

The Lord's Empire

Chapter 26: Grey Wolf King

Zhao Fu sent two people to take the Azure Oxen back to the Great Qin Village while the rest of the party continued onwards. At this moment, some rustling could be heard from the grass nearby, causing everyone to stop. A Violent Flame Rabbit jumped out – this Violent Flame Rabbit was smaller than the one they had encountered some time ago.

Violent Flame Rabbits have extremely explosive temperaments, and it dared to attack Zhao Fu's massive group of people, a fireball flying towards them.

A Shieldbearer raised his shield and stepped forwards, blocking the fireball easily. The force behind the fireball only caused him to take a single step back, and he barely took any damage at all.

At this moment, Zhao Fu ordered his Archers to attack. Facing so many arrows, the Violent Flame Rabbit tried to dodge as quickly as it could, but it ended up just being shot to death. However, after the Violent Flame Rabbit died, it did not drop a red orb, making Zhao Fu feel quite disappointed.

They continued forwards and encountered 30 or so Black Mountain Sheep. They used traps to once again capture and tame them, and this happened quite a few times over the next few days before they returned.

In the end, they tamed quite a few wild beasts: 36 wild boars, 85 Azure Oxen, and 215 Black Mountain Sheep.

They did not obtain a single Magic skill or find any horses. Over these few days, Wang Dawu had done a simple repair on all of the weapons they had obtained at the bottom of the crack and on the plate armor.

After changing their equipment, out of the 30 people that Zhao Fu had brought with him, most of the Archers and Shieldbearers had Blue grade weapons, while almost every Infantryman had Blue grade weapons.

After Wang Dawu completed these, Zhao Fu ordered him to create some special equipment. This equipment was designed by Zhao Fu, Bai Qi, and Li Si to deal specifically with the Skeletons.

Zhao Fu continued taking people to the Forest of Horrors in hopes of encountering some magic beasts or horses.

At this moment, Zhao Fu was passing by a mountain valley when a few Grey Wolves suddenly rushed at them. They were quickly killed by the Archers, but this piqued Zhao Fu's curiosity, so he decided to explore the valley.

Who would have thought that he would find a Den within the valley? Zhao Fu and his soldiers hid on a mountain slope nearby, scoping out the area.

Below them was the mountain valley, and there was a flat piece of land around 3,000 meters in length. There were wild grasses growing around it, but there was a round stage made of brick at the center, and it looked very much like the [Origin] of a village. However, there was a statue of a wolf floating above the round stage.

There were many Grey Wolves around the round stage who were playing and fighting. There seemed to be around 400 to 500 of them, and there was even a Wolf King among them. It was as big as a tiger and had soft-looking grey fur. Its gaze was sharp, and the fur on its head was silver.

Even though they had not discovered any magic beasts or horses, Zhao Fu was quite happy to have made such a discovery.

Zhao Fu immediately returned to the Great Qin Village, gathered his forces, and headed back to the Grey Wolf valley with 326 soldiers.

Of course, Zhao Fu did not launch a direct attack. Unless he held an overwhelming advantage, he would never do such a thing, so they first hid for a while. He then ordered his soldiers to start creating traps to lure the wolves out. It was quite simple: they would use fresh meat and blood to attract them. The traps didn't even have to be too close to the wolves because wolves have an excellent sense of smell. Luring over 10 or so wolves would be enough.

Zhao Fu caught and killed a few wild deer, cutting up their corpses and pouring their blood on the ground to ensure the success of the traps. Those who were ordered to hide nearby rolled around in the mud for a while and used bits of chili and garlic to cover their scent.

The plan went quite successfully. Soon, 10 or so Grey Wolves were attracted by the scent of blood and guts. The Grey Wolves were still quite alert and did not immediately leap onto the deer meat. Instead, they used their sense of smell from a distance, and after not discovering any danger, they slowly approached.

Following this, the Grey Wolves went beside the deer meat but did not immediately start eating. They lowered their heads and smelled it – it would have been impossible for Zhao Fu to use poison – and after confirming that the deer meat was fine, they started to eat when...

Swish! Swish! Swish...

Arrows shot out of the forest towards the Grey Wolves. They were greatly startled and turned to run away, but many of them were still killed. A few of them were able to escape from the rain of arrows but were immediately cornered by Zhao Fu's hidden soldiers.

At this moment, one of the Grey Wolves stopped and raised its head. Zhao Fu realised that it was about to howl to attract over other Grey Wolves – this would cause his plan to fail, so he quickly drew his bow and shot an arrow at it.

The arrow drew an arc through the air, glinting with a cold light.

Puchi!

The arrow stabbed into the Grey Wolf's neck, causing it to fall to the ground and rasp quietly. After twitching a few times, it died on the spot. Zhao Fu gave the order for the other Grey Wolves to be quickly killed so that they wouldn't have an opportunity to call the other wolves.

Zhao Fu's people quickly acted, disposing of the remaining Grey Wolves. After this, they continuously used the same method to lure over Grey Wolves but became much more careful.

In this way, they killed 213 Grey Wolves. After so many wolves died, the Grey Wolf King in the mountain valley detected something and stood up, walked to a large rock, and raised its head.

“Awooooo~~~”

A massive howl echoed throughout the valley, and the wolves that had been playing or eating all stopped what they were doing and howled in response.

“Awoooo! Awooo! Awooo...”

Wolves from all over the valley howled, giving off a fearsome aura and causing countless birds to fly away from the mountain valley.

By now, Zhao Fu and his soldiers had returned to the valley and gotten into formation. They marched with heavy footsteps, giving off the airs of a grand army as they entered the valley.

The Grey Wolf King on the large rock immediately saw Zhao Fu and his soldiers and furiously howled. The Grey Wolves started to rush at Zhao Fu's soldiers without regard for their lives, and soon, 300 Grey Wolves were rushing at them like a grey flood.

“Assume positions!” Zhao Fu loudly roared.

The Spear and Shield Soldiers took three steps forwards, pointing their spears at the Grey Wolves. The Archers also drew their bows as the Gnomes readied their crossbows.

“Fire!” Zhao Fu loudly called out when the Grey Wolves entered their attack range.

Swish! Swish! Swish...

The sound of the air being torn continuously sounded out as arrows and crossbow bolts streaked through the air, raining down on the Grey Wolves.

Chi! Chi! Chi...

As the rain of arrows and crossbow bolts descended, the Grey Wolves fell one after another, but there were still ones that continued running.

“Fire!” Zhao Fu once again roared.

Arrows and crossbow bolts once again filled the sky, covering the pack of Grey Wolves and killing many of them.

By now, the surviving Grey Wolves had reached Zhao Fu’s forces, and they sprang towards them. However, the Shieldbearers at the front stabbed out with their spears.

Chi! Chi! Chi...

Blood splattered everywhere as multiple Grey Wolves were pierced by the spears. Wolves were not very strong by themselves and were only powerful in packs. After going through two waves of arrows and crossbow bolts, there were only 150 or so Grey Wolves remaining from the 300 Grey Wolves. Even though there were still many of them, Zhao Fu’s forces had double their numbers and were in perfect formation, creating an unbreakable wall. The battle was completely in Zhao Fu’s favor.

The Grey Wolf King could not watch on anymore, its body turning into a black blur as it rushed towards Zhao Fu’s soldiers.

Rate Translation Quality

Chapter 27: Little Spirit Grass

The Grey Wolf King was incredibly fast, and it arrived before the Shieldbearers in the blink of an eye. It ferociously snarled as it leaped towards the Shieldbearers.

However, at this moment, 2 blood-colored fireballs flew towards it. Old Logue, who had done nothing this entire time, finally acted. The Grey Wolf King was quite surprised and twisted its body, narrowly avoiding the fireballs. Just as it landed on the ground, it was savagely hit by a whip – Liu Mei had also acted.

Even though the whip didn't deal much damage to it, it still hurt quite a lot. After taking this hit, the Grey Wolf King turned and bared its fangs at Liu Mei, roaring as it rushed towards her.

However, before it could take a few steps, a figure suddenly arrived by its side.

Puchi!

A sword light flashed and blood flew out as Bai Qi, who had been long-prepared, also attacked. The Grey Wolf King cried out in pain and turned its head, biting towards Bai Qi.

Bai Qi was expecting this and quickly darted backwards.

Puchi!

An arrow pierced through one of the Grey Wolf King's front legs. Zhao Fu had an arrow nocked this entire time, and he had finally found an opportunity.

The Grey Wolf King was completely enraged by this chain of attacks, and it roared as it sprang towards Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu didn't look afraid at all when he saw the Grey Wolf King coming towards him. Zhao Fu did not move, and he instead calmly raised a hand as he sent a fireball towards it. The Grey Wolf King twisted and dodged it, but 2 blood-colored fireballs shot at it right after. The Grey Wolf King barely dodged one but was hit by the other one.

Bang!

A massive explosion sounded out as the Grey Wolf King was blasted backwards, scorching its fur. Just as it landed on the ground again, Bai Qi appeared by its side and slashed the Grey Wolf King, adding another injury to the Grey Wolf King's body and causing it to madly rush at him.

In the next instant, a whip tangled around its legs. Liu Mei gripped her whip with both hands, loudly laughing as the Grey Wolf King lost its balance and crashed to the ground.

This was the effect of a group of people coordinating together perfectly. Because they outnumbered the Grey Wolf King, it was barely able to counterattack at all. Since they

had the Grey Wolf King under control, Zhao Fu turned his attention to commanding his soldiers to eliminate the rest of the Grey Wolves.

10 minutes later, all of the Grey Wolves had been killed, dropping countless copper coins. Only a few of the soldiers had been bitten, and their injuries were not too serious.

Zhao Fu turned his attention back to the Grey Wolf King. By now, its body was riddled with injuries, and it looked extremely pitiful. Zhao Fu thought about it and decided not to kill the Grey Wolf King – the benefits of taming it far exceeded the benefits from killing it, so he ordered people to use ropes to tie it up.

The Grey Wolf King no longer had any strength left, and with the cooperation of Bai Qi and the others, it was soon trussed up.

Zhao Fu lightly smiled. As everyone else cleared the battlefield, he walked over to the Grey Wolf King and looked at it.

The Grey Wolf King savagely glared at Zhao Fu, and it wanted to kill him and eat him in one gulp. However, Zhao Fu did not mind, and he placed his hand on the Grey Wolf King's head. Because its mouth was tightly bound as well, he didn't have to be afraid of being bitten.

Zhao Fu tried using Taming, and a light came out from his hand, covering the Grey Wolf King's entire body. However, the Grey Wolf King struggled against it, causing it to fail.

Zhao Fu's gaze became serious, and he pressed his hand down on the Grey Wolf King's head with even more strength and used Taming again. However, the Grey Wolf King desperately struggled, and it escaped from the light again. A system announcement told Zhao Fu that his Taming had failed, and he was even knocked to the ground because the Grey Wolf King started flailing.

Seeing this, Bai Qi's eyes glinted as he walked over and said, "Your Majesty, wolves are a very proud type of animal, and they are very difficult to tame. It would be better to just kill it!"

"That's right! I've never eaten the meat of a Wolf King, and I really want to try it!" Liu Mei said as she ran over and looked at the Grey Wolf King. As she became closer with the Great Qin Village's people, she gradually stopped being reserved, and she did not worry about Zhao Fu killing her anymore.

Zhao Fu shook his head, refusing to take their advice. He decided to try again. When he came before the Grey Wolf King, he said calmly, "You must be furious because I killed your clan. However, in this world, the strong prey on the weak. If you submit to me, one day, I'll make you the most respected existence in the Wolf Clan, and your Den will soon return to what it was like before. If you don't agree, I'll just kill you and wait for the

next Wolf King to appear. A conflicted look appeared in the Grey Wolf King's eyes before it chose to submit.

“System announcement! You have obtained the loyalty of a Chief class creature, the Grey Wolf King.”

“System announcement! You have obtained 50 Achievement Points for subduing a Chief class creature.”

Zhao Fu was quite surprised and pleased to find out that he had received Achievement Points too. He used some basic healing on the Grey Wolf King, and Bai Qi and Old Logue continuously congratulated him. On the other hand, Liu Mei pouted unhappily because she would not be able to try Wolf King meat.

Following this, Zhao Fu looked at the Grey Wolf King's stats.

[Grey Wolf King] (Chief)

Level: Stage 0-5

Grade: S

Stats: Strength: 15, Intelligence: 9, Agility: 17, Constitution: 11

Skills: Wolf King's Might (strikes fear into ordinary wolves and makes them submit), Bloodthirsty Bite (madly bites the enemy until the enemy is dead)

Zhao Fu was quite surprised to find that beasts had grades as well. Given that its level was in Stages just like a person's cultivation, the Grey Wolf King was most likely not just a wild beast but also a magic beast.

Zhao Fu left Bai Qi to clean up the battlefield, and Zhao Fu went to the Den and touched his hand to the statue of the wolf, receiving some information.

[Den – Grey Wolf]: (Primary 1800/5000), Grade: White, Description: The Den of Grey Wolves, spawns 2-5 Grey Wolves per day.

The Den's stats were quite similar to those of a Normal Village's. Zhao Fu chose to conquer it, and he received a system announcement notifying him that he had received 50 Achievement Points. This place was quite far from the Great Qin Village, so he chose to [Relocate] it. The Great Qin Village received 180 EXP, and the wolf-shaped statute shrank and fell into Zhao Fu's hand.

Zhao Fu was about to take the statue away and leave when he suddenly noticed large patches of jade-green, crystal-like grass. It looked quite extraordinary, and he couldn't help but take a closer look at it:

[Little Spirit Grass]: Grade: Stage 1 Medicinal Grass, Description: A type of spirit grass that can be used to make medicinal pills. Zhao Fu couldn't help but smile when he saw this. Before, Zhao Fu had obtained the pill recipe for Little Spirit Pill, but he could not make any due to the lack of ingredients. However, he had never expected to find the ingredients so easily.

There were thousands of blades of Little Spirit Grass here, and Zhao Fu immediately ordered his soldiers to start collecting them. He planned to use some to refine into pills, while the rest would be re-planted at the Great Qin Village. After all, the Great Qin Village reduced the amount of time it took to grow things, so Zhao Fu planned to plant Little Spirit Grass in mass amounts at the Great Qin Village.

Finally, after this, everyone returned to the Great Qin Village. They had obtained great gains today, and everyone looked quite delighted.

After returning to the Great Qin Village, Zhao Fu separated a plot of land for the Den. Wolves have a very acute sense of smell, so they could be used for hunting. Moreover, the materials from their bodies could be used for creating equipment, and the Den would spawn new Grey Wolves every day, which meant that there would be no need to breed them. Zhao Fu felt that he hadn't left the Heaven Awaken World in quite some time, so after he checked to make sure there weren't any pressing matters that needed to be attended to, he exited to the real world.

Chapter 28: Hundred School of Thought, School of Vertical and Horizontal

After returning to the real world, Zhao Fu made a bowl of instant noodles and turned on his computer as usual. He ate his instant noodles while looking through the Heaven Awaken World forum to see if there was anything new or interesting.

It turned out that there were indeed some new additions to the Heaven Awaken World forum. There was now a 'Hero Rankings.'

Currently, there were not any actual rankings in the Hero Rankings; right now, it was just a collection of descendants of the major heroes in history.

There were figures like the descendant of the Three Kingdom's Lü Bu, Lü Zhan, who could take on 10 bandits with his halberd; the descendant of the Tang Dynasty's Cheng Yaojin, Cheng Daman, who wielded his massive hatchet with great prowess; and the descendant of the Song Dynasty's Bao Qingtian, Bao Xiaoduan, who had godly deduction skills.

After these people entered the Heaven Awaken World, they received legacies and the professions of famed generals and officials. However, it was not clear if they were

willing to serve the empires that their ancestors served. They were all great talents and most likely thought highly of themselves; how could they not want to establish themselves in the Heaven Awaken World?

There was also some news that Zhuge Gui, the descendant of Zhuge Liang from the Three Kingdoms, had boldly stated that he would not serve his ancestor's master because he wanted to prove himself to be greater than his ancestor. There was also the descendant of the Ming Dynasty's Li Shanchang, Li Jun, who had sworn to face against Great Ming...

Apart from these, what also interested Zhao Fu was that some of the ancient Schools of Thought had started to make a comeback.

There were the Legalists, who used law to rule a country, the School of the Military, which specialised in war tactics, the Taoists, who followed the rhythm of the natural world and the Dao, the Confucianists, who sought to enlighten the world, the School of Yin Yang, which synthesised the concepts of yin yang and the five elements, the Logicians, who were skilled in debating, the Mohists, who advocated pacifism and defence, the Agriculturalists, who believed that people should live off the land, and the School of Miscellany, which tried to integrate the merits of various schools, such as Confucianists, Mohists, Legalists, while avoiding their perceived flaws...

There truly were a 'Hundred Schools of Thought' all battling for supremacy. The Heaven Awaken World was becoming more and more interesting, and Zhao Fu lightly laughed before his expression became grim.

"The common people live in suffering, and flames of war fill the world.

The schools of thought number one hundred, but only I travel vertically and horizontally unhindered.

The sky contains the stars and the moon, and the earth contains the Ghost Valley.

One vertical and one horizontal, unable to be comprehended for hundreds of years."

"The School of Vertical and Horizontal!" Zhao Fu looked at this School seriously. He had to take this School seriously because it was much too dangerous.

The Five Hegemons of the Spring and Autumn period and the Seven Powerful States during the Warring States period – behind each of their rises and falls was a single name: The Ghost Valley's School of Vertical and Horizontal.

Pang Juan joined the state of Wei, and his bravery and martial might surpassed everyone else's. He was an invincible force that gained victories over Han, Zhao, Chu, and Qi, causing the once-weak state of Wei to sweep away everything in the world and to dominate the central plains. Sun Bin joined the state of Qi, and with his matchless

intellect, he reduced Zhao, Wei, Han, and Chu's might, causing the state of Qi to once again gain dominance. After he died, his books on military strategy were passed on for countless generations.

Afterwards, strategist Su Qin advocated the 'Vertical Alliance' system, rallying the six states to ally against Qin, while Zhang Yi advocated the 'Horizontal Alliance' system, which supported alliances with the state of Qin to destroy the six states. The two people saw the entire world as a chess board and the countless lives as chess pieces.

Even though this School had very few people, it commanded both the respect and fear of all people. People respected the School of Vertical and Horizontal because gaining the loyalty of someone from the School of Vertical and Horizontal would be even greater than obtaining millions of experts. They were terrifying because they had the power to destroy an entire nation.

Zhao Fu paid some mind to this School, and he felt a strange sense of heaviness in his heart. In the end, he could only sigh and continue reading.

After this, the biggest matter pertained to the Ying family. The Ying family was looking for anyone with their family's bloodline and claimed that they would treat him or her generously. The Ying Family also asked the person who obtained their ancestor's legacy to quickly go to their main branch – no matter if it was wealth, power, or beauty, the Ying family would satisfy that person completely, and it would allow that person to become the inheritor of the next generation of the Ying family.

Zhao Fu thought about it for a moment, but because he didn't want to join the Ying family, he didn't give much thought to the matter.

However, this matter caught the attention of all of the other powerful families. In terms of strength and foundation, Xia, Shang, Zhou, Qin, and Han were the 5 most powerful overlords. After Han, China descended into chaos, and no dynasty could rival those first 5.

In this world, who didn't have ambition or want to conquer the world? Normal families could only look up to the families with the legacies of kingdoms and nations, while those families could only look up to families with the legacies of empires with their own dynasties. Those who had the legacies of empires could only look up to those 5 families.

This was truly a new warring states period, and after finishing his instant noodles, Zhao Fu drank the noodle soup and entered the Heaven Awaken World.

.....

After entering the Heaven Awaken World, Li Si walked over to Zhao Fu, gave him a bottle of medicinal pills, and said that they were the Little Spirit Pills that they had

successfully refined. Zhao Fu took off the cap and a fragrant and refreshing aroma came out from the bottle.

Zhao Fu nodded and returned to his room to try out the effects. He took one of the medicinal pills, which was a faint red color and about the size of a soybean, and consumed it before starting to cultivate.

A few hours later, a look of joy appeared on Zhao Fu's face – his cultivation had risen.

Name: Zhao Fu

Title: None

Profession: Demon Priest

Achievement Points: Citizen (213/500)

Race: Human

Age: 21 (100)

Stats: Strength: 9, Intelligence: 12, Constitution: 8, Agility: 10

Special Power: [Weak – Demon's Power]

Cultivation: Stage 0-2

Cultivation Technique: Great Qin Mantra

Skills: Hell Fireball, Basic Sword Technique...

Equipment: Iron Sword...

The Little Spirit Pill greatly increased his cultivation speed. After trying out its effects himself, Zhao Fu immediately ordered some people to carefully grow the Little Spirit Grass. Following this, he took his forces into the Forest of Horrors again to look for horses this time.

This time, Zhao Fu specifically brought the Grey Wolf King. Its wounds had not fully healed, but Zhao Fu was not going to make it fight. Rather, he wanted to use its keen sense of smell to find other beasts. At the same time, he changed its name to Little Grey. [TLN: Little Grey in Chinese would be 'Xiao Hui']

After bringing Little Grey with him, they encountered wild beasts much faster than before. This time, they found 3 Violet Flame Rabbits, one of which dropped an elemental orb, and Zhao Fu planned to give the elemental orb to Li Wen. Li Wen was

one of the Great Qin Village's rare A grade villagers and was also Li Youcai's son, so Zhao Fu decided to start developing him.

In the next two days, they killed a few Wind Foxes, obtained a Wind Blade elemental orb, and tamed a few wild beasts. However, they did not find a single horse before returning.

The special equipment he had asked Wang Dawu to make had been completed, so Zhao Fu decided to continue exploring the bottom of the crack.

"I want to go too!" Liu Mei ran over and said as she looked at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu turned to look at her and said, "Your whip won't be able to deal much damage to the Skeletons; just stay up here!"

"Don't you have a Wind Blade elemental orb? Let me learn it and see how strong those Skeletons are!" Liu Mei said discourteously without any respect at all. Zhao Fu glared at her when he heard this.

Deep down, Liu Mei still feared Zhao Fu greatly, and she instantly became docile, awkwardly saluting him as she said sadly, "I'm sorry, Your Majesty."

Only then did Zhao Fu give her the Wind Blade skill, causing Liu Mei to be quite surprised and overjoyed. She immediately used the azure orb of light, and following this, Zhao Fu brought Bai Qi, Li Wen, Old Logue, Liu Mei, 10 Goblin Warriors, the 10 strongest Infantrymen, and 10 Archers into the passage at the bottom of the large crack.

Chapter 29: Skeleton Cavalry

As Zhao Fu's soldiers walked along the dark passageway, they soon encountered a group of Skeletons. There were 11 of them, and 5 of them were Skeleton Shieldbearers and 6 of them were Skeleton Infantry. After coming to life, they quickly ran at Zhao Fu's forces.

At this moment, the 10 Goblin Warriors, who were wearing plate armor and holding shields that were 2 meters tall, 1.2 meters wide, and 10 centimeters thick, stepped forwards, forming a shield wall. Because the passageway was only 10 meters wide while the shield wall would be 12 meters long, one of the Goblin Warriors stepped back. However, the shield wall was able to completely stop the Skeleton soldiers.

No matter how the Skeleton Shieldbearers pushed and shoved, the Goblin Warriors were like immovable mountains.

Zhao Fu felt quite pleased when he saw this. He then ordered for a gap to be opened to allow some Skeleton soldiers in.

The 2 Goblin Warriors in the center obeyed, slightly shifting their shields. At that moment, a few of the Skeletons pushed, expecting to meet resistance, but they then fell through the gap. Quickly, the gap was closed off again.

What they faced were 10 big men wearing plate armor and holding large iron hammers.

When the iron hammers descended, the Skeleton was knocked to the ground, and after a few strikes, it was reduced to a pile of bones. Compared to sharp sabers and swords, blunt weapons were more effective against Skeletons, and Zhao Fu's soldiers quickly used this method to kill the rest of the Skeletons.

From this group of Skeletons, they had obtained 11 Blue grade weapons and 9 Refined Martial Souls, 3 of which were useful for Shieldbearers. As such, Zhao Fu immediately gave them to the Goblin Warriors.

This was Zhao Fu's special plan: he had equipped Goblin Warriors with large shields and large-sized plate armor. Now that the Goblin Warriors had learned Shieldbearer skills, with their immense strength, they would be excellent Shieldbearers.

Everyone in the team, no matter if it was the Goblin Warriors, Infantry, or Archers, had been given a Refined Martial Soul at some point.

Before, Zhao Fu didn't want to use the Refined Martial Souls. After all, they were all quite special, and most of them could unlock skills that were C- grade or above. As such, he had thought that it would be a waste to give them to people who were E grade or F grade.

However, he realized that he would have to make some sacrifices to obtain even more equipment and Refined Martial Souls.

Three of the Goblin Warriors now had the C- grade skill Enhanced Shieldbearing, the 10 Infantrymen had the C grade skill Enhanced Impact, and the Archers all had the Rock Crushing Arrow skill that Zhao Fu had.

Li Wen and Liu Mei had also used Refined Martial Souls. Li Wen used an Archer Refined Martial Soul and Liu Mei used an Infantry Refined Martial Soul, so after receiving their skills, they were immediately proficient at using them.

Because Old Logue was quite old, he could not engage in close-range battles. Therefore, Old Logue did not use a Refined Martial Soul.

It was clear right now that Zhao Fu's soldiers were quite powerful, and they could destroy Skeletons effortlessly. They now advanced two times faster than before

because they could suppress the Skeletons much easier now. The Goblin Warriors formed an impenetrable iron wall, and the 10 Infantrymen used their iron hammers to smash the Skeletons, which was much more effective than cutting or slashing them.

Onwards!

Blue tongues of fire lit up in the darkness, and 17 Skeletons came to life. 6 of them were Skeleton Shieldbearers, 6 of them were Skeleton Infantrymen, and 5 of them were Skeleton Archers.

Facing so many Skeletons, Zhao Fu's soldiers did not look afraid at all. They continued to advance in an orderly manner, and the Archers pierced the heads of 3 of the Skeleton Infantrymen in the first wave of arrows. The Goblin Warriors raised their shields and used the same method as before to deal with the Skeletons.

The equipment and items dropped were the same as always, but Zhao Fu was ecstatic to find that there was also a Soldier Soul. The drop rate for Soldier Souls was quite low, and only Skeleton Captains seemed to have a 100% chance of dropping one.

The next wave of Skeletons consisted of a Skeleton Captain and 10 or so Skeleton soldiers, and they charged towards Zhao Fu. This time, the Skeleton Captain was a Skeleton Archer who had incredibly proficient archery skills, and quite a few of Zhao Fu's soldiers were almost injured.

However, the Skeleton Captain was quickly killed by Bai Qi and the others, and it dropped a Soldier Soul and its Silver grade bow.

[Flowing Cloud Bow]: Grade: Silver, Stats: Strength +3, Constitution +1, Agility +2, Description: An exquisite Gold grade weapon that has become rusty due to the passage of time, becoming an ordinary Silver grade weapon.

Zhao Fu kept the Flowing Cloud Bow for now because he used his bow often. After advancing, they killed another three waves of Skeletons and obtained three Soldier Souls. The passage seemed to go on forever, and it was completely dark in front of them, making it impossible for them to see what was ahead.

Clip clop clip clop clip clop clip clop...

The sound of horse hooves seemed to come from ahead. Zhao Fu thought of something, and it seemed that everyone else had as well.

As expected, Skeleton Cavalry soon appeared in front of everyone. These Skeleton Cavalrymen were riding on Skeleton horses, and it seemed that they had kept their horses and equipment after they had died. While their equipment seemed to be White grade, their weapons seemed to be Blue grade.

When the 5 Skeleton Cavalrymen appeared, they drew their long swords and brandished them as they rushed towards Zhao Fu's soldiers.

Zhao Fu immediately called out, "Shields!"

The Goblin Warriors raised their massive shields with both hands, forming an iron wall. They braced themselves for impact as Zhao Fu also ordered the Archers to attack.

Arrows started to fly through the air, and most of them were dodged by the Skeleton Cavalrymen. A few of them hit the Skeleton Cavalrymen, but they did not deal much damage. At most, the arrows could cause the Skeleton Cavalrymen to pause, but the arrows did not slow them down at all because they were riding on Skeleton horses.

When the Skeleton Cavalrymen were right in front of Zhao Fu's soldiers, 4 Fireballs and 1 Wind Blade shot towards them.

Bang, bang, bang, bang...

A chain of explosions sounded out, and as these skills all exploded together, the front two Skeleton Cavalrymen were blasted off their horses, but the 3 Skeleton Cavalrymen beside and behind them were not affected much and continued onwards with the same momentum and ferocious aura.

However, they were unable to do anything to the Goblin Warriors' shield wall, nor could they jump over it. After being hoisted up by the Goblin Warriors, the 2-meter-tall shields reached up to 2.3 meters high, a height that couldn't be scaled by normal horses.

The Skeleton Cavalrymen could only spur their horses onwards to break through the shield wall.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Three heavy sounds sounded out as the Skeleton horses slammed into the massive shields. The Goblin Warriors gritted their teeth and pushed forwards, stopping the charge of the horses.

Zhao Fu ordered the Archers to kill the 2 Skeleton Cavalrymen that had fallen off their horses before telling the Goblin Warriors to open a gap to bring in 2 Skeleton Cavalrymen.

Just as the 2 Skeleton Cavalrymen rushed in, the 10 Infantrymen split into 2 groups, raising their iron hammers and slamming them towards the Skeleton horses' legs, bringing them to the ground.

Following this, the Infantrymen gathered around the Skeleton Cavalry and repeatedly slammed their hammers down on them, smashing them to bits before surrounding the final Skeleton Cavalryman.

Chapter 30: Skeleton General

The 5 Skeleton Cavalrymen were all killed. Two of the Skeleton horses were killed, one was half-crippled, and the remaining two were trapped outside of the shield wall.

The remaining two Skeleton horses were the horses of the 2 Skeleton Cavalrymen that had been blasted off their horses. They were no longer being controlled but still charged at the shield wall due to their natural instincts as Undead.

Zhao Fu did not pay much attention to the 2 Skeleton horses for now. He went over to the half-crippled Skeleton horse and tried to use Taming on it to see if Skeleton horses could be tamed. If he could, he would use the Skeleton horses as warhorses, allowing him to start creating Cavalry.

However, Zhao Fu found that Taming did not work on Undead, which disappointed him greatly. As such, he could only kill the Skeleton horses.

Onwards!

Zhao Fu continued onwards and killed a few more waves of Skeletons. Even though the Skeleton groups now had every major type of military unit, they could not threaten Zhao Fu's forces. The Skeletons were all killed, and they dropped many pieces of equipment, some Refined Martial Souls, and, on rare occasions, Soldier Souls.

After proceeding for a while, the passage started to widen and they could see some changes. Zhao Fu let out a breath – it seemed that there was an end to this passage.

Suddenly, a blue tongue of fire lit up as a powerful aura swept towards them. Everyone quickly raised their torches and saw a Skeleton General wearing silver armor and holding a double-handed sword coming to life.

Everyone became completely serious.

The Skeleton General slowly stood up and stared at Zhao Fu's soldiers with the sockets in its head. It gave off an eerie killing intent, causing a chill to spread through the entire passage.

Zhao Fu immediately called out, "Everyone, be careful!"

After standing up, the Skeleton General started to walk towards Zhao Fu's soldiers. Zhao Fu immediately ordered the Archers to attack.

Swish, swish, swish...

The arrows flew through the air towards the Skeleton General. The Skeleton General continued walking forwards without even a trace of fear, and its sword was completely level. When the arrows were about 1 meter away from its body, it raised the sword in its hands, and a grey aura erupted from the sword. The Skeleton General casually waved the sword...

Bang!

The arrows were all repelled by an invisible force, and none of them were able to even come close to its body.

Zhao Fu drew the Flowing Cloud Bow and used Rock Crushing Arrow. A mystical yellow aura appeared around his arrow, and the arrow shot towards the Skeleton General. However, the Skeleton General merely tilted its head, causing the arrow to narrowly miss. The arrow stabbed into the ground behind the Skeleton General, and the arrow trembled from the force.

After easily dodging Zhao Fu's arrow, the Skeleton General's figure suddenly flashed as it appeared before the shield wall, and it quickly raised its sword before slashing at the shieldwall.

Clang!

The sword hit the massive shields, causing an ear-piercing sound and creating many sparks. The five Goblin Warriors were sent stumbling back 4 or 5 meters, and a deep cut appeared on their shields.

Zhao Fu and Bai Qi's expressions became grim when they saw just how powerful the Skeleton General was. Li Wen had never seen such a powerful Skeleton before, and his face became incredibly pale. Following this, Zhao Fu could only loudly call out:

"Fire!"

Arrows continuously shot towards the Skeleton General, but the Skeleton General's body turned into a blur, easily dodging all of the arrows and appearing elsewhere.

Zhao Fu immediately yelled, "Wind Blade!"

Liu Mei didn't dare to be careless, and she put all of her focus into using Wind Blade, causing an azure crescent to shoot towards the Skeleton General.

The Skeleton General pivoted, and the Wind Blade flew past the Skeleton General without damaging it at all.

Following this, Zhao Fu called out, "Fireball!"

Li Wen silently bit his tongue, forcing himself to remain calm. This was the first time Zhao Fu had taken him out to fight, and he had also given him a precious elemental orb and a Refined Martial Soul. Since Zhao Fu treated him so well, how could he let him down?

After joining the Great Qin Village, Li Wen told himself that he could not allow himself to become an ordinary villager; in the future, he wanted to be a famed general for Great Qin.

When Li Wen first saw the Skeleton General, his face had been extremely pale. However, he had quickly calmed down and immediately released a fireball upon hearing the order.

The fireball flew towards the Skeleton General from the front, and it appeared just as the Skeleton General had pivoted to dodge the Wind Blade, making it difficult for the Skeleton General to dodge the fireball. However, the Skeleton General was not worried at all, and it slashed the fireball.

Bang!

The fireball exploded, turning into tiny sparks.

However, two blood-colored fireballs immediately came from its left and right, landing on the Skeleton General's body. Zhao Fu and Old Logue had acted together while the Skeleton General had been distracted by Li Wen.

Bang!

A massive explosion sounded out as the two blood-colored fireballs simultaneously exploded, but the blast did not send the Skeleton General flying. It was only forced back a few steps and only looked slightly worse for wear.

"Fire!" Zhao Fu ordered as the Archers raised their bows, once again shooting arrows at the Skeleton General. However, the Skeleton General once again easily deflected them with its sword.

Chi!

Zhao Fu found an opening and landed an arrow on the Skeleton General's abdomen. The arrow pierced through its armor, hitting the Skeleton General's lumbar vertebrae and causing it to take a slight step back.

The Skeleton General looked towards Zhao Fu ominously and released a cold killing intent. Suddenly, its body turned into a black blur as it rushed towards Zhao Fu.

Clang!

A figure charged over from Zhao Fu's side, blocking the Skeleton General. When the two swords clashed together, sparks flew into the air. The figure was Bai Qi, and he had been preparing this entire time.

The Skeleton General roared and pressed down on Bai Qi with its sword. Bai Qi's expression remained calm – his current strength was below that of the Skeleton General's, but he would not show any weakness. He gritted his teeth and used all of his strength to push back at the Skeleton General.

“Retreat!” Zhao Fu ordered. Bai Qi quickly retreated without hesitation – he was completely obedient to Zhao Fu's orders. As soon as Bai Qi retreated, the 10 Goblin Warriors raised their shields and surrounded the Skeleton General.

The Skeleton General paused in surprise, and it immediately swung its sword to escape from the encirclement.

At this moment, four fireballs and one Wind Blade landed on the Skeleton General – Zhao Fu, Li Wen, Old Logue, and Liu Mei had simultaneously acted.

Bang!

The magic skills exploded together, and Old Logue and Zhao Fu's blood-colored fireballs were the most destructive. Even the Goblin Warriors surrounding the Skeleton General were all forced back by 1 step by the explosion.

The Skeleton General in the center took quite a lot of damage, and it was in quite a pitiful state as it knelt on one knee on the ground. It stabbed its sword into the ground, preparing to stand up.

The Goblin Warriors suddenly created a gap in the encirclement as arrows flew towards the Skeleton General.

“Roar!!!!”

After being hit continuously, the Skeleton General loudly roared, vigorously slashing everything around it with its sword. The sword lightly hummed as 8 rays of grey sword qi slashed out.

Boom!!!!

A massive explosion sounded out. The 8 rays of sword qi tore through the air, forming a storm of sword qi. Not only had the arrows been stopped, but three of the Goblin Warriors were also sent flying, and many of their shields had 7 centimeter deep cuts.

After using its ultimate skill, the Skeleton General looked exhausted, not moving from its position. At this moment, an arrow pierced into the Skeleton General's head, passing through it cleanly. The blue tongue of fire within the Skeleton General's head flickered before being extinguished, and the Skeleton General collapsed into a pile of bones. Only then did Zhao Fu put down his bow, a cold look in his eye.