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Chapter 111: Void Energy

After discussing it for a few hours, they had mostly planned out the path forwards for the Great Qin Village. Moreover, they would continue this discussion in the future, as it was not complete yet.

Following this, Zhao Fu started preparing to open up routes to the outside world. Because Intermediate teleportation channels could only take 50 people at once, Zhao Fu decided to bring 15 Infantrymen, 15 Shieldbearers, and 10 Archers. Because horses also counted as people, Zhao Fu did not bring any Cavalry.

For the remaining 10 people, Zhao Fu decided to bring five Scholars, who were responsible for quickly building teleportation channels, as well as Zhao Fu himself, Bai Qi, Daisy, Doke, and Gatly, an Orc who Zhao Fu had decided to nurture. He was the one who Zhao Fu had given the Gold grade Shield to.

After these preparations were completed, Zhao Fu used the teleportation channel like how he had when he was finding the Orc City before, and he used it to travel northwards. This was because Little Valley, which was closest to the Great Qin Village, was in that direction.

The scenery in front of them blurred as they appeared about 5,000 kilometers away. Just like before, they found a hidden region to construct a teleportation channel before repeating this another 20 or so times.

“System announcement! The region ahead is a boundary and possesses Void Energy, and it cannot be passed through using a teleportation channel.”

The space between regions was a 5,000-kilometer wide Void Zone, and teleportation channels could not be used within Void Zones. All spatial skills were restricted as well, so one would have to physically travel between regions.

Because Zhao Fu had been preparing for this for a long time, he had asked Holy Light City’s Internal Affairs Minister, Qin Nan, about this already.

This was why most factions had to remain within their own respective regions. If there weren’t any Void Zones, anyone could use a Basic teleportation channel to travel 100 or so times to reach the outside world. Moreover, there were many ferocious wild beasts at boundaries, and if one was unlucky, one could encounter magic beasts that were Stage 2 or above.

“Be careful, everyone,” Zhao Fu reminded them as he briefly explained to everyone the dangers here.

After listening to this, everyone understood the dangers in front of them, and their expressions became serious. No one dared to be careless, as this concerned their lives.

Following this, after everyone made sufficient preparations, they advanced to the Forest of Horrors’ boundary. As they walked, they saw that there were less and less of those large, strangely-shaped trees, and the area became more and more empty.

Everyone advanced carefully, and in the beginning, they did not encounter anything. At noon, Zhao Fu told his party to stop and to prepare for lunch.

If they had to walk the all 5,000 kilometers like this, they definitely wouldn't make it by the end of the month. Moreover, even if Zhao Fu and his party walked for a month and reached the Little Valley, they wouldn't be able to return using a teleportation channel. They would have to walk there and then walk back.

Zhao Fu had long since considered this problem, and he had never even thought about walking there. That would take too much time and effort, and taking a long walk would be the only thing they would accomplish.

There was an item that would solve this problem. At the boundary of regions, there was a type of beast called the Void Beast. By killing Void Beasts, one could obtain an item called a Void Crystal, which could allow one to use teleportation channels to cross boundaries. This was what Zhao Fu had envisioned.

However, Void Beasts were quite rare, and finding one required a certain degree of luck. It was hard to say how long it would take to find one, so Zhao Fu was not in a rush.

After everyone ate, they continued onwards, and the day went by quite peacefully.

The second day, just as the sun rose over the horizon, the party continued onwards. Luckily, their luck was better than yesterday, and not too long after they started walking, they heard a massive roar from the forest ahead of them.

Soon, a massive beast appeared in front of the party. It was a giant bear that was 3 meters tall, and its back was covered by a metallic material. Zhao Fu decided to call this bear an Ironback Demon Bear.

The Ironback Demon Bear gave off powerful energy ripples, and it was definitely well past Stage 1 in terms of cultivation. It was also more powerful than a Chief grade beast, so it was most likely a Lord grade beast. Killing this level of creature could drop Gold grade materials and even Gold grade City Creation Stones.

Right after it appeared, the Ironback Demon Bear immediately started charging at Zhao Fu's party.

Zhao Fu's soldiers quickly got into formation, and the Shieldbearers raised their shields as the Archers nocked arrows onto their bows.

"Fire!" Bai Qi ordered as the Archers released their arrows. Sounds of the air being torn could be heard as the arrows instantly reached the Ironback Demon Bear. However, the bear swiped the arrows with its paw and an invisible energy pulsed out, sending the arrows flying away. What's more, as they were knocked away, many of them were broken into fragments.

Seeing this, Bai Qi, Daisy, Doke, and Gatly walked forwards. They could tell that the Ironback Demon Bear was not something that ordinary soldiers could fight against.

Right now, the soldier with the highest cultivation was only at Stage 0-7, and most were only around Stage 0-5. Most of the soldiers that Zhao Fu had brought this time were at Stage 0-5 or 0-6, and they could only deal with normal Stage 1 creatures. However, against the Lord grade Ironback Demon Bear, they would not be able to take even a single hit.

As such, in order to reduce casualties, Bai Qi led the other 3 people out. Bai Qi's cultivation had already reached Stage 1-0, Doke and Daisy's cultivation was at Stage 0-9, and Gatly's cultivation was at Stage 0-8. With high-grade equipment, they would be able to contend against with the Ironback Demon Bear.

Bai Qi was the main force, and he clashed with the Ironback Demon Bear while the others supported him.

After a few exchanges, the Ironback Demon Bear was injured a few times by Bai Qi's sword. Bai Qi's Star Slashing Sword was quite close to Legendary grade, so it could easily tear through the Ironback Demon Bear's defenses. Because of the bear's thick fur and hide, normal arrows could not pierce through its defenses at all.

The injured Ironback Demon Bear was now fully enraged, and it madly attacked Bai Qi. Bai Qi also attacked with his full strength, meeting the bear blow for blow.

Suddenly, the Ironback Demon Bear opened its mouth, condensed six energy bombs, and sent them flying towards Bai Qi. Bai Qi quickly dodged them, and each energy bomb that hit the ground created a 2-meter wide crater. Even though it was quite difficult, Bai Qi managed to dodge all of the Ironback Demon Bear's attacks.

At this moment, just as the Ironback Demon Bear wanted to continue attacking Bai Qi, the other three people acted.

Chapter 112: Wielder's Power

In terms of strength, Bai Qi was slightly weaker than the Ironback Demon Bear, but with the other three helping him, the situation was in his favour.

With all of the Ironback Demon Bear's focus on Bai Qi, Doke stabbed out with his spear and pierced the bear's side. The Ironback Demon Bear was forced to shift its attention from Bai Qi to Doke.

Of course, Doke could not contend with the Ironback Demon Bear, and he was forced to continuously dodge its attacks. However, Gatly raised the golden shield and blocked a few hits for Doke while distracting the Ironback Demon Bear as well. Daisy constantly cast magic spells, sending wooden spikes flying towards the Ironback Demon Bear.

Their teamwork was quite good, so Zhao Fu did not act, allowing them to take on this challenge themselves. He stood behind the serious soldiers, who had formed a defensive formation to 'protect' him.

When Bai Qi saw the Ironback Demon Bear's attention shift to Doke, Bai Qi quickly ran over to its side and slashed with his sword, leaving a 30-centimeter long gash on its side.

"Roar!!!!!"

The Ironback Demon Bear roared in fury and turned to bite Bai Qi. Bai Qi quickly leaped to the side, but the bear immediately swiped with its paw, sending five wind blades towards him.

Bai Qi dodged to the left and to the right, avoiding four of the wind blades. When the fifth wind blade came near him, he raised his sword and slashed downwards, sending a ray of sword light at it. As it collided with the wind blade, an explosion sounded out, and the two attacks canceled each other out.

At this moment, Doke stabbed his spear towards the Ironback Demon Bear's anus. Because the Ironback Demon Bear's entire back was covered with a metallic material, it would be impossible to injure it from there. As such, the Ironback Demon Bear had three weak areas: its head, midsection, and anus.

When it was attacking Bai Qi, it left its backside exposed, so Doke planned to use his 2-meter long spear to stab through its anus. However, the Ironback Demon Bear turned around, so Doke stabbed its right buttock instead.

“Roarrrr!!!!”

The Ironback Demon Bear once again howled in fury and turned to attack Doke. Seeing this, Bai Qi rushed up – right now, he was using a tactic where he would immediately retreat if the enemy advanced, while he would immediately advance if the enemy retreated. Even though the Ironback Demon Bear was quite powerful, it was at a disadvantage due to the cooperation between Bai Qi and the others. This was the power of working as a team.

“Roar!!!!” as the Ironback Demon Bear roared, it stood up on its hind legs. It gave off a powerful aura of suppression and struck fear into the hearts of those around it.

Suddenly, the Ironback Demon Bear raised its paws high and slammed them down onto the ground, causing it to crack. At the same time, shockwaves rippled out, forcing Bai Qi, Gatly, and Doke back by seven or eight steps.

In the next moment, what surprised everyone was that the Ironback Demon Bear chose to run. The Little Grey and Little Black, who were Chief grade, already possessed high intelligence, and as a Lord grade existence, the Ironback Demon Bear definitely possessed great intelligence as well. It knew that continuing to fight wouldn't benefit itself, so it chose to run.

The Chiefs or Lords of herds would find it difficult to run away, as it had a herd to look after. However, Chiefs or Lords that lived by themselves did not have to worry about that.

The Ironback Demon Bear was quite fast, and it ran 10 or so meters in the blink of an eye. However, at this moment, a white ray of light shot towards the Ironback Demon Bear's anus.

The bear was fully focused on running, and it did not notice the white light. However, as it came near, it split into seven white rings of light, and by the time the Ironback Demon Bear noticed, it was too late. In that instant, it felt a massive force slam into its anus.

BOOM!!!

Daisy's full-force Holy Ring Light sent the Ironback Demon Bear flying 10 or so metres, and it crashed through many trees before falling to the ground. Its anus was completely obliterated, and it looked incredibly wretched. Its face was contorted in pain, and it also had a slightly complicated look.

Seeing this, Doke couldn't help but laugh, and everyone turned to look at Daisy, who was filled with a saintly aura. Daisy felt quite helpless – she hadn't aimed there on purpose. Because the Ironback Demon Bear was escaping, that was the most likely place for the Holy Ring Light to hit.

“Roar!!!!” the Ironback Demon Bear's furious roar seemed to sound out throughout the entire forest, shaking trees to the point that their leaves fell. The Ironback Demon Bear stood up and gave off an incredibly powerful aura, causing the air to freeze. The ground around the bear could not withstand this aura, and the ground started to crack.

The Ironback Demon Bear's body rapidly enlarged until it was 7 meters tall. Its hair stood on end, and its eyes became blood-red – it had entered a berserk state.

This was a power that Lord grade creatures had. Its aura weighed down on the normal soldiers, making them feel as if there was a heavy rock pressing down on them, and it was difficult for them to breathe.

Suddenly, the Ironback Demon Bear started to attack. It opened its mouth as 30 or so energy bombs condensed and flew towards Bai Qi and the others.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A chain of explosions sounded out as craters formed on the ground. Even though Bai Qi and the others quickly dodged, there were simply too many energy bombs to dodge. As such, they were forced to block some of them. The energy from the explosions was quite great, injuring the four of them, and they fell to the ground with blood leaking out of their lips.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Ironback Demon Bear walked over, and it gave off an incredibly powerful aura. Wherever it stepped, the ground sank down, leaving behind deep pawprints.

Bai Qi and the others wretchedly crawled up from the ground. Just as they were preparing to block the berserk Ironback Demon Bear, a calm but unquestionable voice said, “Get back!”

Hearing this, Bai Qi and the others retreated without hesitation.

Zhao Fu appeared behind them without them noticing, and because Zhao Fu was worried about his appearance being exposed, he always wore his black cloak except when within the Great Qin Village.

The berserk Ironback Demon Bear watched the cloaked person, who had been standing behind others, come out and walk up to it, and when it felt the person's weak aura, the berserk bear did not think much about it before walking towards Zhao Fu. Every time it took a step, the ground shook, and the aura it gave off was like that of a small mountain.

Facing this monstrous aura, Zhao Fu did not move at all, and he held the Sky Demon Sword, which gave off an evil aura.

Battle-wielder's Power!

Soul-wielder's Power!

Kill-wielder's Power!

Following this, Zhao Fu said 12 names, and the grey ring on Zhao Fu's right hand flashed with a strange light. The Assassin Lord's Ring could use all 12 equipment sets' power, and even though four of them already had owners, Zhao Fu could use some of their power.

Chapter 113: Warding Talisman

Rays of light were added to the Sky Demon Sword, and every ray of light contained a different power. Apart from this, Zhao Fu also used his King's Power and the sword's Sky Demon's Power, causing demonic qi to stream out from the sword.

The Ironback Demon Bear moved incredibly quickly, bringing with it a monstrous aura. It reached Zhao Fu in the blink of an eye, but Zhao Fu still didn't move. To the berserk bear, he looked like a twig.

The Ironback Demon Bear showed no mercy and raised its paws, which seemed like they could destroy mountains, and swung them towards Zhao Fu. If they hit, Zhao Fu would be turned into meat paste.

Zhao Fu continued to stand still, and just as the paws were about to connect with his body, making everyone feel incredibly worried, he smiled and waved his hand.

Shing!

The Sky Demon Sword hummed as it transformed into a black arc of light, sweeping through the air. The Ironback Demon Bear's movements and expression instantly froze, and time seemed to stop around them as everything went silent.

The gigantic bear's head flew about 10 or so meters away, and large amounts of blood spurted out from the Ironback Demon Bear's headless neck, making it rain with blood.

Bang!

A heavy sound rang out as the Ironback Demon Bear's headless corpse fell to the ground. Everyone's jaws dropped, and they stared at Zhao Fu – they knew that their Majesty was no longer the same Majesty as before, but no one expected him to be so powerful that he could kill the berserk Ironback Demon Bear in a single strike.

Even when it died, the Ironback Demon Bear never expected that the black-cloaked figure, who seemed to be protected by everyone else, could be so powerful. With just a single strike, Zhao Fu annihilated the Ironback Demon Beast, and it wasn't even able to think about defending. He was undoubtedly the Great Qin Village's ultimate Boss.

This sword strike had seemed very casual, but it contained all of Zhao Fu's strength.

The Ironback Demon Bear's blood seemed to be collected by an unseen force and streamed into the Sky Demon Sword, causing the Ironback Demon Bear's body to wither.

"You can have its fleshly essence, but don't touch the items!" Zhao Fu lowered his head and said to the Sky Demon Sword. Gold grade materials could be used to forge Gold grade equipment, so Zhao Fu didn't want to waste them.

“Don’t worry; I know!” The Sky Demon Sword happily devoured the Ironback Demon Bear’s fleshly essence. A Lord grade creature was great nourishment for it, and it seemed very cooperative with Zhao Fu.

Hearing this, Zhao Fu was satisfied, and he thought of the Underworld Demon Crystals that he had collected. He had many of them, so he decided to give the Sky Demon Sword a few to strengthen it. He asked, “I have many Underworld Demon Crystals; do you want some?”

“Those grey crystals in the spatial ring? Their energy is too strong and hard to digest, and it rejects my power. I thought that they would be good and devoured some, but they made me uncomfortable for a few days!” the Sky Demon said unhappily.

The Sky Demon said this casually, but Zhao Fu frowned as he asked, “You’re able to move around within the spatial ring and devour things?”

Hearing this, the Sky Demon laughed, “Human, you look down on us Sky Demons too much. You should know that we Sky Demons are a high-grade race within the Demon Abyss; why wouldn’t I be able to do such a small thing?”

Zhao Fu’s expression immediately became cold as he said, “Did I give you permission to devour those Underworld Demon Crystals?”

Only then did the Sky Demon realize that it had slipped up, and it abruptly stopped speaking. However, it could tell that Zhao Fu was quite angry with it, so it said, “Human, don’t be so stingy. Weren’t they just a few crappy crystals?”

Hearing what it said, a thought surfaced in Zhao Fu’s mind, “Should I re-forge the Sky Demon Sword?”

The Sky Demon Sword was connected to Zhao Fu and could tell what he was thinking, and it quickly cried out, “Human! You want to re-forge me?!”

Zhao Fu did not try to hide this and replied, “That’s right, I want to re-forge you because you’re not very obedient.”

As a sword spirit, if the Sky Demon Sword was re-forged, it would impact it greatly. What made the Sky Demon Sword even more scared was that from Zhao Fu’s tone, he seemed to want to erase it as a sword spirit, so it quickly said, “Human! No, owner! Owner, I’ll listen to you in the future, alright?”

Of course, Zhao Fu didn’t believe it, as he knew how quickly its attitude could change.

“Please believe me! Owner, I’ll be completely obedient in the future.” The Sky Demon squeezed out a few tears, and it looked extremely apologetic.

These acting skills made Zhao Fu speechless, so he replied, “Alright, it’ll have to depend on your behavior in the future.”

In actuality, that was just him thinking to himself, and he did not actually plan to do so because he did not have anyone who could re-forge the Sky Demon Sword. If anything went wrong, the person might accidentally destroy the sword.

Hearing Zhao Fu's words, the Sky Demon let out a breath before saying, "Owner, can you please not put me in the spatial ring in the future? It's so boring in there; please help me make a sheath."

Zhao Fu agreed. Wearing the Sky Demon Sword by his side and hiding it within his cloak would be better – he wouldn't have to worry about it being discovered, and he would be able to use it in places where spatial rings were unusable.

Following this, Zhao Fu looked over at the items that the Ironback Demon Bear dropped. Apart from a large pile of gold coins, it dropped four items.

The first item was a cube that glowed with a golden light. Zhao Fu was quite familiar with this sort of item, and he was quite surprised by his luck. This was a Gold grade City Creation Stone.

[City Creation Stone]: Grade: Gold, Description: After using it, one can create a Gold grade Village. The Village will give off a might that will make it so that most wild beasts will not dare to approach it.

The second item was a round orb. The orb was white-colored and was roughly as big as a pebble. It seemed quite special, and Zhao Fu looked at its description.

[Soul Crystal – Ironback Demon Bear]: The Soul Crystal of a powerful creature that can summon the specific creature. The creature's strength will be 80% of what it was before, and it can only be used once.

This item was quite interesting, and it was the first time that Zhao Fu had seen such a thing. Indeed, the Heaven Awaken World was incredibly vast and contained many mysterious and hidden things. It was possible to find something new almost every day.

Zhao Fu turned to look at the third item, which was an Innate Orb.

[True Energy Bomb]: Grade: C- grade, Description: This skill condenses pure energy into a bomb.

It was only a C- grade skill, and compared to the first two items, this item wasn't as great. After looking at it, Zhao Fu gave it to Daisy to learn.

Zhao Fu then looked at the fourth item. It was a snow-white talisman, and strange runes were drawn on it with black ink, giving off a mysterious feeling.

[Allmonster Warding Talisman]: An extremely powerful type of Evil-Warding Talisman that can cause all monsters within 1,000 kilometers to retreat. Duration: 7 days.

Chapter 114: Undead Catastrophe

These eastern talismans were quite rare. In actuality, the Heaven Awaken World was filled with things from civilizations all over the world, so it wasn't very strange; rather, Zhao Fu just hadn't seen this sort of thing many times.

The Allmonster Warding Talisman didn't seem very useful, and it was to the point that it didn't seem as valuable as the C- grade skill. However, after thinking about it, Zhao Fu realized that it could be incredibly powerful in certain scenarios.

For example, when there were Undead Catastrophes, this Talisman would be very useful against them. A single Talisman would be able to clear out 1,000 kilometers, which would be incredibly effective.

Zhao Fu put all of these things and the withered bear corpse into the King's Ring. Currently, Rhode was able to forge Gold grade equipment, though he wasn't very proficient. It took him a long time, roughly half a month, to forge a piece of Gold grade equipment.

Zhao Fu couldn't help but think about Gongsun Lin. She had exceptional talent at forging, and even Rhode, who was S grade and had a profession bonus, could not compare to her.

Back then, it took her a week to forge a piece of Gold grade equipment, and it seemed like it had been her first time. And yet, she was twice as fast as Rhode, making Zhao Fu astounded at her talent.

Following this, Zhao Fu and his party rested for a while so that Bai Qi and the others could recover from their injuries. They only received some light injuries, so they were fine after resting for a bit.

Two hours later, they continued onwards. They encountered a few more ferocious beasts, but none of them were able to threaten Zhao Fu's party.

Three days later, the party was resting in an empty area. Zhao Fu took out his map and looked at where they were. They were near the center of the Void Zone, and now, their task was not to continue onwards but to capture a Void Beast.

However, Void Beasts were quite rare, and he didn't know if they could catch one. As such, Zhao Fu decided to use a method that he had heard from Qin Nan to lure Void Beasts. The method was to use a Stage 1 spirit fruit called the Rainbow Demon Fruit. It was about as big as a fist and was red and white. It was said that Void Beasts liked to especially eat this fruit, so it was likely that Void Beasts would be lured by the fruit.

This was something that Qin Nan had heard from someone else, so he could not guarantee if it would work. Zhao Fu had no other ideas, so he spent a lot of money and bought 12 Rainbow Demon Fruits to try it out.

Because he didn't know if this method would succeed, he looked for Void Beasts while setting traps.

Of course, the traps could not be ordinary traps, or they would not be able to catch the Void Beasts. Zhao Fu had his people forge 12 cages from bronze concentrate. The cages were about 2 meters wide, and each bar was as thick as a person's middle finger and could withstand a large force.

"Bai Qi, where do you think we should put the 12 traps?"

Zhao Fu did not know much about Void Beasts, and Qin Nan wasn't able to tell him much about the Void Beasts. As such, he discussed with Bai Qi where they should place the traps.

Moreover, they needed to find places by themselves because even though the map drew the large regions of the Heaven Awaken World, it did not have each region in detail.

Moreover, Rainbow Demon Fruits were Stage 1 spirit fruits, so they would attract other beasts as well. As such, they also had to take this into consideration when deciding where to place the traps.

Bai Qi did not have much of an idea either. In the end, Zhao Fu and Bai Qi decided that splitting up would increase their chances of catching a Void Beast, and each of them took six Rainbow Demon Fruits each. They decided to regroup here in three days.

Zhao Fu only took with him six ordinary soldiers, and everyone else went with Bai Qi. Zhao Fu took so little people because of his confidence in his strength, and he was more worried about Bai Qi and the others.

Following this, Zhao Fu and Bai Qi walked in opposite directions with their groups.

After splitting up, Zhao Fu found a region covered with thorns and thistles. There were very few creatures around here, so Zhao Fu decided that this would be a good place to set up a trap.

An hour later, Zhao Fu and his soldiers finished setting up the first trap, and they used some grasses to cover it up.

After setting up the first trap, Zhao Fu found a large tree and set up the second trap at the top of the tree, and he set the third trap on a rocky hill. He then found a variety of other places to set up the fourth, fifth, and sixth traps. Now, he had to rely on his luck.

Now that the traps were all set up, Zhao Fu took his six soldiers to look for Void Beasts. However, it was much more dangerous within the Void Zone than outside, and soon, Zhao Fu and his party ran into a few relatively powerful magic beasts. Luckily, these magic beasts weren't very strong compared to Zhao Fu.

Onwards!

Suddenly, a monkey's laughter started to sound out in the trees above their heads. Zhao Fu seemed to have entered the territory of a tribe of monkeys – the monkeys were twice as big as normal monkeys and had black fur. However, there was a patch of white fur on their chests, so Zhao Fu decided to call them Whitefur Monkeys.

The Whitefur Monkeys' strength was comparable to a human at Stage 0-4 or 0-5, and the 10 or so Whitefur Monkeys that discovered Zhao Fu's party loudly shouted. Following this, the entire mountain ridge erupted with monkeys' voices, and it seemed like there were at least thousands of them. Upon realizing this, Zhao Fu decided to retreat for now.

However, even though Zhao Fu wanted to retreat, the monkeys didn't want to let him go. Sixty or so Whitefur Monkeys jumped down from the trees, picked up rocks, and threw them at Zhao Fu's party.

With their strength, the rocks that they threw contained a lot of force, and anyone hit by them would be knocked unconscious.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu stretched out his hand, and a 3-meter wide black screen covered with dragon inscriptions expanded out, blocking the rocks. Following this, Zhao Fu casually threw a few Hell Fireballs, scaring the group of monkeys into retreating.

However, Zhao Fu didn't dare to remain there for long because there were more and more Whitefur Monkeys heading his way. Following this, Zhao Fu took his people and somewhat wretchedly ran away from there.

It was now in the afternoon, and as the sun descended, the sky gradually darkened. Seeing this, Zhao Fu had an idea. He told his soldiers to remain where they were and rest, while he went to scout out the Whitefur Monkeys' territory.

Because there were so many Whitefur Monkeys, there was definitely a Den there. Perhaps there would be some sort of treasure – for example, monkeys liked to brew Monkey Wine, and the Whitefur Monkeys might know how to brew it. This piqued Zhao Fu's curiosity, and he decided to take a look at night. Even though there were thousands of Whitefur Monkeys, this was not a problem to Zhao Fu, as he was an Assassin.

Chapter 115: Assassination

Time gradually passed, and even though there was no moon tonight, there were many stars sparkling in the sky. As such, even though it was not very bright, it was not completely dark either. Around 1 AM at night, everything became deathly silent, and Zhao Fu started to venture into the Whitefur Monkeys' territory.

Zhao Fu passed through the mountain ridge like a ghost, and soon, he arrived at where 10 or so Whitefur Monkeys were standing guard. By now, all of the Whitefur Monkeys were gone, and there were footprints, rocks, and branches everywhere.

It was likely that many Whitefur Monkeys arrived with rocks and branches after Zhao Fu's party left. However, after finding out that Zhao Fu and his people had left, they threw these things down and left.

Zhao Fu followed the tracks left behind by the Whitefur Monkeys and continued onwards.

On the way, Zhao Fu did not encounter a single Whitefur Monkey, as they had most likely all gone home to sleep. Of course, these animals would not be like humans and have patrols enforced by military discipline.

While humans would keep watch and have patrols that rotated through the night, most beasts would not do this due to their lack of intelligence and discipline.

Zhao Fu passed by some bushes and jumped onto a large tree – he had now arrived at the Whitefur Monkeys' Den.

Ahead of him, there was a countless number of sleeping Whitefur Monkeys on the ground and on the trees. They were gathered quite densely, and there were 8,000 to 10,000 of them.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu couldn't help but become wary. Even though Zhao Fu was confident in his strength and he could deal with a few hundred Whitefur Monkeys, the number of monkeys here would be enough to exhaust him to death. After all, enough ants would be able to bring down an elephant.

The surroundings were filled with normal Whitefur Monkeys, while at the center, in a relatively empty area, there was a nest made of grass with 10 or so monkeys laying down.

One of the Whitefur Monkeys was about 2 meters tall and had black fur, but the white fur on its chest looked like a human's face, which was quite horrifying. Apart from this, it also had two tails, and at their ends, there were spikes that gave off an icy light.

The Whitefur Monkey King was definitely a Lord grade creature, but Zhao Fu was not surprised at this. After all, it would be impossible for it to lead so many monkeys without being Lord grade.

However, what made Zhao Fu quite surprised was that the Den was quite special.

This Den was similar to normal Dens in that the stage was made of brick, but there wasn't a statue floating above it. Instead, there was a silver clay-like item. It gave off a silver light and changed into different shapes, but it did not have a fixed shape, making it seem quite mysterious.

Zhao Fu had never seen such a thing before, but he was sure that it was quite special. After observing the Den from a distance, he did not find anything else that was special about the Den, so he looked to the side.

Beside the Den, Zhao Fu discovered a 3-meter tall tree. There were white fruits that were as big as lychees, and they gave off a strange luster. They definitely weren't normal fruits. They were most likely spirit fruits, and their Stage was definitely quite high as well.

Zhao Fu continued to look around, but he did not discover anything else, nor did he smell any wine. It seemed that the Whitefur Monkeys did not know how to brew Monkey Wine.

Now, it was time for him to act. After going through the various trials in the Assassin historical remnant, Zhao Fu's Stealth had reached an extremely proficient state.

Without leaking even a trace of his aura of making a sound, Zhao Fu passed by the normal monkeys like a ghost and reached the empty space in the middle. The monkeys lying around here were gathered quite densely, and they were stronger than the monkeys on the outside.

Zhao Fu carefully stepped over monkey after monkey, and the slumbering monkeys didn't know that an outsider was amongst them.

After a while, Zhao Fu successfully reached the middle. Now, Zhao Fu became especially careful for fear of waking up the Whitefur Monkey King.

Suddenly, when Zhao Fu reached this place, he smelled a striking odor. He looked over and saw that this odor came from a pool of white fluid, and he also discovered that there were 10 or so female monkeys sleeping at the Whitefur Monkey King's side.

These female monkeys were a bit bigger than the normal monkeys, and they had thick arms and legs and large chests and bottoms. To a monkey, these 10 female monkeys would definitely be beauties that normal monkeys wouldn't ever be able to mate with.

Seeing this scene, Zhao Fu guessed that the Whitefur Monkey King had mated with all 10 females, causing him to shake his head and think to himself, "What a stud."

Following this, Zhao Fu went to the spirit tree, and he wanted to see what sort of spirit fruit the white fruit was. However, as soon as he touched one, it started to lightly ring like a bell.

Zhao Fu's body immediately erupted with cold sweat. Fortunately, he was able to react quickly, and he quickly pulled his hand away from the fruit. Because it had only rung lightly, no monkeys were woken up.

Zhao Fu turned and looked around, and he gave a sigh of relief after he saw that all of the monkeys were still sleeping. However, it seemed that the spirit fruit couldn't be touched, or he would wake up the sleeping Whitefur Monkeys.

Zhao Fu felt some disappointment when looking at the white spirit fruits, but he had no choice and could only sigh.

Following this, Zhao Fu looked towards the strange Den. However, without conquering the Den, there was no way for him to look at its information, and if he tried to forcefully attack it, the Den would protect itself by releasing an energy barrier that would take him a while to break through. As such, Zhao Fu could only look at it from afar.

Zhao Fu was quite depressed that he couldn't touch the spirit fruits or the Den, but he wasn't willing to just return like this. That would be too much of a waste of this opportunity.

After thinking about it, Zhao Fu looked back at the Whitefur Monkey King, who was completely spent after all of his 'battles' and was deeply asleep. Zhao Fu decided to take a risk and do something that an Assassin should do, which was to assassinate the Whitefur Monkey King.

This was an incredibly crazy idea because with the Whitefur Monkey King's strength, it would be quite easy for him to be discovered. The consequence of being discovered could not be imagined, and this was even more so because Zhao Fu was at the very center of the Den.

Even though it was dangerous, Zhao Fu decided to try it. If he wanted to obtain great benefits, he would have to take great risks.

Zhao Fu slowly and carefully approached the Whitefur Monkey King. He could not rush, and the closer he came, the calmer he would have to be.

Slowly, slowly...

Zhao Fu stepped over a female monkey and a pool of white fluid.

"Achoo!"

Chapter 116: Teleportation Talisman

Suddenly, one of the female monkeys sneezed. No matter how calm Zhao Fu was, he couldn't help but be given a great fright. All of his hairs stood on end, but it seemed that the sneeze didn't disturb the other Whitefur Monkeys, who continued to sleep soundly.

A wave of relief washed over Zhao Fu, and he finally came to the side of the sleeping Whitefur Monkey King. This monkey was hugging a female monkey on either side and was snoring loudly. To a monkey, this fellow had reached the pinnacle of its life.

Zhao Fu slowly brought out the Sky Demon Sword, gathered all of his strength, and used the Assassination Technique. He stabbed out, and the Sky Demon Sword turned into a black blur as it soundlessly buried itself into the Whitefur Monkey King's heart, instantly obliterating it. Just like that, the Whitefur Monkey King, who had been blissfully sleeping, was killed.

Following this, Zhao Fu spun his sword and killed the 2 two female monkeys by its side so that the Whitefur Monkey King wouldn't be lonely on its journey to the Yellow Springs.

After the Whitefur Monkey King died, it dropped three items and a large pile of gold coins. Zhao Fu did not hesitate at all, and he immediately put the Whitefur Monkey King and the two female monkeys' corpses, as well as the three items, into the King's Ring to prevent the smell of blood from traveling. As for the pile of gold coins, Zhao Fu did not even bother to look at it.

In the next moment, Zhao Fu rushed over to the Den. Now that the Lord had died, the Den had no owner, so Zhao Fu could choose to conquer it. As such, Zhao Fu did not hesitate, nor did he spend any time looking at the Den's information. He chose to conquer and [Relocate] the Den.

At this moment, even though Zhao Fu had dealt with the blood from the Whitefur Monkey King and the two female monkeys quite well, all of the Whitefur Monkeys received a system announcement that their Den had been conquered. In that instant, almost all of the Whitefur Monkeys were shocked awake.

Just as Zhao Fu put the silver clay into his King's Ring and was about to pick all of the white spirit fruits, countless furious gazes fell on his body, and Zhao Fu felt a chill pass through his body.

Zhao Fu didn't even think as he immediately tossed out a white orb. The white orb gave off large amounts of light in the air, and it seemed quite piercing in the darkness.

Suddenly, a 7-meter tall black bear descended from the sky. As it landed, the ground quaked – Zhao Fu had chosen to use the Soul Crystal that he had obtained not too long ago.

When the massive Ironback Demon Bear landed in the center of the horde of monkeys, its powerful aura seemed to suppress everything around it, and it opened its mouth and sent 30 or so energy bombs towards the monkeys around it.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Explosions sounded out as each energy bomb sent countless Whitefur Monkeys flying. If there weren't so many monkeys, they would have been scared witless and ran, but with nearly 10,000 Whitefur Monkeys, there was nothing for them to be afraid of.

The Whitefur Monkeys furiously roared, and it was to the point that their roars could be heard in the surrounding 10-kilometer radius area. Following this, the monkeys started to charge at the Ironback Demon Bear.

As the two sides clashed, Zhao Fu took advantage of this chaos to silently vanish and escaped. He returned to where the soldiers were resting and told them to quickly run, as the Whitefur Monkeys had started to go berserk.

The soldiers had heard the Whitefur Monkeys' roars, and they had felt quite scared. They knew their Majesty had gone off to do something, and when they saw him return safely, they let out sighs of relief.

Following this, Zhao Fu led the soldiers and ran tens of kilometers away before finally stopping and resting.

By now, the sun was slowly rising, and they had spent most of the night running. The soldiers caught a few wild rabbits and were roasting them, and Zhao Fu started to look through what he had gained.

The Whitefur Monkey King only dropped three items, which was quite a small amount considering that the Ironback Demon Bear dropped four items.

The first item was something that Zhao Fu was familiar with. It was a white orb that was as big as a pebble. Indeed, it was a Soul Crystal.

[Soul Crystal – Whitefur Monkey King]: The Soul Crystal of a powerful creature that can summon the specific creature. The creature's strength will be 80% of what it was before, and it can only be used once.

Zhao Fu never expected that after using one, he would obtain another one. It was quite the coincidence.

Following this, Zhao Fu looked at the second item, an Innate Orb.

[Sky-Splitting Roar]: Grade: B grade, Description: Releases a powerful soundwave attack.

This skill probably counted as a special skill. Sound-type skills were different compared to normal skills, and because they were difficult to defend against, this skill was quite good.

The third item was another Talisman. This Talisman was unlike the Allmonster Warding Talisman, as the paper it was made on was gold and the ink was white, but it also had mysterious runes on it.

[10,000 Kilometer Teleportation Talisman]: A very mysterious high-grade Talisman that can teleport the user anywhere within a 10,000-kilometer radius area, and it ignores all spatial locks.

After looking at the Talisman's description, Zhao Fu was shocked. He knew that the Talisman was quite powerful, as it could teleport him within a 10,000-kilometer radius area without a teleportation channel. What's more, it could even be used when there were spatial locks, which added to its value.

Zhao Fu did some tests and found that it could even be used in Void Zones. However, this item was a consumable, and it could only be used once.

Compared to the items that the Ironback Demon Bear dropped, these three items were quite lacking, and there wasn't a City Creation Stone. Perhaps Zhao Fu had used up all of his luck after killing the Ironback Demon Bear.

Finally, Zhao Fu took out the silver clay. The clay looked quite soft, but it was actually quite hard, and Zhao Fu found that he could not mold it as he wished. It was most likely similar to the statues from Dens, as it had also been floating above the round stage. Zhao Fu looked at its description.

[Universal Den]: Grade: Silver, Description: A Special Den that any creature can conquer, and it will spawn creatures of the same race.

After seeing this, Zhao Fu was quite shocked. This Den was not restricted by race, so any animal could conquer and spawn the same type of animal.

This item was definitely incredibly precious, but Zhao Fu wasn't sure if it could really spawn any type of creature. For example, if Zhao Fu obtained a dragon and had it conquer this Den, would it spawn dragons? If it could, Zhao Fu would laugh himself to death.

It seemed that the risk he had taken had definitely paid off. Even though the items that the Whitefur Monkey King dropped were quite lacking, he had obtained a Special Den, so Zhao Fu was quite content. His only regret was that he had not been able to obtain any of those white spirit fruits.

Chapter 117: Not A Cruel Lord

At the same time, this Den was an Advanced Den, so after choosing to conquer and [Relocate] it, the Great Qin Village received 6,000 or so EXP and Zhao Fu obtained 200 Achievement Points. However, because of the King's Ring's effects, which granted 400% EXP and 200% Achievement Points, the Great Qin Village obtained 24,000 EXP and Zhao Fu received 400 Achievement Points.

After receiving these 400 Achievement Points, Zhao Fu's status rose to Second-Ranked Baron, which allowed him to purchase another lot of land in main cities and to hire 10 more Stage 1 guards. Rising to First-Ranked Baron required another 3,000 Achievement Points.

"Please enjoy, Your Majesty," One of the soldiers said as he respectfully handed over a roasted wild rabbit to Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu nodded and put all of the items back into his King's Ring before taking the rabbit and eating it.

After they had all eaten their fill, they continued to explore. Apart from encountering some ferocious beasts, which Zhao Fu dealt with easily, they did not find anything. They were not able to find even a trace of a Void Beast.

Just like that, the first day passed without any results, and the second day was the same. It was evident just how rare Void Beasts were. On the third day, Zhao Fu carried a bit of hope as he went to the six traps that they had set up before.

The first trap had not been triggered, and the Rainbow Demon Trap that was used as bait was still in the same state as before. Seeing this, Zhao Fu felt quite disappointed and ordered the soldiers to take down the trap. Because they were going to meet with Bai Qi's party today, there was no point in leaving the trap here.

The second trap on the top of the tree had been triggered, but it had caught a Whitefur Monkey. This made Zhao Fu feel even more disappointed because he could hear noises coming from the trap when he was below it. However, the greater the hope, the greater the disappointment would be.

Following this, they went to the third trap and found that it had also been triggered. However, it had caught a large rat. Not including its tail, its body was nearly 1 meter long.

After looking at the rat's information, Zhao Fu found that it was just a normal Cave Rat. Most restaurants had a Scallion Fried Rat dish, as did Zhao Fu's Westfall Restaurant.

The fourth and fifth traps had not been triggered, and the Rainbow Demon Fruits that had served as bait were also in the same state as before. As such, Zhao Fu and his soldiers placed all of their hopes in the final trap.

Zhao Fu placed the sixth trap near a creek, and after arriving, he was quite shocked by what he saw.

The cage, which was forged from bronze concentrate, had been completely destroyed, and it had been reduced to scrap metal, while the Rainbow Demon Fruit was gone.

Zhao Fu walked over and found some scales on the ground. It must have been some incredibly strong beast that had easily destroyed the cage, but it definitely wasn't a Void Beast – after all, Void Beasts were not very strong, and they were only extremely fast.

Zhao Fu looked around but didn't find anything, and he could only meet up with Bai Qi with a disappointed expression on his face.

Bai Qi and his party had been waiting at the meeting point for a while, and after walking over, Zhao Fu found that there wasn't a look of joy on Bai Qi's face. He could guess what Bai Qi was going to say, but he couldn't help but ask, "Bai Qi, were you able to find anything?"

Bai Qi sighed and shook his head, saying, "Your Majesty, we were unable to obtain anything. Four of our traps were triggered, but they weren't triggered by Void Beasts, and we only have two Rainbow Demon Fruits left.

Hearing this, Zhao Fu nodded. He had three Rainbow Demon Fruits left, so they altogether had five remaining. Zhao Fu started to doubt whether Rainbow Demon Fruits could really attract Void Beasts, but because he had no other way of luring them, he had to continue using this method.

"Bai Qi, let's go deeper into the Void Zone. If we don't find anything, we can go somewhere else. After all, there are Void Zones in the boundaries leading to the other regions," Zhao Fu said. After all, they couldn't just sit around here and wait for a Void Beast to appear.

Bai Qi nodded, showing his support of this, and everyone started to head further into the Void Zone.

One day later, Zhao Fu and his party reached the depths of the Void Zone. Right now, everyone's expression was quite serious, and no one dared to be careless at all. They all spoke incredibly softly, as even normal creatures here had cultivated to Stage 0-7.

"Bai Qi, let's temporarily split up to see if we can find a Void Beast while also setting up some traps," Zhao Fu said.

Zhao Fu decided to once again split up and explore. If they were unable to find anything this time, they would have to go to a different Void Zone.

Zhao Fu only brought a few ordinary soldiers like before. It was quite dangerous here, and not too long after splitting up, they encountered 10 or so Wind Wolves.

These Wild Wolves had massive bodies, and they were almost 2 meters long. They had azure-colored fur and cold, cruel-looking eyes. After discovering Zhao Fu's party, they immediately opened their mouths, sending 10 or so wind blades flying towards them.

Zhao Fu stood at the front and expressionlessly watched the wind blades fly towards them. He raised his sword, sending a 10-meter long arc of black light at them, causing the 10 or so wind blades to explode. They turned into a berserk gust of wind that blew around, sending countless leaves into the air.

When the Wind Wolves saw that their wind blades were ineffective, the Wind Wolves shot towards Zhao Fu, while Zhao Fu stood his ground and watched them approach.

His first strike pierced through the first Wind Wolf's throat, and the second stabbed through another Wind Wolf's throat. Zhao Fu's third strike chopped a Wind Wolf in half at its waist, and his fourth strike released a massive black sword light from the Sky Demon Sword, which covered five Wind Wolves. After passing by them, the five Wind Wolves were reduced to blood and bloodied fragments, making the scene reek of blood.

All of this happened in the blink of an eye, and eight Wind Wolves had died just like that. Zhao Fu hadn't moved from his original position, and the remaining Wind Wolves saw how powerful he was. They didn't dare to continue rushing at him, and they growled before running away wretchedly.

Seeing the wolves turn and run, Zhao Fu did not chase after them. He picked up the two Innate Orbs that were dropped, and the Sky Demon Sword devoured their fleshly essence in an instant, reducing them to withered corpses.

The soldiers behind Zhao Fu were ashamed because it was not them protecting Zhao Fu, but Zhao Fu protecting them. When had there ever been a King who protected his soldiers?

However, Zhao Fu did not mind this. He wasn't a cruel, ruthless lord, and he didn't feel any joy when his soldiers died for him. If they had the strength to deal with the Wind Wolves, he wouldn't have acted, so he could give them an opportunity to develop their battle power. However, these Wind Wolves' strength was at least at Stage 0-8, and because there were many of them, these ordinary soldiers definitely would have died.

Following this, Zhao Fu and his soldiers continued to explore, but they didn't find anything. They set up their traps before meeting up with Bai Qi's party again.

This time, many of the people in Bai Qi's party had been injured, causing Zhao Fu to frown. However, after asking about this, Bai Qi told him some good news.

Chapter 118: Claiming to be Kings and Emperors

The good news was not that they had caught a Void Beast or obtained information about Void Beasts but that Bai Qi had found a type of spirit grass.

This spirit grass was somewhat blue, and it only had two leaves, which looked like willow leaves. The spirit grass was about 15 centimeters long, and it had many fur-like roots. This spirit grass was called Hundred Origin Grass.

Before, Zhao Fu had obtained a pill recipe for a medicinal pill called the Hundred Origin Pill, and it was a Stage 2 medicinal pill that could increase one's cultivation speed by four times. Its main ingredient was Hundred Origin Grass.

This time, Bai Qi brought back 1,000 or so Hundred Origin Grasses, and of course, Zhao Fu would not use them directly. Instead, he would take them back to the Great Qin Village to plant.

However, it would take some time for the Hundred Origin Grass's value to be displayed. After refining them into Hundred Origin Pills, Zhao Fu's A grade soldiers would be able to cultivate at four times their

normal speed, and soon, he would have many Stage 1 soldiers. That way, he would be able to reduce the gap between his forces' strength and the system factions' forces' strength.

After all, the guards at the main cities started off at Stage 1, and they could cultivate too. Adding on the massive amount of resources that the system factions had, their guards' cultivation speed would not be slow. If they did not make up for this gap early on, the gap would only grow greater and greater as time went by.

It could be said that if players wanted to become the sovereigns of this world, the system factions were like an unscalable mountain. At most, players currently held an advantage in numbers, but they were weaker than the system factions in all other regards. At the same time, while the players developed, the system factions also developed. Perhaps some would even have the ambition to claim to be Kings and Emperors.

Of course, right now, the system factions had various restrictions, so players needed to grasp this opportunity to develop as much as possible. Once these restrictions were gone, who knew what a system faction would do. For example, if the ruler of a main city did not like players and feared that the players would grow too powerful, they could massacre an entire city of players.

However, from the look of things so far, it seemed that the relationship between system factions and players was quite good. However, conflict was bound to occur sooner or later, and Zhao Fu mentally prepared himself for this.

Obtaining 1,000 or so Hundred Origin Grasses made Zhao Fu feel happier, but they were still unable to find a single Void Beast. Bai Qi had also set up three traps, and they would check all of the traps tomorrow. If the outcome was still the same as before, they would have to go somewhere else to look for Void Beasts.

The weather was not very good that night, and dark clouds filled the sky. Bolts of lightning occasionally streaked down the night sky, and it rained continuously throughout the night. Luckily, Zhao Fu's party had prepared tents, which they used to escape the storm.

Early the next day, because of the rainy night, the air was extremely pure and clear, and the sky was a beautiful blue color. The surrounding grasses, flowers, and trees all seemed to glimmer and sparkle after being washed by the rain.

Zhao Fu got up bright and early, and he stood on a hill nearby to appreciate the scenery.

Just as he was about to leave and check on the five traps, he saw a person riding on a donkey appear before him.

This person was a man, and he looked 25 or 26 years old. He was quite handsome-looking, was wearing white clothes, had a sword by his side, and gave off an elegant feeling.

He lazily stretched and leaned against the donkey, which was walking quite shakily. The donkey he was riding on looked quite special. Even though it looked just like a normal donkey, Zhao Fu could tell from its eyes that it possessed great intelligence, and it was at least on the same level as Little Grey and Little Black.

This person gave off a mysterious feeling, and it seemed like he should not be underestimated. As soon as Zhao Fu looked over, his gaze was stuck to him.

“Hello!” At this moment, the man also discovered Zhao Fu standing on the hill, and he smiled as he waved at him.

From this, Zhao Fu realized that he was a player. For a player to enter this place and survive by himself, he was definitely quite powerful.

Since the other party had greeted him, Zhao Fu also smiled and greeted him back.

The man lightly patted his donkey before coming over to Zhao Fu’s side and asking with a smile, “I never thought I’d meet someone here. What is your name, sir?”

Zhao Fu thought for a moment before replying, “I’m called Zhao Xin!”

Hearing Zhao Fu’s name, the man nodded and introduced himself too, “I’m called Zhang Heng! That’s right, do you know which way Little Valley is? I seem to be lost,” Zhang Heng suddenly thought of something and asked.

Hearing this, Zhao Fu did not hide anything as he pointed out, “It’s that way!”

Zhang Heng turned and looked before smiling and saying, “Many thanks!”

Zhao Fu shook his head, softly replying, “Not at all!”

Zhang Heng turned his donkey in the direction that Zhao Fu had pointed in and smiled before saying, “See you next time!”

After saying this, he rode his donkey in the direction that Zhao Fu had pointed in.

However, his words caused Zhao Fu to frown because he could tell the hidden intent in that man’s words. He seemed very certain that they would meet again. Even though they had only exchanged a few sentences, Zhao Fu couldn’t help but feel wary of him. He had given Zhao Fu a very mysterious and dangerous feeling, and it was the first time Zhao Fu had felt this before.

Just as Zhan Heng left, a soldier came up and said, “Your Majesty, breakfast has been prepared!”

Hearing this, Zhao Fu returned to the tent and talked to Bai Qi about this. Bai Qi’s expression became serious as he said, “Someone was actually able to make Your Majesty feel that way? He must be an extraordinary person!”

Nearby, Zhang Heng was riding his donkey and slowly advancing when the donkey suddenly brayed a few times. Zhang Heng smiled and patted the donkey’s head before saying, “I know he’s not simple, and he even has something from the School of Yin Yang that can hide his Fate – those things are very rare! But don’t worry, we’ll definitely meet in the future.”

Meeting Zhang Heng was like a brief interlude for Zhao Fu, and he told Bai Qi about the meeting; however, they couldn’t do anything about him. They could only be wary of Zhang Heng if they met him again in the future.

Following this, Zhao Fu and his party went to look at the five traps. If they were unable to catch any Void Beasts, they would have to go to one of the three other places to try their luck.

As they walked towards the first trap, they could hear that something seemed to be banging against the cage. Zhao Fu and his party walked over and found that it was another Cave Rat, causing him to sigh.

Following this, they went to the second trap. There were also sounds coming from it, but it was a single-horned goat, which also wasn't a Void Beast.

Zhao Fu and his party then went to the third trap. They didn't hear any noises coming from it as they walked, and they saw that the trap had not been triggered. The Rainbow Demon Fruit was still there.

There were only two traps left. When they were walking towards the fourth trap, they did not hear anything, and they saw that it had not been triggered. When they were walking towards the fifth trap, they still didn't hear any noise from in front of them.

Chapter 119: Blood Contract

They had thought that the trap hadn't been triggered, but after walking up to the cage, they saw a little cat in the cage. The little cat had snow-white fur, which looked incredibly soft and made one want to reach over and touch it. It looked like a cute little pet, and because it was currently lying in the cage with its eyes shut, it seemed to be sleeping.

However, what was different between this creature and a cat was that it had a rhombus-shaped crystal on its forehead, which was a Void Crystal. Evidently, this little cat was a Void Beast.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu was delighted. After searching for so long, he had finally found one today. Everyone came over to the cage, and when the little cat heard this, it opened its pure-white eyes. Seeing so many people standing around it, it became incredibly scared and started to run around the cage. However, it couldn't escape.

"Congratulations, Your Majesty!" Seeing that they had finally caught a Void Beast, everyone smiled and congratulated Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu nodded and also smiled as he looked at the Void Beast trying to escape. He stretched his hand into the cage, and the Void Beast was pulled into his grasp.

The Void Beast struggled vigorously within Zhao Fu's grasp and howled, and it felt a sense of danger. The black-cloaked person in front of it seemed to want to kill it, so it madly struggled; however, it did not have the strength to escape from the hand that was holding it.

By now, Zhao Fu's other hand was around the Void Beast's neck, and he about to break the Void Beast's neck and take the Void Crystal.

Feeling the large hand on its neck, the Void Beast knew that if the hand twisted, its life would be over. The Void Beast's eyes were filled with terror and despair, and tears poured out of its eyes. It looked at the black-cloaked figure with a pleading expression in the hopes that the person would spare it.

The Void Beast looked a lot like a little cat and was extremely cute. If it fell into someone else's hands, that person would have definitely treasured it and treated it lovingly.

Its teary eyes seemed to be able to move anyone. However, it was a pity that it had fallen into Zhao Fu's hands. Zhao Fu was a very rational person, and he would not let it go simply because it looked cute, as he needed its Void Crystal.

Zhao Fu's hands started to twist, and the Void Beast struggled in despair as an aura of death enveloped it.

Suddenly, Zhao Fu stopped because he suddenly remembered the Universal Den that he had obtained. The description had said that it could be conquered by any creature and that it would spawn that kind of creature. Perhaps it could even spawn Void Beasts.

A single Void Crystal could only allow a single teleportation channel to connect with the outer world, which meant that this Void Crystal could only open up a single path. If Zhao Fu wanted to go to other places, he would need more Void Crystals. The more paths he wanted to open up, the more Void Crystals he needed.

However, given how rare Void Beasts were, it would be incredibly difficult to obtain a large number of Void Crystals. However, if Zhao Fu was able to spawn Void Beasts using a Den, the benefits Zhao Fu would gain would be massive.

Zhao Fu put the Void Beast back into the cage and took out a piece of paper. This was similar to the Life-or-Death Contract that Liu Mei had used. Back when Liu Mei had used the Life-or-Death Contract, Zhao Fu had been quite interested in it, and since then, he had bought a few. Now, it was time to use one.

Zhao Fu pricked his finger, allowing a drop of his blood to fall onto the Contract. After absorbing his blood, the Contract gave off a faint blood-red light before turning into countless blood-red motes of light that went into Zhao Fu's body and into the Void Beast's body. Seeing the motes of light come close, the Void Beast did not resist and closed its eyes.

Contract complete!

Zhao Fu opened the cage, but the Void Beast still had fear in its pure-white eyes and looked at Zhao Fu pitifully. However, it did not try to run because it knew that it would not be able to escape with the Contract complete.

Zhao Fu smiled and picked it up. This time, Zhao Fu was much friendlier towards it, and he cuddled it in his arms. He gently stroked its head, trying to calm it down as much as possible.

"Let's go!" Their goal was to catch a Void Beast, and now that they had caught one, there was no need for them to continue staying here.

Three days later, Zhao Fu's party returned to the Great Qin Village. Over the past 10 or so days, the Great Qin Village had been through some great changes. The first was that a lot of work had been done on the wall. Now, the east-facing and west-facing sides of the wall were almost complete. The wall was 10 meters high and a pure white color, giving it a feeling of purity and majesty.

These walls were already on the level of City Walls, and because there were no restrictions, Zhao Fu could build his walls however he liked. Of course, these walls were not the final form of the Great Qin Village's City Walls – as the Great Qin Village developed, these walls would also be upgraded.

As the Great Qin Village's 10 Departments started working, the Great Qin Village became much more ordered than before, and it was easier to manage. Everything, including everything from streets to houses, was cleaner and more orderly than before.

The Great Qin Village was now only 2,000 or so EXP away from leveling up to a Town, which was not much. Perhaps it would even happen today.

Apart from the development of the village, Zhang Dahu had also risen to a Stage 1 General, and he had started to train his Unique Military Profession. Zhang Dahu did not choose the Great Qin Village's Iron Eagle Elite Soldiers, and he instead trained his own Unique Military Profession called the Tiger Saber Corps.

The Tiger Saber Corps used sabers and were adept in both infantry and cavalry battles. The development of the Tiger Sabre Corps would be left completely to Zhang Dahu.

What surprised Zhao Fu was that Li Si had already broken through to Stage 1. Zhao Fu had always treated Li Si as an Internal Affairs Minister, and aside from talking with him about governmental matters, Zhao Fu had never asked him about his cultivation. Now that he had heard that Li Si had broken through to Stage 1, he was stunned.

In actuality, Li Si's grade was quite high, SS grade, and he had been by Zhao Fu's side since the creation of the Great Qin Village.

Li Si was not a General, so he did not unlock a Unique Military Profession. However, he unlocked an ability that allowed him to foster and train people in managing internal affairs. Generals could conquer lands and maintain order. Even though they had exceptional fighting abilities and were quite powerful, they could not be used for governance.

As for Ministers, they did not have any fighting abilities, but their ability to govern couldn't be matched by Generals.

One was tough, and the other was soft. They balanced each other out like Yin and Yang, so Zhao Fu decided to develop both Ministers and Generals.

There was also one other matter, which was that the academy had been completed. The academy covered about one hectare, and there were 12 teaching rooms. It could accommodate 800 or so students, and after being completed, it was waiting to be given a name by Zhao Fu.

Chapter 120: Confidence to Rule the World

This was the Great Qin Village's first academy, so Zhao Fu took some time to think about it. The academy could be the Great Qin Village's future, and it could become an existence similar to Tsinghua University and Peking University in China.

Zhao Fu thought about it for a while, and he decided to name it 'Rising Qin Academy.'

The meaning behind this name was quite simple. First, this was an academy created by Great Qin; second, this academy would witness the rise of Great Qin; third, this academy would foster many talents.

Meng Haoran became the first Principal of Rising Qin Academy, and it would be impossible for him to teach all of the students by himself. However, he had long since thought about this problem, and while the academy was being constructed, he had found 10 or so people who could read. He taught them how to teach and gave them some training before making them teachers.

What made Zhao Fu surprised was that Asani actually chose to be a teacher. Even though she was still quite young, she passed Meng Haoran's tests and became a teacher.

Rising Qin Academy only accepted children at or below 14 years of age, as those above 14 years of age were considered to have passed schooling age. In the Heaven Awaken World, they couldn't use the same schooling system in the real world because in a few years, those children would start working or join the army.

As soon as Rising Qin Academy opened, many people brought their children to enroll. There were Humans, Elves, Orcs, and many other races. Because they knew how much Zhao Fu valued education, who wouldn't want their sons and daughters to rise like dragons and phoenixes? By enrolling their children in the academy, their children would greatly benefit. This was something that they all wanted.

Seeing so many people enroll, Zhao Fu decided to expand Rising Qin Academy – not in education but in military strategy and tactics. Zhao Fu decided to split Rising Qin Academy into a Civil Branch and a Military Branch in order to develop both Ministers and Generals.

After dealing with these matters, Zhao Fu went to a vacant piece of land in the Great Qin Village and chose to use the Special Den. Using a Den was the same as using a City Creation Stone – a ripple of light spread out as a round stage came into existence.

Zhao Fu then brought out the Void Beast from within his clothes and told it to conquer the Den. The Void Beast obediently jumped down, went to the silver clay, and chose to conquer it.

Following this, the Den's information changed:

[Den – Void Beast] (Basic: 0/5000): Grade: Silver, Description: A Den of Void Beasts that will spawn one Void Beast every three days.

It really could spawn Void Beasts, and Zhao Fu couldn't help but laugh in delight. Because of this, he would be able to open paths to the entire world.

Zhao Fu would be able to send his subordinates to every corner of the world ahead of everyone else and silently observe the other factions, gaining comprehensive intelligence reports. He could also create a Merchant Group and import and export goods. He would be able to buy ordinary things in this region for low prices and sell them for high prices in other regions, and the more valuable the items, the greater the profits would be.

At the same time, with his status as a Second-Ranked Baron, he could continue to open restaurants and expand his restaurant empire throughout the world. If the entire Heaven Awaken World was filled with his restaurants, his wealth would rival that of nations.

Zhao Fu smiled and picked up the Void Beast before stroking its head and stretching his hand out towards it. The Void Beast nodded before closing its eyes and grimacing, and the rhombus-shaped crystal fell from its head.

As the owner of this Void Beast, Zhao Fu now understood that he didn't actually have to kill the Void Beast to use its Void Crystal. However, it took Void Beasts a very long time to condense a Void Crystal, so he could not mass-produce them.

After the Void Crystal fell from the Void Beast's head, the Void Beast became quite weak, and Zhao Fu stroked its head and fed it a Little Spirit Pill, saying, "Don't worry, I definitely won't neglect you in the future. From now onwards, I'll call you Little White!"

Little White ate the Little Spirit Pill and weakly mewed before licking Zhao Fu's finger a few times. Seeing this, Zhao Fu smiled and held it in his arms.

Now that this Den could spawn a Void Beast every three days, this meant that Zhao Fu could open up a path to the outside world every three days. This was incredibly important to the Great Qin Village, and if Zhao Fu wasn't confident that he could rule the world before, he now had a trace of confidence.

This matter was so important that it completely changed Zhao Fu's future plans for the Great Qin Village. Zhao Fu held Little White in his arms and gathered Li Si, Bai Qi, and his other important subordinates before starting to talk with them.

This discussion was the longest one that they ever had, and it went on for more than a day. Despite this, they had only made rough plans, but that was all they could do for now. In the future, they would develop those plans more.

After concluding this discussion, it was night time, and Zhao Fu went 50 kilometers east of the Great Qin Village to use the Gold grade City Creation Stone that he had recently obtained.

That seemed quite far away from the Great Qin Village, but Zhao Fu was thinking long term. Gold grade City Creation Stones were quite rare, and they would give many stats bonuses.

In the future, it would also become an important city, which was why Zhao Fu had placed it so far away. First, Zhao Fu wanted to completely solidify his rule over the 100-kilometer radius area around the Great Qin Village, and after making sure of this, he would expand outwards.

Zhao Fu placed the Gold grade City Creation Stone on the ground and ripples of golden light spread out. Buildings started to come into existence, and a few people appeared as well.

"System announcement! Congratulations, you have used a City Creation Stone. Please give your village a name."

When using a City Creation Stone that had never been used before, one could name the village whatever one wanted. Zhao Fu originally wanted to call it Eastquell Village, as its purpose was to suppress and quell the area east of the Great Qin Village. However, at that moment, the sun started to rise, casting light over the darkness and creating a glorious scene.

The majesty of this scene caused Zhao Fu to change his mind, and he named the village Eastdawn Village in the hopes that it would be like the sun dawning in the east. After giving the village its name, Zhao Fu

looked at the three people who had appeared with the village: the Blacksmith, Tailor, and Apothecary, who were all A grade.

Zhao Fu sent many soldiers to guard this village and then decided to use the Void Crystal from Little White to open up a path to another region.

At this moment, one of the exploration teams finally conquered an Intermediate Village elsewhere, causing a large amount of EXP to pour in. The Great Qin Village's City Creation Stone clanged, and a black light exploded out from it and rushed up into the clouds.