

## Tang Sect 391

### Chapter 391.1: Fiery Evil Tyrant

Even though he came from Shrek Academy, Huo Yuhao still hesitated a little after he saw this soul beast. He quickly tried to recall everything that he had learned so as to recognize what this soul beast was.

This was a Devouring Dragon, which was also known as a Mini-Tyrant Dragon.

Tyrant Dragons were considered one of the strongest among Earth Dragons. A mature Tyrant Dragon would grow to more than fifteen meters in height. Above a ten thousand year cultivation, they could even reach more than thirty meters in height. They were definitely considered one of the largest soul beasts. Their physical offense and defense were also very strong, and they could compare to a true Giant Dragon.

However, Tyrant Dragons weren't adept at long-range attacks. Their outstanding physical abilities also restricted them in other aspects.

This Devouring Dragon in front of Huo Yuhao was very similar to a Tyrant Dragon in terms of its appearance. However, it was easy to tell them apart from their sizes. A Devouring Dragon was also very good at defense, but it was different from a Tyrant Dragon in the sense that its innate soul skill was extremely domineering. Its innate soul skill was called Devouring Heaven and Earth. It was innately bloodthirsty; it could recover its energy and evolve by devouring its enemy after killing it.

Even in the world of soul beasts, Devouring Dragons weren't too popular. That was because they were too brutal. In the eyes of a Devouring Dragon, every creature was just a target to kill and devour. It didn't matter whether one was a soul beast or a human, or whether one was a strong opponent. It would only stop its rampage after killing and filling its stomach. After this, it would enter a deep sleep.

A Devouring Dragon grew much faster than ordinary soul beasts. In general, they needed only a thousand years to reach the cultivation of an ordinary ten thousand year soul beast. However, they were usually killed when they met a stronger opponent due to their bloodthirstiness.

Apart from a Devouring Dragon, there were also other types of soul beasts that relied on devouring their enemies' strength to evolve. One of the most notable and the strongest among these was the Darkdemon Evil Tiger. It was just that a Darkdemon Evil Tiger possessed extremely high intelligence, whereas a Devouring Dragon's intelligence was usually very limited, and it relied on its instincts to kill. As a result, Devouring Dragons were considered inferior to Darkdemon Evil Tigers.

This Devouring Dragon could be considered quite large. From the color of its scales to the length of its tail, it was easy to tell that it was a Devouring Dragon with a cultivation in the ten thousand year bracket. As for its specific cultivation, it was roughly between ten thousand and twenty thousand years.

At such a level, the abilities of a Devouring Dragon were rather terrifying. However, this dragon seemed to be staggering forward as it advanced. The sides of its body had obvious burn marks, and it also looked very frantic. Evidently, whatever was chasing it had to be something stronger.

An intense beam of red light was shot out from behind it at this moment. This beam of red light was extremely thick, at least a meter wide. Wherever it passed, all obstacles were instantly turned into flying ashes.

The Devouring Dragon could evidently sense the threat to its life, and charged forward with all its might. At the same time, all its scales stood on end, and a layer of dark-blue light was released from its body, forming a protective barrier.

The beam of red light came too quickly, and it also covered a large area. While this Devouring Dragon reacted very quickly, it still took a grazing hit.

As its dark-blue light contacted this beam of red light, the protective light barrier distorted quickly, and started to undulate. After this, it burst like a bubble, and the remaining red light swept past the Devouring Dragon's back. A plume of smoke immediately burst up.

This Devouring Dragon screamed in pain and rolled on the ground before it leaped up again. This time, it turned around and raised its head. As it opened its bloody mouth, it roared furiously into the sky.

It seemed to know that it couldn't escape. From its stance, it was obvious that it was ready to go all-out and risk its life.

A ball of dark-blue gas instantly took form in its mouth, and the center of this ball of gas was pitch-black. It was its innate soul skill, Devouring Heaven and Earth.

Within a region that covered a hundred meters, everything turned eerily dark, and a terrifying devouring power turned all life in this region into ash. Their energy was devoured regardless whether they were worms or plants.

The strongest part of this Devouring Dragon's Devouring Heaven and Earth was its attack. Just with this innate soul skill and its immense physical strength, a Devouring Dragon was able to gain an absolute advantage in front of most soul beasts.

Huo Yuhao felt helpless right now.

Just as this Devouring Dragon attacked, Huo Yuhao was immediately enveloped by its Devouring Heaven and Earth, as he was only several dozen meters away.

Huo Yuhao only felt that everything around him had turned eerily cold, and a strange force was maniacally sucking his life energy away. It felt as if his bones and flesh were about to be torn apart, and his entire body would be crushed into powder.

Of course, this feeling only lasted for an instant before it ended.

Huo Yuhao's Imitation was deactivated, and a layer of gold isolated that terrifying, devouring aura. Of course, Huo Yuhao also revealed himself from his invisible state.

His Imitation wasn't an all-around skill. Against such an area of effect skill, he eventually still had to reveal himself.

Huo Yuhao felt a little depressed. What's going on? I was just trying to watch this intense fight, but I'm being dragged in now.

As a dim light flashed, Huo Yuhao revealed a helpless look on his face. He immediately sprang up into the air and drifted back like a snowflake. His greatest hope was that these two soul beasts hadn't

noticed him, and would continue their fight. This was why he tried his best to retract his aura and suppress his presence.

However, it was a pity that soul beasts were most sensitive to humans. Just as Huo Yuhao revealed himself, a piercing scream resonated in the air. He also finally saw the figure of the second soul beast that had unleashed the earlier beam of red light.

This soul beast had a very strange appearance. It was drifting in the air, and looked like a balloon. It was a pity that it wasn't a balloon, but a huge, bloodshot eye that was a meter across.

There were clusters of brown stripes around this huge eye, and it had six tentacles that drooped onto the ground, which supported it in the air. As these tentacles dragged the eye, they left rotten ditches behind along its path.

Out of these six tentacles, three were green, while the other three were red, and they were clearly separated. When it appeared, it was already staring at Huo Yuhao.

Evileye! While it wasn't easy identifying a Devouring Dragon, it was much easier identifying this soul beast. That was because it was Huo Yuhao's target on his journey into this forest.

However, Huo Yuhao was a little depressed, because this Evileye wasn't a pure spiritual type soul beast even though it seemed to already be as powerful as a sovereign king. It seemed to be a mix of different types.

When he was in Shrek Academy, there had been a special lesson taught about Evileyes.

Not all Evileyes possessed the same abilities. There were different species of Evileyes. Among the Evileye species, those with fewer abilities were actually stronger. This meant that the fewer innate soul skills they possessed, the greater their abilities.

The Evileye Tyrant King only had one elemental type – spiritual. It could use countless spiritual-type soul skills with its immense spiritual power. In addition, the area that it could cover with its attacks was frightening, even exceeding that of the Beast God, Di Tian.

Right now, Huo Yuhao could tell that this Evileye possessed at least three different elements from the attack it had unleashed earlier and from the colors of its tentacles. It was spiritual-type, fire-type and corrosive-type.

Its red tentacles were fire-type while, its green tentacles were corrosive-type. Along with the huge, fiery-red eye that it had, it was obvious that fire was its main element.

An Evileye with a cultivation exceeding ten thousand years could be considered an Evileye Tyrant. This Evileye Tyrant was very well suited to its name.

However, it was a pity that it wasn't what Huo Yuhao needed right now. Huo Yuhao needed a pure spiritual-type Evileye. This meant that it had to be an Evileye that possessed the same innate gifts as the Evileye Tyrant King, or one that was mainly spiritual-type and had other auxiliary elemental types. It was best if it had as little of the other elements as possible.

That scream earlier was released by this Fiery Evil Tyrant. Its mouth was behind its pupil. As it screamed, it also drifted forward faster.

The strange thing was that the Devouring Dragon that was about to fight it earlier also turned around and faced Huo Yuhao with its mouth wide open.

Surely not? They've turned from enemies to friends in such a short time, and are treating me as a joint target??Huo Yuhao furrowed his brow and also descended to the ground.

After this, he saw that Fiery Evil Tyrant's eye brightening up. Rings of strange distorted patterns started to spread from it. It was as if the surrounding brown stripes around it had turned illusory.

Everything within a region that spanned several hundred meters in diameter started to distort.

This was an innate soul skill of an Evileye, Spiritual Forcefield. Anyone whose spiritual power was weaker would be suppressed. Depending on one's cultivation and spiritual power, he would experience different intensities of dizziness, dullness, fatigue, dispiritedness, weakness and other states. This was also one of the best crowd-control skills that Evileyes were capable of.

It was rumored that the Evil Emperor's Spiritual Forcefield could cover a region that spanned thirty kilometers. Simply put, he could cover half of Radiant City.

When this Fiery Evil Tyrant unleashed its Spiritual Forcefield, the Devouring Dragon charged towards Huo Yuhao. As it opened its mouth wide, a beam of black light that glowed dark blue at the edges shot towards Huo Yuhao. It was its Devouring Heaven and Earth.

Not only did these two soul beasts reconcile, but they even reached an agreement to attack Huo Yuhao together in such a short period of time. They were coordinating rather well too.

### **Chapter 391.2: Fiery Evil Tyrant**

If it was some ordinary Soul Emperor, he wouldn't feel comfortable facing this Fiery Evil Tyrant's Spiritual Forcefield even if he wasn't completely suppressed. It was a pity that this Fiery Evil Tyrant was facing Huo Yuhao; the Eyes of Asura whose spiritual power greatly exceeded his soul power and was already at the standard of a Titled Douluo.

The look in Huo Yuhao's eyes was very cold. His determined look didn't waver at all even against the control of this Fiery Evil Tyrant's Spiritual Forcefield.

"Since the two of you are courting death, I shall grant you your wishes!"

Huo Yuhao didn't bother with the Devouring Dragon that had unleashed its Devouring Heaven and Earth at him. He was focused on the Fiery Evil Tyrant instead. Suddenly, his eyes turned purplish-gold. Yes, his eyes had turned a completely transparent purplish-gold.

Everything around them seemed to slow down, and the Fiery Evil Tyrant's Spiritual Forcefield suddenly stopped. It was as if the space around it had been instantly locked.

"Spiritual! Shock!" Huo Yuhao stood quietly in place and spoke each word with a pause in between.

As he spoke, the Fiery Evil Tyrant's eye seemed to be in a daze, whereas the Devouring Dragon continued to unleash its Devouring Heaven and Earth. However, it scattered amidst the distorted air.

A ring of purplish-gold light started to spread from Huo Yuhao's head. More accurately speaking, it spread towards those two soul beasts in a fan shape.

The air was illuminated in the same color as this purplish-gold light passed.

The Devouring Dragon that was charging in front suddenly stiffened and instantly went into a daze. The bloodthirsty and crazed look in its eyes turned still. Following this, its eyes dimmed.

"Chi!" Its eyes, nose, mouth, and ears started to shoot out reddish-white gore. Its head didn't blow apart from the explosion, but its brain and spirit were crushed under the effects of Huo Yuhao's terrifying Spiritual Shock!

The purplish-gold light continued to spread. When it landed on the Fiery Evil Tyrant, its eye suddenly turned purplish-gold, and there was an astonished look in it. However, rings of red, green and gold light surged from its eye, trying to resist the force of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Shock.

"Hmph!" Huo Yuhao snorted coldly. He immediately retracted his Spiritual Shock before focusing it all on the Fiery Evil Tyrant.

Suddenly, all the lights that had resisted his Spiritual Shock were destroyed. The Fiery Evil Tyrant's eye started to shine brightly with a purplish-gold light. In the next instant, another explosion occurred!

Two black soul rings rose in succession, flashing in the air.

Huo Yuhao seemed to possess some invisible suction force that guided those two soul rings towards him.

Huo Yuhao shook his head scornfully and waved his right hand, dispersing these two black soul rings that most soul masters would have craved.

Originally, he didn't want to kill any soul beasts. For Qiu'er's sake, he didn't want to commit too many sins. However, those two soul beasts had attacked him with all their might immediately after they discovered him. Huo Yuhao was in sorrow and pain because of Qiu'er's death. The moment he unleashed his abilities, he immediately killed his opponents.

However, he hadn't expected his spiritual power to be so strong right now. He didn't shift from his position at all. Using only the first soul ring of his Spirit Eyes, he unleashed his Spiritual Interference Domain and Spiritual Shock to kill those two soul beasts that were considered some of the strongest ten thousand year soul beasts in existence.

"What standard has my spiritual power reached?" Huo Yuhao muttered to himself. He wasn't too happy right now just because his spiritual cultivation was extremely powerful.

The strength of his spiritual power had also helped to enhance his overall abilities to a standard that he wasn't clear of either. This also meant that obtaining his seventh soul ring was going to be much more difficult than expected. It was definitely not going to be easy to find a soul ring that was fit to be his seventh soul ring. His spiritual cultivation was simply too strong. If he were just finding a soul ring to become a Soul Sage, it wasn't going to be beneficial to his future development.

Must I really make a move on a hundred thousand year Evileye Tyrant?

However, can I fight an Evileye Tyrant of that cultivation?

“Oh?” Just as Huo Yuhao was pondering, he suddenly felt a weird trace of spiritual aura rising in front of him. After this, he instantly turned around and disappeared.

This spiritual aura came from the Fiery Evil Tyrant that he had just killed.

As his figure flashed, Huo Yuhao immediately came to the position where the Fiery Evil Tyrant was blown apart.

He saw a diamond-shaped crystal entity on the ground. This crystal entity was dark red, and there were greenish flowery patterns on it.

What’s this? Is this the crystal core of this Fiery Evil Tyrant? The spiritual aura that it released seems to have come from this. Don’t tell me that this is its spirit?

Evileyes belonged to the Sun Moon Continent. As a result, Shrek Academy didn’t have much information on them. At most, only a few ordinary Evileyes with hundred year or thousand year cultivations were killed and recorded in the academy. There wasn’t any information on ten thousand year Evileye Tyrants.

Huo Yuhao squatted down and picked up the crystal entity. He poured his spiritual power into it and immediately discovered that there were remnants of spiritual power in this crystal entity. He was immediately enlightened.

It seemed like the spirits of Evileyes would be enhanced when they reached a certain cultivation before forming such a crystal. After this, the spiritual origins of these Evileyes would be hidden in such a crystal.

Even though he had used his immense spiritual power to kill the Evileye Tyrant earlier, a shred of its spirit in this crystal still managed to flee. Evileyes indeed had specialized spiritual abilities! Even a Fiery Evil Tyrant that wasn’t pure spiritual-type could escape with a shred of its spirit if it was killed.

Does its escaped spirit possess any memories? Will it be able to draw the Evileye Tyrant King?

I don’t think so. As the ruler of this Evildemon Forest, what kind of an existence is the Evil Emperor? Will he personally show himself just because someone from his species was killed? If he does, he must be too bored. Furthermore, the Ice Empress and Brother Skydream once said that this Evileye Tyrant King should be about to face his eighth bottleneck. It’s difficult to tell whether he’ll be able to break through this bottleneck. If he can’t, he’ll die. Naturally, he wouldn’t have time to be bothered with something as trivial as this.

As long as the Evileye Tyrant King didn’t appear, Huo Yuhao was confident in facing any form of crisis. Evileyes were adept at spiritual power, but so was he. An Evileye which didn’t have at least a hundred thousand year cultivation was unlikely to pose any threat to him. As for those that had exceeded a hundred thousand year cultivation, Huo Yuhao was confident of escaping from them.

Of course, he wouldn’t just wait here foolishly. What if a hundred thousand year Evileye really appeared?

After pondering for a moment, he drifted towards the perimeter of the core region of this Evildemon Forest. He had a subtle feeling that the Fiery Evil Tyrant he had just killed would bring him some trouble.

This premonition was very clear and strong. It came from the Skull of Destiny that he had obtained from the Three-Eyed Golden Lion.

When he focused his thoughts on this skull, Huo Yuhao could sense that countless threads seemed to be released from his head, and each thread seemed to be connected to a destiny that was bound to happen. They gave him clues.

The blessing of destiny helped him to usher in good fortune and avoid calamities. Huo Yuhao suspected that Wang Qiu'er had predicted that he was going to be in big trouble before she went to Sunrise City to find him. By going there to find him, she was going to face a calamity because of him. However, she still proceeded without any hesitation and sacrificed herself.

There was a simple reason why Huo Yuhao ran outward – this Evildemon Forest was the territory of the Evileyes. He was safer the further he was from the core region. He had to wait until the feeling that he had disappeared before he entered the core region again.

As he fled, Huo Yuhao was thinking continuously.

After he finished his cultivation and moved off, his mind was still filled with Wang Qiu'er and Wang Dong'er. He didn't think about the current state of his mind. However, he had calmed down after the fight just now and was temporarily free from his sorrow.

It was extremely important for him to think.

As he calmed down, he started to sense his current condition.

He discovered that his spiritual sea had undergone a transformation.

It was still a spiritual sea, but there was now an additional island in it. It was a splendid and magnificent island. This island was very large, and it was at the center of his spiritual sea. The Ice Empress, Snow Empress, and Skydream Iceworm were all on this island.

There were pavilions, terraces, and courtyards on this island. It seemed like a mansion owned by a noble family.

When Huo Yuhao took a closer look, he was stunned. That was because the building on this island was actually the Duke's Mansion.

This was... a spiritual reflection!

This was a spiritual reflection that had appeared in his spiritual sea after his spiritual power materialized. Spiritual reflection occurred when the most basic thing in his heart was reflected on a particular situation.

Huo Yuhao had just reached this level and didn't know how to adjust his spiritual reflection yet. However, he could subtly sense that the growth of his spiritual reflection would determine the direction of his future abilities.

He still had to figure everything out on his own. As he reached this level, Huo Yuhao was basically certain to become a Titled Douluo and even a Transcendent Douluo in the future. Once he obtained his

seventh soul ring, the restriction of Ultimate Ice on him would cease to exist, and his cultivation speed would increase significantly.

Huo Yuhao was only eighteen years old right now. With his current condition, he could have nine rings in ten years at most. He could become a nine-ringed Titled Douluo with an Ultimate martial soul! He would be extremely powerful then. Moreover, he possessed extraordinary spiritual power. Even though he possessed an Ultimate Ice martial soul, it still couldn't compare to his Spirit Eyes, which possessed great spiritual power.

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Qiu'er, what is the soul skill that you gave me when you fused with me?

Everything that Wang Qiu'er had left for Huo Yuhao was in his body, including her soul bone and soul ring. Wang Qiu'er had mentioned before that she possessed the abilities of a hundred-thousand-year soul beast even though she wasn't that old, because she was the Emperor Beast. She would have given Huo Yuhao two soul skills from her soul bone and ring.

Just as Huo Yuhao was trying to sense the abilities that came with his sixth soul ring, a weird emotional undulation suddenly surfaced in his heart.

They were negative emotions, filled with hatred, fury, and the urge to kill. When they first surfaced, Huo Yuhao immediately felt like he was about to go crazy.

Gusts of cold were instantly released from his Skull of Destiny, and seeped into his spiritual sea. They quickly suppressed the manic feeling, and he also stopped moving.

There was something wrong with his surroundings.

The scenery was still the same, but he could clearly feel that something wasn't right.

It was still the Evildemon Forest, but Huo Yuhao felt as if he were in another world now. It felt like he was being forced out of the normal world by some kind of weird force.

This was...

A Spiritual Dreamland? A domain-type spiritual ability?

Huo Yuhao was astonished. Even with his current spiritual power that was in the concrete-material realm, emotions still poured into his heart, and caused him to enter some kind of Spiritual Dreamland. His opponent's spiritual power was undoubtedly very strong.

Was he really so unfortunate? Did he really draw the Evileye Tyrant King over?

If that was really the case, he was going to die without any chance.

As he focused his gaze, his entire aura changed. Immense spiritual power instantly started to surge out from his body and through his head, like flowing water.

The six soul rings of his Spirit Eyes revolved around his body as they shone brightly, especially the last, rose-gold soul ring, which was extremely blinding.



Rings of distorted light also started to spread out from Huo Yuhao's body.

When the lights from his body contacted the air from the outside world, Huo Yuhao suddenly felt as if he had drawn open curtains, opened a window, and entered another world.

Everything around him turned illusory, and started to ripple. After this, they changed into countless projections of strong soul beasts leaping towards him maniacally.

Huo Yuhao wasn't moved, and just stood where he was. He shut his eyes and pressed his right hand against his forehead. After this, he coldly shouted, "Spiritual! Shock!"

The tone of the second word sounded gloomier and rougher. At each word, his aura soared higher.

Reciting the name of his soul skill was an ability that Huo Yuhao figured out when he went into closed-door cultivation in Sunrise City. He combined the spells and incantations that Electrolux had passed to him with his soul skills, and used those incantations to enhance the strength of his soul skills.

He didn't originally succeed in his research into this ability. It was only when his spiritual power achieved a qualitative increase and reached the concrete-material realm that he managed to achieve his target in his first attempt at using this ability.

The names of his soul skills had become incantations. Even though it was limited to his Spiritual Shock right now, it was still very beneficial to him.

A purplish-gold glow started to spread from Huo Yuhao's forehead. It looked like ripples across the pond of reality. Wherever these ripples passed, those distorted projections were all shattered like mirrors that had been smashed.

"Good, very good. An interesting human. No wonder you dare to step into my territory. So it turns out that you are adept at spiritual abilities. It seems like you are specially here to hunt those from my species. It's a pity that you're doomed today, even though you're a spiritual-type soul master."

Everything around him became normal again. Huo Yuhao used his Spiritual Detection to look in the direction the voice had come from.

He turned around. When he saw the owner of that voice, he straightened his gaze, and his expression immediately became serious.

It was an Evileye; a strange, but powerful Evileye.

Just from its color, it was clear that it was much more arrogant than the Fiery Evil Tyrant earlier.

The body of this Evileye, or rather its huge eye, was silver-white.

Its size was even more terrifying. It was more than three meters across. The Fiery Evil Tyrant earlier seemed like a little kid in front of him.

Huo Yuhao was even more shocked that this Evileye had sixteen drooping tentacles.

The number of tentacles was also a semi-definite way of determining the strength of an Evileye. The more tentacles an Evileye had, the stronger it was.

The Fiery Evil Tyrant earlier had only had six tentacles, but it was already very strong offensively. If Huo Yuhao hadn't used his Spiritual Shock to destroy it, he would have found it very difficult to resist its specialized fire-type attack, the Fiery Gaze.

However, this Evileye actually had sixteen tentacles, and they were all silver-white, just like its body. This also meant that this Evileye only possessed one element, or possibly two elements.

It was definitely a spiritual-type soul beast. As for whether it had a second element, Huo Yuhao couldn't tell yet. From the spiritual-type soul skill that it had unleashed earlier, it was likely to be from the same bloodline as the Evil Emperor. Evileyes from this bloodline were purely of the spiritual element, and they held a very high status among Evileyes as the most noble. In addition, their abilities were extremely powerful. Huo Yuhao was in luck!

Hundred-thousand-years! Is this a hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant?

Huo Yuhao twisted the edge of his lips. "Aren't I too unbelievably fortunate? I'm getting whatever I want. It's just that I have to be able to handle this 'dish' that's been presented to me! And it doesn't seem like it's going to be so easy..."

"We'll only know who's dead and who's alive after fighting!" While this was a crisis, it was also an opportunity. If this were a hundred-thousand-year Evileye of a different type, Huo Yuhao might have just fled. He wasn't skilled enough to resist a hundred-thousand-year soul beast right now.

However, things were different if this Evileye was really a pure spiritual-type Evileye. Huo Yuhao's soul power couldn't compare to his opponent, but he was confident in taking on such a hundred-thousand-year Evileye, given his spiritual cultivation. Moreover, he had even inherited Wang Qiu'er's Emperor Beast abilities. To a certain extent, he possessed a part of the Emperor Beast's abilities, even though he was a human.

Huo Yuhao naturally wouldn't stand still and chat with such a strong opponent. As he spoke, he had already made his move. He knew the importance of seizing the opportunities presented to him.

White, purple, black, black, black, rose-gold. Six soul rings rose in succession.

When this hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant saw his rose-gold soul ring, its pupil shrank slightly.

Just like how humans were familiar with soul beasts, this hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant naturally understood human soul masters, given its cultivation.

Huo Yuhao's luck was simply too good.

The Fiery Evil Tyrant that he had killed earlier was this Evileye Tyrant's concubine. The shred of spirit that the Fiery Evil Tyrant had escaped with might not be enough to resurrect it, but it was sufficient to inform this Evileye Tyrant of Huo Yuhao's location. Since his concubine had been killed, this Evileye Tyrant was naturally furious. He quickly pursued Huo Yuhao, which was also the reason why Huo Yuhao felt a suppressive and ominous feeling in his heart.

As his soul rings rose, Huo Yuhao's eyes brightened, and his first soul ring shone with white light. His eyes immediately turned purplish-gold, and two streaks of materialized, purplish-gold light shot out towards the Evileye Tyrant.

After his spiritual power experienced its qualitative increase, Huo Yuhao was able to manipulate his Spiritual Shock and make it domain-type or unidirectional. The two streaks of purplish-gold light instantly shot forward several hundred meters and landed on the Evileye Tyrant.

This Evileye Tyrant's pupil dilated, and rings of silver light patterns started to spread outwards from its body.

As a top-ranked spiritual-type soul beast, it was clearly aware that a strong spiritual-type soul skill couldn't be avoided, and so it didn't even bother evading. Just like Huo Yuhao was confident in his own spiritual power, it wasn't afraid of facing a Soul Emperor, given its cultivation. Even though it could tell that Huo Yuhao was a little weird, and he was able to break out from its spiritual control, it still didn't regard Huo Yuhao highly.

The two streaks of purplish-gold light stopped in the air as they collided with the rings of silver light patterns, immediately creating surging ripples of energy.

Huo Yuhao and this Evileye Tyrant were at both ends of a spiritual storm that had erupted between the two of them.

As Huo Yuhao was the one who had started the attack, this spiritual storm was more concentrated around the Evileye Tyrant.

The destructiveness of this spiritual storm was different from the destructive capability of soul power. As it raged, the air between Huo Yuhao and the Evileye Tyrant warped drastically, and everything seemed to turn unreal. All the plants in the region started to wither at an alarming rate. They weren't destroyed directly, but their internal structures were messed up under the effect of the clashing spiritual powers, and their biological integrity was affected.

The silver undulations started to become stronger. They began to buzz, and a series of terrifying spiritual explosions occurred. Intimidating explosive forces were unleashed in random directions.

The withered plants were blown apart and scattered everywhere.

Huo Yuhao squirmed like a withered leaf and was flung backward as he suffered from the shockwaves of these explosions.

There was no expression on his face, but a dim light flashed across his eyes. He shut his eyes as his third and fourth soul rings shone in succession.

A white skeletal head appeared above the Evileye Tyrant. Even with its abilities, it was still affected by Huo Yuhao's Enfeeblement even as it went up against his spiritual power.

### **?Chapter 392: Complete Suppression! The Eye of the Asura Reveals Its Might**

The Evileye Tyrant was about to charge ahead at full speed but suddenly slowed in midair. A dim golden whirlpool appeared above its eye as it stopped completely in place.

Mass Enfeeblement, Spiritual Confusion.

Two control-type soul skills were unleashed, completely revealing Huo Yuhao's immense control abilities.

Although the Evileye Tyrant appeared to be a little confused, it seemed more callous and ferocious. Its aura soared as if it were confident of crushing Huo Yuhao in the next moment. n./0V€l&1n

The truth was that it really was that confident. While Huo Yuhao's spiritual attacks were strong, it could clearly sense that Huo Yuhao's soul power wasn't even at the level of a seven-ringed Soul Sage yet. Huo Yuhao was much too inferior compared to it!

Even a Transcendent Douluo would find it difficult to fight a hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant. No soul master was willing to face the immense spiritual power and innate soul skills of this hundred-thousand-year soul beast.

Although this Evileye Tyrant had only just broken through to a hundred-thousand-year cultivation level, it possessed the purest bloodline of the Evileyes. It was also absolutely confident in its own abilities. While it was stunned that Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was in the concrete-material realm just like its, it was confident of crushing Huo Yuhao due to the huge gap between their overall abilities. One or two control-type soul skills could only temporarily restrain it. When it unleashed its full power, it was confident of easily defeating this puny human!

However, it didn't know that it had made the mistake that most soul beasts made when facing human soul masters... it had underestimated its opponent!

At times, a soul master's abilities couldn't be completely explained using the number of soul rings they possessed. Although this was only a rare occurrence, a soul beast would be in deep trouble if it met such a soul master.

Two control-type soul skills were used on this Evileye Tyrant in succession, and the air in front of Huo Yuhao was warped and distorted. Huo Yuhao was interfering with this Evileye Tyrant's spiritual senses!

This time, his Interference didn't cover a large area, but just a small spot in front of him. He was using it to block the Evileye Tyrant's observation of him!

To the Evileye Tyrant, Huo Yuhao's body seemed to contort and bend. It couldn't possibly see what Huo Yuhao was doing under the effect of his Mass Enfeeblement and Spiritual Confusion.

However, it wasn't worried at all. It managed to regain its movement in the next second. Furthermore, it was already prepared beforehand. While Huo Yuhao's two control-type soul skills had managed to take effect on it, their effects wouldn't be nearly as good in the future.

Its huge figure was now flying at an extremely rapid speed and completely unobstructed since all obstacles had been destroyed by the spiritual storm earlier.

As it flew, the silver patterns around its eyes started to shine brightly. Its sixteen tentacles opened wide, and every tentacle was flashing with intense silver light.

All living matter, including plants, immediately met with disaster once they touched his tentacles because his tentacles could devour spirits. Once they struck something living, they could unleash a spiritual explosion that would enter an opponent's body and destroy their spiritual world. After that, it would devour his opponent's shattered spirit devoured to nourish itself.

A pure-blooded Evileye Tyrant like itself didn't need to ingest any food. What it needed was pure spiritual power! Huo Yuhao looked like great nourishment to it. Right now, the look in its eye had turned from arrogance to greed. Any Evileye would be extremely delighted to see such a tonic right in front of them!

A terrifying beam of silver light three meters wide shot out from this Evileye Tyrant's eye in the next moment.

Evileye Gaze! This was one of the strongest innate offensive soul skills of an Evileye Tyrant and the most frightening ability of a pure spiritual-type Evileye Tyrant. Its effect was similar to Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Shock, its strength varying depending on the abilities of the Evileye Tyrant unleashing it.

It was rumored that the Evil Emperor had used it on the God Beast Di Tian once, causing Di Tian to stop moving for around five seconds. In those five seconds, he could only passively take blows from the Evil Emperor.

This memory came from Wang Qiu'er.

The huge beam of silver light quickly closed on Huo Yuhao. The Evileye Tyrant was deliberately merciful and didn't unleash its full strength. It was afraid that it wouldn't be able to devour Huo Yuhao's spirit if he was destroyed.

However, it suddenly saw an eye open when that beam of silver light was less than a meter from Huo Yuhao. It was a vertical eye covered in rose-gold sunray patterns, and it released black and white lights.

Huo Yuhao's rose-gold soul ring shone at the same time.

Not only this, but a wheel of light suddenly shone behind Huo Yuhao. This wheel of light seemed very weird. Although it was an illusory existence formed from light, there seemed to be patterns carved onto it. It was an image of a Three-Eyed Golden Lion, and a dancing golden dragon.

The huge beam of silver light struck Huo Yuhao's body the moment that rose-gold wheel of light appeared.

An extremely weird scene appeared at the next moment. Huo Yuhao's body turned illusory, and the beam of silver light passed through his body.

This beam of silver light lasted for several seconds before it disappeared. As it ranged out, a corridor several hundred meters long formed in the forest, surrounded by withered plants.

Huo Yuhao's illusory figure turned real again after this beam of silver light passed through his body. He wasn't hurt at all!

One black and one white light shot out from his Eye of Destiny. The hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant was shocked that Huo Yuhao was able to survive its Evileye Gaze without being harmed at all, and was struck by these two streaks of light.

It felt slightly dizzy before it returned to normal. It seemed as if nothing had happened at all.

However, Huo Yuhao could see that its eye was no longer silver. It was now black and white.

The world that Huo Yuhao saw was different from the world that this Evileye Tyrant saw. In his eyes, he initially saw countless threads of destiny around this Evileye Tyrant. However, they had been snapped at this moment. Not only this, but this Evileye Tyrant was also weakening at a shocking speed. It wasn't just its soul power that was weakening, but its spiritual power, too!

Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny turned back to rose-gold and a layer of distorted, rose-gold ripples started to spread from Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny.

When this strange layer of rose-gold ripples appeared, everything around them turned rose-gold, too. On close observation, even the dust drifting in the air paused as the rose-gold ripples passed over it.

This Evileye Tyrant was extremely sensitive and felt that something was amiss. Subconsciously, it tried to use its spiritual power to unleash its soul skills

However, it discovered that it couldn't do anything, and couldn't even move its body. It was like its spiritual power had been frozen. The most terrifying thing was that it finally discovered that there was something wrong with its body. It could sense the black and white aura on it.

"Ah!" It let out a tragic scream and struggled. It wanted to break free from the mounting fear seizing it.

It managed to succeed, as the two soul skills that Huo Yuhao used on it could only hold it in place for a second each. When combined, they could still only restrain it for three seconds.

Changing his attack, Huo Yuhao also circulated his soul power. His rose-gold ripples weren't released rapidly. They only managed to reach the Evileye Tyrant after the three seconds were over.

The moment it regained control of its body, the Evileye Tyrant tried to retreat without any hesitation. However, it discovered that it was moving at a pathetic speed like its entire body had deteriorated. It was even more horror-stricken that there was an additional piece of granite on the ground right now, a piece of granite that seemed to have miraculously survived his clashes with Huo Yuhao earlier. This piece of granite wasn't very large, but it still ran into it as he tried to avoid Huo Yuhao's attack.

Even though it immediately crushed the stone to pieces, its body still stopped without any control. It was also at this instant that the rose-gold ripples reached its body.

Its body immediately froze, and there was now another layer of rose-gold on it.

Huo Yuhao was adding more colors to its body as they fought, and managed to succeed in doing so each time.

The rose-gold ripples spread another several hundred meters before they stopped. Within this region that now spanned five hundred meters in diameter, a rose-gold ocean drifting in the air seemed to appear, with Huo Yuhao at its center.

The sky above the Evildemon Forest suddenly turned gloomy. However, the dark clouds reflected golden light amidst this gloominess.

"Spiritual Blast!" Huo Yuhao shouted coldly.

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The rose-gold ripples started to shake, but they were very gentle and didn't cause any destruction. Even the parts of the forest that were further away and affected by it didn't suffer at all.

However, wrinkles started to appear on the Evileye Tyrant's eye when this tremor reached it. After that, its body started to shake tremendously.

Boo boo boo boo boo boo boo! A series of weird noises sounded, somewhere between popping and blowing. Holes burst open on the Evileye Tyrant's Body, and silver gases flowed from those wounds. It was like a huge balloon had just popped open in several places at once.

All this time, the Evileye Tyrant's eye was filled with disbelief. It couldn't believe that its opponent's spiritual power could hurt it even though it had a higher cultivation. This was completely unbelievable!

Huo Yuhao rubbed his forehead with his hand. The sunray patterns around his Eye of Destiny flared with light, and a streak of rose-gold light shot out.

This streak of light seemed like it came from another world. It disappeared the moment it shot out from Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny. When it appeared again, it was directly in front of the Evileye Tyrant.

Chi...!

Bloody silver light splattered on the ground. The streak of rose-gold light had pierced through the Evileye Tyrant's eye, and only left remnants on the outside.

The Evileye Tyrant's body was shaking uncontrollably now. Although its silver blood stopped splattering, it was still flowing out uncontrollably from the wounds on the Evileye Tyrant.

Even at this stage, Huo Yuhao didn't dare to let down his guard. This was his first time facing a hundred-thousand-year soul beast!

Lights shone brightly on his back, and soul thrusters propelled him forward. In an instant, he traveled several hundred meters and arrived in front of the Evileye Tyrant.

The cold look in his eyes turned gentle, and they were now filled with a look of remembrance.

He clenched his right fist at his waist, and all the light in heaven and earth seemed to gather towards his fist. His eyes, including his vertical eye, were shining brightly at this moment. A strong spiritual undulation caused countless thin slits to appear in the surrounding space.

The Fist of Remembrance, a fist which contained a surging feeling of remembrance!

Boom!

Huo Yuhao's fist struck empty space, and a huge beam of golden light hit the Evileye Tyrant's body.

The countless spatial slits started to take effect on its body. They combined with Huo Yuhao's soul and spiritual power, causing another blast to occur.

"Chi!"

A huge wound more than a meter long appeared on the Evileye Tyrant's eye. It had been directly pierced through.

The spiritual suppression that the Evileye Tyrant had unleashed around its body stopped, and its sixteen tentacles all froze in mid-air.

Huo Yuhao trembled, but he quickly managed to stabilize himself. A streak of golden light flew back from this huge wound in the Evileye Tyrant's eye and landed in his hand.

It was the Golden Dragon Spear, which had belonged to Wang Qiu'er!

Immense life energy was surging towards Huo Yuhao through the Spear. The part of the Spear that was drawn out of the Evileye Tyrant was carrying a silver glow, as it continued to draw out the life energy of the Evileye Tyrant and nourish him.

The color on Huo Yuhao's pale face was slowly returning to normal. However, he thought of something, and quickly took a step forward. He grabbed the spear with his left hand and waved his right hand. His Darkgolden Terrorclaws appeared and clawed out at a streak of silver light that was about to rise and escape!

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It was a silver crystal body, and there were extremely dense spiritual undulations inside it.

Huo Yuhao's Darkgolden Terrorclaw was incredibly sharp, but even it couldn't break this crystal open. That flourishing and immense spiritual power was instantly withdrawn as the silver crystal shone and flickered.

So hard!? Huo Yuhao raised his Golden Dragon Spear with his left hand and poked at the silver crystal, but even the Spear did nothing to it. The silver crystal had a powerful spiritual barrier protecting it.

Since that's the case, my Life Guardian Blade that's good at consuming life energy probably can't do anything to it, either. However, if your spiritual origin is hidden inside, do you really think there's nothing I can do to you?

Huo Yuhao wasn't trying to ruthlessly exterminate this Evileye Tyrant. The Evileye Tyrant's body had been killed, but since a soul ring didn't appear, it meant the soul beast wasn't truly dead. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao really needed his seventh soul ring. His adversary was the one who had chased him down and attacked him first, and thus he didn't feel his actions were inappropriate at all.

It was possible that no one else in this world was as handy as Huo Yuhao when it came to dealing with spirits. Unfathomable incantations were voiced as a swathe of clean white flames gradually took form in front of him.

This small ball of fire had almost no warmth at all, but it gradually became material. The silver crystal, which wasn't afraid of Huo Yuhao's Darkgolden Terrorclaw or his Golden Dragon Spear before this, began to flicker vigorously after this white flame appeared. The Evileye Tyrant's flustered and exasperated voice rang out.

"You're dead if you dare to kill me! My father will avenge me, he will avenge me! If you let me go, I can guarantee you safe passage out of here! No, don't do it!"

Huo Yuhao seemed like he couldn't hear its voice at all. His Darkgolden Terrorclaw held the silver crystal down, and the small cluster of white flames drifted onto the silver crystal just like that.



The silver-white crystal was so hard and tough, but sharp and shrill agonizing cries could be heard when this utterly unassuming white flame touched it. The tough silver crystal began to break apart like melting ice and snow, and silvery air streams could be seen emerging from within. However, none of it could escape the white flame, and every single wisp was absorbed and incinerated. n-/O..v--ε)/L--B)-l/-n

These were Purifying Flames, and this fire was specifically designed to purify spirits. Spirits would rise into the air after death, and if they didn't dissipate by themselves, they were likely to become vengeful spirits. These Purifying Flames were the perfect medicine against vengeful spirits, and such spirits would be absolutely countered by Purifying Flames, no matter what rank they were. Huo Yuhao was probably the only person across the entire Douluo Continent who could release Purifying Flames directly. Furthermore, he could only channel Purifying Flames within such a short period of time after his spiritual power was raised to the concrete-material realm.

A blood-red soul ring was finally released after the silver crystal melted completely. Huo Yuhao was momentarily stunned as he stared at this soul ring's light, and subsequently pursed his lips tightly.

He wasn't in a hurry to absorb this soul ring. Instead, he used his Golden Dragon Spear to search the Evileye Tyrant's carcass, and he quickly found a small and delicate silver skull.

Just as the Skydream Iceworm and the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion said, Evileye Tyrants almost always produced skull bones if they produced one, because the soul beast's whole body was basically just a head.

Just as Huo Yuhao was preparing to put this skull bone away and bring it back to his companions, the Eye of Destiny on his forehead suddenly lit up. A rose-gold beam of light burst out and landed on the silver skull.

The silver skull was immediately covered with rose-golden hues before it flew towards Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny. The skull shrank rapidly as it was drawn through the air.

This is...

Huo Yuhao felt a dash of coldness in between his eyebrows as a rich and powerful wave of spiritual power flooded into his spiritual sea. In the next moment, this wave of spiritual power was cocooned by another even more domineering and overbearing existence.

And after that? The sensations just stopped...

Huo Yuhao's facial expression instantly became a little strange. The sensation he had just felt made him feel as though his Eye of Destiny had gobbled up the Evileye Tyrant's skull!

No... it wasn't gobbled up by my Eye of Destiny. It should have been eaten by Qiu'er's Three-Eyed Golden Lion Skull Bone, right?

Huo Yuhao suddenly recalled his impression when he had first met Wang Qiu'er, back when she was still the Three-Eyed Golden Lion. Back then, she seemed to consume other soul beasts' brains as food, so did the skull bone that originate from her also eat other skull bones?

What was going to happen after it ate them? Did this mean that part of Qiu'er's consciousness remained?

When Huo Yuhao realized that some remnant of Wang Qiu'er's consciousness might still remain, his heart began to heat up.

However, he had yet to feel his skull bone when the Skydream Iceworm's voice rang out in his mind.

"We can't stay here for long. Absorb the soul ring and leave!"

Yes! He was deep in the Evildemon Forest, and there was nobody around to protect him. He couldn't stay here for long.

Huo Yuhao flipped his right wrist as he thought until this point, and a small, delicate soul tool appeared in his hands.

This soul tool was blood-red, and looked like it was sculpted and engraved from a special crystal body. There were countless sophisticated patterns on it.

Huo Yuhao pressed on the soul tool's surface, and the entire spherical soul tool lit up as circle after circle of red light expanded outward. These circles quickly touched the blood-red soul ring hovering in midair.

Those red waves acted like they had instantly found a target, and wrapped themselves around the soul ring. Strangely, the blood-red soul ring was formless and had no substance, but it was actually pulled down by those red waves, and was quickly absorbed into that small, delicate soul tool.

It's so useful! Teacher Xuan is a truly a genius amongst geniuses. Huo Yuhao exclaimed in admiration inside before he leapt into the air and soared into the distance.

The soul tool that he had just used was called a soul ring storage tool. It wasn't very big, and was made from only the rarest metals. Xuan Ziwen had expressly crafted this soul tool for Huo Yuhao after he brought all those rare metals back from Radiant City. This soul tool was Class 8! It could use certain special undulations from its constituent metals under guidance from its formation arrays to temporarily store soul rings. It could store a maximum of nine soul rings at once, and these soul rings could be maintained and stored for one week.

This soul tool was far too expensive to craft en masse, a product of Xuan Ziwen's research. Back then, Xuan Ziwen had used this research product to become the Illustrious Virtue Hall's chief researcher. It was a pity that the materials that this soul tool needed were excessively expensive. Crafting this soul tool was also very difficult, because it was a Class 8 soul tool. It was practical and useful, but its usefulness was still a far cry from how expensive crafting this soul tool was too many people.

Xuan Ziwen was recognized for his research, but his research product wasn't promoted or popularized within the Sun Moon Empire. Practically speaking, it couldn't be promoted at all.

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Huo Yuhao was finally starting to relax as he flew away...

Suddenly, an indescribably frightening sense of danger gradually rose from behind him!

A forceful and bold voice filled with seething rage seemed to echo from every corner of the Evildemon Forest.

“Who?! Who killed my son? Who was it?!” This voice was purely projected as thought via spiritual power, and both humans and soul beasts could clearly feel the indignation, along with the voice’s unrivaled and terrifying spiritual power.

More than a third of the Evildemon Forest began to twist and contort, although the plants weren’t hurt or damaged.

Countless soul beasts clutched their heads in agony in this moment, and crumpled to the ground.

Huo Yuhao’s body slowed conspicuously, and his heart filled with fear.

Huo Yuhao hadn’t thought too much when he heard the Evileye Tyrant claim that its father would take revenge for it, and had believed that the Evileye Tyrant was just trying to threaten him. A defeated hundred-thousand-year soul beast calling for its father... that was simply too laughable!

However, after he had calmed down from the fight, and with that furious howl, he suddenly realized something.

There could be someone in the Evildemon Forest who could be a hundred-thousand-year soul beast’s father, who could have been this Evileye Tyrant’s father!

With that entity’s age and cultivation rank, didn’t it fit the bill?

Huo Yuhao was actually very lucky. In terms of obtaining soul rings, no other soul beast was more suitable for him than the one he had just used all his strength to kill. However, his luck was so “good” that it was unbelievable... the soul beast he had just killed was the youngest son of the Evildemon Forest’s true dictator, the Sun Moon Empire’s number one savage beast, and the entire Continent’s number two savage beast: the Evileye Tyrant King, who was also known as the Evil Emperor!

Even though Huo Yuhao had intercepted that hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant’s spiritual origin, the Evil Emperor’s terrifying spiritual power allowed him to maintain spiritual connections with every single one of its children. The Evileye Tyrant’s spiritual origin was naturally obliterated after Huo Yuhao killed it, and even though the Evil Emperor was in a deep slumber, how could it not be startled awake when one of its children’s auras suddenly vanished? It was the reason the Evil Emperor had exclaimed so furiously.

Huo Yuhao’s scalp began to go numb, and his hair started bristling when he guessed who that horrifying voice belonged to. He didn’t dare to hold back anymore, and activated everything he had as he flew forward with all his might.

At this moment, many soul beasts were frightened by the Evil Emperor’s ferocious roar, and few soul beasts came forward to intercept him.

Huo Yuhao’s heart was a little twisted. He didn’t know why his luck in recent days was so terrible. Even after Qiu’er’s auspicious Sacrifice, this fact didn’t change...

However, now was obviously not the time for complaints and resentment. Huo Yuhao continued flying with every ounce of his strength as he unleashed all of his spiritual power. He activated Imitation and Spiritual Interference to their highest possible levels to mask himself. His fervant hope was that the Evil Emperor’s awakening required a process, and that it couldn’t lock onto him as soon as it woke up!

What happened proved that his thoughts were wonderful, but reality was cruel.

An enormous red pillar surged into the sky in the deepest regions of the Evildemon Forest!

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That red pillar was more than a hundred meters in diameter, and even people outside the Evildemon Forest could see it clearly.

The pillar surged several thousand meters into the sky, and the clouds swiftly gathered towards it.

The enormous pillar broke through the clouds and tainted everything around it a blood-red color. The clouds gradually dispersed, revealing a colossal blood-red eye.

This blood-red eye hung thousands of meters in the sky as it looked down on the Evildemon Forest, and the forceful voice from before rang out once more.

“Child, my child, where are you?!”

This exclamation contained exceptionally strange and sinister spiritual undulations. These undulations descended onto the forest from thousands of meters up in the sky and expanded outward, with the Evildemon Forest’s core region as the epicenter. The spiritual undulations covered an ever-larger area of effect, almost two-thirds of the entire Evildemon Forest.

Huo Yuhao was running away with incredible speed, but he was still far from escaping its area of effect!

When those strange spiritual undulations landed on his body, he felt the soul ring storage tool hidden on his body warm up.

Shit!

Huo Yuhao immediately understood that he was in trouble.

The Evileye Tyrant King couldn’t instantly find the location where his son had died, but he was using this exclamation charged with spiritual undulations to find the hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant’s spiritual undulations!

Huo Yuhao had purified that Evileye Tyrant’s spirit, but the soul ring that it had left behind still contained some of its spiritual undulations!

Huo Yuhao almost didn’t have any time to plan or to think of anything as the Eye of Destiny between his eyebrows lit up. The wheel of light behind his head that had formed when he faced off against the hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant glimmered once more.

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In the next moment...

The colossal blood-red eye in the sky seemed to refract as a blood-red pillar a hundred meters across refracted downwards from several thousand meters in the sky.

Things like the Sunmoon Divine Needle were just a small toy compared to this horrifying red pillar of light!

Boom, boom, boom!

Somewhere in the Evildemon Forest, or rather at Huo Yuhao's location, a humongous mushroom cloud surged into the sky.

Anybody looking down from the sky could see that a region of the spacious Evildemon Forest had been washed entirely blood-red. Afterwards, the lush green in that region melted away just like that...

This region was at least a thousand meters in diameter, and not a single inch of vegetation remained.

The red colors in the sky gradually faded away, and the blood-red light receded and fell back into the Evildemon Forest's core regions. A dense and grievous will traveled out from that place as powerful emotional ripples blanketed the entire forest, and countless soul beasts cried out and teared up as a result.

The area that was just bombarded by that terrifying red light began to lose all those red hues, and not a single soul beast would dare to enter that region for a month.

The forest wasn't the only thing obliterated by that horrifying spiritual power. The earth had sunk down by several dozen meters, as if the very stones and soil had been stripped of life.

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However, in the middle of this region that was temporarily considered forbidden ground...

"Cough, cough, cough!" A wave of intense coughing sounds could be heard.

A battered and wretched figure slowly stood up. His entire body was covered with a layer of dirt, and his appearance was completely obscured, while his clothes were conspicuously torn and tattered... but he was alive!

He sighed at his own luck.

"I'm still alive?" Huo Yuhao's face twitched as intense dizziness struck his head. He had formidable spiritual power, but he currently felt as if his entire spiritual sea had been sucked dry. His body was soft and weak, and he struggled to even continue standing up straight. His entire body was in a bad state.

Yes, he was still alive; still alive after taking a hit from the Evil Emperor, who had eight hundred thousand years of cultivation!

How unimaginable was this? The Evil Emperor, who had just unleashed that attack, had no reason to expect that this human was still alive. When he had discovered Huo Yuhao with his Spiritual Detection, he could already tell how strong he was. From the Evil Emperor's perspective, this attack was enough to obliterate Huo Yuhao from the face of the earth!

The Evil Emperor's arrogance meant he couldn't be bothered to check the aftermath. Furthermore, he was in the most crucial time of his closed-door cultivation, so he didn't have the time and energy to investigate.

The Skydream Iceworm's hopeful words from back then clearly didn't come true. The Evil Emperor wasn't far from the limit, but he wasn't there, after all, and he was still alive. He was the Continent's second strongest savage beast as long as he was still alive, and one of the most frightening existences on the Continent.

It feels great to be alive! Huo Yuhao heaved a sigh inside. "You've saved me yet again, Qiu'er."

The reason why he was still alive naturally wasn't because he had enough strength to withstand that all-out attack from the Evileye Tyrant King. How could the Evil Emperor's spiritual sweep have any judgmental errors?

The reason why he was alive was because of the skull bone that he had obtained from Wang Qiu'er, the Auspicious Beast's skull bone.

The Auspicious Beast's skull bone possessed a special ability besides bestowing two powerful soul skills upon Huo Yuhao. This ability was called Spiritual Immunity!

Huo Yuhao could make himself immune to all kinds and levels of spiritual attacks three times a day. Unless Huo Yuhao was faced with a God who had the ability to change destiny, Huo Yuhao could render himself immune to all sorts and levels of spiritual attacks.

Huo Yuhao had relied on this ability, which was basically against natural law in the spiritual realm, to challenge the hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant. He had used this ability to gain the advantage against his adversary in a perilous battle, and had eventually managed to kill it.

Huo Yuhao could use Spiritual Immunity three times when he was in peak condition. After using this ability once, he would have to replenish his skull bone with spiritual power through his own cultivation. Of course, he could use another method to replenish his skull bone – he could consume other skull bones, just like how he had consumed the hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant's skull bone!

Huo Yuhao would need at least a month to fully replenish his skull bone to three instances of Spiritual Immunity if he didn't consume any skull bones.

Spiritual Immunity didn't seem like much when one considered that one month was a very long time. But in reality, this ability was very useful to Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao had had to use Spiritual Immunity to defend himself against a spiritual-type attack at his level of spiritual power, so just how powerful did that attack have to be?

Everything that had just happened proved this point. No matter how powerful the Evil Emperor was, Spiritual Immunity had still protected Huo Yuhao from its attack.

However, Huo Yuhao also had sufficient experience through this attack that not everything was absolute. The Evil Emperor's attack didn't kill him, but his spiritual sea was immediately sucked dry in that instant, and even his skull bone was sucked dry.

Huo Yuhao felt very fortunate that his Auspicious Beast Skull Bone had consumed the Evileye Tyrant's skull bone before this. The spiritual power from consuming that skull bone was currently replenishing him slowly. Otherwise, he would have fainted, and he had no idea how long it would have taken him to wake up if that happened.

I have to leave this place as quickly as possible! I must! Otherwise, if the Evil Emperor dusts its hands and comes down to take a look, I'm dead!

Huo Yuhao would have trouble fighting even a single thousand-year soul beast in his current state, let alone the strongest individual among all the Evileye Tyrants!

Huo Yuhao bit down on the tip of his tongue, and intense pain reinvigorated his spirit and pumped adrenaline into his system. He quickly checked his soul ring storage tool.

That thing was worthy of being a Class 8 soul tool, and wasn't destroyed while under the protection of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Immunity. The hundred-thousand-year soul ring that was contained inside was also intact. At least he didn't take that attack for nothing!

Huo Yuhao retrieved a small bracelet from his storage ring and put it on his wrist. Afterwards, he began to activate this bracelet with his soul power.

He had consumed too much spiritual power, but his soul power's situation was relatively good. The silver bracelet swiftly shone with a layer of gentle silver light as Huo Yuhao infused soul power into it, and this silver light wrapped backwards and stretched up along his wrist. The silver light quickly formed a silver bracer cocooning his left arm.

Rows of silver light shone from his bracer, and ray after ray of silver light flickered as metal pieces covered by that silver light hovered in front of Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao took a deep breath and released his soul power to produce vigorous kinetic forces, and attached those rays of silver light to his body. The silver lights rapidly covered his body, and it didn't take long before his entire body was covered by a human-shaped soul tool.

This human-shaped soul tool was a lot prettier and more elegant than the one that he had crafted in the tournament not too long ago. This set was streamlined all over, and very simplistic and generous. A pair of wings arched behind his back, and quickly became three layers of golden wings as he infused soul power into them. Every layer of golden wings had six blasting holes, the higher wings narrower than the ones below.

Every other part was matched to Huo Yuhao's frame, every component intricately and finely assembled. Huo Yuhao only looked a little bigger after donning this suit, and there were no redundancies at all.

This was the human-shaped soul tool that Xuan Ziwen had personally crafted for Huo Yuhao. Xuan Ziwen had considered that Huo Yuhao was still a Soul King back then, and so had done all he could with this soul tool to ensure that it could maintain its strength as a Class 7 soul tool, and that Huo Yuhao could still use it as a Soul King.

Huo Yuhao didn't have time to wear this suit when he faced off against the Holy Ghost Church's powerful individuals because everything had happened too suddenly. So this was the first time he had used it. In truth, there wasn't any practical use to wearing this suit against those evil Titled Douluo.

However, his situation was very different at the moment. With this soul tool, he could use the twelve miniature compressed Sealed Milk Bottles attached to it to sustain himself for another round of high-intensity combat. With this suit, Huo Yuhao would have no problems protecting his life even if he

encountered another hundred-thousand-year soul beast. At the same time, he could use this suit to get out of the forest as quickly as possible!

Huo Yuhao didn't fly into the sky, because he was still inside the Evildemon Forest. He activated the soul thrusters on his back and propelled himself forward at breakneck speed. His goal now was to leave the Evildemon Forest as quickly as possible, and then find somewhere safe so that he could absorb his seventh soul ring, the one from that one hundred-thousand-year Evileye Tyrant, and become a Soul Sage!

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Shrek City, the Tang Sect...

"Bam!" A dull slap could be heard as Bei Bei stood up with a grave and gloomy look on his face. Xu Sanshi, He Caitou, Ye Guyi, Jing Ziyan, and Ji Juechen sat on both sides of the table, along with Xiao Xiao, Jiang Nannan, Na Na, and Mo Xuan. Besides Xuan Ziwen and Gao Dalou, almost all of the Tang Sect's inner circle was here.

"Three days! You guys have been back for three days, and we still haven't heard anything from our little junior brother. In terms of time, he should have returned before you with his flying-type soul tool, whether he travelled across the ocean or land. But so many days have gone by, and where is he? Who can tell me where he is?" Bei Bei's voice became higher, and anger that was seldom seen on him filled his scholarly face.

Xu Sanshi and the others had successfully returned with the hostages, and came back to the Tang Sect a few days ago. However, their elation and joy from successfully accomplishing their mission quickly dampened as they discovered that Huo Yuhao hadn't returned, and they hadn't heard a single thing from him.

Bei Bei had received all their reports, and then consoled them before he went to Shrek Academy with a gloomy face.

Three days had gone by, and nobody from either the Tang Sect or Shrek Academy had heard anything from or about Huo Yuhao.

For the Tang Sect, every single hostage added together wasn't as important as Huo Yuhao. This was the same for Shrek Academy, too!

What was even more disadvantageous for them was that the Sun Moon Empire had increased their monitoring and surveillance of the Douluo Continent's three native empires exponentially, as well as on Shrek Academy, which had rescued the hostages, and continued to send army after army towards their borders.

The Star Luo Empire and the Heavenly Soul Empire did the same. Their hostages had been saved, and the Sun Moon Empire hadn't recovered their strength. This was the best opportunity for these two empires to deal a heavy blow to the Sun Moon Empire, and neither empire was stupid. What were they waiting for, if not for this chance to weaken their enemy?



The Dou Ling Empire was positioned behind the other two empires, but their survival was closely related to the other two. The Dou Ling Empire had already deployed a huge army with seven Titled Douluo towards their borders, and a great war could break out within a short period of time.

Under such circumstances, both Shrek Academy and the Tang Sect would have an exceptionally difficult time if they wanted to send someone into the Sun Moon Empire to search for Huo Yuhao.

Therefore, they could only choose to wait for now. They had waited for three days, and those days had gone by without any news of Huo Yuhao. Starting from the time Xu Sanshi and the others had separated from Huo Yuhao, eight full days had gone by, and the rage that Bei Bei had been suppressing in his heart finally erupted uncontrollably.

Bei Bei didn't mention it explicitly, but everyone understood that Huo Yuhao's decision to return to Sunrise City so that he could help Nan Qiuqiu save Nan Shuishui wasn't a wise one. However, the mission was empathic and righteous. Could they blame Huo Yuhao? No, because everyone else would have done the same if they had been in his shoes.

Xu Sanshi forced a laugh and said, "If only I had stayed behind then."

He Caitou said, "How could you have stayed back? Our plans outside required you to transport us over long distances, and who could have taken over for you? Yuhao's decision was right. He is adept at concealing himself, and he was the least likely to run into trouble by staying behind amongst all of us. We have to trust him, and trust that no danger will happen to him. Eldest senior brother, don't be too impatient and flustered. Being flustered will accomplish nothing, because we can only continue waiting. The borders have been locked down so tightly, so it's normal that little junior brother is taking a little longer to return."

Bei Bei's expression settled down a little, and he returned to his seat. "I'm sorry, I haven't been in the right state of mind over the past few days. Actually, I should be the one to blame for this matter. I should have been the one following him. Little junior brother has been through so much hardship recently, and Dong'er is still in a deep slumber. I'm really afraid that something's happened to him. If something does happen to him, how do we explain it to Dong'er after she wakes up?"

"The Academy is even more worried than I am, and Elder Xuan sends people almost every day to inquire if Yuhao has returned. Yuhao is younger than us, but he's always been so steady, no matter what he does. He naturally understands that we worry about him, and he will return as quickly as possible if he's alright. The tight surveillance soul tools of all kinds on the borders would spell great trouble for us, but he possesses formidable spiritual power, and he's by himself. I'm sure it won't be difficult for him to hide and make it back discreetly. Therefore, even though I'm not willing to admit this, I can be almost a hundred percent sure that he's run into some kind of trouble. I just don't know whether he's run into a big problem, or a small one."

Xu Sanshi said, "Sister Xiaotao is in Sunrise City too, and she has regained her mind and her consciousness with Yuhao's help. She has eight soul rings, and her element is as close as it gets to Ultimate Fire. Yuhao should have a chance to escape with her help even if he's caught by evil soul masters. Let's wait for another two days, and if we still have no news about him, we will invite the Academy to come out. No matter what, we have to find some way to infiltrate the Sun Moon Empire to search for him."

Bei Bei nodded and said, "That's all we can do."

"Boom, boom, boom!" A thunderous boom rang out right at this moment. This deafening boom startled the Tang Sect's members even though they were inside a conference room.

He Caitaou glanced out of the window confusedly and muttered, "Such loud thunder. Eh, why is the sky getting dark?"

It was still morning, but everyone could see that the sky outside the conference room's window was darkening at an alarming rate, to the point where the conference room also darkened.

"Let's take a look outside." Bei Bei got to his feet and swiftly stepped outside, and everyone else followed behind him.

Everyone walked out, and their expressions grew solemn.

Their judgment from inside the conference room was right. The sky was getting dark, and it was getting dark really quickly. However, there was an abnormal feeling about this phenomenon.

If the weather were changing, dark clouds would roll over the skies, winds would blow, and they would gradually appear randomly. The sky would become gloomy and darken as a whole.

However, what they could see were neat black colors far beyond the horizon, and this black mass was swiftly spreading towards Shrek City, as if an enormous army were invading them.

This scene seemed as if there was a curtain in the sky that was slowly being pulled up, and causing the entire world to go dark.

"Something is wrong. Caitou, quickly inform teacher Xuan. Sanshi, you will immediately head to the Academy to ask about what's happening. Nannan, Xiao Xiao, you two will proceed to the top of the city wall, and relay any information as quickly as possible. Use flying-type soul tools to travel there and back. Quickly gather the Tang Sect's other members, and get everyone to prepare for any unforeseen circumstances." Bei Bei seemed especially calm, and swiftly delegated duties to everyone.

The Tang Sect's members began to move immediately.

However, Xu Sanshi had just gotten off his feet when a dense voice boomed across the entire city.

"Every disciple from Shrek Academy's inner courtyard, assemble at the southern city wall!"

This voice was all too familiar to the Tang Sect; it came from Elder Xuan! A jade-green flare surged into the sky at the same time, exploding high in the sky and transforming into an exclusive avatar of Shrek as green light permeated the heavens. It was very eye-catching.

Many of the people here were from Shrek Academy, and their expressions immediately changed when they saw this firework. This signal didn't just signify danger; it meant that voluminous amounts of enemies were about to invade the city!

How could that be? Shrek Academy was located within the Douluo Continent's core regions, and the Academy had very good relationships with all three empires. Where did these enemies come from?

Even if it was the Body Sect attacking them, they wouldn't suddenly launch an invasion against Shrek Academy at a time when the Sun Moon Empire posed a great threat to everyone.

Shrek Academy had always been fair to everyone, but they were an Academy, after all. They accepted talents and prodigies from all over the world, and they produced similar talents. They weren't like sects, who would only nurture and develop their own strength. For as long as Bei Bei could remember, this was the first time that Shrek Academy had released an emergency signal such as this one.

What is happening??Bei Bei could hear that Elder Xuan's voice was stable, but there was a thread of anxiety and worry amidst that steadiness. What did the sudden change in the sky bring?

"What do we do, Bei Bei?" Xu Sanshi asked Bei Bei.

Everyone's eyes turned towards Bei Bei, and he lowered his voice as he said, "Get on the southern city wall, everyone. Na Na, you will remain, and when teacher Xuan comes out, kindly ask him to lead our brethren from the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall to transport the soul tools that we have crafted and stockpiled to the southern city wall. Be quick."

"Yes," Na Na nodded hurriedly.

Bei Bei waved his hand and immediately led the Tang Sect's members towards the southern city wall.

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At Shrek Academy's southern city wall...

Ever since Shrek City was established, the highest part of the city wall and the strongest and most meticulous defenses across the entire city had always been on the southern side of the city. The reason was simple: this direction was facing the Great Star Dou Forest!

Ever since the Great Star Dou Forest's uprising, the southern city wall had been further fortified.

The southern city wall was fifteen hundred feet tall, and two hundred feet wide. It stretched across more than five kilometers, and it could accommodate more than ten thousand people to fight on its walls at the same time.

Shrek City's army was more or less connected to Shrek Academy. Shrek City didn't have a lord; the city's defense fell to Shrek Academy's Sea God's Pavilion. Almost every city defense officer was a powerful individual who had graduated from Shrek Academy.

If someone had to choose a city across the Continent with the highest concentration of soul masters, Shrek City would undoubtedly take the top spot!

The soul engineers in the Sun Moon Empire's Radiant City could also be called soul masters, but Radiant City was densely populated, and their soul engineer to citizen ratio couldn't compare to the density of soul masters in Shrek City!

Shrek City's current chief defense officer was named Shi Xing. He was a tall middle-aged man, looking a little more than forty years old. He had a square and flat face, big eyes, and thick eyebrows. He had a muscular frame, and he gave others a towering and imposing feeling with his mere presence.

He was forty-eight years of age, and could be said to be in the prime of his life. When he was studying at Shrek Academy, he had once had a nickname, “the Time Magician”. Afterwards, when he became a Titled Douluo, his title was Time; the Time Douluo, Shi Xing!

Three years ago, the previous chief defense officer had resigned and returned to Shrek Academy’s inner courtyard to enjoy his retirement, and Shi Xing had become Shrek City’s chief defense officer with a unanimous vote from the Sea God’s Pavilion. He was responsible for everything that had to do with the city’s defenses.

Their city defense officer was actually a Titled Douluo. Possibly only Shrek City could afford to have such a luxurious arrangement.

At this moment, the Time Douluo, Shi Xing, was standing on the city wall and gazing far into the distance with a dour look on his face. More accurately, he was staring to the south!

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The pitch-black sky was spreading from south of the city. At this moment, the black sky’s forward progress seemed to slow a little, but the pressure that came from those clouds made everyone feel quite breathless.

Shrek City’s city defense army was hard at work on the city wall, and everyone was nervously setting up all sorts of defensive soul tools.

Shrek City hadn’t participated in a war for many years, but the city defense army was very organized and disciplined. The pressure that came from the sky made everyone ghastly pale, but they grit their teeth and continued with whatever they had to do.

There were a hundred thousand people in Shrek City’s army, thirty percent of them were soul masters. Most of these soul masters had graduated from Shrek Academy’s outer courtyard, and they chose to enlist in the city defense army when they failed to enter the inner courtyard so that they could train for several years more.

Shrek City’s city defense army had quite a reputation. They had only participated in a little more than ten wars across their ten-thousand year history, but they accomplished feats and miracles that shook the entire continent in every instance.

For example, when the Sun Moon Continent clashed with the Douluo Continent all those years ago, the Sun Moon Continent started a Holy War. The Sun Moon Continent’s fighting style with all their soul tools was too unique at that time, and they successively defeated the Douluo Continent’s native empires across many battles.

Back then, Shrek Academy had deployed three thousand men from their city defense army. These men were known as Shrek’s Army, and they had hurried to the frontlines. They only had three thousand men, but they relied on themselves and the terrain to forcefully barricade the Sun Moon Empire’s great army for fifteen days. They gave the Douluo Continent’s various empires sufficient time to gather their armies, and gave everyone the chance for one last stand. The Douluo Continent’s native empires emerged victorious in the end.

Shrek's Army had enjoyed their stellar reputation across the Continent from that moment onwards, and it was considered a glorious thing to become part of Shrek City's city defense army. Therefore, if the students from Shrek Academy's outer courtyard couldn't make it into the inner courtyard, they would try everything they could to join Shrek's city defense army to serve for at least three years. This experience would become a glorious mark on their resumes, and greatly beneficial for their future development.

Shrek City was just a city after all, so it wasn't easy to sustain an army of a hundred thousand soldiers. It was easier for those soul masters who made up thirty percent of the army because they came from the Academy, so they didn't receive any special treatment. However, the other seventy percent who were just normal soldiers Shrek City had to pay from its own pockets.

Large cannons lined the top of the city wall, pointed far into the distance. All kinds of stationary soul cannon shells were lifted to the top of the city wall, and three thousand soul masters took but a mere fifteen minutes to assemble. Everyone was already on top of the city wall, and they were all preparing for battle in their respective positions. Of the remaining seven thousand soldiers, or auxiliary soldiers to be exact, three thousand served as one-to-one fallbacks for these soul masters, while the remaining four thousand soldiers prepared to reinforce their comrades.

The southern side of the city was their main defense zone. There was a lot less manpower assigned to the other three sides, but the number of defensive soul tools allocated were the same; when necessary, soul masters could rapidly switch positions to the other sides, and operate those soul tools. However, Shi Xing didn't have to worry about the other three sides of the city wall, for now.

Over on Shrek Academy's side, teams of students from the outer courtyard were proceeding toward the city walls on every other side as quickly as they could. Even though they were all younger than twenty, they had been through strict and rigorous training, and they had no trouble operating typical soul tools. This was especially true after the Tang Sect managed to create Sealed Milk Bottles, so even normal citizens could operate low-tier soul tools, let alone these soul masters who all had at least two soul rings.

Shrek Academy's inner courtyard didn't idle around either. Shadow after shadow swiftly proceeded from the eastern side of the city towards the southern city wall.

Shi Xing planted his hands on the battlements and gazed into the distance. He could taste bitterness from the corner of his mouth.

How many years has Shrek City not participated in a war, and now it's here??He couldn't remember, but what he could remember was that the previous two city defense officers didn't participate in a single war. He had been elected for only three years, and he had almost struck the jackpot; no, he truly did strike the jackpot.

Traces of their enemies gradually appeared across the horizon. Which force across the entire Continent could cause the skies to change, and could stomp towards Shrek City's great army with such fanfare?

Only an empire could create a force on such a scale. However, how could the Douluo Continent's three native empires make a move against Shrek City? If so, what other entities besides empires could do

something like this? There was only one other place, and it was a place that was more frightening than any of the three native empires.

The army from that place wasn't very intelligent, but they possessed impressive fighting instincts. They were born with a taste for blood and an inclination to kill, and they were full of hatred for humans. Almost every single individual in that army was powerful, and there were almost endless numbers of them, while some of the Continent's strongest individuals were behind them, holding down the fort.

Yes, this frightening power came from Shrek Academy's neighbor. Shrek had encountered them many times in the past, and almost every single member from Shrek Academy had been to this place: the Great Star Dou Forest!

The beast tide was here!

Masses of soul beasts that dotted the sky until it turned black were gradually bearing down on Shrek City. They weren't moving very quickly, but they were organized and disciplined.

The soul beasts fanned forward, moving forward almost in tandem with the dark clouds in the sky. Gentle winds gusted through the air, and the faint smell from these soul beasts gradually travelled to the top of Shrek City's wall.

Shi Xing was a Titled Douluo, considered one of the strongest individuals in the world today. However, he stared at the beast wave that was just so tremendous, and he couldn't help but lick his lips as he in drew a cold breath.

Why were the Great Star Dou Forest's soul beasts going crazy? What happened, exactly, that triggered them to launch an invasion? The Great Star Dou Forest had been very peaceful in recent years, and nobody had heard of anyone killing hundred-thousand-year soul beasts in the forest!

The Great Star Dou Forest's Core Region had developed rapidly over the past few hundred years, and countless powerful individuals had emerged from within. Even Shrek Academy's inner circle wouldn't venture into that place for no good reason, while Shrek City and the Great Star Dou Forest had been enjoying peace for the past centuries.

So why were they doing this? Why did the Great Star Dou Forest launch an invasion on such a large scale, and why were they advancing on the city like an army? This couldn't have been instigated by a small group of soul beasts. The army of soul beasts seemed endless, and without those few who resided in the Slaughtering Grounds mobilizing them, this army of soul beasts wouldn't appear on such a large scale.

The beast army's front lines were now less than ten kilometers away from Shrek City's southern city wall. They maintained their steady forward movement, while the dark clouds above their heads gradually blanketed the sky above them. The closer they came, the more pressure could be felt on the top of the city wall. If Shrek's city defense army hadn't been elite and outstanding, if another normal army was here, they would probably have tucked tail and run away in fear.

There was an uncountable number of soul beasts in this army!

Right at this moment, shadow after shadow descended from the sky and landed on top of the southern city wall. The leading person was tall, and messy white hair draped behind his head as he stepped

towards the battlements with a solemn look on his face. He was Shrek Academy's true number-one individual, the Master of the Sea God's Pavilion, Elder Xuan!

The Sea God's Pavilion's other elders followed behind Elder Xuan. Everyone was on the scene, including the academy's two Deans, Yan Shaozhe and Xian Lin'er. The only person who wasn't here was the Sea God's Pavilion's youngest and weakest member, Huo Yuhao.

More than forty students from Shrek Academy's inner courtyard followed behind the elders from the Sea God's Pavilion.

Shrek Academy's teachers were split evenly into three groups, and they proceeded to the city's three other walls to command the outer courtyard students who were stationed there. They were most familiar with those students, and hence the teachers commanding them would be most convenient and suitable.

Elder Xuan gazed into the distance, and his expression instantly became even blacker than before. He had risen into the sky before this to check out the situation, and only afterwards did he release that emergency signal. At this moment, the soul beast army was a lot closer to Shrek City, and Elder Xuan was very clear about how dire their situation was.

He was the only one who had gone through the previous beast tide among the various elders from the Sea God's Pavilion. However, the situation that they were facing right now was more perilous than the previous invasion!

Elder Xuan didn't have any time to contemplate why the Great Star Dou Forest would suddenly launch a beast wave, and why they would come to Shrek City first. The only thought in his mind was if Shrek Academy could defend themselves against an enormous army that consisted of more than a hundred thousand soul beasts?

During the previous beast wave, Shrek City had released a call for help as soon as they could. Elder Mu was the one directing things over in Shrek Academy, and they had the Body Sect helping them out. Even though the Body Sect and Shrek Academy weren't on good terms, they had good chemistry and teamwork during that incident. They had managed to hold out until sufficient reinforcements had arrived, and only then did they stop those soul beasts from advancing. Eventually they signed a peace treaty with the savage beasts.

However, the soul beasts had gone against their treaty on their own initiative, and had launched a beast wave against Shrek City. Elder Mu was no longer here, and they didn't have the Body Sect to help them this time. Even though Shrek City had a lot more soul tools right now compared to back then, could they really hold off such a terrifyingly huge army of soul beasts?

The Sea God's Pavilion's several elders also looked very grave as they stared at the army in front of them.

Elder Song arrived beside Elder Xuan, and he lowered his voice as he said, "Why haven't we seen any omens or warnings, and yet the Great Star Dou Forest launched a beast wave against us? What is happening, exactly?"

Elder Xuan lowered his voice and said, "There was an omen, don't you remember? Several days ago, a mass of blood clouds appeared above the Great Star Dou Forest. I'm afraid this incident has something to do with that. Can it be that one of the Great Star Dou Forest's important soul beasts, or perhaps a certain savage beast, has been killed by human soul masters, and they are infuriated because of that? The peace treaty that we signed back then stated that we could not attack the savage beasts, and those fellows who direct things inside the Great Star Dou Forest have always been honorable. It seems like something big must have happened!"

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Elder Song tilted her head and said, "We can't start the battle without knowing what's going on. We have to ask them clearly before anything else. I'm afraid the Beast God, Di Tian, is personally directing an army of this scale."

Elder Xuan squinted as he gazed into the clouds above. "He's right there, right next to him is the Golden Eyed Black Dragon King. Who else could muster a force such as this? Let me go and meet him, and I'll ask about what exactly has happened."

Elder Song was a little worried as she said, "You must be careful, Elder Xuan. With Di Tian's cultivation, even Elder Mu back then was weaker than the Beast God. He is the world's number-one soul beast, and the leader of the Ten Great Savage Beasts isn't someone who's easy to interact with."

Elder Xuan smiled plainly and answered, "So what if he's not easy to interact with? Shrek's honor and glory are up to us to uphold and defend. I will protect Shrek City as long as I have one breath remaining, and I will not let these brutes invade us. I'm going up, you'll take over command."

Elder Xuan took a step out as he spoke, and he just stood on the battlement like that as he stretched his arms to both sides and howled into the sky.

"Moo—" A dense and thick soundwave, like a torrential wave, burst forth with a powerful aura from Elder Xuan's body.

This ferocious roar forcefully intimidated and caused the army of soul beasts in the distance to pause.

Elder Xuan's body transformed into a ray of golden light and surged into the sky, like a shooting star as he blazed a trail of crystal-yellow flames. Furthermore, this sphere of yellow light became larger in volume as it rose through the sky, and it quickly covered the sky above Shrek Academy with yellow hues. Yellow light stretched across the sky, which sparkled continuously as it went straight for those black masses of dark clouds without showing any weakness at all.

Elder Xuan's move reinvigorated Shrek City's morale and aura, and everyone widened their eyes as they looked on, especially the students from the outer courtyard. They would possibly only get this one chance in their lifetimes to witness this showdown between some of the strongest individuals in the world, and the excitement in their hearts far exceeded their anxiety.

A colossal shadow over a hundred meters long flickered amidst that golden light. Dragon patterns webbed over its enormous frame, and its twin horns pointed towards the sky: it was Elder Xuan's mighty martial soul, the Godly Taotie Bull! n./o()v(-E-.ℓ)-ℓ/(l.)n



Elder Xuan hadn't made that step into godhood yet, but he was the Taotie Douluo, a powerful Rank 98 soul master. He could still put up a fight against the Dragon Emperor Douluo and the Darkness Holy Dragon, Long Xiaoyao.

The yellow colors high up in the sky quickly intertwined with the ink-like black luster. The black colors paused momentarily before they collided violently with the yellow clouds, and the sky dimmed and brightened alternately as they clashed against each other, powerful auras colliding incessantly. What was even stranger was that no matter how they clashed, their auras didn't affect the army of soul beasts or Shrek City beneath them.

"Come out and talk, Di Tian!" Elder Xuan's deep and dense voice echoed through the heavens. Even though he was the only one talking, everyone from Shrek City and the army of soul beasts could hear him clearly.

"You're the Taotie!" Another icy-cold voice resonated across the skies in similar fashion. However, when this voice appeared, the final sounds of Elder Xuan's voice were instantly shattered, as if someone had forcefully cut him off.

Black clouds riled up vigorously, and an enormous dragon whose size couldn't be distinguished shimmered amidst the dark clouds. Its entire body was covered with pitch-black scales, but it shone with dark purple colors within those dark clouds.

"Yes, it's me. Di Tian, you have gathered so many soul beasts from the Great Star Dou Forest to Shrek Academy without any consideration of the consequences. Why have you done this?" Elder Xuan asked loudly with a deep voice.

Di Tian's icy-cold voice could be heard once more. "Why? You despicable humans are actually asking me why? Over these years, when have humans ever stopped harming and killing us soul beasts? Soul beasts have been living in seclusion within habitats like the Great Star Dou Forest, but humans have never stopped disturbing us! Humans have been killing my kin and my brethren, and humans have mutilated their corpses so as to boost their own strength. Soul beasts have been dwindling in number from the beginning to the end, but there are more and more soul masters. If this is allowed to continue, in the long run, soul beasts will be extinct one day!"

Elder Xuan thought for a moment and said, "We are equally aware of this problem. Di Tian, you have to understand that humans don't wish for that to happen, either. However, the existence of martial souls has formed this food chain, and soul masters have to hunt and kill soul beasts to obtain soul rings if they want to become stronger. We are thinking of anything we can do to substitute soul rings, and we are in the midst of such research right now. For now, however, it seems like there are still sufficient numbers of soul beasts. Furthermore, are you saying that soul beasts haven't killed humans before? The number of humans who have ventured into your habitats and gained something are far fewer than the number of soul masters that soul beasts have murdered. This matter has always been mutual.

"Furthermore, have you forgotten about the peace treaty we signed back then? You are the Beast God. Will you go against your word?"

Di Tian laughed coldly and said, "Don't try to lie to me. The Dragon God Douluo didn't find a way to substitute soul rings back then, and I don't believe you guys can do that, either. As for the treaty, you

have the audacity to talk to me about that? If your memory still serves, you should remember that there was an extremely important existence within the Great Star Dou Forest, the Three-Eyed Golden Lion!”

“The Three-Eyed Golden Lion?” Elder Xuan almost felt his heart skip a beat when he heard this name, and an ominous feeling filled his heart.

Many soul masters were unfamiliar with this name, the Three-Eyed Golden Lion, and even the elders within the Sea God’s Pavilion didn’t know about her existence. However, Elder Xuan knew her very well, and he had seen her before with his own eyes. He had even helped Huo Yuhao obtain part of the Three-Eyed Golden Lion’s power of destiny.

Of course, he understood how important the Three-Eyed Golden Lion was to the Great Star Dou Forest, and even the five great savage beasts who anchored down the forest’s Slaughtering Grounds were, in practice, not as important as the Auspicious Beast!

The Three-Eyed Golden Lion’s existence had allowed the Great Star Dou Forest to develop rapidly for the past ten thousand years. Human soul masters had hunted and killed soul beasts continuously, but the forest’s overall number of soul beasts and their overall strength wasn’t weakened. In fact, the soul beasts’ overall strength had increased!

In some sense, the Three-Eyed Golden Lion was equivalent to an amplifier for the Great Star Dou Forest, and her existence was the reason why the forest had the strength and scale that they did today. Back then, the Three-Headed Scarlet Devilmastiff, who was one of the Slaughtering Ground’s five savage beasts, had personally stayed by her side to protect her.

“Something’s happened to the Three-Eyed Golden Lion?” Elder Xuan asked with a tinge of incredulity. He didn’t quite believe it. The Three-Eyed Golden Lion was exceptionally important to the Great Star Dou Forest, and savage beasts had always personally protected her. Her status within the forest was comparable to Di Tian’s, and even though her strength was nowhere near that of the savage beasts, her status was equivalent to that of the father of a reigning emperor.

“Hmph!” Di Tian grunted coldly, and the dark clouds in the sky seemed to become a little gloomier than before. The humans and soul beasts beneath him all began to feel their hearts beat faster.

“Unless something’s happened to the Auspicious Beast, why do you think I would go to such lengths and such trouble to start a war? Why do you think I would risk the lives of my kin and brethren to start a war like this? A few days ago, I felt the aura of the Auspicious Beast’s death!”

The huge black dragon circling around inside the dark clouds paused as he reached his last words, and two golden spheres sparkled brilliantly... they were his eyes!

The Beast God Di Tian’s original body was a Golden Eyed Black Dragon King who had more than eight hundred thousand years of cultivation. The Black Dragon’s blood was the purest next to the Golden Dragon and the Silver Dragon, and Di Tian was likely to be the only living being across the entire Continent who was a pureblood Black Dragon. He had been alive for eight hundred thousand long years, and he had seen almost every change that had happened to the Continent. Once that powerful aura was released, Elder Xuan felt his scalp tense, even with his cultivation rank.

“The Auspicious Beast is dead?” Elder Xuan drew a cold breath. If that was the case, the Great Star Dou Forest would have good reason to launch a beast wave like this. The Auspicious Beast was far too important, because she was connected to the future of the entire forest, and she was very beneficial to the savage beasts’ chances of breaking through bottlenecks.

This time, they were in deep trouble!

Elder Xuan took a deep breath. The yellow light around the Godly Taotie Bull became stronger at the same time as he said, “I’m very sorry, Di Tian, that the Auspicious Beast is dead. However, the Auspicious Beast has always been residing in the Great Star Dou Forest, and she’s personally protected by several of your strongest individuals. How could anything have happened to her? Are you saying that someone managed to kill the Auspicious Beast from underneath your protection?”

The ferocity emanating from Di Tian’s body receded a little. He muttered coldly, “Of course nobody would have been able to kill the Auspicious Beast inside the forest! The Auspicious Beast’s status in the Great Star Dou Forest transcended all else, and even I was unwilling to restrain her excessively. Not long ago, she used a fake body in closed-door cultivation, while her own body secretly slunk out of the forest. She should have entered the world of humans, and even individuals like us won’t disturb her when she’s in closed-door cultivation. Who would have expected that such grievous news would come several days ago?”

The Auspicious Beast, the Three-Eyed Golden Lion, had departed the Great Star Dou Forest, and had passed away in the human world?

Elder Xuan lowered his voice and said, “I express deep regret once more for the Auspicious Beast’s death. However, since she met her demise after she left the forest, how can you be sure that us humans did her wrong? I can understand your sorrowful emotions, but you cannot use the lives of countless humans and soul beasts to wash away your grief!”

“Hahahaha!” The Beast God, Di Tian suddenly laughed ominously, as if he had just heard some joke. “Nothing to do with humans? Do you know how the Auspicious Beast died? Let me tell you, my aura was intimately connected to that of the Auspicious Beast, and I could clearly feel the state that she was in when she died. She sacrificed herself for a human, and she willingly became someone’s soul ring. How can you say, then, that this has nothing to do with humans?”

“What?” Elder Xuan couldn’t maintain his composure anymore after this. Many different possibilities of how the Auspicious Beast might have met her demise had appeared in his mind over that short period of time. He understood, naturally, that the Auspicious Beast was likely to have died at the hands of a human soul master. However, exceptions could occur, and he was still thinking about how he could convince Di Tian to withdraw his army, when he was met with such a reply!

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Elder Xuan’s voice was evidently a little more rushed now. He said angrily, “Di Tian, even if you want to frame others for this, you have to find a reliable and believable reason. The Emperor Beast, the Three-Eyed Golden Lion, offered herself to a human soul master? Do you even believe your own words? You can try asking the other soul beasts in the forest... do they believe this? You are clearer than I am about what the Emperor Beast’s existence entails. Could she even offer herself to a human?”

Di Tian said coldly, "Nothing is impossible. The Emperor Beast was born with intelligence comparable to you humans, and she must have walked into the world of humans because she was curious. The Emperor Beast was born from the destiny of the heavens, and she has always acted according to destiny. There are far too many things that can taint and pollute her in the human world, and problems appeared in the Emperor Beast's way of thinking because of these pollutions. Don't try to absolve yourself of responsibility, the only humans that the Emperor Beast saw before she left the forest were you and your students! I heard from the Scarlet King that, back then, one of your students interacted with her. I am very sure that whatever's happened to the Emperor Beast has something to do with that student of yours! Hand him over, and my army will not invade Shrek City. Otherwise, we will wash Shrek with blood, and we will exterminate everything and everyone!"

Elder Xuan's attitude changed a little as he listened to Di Tian's words. There was no question that Huo Yuhao was the person who Di Tian was talking about! Elder Xuan was the perpetrator back then, so he knew, as he was the one who had helped Huo Yuhao obtain part of the Three-Eyed Golden Lion's power of destiny, and he was the one who had helped Huo Yuhao open his Eye of Destiny.

Does this mean that the Three-Eyed Golden Lion offered herself to Yuhao??He thought about Huo Yuhao going missing recently in the Sun Moon Empire.?He's likely to have encountered danger of some kind. Perhaps, what Di Tian has said isn't impossible. However, when did the Three-Eyed Golden Lion get together with Yuhao? Why has he never mentioned this to me before?

"Di Tian, I cannot agree to your request. That student you're looking for isn't even in the Academy, and even if he were, how could I give one of my Academy's students to you?" Elder Xuan's voice became plain and composed. He was very clear as he watched the way Di Tian was behaving that the beast wave's invasion was inevitable. Even if he gave Huo Yuhao to Di Tian, the Emperor Beast's death was enough to instigate these savage beasts' aggression and hostility. Even if they didn't attack Shrek, they would attack other cities, and Shrek would have to take on the responsibility of fighting them off.

Di Tian's voice instantly grew cold. "Does this mean that you're not willing to hand that rascal over at the cost of endless lives and bloodshed?"

Elder Xuan muttered coldly, "You wish to fight, then let's fight! How can you step over Shrek's glory as and when you want to?"

"You're courting death!" Di Tian roared furiously into the sky, and dark clouds surged as he shouted ferociously at the top of his voice, "Charge!"

The soul beasts that had initially stopped outside Shrek City now began to move like a tsunami when they heard Di Tian's order. All kinds of lights shone from these soul beasts, and every single one was filled with manic and crazy auras as they charged toward Shrek City.

"You dare, Di Tian!" Elder Xuan howled as the Godly Taotie Bull's colossal frame began trotting through the sky. He stepped on yellow clouds as he charged toward Di Tian with his twin spiral horns.

Di Tian's tremendous dragon wings stretched out as dark clouds rose from behind his back. He opened his mouth, and a huge black pillar of fire more than ten meters in diameter erupted toward Elder Xuan.

Elder Xuan's horns glowed at the same time, and his dark brown horns swiftly became glossy and transparent, as if they were sculpted from diamonds. Two diamond-like beams of light merged into one and went straight for that black flame pillar.

Boom!

The mountains trembled and the earth shook in that moment. Even though they were fighting thousands of meters in the sky, the world quivered along with their collision.

Di Tian didn't move an inch, and hovered in the distance, but Elder Xuan's forward momentum was halted forcefully after this clash. Evidently, there was still quite a gap between Elder Xuan's cultivation and that of Di Tian.

Di Tian's large golden eyes flowed with disdain and indifference as he flapped his huge dragon wings toward Elder Xuan.

The sky turned black in that instant. The yellow clouds were initially at a standoff against dark clouds, but this situation changed in the blink of an eye. Dark clouds loomed over the skies, and everything that was yellow was immediately swallowed in that moment. Even Elder Xuan's body suffered the same fate, and the great earth was covered in darkness as countless purple lightning bolts flickered and sparkled amongst the dark clouds. That immense pressure sufficiently portrayed the spectacular sight of the dark clouds bearing down on a city and threatening to overwhelm it.

The spectacular sight made Shrek City's city defense army and everyone from Shrek Academy feel stifled.

The number-one soul beast in the world, the leader of the Ten Great Savage Beasts, the Beast God, the dictator of the Great Star Dou Forest, the Golden Eyes Black Dragon King... there were just too many titles on Di Tian's head!

This time, the death of the Emperor Beast, the Three-Eyed Golden Lion, had finally infuriated this insanely powerful soul beast. He didn't hold back from the moment he made his first move.

Waves of dull thunder boomed continuously from the sky. However, the sky was still covered in darkness. Even the outer courtyard's junior students could tell from this situation that Elder Xuan was absolutely the weaker one, and at a complete disadvantage.

That was the truth. Di Tian was the Douluo Continent's strongest soul beast, and he was possibly the strongest individual across the entire Douluo Continent. Even if the Darkness Holy Dragon, the Dragon Emperor Douluo, Long Xiaoyao was here, he would probably be no match for Di Tian. He was an Ultimate Douluo, but his martial soul, the Darkness Holy Dragon, originated from the Black Dragon race. In terms of blood purity, how could he compare to Di Tian?

Back then, when the Radiant Holy Dragon, the Dragon God Douluo Mu En, was fighting against Di Tian, he had relied on the fact that his element was a natural counter to Di Tian's element, and he was only a little weaker. If Long Xiaoyao had been in his position, he would probably be in a worse situation than Elder Mu was. He was absolutely no match for Di Tian in control over darkness.

If Elder Xuan couldn't hold Di Tian back, and if he eventually perished in his fight against Di Tian, who else in Shrek City could hold back the strongest individual in the world? Would Shrek City really be laid to ruin?

"What are you looking at? Prepare your defenses, everyone! First wave of soul tools, prepare to fire! All soul masters to their battle stations, and heed my commands!" Time Douluo Shi Xing shouted angrily, and his valiant voice finally pulled everyone out from those stifling and suppressing sensations.

Morale would always be imperative in war. The faith for victory would exist if morale was high, and without morale, even an endless army might not be able to defend against their enemies.

Shrek's city defense army had never lacked morale, because the glory and honor from Shrek's previous generations shone on them, and this glory became their greatest courage.

They were faced with a formidable army of at least a hundred thousand soul beasts, and the Taotie Douluo was clearly at a disadvantage against the Beast God in the sky. But even so, the eyes of every soldier in Shrek's city defense army quickly became sharp and determined under Shi Xing's command.

This was a battle that they couldn't lose, because loss meant death. This was a fight between humans and soul beasts, and surrender was never an option on such a battlefield!

Nobody had to explain for everyone to understand that they had to fight to the very end in this battle. They could only beat back these soul beasts and protect Shrek City in order to survive!

Soul masters hustled, and heavy cannons were swiftly pulled into position, their mouths of their metal cannons pointed outside of the city.

The southern city wall was opposite the Great Star Dou Forest. Therefore, the best and strongest defenses were established on the southern city wall.

The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons that the Tang Sect had manufactured were all successfully loaded, and every cannon came with four Sealed Milk Bottles.

Only the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons on Shrek's city wall had such a configuration, and each cannon was almost twice as costly as the cannons that the Tang Sect had sold to the Star Luo and Heavenly Soul Empires. These defensive soul tools that the Tang Sect had crafted for Shrek City were still sold at cost.

There were thirty-two Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons on the southern city wall. They were arranged in one row, and were very intimidating. These cannons were all Class 6 soul tools, and while they were very costly, they were also very powerful, and they could be used continuously in battle for a long time.

The students from Shrek Academy's inner courtyard swiftly dispersed along the southern city wall under the command of the Sea God's Pavilion's various elders.

None of these people had participated in the defense against the previous beast wave, but the Academy had gained much experience, and learned much about how to fight against beast waves after their previous battle.

There was no question that Shrek City's combined strength was a far cry from that of the Great Star Dou Forest. They could only rely on their tough city wall and Shrek Academy's accumulated wisdom and

experience over the past ten thousand years. Therefore, the city wall could never be allowed to break in their defensive endeavors, because everything would be over if the city wall was broken through.

The soul beasts' fighting style would always be different from that of humans. Normal soul beasts had subpar intelligence, and they only knew how to charge around violently, so there was no way they could follow complicated orders. For those savage beasts who were at a higher tier, they possessed intelligence comparable to humans, but they were proud and arrogant by nature, so they weren't willing to use any tricks or schemes. The Great Star Dou Forest's soul beasts thought they were invincible in their hearts. Because of this, their fighting style was very simple: attack the city head on!

This fact was one of the most important points that Shrek Academy had concluded for specifically fighting against soul beasts after the last beast wave!

Shrek City's southern city wall didn't even have a gate, and that was so they could defend against soul beasts attacking them from this front. The city wall had been heightened and thickened continuously over many years, and the city wall's surface had been constructed with special materials and methods. Even soul beasts who had more than ten thousand years of cultivation would need a very long time to damage the city wall!

Other than that, Shrek City had many unique advantages, and they wouldn't hold anything back against the beast wave.

"Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons, first wave, fire!" Shi Xing shouted at the top of his voice.

The beast wave surged forward, charging within three kilometers of Shrek City in the blink of an eye. The closer they came, the clearer their frightening numbers became!

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Those beasts that were charging in front were either ten- or hundred-year soul beasts. They weren't strong, and so were used as cannon fodder. Of course, this cannon fodder still possessed greater fighting strength than most ordinary people. If a person wasn't a soul master, they wouldn't be able to resist them one-on-one.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...?Thirty-two Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons rapidly fired off, and balls of glaring light shone down from above the top of the city wall.

The Cannons were equipped with wheels and tracks, allowing them to move freely along the city wall. Once they were moved into position, they could be fixed in place mechanically.

Class 6 Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were quite bulky. When Huo Yuhao, He Caitou, and the rest brought cannons to Sunrise City, they only brought those that were either Class 4 or Class 5. Their main reason for not bringing larger Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons was because these cannons were simply too big.

However, these Class 6 cannons were very useful for defending the city. All of them had forty-eight barrels each, their calibers much larger than Class 5 cannons. Furthermore, they cooled down more easily due to their size.

Eighteen barrels from each of the thirty-two cannons were fired at the same time. The blaring cannons took everyone by storm.

Countless streaks of red light formed a cascade of light in the air that shot towards the soul beast army.

Every cannon covered one region, and there weren't any overlaps. Given the great number of soul beasts, there wasn't any need to aim, either.

The internal formation arrays that these thirty-two cannons were equipped with were all explosive bombs. There weren't any exceptions. Only explosive bombs could unleash the greatest fighting strength on a battlefield.

Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom...

Countless compressed soul energy bombs were fired at an alarming speed towards the soul beasts, and a terrifying energy storm started to rage.

This energy storm was a rain of death. In an instant, tremendous booms echoed from the front half of the battlefield. The tragic screams, furious roars, and groans of soul beasts could be heard, and the explosions that rang out caused countless soul beasts to be thrown into the air. Flesh and blood started to scatter and splatter on this battlefield.

This was the first time Shrek City's Defense Army had witnessed the terrifying strength of all the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons being fired at once. If the beast wave was like a flood, this round of cannon blasts forcefully stopped that flood. The surging beast wave was stopped, and many of the soul beasts at the front of the wave were killed.

Following this, something weird was revealed. Soul rings that were mainly white and yellow started to rise. From the dense concentration of soul rings, it was evident that many soul beasts had been killed in the attack earlier.

Shi Xing rose up and drifted above the top of the city wall. He shouted furiously, "Did you see? This is Shrek's strength! Shrek City's Defense Army, let your passion burn for Shrek's glory! For Shrek, we have to fight until all of us are dead! We must use up every drop of blood in our bodies. Get ready to fire the second round of the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons!"

Some of those whose morale was low were inspired after the first round of the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were fired. As they saw the huge number of soul rings rising, their confidence was boosted once again. Yes, Shrek couldn't be defeated so easily!

Shrek Academy was the number one Academy in the world! The members of the first generation of Shrek's Seven Monsters were also believed to have become Gods. So what if they were facing a beast wave from the Great Star Dou Forest? Shrek wouldn't be defeated, and all of them were going to fight for Shrek's glory!

"Kill, kill, kill!"

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...

The cannons fired a second round. Again, several hundred explosive bombs rained down on the soul beasts.



Humans had been researching soul beasts ever since soul masters had existed. However, how much did soul beasts know about humans?

Almost everyone who went into the Great Star Dou Forest to hunt and kill soul beasts was a highly-skilled soul master. Soul engineers' requirements for soul rings were lower. This was why soul beasts believed that soul masters were stronger. They were in the Great Star Dou Forest. Whether it was the Star Luo or Heavenly Soul Empire, they had never used extensive numbers of soul tools against soul beasts before.

That was why the front half of the soul beasts were either greatly hurt or killed three kilometers away when the first round of cannons was fired off. Not only was the soul beast army stunned, but their commanders were also shocked.

What soul skill is this? How is it so strong? How is it able to cover such a huge area, and produce such terrifying strength? Even a Titled Douluo can't do this! Only a Transcendent Douluo might be able to! However, these soul beasts would have felt it if this were the work of a Transcendent Douluo. There weren't any soul power undulations coming from a Transcendent Douluo, apart from Elder Xuan and Di Tian, who were fighting in the sky.

Just as the soul beasts were still confused and astonished, the cannons were fired for the second time.

Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom...

Terrifying explosions rocked the earth again, and tremendous booms echoed across the entire battlefield. Those ten-year and hundred-year soul beasts couldn't possibly survive against Class 6 explosive bombs. Even thousand-year soul beasts couldn't escape when they faced multiple bombs at the same time.

Suddenly, the front of the soul beast army was cut down like wheat. Countless soul rings shone and rose up once again.

On the top of the city wall, cheers began to erupt. The soul beast army could be defeated!

The strength of a Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannon was that it took a very short time to fire because of its mechanical parts. This was especially true when they were used to fire stationary soul cannon shells. There was only one problem with a Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannon, its vulnerability to high temperatures. A Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannon needed to cool down for one to three minutes before it could be used to fire again. If it was fired before it cooled down, its lifespan would fall.

As a result, Shi Xing decided to slow the firing of these cannons after the first round.

In the past ten years, Shrek's development in soul tools had been quite significant. This was especially true after Xuan Ziwei came to the Tang Sect. The completion of the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons, as well as other soul tools that contributed to the defense of the city, made Shrek City seem even more impregnable.

However, a jade-green figure from the soul beast army rose into the sky just as everyone from Shrek Academy was burning with passion, and their fighting will was at its highest.

As she rose into the sky, layers of jade-green ripples started to spread out and engulf the entire beast wave.

Not only were there many dead soul beasts, but there were also countless injured soul beasts. Under the illumination of this jade-green light, the injuries of the hurt soul beasts started to heal at an amazing rate. More interestingly, the soul rings that had risen started to melt amidst this jade-green light, which made it even more glaring. Very soon, those injured soul beasts that were lying on the ground started to crawl up, and they roared out once again.

“Humans, you have researched all types of destructive weapons such as this. One day, you are going to use them on soul beasts. Originally, I didn’t support starting this beast wave. However, I have to agree that humans are threatening the survival of soul beasts. We’ll do our best in this Holy War.”

The flying jade-green figure was clearer to see. She was a human-form Soul Beast, and a ravishing beauty!

Her jade-green hair flowed down behind her back, and her eyes were jade-green, too. Her figure was slender, and her light-green dress outlined it perfectly. Her snowy-white and slender arms were exposed. The strangest thing was that she had a pair of wings behind her, which seemed to be sculpted from gems.

This pair of wings was jade-green, and every feather looked extremely dazzling. The bright-green wings were filled with a captivating aura of life and made her look like a natural goddess.

The look in Elder Song’s eyes turned sharp, and she pointed her toes to the ground, her figure rising to the top of the city wall. She drifted there in mid-air, and an intense layer of green light shone from her.

Behind her, a projection flashed into existence, revealing a pale eagle entirely engulfed in green light.

It was Elder Song’s martial soul, a Greenshadow Godly Eagle. It was a top-ranked beast soul of the wind element, and a top-ranked agility-type martial soul.

Elder Song rose into the sky and faced the ravishing lady directly. She asked, “Are you Bi Ji, the Emerald Swan?”

This lady didn’t look at Elder Song, but at all the casualties from the soul beast army. Her eyes were filled with compassion.

“That’s right. I’m Bi Ji.”

Elder Song said, “Bi Ji, if I’m not wrong, you are known as the kindest soul beast. You are also one of the Ten Great Savage Beasts, and the only one that isn’t adept at fighting. However, it’s recognized that your status among the Savage Beasts is comparable to even Di Tian’s, because you have treated countless soul beasts and saved their lives. However, I need to ask you this... if soul beasts’ lives are considered precious, are humans’ lives considered precious, too? If we didn’t attack just now, and let all of you charge up the city wall, wouldn’t we all have been killed?”

“You’ve also heard Di Tian’s orders. He wants to obliterate Shrek City. Your Emperor Beast has died, and we regret that, too. Perhaps it might be the work of a human, but you have implicated the entire human

race out of rage. Isn't this too much? You are a compassionate creature, but why have you become so muddle-headed?"

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Bi Ji's actual form was an Emerald Swan, and she was a healing-type soul beast. There were very few Emerald Swans around.

They were even on the verge of extinction, and were rarer than Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears. The reason why they were about to go extinct was because they were very weak, especially at a young age. They were easily targeted as prey. In addition, their bodies were filled with natural and pure life energy. The life energy of a hundred-thousand-year Emerald Swan could even compare to Life Gold. They were considered great nourishment to any soul beast. n)/Ove**IB**In

As a result, an Emerald Swan was very likely to be killed before it matured into an adult.

Bi Ji was very fortunate. She had unintentionally saved an extremely weak and small soul beast when she was very young and her cultivation was very weak. Back then, she didn't know what type of soul beast it was. It was only after that incident that she realized that the father of that soul beast was an extremely strong ten-thousand-year soul beast.

It was this ten -thousand-year soul beast that protected Bi Ji as she grew up for a thousand years.

After achieving a thousand-year cultivation, Bi Ji's life energy became even greater. The result of this was that she started being targeted by many soul beasts. However, she wasn't one to harbor any resentment. After her predators were defeated and hurt by her protector, she always persuaded her protector to spare them, and even treated their injuries.

Gradually, some of the soul beasts that had been healed by her before decided to stay by her side to protect her. With her treatment, they were able to live longer.

Bi Ji grew quickly under their protection. These soul beasts delivered the most energy-dense food from the various forests to her. Her cultivation grew significantly as a result, and her healing abilities also became stronger and stronger.

There were wars between the many different types of soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest. As Bi Ji's abilities grew stronger and stronger, she started to appear on battlefields that involved these soul beasts.

She tried her best to prevent the outbreak of wars, and healed injured soul beasts. She did her best to maintain peace in the Great Star Dou Forest.

At the start, everything seemed very futile because of her lack of abilities. However, more and more soul beasts followed her as time passed. After her own abilities grew stronger, she started to gather all the Emerald Swans that were still alive and took them under her wing. They followed her as she completed her dream in the Great Star Dou Forest.

She was successful.

There was once a soul master who had tried to appraise Bi Ji's cultivation. He had placed it between five hundred fifty thousand and six hundred thousand years. In fact, Bi Ji's actual age wasn't greater than a hundred thousand years.

This meant that she was able to break through five bottlenecks in the short span of a hundred thousand years to reach a cultivation that was close to six hundred thousand years. Just in terms of cultivation speed, Di Tian was far inferior to her.

Especially in the past ten thousand years, Bi Ji's abilities had grown even faster because of the Three-Eyed Golden Lion. Di Tian was able to overcome eight bottlenecks and reach an eight-hundred-thousand-year cultivation not just because of the presence of the Three-Eyed Golden Lion, but because Bi Ji was also around to protect him as he cultivated.

The Great Star Dou Forest was able to develop so quickly over the past ten thousand years not just because of the Three-Eyed Golden Lion. The Emerald Swans that advocated peace also played an important role.

There were many strong soul beasts around Bi Ji, especially in the core regions. She had greater influence than almost anyone else there. At times, even Di Tian had to consider her opinion.

Of course, there was a rumor that she was Di Tian's wife, or at least, that they shared a very close relationship.

Among the Ten Great Savage Beasts, Di Tian was ranked number one. The Evil Emperor was ranked second, while the Snow Empress was ranked third. Bi Ji, whose actual cultivation was around five hundred and eighty thousand years, was ranked fourth.

Di Tian fought in the sky, while Bi Ji appeared above the soul beast army. If even she, who was someone who loved peace, advocated war, this war was bound to become even more intense.

More than a hundred years ago, it was Bi Ji who had persuaded Di Tian to sign a peace accord with humans when the last beast wave started!

Bi Ji looked at Elder Song and gently shook her head. She replied, "No, you are wrong. Although we've been able to maintain an ecological balance in the Great Star Dou Forest over these years, humans are getting stronger and stronger. I felt greatly threatened by those weapons earlier. If we allow you to develop further, even ordinary people will be able to wield such destructive weapons, and the continent will no longer have any room for soul beasts. If we don't weaken the humans, we'll be the ones to die in the future."

Elder Song sighed in her heart. She knew that humans would never gain the upper hand in this debate.

A soul master's need for soul rings placed humans in a position that was on the wrong side of morality. However, how could they stop a soul master's need for soul rings? Even Shrek Academy wasn't capable of doing so!

The research on Spirits had gone on for some time. However, no practical progress had been achieved due to the lack of a suitable soul beast. Along with the huge changes that Huo Yuhao kept on facing, he didn't have sufficient time to discuss his research on Spirits with the Martial Soul Department.

If his research had yielded some progress, this beast wave might not have even started. But since this beast wave had arrived, Bi Ji had already made up her mind. Even if she hadn't, she couldn't possibly defy Di Tian's will. All soul beasts would certainly stand on Di Tian's side regarding the hatred they had for humans.

Bi Ji shut her eyes. After this, she waved her right hand forward.

Suddenly, the soul beast army made their move again. This time, they were even louder and more commanding than before.

"Fire the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons!" Shi Xing gestured with force, and the cannons were once again fired towards the soul beast army.

However, Bi Ji acted at this moment. She pushed her thin palm forward, and her wings extended completely. In addition, they were enlarging quickly, and the jade-green projection expanded until it was boundless. She fluttered her wings forward and made an embracing gesture, protecting the soul beasts that were in front.

Booms started to reverberate, but all the bombs were blocked by her wings. They only caused patches of jade-green light to ripple, but no explosive force was able to penetrate through Bi Ji's wings.

Bi Ji wasn't adept at fighting, but her presence was equivalent to the Seven Treasures Glazed Sect. Whether it was in terms of auxiliary or healing abilities, she was extremely strong.

She brushed her wings forward, and they changed into countless streaks of jade-green light. When they landed on the soul beasts, every charging soul beast was covered by a layer of jade-green light. Their life energy was greatly enhanced, and all of them appeared to be very vibrant.

Just like that, Bi Ji managed to provide auxiliary support to more than three thousand soul beasts.

This Emerald Swan who was ranked fourth among the Ten Great Savage Beasts had revealed her strong abilities!

She couldn't directly participate in a fight, but the abilities that she revealed on a battlefield were even more terrifying than her direct participation in a fight could be.

Elder Song looked quite dismal, and green light started to shine brightly from her body. She knew that she needed to restrain Bi Ji. Otherwise, Bi Ji could provide the best logistical help to the soul beast army if she was allowed to unleash her full abilities. In addition, she was able to greatly boost the morale of all the soul beasts.

Elder Song immediately charged into the sky. Two yellow, two purple, and five black soul rings rose, and her seventh black soul ring shone extremely brightly. In the next moment, a hawk appeared in mid-air. It had wings more than six meters across, and it released green light from its body.

It was Elder Song's Martial Soul True Body, the Greenshadow Godly Hawk!

As her figure flashed forwards, an extra streak of green light appeared in the sky. This streak of green light was too quick. Even using Instant Teleportation wouldn't yield such a speed. In the blink of an eye, she was in front of Bi Ji.

A pair of sharp hawk claws extended towards Bi Ji's arms.

Bi Ji was shocked by Elder Song's speed, but she didn't panic. A layer of jade-green light spread from her body. When Elder Song clawed at her, she felt as if she had grabbed the thick skin of a bull. She was able to pierce Bi Ji's arms slightly, but her claws were immediately deflected away.

"Courting death!" A deep, furious roar echoed, and a huge tiger suddenly charged into the sky. This tiger had six wings and dark-golden fur. It was extremely ferocious.

As it rose into the sky, it immediately leapt towards Elder Song.

Elder Song snorted coldly, and made a deft turn in the air. She swept her extremely sturdy right wing and flung the hundred-thousand-year, six-winged dark-golden tiger that was twice her size a hundred meters away.

Among all the elders from the Sea God's Pavilion, Elder Song was only inferior to Elder Xuan in terms of cultivation. Not only was she a Transcendent Douluo, but she was also the most experienced elder, since she was only younger than Elder Xuan. Her cultivation was Rank 97, and she was extremely strong. At the same time, she was also the mother of the Martial God Douluo, Xian Lin'er!

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While a hundred-thousand-year soul beast was extremely strong among soul beasts, it was still inferior compared to a Transcendent Douluo like Elder Song.

After she flung the six-winged dark-golden tiger away, she turned around and charged towards Bi Ji again. A streak of green light swept towards Bi Ji like a sharp blade in the air, generating an intense sonic boom along the way.

Although Elder Song admired Bi Ji, they were on a battlefield, and she was responsible for the millions of lives in Shrek City!

Bi Ji's expression became much more serious. Given her cultivation, Elder Song wouldn't be her match if she was adept at fighting. However, it was a pity that this wasn't her strength. Her abilities were mainly used for mass healing or mass defense purposes. However, her own defensive strength was very weak.

"Don't you dare!" a roar echoed in the sky. Following that, a streak of purple light appeared in the sky like a long whip, and blocked the green blade that Elder Song had turned into.

When the purple and green lights contacted each other, Elder Song immediately felt that something was wrong. It felt like the majestic and boundless aura from the purple light was about to devour her.

Fortunately it was her. When they collided, she suddenly twisted her body before shifting laterally at her highest speed, avoiding a direct clash with that purple light.

Even so, her Greenshadow Godly Hawk made a few rolls and turns in the air before she managed to stabilize herself.

However, Elder Song didn't stop pestering Bi Ji. As her figure flashed away, she reappeared on the other side of Bi Ji. Countless streaks of feather-shaped green light reached toward Bi Ji. n)/Ove**IB**In

That purple light that came from the sky was undoubtedly unleashed by Di Tian. He was the only one that was able to make her cut such a sorry figure.

Not only was Elder Song in a sorry state, but the victor of the fight in mid-air seemed to have been decided just as Di Tian unleashed this strike.

As a groan sounded, the huge Taotie Godly Bull fell from the sky, its body was surrounded by purplish lightning. On his forehead, there was a pitch-black light surrounded by purple light. His eyes were also stained purple.

“Elder Xuan!” All the elders from the Sea God’s Pavilion were frantic. Yan Shaozhe leapt up to catch Elder Xuan.

However, Di Tian opened his dragon wings in mid-air, and his body shrank until his wings were only ten meters long. He turned into a deep-purplish meteor and pursued Elder Xuan. It was obvious that he was after Elder Xuan’s life!

While everyone from Shrek Academy knew that Elder Xuan wasn’t Di Tian’s match, they hadn’t expected him to only last for such a short time. Just as the soul beast army arrived beneath the city, Elder Xuan had already been defeated by Di Tian!

No matter how strong the Shrek City Defense Army was, they couldn’t possibly resist an attack from the number one savage beast in the world!

Everyone’s heart sank. In a war in the Douluo Continent, the situation couldn’t be controlled if the abilities of two top-ranked individuals were too far apart from each other.

Soul beasts weren’t humans, and thus they naturally didn’t follow the rule that a Titled Douluo couldn’t directly participate in a war. Di Tian didn’t care about that rule at all. If he was given the liberty to do anything he wanted, he could quickly obliterate Shrek City on his own.

At that critical moment, an elderly-sounding voice suddenly resonated out. “Di Tian, don’t go overboard!”

A beam of golden light rose from the east of Shrek City. As this beam of golden light shot into the sky, it gradually grew in size and quickly turned into a huge, golden dragon. It first grabbed Elder Xuan’s body before dispelling the purplish-black ball in his forehead. After this, it turned around, and a huge dragon tail swept out and clashed against Di Tian, who was in hot pursuit of Elder Xuan.

Instantly, the earth turned golden, and the sky turned extremely dark and gloomy! A terrifying aura spread and filled the entire battlefield. All the humans and soul beasts stopped at this moment, and turned their attention towards the sky.

The gold and black lights were divided into two layers, and they were even balanced out in the air as they were released. Both of the huge dragons also retreated at the same time.

“Dragon God Douluo Mu En, you aren’t dead?” Di Tian sounded astonished. His mighty aura seemed to be slightly curbed too.

“Di Tian, I’ll protect Shrek even if I’m dead. Shrek can’t be treated with disrespect. Don’t forget, all seven members of the first generation of Shrek’s Seven Monsters have become Gods. How dare you be so

brazen as to lead a beast wave to attack Shrek City? Aren't you afraid of incurring the wrath of Heaven? At your cultivation, you should know that the realm of Gods is real." The elderly-sounding voice appeared to be slightly angry.

The Godly Taotie Bull also finally managed to stabilize himself. Elder Xuan's body was covered in wounds, but they were quickly healing under the protection of the golden dragon.

"Eh, so you really are dead. You just used a special method to preserve a part of your spirit and powers. Mu En, you couldn't think of stopping me even if you were alive. So what if the realm of Gods exists? Are they going to interfere in the affairs of the continent? I've no intention of becoming a God, either. What's there to be scared of? I'll destroy your spirit to avenge the Three-Eyed Golden Lion!"

As he spoke, Di Tian looked into the sky and roared. His black scales started to shine with purple light.

"Xuan Zi, Taotie!" Elder Mu's voice was very stern. His appearance also caused Shrek City to be engulfed in a layer of gentle, golden light.

"Teacher!" Yan Shaozhe was tearing up uncontrollably at this moment. He kneeled down in the air.

All the elders from the Sea God's Pavilion all bowed slightly. They greeted the Dragon God Douluo, who still continued to protect Shrek after he was dead.

Yes, Elder Mu wasn't completely dead. What Elder Xuan had secretly told Huo Yuhao to help him out of his misery was true.

Elder Mu was physically dead, but he was an Ultimate Douluo. All the previous Ultimate Douluo were able to hide their soul power and part of their spirits in the Golden Tree, and lived along with the Golden Tree. Given the cultivation of an Ultimate Douluo, he could at least remain in the Golden Tree for a hundred years before he was absorbed by the Golden Tree and became nutrients for it.

Not all Ultimate Douluo chose to do so. After all, one's spirit wouldn't be able to reincarnate if he did this. He would eventually become a part of the Golden Tree.

However, Elder Mu chose this path with no future. He had sensed that Shrek was about to face a huge catastrophe in the next century. Initially, he felt that he had to protect Shrek because of Ye Xishui. Elder Mu was an open-minded person. To him, so what if his spirit couldn't reincarnate? If he could reincarnate, he would still forget everything in his past life. There was no meaning to it. Moreover, he wasn't one who believed in spiritual reincarnation. Perhaps he could still keep a shred of his consciousness if he depended on the magical Golden Tree. After all, he was probably Shrek Academy's strongest soul master in the past thousand years.

Because of this, Elder Mu's spiritual imprint and his soul power were concealed within the Golden Tree. It was just that he couldn't unleash the same strength that he could as the Dragon God Douluo without his physical body. However, this didn't change his determination to protect Shrek. Furthermore, he was the most familiar with Di Tian among all the strong individuals in Shrek Academy. His appearance immediately changed the disadvantageous situation Shrek was in.

After hearing Elder Mu's command, Elder Xuan perked up, and the Godly Taotie Bull let out a deep roar. His body shone brightly with yellow light, and auspicious clouds rose underneath his feet as he flew towards the sky once again.



At the same time, Elder Mu's Radiant Holy Dragon also turned into a streak of flowing light and spiraled towards Elder Xuan. As it surrounded him, intense golden light started to surge into Elder Xuan's body.

The Taotie Godly Bull's body started to transform significantly. He gradually turned bright golden, and the earth and light elements perfectly fused with each other. Golden scales started to grow on his body, and his spiral-shaped horns started to twist before adopting the structure of antlers.

His four hooves started to become more human. A huge eye grew from each of his armpits.

His face became thinner, and Elder Xuan's appearance was revealed. It was just that his eyes had an aura that belonged to Elder Mu.

His body shrank a little, and he no longer looked like a bull, but a goat instead. His head and jaws became extremely large. As he opened his mouth, he revealed sharp tiger's teeth.

He now had the face of a goat and the teeth of a tiger. At this moment, Elder Xuan was no longer the Taotie Godly Bull. When his martial soul was fused in a different way by Elder Mu, and his dragon bloodline was made purer, he had now transformed into the Taotie, one of the Dragon God's nine sons.

The Dragon God had split, and turned into the Golden Dragon and Silver Dragon. They had inherited the physical and spiritual strength of the Dragon God, respectively.

Before the Dragon God split, he had had nine sons, who had also inherited part of his abilities and bloodline. Among them, there was the ancestor of the Earth Dragons, and the chief of the Flying Dragons, while there were those who entered deep valleys and slept in volcanoes.

The Dragon God's nine sons weren't able to procreate. However, they were very strong once. When the Golden and Silver Dragon Kings were still young, they had once led the dragons to rule the Douluo Continent.

However, they passed away one by one, and their bloodlines were partially passed down to future generations.

The rule of dragons stopped when the Golden Dragon King died accidentally, and the Silver Dragon King disappeared, leaving the dragons leaderless. The soul beasts that they ruled started a rebellion and overthrew them.

However, even until this day, humans and soul beasts still recognized dragons as immensely strong. Human historians still believed that the dragons' rule did not stop because of how strong the rebelling soul beasts were. Rather, it was because of some issues with the passing down of their bloodlines.

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The purest dragon bloodline wasn't passed down. Along with the fact that dragons found it very difficult to breed, they weren't able to maintain sufficient numbers, and slowly lost their position in history.

Even so, some of the remaining dragon bloodlines were still very strong. The Golden Eyes Black Dragon King Di Tian was a very good example. He wasn't the Golden Dragon King or the Silver Dragon King, which were both avatars of the Dragon God, and he wasn't one of the Dragon God's nine sons, either. However, he was still able to become the number one savage beast. It showed how powerful dragons were in the ancient era.

Right now, Elder Xuan had transformed into a creature with a goat's body, a human face, and a tiger's teeth and claws. He had taken the form of the Dragon God's fifth son, the Taotie!

It wasn't going to be easy dealing with the Golden Eyes Black Dragon King, given that he had cultivation level greater than eight hundred-thousand-years. Elder Mu couldn't do it in the past, and it was even more impossible now.

Before Elder Mu had passed away, however, he had confirmed Elder Xuan as his successor. In fact, there was once a debate in the Sea God's Pavilion regarding this matter.

Yes, Elder Xuan was the strongest after Elder Mu. However, he was an alcoholic, and was slovenly. In terms of managing the academy, he couldn't compare to Elder Song. As a result, many elders had once suggested that Elder Song should succeed the position as the Master of the Sea God's Pavilion, and take control of the Academy.

However, Elder Mu used one reason to overrule everyone's opinion, and confirmed Elder Xuan as the Master of the Sea God's Pavilion. This reason was the bloodline of Elder Xuan's martial soul.

A hundred years ago, Elder Mu had lost to the Golden Eyes Black Dragon King, Di Tian. After that loss, he had thought it over carefully. Given that Di Tian's abilities were even above an Ultimate Douluo, which placed him half a step into the realm of Gods, what was the best way to curb him?

His bloodline had already brought him to the peak of the food chain in the Douluo Continent. It was almost impossible to surpass him in terms of bloodline.

Di Tian's abilities were of Ultimate Darkness. Even Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice couldn't curb him. A hundred years ago, Elder Mu hadn't expected to have a disciple in the future who possessed Ultimate Ice. Even if he knew, he wouldn't have been too hopeful. That was because Huo Yuhao had to cultivate until he became an Ultimate Douluo. Otherwise, there was no way that he could fight Di Tian.

From then on, Elder Mu had used all his efforts to nurture Elder Xuan. There was only one way to curb Di Tian: start from his bloodline!

No matter how strong Di Tian's bloodline was, he was still a dragon. Among all dragons, those with bloodlines that were superior to him were the Gold and Silver Dragon Kings, as well as the Dragon God's nine sons!

Elder Xuan's Godly Taotie Bull contained part of the bloodline of the Dragon God's fifth son, the Taotie. It was just that this bloodline wasn't complete. Although it was very strong, it was still inferior to Di Tian's bloodline. *nDve-lb/1n*

Elder Mu and Elder Xuan weren't able to unleash a fusion skill. However, things became different as Elder Mu's life approached its end, and he was left with only the power of his spirit, and part of his soul power.

Elder Mu could enter Elder Xuan's body using his immense spiritual and soul power as an Ultimate Douluo and forcefully suppress the bull part of his martial soul. He now used all his strength to unleash the full potential of Elder Xuan's Taotie bloodline, which led to the current scene.

To a certain extent, Elder Xuan was like a Taotie that had descended right now!

Even with Di Tian's abilities, he was shocked when he saw the change that Elder Xuan went through.

He had lived in this world for several hundred thousand years. Although part of his eight hundred-thousand-year cultivation was achieved through various methods, it wasn't far-fetched to say that he was the oldest soul beast on the continent.

He had personally seen the Dragon God's nine sons before, and naturally could recognize the look of the Taotie. He was stunned, and recalled how the dragons had ruled the entire Douluo Continent several hundred thousand years ago.

"Uncle Taotie, is it really you?" Di Tian trembled slightly, and he became agitated. When he saw this powerful figure from the past, he couldn't control his emotions even with his cultivation. However, he soon got over his initial shock.

"No, you're not Uncle Taotie! Scoundrels, how dare the two of you commit such blasphemy!" Di Tian roared furiously, and his scales started to stand on end. Purple light filled his golden eyes, and the dark, gloomy clouds turned purple at this instant.

The entire sky seemed to be on the verge of collapse, and the entire world seemed like it was going to be destroyed under his rage.

This was Di Tian's true ability, a terrifying strength capable of destroying heaven and earth!

However, a streak of golden light at the east side of Shrek City rose straight into the sky and struck Elder Xuan's body.

Golden light shone behind him and refracted outward, forming a gentle golden barrier that engulfed the entire Academy. No matter how much Di Tian raged, he couldn't reach a single inch past a five hundred meter region in the sky above Shrek City. Even the soul beast army that was charging towards Shrek Academy was deflected away by a gentle screen, and were unable to take even half a step forward through it.

This was strength that came from the Golden Tree. Under Elder Mu's guidance, the soul of the Golden Tree was unleashed.

Some of the previous Masters of the Sea God's Pavilion had chosen to fuse with the Golden Tree. Under the nourishment of their power, the Golden Tree protected the Sea God's Pavilion, Shrek Academy, and even Shrek City.

Its power had accumulated for tens of thousands of years. Even though it could only be drawn upon within Shrek City, the Golden Tree was Shrek's final protector, and its existence was something even Di Tian's strength couldn't shake.

If Di Tian was one foot into the realm of Gods, then the Golden Tree was already half a God, given the immense soul power and energy that it contained. It was just that it didn't have any consciousness. Furthermore, it recovered at a much slower pace than humans and soul beasts after it was drained.

When the first beast wave arrived, the Golden Tree wasn't utilized because the Body Sect was there to reinforce Shrek Academy. However, Elder Mu couldn't be bothered with things like secrecy right now,

given the situation they were in. Shrek City would be obliterated if Di Tian launched a direct attack against it.

The strength of the Golden Tree didn't just protect Shrek. At the same time, it also further unleashed the potential of Elder Xuan's Taotie bloodline.

Elder Xuan and Elder Mu's powers were finally fused into the last stage as the power of the Golden Tree poured into the Taotie's body. Instantly, the Taotie's body started to shine brightly with golden light. Di Tian's powers caused the sky to collapse, while the golden light helped to mend the sky.

Even under the terrifying suppression of that purplish-black light, this golden light remained very resilient, and continued to spread outward. The Taotie's body also slowly grew bigger

Di Tian seemed to sense something, and roared furiously. He shook his body forcefully, and his huge wings opened up. The light from the scales on his body dimmed slightly before expanding.

Suddenly, the sky was temporarily frozen. The parts of the sky that were about to collapse earlier started to show fissures. From these fissures, dragon heads started to poke out. Every dragon head looked identical to Di Tian. They opened their mouths, and terrifying purplish-black dragonflames spewed towards the Taotie.

This was an ultimate technique that Di Tian specialized in, Myriad Dragonflames! This attack was strong enough to annihilate an entire city!

However, Elder Mu had already started preparing to deal with Di Tian's abilities a hundred years ago. How could Di Tian succeed so easily?

The Taotie had already grown larger than Di Tian. He slowly lifted his head and opened his mouth before unleashing a furious, earth-shaking roar!

As one of the Dragon's God nine sons, the Taotie's bloodline was naturally closer to the Dragon God than Di Tian. His mighty roar didn't just stop all the dragon heads that were spewing dragonflames. At the same time, all the soul beasts with dragon bloodlines were crawling on the ground, shuddering, and didn't dare disobey him!

A ball of intense golden light was released from the Taotie's mouth, but it wasn't unleashed towards Di Tian. It rapidly grew in the air and transformed into a huge head that was more than a thousand meters in diameter. It was a head identical to the Taotie's own!

As it opened its golden mouth, it sucked in Di Tian's Myriad Dragonflames.

All the dragonflames were sucked into its mouth. The terrifying force even seemed to suck the dragon heads out of the cracks in the sky.

Di Tian was shocked, and quickly beat his wings, turning around and sweeping his tail out. It was whipped towards the side of that golden projection with a terrifying aura.

However, he still underestimated the strength of the Taotie jointly formed by Elder Xuan, Elder Mi, and the Golden Tree.

The Taotie was currently around as strong as Di Tian, but his bloodline was purer.

Elder Mu had tapped into the pure strength in the Golden Tree, along with his own soul power, to unleash the strength of the Taotie. This Taotie was close to being half a God, and it might even be stronger than the real Taotie was back then.

The Taotie was adept at devouring things. He loved delicacies, which was the reason why his abilities were linked to devouring things. No one's digestive abilities could compare to him.

After Di Tian's Myriad Dragonflames were devoured, they were quickly transformed into purplish-black whirlpools, and clearly vanished within the golden light.

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When Di Tian's tail whipped over, the Taotie twisted his head to one side and opened his jaws wide before biting onto it.

Such a powerful whip was forcefully stopped, just like that. Furthermore, more than a third of Di Tian's body, starting from his tail, was swallowed by the Taotie.

Di Tian was extremely furious, and he started to struggle with all his might, roaring madly as he tried to break free from the Taotie's mouth.

However, the Taotie's strength was beyond his expectations. No matter how hard he tried, he wasn't able to break free.

The Taotie's body started to shine with bright gold light, and fused with the Taotie's golden head. As this golden light continued to expand, it slowly devoured Di Tian's body.

Di Tian was infuriated as he shouted, "Do you think you can avoid this calamity by using this enhanced strength to trap me? Dream on! Even if you can trap me for an hour, it won't be able to last for long! I really want to see what strength all of you have to protect Shrek! Those from the Great Star Dou Forest – attack! Attack and destroy this city in front of me! Kill!"

As Di Tian shouted out one last time, his huge body was devoured by the Taotie. Golden light flashed, and the sky turned into a patch of gold.

However, the golden light that came from the Golden Tree seemed to have been used up, and vanished from the air. The patch of gold that had protected Shrek City also disappeared.

That majestic fight had indeed astonished all, both humans and soul beasts.

This was indeed a duel between the best on the continent! The strength that both parties summoned had completely exceeded that of a peak Titled Douluo!

Shrek Academy had eventually managed to seal Di Tian with the power that they had accumulated over thousands of years. However, Elder Xuan and Elder Mu's abilities were also sealed right now. As for how long they could seal Di Tian, it wasn't easy to tell.

Even so, Shrek's revelation of its high-end strength, which wasn't inferior to that of the Great Star Dou Forest, had a great effect in boosting the morale of Shrek City.

Di Tian's last roar was his final order to the beast wave from the Great Star Dou Forest. The barrier erected by the Golden Tree had disappeared. Instantly, countless beasts rushed towards the city.

"Fire the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons!" Shi Xing roared furiously into the air.

In the distance, Elder Song started to pester Bi Ji again using her speed. Figure after figure also started to charge towards the sky on one side of the forest to protect her. The high-end combat strengths of both parties started to clash.

The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were fired again, and hundreds of high-explosive bombs were fired rapidly into the air. Shi Xing's commands were very precise. The cannons weren't fired towards the soul beasts that were charging in front, but they were aimed slightly further back. In this way, the soul beasts would be separated.

Furthermore, these cannons were fired with full force this time. They fired three consecutive volleys, and more than sixteen hundred high-explosive bombs were fired towards the soul beasts. They were divided into three different waves, the timing between each wave was less than five seconds.

After the previous lesson, these soul beasts were no longer so passive. Those whose cultivations were greater than ten thousand years instantly unleashed their innate soul skills towards the bombs that were approaching them when they saw the high-explosives coming.

Many bombs exploded in the air and didn't strike any of them. However, Shi Xing's attack was indeed quite vicious. As the cannons were fired in three different waves, the intensity of the attack was three times stronger than earlier. As the soul beast army was unprepared, they still suffered a lot.

Close to two-thirds of the high-explosive bombs still struck the soul beasts. As tremendous explosions occurred, Shrek City seemed to be shaken as buzzes and groans echoed back and forth

The terrifying explosions caused the earth to shake, and the blood and flesh of soul beasts splattered all around.

When she saw this scene, Bi Ji's face turned cold. She couldn't be bothered with Elder Song's pestering, and unleashed her mass healing ability. A huge patch of azure light quickly engulfed the center of the region where the explosions had occurred.

However, Elder Song was extremely strong. Without Di Tian's threat in the sky, she slashed open another wound on Bi Ji's right arm, a streak of green light flashing by just when Bi Ji was using her mass healing ability.

The four hundred-thousand-year soul beasts protecting Bi Ji roared out furiously at the same time, and an intense concentration of attacks was instantly directed at Elder Song.

However, Elder Song's speed was simply too scary. As the fastest soul master in Shrek, she unleashed her full strength through her Greenshadow Godly Hawk. A streak of green light could be seen flashing through the air, but the powerful soul beasts weren't able to see her clearly. They were helpless as she continued to pester them.

Elder Song used her actions to teach a lesson to all the soul masters from Shrek Academy. She was teaching them how an agility-type soul master should fight!

In terms of abilities, Elder Song couldn't compare to so many strong soul beasts working together. However, she managed to perfectly tap into her ungodly speed to terrorize her enemies. She didn't have the intention to harm them overmuch, but only aimed to pester them. Her offensive strength would be lethal if one ignored her. However, their attacks would also be completely useless against her if they tried to make a move against her. They could only remain cautious around her. Instantly, all these powerful soul beasts were rendered completely helpless.

Bi Ji's treatment was precise and just in time. She managed to save many of the soul beasts' lives. However, there were simply too many explosive bombs, and countless soul beasts still lost their lives. Even the ground was left with huge depressions that obstructed the soul beasts behind them.

In terms of intelligence, soul beasts couldn't compare to humans. Those soul beasts who were leading the charge in front continued to charge towards Shrek City due to their excessive bravery. They didn't even bother with the fact that their reinforcements behind had been obstructed.

These ferocious soul beasts arrived at the city wall and immediately started to scale them through various means.

At the top of the city walls were powerful soul masters from Shrek in formations, waiting for these soul beasts to come. Of the three thousand soul masters, a thousand moved forward in unison, and every one of them lifted a soul ray spear to their shoulders. Countless soul rays started to rain down the sides of the city walls as they were fired towards the soul beasts scaling the walls.

The soul beasts that were charging in front were the weakest. There were very few among them that were adept at long-range attacks. Even if there were any that specialized in long-range attacks, they could still be easily overcome, given the sheer number of powerful soul masters at the top of the city walls. However, these soul beasts still used their bodies to resist the soul rays.

The first wave was instantly suppressed by the countless soul rays. As the soul beasts screamed in pain, they fell off the city walls. They were only able to leave behind scratch marks on the walls, even with their sharp claws.

The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons also took this opportunity to cool down. When the soul beasts in the second ranks charged over later, those soul beasts that were originally in front had mostly been killed. As for Shrek City, it was completely undamaged!

Some of those who had just joined the Shrek City Defense Army were inevitably nervous earlier, when they saw the size of the beast wave coming towards Shrek City. However, their confidence started to grow as time passed and the soul beast army suffered heavy casualties, while they remained completely unhurt.

At this point, the Tang Sect arrived at the top of the city walls. Bei Bei was leading them, and they met up with Dean Yan Shaozhe.

"Reporting to Dean Yan." Bei Bei brought everyone from the Tang Sect over in front of Yan Shaozhe and greeted him respectfully.

Yan Shaozhe said in a low-pitched voice, "It's great that all of you are here. All of you can prepare here to serve as our backup. Remember, don't get too far away from me. This time, your Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons have helped us greatly. Take a look."

Yan Shaozhe looked very excited right now. He wasn't excited because they had killed a large number of soul beasts. He was excited because of Elder Mu's appearance! Elder Mu wasn't dead, and his spirit was going to live forever. To him, he felt as if he had returned to his younger days, when he had listened to Elder Mu's lectures.

When Elder Mu and Elder Xuan collaborated to seal Di Tian in the sky, Shrek Academy's confidence was greatly boosted. Against this terrifying beast wave, Shrek City had completely gained the upper hand.

Bei Bei laughed bitterly. "Dean Yan, we are actually here to ask for forgiveness."

Yan Shaozhe was momentarily stunned, and then immediately realized something. He raised his right hand, and a streak of soul power started to expand. Both him and Bei Bei were engulfed by this streak of soul power, and all outside noise was isolated.

"What? What happened?" Yan Shaozhe asked.

Bei Bei laughed bitterly. "On our way here, we met Nan Qiuqiu, who was rushing back from the Sun Moon Empire. She's the young sect leader of the Earthdragon Sect that we brought back from Radiant City. This time, she returned with her mother, Elder Nan Shuishui."

"Nan Qiuqiu, Nan Shuishui?" Yan Shaozhe was stunned for a moment, but he soon reacted. "Are you saying that Yuhao returned to Sunrise City to save the two of them? Since they're back, where's Yuhao? What's happened to him? Is he fine?"

Huo Yuhao was simply too important to Shrek Academy. He was the Heir to the Sea God's Pavilion! He was supposed to succeed Yan Shaozhe in the future! Furthermore, Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice martial soul and the Spirits that he had researched were very important to the future of the Academy!

Right now, Bei Bei didn't know whether he was supposed to be excited or depressed. On their way here earlier, they had stumbled upon Nan Shuishui and Nan Qiuqiu, who were both returning to Shrek City. As they returned, Nan Qiuqiu recounted everything that had happened between them and Huo Yuhao to Bei Bei.

After hearing them, Bei Bei was stunned for half a minute before he quickly led his comrades toward the southern city wall.

A beast wave had come from the Great Star Dou Forest, and Huo Yuhao was the one who had started this mess. This...

After listening to Bei Bei's retelling of the events, Yan Shaozhe's reaction was identical to Bei Bei's reaction previously. He just stood there in a daze.

"Wang Qiu'er was actually the human form of the Emperor Beast! This is too unbelievable! Even Titled Douluo like us didn't notice anything different between her and a human! No wonder she was the Emperor Beast... What about Yuhao? When is he returning?" Yan Shaozhe quickly questioned Bei Bei.

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Bei Bei shook his head and said, "I don't know, either. I heard Elder Nan Shuishui mention that Huo Yuhao had some important matters to attend to. He will return after he settles them. He should be able to guess that the soul beasts from the Great Star Dou Forest are going to retaliate. Considering his intelligence, I'm sure he'll rush back as soon as possible, even though he's affected by Qiu'er's death. I believe that he has some kind of way to help us deal with this beast wave. Dean Yan, the Tang Sect can't shirk responsibility for this matter. We are willing to use whatever strength we have to help the Academy resist this beast wave. I just hope that you can put in a few good words for us to Elder Xuan. This wasn't what Huo Yuhao wished for. He has also been greatly affected, and he was also the passive one, too. This..."

Yan Shaozhe suddenly raised his hand to interrupt Bei Bei, stopping him from continuing further.

"What's the point of saying all that now? Let's force this beast wave back first. Furthermore, did I say that I'm blaming Yuhao? This can only be considered an opportunity for him! Why would we blame him for something like this? He's already very blessed, and he's now obtained the strength of the god beast of Destiny! He's bound to grow even faster! We still can't tell whether this is a good thing or a bad thing for the Academy.

"Let's wait until he's back. In addition, do you really think Di Tian would remain quiet, even without this thing as a trigger? The abilities of the soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest have been increasing significantly over these past few centuries. The number of hundred-thousand-year soul beasts has been increasing, and their overall abilities have reached a new high. The Golden Eyes Black Dragon King is a rogue. In fact, the Academy had already guessed that he wouldn't choose to remain quiet for long!

"The death of the Emperor Beast has only accelerated this process. The death of the Emperor Beast has also greatly restricted any future enhancements to the Great Star Dou Forest. This is not a bad thing for humans! Right now, let's see how we deal with this crisis."

Bei Bei was much more relieved after listening to Yan Shaozhe's words. Dean Yan's attitude basically represented that of the Academy. As long as they didn't blame Huo Yuhao for bringing about this calamity, Bei Bei was satisfied.

Bei Bei straightened his gaze and asked, "Dean Yan, what do you need us to do now?"

Yan Shaozhe replied, "I don't need all of you to fight yet. Didn't you say that you wanted to gather the Tang Sect's strength to help the Academy? In that case, I'll need you and your sect to bring out all the soul tools you have. The Tang Sect will be in charge of the deployment of its soul tools. Coordinate with Shi Xing regarding this!"

"Yes!" Bei Bei quickly agreed, and immediately turned around before gesturing to his comrades.

Xu Sanshi and the others had also heard what had happened to Huo Yuhao. They were also very worried about the Academy's opinion. Right now, they felt more relieved after seeing Bei Bei's expression. From Bei Bei's face, it seemed like the Academy didn't have any opinion on Huo Yuhao just yet.

"Let's go and gather all the soul tools in the sect. Take out all our Sealed Milk Bottles and the various soul tools that we've just invented," Bei Bei instructed them.

Huo Yuhao was important to Shrek Academy, but he was also equally important to the Tang Sect. He was everyone's little junior, and had contributed greatly to the development of the sect. At this critical moment, Bei Bei only wanted to do one thing as the eldest senior of the Tang Sect: contribute as much as he and the Tang Sect could to stop this beast wave, and make amends for Huo Yuhao's mistake.

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The battle had well and truly begun. The soul beast army didn't stop their attack even though they had suffered heavy casualties. On the contrary, their attacks became even more ferocious.

Shi Xing was holding the fort at the center of the southern city wall, issuing orders continuously. After firing the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons again, he had no choice but to let the cannons cool down for some time. Huge numbers of soul beasts started to scale the city walls again, and the long-range attacks that came from the soul beasts had also become stronger. Shi Xing immediately changed their fighting strategy in response to all this.

"Activate our protective soul barriers and release the shock bombs!"

The soul masters who were the furthest back were each carrying a metal pole in front of them. They quickly pressed their palms against their poles and poured in their soul power.

Suddenly, a green barrier quickly rose over Shrek City, forming a strong isolation barrier. The soul beasts that were about to reach the top of the city walls suddenly realized that they weren't able to grab hold of anything with their sharp claws, and immediately slid back down the walls. The long-range attacks that hit the barrier were immediately dispelled.

A hole suddenly opened at an inconspicuous spot on the south city wall. Balls of silver light instantly spread out from it.

Intense shockwaves started to surge outwards, and all the soul beasts that were climbing the city walls were engulfed in a net formed by these balls of silver light. Their bodies started to shine with silver light as they fell off the city walls.

Falling off the city wall wasn't fatal for these soul beasts, considering how tough their bodies were. The shockwaves only temporarily stopped them, too. However, they crashed into the soul beasts underneath them as they fell off the city walls. The pulse that came from the shock bombs could be passed on. Suddenly, a huge number of soul beasts beneath the city started to gather together, and they were all affected by the shock bombs, causing them to temporarily lose their offensive abilities.

"Throw!" Shi Xing's shouted with an emotionless look on his face.

Balls of fire were then rapidly thrown into the air by ordinary soldiers. These fireballs weren't ordinary, though. They were mixed with some medicine using special formulas to increase their combustion effect and viscosity.

Incendiary bombs!

They were specially invented by Shrek Academy, and were only used for defending the city. Most importantly, they just needed to be ignited before use, and would explode the moment they contacted

something else. After exploding, they would turn certain regions into seas of fire, and these fires would continue to burn for a long time.

Most soul beasts were afraid of fire. Even though these flames weren't enough to kill them, their instinctive fear would still cause them to panic.

These incendiary bombs could also be used by ordinary soldiers. In an instant, countless Incendiary Bombs were thrown down from the city wall, creating a huge sea of fire.

The soul beasts that were gathered beneath the city wall started to roar wildly. They struggled in this sea of fire, and didn't even care when they hurt other soul beasts. The rest of the soul beasts charging from behind couldn't help but be deterred by the extremely high temperature.

While Shrek City wasn't as large as Radiant City, and didn't have a Soul Engineering Legion, they had the most outstanding soul masters in the entire continent, and possessed an army with the greatest fighting strength.

When the Incendiary Bombs landed, Elder Song's attacking intensity increased. While she was encircled by several hundred-thousand-year soul beasts, she still managed to pester Bi Ji enough that she was unable to use her area of effect healing-type soul skill.

These soul beasts' long-range attacks weren't weak, but it was a pity that there were too many types of soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest, and they hardly lived together as a species. Under such circumstances, they weren't able to coordinate with one another. Even the long-range attacks by the hundred-thousand-year soul beasts weren't able to cause too much damage to the protective soul barrier on the city wall, as they didn't coordinate and strike at the same time.

Shrek Academy was still waiting, while adopting a strict formation. Their current advantage didn't mean anything. The beast wave that was coming still seemed to be endless. Furthermore, the truly strong soul beasts from the Great Star Dou Forest had yet to enter the fight!

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The soul beasts continued to charge maniacally towards the city, while the Shrek City Defense Army continued to defend the city resolutely. The fight had entered a stalemate.

The soul beasts were using their lives to drain Shrek City's resources!

The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons had limited lifespans. Even with sufficient time to cool down, their internal formation arrays would still be damaged after they were fired a set number of times.

Stationary soul cannon shells had yet to be utilized. They were Shrek's trump card.

Those from the Tang Sect were the busiest right now. They received the help of a five-hundred-man team assigned to them by Shi Xing. A huge amount of resources were being transported from the Tang Sect to the southern city wall right now.

After the fight had gone on for an hour, Shi Xing saw a pile of stationary soul cannon shells behind him, and finally smiled for the first time since the fight had started. The Tang Sect has a strong foundation, and they are willing to offer everything for us to use! I heard that they only grew to this scale because of the Academy's support. The Academy definitely made a worthwhile investment.

The soul beasts had attacked for some time, but they weren't able to reach the top of the city wall, as they were suppressed by soul tools.

The beast wave continued to surge strongly, but Shrek remained resolute. No matter how ferocious these soul beasts were, they still managed to resist them!

However, Elder Song seemed as if she was unable to hold on anymore. No one from Shrek went to reinforce Elder Song, including the Martial God Douluo Xian Lin'er, who was Elder Song's biological daughter. It was because no one could match her speed.

With Elder Song's cultivation, she could leave the battlefield anytime she wanted to. However, she couldn't last forever. Once a person was locked on by too many soul beasts, they would find it very difficult to escape.

Green light flashed, and that dazzling green ray appeared in the sky again. Elder Song had returned to the top of the city walls, and revealed her form.

She looked as if she was fine. However, on closer observation, it was evident that she was slightly out of breath.

The moment Elder Song left the battlefield, Bi Ji's mass healing immediately took effect. A huge patch of azure light engulfed the front portion of the beast wave, and greatly reduced the losses that the soul beast army incurred.

The soul rays from the top of the city walls were still firing strongly, and temporarily suppressed the beast wave. The shock bombs weren't used very often, only when the soul beasts were near the top of the city walls.

Elder Song was also shocked when she saw the huge number of stationary soul cannons that were massed at the top of the city walls, and asked Shi Xing, "Did the Academy prepare all these?"

Shi Xing laughed softly, and shook his head. He said, "No, they were sent here by the Tang Sect." n-)p/-p-/e.-l-)b--1.-n

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Elder Song looked at Bei Bei from the corner of her eyes. While she felt that something was amiss, she did not probe further. This was not the time for her to pursue the matter.

Xian Lin'er, the Valkyrie Douluo, asked in a low voice, "Mom, are you alright?"

Elder Song shook her head and said, "This Emerald Swan is powerful, indeed. With her pure auxiliary abilities, my attacks are unable to hurt her. In terms of cultivation, she is more powerful than me. She's almost as powerful as an Ultimate Douluo. With her present, the beast tide's strength is almost tripled. It's a shame that there's no way for me to ambush and kill her."

Xian Lin'er asked, "Do you know how long Elder Xuan and Elder Mu can trap the Di Tian?"

Elder Song shook her head and said, "I don't know. Only the Masters of the Sea God's Pavilion know the secrets of the Golden Tree. However, with the immense power stored in the Golden Tree, it won't be

hard for it to seal Di Tian for at least three days. This means that in these three days, we have to either push the beast tide back, or hope that rescue will come soon. Have we sent out the distress calls?"

Xian Lin'er nodded and said, "We have sent out distress calls to the three empires already. The beast tide came too suddenly. Furthermore, the three empires are focusing their strength on fighting the Sun Moon Empire. Their armies are all massed there, so it will be hard for help to come quickly.

"This time, we're really in a pickle. Right now, the situation is fine for now, but once the soul tools have been completely depleted and this fight comes to close-quarters, we'll be in serious trouble."

Elder Song sighed and said, "The only thing we can do is press on and wait for reinforcements. The launch of a beast tide by the Great Star Dou Forest should not be our business. However, if Shrek City is overrun, chaos and destruction will reign. While it's important to fight the Sun Moon Empire, internal stability is important, too. The damage caused by such a huge beast tide is not something that the three empires can bear. With the position of the Great Star Dou Forest, no one knows where the beast tide will surge next. I believe that the three empires will make their own decisions. The only problem now is the timing of the reinforcements. I hope that in the next three days, the first wave of reinforcements will be able to arrive."

Xian Lin'er said, "I hope so, too. The Savage Beasts are sly, indeed. Among the five of them, other than the Beast God Di Tian and this Emerald Swan, the other three cannot be found. They did not send out any high-level soul beasts. Evidently, they are using the ordinary soul beasts to weaken us, and saving their strength while waiting for a better opportunity." n07e/lb-1n

Elder Song said in a low voice, "We must conserve our strength. Once the powerful soul beasts join the fray, we'll face even more pressure. Please have two of the members of the Sea God's Pavilion stay behind. The rest can go to the barracks to rest. Stay alert.

"Since they don't want to send out their best, we'll send Titled Douluo out to fight once every hour. They can meditate afterwards to replenish their soul power. Each time, we'll send out four Titled Douluo. The rest will rest when they're not on shift. Don't they want to play a game of attrition? They're eating away at our foundations, while we'll be eating away at the lives of their soul beasts. I want to see who'll give up first. We from Shrek Academy have a ten-thousand-year-old foundation, something they can't defeat so easily."

"Yes," Xian Lin'er replied, and went to make the arrangements.

In the absence of Elder Xuan, Elder Song's rank was the highest. However, she would not command the troops personally. Instead, she would be commanding the powerhouses and experts participating in the battle.

The moment Elder Song issued her orders, the first one to carry them was Shi Xing, the city defense officer of Shrek City.

"Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock!" The clear sound of a stopwatch was audible. A huge silver plate hung suspended in mid-air. It only had a second hand, which moved slowly.

Every soul beast that was within two hundred and fifty meters of Shrek City's city walls started to slow down. Despite the Emerald Swan's healing and support, they continued to move sluggishly.

A mysterious black gas started to appear in this area. When the black gas appeared, starlight started to flash mysteriously within two hundred and fifty meters of the city walls. The area emptied out, and every single soul beast in the area disappeared. Only some of the more powerful ones near the edges were able to escape.

Shi Xing, the Time Douluo, had a Space-Time Silverplate for his martial soul. Not only was he able to control time, but his powers even extended to space itself. He was able to control both time and space, to a certain extent.

Only he knew why he was called the 'Time Douluo'. Sometimes one could not believe the titles of Titled Douluo. Craftier ones would purposely use their own titles to confuse their opponents.

Spacetime Turbulence. This was the power Shi Xing had just used.

This power enveloped an area with a radius of two hundred and fifty meters. Even if there was a soul beast every five meters, one hundred soul beasts would have disappeared from the battlefield in the blink of an eye. Those who were left were at least ten-thousand-year soul beasts. This attack created a huge opening for them.

This happened extremely quickly, and was very strange. It was so jarring that the soul beasts, who were charging forward non-stop seemed confused by it, and their charge slowed visibly.

In the next instant, a ball of red light shot into the air. A huge number of red clouds surged into the sky. A powerful attack was about to be launched.

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In the skies above the army of soul beasts, Bi Ji the Emerald Swan had an ugly expression on her face. They had grossly underestimated the strength of the humans.

One hundred years ago, during that beast tide, Shrek City's defenses were much weaker than they were now. In just one hundred years, the humans were able to develop so many defenses. They were even able to seal Di Tian! While they did not know how long Di Tian would be sealed, his absence greatly affected the soul beasts' morale.

Noticing that another Titled Douluo was about to attack, Bi Ji did not dare to be slow. She opened her jade-green wings, and a shapeless barrier appeared in mid-air. It tried to block the airborne soul skills.

Faced with the blockade of red clouds, one's natural response would be to advance skyward. This move was unleashed by someone who was at least a Titled Douluo. While Bi Ji was powerful, even she had to tread carefully!

However, the red clouds had yet to show their offensive prowess. The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons on the city walls roared once more, and a huge amount of cannon shells landed down below. They burst open in the middle of a group of soul beasts.

Shi Xing looked at another old woman far away and clasped his hands before giving her a thumbs-up.

The old woman wearing a long red dress smiled faintly. The red clouds in the air floated around, but they showed no sign of attacking.

Bi Ji's heart sank. She stretched another hand out, and her healing abilities enveloped the area. However, she felt that her efforts were lackluster. The humans were crafty, indeed. The soul beasts could not match their coordination. This was the most troublesome part.

The beast tide had just started, but their losses exceeded their projections and estimates. If this continued, how many more soul beasts would die?

However, according to Di Tian's plan, the other powerful soul beasts of the Great Star Dou Forest, other than her, could not take part in the assault yet. It was far more important for the core of their fighting force to remain in the Great Star Dou Forest. They could not lose them easily. Only after Shrek had been exhausted to a certain extent could they deal them a finishing blow.

Even the other members of her kind were not allowed to enter the battle. In general, Emerald Swans were not powerful. Other than Bi Ji, the other members of her kind lacked the ability to defend themselves. Once they joined the fray, they would become sitting ducks for the powerful students of Shrek Academy.

The battle continued, and the advantages and disadvantages of the Great Star Dou Forest became more obvious. Millions of soul beasts lived in the vast forest. There were many of them, and as long as they were at least ten years old, they were able to fight. In other words, almost every single soul beast was participating in this battle. Instructed by the higher-ranked soul beasts, they had no thought to resist. All they did was charge ahead and attack.

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The first assault ended after only six hours. The plains to the south of Shrek City were heaped with carcasses.

These carcasses were brought away by the soul beasts the moment they issued the order to retreat because they could still serve as food for the other soul beasts. This was the brutal law of the jungle, where one was either predator or prey.

To the south of Shrek City, all one could see was destruction and desolation. Entire swathes of land were scorched black. One could see holes in the ground, trenches, and multi-colored bloodstains from different soul beasts. It was a horrific scene.

However, to Shrek City, this battle was undoubtedly a victory. While there were a few human casualties, most of whom were killed by long-range attacks from the soul beasts, less than ten humans had died in this battle. Fewer than a hundred of them had been injured. On the other hand, they had killed at least five thousand soul beasts!

Those soul beasts who died were killed in a single blow. Almost all of those who were injured were healed by Bi Ji. Without her, the casualties incurred by the soul beast army would have at least doubled.

The main problem facing Shrek City was that they lacked manpower, especially soul masters. Among the three thousand soul masters there, most of them had three to five soul rings. While they had trained for a long time, they were all quite young, and lacked actual battlefield experience.

Perhaps this army of three thousand soul masters could not be matched by any other human force, as they could even rival the Sun Moon Empire's trump card, the Imperial Soul Engineer Legion. However, they were now facing an endless beast tide.

All humans would tire eventually, regardless of whether one was a Titled Douluo or an ordinary soul master.

After this battle, everyone was physically and emotionally drained. Much of their soul power was spent as well. Shi Xing ordered all soul masters to rest immediately!

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The defense of the city was now entrusted to some ordinary soldiers. Who knew when the next beast tide would come? The soul beast army only needed to make some minor adjustments. Perhaps they would return after they had consumed the carcasses of the fallen.

The Tang Sect's delivery was completed. There were twenty-one Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons in storage, but these were not the custom-made heavy Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons on the city walls. While they were slightly weaker, these Class 5 Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were much more agile.

During the six hours of battle just now, five of the thirty-two Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons on the city walls had been put out of action due to overheating. Right now, Hallmaster Xuan Ziwen of the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall, who had rushed over just in time, was repairing them.

Bei Bei and the rest had solemn expressions on their faces. Yuhao was safe, which was excellent news for them. However, what could they do about the beast tide at the gates? No one knew how long Shrek City could resist this beast tide. While they had not incurred many casualties in the battle just now, many of them were exhausted. Hundreds of Sealed Milk Bottles were being used to replenish their soul power. In this situation, even if they wanted to replenish their soul power, they could not recover all their soul power before the next beast tide. As for the shock bombs, which could only be used once, it was even harder to replenish them.

Other than the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons, the Tang Sect had also provided more than a hundred and ten other soul tools of different types. More importantly, the Tang Sect had also provided two thousand one hundred and fifty-two stationary soul cannon shells. When the elders of the Sea God's Pavilion saw this figure, they were all shocked. One had to know that this amount of stationary soul cannon shells would cost an astronomical figure! Where did the Tang Sect get its money from?

Helpless, Bei Bei could only tell them about how Huo Yuhao and the others robbed the Sun Moon Empire's underground storage facility. The elders of Sea God's Pavilion already knew of how Wang Qiu'er sacrificed herself for Huo Yuhao.

The elders did not say anything at first. The Tang Sect, with its actions, proved their total support for Shrek City. Furthermore, just when Huo Yuhao was on the brink of death, an Emperor Beast had sacrificed herself for him. Could he be blamed for it? While he seemed to be the cause of the beast tide, the elders were reasonable people. None of them blamed him for it.

However, this made the Tang Sect, led by Bei Bei, even more determined to fight to the death for Shrek City. For the Tang Sect, for Huo Yuhao, and for Shrek! They were Shrek's Seven Monsters! Despite



lacking two, there were still five of them! They would defend the honor that rightfully belonged to Shrek!

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The second assault came a bit later than expected. The soul beasts looked tired, too. They had rested for four entire hours. The sky was turning dark, and the sun was setting in the west. Only then did the defenders hear the roars of the beasts as innumerable beasts appeared on the other edge of the plain.

The soul beasts were not dumb. The more powerful ones were as intelligent as humans. Fighting at night was more disadvantageous for the humans than fighting during the day, as humans were normally not nocturnal beings. In the day, they would be much more focused. Furthermore, the vision of most humans was lower at night than in the day.

On the other hand, many soul beasts were nocturnal creatures. Fighting at night was more advantageous for them!

After a round of discussion among the Savage Beasts of the Great Star Dou Forest, they decided to launch their second attack under cover of darkness.

An endless beast tide surged forth once more toward Shrek City, which was akin to a solitary island in the sea. This time, the soul beasts were even more ferocious!

The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons boomed once more. Elder Song flew high up in the sky. By relying on her interference, the auxiliary abilities of the Emerald Swan Bi Ji diminished greatly, and the soul tools in Shrek City were able to do what they did best. The clash between the two sides was turning red-hot.

The soul masters fought bravely against the soul beasts who were charging toward them crazily. The outside of Shrek City was akin to a meat grinder, continually devouring the lives of soul beasts.

However, the attack of the soul beasts showed signs of improvement. Soul beasts which specialized in long-range attacks were split apart from those who specialized in short-range attacks. The latter charged at the front, and the former supported them from behind as they charged toward the city walls. The soul masters in charge of releasing the protective soul barriers were under immense pressure, as their soul power was rapidly depleting.

However, even so, with the support of many Sealed Milk Bottles, they were still able to hold their ground. On the city walls, the number of injured auxiliary soldiers increased, too. Under heavily-concentrated attacks, the protective soul barriers would falter at times. When an attack landed on the city, one could hear cries of agony, indicating that there were either casualties or fatalities.

The battlefield looked even more brilliant at night. Soul skills of many different colors illuminated the dark sky as they flashed and exploded. If one looked down from the heavens, one could see what was akin to an eye-catching fireworks display. Every single burst of light and color meant that lives had been lost, each display of fireworks ultimately leading to blood.

War was cruel. This was the case for war between humans, as well as war between humans and soul beasts!

To resist the ferocious beast tide, the students of the inner courtyard and Titled Douluo from Shrek Academy took turns to attack. Only with them contributing could the soul beasts be suppressed.

Balls of intense light appeared on top of the city walls non-stop. Every single student of the inner courtyard guarded his or her post tightly as they did their part in the defense of the city.

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The intensity of this battle was more than double that of the first. When the beast tide finally receded, dawn broke. The battle had lasted the entire night.

It was no longer quiet on the city walls. Moans and cries of pain could be heard everywhere. More than five hundred men had been injured or killed. While many of them were just injured, there were at least a hundred dead soldiers.

Shrek City's city defense army only had around ten thousand men! While this was a casualty figure that was totally acceptable to the soul beasts, Shrek City could not afford so many casualties.

Of course, the night of fighting did no good for the soul beasts of the Great Star Dou Forest either. They lost more than twenty thousand soul beasts, with many ten-thousand-year soul beasts falling in battle. At night, the light from countless soul rings could be seen very clearly. Together, they formed a peculiar sight, akin to wails of grief from the spirits of the many slain soul beasts.

The damage to the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons was severe, too. Fourteen of them had overheated and could not be used anymore, three of them had blown up, and six of them were destroyed by long-range attacks from the soul beasts.

These were Class 6 soul tools! Every single of them cost a great deal of money. The soul beasts hated them deeply, and so they had focus-targeted the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons.

More than half of the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were damaged. The Class 5 Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons supplied by the Tang Sect had to be used.

The stationary soul cannon shells played a huge part in the battle at night. Using their long-range attacks, they split up their attacks and helped greatly in suppressing the soul beasts. However, there were now fewer than two thousand stationary soul cannon shells left, and they could not be replenished instantly. Every single one cost a great deal of money! The look on Xuan Ziwen's face as they were used said it all.

And this was just the first day of the beast tide. The loss of soul tools were not as important as the fatigue experienced by the combatants.

While they rested for a few hours in between, no one knew when the next beast tide would come. This short rest was not enough to replenish everyone's strength. After that night of fighting, no matter how well-trained Shrek City's city defense army was, every single of them collapsed to the ground, taking in massive breaths of air the moment the battle ended. They all wanted to fill their lungs with air.

They were drained, both in terms of soul power and physical strength. Many of them were completely exhausted.

All of the Sealed Milk Bottles were depleted after last night's battle, and had to be recharged before they could be used once more. While they had helped many of the three thousand soul masters maintain at least half of their soul power, the Sealed Milk Bottles could do nothing for their physical and mental fatigue.

All soul masters with six rings or more were taking turns to rest. No matter how intense last night's battle was, the Titled Douluo did not really participate in it. They knew that once they joined the battle and exhausted their soul power to a certain extent, the true powerhouses of the Great Star Dou Forest would appear. They could only hold out longer against the beast tide if the Titled Douluo remained at peak strength.

When would reinforcements come?

Right now, Shrek City was completely cut off. While the pride of the soul beasts forced them to continue their attacks against the south gate, the soul beast army had in fact surrounded the entire city. The other three walls had all come under attacks of differing intensity. News from the outside world could not enter Shrek City, as only the Sun Moon Empire had long-range communication soul tools. Shrek Academy was still researching them.

A solitary city could only fight to the death!

The civilians and merchants of Shrek City started to play their part too, delivering food and water. The moment the fighting stopped, various types of food were sent to the top of the city walls.

Shrek City was extremely rich, and there was more than enough food stored in the city. A few important merchants led everyone in providing free and highly nutritious food to the soldiers on the city walls. Many merchants also sent their caravan guards to the city walls. All soul masters in the city were currently under Shrek City's overall command.

They did not do so because they were generous, but for their own survival. A fight between humans and soul beasts was different from a fight between humans and other humans!

If the enemy was human, civilians and merchants still had a good chance of survival even if the enemy breached the city walls. However, their enemies were soul beasts! Once the soul beasts breached the city walls, the only possible outcome was a bloodbath and massacre!

At this moment, no amount of wealth could rival one's life in importance. The merchants showed no stinginess. As long as their items were helpful, they brought them out and sent them to the city walls.

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The auxiliary soldiers went down into the city to rest. However, Shi Xing had to firmly instruct all soul masters to remain on the city walls. The soul beast army was too fast. If they waited until the moment they attacked, they would not have time to gather everyone.

He issued a death order: no soul master was allowed to sleep! To rest, they could only meditate on the spot. This was the fastest way for them to rest mentally and replenish their strength. Once fighting broke out, they could immediately be sent to the battlefield.

The members of the Tang Sect had yet to participate directly in the fight. They had thus far spent more time coordinating the logistical support they had provided. Bei Bei's face was calm as he looked at the soul beast army in the distance. He knew that in the next attack, everyone from the Tang Sect would have to fight, too.

No, someone from the Tang Sect had taken part in the fighting already. That was Mo Xuan.

Mo Xuan was a pure auxiliary-type soul master. From a certain perspective, his role in the fight was similar to Bi Ji's. However, his auxiliary abilities were not as strong as those of Bi Ji, the Emerald Swan. Even so, his wide-range auxiliary abilities massively increased the power of the defending soul masters. This had allowed them to fight far better than they would otherwise have been able to.

Shi Xing stood on the city walls with a severe expression on his face. As the City Defense Officer, his role was the most tiring one. Not only did he have to command his forces, but he also had to personally take part in the fighting, as well as manage the overall situation.

He had just finished surveying the city defenses. The situation was not optimistic. Many of his soldiers were exhausted, since the numerical difference in manpower had caused the fight to be uneven since the start.

He had no doubt that reinforcements would come. Other than the many talented individuals Shrek Academy had nurtured over all these years, most of whom were now in high positions in the three empires, the close relationship between Shrek Academy and the three empires meant that they had no option but to save the Academy.

The beast tide from the Great Star Dou Forest was not just Shrek City's problem. If Shrek City fell, all of mankind would be in trouble!

The reason why the soul beasts from the Great Star Dou Forest chose to attack Shrek was to eliminate this powerful rallying point of mankind. While it might seem dumb to attack the greatest strength of one's foe, was there anything wrong with the soul beasts' decision?

Shrek City was a hard nut to crack. However, this nut was located at the center of the three empires, and had intimate ties with the original three empires of the Douluo Continent. Since their inception, they had always played an important role in the history of the continent. While Shrek Academy was just a school, it was the number one school in the world, and was fully capable of managing the ties between the three countries. If the beast tide were to strike one of the other countries first, they would indeed be able to reap some benefits at the start, but their rear flank would be exposed to Shrek City. When that happened, Shrek Academy could organize the armies of the three empires, which, under the leadership of the powerful soul masters from Shrek Academy, could inflict heavy casualties on the soul beast army.

More importantly, if Shrek City was cruel enough, they could attack the Great Star Dou Forest straightaway. What could the soul beast army do then? That was their home, and their final shield. They were not scared of ordinary armies, but Shrek City had too many powerful soul masters. Their destructive powers could not be rivaled by any ordinary army.

Hence, even after a hundred years, the first target of the beast tide was still Shrek City.

As long as they could overrun Shrek City, it would be extremely difficult for the three human empires to form an army that could successfully resist them.

The soul beasts knew this, so how could the three original empires of the Douluo Continent not know it? Hence, they had to render aid to Shrek City. However, no one knew how long it would take for reinforcements to arrive.

Ordinary soldiers were useless against a beast tide. Only an army formed from powerful soul masters could help Shrek Academy resist the beast tide. However, for them to form such a powerful army, they would need time. Could Shrek City hold out until then?

Dark thoughts crossed Shi Xing's mind. This time, the soul beast army was determined. The overnight attack had exhausted a lot of Shrek City's resources. Resources, however, were secondary to manpower! He estimated that when the next assault came, it would devolve into a brawl. Once they started to fight at close-range, the number of casualties would skyrocket. This would drain Shrek City even faster. He feared that just one day from now, the powerful hidden soul beasts would attack. At that time, could Shrek City still stand?

He understood these principles. However, he also knew that this was no time to think about them. What he could do right now was lead Shrek City's city defense army to buy more time. Fortunately, the Tang Sect had provided many stationary soul cannon shells to provide assistance. If not, the fight would have become a close-quarters brawl even sooner. The remaining two thousand stationary soul cannon shells were Shrek Academy's last resort. While they could not truly turn the tide of the war, they could inflict massive casualties on the soul beasts!

The number of soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest was not infinite. If they incurred too many casualties, the entire ecosystem of the forest would be affected. This was something the Savage Beasts had to bear in mind, too.

There were a few possible methods to force them to retreat. First of all, they could inflict so many casualties on the soul beasts that they had more casualties than they had predicted. This would force them to retreat. However, this was no mean feat!

Up to now, between twenty and thirty thousand soul beasts had been lost. With Emerald Swans there, the injured soul beasts could recover quickly. Most of the deaths were ten-year and hundred-year soul beasts, who were cannon fodder. Some thousand-year soul beasts had been injured as well, but very few ten-thousand-year soul beasts had died. They, however, were the main fighting force of the Great Star Dou Forest.

Just as Shi Xing was doing his calculations, a calm voice sounded next to him, "Let the Tang Sect take care of the next round. We'll fight for at least two hours."

Shi Xing turned his head to look. He saw a middle-aged man with disheveled hair and unkempt clothes. Grease stained his body, and he looked unwell. His sleeves were rolled up. Evidently, he had been working.

"Who are you?" Shi Xing asked suspiciously. He was familiar with Shrek City, but he did not know this man. However, if he was able to walk up next to him, he must be someone the Academy deemed important.

“I’m the Hallmaster of the Tang Sect’s Soul Tool Hall, Xuan Ziwen,” the middle-aged man said plainly.

“Xuan Ziwen?” When he heard the name, Shi Xing was shocked. “You made the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons?”

Xuan Ziwen shook his head and said, “No, I didn’t invent the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons, and I was not involved in their manufacture. However, I’m in charge of the Tang Sect’s Soul Tool Hall. For the next fight, leave it to us.”

“We can hold them off for maybe two hours. This will give the troops more time to rest.”

Shi Xing finally listened to what he was saying. He replied doubtfully, “Are you saying that the Tang Sect will take over the entire defense of Shrek City?”

Xuan Ziwen’s mouth twitched as he replied, “Of course not! We don’t have enough men. I’m saying that we’ll take care of the southern city wall. We can definitely manage for two hours.”

As the City Defense Officer, Shi Xing had to be careful. “Are you serious? This is no joke. The soul beast army is huge. How many people does the Tang Sect have?”

Xuan Ziwen replied plainly, “The Soul Tool Hall of the Tang Sect has sixty-one members in total. Coupled with the three hundred people coming over from the Academy’s Soul Tool Department, we will have three hundred and sixty-one people. Leave it to us. If the city falls, we’ll die together. I won’t boast in front of you.”

While Xuan Ziwen only had eight rings, he showed no fear when talking to a nine-ringed Titled Douluo. He had been influential even in the Sun Moon Empire, much less now in Shrek City. His pride came from his abilities.

“Okay, let’s leave it to Teacher Xuan.” At this moment, another voice sounded. The Valkyrie Douluo, Xian Lin’er, walked over as she agreed to Xuan Ziwen’s suggestion.

As the Dean of Shrek Academy’s Soul Tool Department, no one knew how powerful Xuan Ziwen was more than Xian Lin’er. She was a Class 8 soul engineer too, but she could not even hold a candle to Xuan Ziwen’s brilliance. One could say that ever since Xuan Ziwen had joined the Tang Sect, both the Tang Sect’s research into soul tools and Shrek Academy’s Soul Tool Department had improved by leaps and bounds! Xuan Ziwen had brought countless brand-new theories with him, and also helped the Soul Tool Department establish an effective pedagogy. It could be said that he had saved the Soul Tool Department a hundred years of research and development.

Even the Valkyrie Douluo, a Transcendent Douluo, had to call Xuan Ziwen “Teacher”. While Xuan Ziwen did not want to admit it, he was already the Vice-Dean of Shrek Academy’s Soul Tool Department, and also the Executive Vice-Dean. After a period of familiarization, the Soul Tool Department had approved every single one of Xuan Ziwen’s proposals. Anyone who dared to block his proposals would face the wrath of the two Deans, Xian Lin’er and Qian Duoduo!

With Xian Lin’er’s words, Shi Xing felt more at ease. He nodded and said seriously, “It’s up to you, then.”

Xuan Ziwen nodded and turned to leave without saying anything else.

As Xuan Ziwen walked away, Shi Xing could not help but ask Xian Lin’er, “Dean Xian, is he capable?”

Xian Lin'er smiled and said, "How did you resist the soul beast army just now? Was it through the soul skills of your soul masters? No, it was through soul tools. While many of the soul tools were made by the Academy, most of them were also made by the blood and sweat of the Tang Sect. The few soul tools we used just now could be operated simply by soul masters. Soon, I want to show you the true power of the Soul Tool Department.

"In a one-on-one fight, a soul engineer will have a disadvantage against a soul master. However, on the battlefield, we soul engineers rule. Why do you think the Sun Moon Empire is so powerful? Their strength comes entirely from their absolute advantage in terms of soul tools."

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Shi Xing nodded. He was someone who'd graduated from the Martial Soul Department, and thus knew quite a bit about the rivalry between the two departments. During recent years, the Soul Tool Department had grown at an increasing rate, and had signs of surpassing the Martial Soul Department. On the other hand, the Martial Soul Department was slowing down somewhat. Even Dean Yan Shaoze, who had strong views against the use of soul tools, seemed to have relented slightly, transferring a large amount of the Academy's resources to the Soul Tool Department.

At this moment, a low roar suddenly rang out in the distance. Right after that, countless beasts cried out in response.

Over two hours had passed since the light of dawn. Was the Great Star Dou Forest's beast tide going to attack again?

The soul masters who were originally meditating opened their eyes with deathly pale expressions. Although they had resolute gazes, their eyes had a tinge of despair in them.

Shi Xing looked towards Xian Lin'er, who nodded back at him.

The fact that Shi Xing was chosen as the highest city defense officer was not only a testament to how calm he was, but also how decisive he was. The moment he made a decision, he immediately handed down his orders.

"All soul masters in the City Defense Army, head down to your bunkers and continue resting. All auxiliary troops, retreat fifty meters and rest on the city walls. Wait for further commands."

The soldiers in the City Defense Army couldn't help but look at each other after hearing Shi Xing's command. They were at a loss for a brief period of time. The great beast tide was about to descend on them, but their commander was actually ordering them to rest. Just what sense did that make? Were they not able to hold the soul beasts back?

"I've already given my orders! Do you not understand?!" Shi Xing shouted angrily.

The job of a soldier was to listen to one's superior. Although the City Defense Army didn't quite understand the purpose behind their commander's orders, the strict training they'd undergone every day made them move immediately. They quickly withdrew to the bunkers below the city walls. The auxiliary troops retreated as well, and quickly, the lack of soldiers on the city walls created a large gap.

Shi Xing, however, did not retreat. He was the City Defense Officer, and regardless of how much he trusted Xian Lin'er, he had to remain to ensure that the Tang Sect truly did have the capabilities to hold back the next assault. If anything were to go wrong, he could command his subordinates to provide aid as quickly as possible.

The army of soul beasts from the Great Star Dou Forest made their move. A large number of soul beasts started charging wildly, causing clouds of dust to rise in the distance. Amid the wild roars coming from that direction, a large number of soul beasts rushed towards Shrek City.

When Shi Xing was finally able to see the large charging army clearly, his expression changed instantly.

This time around, the Emerald Swan Bi Ji wasn't the one leading the great army of soul beasts; another soul beast was tasked with that. This soul beast was an existence that resembled an enormous lion floating in the sky, but it had three large heads, and glowed with a scarlet-red light. It was this soul beast that had let out that roar earlier.

Of the Ten Great Savage Beasts, this was the eighth-ranked soul beast: the Three-Headed Scarletdevil Mastiff, the Scarlet King!

Bi Ji also had to rest. This was especially the case after she went all-out assisting the entire soul beast army, which had taxed her soul power greatly. After an entire day and night of fighting, the commander of the army of soul beasts had been swapped to the Scarlet King.

Shi Xing should've been slightly more relaxed due to the disappearance of Bi Ji, but the reason why his expression had changed earlier wasn't because of the new commander of the soul beast army. Instead, it was because of the appearance of a dark cloud in the sky above the army; an army of flying-type soul beasts had revealed itself on the battlefield.

There were quite a few soul beasts who could fly. However, there were relatively few flying-type soul beasts in the Great Star Forest. This was because of the high chance of these soul beasts being shot down by ranged attacks if they flew above the forest. Because of that, flying-type soul beasts that didn't live near the very edge of the forest, or were very powerful, would find it extremely difficult to live in the Great Star Dou Forest.

There weren't that many flying-type soul beasts before them now, only a thousand or so. However, even a thousand soul beasts could form a black cloud in the air. There were various kinds of flying-type soul beasts within the cloud, and they flickered with different colors. There was no vanguard who led their charge. Instead, they all flew steadily forward together.

An attack consisting of both aerial and ground attacks would clearly be much more difficult to handle. The reason why the Great Star Dou Forest hadn't used flying-type soul beasts before was because they were extremely precious. At this moment however, they'd mobilized their aerial troops to increase the intensity of their attack, for the sake of defeating Shrek City in one shot. Although this aerial army wasn't the strongest they could muster, their ability to harass Shrek City would definitely affect their defensive capabilities greatly.

Without the Golden Tree protecting the city, the soul tool barriers surrounding Shrek City could only block a frontal attack, they weren't able to guard against aerial attacks. The harassment the aerial army of soul beasts could thus bring could be imagined.



The soul beast flying in front of the aerial army was the one who had previously fought against Elder Song, the Six-Winged Deviltiger.

An aerial army led by a hundred-thousand-year soul beast couldn't be underestimated. Moreover, the strength of the beast tide on the ground had at least doubled in strength. With Shi Xing's eyesight, he was naturally able to tell that there were no longer any soul beasts that were weaker than a hundred years in the beast tide. The number of thousand and ten-thousand-year soul beasts had increased as well. The strong undulations of soul power coming from them made it seem as though Mount Tai was pressing down on them.

How are we going to fight this?? Shi Xing was deep in thought. If he were the one commanding the Shrek City Defense Army, the only way he could deal with this would be to use a large number of stationary soul cannons to launch a simultaneous attack on both the aerial and ground-based armies. Only by launching an all-out attack that risked their lives would they have a chance of stopping this wave.

However, what would they do about the next wave if they did this? What could they do?

"Dean Xian, I'll ask the soldiers to come back. Could you go and ask the elders to assist us? Otherwise, we won't be able to defend against both the aerial and ground armies."

Xian Lin'er glanced at Shi Xing and said, "Don't just do things on your own. Trust the Tang Sect."

"But..." Shi Xing was feeling somewhat anxious. It wasn't that he didn't trust the Tang Sect, but the beast tide in front of him and the previous two were completely different!

Just as he wanted to continue speaking, a series of sudden clangs caught his ear. Right after that, a number of huge creatures quickly rose from the area behind the walls, then quickly proceeded to the top of the city wall.

What is this?? Shi Xing nearly choked on his words as he stared blankly at these monsters that were completely made of metal.

Right, these things could only be described as monsters. If one had to find a living creature resembling these things, only a porcupine would fit the bill. Only, did a porcupine have this large a head? Was there a porcupine that had a diameter of over two meters? Was it a hundred-thousand-year-one?

These enormous porcupines had eight metallic legs underneath their bellies. After they scaled the city walls, they rapidly moved forward.

Other than the metallic legs underneath their round bodies, there were various metal spikes protruding from them. There were conical-shaped ones, tube-shaped ones, and other spikes of various shapes. Every single porcupine had at least sixty of these protrusions. Amidst the sounds of clanging metal, they travelled forward quickly.

After a few breaths of time, around sixty of these metallic porcupines had scaled the city walls. Moreover, they quickly arranged themselves in a tidy manner.

Right after that, several hundred soldiers who were fully covered in metal began to quickly line up. There were a few of them who looked very young, but they were all able to move very quickly. Roughly five of them followed each single metallic porcupine as they lined up quickly. n)-0VEI6n

Within a mere ten minutes, a total of sixty-one metallic porcupines were lined up in an orderly manner on top of the city walls, replacing the Shrek City Defense Army.

“Dean Xian, what are these?” Shi Xing couldn’t help but ask. He was extremely curious.

“These are All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts, ATSDF’s. I’m a bit ashamed to say this, but they were invented by the Sun Moon Empire. Teacher Xuan brought them over to Shrek, then remodelled them for us. He reduced their flexibility and removed various abilities, but was able to increase their offensive capabilities. Just watch.”

The things climbing up the city walls were All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts!

Unlike the original iteration of the All-Terrain Self-Driving Fort, the remodelled ones were slightly smaller. Furthermore, the materials used to construct them had been changed slightly. Instead of using rare metals, it used iron essence as its main material. Rare metals were simply too expensive. In Xuan Ziwen’s own words, using rare metals would be a waste of resources.

Using iron essence to construct an All-Terrain Self-Driving Fort resulted in its defenses being equivalent to that of a Class 3 or 4 soul barrier. This was already enough for Xuan Ziwen. Unlike the outer casing of the fort, which he decided to skimp on, Xuan Ziwen demanded perfection in its formation arrays. Every single internal component and formation array of the All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts had been created by students of Shrek Academy and disciples of the Tang Sect, who had all been taught by him. They would only be mounted in the Forts after he had personally checked them.

The outer casing of these sixty-one All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts were all created using Shrek Academy’s resources. They were originally meant to provide immediate assistance in any battles that Shrek Academy would fight in the future. However, nobody thought that they would first be used to defend the city!

Naturally, credit had to be given to Huo Yuhao, who had brought back a large amount of rare metals from the Sun Moon Empire. This was why they were able to create so many All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts in such a short period of time. Their outer shells were finished much earlier.

However, Shrek Academy was only able to perfect their weapons and formation arrays after obtaining those rare metals. After just over a month, they were able to assemble the first batch of Forts.

The Tang Sect hadn’t decided whether they would put them on the market yet. Shrek Academy had only ordered a hundred of them. Right now, they’d only completed sixty-one of the hundred, and thus hadn’t finished their order yet.

Every single All-Terrain Self-Driving Fort could fit three people in it, or even four if they were squeezed together. A hundred, in turn, could fit four hundred people. From the Academy’s point of view, these forts were quite good at both attacking and defending. Along with the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons, the All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts were projects that the Academy strongly supported.

At this moment, even Xian Lin’er wanted to see how powerful these Forts were. From her point of view, this was another way of fighting with larger soul Forts!

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Xuan Ziwen's cold voice rang out from one of the All-Terrain Forts, "All units, pay attention! All units, pay attention! Charge your main cannons! Target the enemy's air force! Charging, start!"

After hearing Xuan Ziwen's words, all of the All-Terrain Forts started moving. The disciples of the Tang Sect were controlling them, and they had been with Xuan Ziwen for a very long time. They didn't just respect their Teacher Xuan, they were also very familiar with his temper! If anyone were to mess up any orders this teacher gave, they wouldn't be let off with a simple scolding, they would be punished corporally, as well!

Because of that, their movements were extremely tidy. All of the All-Terrain Forts planted themselves on the ground, then lowered their metallic legs, causing them to remain just centimeters off of the ground. After that, their ball-shaped bodies leaned thirty degrees forward, before revealing enormous ring-shaped cannons that were around two feet long.

These cannons were somewhat strange. They didn't protrude too much, and unlike the 'thorns' on their main bodies, they were much, much smaller, only around a handspan long. However, the tips of the cannons started to look very unique as they started charging.

Rays of light started to form a pattern within the cannons. Quickly, hexagons made of light were assembled inside the cannons, and a dark red light started to surge within. Ripples immediately started to appear in the air surrounding the All-Terrain Forts. From this, it could be seen how terrifyingly hot the cannons were.

If Shi Xing were able to see the inner construction of the forts, he would've had a way different impression of how terrifyingly strong its main cannon was. A semicircle protruded from the roof of the All-Terrain Forts's inner structure. This semicircle was around a foot long, and it practically covered the entirety of the All-Terrain Forts's roof.

This cannon was a Class 6 soul tool! Moreover, it was a special one that Xuan Ziwen had personally modified!

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The aerial soul beast army was also able to see these strange-looking creatures above Shrek City. The Six-Winged Deviltiger who stood at the very front of the army couldn't help but feel somewhat weirded out. Just what are those metallic porcupines? Why are they lighting up? Could they be another human-made weapon?

However, it didn't feel any sense of crisis. Out of all of the soul beasts present, it was the first hundred-thousand-year existence participating in this battle. As such, it naturally felt very confident in its abilities. A weapon made by humans could still be usable on ordinary soul beasts, but it was still far too weak to take on an existence such as itself. With it leading the charge, there wouldn't be in too much danger unless a human Titled Douluo made a move.

And what if a Titled Douluo did make a move? There were a thousand of its little brothers next to it, all of which specialized in long-range attacks. If a human dared to soar into the air, he or she would have to taste the feeling of being shot at by all of them!

Human soul masters would never be able to beat soul beasts in sheer quantity. This was even truer when taking aerial troops into account. Shrek Academy was considered the area with the highest density of soul masters in the world. However, there were only around a hundred or so soul masters who were Soul Sages or stronger. Naturally, four-ringed soul masters and above could fly using the assistance of flying-type soul tools, but Shrek City had to face the entirety of the soul beast army! Who could spare enough strength to deal with the aerial soul beasts in front of them?!

The Six-Winged Deviltiger had a very simple order: distract the humans and attack them alongside the ground-based soul beasts!

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Shi Xing's gaze was fixed towards the outside of the city. The great soul beast army was getting increasingly closer, and they were now only five kilometers away from Shrek City. Once they got within a kilometer of the city, ten-thousand-year and hundred-thousand-year soul beasts would be able to reach the city using their long-range attacks. On the other hand, all of Shrek City's soul masters had been sent away, and even soul barriers couldn't be used! How would they defend against the soul beasts? Furthermore, the enemy's aerial forces were getting closer and closer!...

If they didn't ask for help now, there was a chance that they wouldn't be able to in a bit!

"Dean Xian!" Shi Xing couldn't help but cry out again.

Xian Lin'er acted as though nothing had happened as she said casually, "Don't be impatient. Just watch. Even if something happens, aren't we here?"

"Main cannon charging complete..."

"Main cannon charging complete!"

A somewhat young voice rang out, and quickly, sixty other voices followed, announcing the completion of their main cannons charging.

If anyone were to look in the direction of an All-Terrain Fort, they would discover that it had turned into a sea of red. However, one could faintly see a light gold hexagram in the middle of the sea of red.

Shi Xing could tell from the side that Xian Lin'er wasn't worried at all. In any case, there was no use in him panicking alone!

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Four kilometers. Three kilometers. The soul beast army's long-range assault was about to start...

The larger and more powerful soul beasts within the tide had already begun to store up energy. Once they entered their effective attack range, a large number of long-range attacks would pour down on Shrek City.

Just at this moment, Xuan Ziwen's indifferent voice rang out via his sound-amplifying soul tool, "Main cannons, fire together at my command. All together... fire!"

It seemed as though nothing in the world other than topics related to soul tools could pique Xuan Ziwen's interest. He used an extreme disinterested voice as he announced the start of their attack.

A thin beam of red light that was completely unsynchronized from the main cannons surged into the sky. This beam looked way too weak, and it was only as thick as a thumb. If one didn't carefully look out for it, they would not be able to notice its existence on this humongous battlefield.

This beam was launched from the enormous cannon that had created the golden hexagram. It didn't travel for long; instead, it stopped in mid air. However, it was only about fifty meters away from the All-Terrain Fort that Xuan Ziwen controlled.

Immediately after the red light reached the peak of its path, a ball of light appeared in its place. This ball wasn't too big, only around the size of a human head. Neither the humans nor soul beasts thought much of it. What could a red beam of light do?

However, sixty other thin beams of light shot out from every single All-Terrain Fort in the next instant, seemingly all at the same time. All of them seemed to be directed at the small red ball.

This ball quickly expanded, and within the blink of an eye, it was a meter wide...

Two kilometers. The great army of soul beasts was only two kilometers away from Shrek City's walls. The distance at which they could launch their long-range attacks was getting closer and closer, and the aerial army led by the Six-Winged Deviltiger was approaching them at the same rate. For the sake of avoiding unnecessary losses, they in fact moved slower than the ground-based soul beasts. Once the fighting below started, they would start their harassment via aerial attacks.

Without any prior warning nor any loud noise, a red beam of light a meter thick shot out from the ball of light. Its target wasn't the ground, but the air.

The red beam of light was rather obvious on the battlefield. Though it didn't look powerful or dominating, the fact that it spanned the entire sky made it look breathtaking.

The soul beasts didn't know how far human-made soul tools could reach, and neither did the soul masters in Shrek City.

Ordinarily, soul rays that could reach a distance of two hundred meters were considered rather good. Ordinary soul cannons could reach five hundred to a thousand meters. Different classes of soul tools had different ranges, but any soul tool that had a range exceeding a kilometer was at least Class 5. If one wanted a soul tool that could attack something five kilometers away, only a Class 7 soul tool could do the job.

Stationary soul tools generally had longer attack ranges, because the cannon shells they used could be equipped with devices that helped them fly longer, which would increase their attack range.

At this moment however, the bombardment Xuan Ziwen ordered exceeded everyone's expectations. That powerful beam of red light was able to instantly cross over four kilometers, and was targeted at the massive number of soul beasts in the air.

Is that thing aimed at me?? The first thing that came to the Six-Winged Deviltiger's mind was disdain as it looked at the red light approaching it.

Are these humans braindead? What meaning is there in directly attacking a hundred-thousand-year powerhouse like me?

A ball of white light quickly formed a shield in front of it. The Six-Winged Deviltiger had three Elements, one of which was Light. The Element of Light had its strong points when it came to defense, and although the Six-Winged Deviltiger held its opponent's attack in contempt, it was able to tell that the red beam of light was fire-based. Thus, using light to defend against it would have a rather decent effect.

It reacted quickly enough, and the red beam wasn't quick enough to make it to the Six-Winged Deviltiger before it was able to complete its defense. By the time it reached the great soul beast, its defense had already been completed, and the red light and the white barrier collided with each other.

Even the soul beast in charge of leading the entire army of soul beasts, the Three-Headed Scarlet Devilmastiff, couldn't help but curl his lips after looking at the humans' seemingly feeble attempt to resist. What are they even trying to do with an attack of this level... What...?

Just as the feeling of disdain appeared in the Scarlet King's heart, his eyes immediately widened in the next instant. What did he see? He saw an astonishing red light that instantly pierced through the sky.

The barrier of light that the Six-Winged Deviltiger had created instantly disappeared before the red beam of light. After that, its chest was directly pierced through!

Even a hundred-thousand-year soul beast wouldn't be able to survive a meter-thick soul ray that pierced through its chest!

The Six-Winged Deviltiger only realized how terrifying that ray was after it hit him. All of the energy within this soul ray had been condensed into a single beam, and none of it had spilled out. This was why it had previously thought that the soul ray was no threat to it. Not only that, but the heat contained within this ray far exceeded its imagination. The terrifying attack power of this soul ray was simply too great, and the soul power protecting it only caused the red beam to pause for a moment before it pierced through the Savage Beast!

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Regret? There was no longer any time for the Six-Winged Deviltiger to react, as it had lost all of its senses after the line of fire burned it to ashes. Its enormous body was vaporized in midair.

After passing through the Six-Winged Deviltiger, the beam of red light reached the rest of the aerial soul beast army. Since even hundred-thousand-year soul beasts couldn't block the attack, how else would the other weaker soul beasts fare?

A line appeared in midair. The corpses of aerial soul beasts fell wherever this line passed through.

What was even more terrifying was that this beam of red light didn't disappear after that attack. Instead, it paused roughly five kilometers from the red ball of light. After that, it made a sweeping motion, like an enormous sword cutting through the air.

It swept from left to right, then back to its original location.

However, this back and forth motion was like a giant eraser in the sky that completely wiped away an uncountable number of dots there.

Over two-thirds of the thousand-man strong aerial army of soul beasts were obliterated by this sweeping motion.

The army of soul beasts had been too confident in themselves. After all, did it matter how concentrated they were, considering they were being led by a hundred-thousand-year soul beast? However, that red beam of light had come too quickly. By the time it started sweeping through the sky, none of the soul beasts had even noticed it. The entire sequence of events went very smoothly, and the terrifying beam of light disappeared immediately afterwards.

Only the luckiest soul beasts managed to escape with their lives intact. However, they nonetheless began to fall from the sky.

It wasn't because they were injured, but because of fear, an overwhelming sensation of terror. The terrifying red light that had obliterated their fellows instantly became a shadow hanging over their hearts.

All of this was simply too terrifying. Who would've thought that the proud flying soul beasts courageously advancing would lose over two-thirds of their forces to humanity's first attack? None of the soul beasts who had touched the red beam of light had managed to avoid death, even the hundred-thousand-year soul beast who led the flock!

A power like this had already exceeded the realm of knowledge of the soul beasts there. Even a powerhouse like the Beast God Di Tian would have a certain process to go through before launching an attack like that. However, the humans were simply far, far too quick.

Shi Xing stood atop the city wall, his mouth agape. He felt extremely exuberant, and all of his worries seemed to fade away...

This, this was simply too overbearing! A red beam of light swept through the sky, and everything was silent afterwards. The few surviving soul beasts that had fallen from the sky started to turn tail and run away after landing. The depth of their terror destroyed their will to fight.

The great Beast Tide was only one kilometer away from Shrek City's walls. However, they were able to see everything that had occurred in the sky. The soul beasts that were originally prepared to assault the city now looked like fools, and it seemed they had completely forgotten about their assault. There were simply no long-range attacks being fired at the city walls right now.

At this moment, Xuan Ziwen's voice, an extremely unpleasant sound to the soul beasts, once again rang out from the sound-amplifying soul tool.

"All teams, fire at will. Carpet bomb them."

Clang, clang, clang...

With a series of metallic clangs, the cannons on the hedgehog-like All-Terrain Soul Forts lined up. The topmost part of the soul forts' main cannons slid shut, and the eight legs below them started to prop them up.

Moving a few steps forward, they were now just behind the battlements. All their cannons were pointed towards the Beast Tide, and in the next instant, a rain of light started to descend.

Countless soul light rays and soul cannons started to pour down like droplets of rain from Shrek City's walls. The sixty-one All-Terrain Soul Forts were just like sixty-one killing machines as they poured down the firepower.

The three hundred soul engineers guarding the rear of the soul forts raised the metallic rods on their shoulders, then pushed them into an aperture on the side of the soul forts. They began pouring their soul power into the soul forts.

The morale of the Beast Tide was brought to its lowest the instant the aerial army was devastated. That strike was simply too terrifying. The blood-colored soul ring left behind by the Six-Winged Deviltiger, as well as the soul bone that a hundred-thousand year soul beast was bound to drop, were still floating in mid-air!

All of this was simply too sudden, too shocking. To Shrek, that single strike was stunning; to the soul beasts, however, it was a painting of death.

When the soul forts started launching their firepower, Shi Xing finally understood what was meant by a storm of carnage.

The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were considered extremely powerful weapons on the battlefield. However, the All-Terrain Soul Forts had a wider range, the ability to continuously fire, and were more accurate.

Several thousand rays of light were fired from the city walls towards the army of soul beasts. They began sweeping through the army immediately, just like the red beam that had swept through the sky earlier.

A large majority of these soul rays were red in color.

Trauma, oh the trauma!

They were all red in color, but they didn't have an overly strong appearance to them. However, who'd know if one of those rays was just as strong as the one from earlier?

Although the soul beasts acted like they weren't afraid of death, they weren't truly unafraid to die! This was especially true for a useless sacrifice. Who'd be willing to die that way?

The volley from the All-Terrain Soul Forts created a wall of death a kilometer away from Shrek City. Every single soul beast that dared to enter this range received a baptism of light rays. The number of casualties to the soul beast army immediately increased at a staggering rate.

Without the Emerald Swan to heal them, the soul beasts could only watch as they were annihilated by the soul rays.

Panic started to increase among the ranks of the soul beasts as their casualties increased. The ones in front had already started to turn tail in fear, but the ones behind them still continued to charge ahead.

This was the first time since the start of the Beast Tide that chaos had occurred within the ranks of the soul beasts army. Soul beasts were savage by nature; if anyone blocked their path, they would chase them out of the way, or even kill them!



The soul beast army started to devolve into a mess as a result of the fear and panic that now engulfed them. A large number of them started to attack and trample their fellows, making them lose their bearings instantly.

The Three-headed Scarlet Devilmastiff let loose a series of wild roars, but how could he do anything about the situation? The deadly rays their opponents used were too terrifying, to the point where even though the soul beasts were terrified by his might, they still didn't dare to charge ahead.

Enraged, the Scarlet King started to fly forward with a group of powerhouses. He intended to rush forward and launch a frontal assault.

However, the All-Terrain Soul Forts on the city walls bent down, revealing the enormous cannon on their heads. The center of the Soul Forts shot out small, unremarkable balls of red light.

This time around, the rays of light felt entirely different from the first time. As though a glass of cold water had been poured over his head, the Scarlet King immediately came to his senses.

Who would be willing to send themselves to their own deaths! Looking at the current situation, they'd only suffer even more casualties if they continued fighting. After calming down a bit, the Scarlet King let out another roar.

Retreat!

The great soul beast army had arrived quickly, but retreated even more quickly. Due to the chaos on the battlefield, they left behind a large number of corpses which flickered with the light of soul rings.

Shi Xing's mouth was still gaping. He didn't know what to say.

Xuan Ziwen had previously guaranteed to help stall the Beast Tide for two hours to allow the soldiers to get some rest. However, he was able to forcibly push back the Beast Tide instead!

Was, was this the awesomeness of the Tang Sect? By only relying on three hundred and sixty-one people, and sixty-one All-Terrain Soul Forts, they were able to force back an army of soul beasts that numbered in the tens of thousands. A glorious result like that undoubtedly overshadowed that of the Shrek City Defense Army!

However, Shi Xing only felt excitement. With the Tang Sect's strength, what was there to fear from that army of soul beasts? This was especially the case the moment they started firing their main cannons. Since even ten-thousand year soul beasts couldn't block them, who would dare to approach them? It seemed like there was hope of defending the city!

"Go down and collect those soul rings." Xuan Ziwen handed down another command. Right after that, the All-Terrain Soul Fort he controlled suddenly leapt off the city walls and soared into the sky. After that, a few jet holes and a pair of wings appeared on his seemingly cumbersome All-Terrain Soul Fort. With a surge of soul power, it actually flew him down to the battlefield.

The other All-Terrain Soul Forts started moving as well. Though they didn't have the capability to fly, their long legs allowed them to descend from the city walls like enormous spiders. Their eight sharp legs allowed them to secure a foothold on the sturdy city walls and descend quickly towards the soul beast corpses.

“Dean Xian, what are they trying to do?” Shi Xing couldn’t help, but ask Xian Lin’er.

Xian Lin’er’s expression shifted slightly, and she said helplessly, “They’re probably trying to not waste anything.”

Right, they were trying to not waste anything. As Shi Xing looked on dumbstruck, a large number of soul rings started vanishing at a quick rate. It seemed like there was a mystical absorption force quickly absorbing the soul rings around them. Moreover, they were specially looking for purple and black soul rings, and were also ruffling through the corpses.

Xuan Ziwen, who had risen into the air, had a clear objective: the hundred-thousand-year soul ring and soul bone left behind by the Six-Winged Deviltiger! The instant he was within range, they immediately vanished.

After that, the Hall Master of the Tang Sect’s Soul Tool Hall turned his Soul Fort around and flew back to Shrek City.

### **Chapter 399: The Treacherous Businessman, Xuan Ziwen?**

Xuan Ziwen, who was sitting inside a self-driving fort, was looking much better now. It was very difficult to estimate the price of a hundred-thousand-year soul ring. Furthermore, this hundred-thousand-year soul ring was destroyed by his energy-piercing ion ray, which was equivalent to a natural death. Anyone could absorb this soul ring. It was invaluable!

The Tang Sect had sacrificed a lot this time to deal with the beast wave. This thing was like a reward for them. It was good if the disciples were able to obtain some rewards.

Only a few minutes passed before all the All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts returned on their own. They scaled the city walls with their long legs as if they were walking on flat ground. Shi Xing was wide-eyed in shock as he witnessed this.

This is too strong. Not only is their offensive strength terrifying, but their adaptation to all types of terrain is, too...

Shi Xing’s eyes turned slightly red. He suddenly turned around to look at Xian Lin’er before swallowing hard.

Xian Lin’er composed herself. “Shi Xing, what do you want?”

“Yes, Shi Xing. What do you want? Are you harboring any ideas about my wife?” The tall, burly, and bald Qian Duoduo had arrived at the top of the city wall, and quickly walked towards Xian Lin’er. He was nervous as he looked at Shi Xing.

Shi Xing’s lips twisted a little and he thought to himself, “Only you can handle this Martial Goddess.” Of course he didn’t dare to say that out loud. “Dean Xian, Dean Qian, don’t misunderstand.”

Qian Duoduo snapped, “Look at how red your face is! You look like you’re going to orgasm! How can I not misunderstand? Stand there and don’t move. Tell me whatever you need to.”

Shi Xing almost spat blood out and snapped, “Don’t worry, I won’t snatch your wife from you! Deans, I want this All-Terrain Self-Driving Fort! No matter what it costs, the Shrek City Defense Army needs to be

fully equipped! We'll take whatever there is. It's best if everyone has one! If that's possible, we won't be afraid of this Beast Wave, and I'd even dare to attack the Great Star Dou Forest itself!"

Xian Lin'er was amused. "I knew you wouldn't be able to resist it. However, I'm sorry to disappoint you. Do you think it's easy to get ahold of something like this? You've already witnessed how strong it is. It's costly to manufacture one of these. Overall, all the self-driving forts, apart from Teacher Xuan's own Class 8 soul tool, are all Class 6 soul tools. They are defensively weak, but their offensive strength and mobility are extremely great. Their manufacturing cost is..."

Shi Xing turned pale after Xian Lin'er muttered a number.

"So expensive? However, this is really good stuff! It's fine even if not everyone is equipped with one of it. Give me five hundred of them first." Shi Xing grit his teeth as he spoke. After all, Shrek City's Defense Army was in charge of protecting Shrek City. They couldn't skimp on their equipment!

A war was the best way to test whether they were well-equipped. What had happened earlier tempted Shi Xing to own one of these All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts.

Xian Lin'er replied, "We don't even have five hundred of them. We ordered one hundred from the Tang Sect. These are all that we have. Currently, the Tang Sect has manufactured sixty-one of them, and they've already used up a large amount of rare metals. We haven't even paid them!"

"They were the ones who paid for the rare metals. Furthermore, you've also seen how many stationary soul cannon shells the Tang Sect took out this time. Who knows how many of them will be left over once this war is over? Do you think the Academy has so much money to give them? Let's not even talk about ordering another batch of these soul tools!"

"This..." Shi Xing was a little depressed. Yes! The Tang Sect had sacrificed a lot. Even if they didn't ask for any rewards, they should at least recoup the costs that they had incurred. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to survive, much less grow. This fight would also drain the Academy greatly. However, the All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts were simply too attractive to him. Instantly, the Time Douluo was stuck in a dilemma.

At this point, Xuan Ziwen left his self-driving fort and came over in front of all of them.

"Mission accomplished." Xuan Ziwen said as he tossed and caught a red soul bone in his hands. This soul bone seemed to be an arm bone, but which arm it came from was unknown.

Xian Lin'er and Qian Duoduo's eyes turned red when they saw this soul bone. It was a hundred-thousand-year soul bone that carried two soul skills!

A hundred-thousand-year soul ring and bone were considered the most valuable treasures in the world of soul masters right now. There wasn't any way of putting a value on such a soul ring and soul bone.

Xuan Ziwen looked at them and said, "If the Academy puts out a suitable price or is willing to exchange rare metals with a similar value for them, we won't mind selling them."

The Tang Sect was the one who had provided all the resources and manpower in the earlier fight. Xuan Ziwen wasn't going to give away this soul ring and soul bone. They definitely belonged to the Tang Sect.

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Xian Lin'er laughed bitterly. "Alright, Teacher Xuan. You can keep it. We can't afford them. Let's talk about the rest after we survive this beast wave."

"Hallmaster." At this point, the disciples from the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall all exited their Self-Driving Forts and quickly gathered around Xuan Ziwen.

Xian Lin'er saw that they were each holding some weird equipment that wasn't very large.

Xuan Ziwen smiled and said, "We collected some soul rings without any owners. Most of them are thousand-year or ten-thousand-year soul rings. I wonder if anyone from the Academy or the Shrek City Defense Army needs them."

"Soul rings without owners?" Shi Xing's eyes opened wide again.

Xuan Ziwen nodded and said, "The soul tools that are used to kill soul beasts can be specially processed to alter their internal structures, which removes the aura of a soul master and makes any soul rings produced ownerless. We used soul ring storage tools to keep them, and we can provide them to any soul master who wants to absorb them."

"Yes! I want all of them. We can negotiate the price." Shi Xing was completely decisive. He immediately expressed his wish in front of Xuan Ziwen before Xian Lin'er and Qian Duoduo managed to do so.

Yes! Of course he wanted all of them. They were all either thousand- or ten-thousand-year soul rings. He had witnessed how many of these soul rings the Tang Sect had collected earlier.

Thousand-year soul rings were already considered very good for the outer courtyard disciples of Shrek Academy. Ten-thousand-year soul rings were even more valuable!

The Academy didn't have too high of a demand for these soul rings. After all, the students were encouraged to obtain their soul rings quickly when their cultivations reached a bottleneck during the semester.

However, things weren't that simple in the Shrek City Defense Army!

There were more than three thousand soul masters in Shrek City's Defense Army. Most of them had either graduated or were eliminated from Shrek Academy's outer courtyard. They remained in the city and joined the Defense Army to earn some experience. Out of these three thousand soul masters, there were many whose cultivations had reached a bottleneck. They were all born in Shrek City, and they were quite proud. As their cultivation gradually grew, they weren't too anxious to obtain soul rings. If there weren't any suitable soul rings, they wouldn't easily absorb one.

However, Xuan Ziwen had collected countless soul rings this time, and they were even all either thousand or ten-thousand-year soul rings! They were considered great things by the soul masters of Shrek City's Defense Army! Shi Xing wouldn't be the one to foot the bill for all these soul rings, though.

How expensive were Shrek Academy's tuition fees? Those who were able to study in Shrek Academy were well-to-do. Many of them were even disciples of sects. Of course they had to pay for the soul rings if they wanted them.

Xuan Ziwen nodded and said, "No problem. Later I'll get my disciples to find out the number of soul rings that we've collected. After that, I'll need you to send some people to differentiate between the types of

soul rings that we have, which will make it more convenient for your soul masters to absorb them. As for the price of these soul rings, I'm sure Shrek Academy will offer us a reasonable amount. It's fine even if your soul masters can't pay up immediately. We just need to record their names in a register. I only have one request – I hope that the Academy can help us monitor the payments for these soul rings. We are also willing to exchange these soul rings for rare metals if you have them.”

Profiteer!,” Shi Xing cursed silently in his heart. Even Xian Lin'er couldn't help but shake her head silently.

Xuan Ziwen seemed like a generous person, but he wasn't going to give any concessions. The Tang Sect had just forced a beast wave back. Under such circumstances, would Shrek Academy really dock the number of soul rings they'd collected? Definitely not! As for the prices of the soul rings, would Shrek Academy dare to quote the Tang Sect a low price? At least they had to be reasonable, and offer prices recognized by the world of soul masters. These prices were based on the standard set by those who specially led people out to hunt soul beasts for soul rings. They were definitely not low.

Different soul rings were priced differently. It depended on how many soul rings they had collected.

Money-wise, Xuan Ziwen passed the problem to Shrek Academy. Weren't they trying to enhance the strength of the City Defense Army? If the soul masters paid for the soul rings on their own, they would find it very difficult to gather so much money at once. However, they just needed to sign a guarantee, and Shrek Academy would be their guarantor. If the money couldn't be claimed in the end, the Tang Sect could just find Shrek Academy instead of Shrek City's Defense Army.

Was he really a soul engineer, and not a businessman?

Xian Lin'er, Qian Duoduo and Shi Xing all had this thought in their mind. Even so, this was still a good thing for Shrek. After fusing with these soul rings, the strength of Shrek City's Defense Army was bound to increase. At this critical moment, increasing one's abilities would help one in his own survival!

Their opinion of Xuan Ziwen might become even more drastic if they found out that the soul ring storage tools could only preserve the soul rings for a short period of time!

However, no matter what, the beast wave had been pushed back temporarily.

Xuan Ziwen allowed some of the Soul Tool Hall disciples to follow Shi Xing to calculate the number of soul rings that they had collected. He himself didn't leave, but asked Xian Lin'er, “Dean Xian, what do you think about our All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts?”

Xian Lin'er smiled and replied, “Of course they're great! Didn't you see how red the Time Douluo's eyes were? That first cannon strike of yours played a very critical role. Otherwise, the carpet attacks might not have been able to stop the soul beasts from charging over, even though they are strong. Most importantly, they were frightened by your first attack.”

Xuan Ziwen laughed bitterly. “Do you know what price we had to pay for that first cannon strike?” He intentionally lowered his voice as he spoke. While he was very immersed in his work on soul tools, he wasn't a senseless person.

Xian Lin'er quietly stepped forward and asked, “What do you mean?”

Xuan Ziwen answered, "That strike was an energy-piercing ion ray that I invented. It causes high energy compression, and my Self-Driving Fort is the core of it. My Self-Driving Fort is actually a Class 8 energy-compression, auxiliary-type soul tool! The main cannons that the rest used are piercing cannons that have already been compressed. I used energy ions to integrate them before firing and performing short-term control.

"I only developed this because I'm a Class 8 soul engineer who's captivated by the strength of Class 9 soul tools. You also witnessed how strong it was; its destructive strength is even slightly stronger than most ordinary Class 9 soul tools. It's even comparable to the Starsky Douluo's Sunmoon Divine Needle. However, it can't compare to the Sunmoon Divine Needle in terms of the effective range of its attack."

Xian Lin'er said, "It's already very great! Are there any flaws?"

Xuan Ziwen nodded and laughed bitterly, "Yes, its flaw is that it drains too much soul power. To compress and prevent the compressed soul power from exploding, more soul power has to be drained. That strike just now completely used up the soul power in one hundred and twenty Class 6 Sealed Milk Bottles. The soul rays that were fired to suppress the soul beasts on the ground were actually powered by the students from the Academy's Soul Engineering Department and my disciples from the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall. They were only able to maintain their attack for fifteen minutes, which means that our attacks would have ended if the enemies didn't retreat within fifteen minutes. We'll need to change all of those Milk Bottles. Right now, we have less than two hundred Sealed Milk Bottles left, so we'll only be able to last for another two hours."

Xian Lin'er was shocked after hearing Xuan Ziwen's words. One attack used up all the soul power in a hundred and twenty Class 6 Sealed Milk Bottles? The total soul power in a hundred and twenty Class 6 Sealed Milk Bottles was even greater than the soul power an Ultimate Douluo had. While that attack was ferocious, it wasn't as strong as an all-out strike by an Ultimate Douluo.

Xuan Ziwen was telling her that the attack earlier couldn't be replicated again. The price to pay was too great.

After taking a deep breath, Xian Lin'er gazed deeply at Xuan Ziwen as she said, "Teacher Xuan, you've already done very well. With this deterrence, I believe it'll be a lot longer before the next attack arrives."

Xuan Ziwen nodded and said, "I thought of that, too. Let's recover our soul power as quickly as possible, and hope the beasts take a longer rest. This will give us time to charge our Sealed Milk Bottles."

"Hopefully!" Xian Lin'er laughed bitterly.

#### **Chapter 400.1: Bear Lord and Myriad Demon King**

The terrifying strike that had drained the soul power from a hundred and twenty Sealed Milk Bottles left a deep impression on the soul beast army.

Not only was this attack extremely powerful and threatening, but it even caused the soul beast army to suffer heavy casualties. A hundred-thousand-year soul beast had lost his life, and several thousand soul beasts, including two-thirds of the the soul beast aerial army, were killed. *nOx***E-Ib**(In

After this defeat, some conflicts ensued between the soul beasts, which led to a temporary retreat of the beast wave. Shrek City was finally given a breather.

The disciples from the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall and the students from Shrek Academy's Soul Tool Department started to get busy with this time that they had been afforded. They quickly repaired the damaged soul tools. The soul masters were also given time to rest. Once they recovered their soul power, they would immediately start charging the Sealed Milk Bottles. Even Soul Douluo from the Academy were charging the Sealed Milk Bottles. On this battlefield, one's individual strength was considered very insignificant unless one was at the level of Elder Xuan or Di Tian.

The beast wave had lasted for a day and a half, but everyone in Shrek City knew that the earlier attack by the soul beast army was still just a probe. They hadn't given their all yet, and were only weakening Shrek's overall power. They were looking for the best opportunity to launch an all-out attack.

The beast wave pulled back for six hours, which gave everyone enough time to rest and recharge. However, everyone in Shrek City started to turn serious after the soul beast army returned, ready to attack again, after those six hours.

This time, the number of soul beasts was even greater. However, they didn't deploy their aerial army like before, perhaps because their aerial army had been trounced earlier.

Furthermore, the soul beasts didn't charge blindly and wildly towards Shrek City this time. They scattered, and slowly inched closer to the city. It felt as if they were forming a huge pincer that was about to clip onto Shrek City.

The soul beast army didn't seem to be as dominant as before, but those who were sharp could tell that Shrek City was in trouble this time. It was because the soul beasts seemed to have forsaken their pride, and stopped charging directly to assault Shrek City from the front. The formation that they had adopted evidently signaled the fact that they wanted to encircle the city before attacking from all fronts!

On the top of the city wall, emergency discussions were held, and all the elders from the Sea God's Pavilion ascended to the top of the city wall. After a brief discussion, they immediately acted.

The southern side of the city had the strongest defense. However, the defense of the city had to adapt if there were any changes to the offensive focal point of the soul beast army.

At such a time, the flexibility of the All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts was very important.

The sixty-one All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts were spread out across the top of the city wall rapidly, and started to distribute themselves proportionally around the other three sides. As there were more Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons on the southern side, the defense over there should be able to hold off the soul beasts.

However, the commanders of the soul beast army seemed to be smarter this time. Just as everyone in Shrek City expected, the soul beast army that comprised more than a hundred thousand soul beasts encircled Shrek City. However, they didn't attack after encircling the city. They stopped around ten kilometers away from Shrek City, and they seemed to be resting.

Only very powerful stationary soul cannon shells could reach ten kilometers away. However, there were many strong soul beasts in the soul beast army too, who were also adept at long-range attacks. It wouldn't be too difficult for them to intercept the top-tier stationary soul cannons shells, since there wouldn't be many of them, either.

As a result, Shrek didn't do anything, and the soul beast army didn't move.

However, the difference between them and the soul beast army was that the soul beast army could choose to attack at any time, but they couldn't. They could only passively wait for the soul beasts to attack. Without sufficient troops, Shrek City was under great pressure from the soul beast army.

No one knew when the soul beasts were going to attack. They could only wait and remain alert.

Such a wait was torturous. Fortunately, what the soul masters needed now was rest.

However, the soul beast army didn't give them much more time. Outside the southern city wall, a jade-green figure opened her wings and rose into the sky. It was Bi Ji.

After a few hours of rest and reorganization, she had already fully recovered. She opened her wings, and jade-green light shone brightly. Her jade-green feathers emitted bright light as they expanded. Very soon, her wings had extended more than a hundred meters in either direction.

Her appearance also caused the soul beasts close to the southern city wall to roar in excitement. They all stood up from the ground and stared at Shrek City with fierce looks in their eyes.

To the east of the city, another figure gradually rose into the sky. This figure had three heads, and scarlet-golden fur grew on its head. Each head of this figure resembled a lion's, but they were even more ferocious. It was the Scarlet King, who was a Three-Headed Scarlet Devilmastiff.

To the west of the city, yet another huge figure drifted in mid-air. In terms of aura, he appeared to be much stronger than the Scarlet King and Bi Ji. He was more than fifteen meters tall, and there was thick dark golden fur on his body. His arms were extremely long, as they drooped along the sides of his body. Even given the size of his body, his arms were still long enough to extend below his knees. This meant that his arms were more than ten meters long, and they were also extremely thick. His shoulders were the most exaggerated, swelling up like little mountains.

To everyone from the Tang Sect, such a soul beast was very familiar. This was because there were two little fellows in the Tang Sect that were of the same species as this soul beast. It was just that the difference in their sizes was too great.

Yes, this extremely large soul beast was a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear, which was often recognized as an exterminator of forests and a destroyer in the world of soul masters. This bear was undoubtedly the ruler of all bears, the Bear Lord, who was ranked sixth among the Ten Great Savage Beasts.

He had a four-hundred-seventy-thousand-year cultivation. It was appropriate to call him the number one bear in the history of the Douluo Continent!

In terms of rank and cultivation, he wasn't as strong as Bi Ji. However, the combination of Bi Ji and the Scarlet King wouldn't even be comparable to him in terms of fighting strength.

In fact, Di Tian was the only one in the Great Star Dou Forest who could tame the Bear Lord.

The northern side of the city, which was the furthest from the Great Star Dou Forest, was also being surrounded by the soul beast army right now. In mid-air, there was also another figure.



It was a human-shaped soul beast this time. He was aesthetically pleasing, like Bi Ji, and different from the Scarlet King and Bear Lord, who preferred to appear in their original forms.

He adopted the appearance of a middle-aged man. He wasn't particularly handsome, and his face was slightly pale. His eyes were a deep jade-green that could penetrate through one's soul. A jade-green glow shone amidst this depth and serenity, but this glow was starkly different from the elegant jade-green that Bi Ji emitted.

He wasn't considered very large, but he was extremely slender. He was wearing a long, dark-green robe. It moved even without any wind, fluttering slightly to and fro. His hair was also dark-green, but it was a little too long. It was more than ten meters in length as it flowed behind his back.

To be able to become a commander of the soul beast army, just like the other three savage beasts, he was naturally a savage beast himself.

Five of the Ten Great Savage Beasts lived in the Great Star Dou Forest. Apart from Di Tian, Bi Ji, the Scarlet King and the Bear Lord, there was one more soul beast.

It was the Myriad Demon King, a Demoneye Tree that was ranked fifth among the Ten Great Savage Beasts.

According to the legends, the Myriad Demon King ruled over all the plant-type soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest.

Compared to animal-type soul beasts, plant-type soul beasts found it more difficult to survive. They grew slower than animal-type soul beasts when they were young. Generally speaking, plant-type soul beasts had to reach a thousand-year cultivation before they could protect themselves, whereas animal-type soul beasts already possessed fighting strength at a ten-year cultivation.

However, there were innately gifted plant-type soul beasts. When they grew, they were even scarier than animal-type soul beasts.

The Myriad Demon King was an example. He was originally a Demoneye Tree that had grown at the edge of the forest. There was nothing special about his lineage. While Demoneye Trees were considered a rare species in the Great Star Dou Forest, they weren't considered very strong, even if they cultivated into soul beasts. This was because they were considered spiritual-type and were most adept at using their tree eye to numb and control their opponents. After that, they would gradually use their corrosive sap to kill them. While their opponents rotted away, they would turn into nourishment for these Demoneye Trees.

In terms of lethality, Demoneye Trees weren't special among plant-type soul beasts.

However, the Myriad Demon King was an anomaly. He was considered an anomaly because there were other types of plant-type soul beasts that grew around him. The Demoneye Trees' survival rate was considered quite high among plant-type soul beasts, as they didn't have any fruit that other soul beasts found extremely tempting. In addition, they even released a pungent smell. Generally speaking, it was not common for other soul beasts to take interest in them.

But there were a few rare types of plants that had lived around the Myriad Demon King, which included Immortal Spirit Grass!

## **Chapter 400.2: Bear Lord and Myriad Demon King**

Immortal Spirit Grass was naturally psychic. The moment they grew, they possessed intelligence that was similar to ordinary soul beasts. After some time, they would become stronger. At the same time, they were extremely nutritious, and were considered nourishment for both soul beasts and soul masters.

It was just that the growth conditions needed for Immortal Spirit Grasses were very strict. Even in the Great Star Dou Forest, which was an excellent natural habitat for soul beasts, they rarely appeared. A thousand-year Immortal Spirit Grass was already considered a treasure.

The greatest advantage the Myriad Demon King had over this Immortal Spirit Grass was that he was born ten thousand years earlier. He soon discovered that an Immortal Spiritual Grass had grown nearby. At that point in time, he already possessed his own intelligence. Furthermore, he had some abilities then, and could at least spread his scent over a larger area.

As a result, the Myriad Demon King took great care of this Immortal Spirit Grass.

No matter how gifted or intelligent Immortal Spirit Grass was, it was only like a piece of blank paper after it was born. Furthermore, Immortal Spirit Grass would only treat soul beasts and humans as enemies. It would never treat another plant like the Myriad Demon King as an enemy.

The Myriad Demon King protected this Immortal Spirit Grass using his pungent smell until it grew to a thousand-year cultivation.

At that point in time, this Immortal Spirit Grass already treated him as its best friend and even developed a heavy sense of reliance on him.

After tolerating it for a thousand years, the Myriad Demon King finally made his move on this Immortal Spirit Grass.

In fact, the Myriad Demon King didn't know what the result would be after he devoured this Immortal Spirit Grass. He was just making a wild attempt because he was indignant. He didn't want to remain at the edge of the Great Star Dou Forest for his entire life. He was very envious and jealous of those strong soul beasts. This was why he took a gamble to see what benefits he might possibly obtain from this Immortal Spirit Grass.

This thousand-year Immortal Spirit Grass was ultimately unprepared against the Myriad Demon King, who had plotted this for centuries.

Under the corrosion of the Myriad Demon King's poison, it melted.

The Myriad Demon King uprooted it completely and turned into fluid before smearing this fluid on his body. To him, he would have only wasted a thousand years, even if he failed. To a plant-type soul beast, a thousand years wasn't considered a long time.

From that point onwards, the Myriad Demon King entered an extremely long period of torment. While this Immortal Spirit Grass was dead, it carried a strong spirit of vengeance, which made it difficult for him to fuse with it.

Normally, a Demoneye Tree and an Immortal Spirit Grass were two incompatible plant-type soul beasts. However, a miracle happened when this Immortal Spirit Grass' vengeance and the Myriad Demon King's persistence combined together. They started to fuse together in a very special way.

While the fusion was slow, it managed to change many of the Myriad King's innate abilities. As time passed, he was no longer purely a Demoneye Tree anymore. This evolution process continued for a hundred years.

When the Myriad Demon King regained consciousness again, he discovered that he had become abnormally strong. He possessed the innate abilities of the most outstanding plant-type soul beast.

The Myriad Demon King was extremely determined, having tolerated a hundred years of pain to complete the fusion. He didn't venture deeper into the Great Star Dou Forest after the fusion. He continued to cultivate where he was born, and slowly devoured soul beasts of lower cultivations.

The current Myriad Demon King was a result of his tolerance in the past. He had a five-hundred-thirty-thousand-year cultivation now and was ranked fifth among the Ten Great Savage Beasts. He was ranked lower than Bi Ji, but higher than the Bear Lord.

Of the five Great Savage Beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest, the Myriad Demon King was probably the one that most wouldn't want to face if they had to fight one of them if they understood all of their characters. He didn't possess the power of Di Tian or the explosiveness of the Bear Lord, but he was as vicious as a venomous snake, and even possessed a forbearance that was superior to most ordinary soul beasts. He was definitely a terrifying enemy.

After Di Tian discovered his existence, he wanted to forcefully keep him within the Slaughtering Grounds so that he could monitor the Myriad Demon King. This was because the Myriad Demon King already ruled over the soul beasts in more than one-third of the Peripheral Region of the Great Star Dou Forest. With his help, the plant-type soul beasts were able to develop rapidly. *nOVe)ℓ&}*In

Di Tian didn't kill him out of fear. Plants were considered the last line of defense for the Great Star Dou Forest. The Myriad Demon King ruled over most of the plant-type soul beasts, which made him extremely important to the Great Star Dou Forest. Even Di Tian didn't dare to kill him! Di Tian even believed that his existence was more important than Bi Ji's.

Right now, there weren't any plant-type soul beasts in the soul beast army underneath the Myriad Demon King at the northern side of Shrek City. This was also a requirement that Di Tian had for him before this war started. All the plant-type soul beasts that he commanded were not allowed to be part of this beast wave. The reason was very simple: they were needed to offer an escape route for the Great Star Dou Forest! If this beast wave failed and the soul beasts suffered heavy losses, the plant-type soul beasts that the Myriad Demon King controlled could at least protect the soul beast army as they retreated back into the forest.

An Emerald Swan, a Demoneye Tree, a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear, and a Three-Headed Scarlet Devilmastiff. Right now, four of the Great Savage Beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest had appeared on this battlefield.

These four Savage Beasts surrounded Shrek City, which meant that this war between the soul beasts and Shrek Academy was about to enter its climax.

Shrek City was waiting for reinforcements, and the five Great Savage Beasts naturally knew it. Shrek Academy was simply too important. If Shrek City was overrun, there would be one less force to restrain the soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest. The three empires in the Douluo Continent wouldn't be willing to see something like that happen. It was totally necessary to send reinforcements to aid Shrek Academy.

Shrek City was stalling for time, while the soul beasts were naturally fighting for time. If they managed to breach Shrek City and destroy Shrek Academy before the reinforcements arrived, whatever reinforcements arrived after that would be meaningless and insignificant.

As a result, these four Savage Beasts decided to launch an assault against Shrek City even after the heavy losses they had suffered earlier. Of course, this didn't mean that they would participate in the fight directly. Instead, they were going to hold the fort in four different directions, and the intensity of their offense would vary.

The soul beasts were targeting the overstretched manpower of Shrek City's Defense Army. Even if they had to forsake their pride, they had to seize this opportunity to destroy Shrek City. This showed how determined they were. They wanted to welcome Di Tian back with a huge victory.

The Bear Lord unleashed a shocking and furious roar. He was at the western side of the city, and it was his side that made the first move. The terrifying beast wave started to surge forward like a tidal wave. The commanders at each of the other sides also gave the order to attack. Shrek City was now being attacked from all sides, and it seemed as if a tsunami was sweeping toward the city from all directions.

This was the true strength of this beast wave. When they attacked all-out, they managed to fully tap into their absolute numerical advantage.

All of the elders of the Sea God's Pavilion had gathered at the top of the city wall by now. They and the inner courtyard disciples were distributed along sections of the city wall. The All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts and Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were also ready to be used.

The Time Douluo Shi Xing quickly rose into the sky, and his voice echoed as he used a powerful sound-amplifying soul tool.

"Warriors of Shrek City, teachers and students of Shrek Academy, I am the City Defense Officer, Shi Xing. The soul beast army is coming for us. This is a fight that we can't back away from. The result of failure will be death. It's not just us that will be dead; all the civilians in Shrek City will also be dead along with us. For Shrek's glory, and for ourselves, I implore all of you to bring forth your greatest courage and strength to fight!"

He shouted the last few words in fury.

"Long live Shrek! Long live Shrek! Long live Shrek!"

"Glory to Shrek! Glory to Shrek! Glory to Shrek!"

"Let's fight for Shrek's glory!"

They were burning with passion now. At this moment, everyone from Shrek, regardless of whether they were a soldier, a student, a teacher, or an elder, whether they came from the inner or outer courtyard,

all came together as one. They only had one goal: force the beast wave back. It was the only way that they could ensure their survival.

Shrek's strength was finally unleashed at this moment. Under Shi Xing's orders, the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons fired.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...

A piercing sound echoed as streaks of dazzling light shot above the city wall. These streaks of lights were scattered in all directions. Even with Bi Ji's abilities, she couldn't cover them all.

This time, the cannon shells seemed to be larger than before. They didn't just cover a region that spanned a five-kilometer radius with the city wall at the center. Rather, they were targeted toward further distances. Every streak of dazzling light left a resplendent plume behind it as it moved in the air.

The stationary cannon shells that came from the Tang Sect were finally being fired!

Stationary soul cannon shells weren't just strong. They were also able to cover long distances and drained the cannons the least. They wouldn't cause the cannons to overheat, as they were propelled forward using their own strength. They also didn't exhaust too much soul power.

The stationary soul cannon shells were used first, for fear that the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons wouldn't be able to be fired if they overheated.

### **Chapter 400.3: Bear Lord and Myriad Demon King**

The Tang Sect had provided around two thousand stationary soul cannon shells. Shrek Academy also had several hundred stationary soul cannon shells of different classes. More than five hundred shells were fired in this first round, since there were many Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons available.

If their monetary value was measured, it would take a long time to count the number of zeroes in the number generated.

The Soul Tool Department's Dean Xian Lin'er, Vice-Dean Qian Duoduo, and Xuan Ziwen from the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall contorted their faces in reluctance after this first round. Even if they won this war, they would need to save up for a long time before they could obtain so many stationary soul cannon shells again!

The soul beasts were a little surprised by the range of the humans' attack. However, the shells were fired into the distance. The soul beasts that were charging in front towards the city wall weren't affected. Very soon, the soul beast army was already beneath the wall.

The Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were fired once again. This time, their strength was unleashed. As a large number of cannon shells rained down, explosive bombs started to engulf and strike the charging soul beasts.

At this moment, the booms generated from the detonation of the first round of shells had just echoed in the air.

Around one-third of the five hundred shells were intercepted. The remaining two-thirds managed to detonate successfully. The tragic screams of soul beasts could be heard amid the terrifying booms

caused by the explosions. While some of these shells were intercepted, their explosive strength was still superior to the regular explosive bombs of the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons.

As a Class 7 stationary soul cannon shell landed among the soul beasts, the space in the entire region affected by the subsequent explosion completely collapsed. A black halo started to spread, and only stopped when it reached a diameter of three hundred meters. Then, this black region started to distort tremendously, and countless bolts of lightning surrounded this region. An airflow filled with a destructive aura started to spread.

The name of this Class 7 stationary soul cannon shell was Lightning of Hell. Its terrifying destructive power instantly took the lives of thousands of soul beasts.

While the rest of the Class 4, 5 and 6 stationary soul cannon shells were weaker, each of them still managed to hurt and kill many soul beasts.

Very soon, Shi Xing discovered that the Tang Sect's stationary soul cannon shells were much stronger than the shells produced by the Academy. There were practically no Class 4 shell and hardly any Class 5 shells. Most of them were either Class 6 or Class 7. The explosion of every shell managed to affect a large region. They were extremely lethal, and he was struck breathless as he watched the explosions unfold.

As the defenses of the other three sides of the city were weaker, they were reinforced with more stationary soul cannon shells.

Right now, the four Savage Beasts were all astonished as they watched the various cannon shells exploding. They hadn't expected humans to possess such terrifying weapons. Ordinary soul beasts were unable to resist such weapons!

After the first wave of stationary shells exploded, more than fifteen thousand soul beasts were either hurt or killed. Most of them were dead; there were very few injured soul beasts. The number of soul beasts that became casualties after this attack was much greater than the losses the soul beasts had suffered after the earlier confrontations.

The four Savage Beasts started to get depressed. All of them had different characters, which naturally meant that their reactions were different. Compared to the Bear Lord's irritation, the Myriad Demon King's gloominess and the Scarlet King's fury, Bi Ji was feeling cold in her heart right now.

Humans actually possess such terrifying weapons? Since when did this happen?

Shrek City is probably the most difficult city to attack among all the human cities, but it's still only one of the many cities around! How many of these weapons are present in the three human empires? Are the soul beasts from the Great Star Dou Forest capable of resisting these weapons with their flesh and blood, and eventually attaining victory?

Perhaps it might not be difficult to annihilate Shrek City. However, it's going to be extremely difficult to annihilate the entire human race!

The losses they had suffered from attacking Shrek City thus far had exceeded their earlier estimations. However, it was impossible for them to stop halfway. There was no way they could retreat anymore.

“Emerald Swans, start healing with all your abilities,” Bi Ji spoke in a strange voice. Following her words, jade-green figures started to quickly rise into the sky not far away from her.

They were swans that were covered by bright jade-green light. After they rose into the sky, they immediately flew in all four directions. Each of them released a gentle, jade-green light from their bodies, and they started to heal the soul beasts that were injured by the explosions.

They were from the same species as Bi Ji. All these years, she had been protecting and nurturing them to become the healing team of the Great Star Dou Forest.

Emerald Swans lacked defensive strength, and there were only a hundred of them. They weren't supposed to appear on a battlefield, as the Forest couldn't afford to lose any of them. However, Bi Ji had no choice but to summon them, given the great number of casualties right now. She couldn't possibly heal all the soul beasts by herself!

The only good news for the soul beast army was that the frontline soul beasts had already charged their way to Shrek City's wall now.

Countless long-range attacks were targeted towards the top of the walls right now, as if they were meteor showers.

All the soul masters did their best to activate their protective soul barriers to defend against the long-range attacks. However, the four Savage Beasts were determined this time. The soul beasts that were charging in front were thousand-year soul beasts, and they were led by a large number of ten-thousand-year soul beasts. Hundred year soul beasts weren't even allowed to join the frontline.

This managed to greatly increase the soul beasts' defensive and offensive strength, and the destructiveness of the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons fell greatly. ten-thousand-year soul beasts still found it fine to resist the attacks of explosive bombs. If a large number of ten-thousand-year soul beasts defended together, they would greatly reduce the lethality of the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons, while the thousand-year soul beasts behind the ten-thousand-year soul beasts unleashed relentless long-range attacks towards Shrek City.

They weren't just attacking the top of the city walls; they were also attacking the city walls.

Tremendous booms echoed as different colors of light waves and soul power undulations could be seen encircling Shrek City.

The fight had reached an intense stage right from the start.

“Dean Xian.” Shi Xing immediately turned to look at Xian Lin'er after unleashing his Spacetime Turbulence.

Xian Lin'er gritted her teeth, and her cheek muscles trembled a little. After this, she shouted, “Fire all the stationary soul cannon shells. Don't hold any back!”

The soul beasts' attack was too ferocious. The ten thousand and thousand-year soul beasts on their frontline placed immense pressure on Shrek City.

Under such a circumstance, she couldn't place any sentimental attachment on the cannon shells anymore, and had to use them all!

Stationary cannon shells were fired towards the distance once again, and they scattered in different directions to stall the reserves of the soul beast army from following the frontline soul beasts.

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The sixty-one self-driving forts were also thrown into the fight, and they were resisting the attacks of the soul beasts on the other three sides of the city wall.

Everyone from the Tang Sect was now at the southern city wall. Without a doubt, this was the side of the city that faced the greatest pressure. While the attacks being launched against the other three sides of the city were also very strong, the greatest number of ten-thousand-year soul beasts were charging towards the south side of Shrek City.

Bei Bei, Xu Sanshi, Jiang Nannan, He Caitou, Xiao Xiao, Ji Juechen, Jing Ziyang, Na Na, Mo Xuan and the others were all waiting as they adopted a strict formation.

Mo Xuan had entered the battlefield under the protection of an elder from the Sea God's Pavilion. He was given priority access to Sealed Milk Bottles, as he was needed to offer all-around auxiliary support on the battlefield. With him around, the overall fighting strength of the soul masters could be raised by twenty percent!

Not far from everyone from the Tang Sect were a few familiar faces: Dai Huabin, Zhu Lu, Ning Tian, Wu Feng, Xie Huanyue, Cao Jinxuan, Zhou Sichen and the Lan sisters. They were also all ready to fight.

After all, there was a limit to how long their soul tools could last. Once the Sealed Milk Bottles were drained, a brutal close-contact war was bound to ensue.

The elders from the Sea God's Pavilion and the teachers from Shrek Academy were facing the strongest soul beasts. There were even more of those ten-thousand-year and thousand-year soul beasts that relied on the strongest soul beasts from the Great Star Dou Forest to protect them.

Bei Bei turned around and said to his teammates, "Later, we'll have to stick together as we fight. Brother Ji, you'll take the front. Sanshi and I will protect your sides."

Ji Juechen nodded and held his Judgment Sword as he walked to Bei Bei's side. Right now, he was extremely excited. To him, a war was like a fight, and his fighting will had long been infused in his blood.

Bei Bei then said to the rest, "Nannan, Ziyang, the two of you will be supporting and coordinating at the sides. Na Na, you'll coordinate from the back while Xiao Xiao will be the main controller behind Brother Ji. Caitou, you'll be watching and managing the situation from behind Xiao Xiao."

"What about us, Eldest senior?" Nan Qiuqiu and Ye Guyi started to approach him from beside Nan Shuishui.

Bei Bei didn't task them with anything. This was because of their lack of chemistry with everyone else from the Tang Sect. At this critical moment, they couldn't affect their team unity.

"Elder Nan Shuishui, you, Qiuqiu, and Gu Yi will be our backup. Our formation can't be too large, we'll run the risk of encountering too many soul beasts at once. If Ji Juechen isn't able to hold out in front, I'll need you to replace him, Elder Nan Shuishui! Guyi and Qiuqiu, this is the same for the two of you! You



must constantly monitor our situation. Once someone has been drained too much or is injured, the two of you will be replacements.”

Nan Qiuqiu and Ye Guyi were displeased that they weren't immediately sent onto the battlefield. Just as they were about to debate it, they were pulled back by Nan Shuishui.

Nan Shuishui nodded at Bei Bei and said, “No problem. Let's follow the sect leader's instructions.”

Bei Bei took in a deep breath and revealed a lost look on his face. “Little junior, when are you returning? It would be great if we had you around...”