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Chapter 261: Heaven Awaken World

Bang!

Zhao Fu slammed his hand down on the table next to him, a look of anger on his face. Sensing Zhao Fu's anger, the various Generals before him all lowered their heads.

"What do you all think of this?" Zhao Fu breathed out and calmed himself down as he asked.

Bai Qi cupped his hands as he raised his head and said with a cold look, "Your Majesty, since Great Shun has openly said that anyone who cooperates with Great Qin will be slaughtered, this subordinate believes that we should give them what they want and slaughter them, using Great Qin's strength to deal with Great Shun."

Wang Jian immediately cupped his hands and followed, "Your Majesty, this subordinate believes that with Great Qin's current strength, we can destroy Great Shun in battle."

Wei Liao thought for a moment before saying, "Your Majesty, I believe that this plan is feasible. Out of the five factions opposing Great Qin, Great Shun is the closest. Taking down Great Shun will not only give us their resources but also all the other factions within Green Apricot. We'll be able to replace Great Shun as Green Apricot's number one faction, after which we can purge Green Apricot of those two-faced families and completely control Green Apricot."

Most of the others all expressed their opinions as well. Most were in favor of going to war against Great Shun, while some remained silent.

Zhao Fu listened to all of their suggestions and sank into his thoughts. In the end, he decided to attack Great Shun, but this was an incredibly serious matter – after all, it was attacking a Legatee with a Dynasty's legacy, so they had to plan carefully.

"Guo Binglin, give me all of the information on Great Shun that you have!" Zhao Fu said as he concluded the meeting.

Guo Binglin went out and soon returned with a file on all of the information they had on Great Shun.

Zhao Fu looked through these documents carefully, and after a few hours, he took a few of his Generals and a large amount of money to Green Apricot.

Within a secretive room, Zhao Fu looked at a bald middle-aged man and asked, "Are you really able to provide the exact location of Great Shun?"

This middle-aged man had followed Li Mu from the beginning, and he was a core member of Great Shun.

Even though Zhao Fu knew the rough location of Great Shun, which was 20,000 kilometers north of Apricot City, it would still take quite a long time to find Great Shun. The northern side was quite large,

and it would be impossible to instantly find Great Shun. If they sent soldiers, they might alert Great Shun because all Legatees of Dynasties were quite powerful and cautious.

The location of the central headquarters was incredibly important, and normal people wouldn't know it. After all, most people would use teleportation channels to move around, making it impossible for them to know the exact location of places.

When he heard Zhao Fu's words, the middle-aged man nodded and had a pleased smile on his face as he said, "I can guarantee that among the players, there's no one who knows the precise location of Great Shun apart from me – that boy, Li Mu, is incredibly secretive. But are you really able to give me 5,000 gold coins for the information?"

Zhao Fu lightly laughed before throwing down a sack of gold coins, "This money is nothing to me as long as you can give me Great Shun's exact location!"

The middle-aged man leapt to his feet excitedly and looked at the glittering gold coins inside the sack, his face beaming.

This bald middle-aged man was called Li Gaole, and he was just an ordinary white-collar worker in the real world. He had worked hard his entire life to just buy a small apartment. He was often criticized by his wife for being poor, and he was also often rebuked by his superiors at work. Now, with these 5,000 gold coins, all of this would change.

5,000 gold coins were equivalent to \$500 million in the real world. With that amount of money, he would buy a luxurious villa, divorce that wife of his, and live a good life with a beautiful model.

"Okay, okay, okay! I'll take you there right now!" Li Gaole happily and excitedly said to Zhao Fu.

A trace of a smile appeared on Zhao Fu's face, and he went with the middle-aged man. They arrived outside the Great Shun Town.

The Great Shun Town was hidden behind a large mountain and quite difficult to find. It was three times the size of other ordinary towns, and its town walls were at least ten meters high. It seemed that walls had limits – ordinary towns could only have walls that were five or six meters high, Legatees of nations could have walls that were ten meters high, and Legatees of Dynasties could have walls that were ten or so meters high.

The town walls had well-equipped soldiers patrolling them, and there were soldiers with heavy crossbows. This sort of defense wasn't something that ordinary towns could compete with.

Apart from the Great Shun Town, there were 20 or so villages around it that acted as a defensive barrier. Most of these villagers didn't have many people, only around 300 or less.

After seeing the Great Shun Town, Zhao Fu was satisfied and gave the sack of gold coins to Li Gaole. Li Gaole hugged the sack and had a disgusting smile on his face. Just as he was about to exchange these gold coins for money in the real world, Zhao Fu suddenly said, "Do you want to earn even more gold coins?"

When he heard this, Li Gaole paused, and a greedy light shined from his eyes as he nodded.

Zhao Fu lightly laughed and said, “Then wait for me to contact you. Don’t worry; there’ll be more benefits for you in the future.”

Li Gaole nodded before running off with his gold coins.

Zhao Fu started to set his plan into motion. Very soon, news that shocked countless people started to spread – within Green Apricot’s four main cities, the Quest Stone Steles displayed quests to kill members of Great Shun, and one gold coin was being offered per kill!

This news shocked countless people, and what’s more, it was set so that as soon as one completed the quest, the system would automatically transfer the gold. What shocked people even more was that there was already 80,000 gold coins deposited, meaning that this quest could be completed 80,000 times.

One gold coin was worth \$100,000 in the real world, and it was just for killing a person. This wasn’t the real world, and killing people here wasn’t bound by strict laws. Many people were used to seeing deaths in the Heaven Awaken World now.

\$100,000 for killing a person in the Heaven Awaken World was a very high reward, and this tempted countless people.

Everyone also felt quite curious – which faction had so much money that it was able to pull out 80,000 gold coins? Could a player really take out that much money? That was \$8 billion in the real world! Could it be that Great Shun had offended a system governmental faction, which was using money to get rid of it? Otherwise, how could such a quest exist?

This news caused the four families that had just decided to betray Zhao Fu to feel incredibly regretful. They understood that Zhao Fu was making a move against Great Shun, but it was a pity that they had miscalculated and underestimated Zhao Fu’s determination.

“What do we do now?” The family leaders felt incredibly worried and once again gathered to talk together.

The Dong family’s leader was a beautiful young woman who sighed and said, “Ai, we’ve underestimated Great Ming; they’ve really acted against Great Shun. Now, even if Great Shun doesn’t perish, it’ll take a heavy blow. Should we just submit to him?”

Now, Great Shun would definitely be suppressed, so if they submitted to Zhao Fu, they would probably receive quite a lot of benefits. Even though they had just betrayed Zhao Fu, in the face of great benefits, they could only act thick-skinned and go find Zhao Fu.

Chapter 262: 3,000 Assassins

Within a room, Zhao Fu looked at the four family leaders and asked, despite already knowing the answer, “Why has everyone come to find me?”

When they heard this, the four family leaders looked quite awkward, but one of them still brazenly said, “Young master Zhu, the four of us were blind and made the wrong choice. Please forgive us. This time, we’ll definitely do all we can to help you destroy Great Shun. Please believe us.”

Zhao Fu coldly laughed inwardly. Believe them? Did they really think he was that stupid? These families only prioritized their own benefits.

However, Zhao Fu still smiled and said graciously, "It's fine, and I can understand. However, I hope that this won't happen again!"

When they heard this, the four family leaders felt delighted and understood that Zhao Fu was willing to work together again. As such, they quickly nodded and replied, "Don't worry, young master Zhu. There won't be a next time."

Zhao Fu didn't believe that at all – if the situation turned against him, these four people would immediately betray him again. Zhao Fu had only accepted because he wanted to get rid of Great Shun and the other two families first before dealing with these people. Otherwise, it would be quite difficult to deal with six families allied together.

Elsewhere, Li Mu also heard about this, and he received news that ten or so of Great Shun's people had been killed. What's more, this number was continuously rising. As such, Li Mu immediately put a stop to all of his businesses and withdrew to the Great Shun Town.

These greedy people would do anything for money. No matter how powerful Great Shun was, they wouldn't be able to resist the temptation. One gold coin was worth \$100,000 in the real world, and right now, all of the large families and corporations were desperately selling everything they had to purchase things in the Heaven Awaken World. This was because after the Heaven Awaken World devoured the real world, everything in the real world would be worthless, so everything in the real world was devaluing more and more.

Li Mu quickly called Su Yan and told him about this.

Su Yan frowned as he said, "Why did you break the status quo that we established? Great Shun isn't his match right now, and he should be focused on developing right now. You've only hurt Great Shun by doing this!"

Li Mu felt quite unconvinced and retorted, "Great Shun's already the number one faction in Green Apricot, and no one would easily act against me. That mysterious faction is just an outside faction, while Great Shun's roots are in Green Apricot – I don't think we'll lose!"

When he heard this, Su Yan coldly harrumphed, "Then what if I told you that the mysterious faction was Great Qin? Would you still think that way? Right now, you only have one option, which is to abandon everything and move the Great Shun Town to another region."

After saying this, Su Yan hung up. To him, this chess piece was useless now.

"Great Qin!" Li Mu was given a great fright, and he could feel cold sweat gathering on his back. There was now a trace of fear in his heart. But how could this faction be Great Qin? Wasn't Great Qin in East Green? It was so far away, but Su Yan wouldn't lie to him like this.

Suddenly, Li Mu realized that the call had ended, and he quickly called back. However, despite trying a few times, Su Yan didn't pick up. This caused a chill to pass through Li Mu's heart.

Did he really have to give up everything and move Great Shun to another region? That would be tantamount to crippling Great Shun – after all, relocating a Legacy village wasn't like relocating a normal village. Once it was relocated, the Fate it possessed would decrease by two-thirds, and its grade would fall by one grade. In other words, Great Shun's City Creation Stone would fall from Gold grade to Silver grade.

What's more, would everything that he had worked so hard to establish be just destroyed like this? Li Mu felt very reluctant.

As such, he immediately summoned his subordinates to discuss this matter: Li Guo, Liu Zongmin, the Red Lady, and Niu Jinxing. They were all the famed Generals of Great Shun, and Niu Jinxing was SS grade, while the other three were S grade.

Niu Jinxing thought about it before advising, "Your Majesty, I think it's best to let go of everything and develop elsewhere."

Deep down, Li Mu also knew that it would be best to relocate Great Shun, but that would essentially cripple Great Shun. How could they do such a thing? Perhaps Great Qin wasn't that powerful, and what's more, Green Apricot was his territory. He wasn't necessarily going to lose!

In the end, after thinking about it, Li Mu decided to stay, and he started to discuss how to deal with Great Qin.

Afterward, Li Mu decided to accept anyone who wanted to join Great Shun without any restrictions. After all, since Great Qin's Legatee was rich and gave out one gold coin for killing one of his members, he would see just how rich Great Qin's Legatee was. There were six million players in Green Apricot, and Li Mu didn't believe that Great Qin would have that much money.

Once this news spread, not many people joined, as most people weren't stupid and knew that Great Shun was obviously trying to use them as meat shields.

However, there were some who were quite sly – since players wouldn't die true deaths, they would collude in pairs. One person would join Great Shun and be killed by the other person, and they would split the money. After all, the rewards were simply too enticing.

As such, there were still quite a lot of people who joined Great Shun to farm money, and soon, more than 100,000 people had joined Great Shun.

This delighted Li Mu – before, he only had 80,000 people with 40,000 of them being players and 40,000 of them being indigenous residents. Now, with another 100,000 people, he had 180,000 people – did he still have to fear Great Qin?

What's more, the number was still rising, and after half a day, another 100,000 players joined. It could be seen how greedy and crazy these players were.

Now, Great Shun totaled 280,000. By now, Li Mu felt so confident that he didn't have to fear anyone at all.

Even now, the numbers were still rising!

However, it was obvious that this wouldn't last. Soon, people found that the quest to kill Great Shun members had a new rule: 'Killing members who only recently joined won't count.'

This caused the countless players who wanted to make easy money to feel incredibly disappointed, and they immediately chose to leave the Great Shun faction. Even despite Li Mu's promises to treat them well, they were still unwilling to stay. Without sufficient benefits, no one wanted to risk his or her own life. Just like an ocean tide, the 200,000 players quickly came, but they also quickly left.

Great Shun's 40,000 players also started to act differently. They weren't as loyal as the indigenous residents, and now that Great Shun was in a precarious position, they could only hide within the Great Shun Town. After all, if they went out, it was likely that they would be killed.

They could endure this for a short while, but this couldn't go on forever. As such, players soon started to leave Great Shun.

Li Mu wanted to kill a few people to scare the others into not leaving, but he realized that this was useless against players because they wouldn't actually die. Rather, this might cause players to retaliate, so he could only watch as the number of Great Shun's players dwindled.

In a secret room, Zhao Fu looked at the ten or so people in front of him and smiled as he said, "Great Shun no longer has any future prospects, so I'm sure that you don't want to die with it, right? Join me! Everything that Great Shun can give you, I'll give you double."

Chapter 263: Fate Dragon

After speaking, Zhao Fu tossed over a few sacks of gold coins, and the ten or so people gleefully grabbed the sacks and looked at the gold coins inside before nodding and agreeing.

These ten or so people were all players with low-ranking leader positions within Great Shun. Players weren't very reliable, and there were no punishments for betraying their faction. Perhaps only after the Heaven Awaken World devoured the real world and their lives were in real danger would they truly be loyal.

Li Mu didn't trust players too much either, so players were only low-ranking leaders, while most core members were indigenous residents. He wouldn't give the players too much power.

Three days later.

Now, Great Shun's situation was even bleaker. Its forces hid within the Great Shun Town because the reward for the quest was now two gold coins for killing a member, making everyone even crazier.

Now, only 7,000 players remained within Great Shun.

2,000 of these players were loyal to Great Shun, while 5,000 were people who had been bribed by Zhao Fu. This was because of those ten or so low-ranking leaders Zhao Fu had bribed. They had continuously convinced others to betray Great Shun as well.

However, Li Mu knew nothing about this, and he felt quite relieved that so many players were still willing to follow him.

Zhao Fu saw that it was time to make a move, so he split his soldiers into groups to enter Green Apricot. This required some concealing, or the system main cities would definitely notice so many soldiers entering Green Apricot.

“This is for you.” Zhao Fu took out a bottle of medicinal pills and a sack of gold and handed them to Li Gaole.

Li Gaole took the sack with one hand and the bottle with the other, and he looked quite hesitant. He was unsure about killing Li Mu with poison.

He understood that Li Mu was quite powerful in the real world as well, and he had already taken a great risk by revealing Great Shun’s position. If he poisoned Li Mu, he would have undoubtedly offended him, and Li Mu definitely wouldn’t spare him.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu understood what he was thinking and lightly smiled as he said, “After it’s done, I’ll reward you with 10,000 gold coins.”

This caused all of the hesitation on Li Gaole’s face to disappear – that was a whopping \$1 billion in the real world. With that amount of money, he could escape overseas, and Li Mu wouldn’t be able to do anything to him. As such, Li Gaole grinned and nodded as he agreed.

That night, there were only a few stars in the sky, and the crescent moon only gave off a weak moonlight, making it seem quite dark. There seemed to be some mighty beast that appeared in the forest, and it gave off a powerful aura that caused all of the surrounding bugs to go quiet, making it seem terrifyingly silent.

Zhao Fu led 40,000 soldiers and killed some of Great Shun’s patrol soldiers. In order to reach Great Shun, they had to first face the villages around it.

These villages were a few kilometers away from the Great Shun Town, but with them there, Zhao Fu couldn’t get around all of them. So, he decided to break through at a specific point.

Zhao Fu had made sufficient preparations and brought 3,000 or so Assassins. It was 10 PM, and most of the villagers had gone to sleep. Just like in the ancient times, there wasn’t much to do at night, so most people went to bed not too long after the sun set.

Zhao Fu ordered his 3,000 Assassins to enter some of the villages and tie up the villagers or kill them to stealthily create a gap. Zhao Fu left a portion of his soldiers here to prevent these villages from attacking when he was attacking the Great Shun Town.

They continued onwards stealthily until they finally came close to the Great Shun Town. Zhao Fu wasn’t in a rush to attack, and he instead waited for an opportunity.

Within the Great Shun Town, Li Gaole and a few others brought a few dishes to where Li Mu was staying. As the Legatee of a Dynasty, all of the dishes he ate were prepared by specific people who he greatly trusted to prevent him from being poisoned.

Li Gaole had already killed those who were supposed to bring these dishes, or he wouldn’t have had an opportunity to use the poison. The indigenous residents were essentially completely loyal to Li Mu, so Li Gaole had to use his own people to bring the food over.

If it was during normal times, someone may have noticed that something was off, but because of the dire situation they were in, everyone's mind was turned to how to resolve this situation, and no one noticed Li Gaole.

Plus, Li Gaole had been Li Mu's subordinate for a long time, and Li Mu fairly trusted him, which resulted in him being able to successfully deliver the food to Li Mu.

At that moment, Li Mu was drinking wine in low spirits. There was a beautiful woman lying in his arms – she was the beautiful boss of the dessert shop. Because she had good looks, she had long since become Li Mu's woman.

Li Gaole and the others brought the food over, but Li Mu didn't even notice. He poured a cup of wine from the wine pot Li Gaole had brought over. Li Mu picked up the wine cup and prepared to drink, making Li Gaole and the others feel quite delighted. None of them had expected the plan to go so smoothly.

However, at that moment, the woman in Li Mu's arms stopped him and said caringly, "Alright, Your Majesty, don't drink so much wine. It's bad for your body."

Li Mu stopped and sighed as he said, "If I knew this would happen... I wouldn't have trusted Su Yan, that bastard. Qin Resistance? That just resulted in Great Qin setting their sights on us. I'm afraid that Great Shun will fall while in my hands. If things get worse over the next few days, we can only relocate Great Shun."

The boss of the desserts shop put her slender arms around Li Mu's neck, looked at him with her beautiful eyes, and lightly replied, "No matter where Your Majesty goes, this lowly one will always be with you. I'm sure that Your Majesty will be able to restore Great Shun and bring it to greater heights than your ancestors."

Li Mu laughed loudly and raised his wine cup, about to drink from it. This caused Li Gaole and the others, who had just been disappointed, to feel excited again.

"Your Majesty, you need to stop drinking. You've already drunk so much today, and this lowly one is already worried about you," the woman once again stopped Li Mu.

This caused Li Gaole and the others' hearts to once again sink.

When he heard the boss of the dessert shop's words, Li Mu lightly laughed and stopped. He suddenly raised his head, looking at Li Gaole and the others as he frowned and asked, "Why is it you bringing the food today?"

Li Gaole felt a bit alarmed but smiled as he replied, "This subordinate had some matters to take care of over here, so I brought the food on my way."

"Really, now?" Li Mu said before a cold light flashed in his eyes and ordered the guards nearby, "Seize them!"

Li Gaole and the others knew that their plan had been exposed, so they turned and tried to escape. They were quickly surrounded by numerous guards and did their best to resist. However, they were all killed in the end.

As soon as Li Gaole returned to the real world, he immediately used his newfound riches to take a plane overseas.

Within the Heaven Awaken World, Li Mu's expression became grim as he felt that something was off. He immediately gathered all of his soldiers and headed towards the region where his player faction was based.

The ten or so leaders had been waiting for news from Li Gaole this entire time, and they quickly found out that Li Gaole had failed and that Li Mu was gathering his soldiers.

The 5,000 players could only raise their weapons and charge towards the town gates, causing the Great Shun Town to fall into chaos. Shouting filled the town, and flames could be seen at various places.

Zhao Fu noticed these changes in the Great Shun Town and realized that the matter had been exposed, so he immediately gave the order to attack.

Chapter 264: Abnormal Changes

Swish, swish, swish...

Fire arrows streaked through the air and landed within the Great Shun Town like a rain of fire. Soon, many places were set alight.

"Enemy attack! Enemy attacks!" people cried out, making the entire Great Shun Town even more chaotic.

Li Mu was incredibly shocked and yelled, "Stop!!"

Hearing this, Li Mu's soldiers all stopped, and the players all looked at each other, wondering why Li Mu had suddenly ordered his soldiers to stop.

From the battle just then, both sides had received injuries and deaths.

Because the traitor players' cultivations and equipment couldn't compare to Great Shun's soldiers', the players had suffered 1,600 casualties, and there were only 3,400 of them left. On Li Mu's side, 400 people had died because there were too many players and their cultivations weren't that much inferior.

Li Mu looked at the ten or so low-ranking leaders and yelled with a cold expression, "Great Shun has treated you all quite well. I don't care what you've done in the past, but if you can help Great Shun get past this disaster, you can take anything you want from Great Shun!"

The ten or so leaders were tempted – after all, they were motivated only by personal benefits. If Zhao Fu gave them more, they would naturally join Zhao Fu. However, now that Li Mu was offering such good conditions, they couldn't help but be tempted.

Moreover, if they continued to fight and resist, it was likely that they would all be killed by Li Mu's soldiers. If that happened, their gains wouldn't make up for their losses.

"How can we trust that you'll keep your word?" the ten or so leaders looked at each other before one of them yelled in a loud voice.

Hearing this, Li Mu coldly replied, "I swear by the name of Great Shun!"

The ten or so leaders nodded and agreed. Swearing by his Dynasty was different than a normal promise – this concerned the prestige of a nation and Dynasty, and if he broke his word, he would become a laughingstock to the entire world.

Zhao Fu saw that the defenses on the town walls were extremely lacking, as Li Mu had pulled most of the soldiers to deal with the traitor players. Zhao Fu didn't let this opportunity go, and he set his plan into motion.

300 Hundred Ghost Illusionists went to the northern side of the town walls and unleashed Dark Ghost World, causing ghostly qi to rise up from the ground. An eerie aura spread out and instantly covered the town.

300 Ghost Summoners simultaneously pressed their palms against the ground and roared out, causing ghostly qi to rush up from the ground. Savage-looking Devil Ghosts appeared, and they turned into rays of light as they leapt up the town walls easily.

Devil Ghosts were an extremely effective tool when attacking towns. Devil Ghosts were able to easily scale the town walls, and they were difficult to deal with by normal soldiers. After climbing up the town walls, the 300 Devil Ghosts started to fight with Great Shun's soldiers.

Bai Qi, Wei Liao, and Wang Jian attacked with their soldiers from the east, west, and south. They drew their General Armaments and pointed them at the sky as they roared, "Soldier Aura Formation!"

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Three massive explosions sounded out as blood-red, black, and green pillars of light rushed up into the sky, giving off an enormous aura and shaking everything within a couple hundred kilometers.

From a distance, the three pillars of light gave off a shocking aura and seemed to connect the heavens and the earth, giving off radiant light.

The wind and clouds started to quickly move, and the sky in the dark night became lit up with light.

The Seven Murders Star, the Voracious Wolf Star, and the Army Destroyer Star gathered together and gave off a fearsome aura, causing all creatures in a 100-kilometer radius area to run for their lives.

The Green Apricot's four City Lords detected these shockwaves, and they all looked in that direction.

The light above the Great Shun Town made it seem as if it was daytime, and different colored auras rose up out of Great Qin's soldiers as they rushed towards the Great Shun Town.

These auras gathered towards Bai Qi and the others like a fog, forming three massive patches of fog in the air.

"Skreeeeee!!" an ear-piercing cry sounded out as a massive blood-red eagle giving off boundless killing intent tore through its blood-red cocoon and rushed out. It had a pair of massive wings, steel-like claws, and sharp eyes that seemed to be able to pierce through everything.

“Roarrrrr!” a massive roar suddenly sounded out, causing countless leaves to fall. A massive black tiger giving off an air of conquest charged out of its black cocoon. It had a powerful, majestic body and claws that gave off cold glints of light. Its ferocious aura shook everything around it.

“Awoooooo!!!” a howl seemed to tear through the clouds and sky as a green wolf giving off an extremely strange aura tore through its green cocoon and leapt out. It raised its head to the sky and howled. It had a massive body with sharp fangs and gave off an aura that caused people to feel terrified.

Just as Li Mu finished giving out orders for his soldiers to defend the town, he suddenly saw these three beasts. Feeling their aura, a look of shock appeared on his face as he exclaimed, “It really is Great Qin!”

By now, Li Mu was completely convinced that this was Great Qin. The Seven Murders Star, the Voracious Wolf Star, and the Army Destroyer Star had all appeared before, and it was most likely Great Qin that possessed them. When he thought of this, Li Mu felt a wave of bitterness in his heart.

The three beasts appeared to Great Shun’s east, south, and west, and they started charging towards the Great Shun Town right after they appeared. Their massive bodies slammed against the town walls, causing the ground to tremble.

Within Great Shun’s Town Hall, a gold-colored cube gave off a dirt-yellow energy that attached to the town walls to defend against the three beasts. However, the three beasts were simply too powerful, and the town walls were starting to crack.

The three beasts quickly retreated before once again berserkly smashing against the town walls. If they rammed the town walls one more time, the town walls would most likely fall.

Li Mu knew that he couldn’t let this go on, so he made a grave decision. He raised the sword in his hand and roared, “I am... Great Shun’s Son of Heaven!”

BOOM!!!

A shocking explosion sounded out as a dirt-yellow pillar of light rushed into the sky, dyeing the sky a dirt-yellow color.

“Roarrrrr!!!” a massive dragon’s cry sounded out, shaking everything nearby as a 100-meter long dragon giving off a dirt-yellow light appeared in the air.

As soon as this dragon appeared, its massive aura erupted outwards. The dirt-yellow light it gave off contained an aura of majesty, causing the ghostly qi north of the Great Shun Town to disappear and the Devil Ghosts to become incredibly fearful.

At the same time, the dragon giving off the brilliant dirt-yellow light caused the blood-red eagle, black tiger, and green wolf to stop in their tracks.

This was Li Mu’s Fate Dragon, and this dragon’s cry surprised the four City Lords in the distance. They understood that something big was happening and wanted to go over, but they were worried that they would be caught in the shockwaves. However, in the next moment, something that shocked them even more happened.

“Roarrrrr!!!!” A terrifying black pillar of light rushed up into the sky, seeming to tear the entire sky. Mountains and stones seemed to tremble as a savage-looking, domineering black dragon appeared.

Chapter 265: Howls of Grief

The black dragon gave off a domineering aura that filled the heavens and earth, completely suppressing the dirt-yellow dragon. The dirt-yellow dragon gave off an even more powerful dragon's might than before, not accepting its loss, and the two dragons hung in the sky, facing off against each other.

A confused look appeared on Li Mu's face as he looked at the black dragon in the sky and felt its aura. He realized that Great Qin's legendary Legatee... had also come!

Below the massive black dragon, Zhao Fu raised the Sky Demon Sword and coldly looked up at the dirt-yellow dragon. He gathered his strength and released it, causing traces of black aura to enter the black dragon's body – he was consuming the Fate he had stored within him.

“Roarrrrr!!” a massive dragon's roar sounded out, deafening almost everyone who heard it. Even the sky seemed to tremble, and after receiving Zhao Fu's power, the black dragon looked at the dirty-yellow dragon as it gave off a boundless black light.

Under the black light, the blood-red eagle, black tiger, and green wolf seemed to become more powerful, and a faint black light and black arcs of lightning appeared around them.

“Roarrrr!!!”

The three beasts exploded with power and once again charged at the Great Shun Town's walls. Li Mu was given a big fright and tried to use his Fate Dragon to block, but it was completely suppressed by the black dragon.

Boom!!!

The three massive beasts once again smashed against the town walls, causing terrifying cracks to appear on the town walls. At the same time, the Great Shun Town's City Heart continuously trembled.

Boom!!!

The three massive beasts once again smashed against the town walls, and Great Shun Town's City Heart gave a mournful ring as the three town walls collapsed. The three massive beasts rushed into the Great Shun Town and started destroying everything in their paths as the Great Qin soldiers flooded in behind them and started massacring.

Great Shun's soldiers hurried to meet them and desperately resisted, but they seemed incredibly weak in front of those three beasts and Great Qin's soldiers. Seeing this scene, the 3,000 or so players who had just surrendered and the 2,000 players who were loyal to Li Mu understood that Great Shun was fated to lose, so they decided to run for their lives.

It was a pity that they chose to run in the wrong direction, towards the north where there weren't any massive beasts. However, the Dark Ghost World was there, and in their desperation to escape, these players all stepped into the illusion.

Immediately, they felt as if they had entered a different world. Everything was gray and white here, and there was a dark, ghostly moon in the sky. Terrifying ghostly howls could be heard everywhere. The players were scared into desperately running, but they could never escape.

Li Mu looked at the three beasts, and a determined look appeared on his face. He raised his sword high and brought it down, summoning all of his strength and allowing the dirt-yellow dragon to break free from the black dragon's suppression. It roared as it rushed down towards the three beasts. The dirt-yellow dragon was 100 meters long, while the three beasts were only ten or so meters long.

At that moment, the dirt-yellow dragon opened its mouth and bit towards the black tiger, forcing the Army Destroyer tiger to retreat. The dirt-yellow dragon then swept its tail, bringing with it massive destructive power and a wild gale, sending the green wolf backward. Finally, it flew into the sky, grabbing towards the blood-red eagle with its claws and forcing the eagle to dodge in the air.

The beasts created by the Seven Murders Star, the Voracious Wolf Star, and the Army Destroyer Star had been stopped by the dirt-yellow dragon, but they weren't weak either. They loudly roared and joined forces, battling with the dirt-yellow dragon.

The dirt-yellow dragon once again opened its mouth, biting towards the green wolf's throat. In response, the green wolf flipped backward, avoiding that bite, while the black tiger took this opportunity to leap forwards and bite the dirt-yellow dragon's abdomen. The dirt-yellow dragon angrily roared and swept its tail, sending the black tiger flying backward.

"Skreeeee!" The blood-red eagle rushed down from the sky, raking its sharp claws against the dirt-yellow dragon's body and injuring it.

At that moment, the dirt-yellow dragon turned its head and used its two dragon horns to knock the blood-red eagle away, but the green wolf immediately followed up.

This massive battle was incredibly destructive, and it gave off massive explosions and wild gales. The surrounding structures had all crumbled into ruins.

However, because of the dirt-yellow dragon, Great Shun's forces weren't falling as fast as before.

Suddenly, a massive black dragon entered the fray and bit down on the dirt-yellow dragon. It vigorously swung its head, throwing the dirt-yellow dragon into the air and seeming incredibly domineering and ferocious.

The black dragon was twice as big as the dirt-yellow dragon, and its body was more corporeal. It looked incredibly savage, and the aura that it gave off was simply terrifying. Even the beasts formed by the Seven Murders Star, the Voracious Wolf Star, and the Army Destroyer Star felt a trace of fear towards it.

A person wearing a black cloak also appeared in front of Li Mu.

Li Mu's expression became grim as he looked at this cloaked figure because he knew who it was. Apart from Great Qin's Legatee, who could he be

"If you can spare Great Shun this once, all of Great Shun's people and resources will belong to you, and I'll swear that I will never be enemies with Great Qin again!"

Now that things had come to this, Li Mu didn't want Great Shun to fall while in his hands, so he spoke to Zhao Fu with an air of defeat.

Zhao Fu lightly laughed as he replied, "Do you really think that's possible?"

By now, it was impossible for Zhao Fu to let off Great Shun. Zhao Fu wanted Great Shun's people, resources, and Legacy. How could Zhao Fu do something as stupid as letting a tiger back into the mountain?

Hearing Zhao Fu's words, Li Mu clearly knew that there was no room for negotiation, so he could only go all out. His expression became savage as he gripped his sword and rushed towards Zhao Fu.

As a Legatee, Li Mu had some fighting strength. His cultivation wasn't too inferior to Zhao Fu's, but he was till far too weak.

Boom!!!

Li Mu rushed up, and he circulated all of his cultivation's power and sent it into his sword, which gave off a large amount of sword light. Li Mu then raised his sword and slashed it down towards Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu stood his ground, not moving at all as he casually swept out with his black sword. Li Mu immediately flew backward and smashed against a wall, causing it to collapse.

Even though Li Mu's cultivation wasn't too far below Zhao Fu's, Zhao Fu already had multiple pieces of Epic grade equipment, and he had the King's Power and other high-grade powers supporting him. He could now rival Stage 3 experts, while Li Mu had none of these things – how could he retaliate?

Li Mu crashed to the ground and coughed up a mouthful of blood. He had long since heard that Great Qin's Legatee was incredibly powerful, and now he had experienced that power for himself. Li Mu felt quite bitter, and he knew that he really didn't have any chance of winning.

He turned and looked at the fight between the dragons. The dirt-yellow dragon was being completely dominated by the black dragon, and the dirt-yellow dragon was covered with wounds. Even one of its horns was broken.

Li Mu could only withdraw the dirt-yellow dragon and sacrifice the Fate he had to increase his power to make a final struggle.

The dirt-yellow dragon circled before returning to Li Mu's body, causing Li Mu to erupt with a terrifying amount of power. His body shined with a dirt-yellow light that was powerful enough to make others tremble.

Zhao Fu waved his hand, and the black dragon returned to his body. Traces of black aura rose up from his body as a similar terrifying power exploded out from him.

The terrifying might caused abnormal changes in the heavens and the earth, and countless dark clouds appeared as thunder rumbled.

"Arghhhh!!" Li Mu roared as he rushed at Zhao Fu and attacked, and they soon became entangled in battle.

Chapter 266: Clan Armament Upgrade

Li Mu's sword shot out yellow sword light, making it look like a three meter long light sword. He swung it, and the massive sword qi it contained turned into a gust of sword wind, ripping towards Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu coldly looked at Li Mu and sent his King's Power into the Sky Demon Sword. The Sky Demon Sword gave off a black sword light as Zhao Fu raised it and blocked.

Clang!

The two swords collided, resulting in a metallic collision sound. Black and dirt-yellow sword light shot out, and as the two powers clashed, a shockwave erupted out, causing the earth to crack.

Li Mu's gaze became savage – he had never thought that a full-powered strike from him would be blocked so easily. He once again roared and circulated the Fate within his body, causing the dirt-yellow light around him to become even brighter. Li Mu gripped his sword and hacked down towards Zhao Fu.

Feeling this power, Zhao Fu felt slightly shocked before he vigorously swung his sword, forcing Li Mu back. He then flew forwards, stabbing his sword towards Li Mu.

In response, Li Mu twisted to the side and also stabbed out with his sword. The sword gave off an extremely sharp aura as it pierced towards Zhao Fu's chest. However, Zhao Fu sidestepped this, and Li Mu grasped this opportunity, his sword giving off a massive sword light as he sent it towards Zhao Fu's head.

Zhao Fu quickly swung up with his sword, bringing with it a sharp arc of light and sending Li Mu's sword upwards. Following this, Zhao Fu's body spun as he lashed out with a kick, sending Li Mu flying ten or so meters away.

"Arghh!" Li Mu coughed up another mouthful of blood, and he savagely glared at Zhao Fu. He stabbed his sword into the ground as he slowly stood up, and a ten-meter long dirt-yellow dragon appeared around him.

Zhao Fu watched as this happened, and he knew that Li Mu was continuously using up his Fate. From nations to individual people, everyone had his own Fate.

For them, the Legatees of Dynasties, they had the ability to condense their Fate. It was possible for them to become Kings and Emperors in the future, and their Fate was much more powerful than normal people's. They also possessed the Fate of their Legacies, but once they consumed all of their Fate, there would be serious side effects, such as a reduced lifespan.

Li Mu was going all out now!

"Arghhh...." Li Mu gripped his sword with both hands as he screamed. A yellow flame and a few arcs of lightning burst forth around his body. A formless might also spread from him, causing the ground 100 meters around him to collapse.

Zhao Fu was quite surprised and leapt backward out of this range. Even now, Li Mu was consuming the Fate that he had, and yellow arcs of lightning continuously flashed around him. The ground continued to crumble as his aura became more and more dangerous.

“You want to settle this in one blow?” Zhao Fu also had this intention. He raised his Sky Demon Sword as a ten or so meter long black dragon came out from Zhao Fu’s body. This black dragon was much more corporeal than Li Mu’s dirt-yellow dragon.

Since his opponent was sacrificing his Fate, Zhao Fu could only do the same. He coldly harrumphed as a black flame appeared around him, and black arcs of lightning started to flash around him.

Both of them gave off terrifying auras, and they faced off against each other, resulting in a massive gale forming around them. The trees and rocks between them were all lifted high into the air, and even the wooden buildings started to sway. No one dared to take a step closer to them.

“Arghh!!!” Li Mu gave one final shout as an aura that seemed to be able to destroy everything exploded out from him. By now, it was already impossible to see the shape of Li Mu’s sword – it was now just a mass of brilliant yellow light. Countless arcs of lightning flickered around him, and the ground beneath his feet continued to crumble.

Boom!!!!

Li Mu finally swept out with his sword, causing a deafening explosion. The entire world seemed to tremble as a ten or so meter long dragon-shaped sword qi that gave off a brilliant yellow light lit up the entire area around them. The sword wind howled as the dragon-shaped sword qi slashed towards Zhao Fu with world-destroying power. The space where it passed through seemed to twist and turn, and it gouged the ground.

At that moment, Zhao Fu also attacked. He loudly roared as he raised his sword, causing black light to shoot up into the sky. A violet star giving off resplendent light suddenly appeared as if it had been summoned, and it quickly descended.

The violet star’s bright light seemed incredibly piercing in the dark night, and a trace of violet aura descended from the star and entered Zhao Fu’s sword. Zhao Fu’s sword now gave off a black and violet light as well as a majestic and powerful aura.

At that moment, the gigantic dragon-shaped sword qi had reached Zhao Fu’s body. In that moment of life and death, Zhao Fu slightly smiled as he slashed out with his sword. A simple-looking arc of light flashed out as the gigantic dragon-shaped sword qi split in half and disappeared.

Li Mu looked quite confused – he had never thought that such a shocking attack would be destroyed by Zhao Fu with such a simple attack.

Suddenly, Li Mu felt a sharp pain in his chest, and he looked down. Without him noticing, a long gash had appeared on his chest, and blood was pouring out from it. Li Mu’s legs weakened, and he fell to the ground.

Zhao Fu smiled. He had only been able to deal with Li Mu so easily because he had received the true acknowledgment from his Fate. This was because he was a true Son of Heaven, while Li Mu could only count as a fake Son of Heaven.

Zhao Fu walked over and found that Li Mu was on his dying breath, but he was still alive. His eyes looked towards Zhao Fu with a look of pleading within them.

This caused Zhao Fu to pause because he understood Li Mu's meaning – Li Mu was begging him to spare Great Shun, and this caused Zhao Fu to slightly hesitate. However, Zhao Fu thought about it and realized that if their positions were reversed, would Li Mu spare Great Qin?

When he thought of that, Zhao Fu's gaze became cold, and he raised his sword. Li Mu understood Zhao Fu's answer, and his look of pleading became one of anger and hatred as he stared at Zhao Fu. It was as if he wouldn't let Zhao Fu off even if he became a ghost.

Chi!

Zhao Fu's sword descended and killed Li Mu. At that moment, those from Great Shun received a notification that their Lord had died, and all of them grieved over the fall of Great Shun.

"Your Majesty!!" someone loudly yelled as a heroic-looking female General wearing red armor and holding a cherry-red spear rushed over. She was most likely one of Great Shun's famed Generals, the 'Red Lady.'

By the time the Red Lady came close, she saw that Li Mu had already died. Her eyes became blood-shot, and she hatefully looked at Zhao Fu, who was standing beside Li Mu's corpse.

"I'll kill you!" the Red Lady yelled as she raised her spear and charged at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu coldly looked at the female General speeding towards him and casually waved his hand. A sharp arc of light appeared as blood spurted out into the air. A head flew high into the air as Red Lady's headless corpse fell powerlessly to the ground.

These historical figures were 100% loyal to their Lords. As such, if Zhao Fu couldn't make them submit, he could only kill them.

Great Qin had been suppressing Great Shun this entire time, and now that Li Mu had died, Great Qin's forces completely overwhelmed Great Shun soldiers. After the battle ended, Zhao Fu's side lost 3,000 soldiers, and 15,000 soldiers were injured.

As for Great Shun, all of the indigenous Generals and soldiers had died. Because the residents were all quite loyal, out of the 30,000 or so residents, only 3,000 were left after the others were killed while resisting.

Zhao Fu ordered Bai Qi to clean up the battlefield while he went to Great Shun's Town Hall and looked at the golden cube hovering in the air.

Chapter 267: Hell

Looking at this cube, Zhao Fu couldn't help but feel somewhat excited. After all, this was the City Heart of a Dynasty's Legacy. These sorts of things couldn't be bought with money, and they were priceless treasures.

Zhao Fu walked up and placed his hand on the cube after which a system announcement asked him, “Would you like to conquer this City Heart?”

Of course, Zhao Fu replied, “Yes!”

Immediately, a yellow pillar of light burst forth from the City Heart and rushed into the sky, dyeing the entire sky yellow.

“Roarrrr!!!” A massive dragon’s roar turned into soundwaves that rippled throughout the entirety of the northern side of the Midland Continent. This roar was filled with pain, reluctance, and sorrow.

In the northern side of the Midland Continent, all of the factions were completely shocked and rushed out of their buildings to look in the direction from which the roar came from. They knew what this sound signified – a Dynasty’s Legacy had perished.

For a Dynasty to perish so quickly, the unstable northern side of the Midland Continent fell into even greater unrest.

Zhang Heng rode on his donkey as he looked in the direction of the Great Shun Town with a serious expression, thinking to himself. Elsewhere, Su Yan sighed – he had already received news that Great Shun had fallen.

Green Apricot’s four City Lords all sighed and also felt somewhat thankful that they hadn’t involved themselves in this battle. Otherwise, the consequences would’ve been unimaginable.

Back at the Great Shun Town, a 100-meter long dirt-yellow dragon gave a final struggle in the sky before its body cracked and turned into motes of light before disappearing.

“System announcement! Great Shun has perished, and its Fate has been completely devoured by Great Qin. Great Qin has obtained a massive amount of Fate.”

“System announcement! Great Qin has destroyed Great Shun and obtained all of Great Shun’s Legacies.”

“System announcement! Great Qin’s City Heart has been enhanced, and its progress is currently 1/10.”

“System announcement! The Great Qin Town has obtained 1/5 of the Great Shun Town’s stats.”

“System announcement! The Nation Armament Twelve Metal Colossi has been upgraded, and it has risen to a Level 3 Nation Armament.”

“System announcement! The Clan Armament Imperial Ruler’s Seal has been upgraded, and it has risen to a Level 2 Clan Armament.”

“System announcement! You have conquered a town with a Dynasty’s Legacy, and you have obtained 3,000 Achievement Points.”

Zhao Fu was delighted when he heard these system announcements. The Fate that Great Qin had consumed previously had been completely restored by devouring all of Great Shun’s Fate, and he could now use his Nation Armament again.

He had also obtained all of Great Shun's Legacies, which included their military professions and historical figures who hadn't awakened yet. Their Heaven Prayer Platform now also belonged to Great Qin as well.

Great Shun's military profession was E- grade, which was slightly weaker than the original Great Qin Soldier profession. Zhao Fu didn't pay much mind to this, but there was a Special Military Profession

Roaming Soldiers: Grade: D- grade Military, Description: The valiant soldiers in ancient times of the 'Roaming King,' Effect: Receives skill [Valiant].

This military profession was a type of Infantry that used sabers, and this profession was quite good. They were incredibly valiant, ferocious, and powerful.

Zhao Fu didn't know how many historical figures hadn't awakened yet, nor did he know who they were. The four awakened historical figures of Great Shun had all been killed by Zhao Fu already.

The Great Shun Town's Heaven Prayer Platform was relatively weaker than the Great Qin Town's Heaven Prayer Platform. However, its stats could be stacked with the Great Qin Town's Heaven Prayer Platform.

[Heaven Prayer Platform]: A special structure of an Empire Legacy Village. It can level up with a village. Special Stats: Resistance to natural disasters +35%, chance of spawning S grade or above villagers +15%.

After conquering the Great Shun Town, Great Qin's City Heart had also been enhanced. It now displayed 1/10, which suggested that after conquering ten Dynasty's Legacies, Zhao Fu would be able to upgrade the Great Qin Town to Epic grade.

The Great Qin Town also obtained 1/5 of the Great Shun Town's stats. This suggested that Great Qin would receive greater stat bonuses the more Dynasty Legacies Great Qin conquered.

There were also the Nation Armament and Clan Armament – they had been upgraded when Zhao Fu had obtained the Myrtle Imperial Star, but now that they had also obtained Great Shun's Fate, they had once again been upgraded. Obtaining Great Shun's Fate was no small matter – after all, Great Shun had overthrown the Great Ming Dynasty, and Great Shun had quite a lot of Fate.

Finally, he had also obtained 3,000 Achievement Points. Normal Towns only gave 500 Achievement Points, so this meant that a Dynasty's Town was worth six times as much. However, Zhao Fu felt that it was still a bit lacking.

With the King's Ring bonus, this was doubled to 6,000 Achievement Points, which would be enough to boost Zhao Fu to a First-Ranked Baron. However, because Zhao Fu had diverted his Achievement Points to Zhang Dahu, his status was now the same as Zhao Fu's. Zhao Fu had fulfilled most of the conditions to raise the Great Qin Town to a City, as he now had three Barons.

Now, the only requirement he was lacking was EXP. The Great Qin Town was still only an Intermediate Town, and it wasn't an Advanced Town yet.

"Your Majesty, everything has been taken care of. How should we deal with the 5,000 or so players stuck in the Dark Ghost World?" Bai Qi reported as he cupped his hands.

Zhao Fu looked over and lightly laughed as he asked, “Bai Qi, what do you think should be done about them?”

Bai Qi didn’t hesitate to say with a cold expression, “Those traitorous, two-faced people betrayed Great Qin at a key moment. This lowly General believes that all 5,000 players should be executed!”

Zhao Fu nodded and agreed, and he came with Bai Qi to the central plaza. All of the players were kneeling there bound up, and they looked afraid as they glanced at the soldiers around them.

When the ten or so leaders walked out, they immediately called out, “Young master Zhu, we’re part of your faction. Why have you bound us up? We just wanted to congratulate you on taking the Great Shun Town!”

“Hahaha...” Did they really think that he didn’t know what they had done? Zhao Fu laughed before replying, “No need to congratulate me. I’ll be sending you off soon!”

Zhao Fu emphasized the second half of his sentence, but the ten or so leaders didn’t understand. They thought that they were safe now, and relieved smiles appeared on their faces.

“Prepare ropes!” Zhao Fu turned and ordered.

Bai Qi felt a bit confused, but he still carried out Zhao Fu’s orders. Afterward, Zhao Fu and his soldiers took the 5,000 players to the forest where Evil Fang’s 500 members’ corpses had been hung.

After reaching here, the players all felt that something was off, and the ten or so leaders smiled stiffly as they asked, “Young master Zhu, weren’t you going to let us leave?”

Zhao Fu faintly smiled as he replied, “Yes, I’m about to send you off!”

The soldiers pushed the players under the trees and tied ropes around their necks. By now, no matter how stupid the players were, they understood what was happening. They pleaded and begged before starting to curse.

The soldiers pulled on the ropes, cutting off all of their voices, leaving only sounds of wheezing and struggling.

Chapter 268: Great Qin Legacy

Zhao Fu stood by the side and calmly watched. The 5,000 players’ bodies were completely bound, and their bodies hung in the air, their faces completely red as they kicked wildly with their legs.

Soon, the 5,000 players stopped struggling, and the forest fell silent, causing the atmosphere to become quite eerie.

Bai Qi watched from the side and saw how calm Zhao Fu seemed standing in front of the 5,000 hung players. He couldn’t help but feel his heart tremble. He felt that he didn’t fully understand Zhao Fu the way that he thought he had.

“Collect the high-grade corpses and hang the other corpses around this mountain. Also, hang Li Mu’s corpse at the front – they said that they would do this to Great Qin and even destroy Great Qin’s entire line,” Zhao Fu said as he lightly laughed.

Bai Qi diligently carried out Zhao Fu’s orders. He arranged for the soldiers to hang 50,000 corpses in total from the Great Shun Town around the mountain, making it seem as if the mountain and forest had lost all traces of life. The eeriness made it so that even beasts, birds, and bugs didn’t dare to stay in this place because of the great deathly aura.

The hung corpses all had terrifying expressions, especially the 5,000 players who had been hung alive – their tongues were hanging out, and their eyes were rolled back, looking incredibly horrifying. Adding on the creepy atmosphere, this now seemed like a mountain of corpses, and there seemed to also be some faint howls, making it seem like hell was in the human world.

The second day, the sky was a deep blue color without a single cloud, and the sun rose over the mountain.

“Ahhh!!! Ahhhh!!! Ahhhh!!!!” Terrified screams came from within the mountain as ten or so players who had just come out from the main city looked at the mountain and forest filled with corpses. The 50,000 corpses were incredibly shocking to look at, and even the players, who had seen a lot of blood in their lives, couldn’t help but scream.

The news about this immediately spread, shocking countless players. Some even went to take a look for themselves, and they found that the corpse hung at the front was actually Li Mu.

Great Shun, which had been the number one faction in Green Apricot, had been slaughtered overnight; how could they not be shocked? Even though the four system factions knew that something big had happened last night, none of them expected it to be such a bloody ordeal.

This news was quickly spread into the real world, completely dumbfounding countless factions. They understood that Great Shun had been annihilated overnight, and what was even more terrifying was that it was Great Qin that had done this!

Before, Great Qin had only demonstrated the might of its Legacy, but no one knew how powerful its military was. Now, they had finally seen it. Great Qin had not only just bared its fangs this time, but it had also opened its mouth and devoured a Dynasty’s Legacy.

It was said that Great Qin was in East Green, but Green Apricot was a few regions away from it. Could it be that Great Qin could already cross regions easily? This sent the entire northern side of the Midland Continent into panic.

After the Qin Resistance Alliance heard that Great Shun had been destroyed, the Alliance instantly crumbled. They all knew what Great Qin was trying to convey by destroying Great Shun.

By now, the other three families felt incredible regret. Because they were so worried that Great Qin would act against them, they immediately sent people to the Ying family to apologize and promise that they would no longer make an enemy out of Great Qin.

The Ying family didn't give any response, but the Ying family was completely delirious with joy. For Great Qin to take down another Dynasty Legatee so quickly, it was clear how powerful Great Qin's Legatee was and how bright the future would be.

At the same time, news about the corpses also spread. Many of the people who had supported Great Qin now felt disgusted because they felt that Great Qin was too cruel. After all, they slaughtered 50,000 people and hung 5,000 players alive – these things chilled many people to the bones.

In the real world, tens of people dying would be able to shake a nation, and this was even more so for 50,000 people. Now, many people thought that Great Qin's methods were simply too bloodthirsty and vicious.

Because of how brightly Great Qin shined and how much it had shocked the other countries, many Chinese people felt glory because of Great Qin. However, now that they saw how bloodthirsty it was, they began to feel antagonistic towards it.

Some people started to criticize Great Qin, and some media outlets even reported this story, embellishing it and standing on the side of 'justice.' Some people also jumped on the bandwagon, and the number of people criticizing and cursing Great Qin increased more and more.

However, not a single faction dared to speak out, and the factions remained as still as the surface of a lake. They knew that if they offended Great Qin, their outcome would be the same as Great Shun's.

This matter would later be recorded in the annals of history as 'Great Qin's Legatee brutally slaughters 50,000 people from Great Shun and hangs 5,000 players alive, sparking outrage from across the world.'

Within a room somewhere, Li Mu lay on a bed, a dumb expression on his face and his eyes completely lifeless. Great Shun had been destroyed while in his hands, and his status as the next family leader had been revoked by his family's elders. His status had fallen down an abyss, and he had become the greatest sinner of his family. If it wasn't for the fact that he still had a trace of the Son of Heaven Fate, it was likely that he would have already been killed his family..

"Great Qin!!!" Li Mu shrieked as his facial features distorted. He hated Great Qin beyond imagination, and even though he had lost Great Shun's Legacy, as long as he wasn't dead, he still had a trace of an opportunity.

As long as he had this opportunity, he could still rise again. Now, Li Mu only wanted one thing – to destroy Great Qin and slaughter everyone within Great Qin.

Within the Heaven Awaken World, Zhao Fu didn't know about any of these matters, and even if he did, he would've only laughed it off.

After hanging those players, Zhao Fu and the other four families wanted to destroy the Xia family and Yue family, who had sided with Great Shun. These two families were relatively weaker and only had Advanced Villages. Each of them only had roughly 6,000 indigenous residents and 8,000 players, which made a total of 14,000 people.

To Great Qin, it would be incredibly easy to destroy 14,000 people because Great Qin now had 37,000 soldiers in Green Apricot.

Even though the Xia family and Yue family had a combined total of 28,000 people, it would be easy to destroy the Xia family first before turning to the Yue family.

Now, it was time for the four other families to show their sincerity. Zhao Fu required each of them to send 5,000 soldiers, which made the four families feel quite hard-pressed. After all, 5,000 soldiers made up most of their fighting force.

Of course, the four family leaders wouldn't be willing to give up so many soldiers. However, when they thought of how even Great Shun had been annihilated, how could they win?

Seeing the powerful soldiers that Zhao Fu had brought, they knew that if they didn't agree, they would become the next targets, so they could only bitterly agree.

Each of the families sent 5,000 soldiers, forming an army of 20,000 people. Adding on 30,000 soldiers from Zhao Fu's side, 50,000 soldiers marched towards where the Xia family and Yue family were. However, when they arrived, Zhao Fu felt quite surprised.

Chapter 269: Natural Disaster Resistance

This place had already become a ruined village. The walls around it had been destroyed, and the Village Hall and some other structures had already disappeared. Many buildings had already fallen into ruin – it seemed that the City Heart had already been relocated.

"Looks like the Xia family was able to run quite quickly!" Zhao Fu thought to himself as he looked at this scene.

The impact from destroying the Great Shun Town had been too great, and because large families had Legacies as well, it was impossible for them to not know what was happening.

When they heard that final mournful cry, the Xia family and Yue family's people had been scared out of their wits, and they figured that it was Great Ming that had destroyed Great Shun. When they thought about how they had betrayed Zhao Fu and the fact that their two families had always been weaker than the other families in the six families, they knew that Zhao Fu would be coming to destroy them next.

As such, they had immediately relocated their villages. They knew that they would have to pay a price, but it wouldn't be as great as losing their villages.

Zhao Fu came too late, but he was pleased to find that there were still roughly 5,000 people and some resources that had been abandoned.

Because they didn't have much time, it was impossible for the Xia family and Yue family to take everyone. If they brought so many people, Zhao Fu would definitely catch up to them, resulting in all of them perishing. As such, they chose to take the precious items and important people.

As for the remaining normal people and items, the Xia family and Yue family allowed those who could run to run, and they destroyed and burned what they could. Even if they had to destroy everything, they weren't willing to let Zhao Fu have it.

However, they had many shops in the system main cities, which they obtained good profits from. They had developed in Green Apricot for a long time, and they weren't willing to throw all of it away.

Moreover, they were currently unable to go to other regions, so they had to hide in some remote location, not daring to even go to the system main cities. Now, the entirety of Green Apricot belonged to Zhao Fu, and going to system main cities would be equivalent to committing suicide.

In the end, upon realizing they couldn't leave all of their resources and people, they decided to make a deal with Zhao Fu.

When Zhao Fu brought the 50,000 soldiers to the Xia family's village, he found that the Xia family's people were waiting there for him.

At that moment, a young man walked out from the crowd and shouted somewhat nervously, "Please don't attack, everyone! The Xia family has left some people here to talk with Young master Zhu."

When he heard this, Zhao Fu felt quite confused, but he still ordered some people to bring the young man to him.

The young man looked at Zhao Fu, who was wearing a black cloak, and smiled before saying, "Young master Zhu, I would first like to apologize to you on the behalf of the Xia family. We don't dare to hope that you will forgive us, but please believe us when we say that we had our own hidden troubles. However, we still feel regretful and remorseful, so we are gifting all of the people and items here to young master Zhu to show our sincerity."

Zhao Fu understood the Xia family's intention – no wonder there were still so many people and items here. If he accepted these things, he would be honor-bound not to attack the Xia family.

He knew that he wouldn't be able to catch up to the escaped Xia family, and obtaining 5,000 people without paying any sort of price was already quite good. The Xia family was given a heavy blow, and it would be reduced to an ordinary faction. The Xia family would no longer be of any threat to him.

Zhao Fu thought for a moment before nodding and replying, "I can accept the Xia family's apology, but this is your last chance!"

The young man let out a sigh of relief; this matter was finally over. As such, he patted his chest as he promised, "Don't worry. Young master Zhu, there won't be a next time!"

Zhao Fu didn't feel anything at all inwardly – by now, he didn't trust anyone. When he had the chance, he would still get rid of the Xia family.

The four families were quite disappointed – they had thought that because they had brought so many soldiers, they would be able to split the Xia family's things among them, but they had obtained nothing.

After taking these 5,000 people and items, Zhao Fu took the soldiers to the Yue family. The same thing happened again, and he once again gained 5,000 people. Just like that, he had gained 10,000 people.

As for the items he had gained, Zhao Fu generously split them between the four families and offhandedly remarked, "The Xia family and Yue family are quite smart; they knew that they had to pay a price for their mistakes!"

Those words caused the four family leaders' faces to become stiff, as they had also betrayed Zhao Fu.

They fell silent. Neither Zhao Fu nor the four family leaders said anything, making the atmosphere quite awkward.

In the end, the Li family's leader sighed and said, "The Li family is willing to give young master Zhu some people to make up for our mistakes. We hope that young master Zhu can accept our apology."

Following this, the other three family leaders could only say the same thing and hand over 1,000 people as the price for betraying Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu was currently not in a position to deal with the four families, so getting another 4,000 people for free wasn't bad. He laughed and gave the four family leaders some more of the items and promised them benefits in the main cities in the future.

Right now, apart from the system factions, only the four families could barely defend themselves. The other factions had essentially no strength, and Green Apricot essentially belonged to Zhao Fu now.

Bringing the 3,000 people he had obtained from conquering the Great Shun Town, the 10,000 people from the Xia and Yue families, and the 4,000 people from the four families, Zhao Fu returned to the Great Shun Town with a total of 17,000 people.

Zhao Fu went to the Great Shun Town's Town Hall. Because Great Shun's legacy and Fate had already been devoured by Great Qin, Great Shun's City Creation Stone was now just an ordinary City Creation Stone, and relocating it wouldn't cause a drop in its grade.

Because this place had definitely been exposed, Zhao Fu wanted to move the Great Shun Town away. He didn't leave too many of his soldiers in Green Apricot, as there was basically nothing that could stand in Great Qin's way here now.

Zhao Fu placed his hand on the floating cube and chose to relocate it!

"System announcement! You have obtained 160,000 EXP."

"System announcement!" Your Intermediate Town has leveled up to an Advanced Town."

"System announcement! One of the historical figures sleeping within Great Qin's Legacy has awakened."

Zhao Fu was ecstatic upon hearing these system announcements. He separated the army and the people he had obtained into smaller groups and transported them back to the Great Qin Town before checking on the Great Qin Town's new stats.

Village Name: Great Qin Town (Legendary)

Level: Advanced (190/750,000)

Village Area: 300 square kilometers

Village Territory: 6,180 square kilometers

Residents: 182,950/420,000

Military: 21,640/72,000

Popular Support: 85

Village Special Stats: Territory Crop Output +100%, Territory Crop Growing Time -100%, Population Limit +70%, Residents' stats can randomly +6, Soldiers' stats +7%, Population Attraction +80%, chance of attracting higher grade population +80%.

Subsidiary Village Limit: 282

Subordinate Villages: Logue Village, Jean Village, Dorun Village, Li Family Village, Wolf Village, Ferocious Tiger Village...

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The Town's stats rose just like they had before, and Zhao Fu now turned his gaze to the three structures that had also leveled up.

[Heaven Prayer Platform]: A special structure of an Empire Legacy Village. It can level up with a village. Special Stats: Resistance to natural disasters +65%, Chance of spawning S grade or above villagers +35%.

[Level 2 Earth Temple]: Contains a trace of divine power and can protect a piece of land. It requires sacrifices of incense, and the more incense there is, the more powerful the Earth Temple will become. Current stats: Crop production time -30%, crop output +30%, resistance to natural disasters +15%.

[Level 1 City God Temple]: Grade: Legendary, Description: Contains a trace of divine power and can protect the residents of a village, town, or city. It requires sacrifices of incense and can be leveled up. All evil creatures that step within the territory that the City God Temple is in will be suppressed by the City God Temple, which will reduce their strength by 60%. Residents will also receive powerful protection and immunity to dark powers.

The Earth Temple and City God Temple's stats had also increased, though not by too much.

What delighted Zhao Fu was that he now had two Heaven Prayer Platforms, and their effects added together were quite powerful.

What Zhao Fu cared about most was the natural disaster resistance stat. In the future, when there were floods or famines, that would be a true disaster. In ancient times, many people starved to death because of such natural disasters.

The natural disaster resistance stat was key in such situations. Many nations perished because of natural disasters in the past. When commoners had no food and went crazy from hunger, they would most likely rebel for food.

The higher the natural disaster resistance they had, the less they would suffer in the future when natural disasters struck.

Zhao Fu had already re-established the Great Shun Town 300 kilometers away from the Great Qin Town. It was possible to use the Great Shun Town as an important stronghold in the future, so he gave it some space to develop.

However, because Great Shun's Legacy had been taken by Great Qin, as the Great Shun Town developed, some of its special structures wouldn't level up, such as the Heaven Prayer Platform. That was quite a pity.

As for the 30 or so Subsidiary Villages around the Great Shun Town, Zhao Fu also relocated them and only received a portion of the EXP and no Achievement Points. Zhao Fu established them in the same formation as they had been in before. Now, Great Qin controlled 210 villages, which spawned 1,260 new villagers every day.

Adding on the people he was buying from the various regions, Great Qin gained 6,000 people every day, and with his expedition groups conquering more villages, the growth of Great Qin was simply terrifying.

Finally, Zhao Fu went to the Great Qin Town's Origin because a system announcement had told him that one of Great Qin's historical figures had awakened. Every time this happened, Zhao Fu would always feel quite excited, and he would try to guess which historical figure it would be.

A gold light flashed from the Origin as a 20-year-old or so, steadfast-looking young man appeared before Zhao Fu. After appearing, the young man's eyes flashed with life as he looked at Zhao Fu and immediately half knelt while calling out, "Your Majesty!"

Name: Meng Tian

Grade: SS

Title: None.

Profession: [General], Profession Effects: Can hold two different military professions.

Achievement Points: Commoner (0/200)

Race: Human

Age: 22 (100)

Loyalty: 100

Stats: Strength: 10, Intelligence: 8, Constitution: 8. Agility: 8

Cultivation: Stage 0

Cultivation Technique: None

Skills: None

Equipment: Coarse Cloth Clothes, Cloth Shoes, Coarse Cloth Pants

Meng Tian was someone from the time of the First Emperor of Qin, and he was a famed General who conquered the State of Qi and led 30,000 soldiers to defend the great wall against the Xiongnu people. The Barbarians didn't dare to herd their livestock around there or shoot any arrows. He also made many meritorious contributions to Great Qin when Great Qin was unifying the other six states.

In the end, after the First Emperor of Qin died and Hu Hai became the new Emperor, he was sentenced to death.

Zhao Fu had an excited smile on his face – he had obtained yet another excellent General, and he immediately replied, “You may rise!”

Zhao Fu first told Meng Tian to familiarize himself with the Great Qin Town. Zhao Fu then took Great Shun’s four Generals’ corpses to the underground region and prepared to refine them. He wondered what would happen after refining historical figures’ corpses.

Now, he no longer lacked energy stones, so he put all four corpses onto the Heaven and Earth Refining Formation and activated the formation.

The four corpses were brought into mid-air by a formless energy, after which their flesh dissolved and red streams flowed towards their heads.

“System announcement! These four corpses have sealed General Stars. Please choose whether you would like to perform a normal refining or special refining. Normal refining will result in four Grade Orbs, while special refining will fuse the corpses’ Grades and General Stars into one product.”

Zhao Fu suppressed a laugh – it turned out that the corpses of historical figures were quite special!

Not all Generals had General Stars; only the incredibly important and famous ones who could affect the fate of the world would have one. Only such people would have one of the 13 General Stars.

Normal Generals had one of the 36 stars of the Heavenly Spirit Stars or one of the 72 stars of the Earthly Fiend Stars. However, none of them were as powerful as the 13 General Stars, and all of them had different effects.

When someone with a General Star was born, that person would cause abnormal signs, and the corresponding General Star would descend; it was evident how powerful the 13 General Stars were.

However, the Heavenly Spirit Stars and Earthly Fiend Stars were different – although some were born with them, most were formed after birth. Most people were born as ordinary people, but because of their Fate, they may have been led onto the path of Generals, allowing them to obtain one of those stars.

Bai Qi, Wang Jian, and Wei Liao had one of the 13 General Stars, but most people would only have one of the 36 Heavenly Spirit Stars or one of the 72 Earthly Fiend Stars.

The system announcement stated that it was possible to fuse not only the four corpses’ Grade Orbs together but also to fuse their sealed General Stars as well. This was quite surprising.

Of course, Zhao Fu decided to pick the latter option, which was to fuse everything together!

A blood-red orb formed at the center of the four corpses’ foreheads, and they then rose up and fused together, giving off a bright blood-red light. In the end, it formed a roughly-shaped blood crystal that was as big as a small pearl.

Zhao Fu deactivated the formation, and the bones of the four corpses fell to the ground with a crash while the blood-red crystal hovered in the air. Zhao Fu walked over and looked at it curiously:

Innate Talent Blood Crystal: After consuming it, it will greatly increase one’s grade and allow one to obtain a General Star. Can be continued to be fused.

This Innate Talent Blood Crystal's effects were different than a Grade Orb's. While a Grade Orb could directly boost one's grade, the Innate Talent Blood Crystal would only greatly increase one's grade. It seemed like the Innate Talent Blood Crystal wasn't as good in this regard, but the key was how much it would increase one's grade by.

Apart from the grade component, what was important was that the user would be able to obtain a General Star. This was the fusion of the four corpse's General Stars, and because he wasn't sure what its effects would be like, Zhao Fu looked into the Innate Talent Blood Crystal more.