Practice, his Flying Swallow Sword and Quicksilver Motion, Yun Xi took the initiative to rush toward the stone soldier army.

The first attack of the Flying Swallow Sword!

Yun Xi didn’t save any of his strength. By relying on his speed, Yun Xi took the advantage to kill one of the weaker stone soldiers first.

A ball of green soul flew out from the stone soldier’s corpse. It naturally flew into Yun Xi’s body and improved his physical strength a little.

The second attack of the Flying Swallow Sword! After measuring the angle, Yun Xi brandished his sword. This time, he killed three stone soldiers together.

However, his luck ran out. Before Yun Xi used the last attack of the Flying Swallow Sword, the Assassin's Sword, various weapons had smashed down from the sky aiming at him from all directions.

Those children of noble families, who were drawn into the trial by the stars and transformed into stone soldiers, weren't ordinary people.

If they didn't have enough power, how would they dare to take the test of the Sword Palace, which was conducted by the twin witches?

The stone soldiers who were killed by Yun Xi were the weakest among all the participants. They were just 16-years-old, but they were also at the top level of the 1st rank.

"Chi!" Before Yun Xi had the chance to feel his improved after his body absorbed the soul, he had been slashed through, torn apart, and cut up by weapon after weapon.

Green soul light-spots flew out from his body and flew back to the palace. Yun Xi observed that these souls were returned back to the stone soldiers again.

So that was what the rule was.

After killing his enemies, he still needed to absorb their souls. And once he was killed, the souls would fly out from his body and return back to their original bodies again.

This also meant that Yun Xi couldn't improve himself by killing the weaker enemies again and again.

That was reasonable. Equivalent exchange was the basic rule of the world. If he could improve himself by killing the soldiers again and again, the star's trial would be just a joke.

So there was just one stupid, but simple method he could choose. This was also the road the star's trial pointed out for him.

Becoming stronger bit by bit, activating his potential by wandering between life and death, and finally conquering the seemingly unconquerable road of trial!

There wasn't any shortcut. On the road to the great tower where the imprisoned princess was, he had to sprinkle countless blood. No matter what quest he chose, the road leading to the princess or the road leading to the heroine, he had to pay with the price of blood!

"Come on, let's start fighting!"

In the face of the aggressive stone soldier army, Yun Xi yelled.

Chapter 43: Blood and Death

Kill, kill, kill! Till the blood flowed like a stream, till the sky became murky over the bloody earth!

How many times had he died? A hundred times, or far more? Yun Xi had forgotten.

Quicksilver Motion, starting!

Zagging and brandishing his sword!

“Chi!” The sword blade cut through the first stone soldier’s heart. Its blood sprayed in the air and stained Yun Xi’s cloth armor.

The thirteenth!

Flying Swallow Sixfold Attacks!

Continuous Quicksilver Motioning and zagging. It was not the common Flying Swallow Triple Attacks, but repeating the first move of The Flying Swallow Attack for six times, bursting out the fastest and smoothest attack six times within the shortest time.

One, two, three. As the flying swallow hovered in the air, the stone soldiers it targeted fell down one by one, and out flew their green souls.

“Haa!”

With a stunning roaring, Yun Xi had used his strength. But it was too early to change his posture, as a big and tall person jumped down from a high position and cracked Yun Xi’s head by using a big stone, tablet-like sword.

Yun Xi’s blood winded through the ground. He also kept this guy in his mind.

“Boom!”

Under Yun Xi's feet, the giant weapon struck the ground into debris. Yun Xi slipped through the weapon's bombardment and the coordinated attacks of the stone soldiers.

He diverted the four swords from locking onto his heart by lifting his shield up and was going to strike back, when he suddenly felt the back of his head go cold.

Out of his sight, from the high above in the sky, where it obviously was beyond the reach of a human, a pair of glassy swords flew and hovered in the sky, with Yun Xi's blood dripping from its blade.

It was that guy. At that moment where Yun Xi's head fell to the ground, he saw that inconspicuous but hateful enemy.

“Din! Din! Din!” With a stream of tinkling sounds of weapons, Yun Xi skillfully moved the shield in his hands and blocked all the frontal attacks. Afterward, he made a backflip and dodged the whirling twin swords that dropped down from the sky.

Flying Swallow Sixfold Attack! By using the collision size of the stone soldiers as his shield, Yun Xi played his ace, the new learned deadly skill.

One, two, three... three stone soldiers' heads were cut off and flew to the sky.

At the next second, a weird and longsword shadow flashed in the crowd. Yun Xi felt his body go cold and his heart stop. Then, only blood red remained in front of his eyes.

Again. It was that person. Out of the corner of Yun Xi's eyes, Yun Xi forced himself to look at that place, making out that person's unmatched and ethereal figure among these stone soldiers.

"Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!" Yun Xi's heartbeats made a whooshing sound that echoed in the empty frontage square of the palace.

He had died 135 times.

The main reason, death under siege.

His head was cut off dozens of times; his body was torn to pieces dozens of times; he was trampled to death dozens of times due to lost of balance, and he was hacked dozens of times after falling to the ground due to taking an arrow to the knee.

In the past, Yun Xi thought that fighting desperately with the green hippo for 120 times was already the most violent massacre in the world.

Now, he knew that he made a grave mistake.

He just stepped in the battlefield of his first formal trial and didn't even get through the first level. However, he had already tasted death three times more than during the newbie trial.

"Come on, there are only you three left!" Standing in the middle of a large number of broken arms and wreckage and stepping on the stone soldier's corpse, Yun Xi held his shield and provoked the last three high-level stone soldiers, who were rushing out from the first palace.

Yes, the shield. After killing enemies one after another by using Quicksilver Motion and Flying Swallow Sword, his killing record stopped at 17. Finally, Yun Xi remembered that beside the campfire, there was a shield.

Reality taught him that the three pieces of equipment the stars prepared for him in the trial were all indispensable.

The newbie iron sword wouldn't wear and tear, so he didn't need to worry about if it would be curved in the killing.

The cloth armor didn't have high defence, but it really could reduce deadly injuries and offer him the little necessary defence.

The last one was the shield. Just like the newbie iron sword, the shield also wouldn't wear and tear. In the most critical moment, it could save Yun Xi's life.

Without the shield, Yu Xi wouldn't have been able to kill the twenty-seven stone soldiers. He finally got the opportunity to fight against the last three high-level stone soldiers.

At least till now, this was his best achievement, and was also the most difficult challenge in the first level.

Yun Xi clearly remembered that he had been killed by the three high-level stone soldiers at least two hundred times.

In order to distinguish the three high-level soldiers from other common soldiers, Yun Xi marked the three people as Stone Soldier Number One, Number Two, and Number Three.

Stone Soldier Number One's strength was near the upper level of the 2nd rank. He was good at using two swords and had high speed. His special attack skill was Whirling Two Swords.

He could throw out the two swords and have them return to his hands by themselves. Yun Xi had never seen such a sword skill.

Stone Soldier Number Two was also at the upper level of the 2nd rank. He was mighty and adept at using the heavy sword. His special attack skill was Leaping Attack.

His skill was simple and a little like the green hippo's straight-line attack, but the difference was that he often chose to attack Yun Xi when he was in a hitback motion. His deadly Leaping Attack often made Yun Xi face death directly.

Stone Soldier Number Three was at the mid level of the 2nd rank. He was good at using the snake bone soft sword, which was a pretty rare weapon. His special attack was Spirit Snake's Chaotic Dancing.

He was undoubtedly the weakest one among the three high-level stone soldiers. However, most of the time, it was him that killed Yun Xi because he was the only one who didn't fear Yun Xi's Flying Swallow Sword.

Arguably, it was his Spirit Snake Sword Skill that made Yun Xi learn how to use the shield.

Apart from this, Yun Xi had found the method to kill the other twenty-seven stone soldiers one by one.

In the end, there were only the three strongest high-level stone soldiers that Yun Xi had to deal with, who were so thorny and had completely different properties.

"..." The tallest enemy, Stone Soldier Number Two, mumbled a few words and stood up first.

Compared to Yun Xi, who was covered in bumps and bruises and was too horrible to look at, this burly guy was not harmed at all and was in his best state. The other two people were also in the same state.

They had also experienced those sanguinary battles, but the three people could keep themselves in their best state and weren't killed by Yun Xi even once. This had proved their strength.

They were at a high level, above the twenty-seven deceased stone soldiers.

Though they were called "the children of noble families" just like all the other people, they were true elites. The geniuses like Ashen, who had felt complacent just because of their little gifts, were not at the same level with them at all.

They didn't use all their strength. They just coldly looked at Yun Xi killing the stone soldiers and had no worries, because they were far weaker than them.

The reason was simple — they all had the strength to kill Yun Xi one on one. They mastered their family's inheritance. Even if Yun Xi learned how to use Quicksilver Motion and Flying Swallow Sword, he couldn't fight against them.

For them, Yun Xi was just a toy they used to enjoy the feeling of killing.

Chapter 44: Yun Xi's Outbreak

"Hee hee, things became interesting." Stone Soldier Number Two carried his big sword, carelessly walking toward Yun Xi.

Compared to Yun Xi, who was covered in bumps and bruises while holding a sword in one hand and a shield in the other, Stone Soldier Number Two was in a much better state.

Most of the time Yun Xi was killed by the three stone soldiers. They were the biggest factor that caused Yun Xi's deaths.

In regards to the boys and girls of noble families who were at the 1st rank or just entered the 2nd rank in the common army, they were super elites. Every one of them was able to threaten Yun Xi's life alone.

In principle, Yun Xi had Hua Huo's seed. He shouldn't be driven to the last ditch by them.

If it were a fair battle, the winning percentage of Yun Xi against any of them would be more than 90%.

Unfortunately, fairness wasn't a thing that existed in the world. Yun Xi already knew it when he faced the star trials the first time.

If it was about talent or combat intuition, after obtaining Hua Huo's seed, he also obtained a huge advantage.

However, they had a greater advantage than him.

The biggest reason that caused his death every time : Equipment.

Yes. The reason why Yun Xi was killed by the three people was because their equipment were way better than his.

Stone Soldier Number One had a pair of whirling swords. Stone Soldier Number Two had a big sword. Stone Soldier Number Three had a Snake Bone Soft Sword. They were all weapons of the best quality, which were made by using special methods, and even had a few special abilities.

Mortals couldn't use Hero rank weapons, so their weapons still weren't beyond the limit of the Mortal rank. However, they were still three masterpieces of skilled craftsmen.

It seemed that the whirling twin swords Stone Soldier Number One owned had a special magnetism. No matter where he threw it to, it would eventually fly back to its owner.

The big sword Stone Soldier Number Two owned weighed up to over a 100 kg. It was a heavy weapon that was only fit for people who were born with superhuman strength.

The Snake Bones Soft Sword Stone Soldier Number Three owned was the most terrible and fatal evil sword among the three weapons. It even possessed a few abilities that normally only Hero rank weapons had. At the very moment he brandished his sword, it could cheat its enemy's sight and spatial sense.

But as for Yun Xi, he had only a newbie sword, a newbie cloth armor, and a newbie wooden shield.

The three people all had swords that fitted them the most, they had experienced the best education since their childhoods, and their power also were all better than Yun Xi's.

Yun Xi could only defeat them by using his talent and his 3rd rank combat intuition.

Unfortunately, at the Mortal rank, weapons and equipments were more important than Yun Xi's imagination.

This was the impassable wide gap among ordinary people and Childes. It was the largest factor that couldn't be surpassed by talent.

At the Mortal rank, children of noble families had craftsmen specially making weapons for them, plus they could learn their families' sword skills. Compared to common swordsmen who were at the same rank as them, they had overwhelming advantages.

Yun Xi didn't know where the three top-level stone soldiers were from and who they were, but after experiencing battles again and again, he had clearly touched the limit that common swordsmen could reach.

Weapons were really important.

The first time, Yun Xi began to think more seriously about this point, what common swordsmen lacked most...

"You can't kill the dragon without good weapons and equipment". This was a proverb from the Western God's Domain. It implicitly told young boys who wanted to become strong, that they shouldn't ignore the importance of equipment — even if they were super geniuses.

Good equipment could play an extremely important role in battle. Those Childes who had received the best education knew it clearer than anyone.

In that case, even though Yun Xi had killed twenty-seven stone soldiers, in the eyes of the three top-level stone soldiers, he was still just so-so.

"Pa!" Yun Xi threw away his shield, though it had protected him countless times during the battle, and held his sword with one hand.

I know it. You have better weapons than me, and received a better education than me. You were born with everything.

Perhaps this is just a game in your eyes. A game of chicken, a game that was named as "slaughter".

But I tell you, you are wrong!

You know nothing about true talent!

Your biggest mistake was just sitting by and watching me kill the twenty-seven stone soldiers who could originally help you!

One fighting against thirty and one fighting against three are two totally different situations!

Using Quicksilver Motion!

Giving up defence and using the skill of Flying Swallow Sword to its limit!

The first attack of the hovering swallow!

“Hee ha!” Stone Soldier Two tensed his muscles. He held his heavy sword and made a whirlwind slash.

“Hee!” Stone Soldier Number One threw out his whirling twin swords from his hands. The twin swords dropped from the sky from a weird angle.

“Buzz!” The Snake Bones Soft Sword suddenly quivered in the hands of Stone Soldier Number Three. It was like a viper that darted out from the grass, biting at the hovering swallow.

In their eyes, Yun Xi's Flying Swallow Sword was the only move they thought that could threaten them. However, after observing him for so long, they had found the weakness of the flying swallow.

The Viper's Bite that Stone Soldier Number Three understood was faster than the flying swallow.

"Who told you that I can only use the Flying Swallow Sword?!"

The first attack of flying swallow was not completed, because Yun Xi proactively broke it.

You were my first target!

Nine cold sword lights flashed. It was way more swift, violent, and deadly than the Snake Bones Soft Sword.

Attack the weakest one. Though Stone Soldier Number Three had the weirdest sword skill and the fastest speed among all the three top-level stone soldiers, but he was still at the 2nd rank. He was the weakest one among all the three people.

In order to pursue speed, he must weaken his defence. From the beginning, Yun Xi was aiming at Stone Soldier Number Three, because his threat was the biggest and his weakness was also very conspicuous.

"Chi! Chi! Chi!" With the noise of wind and the noise of blood dropped down, before the smile disappeared from the corner of Stone Soldier Number Three's mouth, his body had been cut into two by Yun Xi.

As a price, one of Yun Xi's hands was chopped down by the whirling sword from the side.

"Even if I have only one hand, you still can't beat me down!" Why had Yun Xi left them to the end? Not only because they were the strongest, but also because they were the most stupid.

They knew nothing about true talent.

The sword was dancing. This time, Yun Xi finally used the complete Flying Swallow Triple Attack.

Stone Soldier Number Two looked very shocked. He put the heavy sword in front of himself, trying to block Yun Xi's critical slash.

You can't block my attack!

The first attack chopped on the left part of the heavy sword.

The second attack chopped on the right part of the heavy sword.

The last attack was as elegant as the flying swallow, chopping down Stone Soldier Number Two's head.

Your greatest weakness was that you don't know the horror between life and death!

After going beyond the limit of oneself, humans could have an outbreak of incredible potential that is even greater and beyond their own imagination!

Chapter 45: Kill!

“How is this possible!” As the only Stone Soldier left standing, Stone Soldier Number One looked incredulously at Yun Xi who had lost one of his arms and was stained with blood.

He remembered that three seconds ago, they still had an overwhelming advantage because the human body had its limit.

After killing twenty-seven stone soldiers — though there were just some trash fish or cannon fodders in their eyes — he should already be very tired.

After seeing the brat’s miserable appearance, the three people played the hunter game with ease, preparing to slaughter this unenlightened kid with the most terrible method.

“Your biggest arrogant mistake was to give up your numerical superiority.” Yun Xi panted. Though he had lost one of his arms, his eyes were still bright.

The biggest difference between the first star trial and the newbie trial was that the number of his enemies grew by leaps.

One versus one, with Hua Huo’s seed, as a 1st ranked warrior, Yun Xi could even kill 3rd rank monsters like the fierce green hippo.

One versus thirty, though Yun Xi already reached the 2nd rank, he had already been killed three hundred times by the stone soldiers, who were also at the 2nd rank.

By using the bloody reality, the stars were teaching Yun Xi what the true battlefield was like.

Here, no one would have a one-on-one fight with you. If you had to face over thirty enemies, flesh and blood could do nothing.

Maybe when Hua Huo was still at the 2nd rank, she could kill the thirty people by herself with ease, but that didn't mean Yun Xi could do the same.

He wasn't Hua Huo. Even though his combat awareness had reached the 3rd rank, his body didn't. He needed to adjust his body, and try again and again, suffering attacks by using his own flesh and blood, in order to figure out what the weapons were, the battle skills, and attack habits of the thirty stone soldiers.

Every death made Yun Xi have a deeper understanding about the bloody battlefield.

If the Limit Practice in the valley opened the door of the warrior for Yun Xi, then you could say that the formal trial led Yun Xi to finally step on the road behind the door.

After dying for 315 times, Yun Xi finally found the way to success. By using the three top-level stone soldiers' arrogance, he killed the other twenty-seven ordinary stone soldiers.

As the higher-level stone soldiers, they owned special legacies. Their biggest shortcoming was their disdain for those ordinary stone soldiers.

They could never imagine that without the twenty-seven ordinary stone soldiers, and with only themselves to fight with Yun Xi, what a terrifying strength he could burst out with.

“Dammit...” As his two hands held the whirling sword, streams of sweat dropped from Stone Soldier Number One’s forehead.

Why has this dream suddenly changed?

He still remembered that just now, it was still a game to let them slaughter the stupid and overconfident newbie.

However, in an instant, the newbie became a terrifying monster. He’d killed two of the strongest three people!

“No! I’m the strongest!”

“They are just my sidekicks!” As a top-level elite of a noble family, he wouldn’t concede defeat.

“You... are scared...” Yun Xi took a deep breath.

“Me? No!” Stone Soldier Number One held his twin swords.

“You beastie kid, you think your talent is enough to support your arrogance?”

“You don’t understand how many times we are better than you!

“I will let you witness my true power!

“You’ve lost one of your arms, in that case, do you still think that you can match up to me?”

His twin swords danced in the air. It was a sword skill Yun Xi had never seen. In a flash, he lost the twin swords from his sight.

It was no wonder that he was an elite of a noble family. Yun Xi didn’t look down on his opponent’s strongest attack.

Quicksilver Motion!

Flying Swallow Triple Attack!

“There you go. It’s just Flying Swallow Attack!” Stone Soldier Number One had realized what Yun Xi’s sword skill was.

Flying Swallow Attack was famous for its dexterity and elegance. It needed its practitioners to have a high flexibility and manual dexterity, a secret sword skill that could only be learned by people who had extraordinary talent.

In the air, this sword skill was created by a real swordmaster. When he used this skill, he could cut off space. Besides, it was the key leading to more advanced sword skills.

However, most of the people who were able to master this secret sword skill were girl geniuses who were thirteen or fourteen years old.

Very few Mortal males had the physical flexibility and manual dexterity to learn this sword skill. As time passed, the Flying Swallow Sword nearly became a special sword skill that could only be learned by females.

The whirling twin swords became two crane wing-like light balls. They flew from the left and right, crashing into each other with Yun Xi's Flying Swallow Triple Attack.

The first attack, his Flying Swallow was bounced back by the whirling sword on the left.

The second attack, his Flying Swallow was bounced back by the whirling sword on the right.

His last attack, the secret assassin attack, was also blocked by the crossed two swords.

In the next moment, two swords cut through Yun Xi's body together, giving him a deadly attack.

How awesome was it! It wasn't inferior to the Flying Swallow Sword at all. Yun Xi felt like he was blind as a bat, which meant that his physical strength and mental strength both reached its limits.

Just now, he killed Stone Soldier Number Two and Number Three, he needed to pay for it. Especially the nine sword lights he used to kill the stone soldier who had the Snake Bones Soft Sword. It was the first time that Yun Xi used them. He couldn't control them perfectly yet.

However, he hadn't failed yet!

"Aaaargh!" He didn't think that he had to fear anything.

Since he didn't fall down, it meant that the fight hadn't ended yet, you Childe of a noble family!

"Bang!" Though Yun Xi's body was cut through by the two swords, he didn't hesitate to knock his body on the Stone Soldier Number One's body, and the next was his fierce headbutt attack.

"Ah!" With a piercing scream, Stone Soldier number One, who thought he had achieved victory, toppled to the ground. A bloodstain appeared on his forehead.

I say, you Childes who grew up in a greenhouse, you underestimate the battlefield too much.

Before I was able to do this, I had been killed by you 315 times!

Yun Xi ground his teeth, drawing the sword out of his own body and brandishing it towards him.

The last stone soldier's head flew to the sky. A great deal of blood splurged out of his neck, staining Yun Xi's body, making him dirtier.

However, he was the winner.

Compared to the battle between him and the green hippo, the battle this time was more brutal, desperate, and cruel. However, by relying on the sword talent Hua Huo's seed brought him, and his will of never giving up and collapsing, Yun Xi finally passed the first stage.

In front of the first palace, an enormous number of green souls flew around on the battlefield, as Yun Xi then absorbed them one by one.

By absorbing them, Yun Xi's wounds and awful scars all recovered bit by bit.

The warm campfire lit up Yun Xi's gritty face. The bloody sword blade was reflected in his eyes.

Finally, he took his first step in the trial of blood and fire.

"The next step is to check my spoils."

Chapter 46: Forging

Sure enough, the formal trial was unlike the newbie trial.

Though it was difficult, in the first level of the trial, the first group of stone soldiers had killed Yun Xi three hundred times, but Yun Xi had also obtained equal rewards from them.

Yun Xi only obtained the hippo's soul from the green hippo. However, besides the stone soldier's souls, the stone soldier army Yun Xi killed also provided him four spoils.

Three of the spoils made Yun Xi feel the importance of weapons and the equipment Yun Xi obtained in the formal trial.

The two cranes swords — they were two famous swords owned by the second Childe of the Yun He family, and forged by the seventeenth successor of God Craftsman Ou Yezi.

They were two swords specially made for supporting the Yun He Sword Skill. They had the property that could be thrown out to attack enemies by itself and then fly back to its master.

“The Yun He Sword Skill...” Yun Xi couldn't stop himself from remembering the several people who were living in the highest bamboo houses in the small town. Childe Yun He was one of them.

The next was the two-handed sword that the Number Two Stone Soldier used.

It was a standard two-handed sword of the Thunder Army in the Western God's Domains — the walking sword of Childe Si Nian, and was made by the Western God Artisan's Guild.

It was 108 kg, and only a person with superhuman strength could use it. It could even be used as a siege weapon!

The last one was the weirdest sword, which brought Yun Xi the biggest trouble.

Snake Bones Soft Sword — it was the heritage spirit weapon of the White Lotus Sword Domain's Snake Bones Family. It was held by the current Child Snake Bones, and no one knew who its maker was. People only knew that it was probably forged from some Hero rank spirit snakes' remnant parts.

It was specially made for supporting the Snake Bones Sword Skill. After reaching the Hero rank, its user could summon the shadow of the spirit snake out of the sword to fight for him.

Spirit Weapon. It was the first spirit weapon Yun Xi obtained.

Mortals couldn't display the true power of weapons at this level. They could only use them as the best Mortal rank weapons.

No wonder Child Snake Bones's attacks were so weird — the Snake Bones Soft Sword was a true Spirit Weapon! It was a great waste to be used by a Mortal.

"But I can't use them at all!" Looking at the spoils he obtained in his first formal trial, Yun Xi was a little annoyed.

No matter if it was the two Cranes Swords or Snake Bones Soft Sword, they were all specially made for supporting sword skills. Especially the Snake Bones Soft Sword, it needed a special bloodline to match with it. In that case, Yun Xi couldn't even use it.

Now, Yun Xi could only use the standard two-handed sword of the Thunder Army from the Western God's Domain.

However, Yun Xi's power was from Hua Huo's seed; his strongest sword skill was the lightweight and flexible Flying Swallow Sword. It wasn't something that matched with the super giant sword which weighed 108 kilograms.

Yun Xi twisted the corner of his mouth slightly after he imagined his slender Hua Huo waving the two-handed giant sword to attack someone.

No, no, he couldn't use them. After picking and choosing, Yun Xi found that now, the newbie iron sword was still the optimal choice for him.

Fortunately, the fourth spoil gave Yun Xi a hint, that even though these weapons didn't fit him, they could still offer him their power.

The last spoils were ten small crystals that emitted teeny green lights.

These fragments of green crystals were the Essence of Weapon Enhancement. They could be used to forge and enhance low-level weapons. (The fragments could be obtained after randomly defeating enemies or by disassembling low-level weapons.)

"Disassemble them." Yun Xi decided to disassemble the Snake Bones Soft Sword and the flying two Crane Swords, leaving only the two-handed giant sword, because he thought that maybe he could use it.

The method to disassembling weapons was simple, he had only to throw the weapon he couldn't use into the campfire.

"Ding!" After a while, dozens of the fragments of green crystals flew out from the campfire and fell into Yun Xi's hands.

“Well, the two Crane Swords gave me four fragments.”

“The Snake Bones Soft Sword is worthy of being called a Spirit Weapon, it gave me thirty-one fragments!” After counting out all the fragments of green crystals he had, Yun Xi moved his eyes to the four pieces of equipment in his armory.

The newbie iron sword, the newbie cloth armor, the newbie wooden shield, and the standard two-handed sword of the Thunder Army from the Western God’s Domain.

At first glance, it would be best to use all the fragments of green crystals to forge and enhance the last spoil, because it could improve his combat capabilities immediately.

The problem was that the strongest choice was not always the optimal choice. After hesitating for a while, Yun Xi chose the newbie iron sword — because it was the most suitable one for him.

Up to now, he had the highest proficiency with the newbie iron sword among all the weapons he had used. He decided to change for a better sword after obtaining more spoils after the trial.

As for the uncommon standard two-handed sword of the Thunder Army, oh, maybe he could learn how to use it in the future.

“Enhance the newbie iron sword.” After putting the newbie iron sword in front of the campfire, Yun Xi sent out the “Enhancing” order.

Three green crystals immediately turned into ashes and began to enhance the newbie iron sword for the first time.

The green light points infiltrated the newbie iron sword and engraved new grooves on the common newbie iron sword.

Every groove would use three green crystals. After using up nine green crystals, the newbie iron sword had three beautiful ancient-style grooves on it, which made it look better.

However, the green crystals gave no response at all after that.

“Could it only be enhanced three times?” Yun Xi knew that this was the newbie iron sword’s limit. It was limited by its material quality, and couldn’t be engraved with any more grooves in it.

To be honest, even the three grooves had surprised Yun Xi. He didn’t know how it was made, it was a superlative craftsmanship.

After enhancing three times, it didn’t change anything, no matter its centre of gravity or quality of balance. However, its material quality and sharpness had been improved to a higher level.

Perhaps the newbie iron sword couldn’t compare to the two-handed sword of Thunder Army now, but it was already a fine sword. It could at least be regarded as a top grade weapon among all Mortal weapons.

Especially, when it had the special property — “Never wear”, which was the only property of the newbie weapon.

“Well, then, it’s your turn now.” After successfully enhancing the newbie iron sword, Yun Xi enhanced the newbie cloth armor and the newbie wooden shield to their limit without hesitation.

As the same as the newbie iron sword, the enhancing limit of the newbie cloth armor and the newbie wooden shield was three times. However, the cloth armor needed three times more green crystals than the iron sword, which meant that it used nine fragments of green crystals to engrave a single groove.

After that, Yun Xi had used all the fragments of green crystals he obtained in the first level.

However, the expensive enhancement brought Yun Xi power. After putting the three pieces of newbie equipment on his body, Yun Xi could clearly feel the power the pieces of equipment brought him.

Chapter 47: Lancers

The first was the newbie iron sword. The iron sword was the weapon Yun Xi was most comfortable with. And now it was brand new, shining cold light from its sword handle to the point of the blade.

Undoubtedly, its weight and center didn’t change, but it was more comfortable and flexible to hold it in his hands.

If there was a specific way to describe it, the newbie sword has enhanced Yun Xi’s combat power by over 150%.

The next was the newbie cloth armor. After engraving three grooves on it, it supported Yun Xi by defending his vulnerable body parts better. At least, he wouldn’t be cut so easily again.

As for the last one, the newbie wooden shield, it improved in stability and anti-impact ability; which also meant that Yun Xi needed to master higher skills to use it.

After experiencing violent battles, wandering between death and life, Yun Xi was keenly aware of the importance of good weapons and equipment on the battlefield.

If he had these three pieces of equipment at that time, perhaps he would only die a hundred times and would pass through the first test perfectly.

This was also the reason as to why he enhanced all his equipment without any hesitation after getting the fragments of green crystal.

Because of the horror of death, it made him feel the value of life more clearly.

Humans shouldn't get used to death. Yun Xi didn't become numb to the frequent deaths, but only valued his own life more carefully.

He knew that people died if they were killed. In the real world, there was no bonfire that could revive him without limit.

"My strength improved by about... 10%?" At the end of the first stage of the trial, Yun Xi absorbed all the souls of the stone soldier army.

The souls of every single stone soldier only offered Yun Xi a few improvements. Even after he had absorbed the last three stone soldiers' souls, they couldn't match up with the green hippo's soul at all.

The energy in the souls of the stone soldier army was more than the energy of the green hippo's soul about 1.5 times, but to kill them was far more difficult than to kill the green hippo. Yun Xi even missed the stupid green hippo a little from the newbie trial.

The green hippo's soul let Yun Xi become a 1st rank swordsman, and the green hippo's seed let Yun Xi level up to 2nd rank after his Limit Practice.

Well, though the hippo was supposed to be killed, but it would be regarded as a pretty good novice package. It would be better if Ashen summoned more hippos at that time.

"The next step, is to choose the route." Standing in the empty palace, Yun Xi looked at the doors leading to two different areas.

Behind the two doors, there were wide bridges and both bridges had several stone soldiers wandering on them.

The door on the left led to the volcanic area, where gathered countless flames —It was the location of the young heroine, who was going to fight the evil dragon.

The door on the right led to the great tower —At the end of the coastline waited the imprisoned princess.

Now, Yun Xi had to make his choice.

Should he do the branch quest first, meeting with his childhood sweetheart and fighting against the evil dragon in the volcanic area with her, or directly finish the main quest, going to the great tower to save the princess of the twin witches?

“By the way, do they really need my help?” Yun Xi stood in the middle of the fork with a helpless expression on his face.

The road to the left led to his childhood sweetheart Hua Huo. His strongest ability was obtained from her seed. Did such an awesome childhood sweetheart really need him to fight side by side with her?

The road to the right led to the twin witches, Red Lotus and White Lotus. Hey, hey, hey! Was there anyone in the town able to imprison you? You are two Hero ranked, strong people who could even fly!

Thinking about it, Yun Xi felt that the world was so ridiculous.

“Sure enough, I should go meet with Hua Huo.” Though in the hot spring White Lotus showed her love to him, but in Yun Xi’s heart, Hua Huo was the most important one.

After all, they were childhood sweethearts who lived together for ten years. Besides, she was also his first love; he knew her quite well.

Since he had made the decision, Yun Xi didn’t hesitate anymore. He directly rushed out of the palace.

“Ka La! Ka La!” In the hallway, a stone soldier holding a lance in its hand leaped into the air. It brandished its lance and locked on Yun Xi’s position.

3rd rank! It was a strong stone soldier at the 3rd rank! Was its class Lancer?

The attack of a 3rd rank was far more powerful than the attack of a 2nd rank. Anyone who was at the 3rd rank was certain to have mastered a method to improve his power, and could break out with a power that Mortals could never imagine.

They were the strongest presences amongst all Mortals. Each one of them could be regarded as a valiant general, who could fight one against thousands of enemies.

“Ding!” The wooden shield he had just enhanced played a role at this crucial moment. It helped Yun Xi block the mortal blow from the sky.

Quicksilver Motion and Flying Swallow Sword! Combat instinct waking up immediately, Yun Xi struck back.

“Chi! Chi! Chi!” The sharp lance danced like a violent storm in the air, breaking through Yun Xi’s Flying Swallow Sword from the center and thrusting into Yun Xi’s chest.

The enhanced newbie cloth armor worked again. It helped Yun Xi block the unknown 3rd rank strong person’s thrust.

“Cough!” Yun Xi vomited out blood from his mouth as he quickly stepped back.

The enemy was too strong. He was more powerful than the 3rd rank enemies Yun Xi met before. Even the green hippo wasn’t at the same level with him.

He was apparently a veteran of many wars. His lance never drew back, he was really a violent general-like man. And his lance skill was also a military style, it had no extra skills except the killing techniques themselves.

“Hoo!” He didn’t give Yun Xi the chance to adjust himself. After the thrusting, the violent general-like man swept Yun Xi to the sky with his shield.

“Too bad, I lost my balance!” Yun Xi heard harsh howling. It was the fatal announcement of death.

“Just fight!” Yun Xi threw away the newbie wooden shield. He struck an unnatural pose and brandished his sword nine times in the air.

It was the secret sword skill he used to kill the owner of the Snake Bones Soft Sword, a skill that could only be used after mastering Flying Swallow Skill, killing his enemy by brandishing his sword nine times from different angles and directions.

“Uh?” With a surprised voice, the lance struck back nine times on the nine sword waves, breaking Yun Xi’s unique skill from the center again.

He was too strong. What to do? Yun Xi turned around in the air, standing on the stone pillar of the bridge. For the first time, he looked his opponent up and down.

Yun Xi surprisingly found that he wasn’t a Childe of a noble family, but a real general wearing military armor.

He even knew the general very well. When he was still young, the general and his army had passed by the small town more than once.

“Why is it him?” Yun Xi was dumbfounded. After all, he was a former general of the White Lotus Sword Domain, an army chief who had the title as “Battle Deity”!

When he was young, the general was the idol of many boys in the town, and was the only 3rd rank person who emerged from the small town.

As far as Yun Xi knew, he was over forty-years-old this year.

Chapter 48: The Five Great Generals

So, the trial didn’t only pull the young Childe of the noble families in here, but older people were in its selected ranges as well...

Yun Xi remembered that when he was young, a “Battle Deity” was a big deal.

Not only him. There were also other generals who passed by the small town sometimes when they led their troops to go on patrol.

They were called the “Five Tiger Generals” and were seen as great heroes.

When didn’t the young boys and girls in the town regard themselves as their heroes?

Well, Yun Xi remembered what happened after Hua Huo dueled them.

In the duel, Hua Huo beat the five people down at the same time.

After that, Hua Huo replaced the position of the five generals, becoming the unquestionable number one in the hearts of all the young boys and girls in town.

He remembered that the invitation of White Lotus Sword Palace was also sent to her at that time.

Since a genuine "Battle Deity" was here, Yun Xi had a hunch that the several big and tall stone soldiers behind him were...

Yun Xi raised his head up, looking at the several familiar faces.

They looked like they were cut from the same mold. They all had strong muscles, big and tall bodies, finely tempered, fine steel lances, and looked like five standard lancers.

Yes, they were the famous Five Tiger Generals in the Mortal army of the White Lotus Sword Domain, the successors of the "Ruinous Star Sect", which was located in the sword blade region of the domain. It was said they were five cousins.

Zhao Ming, Zhao Xiong, Zhao Chu, Zhao Chui, and Zhao Shen. These were the Five Tiger Generals' names, and the true name of the general "Battle Deity" was Zhao Xiong.

However, many people thought the five generals looked like they were cut from the same mold. No matter if it was their powerful muscles or frightening faces, it made everyone refuse to believe that they were not brothers.

The reason people called them the “Five Tiger Generals”, was because their faces were too alike.

“General Zhao Xiong.” Yun Xi adjusted his breath.

This was the first time he would fight against a general who was so powerful, that he alone could replace a thousand normal enemies. Yun Xi felt a little nervous.

No matter if it were battle skills, attack power, or fighting abilities, the green hippo who had only brute force couldn’t be compared to General Zhao Xiong.

Even if he ignored other factors, his simple “sweep away” skill had already forced Yun Xi into a desperate situation.

However, Hua Huo’s seed sent him a strange piece of information. It seemed to be trying to tell Yun Xi that general “Battle Deity” Zhao Xiong, wasn’t unbeatable.

At that time, when Hua Huo put herself against the Five Tiger Generals and defeated them one by one, she wasn’t at the 3rd rank, but at the 2nd rank, the same as Yun Xi.

“Is this... true?” If Yun Xi didn’t obtain Hua Huo’s seed, he would never have figured out that the five generals, who were also known as the Five Military Strategists, had the same weakness.

“Well... it should be here...” Yun Xi looked around, then skillfully dashed towards General Zhao Xiong.

“Ohhhh!” General Zhao Xiong looked pretty excited. In the dream, he seemed to have returned to the most important battle in his life.

At that day, his opponent was also so tiny and nimble, it seemed as if he could easily beat her down by a sudden strike.

However, in the end, the battle ended with his crushing defeat. Not only him, but his four brothers — Zhao Ming, Zhao Chu, Zhao Chui, and Zhao Shen, were all defeated by the little girl’s sword.

That was the first time he realized how wide the gap was among geniuses and ordinary people, and that battle also became the turning point of his life.

After being defeated by the sword skill of the genius girl, he finally realized the limit of his talent. He understood that he probably couldn’t step on the road of the Hero rank during his lifetime. Then, he gave up, he followed his family’s arrangement: marrying a wife and having a son. Now, his children were already old enough to hold a lance.

Perhaps that was the limit of his life. He had been pinning all his hopes on his children.

Now, his son had succeeded his blood. Though his son could only practice with a wooden lance now, but his lance skill already looked like his father’s, and would definitely surpass him.

However, sometimes, when he woke up from a dream, he couldn’t stop himself from imagining what would have happened if he had won that duel.

He thought he wasn’t the only one who thought so. His brothers, who also had gotten married and had children, would also imagine that battle.

Zhao Ming, Zhao Xiong, Zhao Chu, Zhao Chui, and Zhao Shen, they were called the Five Tiger Generals. They must've cared about that duel too much, so they had this dream together.

The opponent in their dream wasn't a girl. However, his sword skill and battle style looked exactly like the genius girl they remembered.

What a wonderful dream!

After that battle, they had reflected on it countless times. They practiced their lance skills, thinking about the mistakes they made in the battle over and over again. Now, they finally had the opportunity to fight again in the dream!

"He ha!" Zhao Xiong shouted. The lance he held rotated, drawing a circle in the air. He dashed towards Yun Xi.

This was it, this was the feeling! The feeling that, though his strength and attacks held the advantage, his heart still beat heavily.

Kid, try your best!

Let's start a jolly and hearty fight!

One on one!

“One... two... three... four...” Yun Xi took a few nimble steps, shielding the heavy lance arc by using his sword. Then, he showed his back to General Zhao Xiong, exposing his weakness on purpose.

At the moment Yun Xi showed him his back, General Zhao Xiong’s eyes suddenly turned red. His steel lance rotated like a drilling bit, starting his fatal-violent lunge toward Yun Xi.

“Here it is... five... six...” Yun Xi rolled over, which almost was at the extreme limit of the human body, and then jumped up on the edge of the bridge.

“Boom!” General Zhao Xiong’s lance furiously broke through the balustrade of the bridge. Then, he dropped down into the green water under the bridge without hesitation.

“Plop!” With a loud noise, the water splashed ten meters high.

After about dozens of seconds, a ball of green soul of the stone soldier flew to Yun Xi.

“Eh... so that’s true...” Yun Xi stood on the position General Zhao Xiong dashed down from on the bridge, looking at the traces caused by the severe friction. For a moment, he was stunned.

The Five Tiger Generals were the successors of military strategists. They were experts in charging and breaking enemy positions by using their skilled lance skills, and they had a strong compulsion to attack when their opponent’s exposed their weakness. He could defeat them by using this tactic, making them have an error in judgment.

This was the tactic Yun Xi learned from Hua Huo's seed. It seemed that, though Hua Huo's sword had beat them down, they still couldn't remove this weakness of theirs, their compulsion to attack a perceived weakness.

"I see. So..."

Yun Xi understood how to win against the five generals. They were too impetuous and especially had an unintelligible compulsion to attack weaknesses. He picked up the wooden shield, bravely walking towards the area where the remaining four generals guarded.

"Plop!"

"Plop!"

"Plop!"

"Plop!"

Chapter 49: Mighty Dragon

"How can it be so simple?" By using the same method, Yun Xi trapped Zhao Ming, Zhao Xiong, Zhao Chu, Zhao Chui, and Zhao Shen beside the bridge. He felt the number of the souls he absorbed and felt pretty confused.

Weren't they five real 3rd rank warriors? Compared to the stone army he met at the first stage, why were the famous Five Tiger Generals so easy to deal with?

Were they too weak?

No. Their attacking power and explosive force were both at the 3rd rank. If they fought recklessly with Yun Xi one on one, they could even suppress Yun Xi from all directions.

If it wasn't because they had the same fatal weakness, Yun Xi would have had to pay a great price to win against any of them. Maybe he would even have had to perish together with them.

"Hua Huo... what a genius you are!" Everytime Yun Xi thought that he had overestimated Hua Huo's talent...

... Hua Huo's seed would tell him that he was at a way lower level than Hua Huo.

When Hua Huo was still at the 2nd rank, the Five Tiger Generals' actions were full of weak points. Though they were at the 3rd rank, they were still merely five stronger boorish fellows in Hua Huo's mind.

However, in the eyes of the townspeople, even in the eyes of the people of White Lotus Sword Domain, they all were invincible generals.

99% perspiration was more important than 1% inspiration? That was just a story adults used to cheat children.

1% inspiration was way more important than 99% perspiration. People who had no inspiration would finally reach their limit.

In this world, only a genius who also practiced hard could reach the zenith, just like Hua Huo.

“Does Hua Huo really need my help?” Feeling the increased strength in his body, Yun Xi figured out the degree in which he had improved.

The souls of the Five Tiger Generals were about two times more than the soul of the green hippo. What a great example the green hippo was! He decided that if he saw these kind of green hippos again, he would kill them as much as possible.

“Boom!” A volcano erupted in front of Yun Xi.

Countless amounts of magma soared to the sky.

For a moment, the dust and smoke rose from the volcanic vent and flew ten thousands of meters in the sky. Observing it from the ground, a small half of the sky was almost covered.

“Hua Huo, what are you fighting with?” Looking at the exploding volcano, Yun Xi was stunned for a long while.

By using Quicksilver Motion, Yun Xi turned into the wind, dashing to the central part of the burning volcano area.

Along the way, Yun Xi saw many bodies in separated parts. Every corpse was a strange beast —the beasts the people who just reached the small town owned.

There were about six dead green hippos.

About six dead White Flying Horses.

A dead Griffin.

A dead King Kong.

They all were giants or strange beasts. They were treasures belonging to the people in the town, some of them handed down by their owners' ancestors.

Many strange beasts could live very long, way longer than humans. Training a baby beast from birth, by the time of its death, it could have even protected a family for dozen generations.

In that case, how many strange beasts a big family had and how powerful their strange beasts were, directly showed how strong that family was.

Ordinary people didn't have enough money and time to feed these fierce and strong beasts.

However, those powerful strange beasts were all lying down in a pool of their own blood. Especially the several green hippos, Yun Xi gazed at them with greed.

Because they weren't killed by Yun Xi, he obtained no souls from their corpses. He had to look at these carcasses messed up on the ground.

Not one of them was alive. It seemed that, when Yun Xi was struggling hard to fight with the stone soldier army, Hua Huo had cleared her way by killing, entering the last battle.

Yun Xi even doubted himself... when he reached that place, would the side quest have already been completed by Hua Huo?

"Arrrrgh!" A heaven-shaking roar told Yun Xi that the last battle hadn't finished yet.

"Side Quest: The heroine challenging the evil dragon. Go find her and become her partner, defeat the evil dragon." After remembering the hint of the side quest, Yun Xi knew what the strongest monster in the volcano area was.

A dragon!

No matter where you were, the Western God's Domain or Dragon's Domain, a dragon meant absolute power, the master of dominant power.

Dragon — Even a Wurm, which had only a few drops of dragon blood, was the top hunter who stood at the peak of the food chain.

As the side quest specially pointed out that it was an "evil dragon", Yun Xi couldn't imagine what kind of a vicious monster it was.

Was Hua Huo fighting with such a monster?

After dodging balls of flame continuously and stepping on fire and dust, Yun Xi finally reached the central location of the volcano area, and saw two presences who were fighting.

Dragon!

It wasn't an Earth Dragon, Wyvern, nor Aitvaras. It was a real male Fiery Dragon who had red-hot scales and was roaring!

How was it possible that such a monster appeared near the small town? Wasn't it a nightmare which only inhabited volcanic areas?

Male Fiery Dragon. It had terrible blood that could make it become a true Giant Dragon. It was a True Dragon!

It was about eighteen meters in length, and its scales looked rough and crimson. You could vaguely see dark-red striations on its wings. Even as he was still a few hundred meters away from it, he could feel its horrible atmosphere, which was known as "Dragon's Dignity".

A male Fiery Dragon. It was a real male Fiery Dragon!

If male Fiery Dragons were immersed long enough in magma, it could evolve into a Giant Dragon who could control flames!

Its wide wings, hard scales, and strong four limbs all proved that it could tear any Mortal in two pieces.

No matter if it were the Green Hippo, the King Kong, or the White Flying Horse, they could not be compared to the fiery dragon who owned the blood of a fire-type Giant Dragon.

The Fiery Dragon was a real Hero rank being. It was a super creature who could control flames and had “Dragon’s Dignity”.

However, what was it Yun Xi saw now?

The atrocious Fiery Dragon, who was so strong that it could swim in magma, had one of its wings cut off and only half of its tail remained. Its body was covered with scars.

Hua Huo, who was just at the 3rd rank, had driven the giant monster into the last ditch.

This wasn’t something like a 2nd rank fighting against a 3rd rank, but a Mortal doing serious damage to a Hero rank monster!

Chapter 50: Dragon Battle-Maiden

That was too powerful!

Yun Xi blankly looked at the both sides that were fighting each other violently, feeling Hua Huo’s powerful talent again.

No, it already couldn’t be described as “powerful”. It was incredible!

Everyone in every God's Domain admitted that a Mortal rank couldn't defeat a Hero rank.

Mortal's 3rd rank of white-leaf meant the limit of flesh and blood. Even inhuman monsters like the green hippo were still at this rank.

Only Hero rank of silver-leaf were entitled to step in a higher realm. You could say that in essence, Mortal rank creatures and Hero rank creatures were already two different living beings.

Taking the male Fiery Dragon and the Green Hippo as an example, an adult male Fiery Dragon could easily spit out flame at thousands of degrees and his Dragon Aura field could shock and awe all creatures under the 3rd rank.

If this kind of monsters appeared on the battlefield of Mortals, it wasn't as simple as an invincible enemy, but a nightmare who was going to exterminate all living beings!

3rd rank and 4th rank. Mortals and Heroes. This was a natural chasm.

"Ding!" The cold sword light pierced the air, chopping at the angry male Fiery Dragon again.

One, two, three, four... Yun Xi exhausted his sight, finally barely seeing traces of Hua Huo's sword clearly.

It was the Flying Swallow Sword, but way stronger than the common Flying Swallow Sword.

Yun Xi had to force all his strength to use the Flying Swallow Sixfold Attack, but any of Hua Huo's casual attacks easily reached fourteen slashes!

Not only that, they were all forced on one limb, there was no deviation.

"Hong!" The male Fiery Dragon trampled the ground. All its scales suddenly emitted light, and then, a wall of fire shot up to the sky.

The human Mortal body certainly couldn't master this kind of ability. Flame Control was a proof that the male Fiery Dragon was at Hero rank.

However, the wall of fire couldn't even ignite the corner of Hua Huo's clothes.

Hua Huo stepped forward. Comparing to her use of the skill Quicksilver Motion, Yun Xi blushingly felt that he himself was nothing. A moment later, she appeared behind the male Fiery Dragon.

This time, it was her twenty-four times continuous attacks that were at lightning speed, and the position she chopped on was the male Fiery Dragon's tail, which was already a little broken.

"Roar" The angry male Fiery Dragon used its ultimate skill, which could kill all creatures whose rank was lower than 3rd rank —Dragon's Roar.

Terrible sound waves spread away. Even Yun Xi, who was hundreds of meters away from there, was also involved in the skill. His eardrums nearly broke.

Hua Huo flexibly brandished her sword, drawing traces in the air in a way that Yun Xi was unable to understand, cutting and splitting the male Fiery Dragon from all directions.

“Hoo!” The dragon’s roar, which was able to kill the Five Tiger Generals at the same moment, just blew up a gust of wind, making her pretty horsetail flap in the air.

After breaking the dragon’s roar down, Hua Huo took a backward step and then jumped up in the next second.

“Gahu!” The male Fiery Dragon saw that Hua Huo was jumping up, then its next actions made Yun Xi feel inconceivable.

Holding claws, protecting its eyes and head. Its body curled up with wings folded. Looked that it was very proficient.

Hua Huo jumped up. She dragged her simple long sword, stroking her fingertip on the blade of the sword. Then, she dropped a few blood drops down on the sharp blade, adding the light, long sword a few blood-red colour.

The next moment, with a flash, a line in the air appeared in front of Yun Xi’s eyes. The male Fiery Dragon roared sadly and shrilly as one of its wings was chopped off from the middle.

It was Sky Flying Sword!

It was Yun Xi’s first time seeing Hua Huo’s strongest sword skill, God’s Sword Skill, with his own eyes.

Only this kind of sword skill could chop off the defiant male Fiery Dragon's wing with one hit. After all, if it was Yun Xi, his attack couldn't do any harm to the dragon's scales.

By analogy, half of the dragon's tail and its wing on the other side were also chopped off by Hua Huo's God's Sword Skill.

No wonder that it was Hua Huo's strongest hidden sword skill. It could even chop off the Hero rank dragon's wings and tail.

However, after using this skill, Hua Huo did not look happy at all. She didn't keep fighting with the male Fiery Dragon. Using her skill Quicksilver Motion continuously, she ran to a corner in the middle of the volcano area.

Then, she took out a black stone to sharpen her sword.

Ah, her sword was turned, the weapon was lacking sharpness. When Yun Xi fought with the Green Hippo, he was also facing this trouble, so he understood Hua Huo's action immediately.

The male Fiery Dragon's scales were too hard. Even though Hua Huo's sword was made of stainless steel, an excellent weapon from White Lotus Sword Palace, but it was still not good enough to cut through dragon scales.

Perhaps that was the only reason that Hua Huo hadn't killed the male Fiery Dragon yet.

Her weapon wasn't sharp enough.

If so, maybe...

Yun Xi checked his Armoury, finding a weapon which he regarded as a waste before...

The standard two-handed sword of the Thunderbolt Army in the Western God's Domain. Its weight a hundred-and-eight kilograms. It could be used as a siege weapon.

"Hua Huo, use it!" Yun Xi took out the sword, which was too heavy for Mortals, and threw it to Hua Huo.

"Ah, Little Xi, you're here!" Hua Huo looked at Yun Xi in surprise and happiness. She hurriedly stood up, tidying her little-burnt dress.

Because she had fought with the male Fiery Dragon for a long while, her clothes had been burnt a little apart. However, none of the parts were burned by the male Fiery Dragon's flames. It was burnt due to the igneous magma.

"Don't look at me. Little Xi, ah!" After realizing how embarrassing her dress was, Hua Huo's face turned red.

"You stupid dragon, it's all your fault!"

"Gahu!" The male Fiery Dragon didn't think so. It was just staying in the volcano, but Hua Huo came to it, chopping off its wings and tail. The male Fiery Dragon stared at them with tears welled up. Did I bother you?

I just ate several humans, why must you chased after me till my nest?!

“Hua Huo, sword.” Yun Xi never saw Hua Huo use two-handed swords, but he thought that Hua Huo should know how to use it.

“Oh, you’re coming to give me a weapon! Not bad, this dream.” Hua Huo looked very happy to see the two-handed sword which Yun Xi threw to the ground.

“I needed this kind of weapon!”

“In that case, this stupid dragon is just dead meat!”

“Woohu!” Though it didn’t understand what Hua Huo was saying, the male Fiery Dragon still noticed the two-handed sword that Yun Xi threw to Hua Huo. Suddenly, it shivered.

The next moment, Yun Xi saw the three steps that Hua Huo used to kill the male Fiery Dragon.

The first step, Hua Huo moved to the heavy sword, picking it up by using only one hand.

The second step, Hua Huo jumped up. The blood that slipped from her fingers stained the heavy sword, which was able to kill the dragon.

The third step, a giant “V” crack appeared in the air. It tore the male Fiery Dragon into two pieces.

That was how the heroine killed the evil dragon.