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## **Chapter 31: Undead**

After the Skeleton General died, it dropped 5 items. Zhao Fu slowly walked over and picked up its double-handed sword. Normal Skeletons already had good items, so what would the Skeleton General's weapon be like?

[Star Slashing Sword]: Grade: Gold, Stats: Strength +8, Constitution +4, Agility +2, Description: A Half-Legendary grade weapon that has become rusty due to the passage of time, becoming an ordinary Gold grade weapon.

Zhao Fu was not let down – it was actually a Gold grade weapon. Zhao Fu handed the Star Slashing Sword to Bai Qi.

Not only did a hint of joy appear on Bai Qi's cold and handsome face, but he also cupped his hands respectfully as he said, "Thank you, Your Majesty!"

Zhao Fu nodded and looked over at the Skeleton General's armor.

[White Soldier Armor]: Grade: Silver, Stats: Strength +2, Constitution +4, Description: An exquisite Gold grade armor that has become rusty due to the passage of time, becoming an ordinary Silver grade armor.

Zhao Fu decided to give the armor to Bai Qi as well. Now that Bai Qi had suddenly received 2 pieces of powerful equipment, his stats were given a big boost, increasing his strength. After all, each time one increased a Step in cultivation, all of their stats would only increase by one, while the Star Slashing Sword gave the user 8 points of Strength.

Zhao Fu continued looking through the items. There was something that looked like a Soldier Soul, and it seemed to have the figure of a General within it.

[General Soul]: Description: A powerful soul left behind by a general that can be fused into a City Heart, becoming a guardian spirit. It can also be fused into a weapon to strengthen it (Note: 10 General Souls can fuse into a General Armament).

It seemed that a single General Soul was worth 10 Soldier Souls – not bad! Zhao Fu felt quite happy because he was one big step closer to obtaining a General Armament. Who knew what sort of effects a General Armament would have?

The fourth item was a grey-white, smooth, rectangular stone.

[Skeleton General – Profession Change Stone]: Description: Allows a soldier to change his or her profession to Skeleton General. Can be used by living people but will have side-effects.

Zhao Fu felt quite uneasy about this. Normally, one would only be able to change profession to General after his or her Village became a Town. Normal grade Towns could only have one General, Blue grade Towns could have two Generals, and Legendary grade Towns could have five Generals.

[General]: C- grade Military. Description: A General that can lead soldiers. Effect: Can hold 2 different military professions.

A General was a C- grade Military unit because he or she could choose 2 military professions and receive the stat bonuses of both professions. There were no limits on the professions, so one could choose two F grade professions or even two SSS grade professions.

As such, a General profession was quite valuable. However, the Skeleton General Profession Change Stone had side-effects, and it might even change the one who used it into a Skeleton.

Zhao Fu considered changing his profession to Skeleton General because he did not care about his looks. Even if he became a Skeleton, he would get used to it. However, when Zhao Fu tried to use it, he was notified by a system announcement that Lords could not change their profession to General.

In the end, Zhao Fu told Bai Qi and the others about the Profession Change Stone. Bai Qi was already a General, so Zhao Fu looked to Liu Mei – she was S grade and had good potential.

Facing Zhao Fu's gaze, Liu Mei looked incredibly unwilling. However, if Zhao Fu ordered her to use it, she would not be able to refuse. As such, Liu Mei thought for a moment before going over to Zhao Fu, hugging his arm, and rubbing her large chest against him as she said cooly, "Your Majesty! Look how pretty I am; you can use me as a bed-warmer."

Liu Mei knew that Zhao Fu was not very interested in her and would not lay his hands on her, so she was able to act so daringly.

When everyone saw her acting so cooly, everybody felt a disgusted chill – every single one of them knew how ferocious and savage she was deep down.

Zhao Fu threw away the idea of getting Liu Mei to use the Profession Change Stone. It wasn't because he was moved by her actions but because he didn't want to force his subordinates to do things that they didn't want to do.

Just as Zhao Fu was about to put the Profession Change Stone away, Li Wen, who had been in deep thought this entire time, suddenly said, “Your Majesty! Let me use it.”

Zhao Fu looked over in surprise and reminded him, “There will be side-effects, and you might even turn into a Skeleton.”

Li Wen had a serious look as he earnestly nodded and replied, “I know, Your Majesty, but this subordinate’s grade is limited and cannot compare to General Bai Qi’s. In the future, I might not be able to help Your Majesty much, so I want to use the Profession Change Stone.”

When Zhao Fu saw how sincere Li Wen looked, he sighed and handed the Profession Change Stone to Li Wen.

Li Wen took the Profession Change Stone and chose to use it. A grey aura came out from the Profession Change Stone and swept towards Li Wen’s body. Li Wen’s entire body was enwrapped by the grey aura, but the grey aura disappeared after a while.

There were some obvious changes to Li Wen’s body: he was much skinnier than before, and his skin lost its rosy glow, making him look incredibly pale. His pupils also became a grey-white color. Apart from those, however, there was not much change. After recovering for a few moments, he respectfully saluted Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu let out a sigh of relief – it seemed that the side-effects were not too great. He nodded and looked at Li Wen’s stats.

Name: Li Wen

Grade: A

Title: None

Profession: Skeleton General

Achievement Points: Commoner (0/200)

Race: Human (Half Undead)

Age: 22 (100)

Loyalty: 90

Stats: Strength: 9, Intelligence: 7, Constitution: 8, Agility: 6

Special Power: [Weak – Undead’s Power]

Cultivation: Stage 0-1

Cultivation Technique: Great Qin Mantra

Skills: Fireball, Basic Sword Technique, Rock Crushing Arrow...

Equipment: Plate Armor, Iron Sword...

There were 2 changes to Li Wen's stats: the first was his race, which was now Half Undead, and the second was that he gained the Undead's Power.

The Undead's Power was like Zhao Fu's Demon's Power, and it belonged to non-human powers. After Zhao Fu obtained the Demon's Power, not only did he receive stat increases, but the normal Fireballs he cast also had traces of blood-color in them and were more powerful than normal Fireballs.

Following this, Zhao Fu looked at the last item that the Skeleton General had dropped. It was a bronze command medallion with traces of rust on it, and it had an icy feel to it.

[Command Seal – Undead]: Description: A command seal that has been contaminated by Undead aura for a long period of time. Allows one to command 10 normal Skeleton soldiers, and the Skeleton soldiers can be stored within the command seal.

A smile appeared on Zhao Fu's face. Even though it could only allow him to command 10 normal Skeletons, that was already quite good. As such, Zhao Fu decided to use it on some Skeleton Cavalry.

After looking at the Goblin Warriors' shields, he decided that they could continue for a bit longer. They would go back after conquering 10 Skeleton Cavalrymen.

Onwards!

The passage gradually became wider, and tongues of blue fire lit up ahead of them. This time, there were 14 Skeletons, and 4 of them were Skeleton Cavalrymen.

## **Chapter 32: Heaven and Earth Refining Formation**

The 4 Skeleton Cavalrymen rushed over on their tall Skeleton horses, and they were followed by Skeleton Infantry, who gave off a ferocious aura.

Even though there were so many Skeletons rushing at him, Zhao Fu's expression did not change in the slightest. When he raised the bronze command seal, four grey lights shot into the four Skeleton Cavalrymen's heads. The Skeleton Cavalrymen stopped as

the blue tongue of fire in their heads suddenly flickered before they turned and started to attack the other Skeletons.

The other Skeletons seemed to be quite confused – why did the Skeletons, who had been their allies just seconds ago, suddenly turn into their enemies? Very soon, Zhao Fu's soldiers dealt with all of the remaining Skeleton soldiers.

After continuing onwards, they encountered another three waves of Skeleton soldiers, and Zhao Fu was able to bring 10 Skeleton Cavalrymen under his command. He had been preparing to return when he suddenly saw a trace of light ahead, which seemed quite piercing in the dark passage.

Zhao Fu could not suppress his curiosity, and he led his people onwards. The passage gradually became brighter and brighter, and it came to the point that the light became quite blinding. Everyone shielded his or her eyes as they continued. At the end of the passage, they arrived in a massive space.

The space seemed to be 1,000 meters high and have an area of 30 square kilometers. What was terrifying was that the 30 square kilometer area seemed to be completely covered with bones, forming a sea of bones. There were all sorts of bones from a countless number of different tribes: Humans, Elves, Angels, Orcs, Demons...

There were bones from countless races here, and there was even a dragon skeleton that seemed to be around 1,000 meters long. It was not a western-dragon that had wings but a lizard-like dragon like those seen in the east. However, it was a dragon that could fly without wings. It had antlers like a deer and scales like a fish.

"What is this place?" Everyone looked around in shock and felt incredibly stunned and curious.

At this moment, Zhao Fu saw a massive altar that seemed to be 300 meters tall and 10 kilometers wide. Zhao Fu couldn't help but start walking towards it.

"Your Majesty!" Bai Qi called out to Zhao Fu with a serious expression.

Zhao Fu nodded when he heard Bai Qi. He knew that this place was not simple, but he still wanted to have a look. He was not worried that the bones here would become Undead – if they could, the Forest of Horrors wouldn't even exist anymore because it would have been destroyed by the Undead.

Zhao Fu stepped into the space, and the white bones beneath his feet cracked. He walked forwards as everyone looked around warily and slowly followed behind him.

Finally, everyone reached the bottom of the altar without any mishaps.

At this moment, they all finally saw the true appearance of the altar. The altar seemed to be made of a jade-like rock, and it was a light azure color. There seemed to be mystical runes flowing within each jade brick, and the entire altar gave off a mysterious and ancient aura.

Zhao Fu stepped onto the jade stairs of the altar. When nothing happened, Zhao Fu was able to confirm that it wasn't a legacy altar, and everyone else followed behind him. Soon, they were at the top of the altar.

There was a massive magic formation at the top of the altar, and there were also many jade channels around it. There were crystal-like energy stones in the jade channels, and there seemed to be over 1,000 in total.

Zhao Fu knew that these energy stones contained massive amounts of energy, and they currently cost around 20 gold coins each. The energy in most of these energy stones had already been used up, and there were perhaps only 100 or so that had any energy remaining within them.

Zhao Fu pressed his hand against the altar and received some information about it.

[Heaven and Earth Refining Formation]: Description: One of the Six Great Heaven-Defying Magic Formations. It can refine anything and extract its source energy.

Zhao Fu was completely dumbfounded when he saw this information. The Six Great Heaven-Defying Magic Formations – just this name alone told him how mighty this formation was. It could refine anything and extract its source energy, and Zhao Fu immediately looked over at the bones in this space. He thought of something but was not completely certain of its feasibility.

Zhao Fu then looked around from the top of the altar. He found that there wasn't just one passage leading to this space; rather, there seemed to be over 1,000 passages that were the same as the one Zhao Fu had come through.

Zhao Fu said with a serious expression, "We'll stop here for today; let's go back. Don't tell anyone about what we've seen here."

They knew how important this matter was by how serious Zhao Fu looked, so they all nodded and replied, "Yes!"

Following this, they all returned aboveground.

"Your Majesty!" Just as they returned, Li Si walked over with a look of joy on his face.

Zhao Fu felt a bit surprised and asked, "What is it, Li Si?"

Li Si cupped his hands respectfully and replied, “Your Majesty, a group of Outlanders has come to pledge their loyalty.”

Zhao Fu was quite confused when he heard this. Why would Outlanders take the initiative to pledge their loyalty? Zhao Fu went with Li Si to a vacant area in the village and saw 30 or so people there. They were about 1.3 meters tall, and their skin was slightly grey. They had powerful-looking limbs and looked a lot like humans – they were the lowest caste of Dwarves, Grey Dwarves.

There were 20 or so males and 10 or so females. There were a few children, but there were no elderly Grey Dwarves. They all looked quite downcast and seemed to have traveled a long way. Their clothes were covered with mud and grass, and many of them seemed to be injured.

When the Grey Dwarves saw Li Si bring a young man over, they understood that the young man was the Lord here, and a middle-aged Grey Dwarf walked over and said, “Guha Doloka!”

“System announcement! Solon has surrendered to you. Would you like to accept?”

Zhao Fu couldn’t understand the Dwarven language at all, so he immediately accepted the system announcement.

Solon was the middle-aged Grey Dwarf, and after Zhao Fu accepted, a look of delight appeared on his face. He knelt on one knee, and the other Grey Dwarves did the same. They said, “We thank the esteemed Lord for accepting us!”

“You can all rise!” Zhao Fu said, and the Grey Dwarves all got up.

“Solon, what happened to all of you? Why are you all like this?” When Zhao Fu saw their pitiful appearance, he couldn’t help but ask them about it.

Solon replied with a furious and sorrowful expression, “Lord, we were the villagers of Kaki Village, which is about 100 kilometers away from here. We numbered around 600, but we were attacked by a village of 5,000 or so Orcs. Most of us died, and we were the only ones able to escape!”

“Orcs?”

Zhao Fu felt quite surprised. Orcs were an incredibly aggressive race, and they were incredibly strong. They were quite violent, and normal Humans would find it impossible to win against an Orc one on one. What’s more, there were 5,000 Orcs in that village – this was especially dangerous.

However, Zhao Fu was not too worried because the Orc Village was 100 kilometers away, so the Orcs would not discover the Great Qin Village anytime soon. However, he

could not simply hope that the Orcs would not find them. As such, Zhao Fu took Bai Qi and the others to discuss the Orcs while Li Si started to make arrangements for the new Grey Dwarves.

### **Chapter 33: Evolving Through Killing**

The Orc Village with 5,000 Orcs was north to the Great Qin Village and was most likely an Advanced Village. After discussing with Bai Qi and the others, Zhao Fu decided that it would be best to avoid them for now. As such, he decided not to explore northwards temporarily to avoid encountering the Orcs. At the same time, he also ordered everyone in the village to strengthen defenses and to be careful.

The Dwarf race naturally knew how to forge and was gifted at forging. Even though they were Grey Dwarves, they had Forging skills, and their help greatly relieved the burden on Wang Dawu. Now, Zhao Fu would be able to mass-produce equipment.

Zhao Fu first arranged for the 10 Goblin Warriors' shields to be repaired, after which he took out the command seal and released the 10 Skeleton Cavalrymen. This caused quite a few cries of shock and fear, but Zhao Fu quickly explained that the Skeleton Cavalry was part of the village. Zhao Fu planned to make a new set of armor for the Skeleton Cavalry to increase their defense. Skeleton Cavalry was already quite powerful, and if the Skeleton Cavalrymen had a set of complete armor, even Zhao Fu would not be able to kill them easily.

At this moment, one of the villagers apart of the scouting team reported, "Your Majesty! We've discovered a Goblin Village 12 kilometers west from here!"

Zhao Fu wanted to test out the idea he had at the bottom of the crack. As such, he took 300 soldiers and headed west of the Great Qin Village. The Goblin Village was like Logue Village, and there were around 300 Goblins. Out of the 300 Goblins, 200 of them were able to fight. The defenses around the village were quite weak as well.

By now, the sun was starting to set, which was when the Goblins were returning from hunting. Zhao Fu immediately split his soldiers into 4 teams and set an ambush for the Goblins. They killed all 4 teams, causing the Goblin Village to lose 160 of its villagers.

The Goblin villagers hadn't detected any danger yet. It was getting dark, and they were currently waiting for the hunting teams to bring back food.

However, they were disappointed – not only did no Goblins return, but fire arrows also started to shoot into the village, killing many Goblins and setting many of their buildings on fire.



After a while, the Goblins finally realized that it was an enemy attack, and they gathered their forces and rushed out of the village.

When Zhao Fu saw that there were less than 100 Goblins rushing at them, he summoned 10 Skeleton Cavalrymen and took the rest of his soldiers to meet the attack.

The Skeleton Cavalry spurred their Skeleton horses forth.

The Skeleton horses galloped towards the Goblins, and after the Goblins saw how terrifying the 10 Skeleton Cavalrymen looked, they became completely scared. However, they mustered up all of their courage and continued charging for their village.

Chi! Chi! Chi...

The Skeleton Soldiers stabbed the Goblins and pierced through their chests chests, causing blood to spray into the air.

The 10 Skeleton Cavalrymen were like a sharp blade that stabbed into the Goblin forces. They rushed through the entire group, completely unstoppable, and split the Goblins into two groups – this was the might of Cavalry.

Following this, Zhao Fu's Shieldbearers and Infantry rushed up and started to fight at close quarters with the Goblins. The Goblins had no chance at all – they had been completely outnumbered from the beginning and been scared witless by the Skeleton Cavalry, greatly reducing their morale.

Zhao Fu decided that it was enough and told Old Logue to convince the Goblins to surrender. Unsurprisingly, the Goblin Village chose to surrender.

By now, there were only 80 or so Goblins remaining. Most of them were elderly, pregnant females, or children, and there were only 10 or so of them that could fight. They had no choice but to surrender.

Zhao Fu looked over at the 10 Skeleton Cavalrymen. After the battle had concluded, they stayed beside the Goblins' corpses, and streams of grey aura flowed out from the corpses into the Skeleton Cavalrymen. Following this, the soul fire within the Skeleton Cavalrymen's heads became stronger.

"They can evolve through killing?" Zhao Fu muttered to himself in surprise.

Zhao Fu didn't mind this – after all, being able to evolve through killing was quite convenient for him. Afterwards, he went to the Village Hall to conquer the village and [Relocate] it. He received a system announcement that told him him that he had obtained 50 Achievement Points and that the Great Qin Village had obtained 201 EXP. Following this, he brought a few of the Goblin corpses back to the Great Qin Village.

Zhao Fu then took some people to the altar where the bones were to test out his idea. He put one of the Goblin corpses within the formation before activating it.

When the formation was activated, light shot out from it as a formless energy lifted the Goblin corpse into the air. The Goblin's blood and flesh seemed to melt, but they did not fall onto the altar. Instead, they flew towards its head.

Following this, the Goblin corpse became a skeleton as a blood-red orb of light floated at the center of its forehead. The magic formation stopped, and the skeleton landed on the ground as the blood-colored orb of light floated in the air.

Zhao Fu walked up and looked at its information. Even with his personality, he could help but laugh out loud, "Let's see who can stop the rise of the Great Qin Empire."

[F Grade Orb]: Description: A soul's source energy taken from a living or once-living being. After using the orb, one's grade can be upgraded to F grade.

Even though he knew that the magic formation was for refining corpses, Zhao Fu had never thought that such an orb of light would be produced – it could actually change a person's grade.

Of course, it didn't matter that the orb was only F grade. If he could obtain high grade corpses of S, SS, or SSS grade beings, the orbs of light refined from them would be able to greatly improve his people's grades.

Right now, Cultivation did not matter too much. However, the future would be decided by soldiers with high Cultivation Stages, and the higher the grade of his soldiers, the faster they would be able to cultivate.

"What is it, Your Majesty?" Bai Qi asked curiously. He almost never saw Zhao Fu act like this, and this was strange for him.

Zhao Fu handed him the Grade Orb, and after looking at it, Bai Qi said in shock, "There are such heaven-defying things in the world?"

Zhao Fu nodded. After thinking back to the Heaven and Earth Refining Formation's description, which said that it was one of the Six Great Heaven-Defying Magic Formations, he couldn't help but wonder what the other 5 were.

"Your Majesty, obtaining such a heaven-defying formation is Great Qin's great fortune!" Thinking about Great Qin's future, Bai Qi congratulated Zhao Fu as he cupped his hands.

"Alright," Zhao Fu said, "right now, this place is our most important place, so we should take steps to protect it."

Afterwards, Bai Qi took 400 people to block each of the other passages.

Zhao Fu did not know where those other passages led to or what could come out of them, so he could only block them for now before slowly exploring each one.

That was the main job for the next few days. After arranging all of this, Zhao Fu came out of the Heaven Awaken World and read on the forum that the whole world was starting to descend into chaos. Nations, beliefs, and races started to violently clash together.

## **Chapter 34: Holy Light City**

Currently, all of China's borders were threatened with war. Above was the Tsarist Empire, who glared at China like a tiger watching its prey, and below were various forces from Vietnam. To China's left were as many as 23 Indian nations and empires, and to its right was Goguryeo, Baekje, and Silla's provocations. There was also Oda Nobunaga's descendant, Oda Kamiya from Japan.

The Ancient Roman Empire had also been revived, and the Holy See started to create an army of Crusaders for religious purposes. In the west, it was said that King Arthur Pendragon's descendant, Tina Pendragon, had already obtained Excalibur.

At the same time, the descendants of the ancient Pharaohs had also started to rise in power, and there were also many barbaric tribes starting to develop.

The entire Heaven Awaken World seemed to descend into chaos, and less and less restraint was being shown. Because nations, faiths, and cultures were different, various factions started to wage war on each other. The most intense fighting was in cities that bordered counties, and blood started to dye the earth red in those places. Of course, the most chaotic place was China.

China had always been the overlord of the east, and it had offended many nations over the course of history. It had been spied on by countless people, and its land shared borders with many other countries, making conflict inevitable.

Zhao Fu read a few threads, and most of them were about how Chinese people living near the borders had been humiliated in various ways. Many people in the real world created threads mocking how powerless China was, making tensions in the real world quite high as well.

This completely infuriated many of China's Legatees. The state of Zhao's Legatee, Zhao Yang, was situated near a border. He gathered all of the Chinese people in the area and slaughtered 10 enemy villages, gaining a lot of reputation and fame.

That was the situation at the borders: either one faction would attack or the other one would. The land was filled with killing and darkness, and before anything had officially started, the world had descended into chaos.

If it was already like this now, what would it be like in the future?

Zhao Fu returned to the Heaven Awaken World and used a few days to block off all the other passages at the bone-filled space. However, he left a few open to start exploring them. At the same time, Zhao Fu ordered his soldiers to continue patrolling the area around the Great Qin Village. If they could find any villages, Zhao Fu would absorb them to increase the number of people he had.

This was something that he had to do: the threat of the 5,000 Orcs was simply too great, and if they were unlucky enough to be discovered, they would not stand a chance.

Zhao Fu went to the Research Workshop. He had not heard anything about the teleportation channels yet, so he planned to put that on pause to ask his Scholars to start researching skills that could allow him to see the grades of corpses. Lords could only look at the grades of their subordinates, so such a skill was incredibly important to him now that he had the Heaven and Earth Refining Formation.

Just as he entered the Research Workshop, Bai Shan came up to him with a look of delight as he reported, "Your Majesty! We've successfully researched teleportation channels!"

This was quite a pleasant surprise to Zhao Fu. Following this, he immediately ordered some people to build a teleportation channel in the Great Qin Village.

What they built was a Primary Teleportation Channel, and it could only transport 2-3 people each time. In order to create more advanced teleportation channels, the Scholars would have to do more research, and since this teleportation channel was sufficient, Zhao Fu asked the Scholars to start researching skills that would allow him to see the grades of corpses.

Now that they had teleportation channels, Zhao Fu changed his mind and decided to go have a look at a main city. After the teleportation channel was completed, it could connect to a main city's teleportation channel and take him there directly.

Zhao Fu called Bai Qi over and brought along the 236 silver coins they had accumulated and a few Blue grade weapons. He took the Blue grade weapons to make sure that he would be able to buy what he wanted.

Zhao Fu and Bai Qi stood on the teleportation channel, and when Zhao Fu stretched out his hand, he saw the names 'Holy Light City,' 'Soldier Forest,' and 'Demon Tree City'.

Zhao Fu thought for a moment, and Bai Qi and he both put on black cloaks to cover their appearances – he didn't want their appearances and identities to be revealed. As for where they were going to go, Zhao Fu thought about the Undead in the passage, so he chose Holy Light City. After a dizzying feeling swept over them, Zhao Fu and Bai Qi arrived at a very large stage. There was a heavy crossbow set up nearby, and there were many soldiers standing guard. Whenever something happened, they would immediately turn off the teleportation channel and kill any enemies that had entered.

Zhao Fu casually looked around before they went to a large street. The street was quite wide, and it was filled with shops. There were many people on the street, and it was bustling with activity.

Something interesting was that all sorts of players had their own stands to sell equipment and skills, and most of them were quite ordinary.

Zhao Fu looked around with interest. Because he didn't have anything planned, he just wanted to have a look around the city.

As he walked along the street, Zhao Fu realized just how massive Holy Light City was. It was able to rival the grand, ancient cities of the past, and it could easily accommodate more than 1 million people. It would take at least a few days to walk around the entire city by foot.

Soon, Zhao Fu and Bai Qi arrived at the Quest Centre.

There were 5 stone steles that were 4 meters tall and 2 meters wide. From left to right, they displayed different levels of quests, which were split into Easy, Normal, Difficult, Nightmare, and Hell.

Easy quests usually required the person to help people with fairly simple tasks such as finding ordinary materials.

The first stone stele was surrounded by people who were waiting for quests. Right now, 1 copper coin was worth \$10, and completing just a few of these was already better than their normal wages. As such, many people were drawn to spending most of their time in the Heaven Awaken World.

The second stone stele was the Normal Quest Stone Stele, and there were also many people there, making it impossible for Zhao Fu to squeeze in.

The third stone stele was the Difficult Quest Stone Stele. There were much fewer people here because the quests usually entailed killing the leader of an Outlander tribe or finding a rare material.

Zhao Fu went to the fifth stone stele, the Hell Quest Stone Stele, and looked at the quests to satisfy his curiosity.

1. Kill [Six Eyed Demon Flood Dragon]: Quest Description: The Six-Eyed Demon Flood Dragon is a Lord grade being that lives in the deepest part of the Forest of Horrors. Its strength is so terrifying that it can cause one to fall into the pit of despair. Rewards: 100,000 Merit Points and 1 piece of Legendary grade equipment.
2. Kill [Orc Kaki]: Quest Description: The Lord of a small Orc city situated north of the Forest of Horrors who commands 40,000 or so Orcs. Rewards: 50,000 Merit Points and 1 piece of Legendary grade equipment.
3. Search for [Saint Origin Fruit]: Description: Saint Origin Fruit, a Grade 7 Medicinal Grass that can heal all wounds and change one's grade. Reward: 20,000 Merit Points and 1 piece of Gold grade equipment.

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After looking through these quests, Zhao Fu realized that the Six-Eyed Demon Flood Dragon was the biggest Boss in the Forest of Horrors, and it was most likely an existence that even main cities did not dare to offend. Who could complete such a quest?

The second quest required one to kill an Orc called Kaki, and it also seemed quite impossible – the 40,000 Orcs would not just sit by and do nothing. At the same time, Zhao Fu understood that there were no main cities north of the Forest of Horrors because there were powerful Outlanders there.

The third quest completely depended on one's luck. Someone might be incredibly lucky and fall into some sort of cave that had the Saint Origin Fruit. However, Zhao Fu was not attracted by the third quest's rewards because Bai Qi already had a Gold grade weapon, so Gold grade weapons were no longer as alluring to Zhao Fu.

## **Chapter 35: A World for Powerful Families**

After looking at these quests, Zhao Fu planned to go to some shops to buy some things before returning to the Great Qin Village. Suddenly, someone cried out behind him.

Zhao Fu turned around and saw a beautiful woman with delicate and exquisite facial features and a graceful and charming bearing. She was wearing a light green dress and gave off a gentle and weak aura, making those who saw her want to protect her.

Her status seemed to be quite extraordinary as well. She was followed by 10 or so people, some of whom seemed to be in charge of protecting her while the others seemed to be a part of the same family, and they all gave off extraordinary auras. Right now, the Heaven Awaken World was a world for powerful families, and normal people simply could not compare to those from powerful families.

Nearby, a pompous young man saw the young woman and a look of delight appeared on his face as he loudly called out, "Rou'Er!"

Following this, he took a group of thugs over and passed by Zhao Fu and Bai Qi.

The young woman addressed as Rou'Er slightly frowned when she saw the pompous young man.

The thugs saw two people wearing cloaks, and they felt quite displeased that the cloaked men had the audacity to stand in their way. They were used to acting without regard for others, and one of them said, "Piss off! You peasants saw the young master coming, yet you're not getting out of the way? You're seeking death!"

Bai Qi coldly harrumphed. He could endure humiliation, but how could he let someone humiliate Zhao Fu, the future Emperor of Great Qin? When the thugs were about to grab Zhao Fu, Bai Qi immediately acted. He sent one of the thugs flying 7 or 8 meters with one punch before quickly beating the others to the brink of death.

The pompous young man looked at Bai Qi with fear and said in a threatening tone, "I'm the Zhou family's second young master; if you dare to touch me, you'll die a pitiful death."

In response, Bai Qi sent the pompous young man flying with a kick.

The onlookers were incredibly shocked when they saw the pompous young man sent flying, but they also felt quite happy. Most of them had been bullied or offended by him at some point, and they couldn't help but wonder who the cloaked men were to dare to hit the Zhao family's young master.

Nearby, Bai Qi's ferocious actions made Zhao Fu feel quite awkward. Zhao Fu knew that Bai Qi was more suited to leading troops in battle, but Zhao Fu didn't have many capable people by his side, and Bai Qi's stats were already quite good. As such, Zhao Fu could only use him as a bodyguard for now. After the Great Qin Village became stronger, Bai Qi would definitely be the Grand General.

From the pompous young man's words, he was most likely a member of one of the powerful families around Holy Light City. Moreover, because fighting was not allowed in main cities, Guards would soon come. Guards began as Stage 1 soldiers, and they could cultivate, making them stronger and stronger as time went on.

Zhao Fu didn't want to bring himself any unnecessary trouble, so he said, "You can stop now!"

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Bai Qi replied as he cupped his fists together.

The normal people nearby did not notice anything, but the young woman and the people from her family paused in surprise. They knew what this title meant: only someone with an Empire legacy deserved to be called Your Majesty, while those from ordinary families could only be called Young Master.

No wonder they dared to openly hit the member of the Zhou family – they did not place the Zhou family in their eyes at all, and in fact, the Zhou family might even have to send people to apologize.

Just as Zhao Fu was about to take Bai Qi and leave, a soft voice said from behind him, “Sir, can you wait a moment?”

Zhao Fu turned around to look at the young woman addressed as ‘Rou’Er’ and softly asked, “What is it?”

The young woman smiled and stepped up, saying, “This little woman is the Jiang family’s Jiang Rou; I wonder if I can make friends with sir.”

Since the person in front of her was the Legatee of an empire legacy, his status was incredibly distinguished, and he would be the future leader of a powerful family. Any family would want to befriend such a person.

Zhao Fu turned and looked at Jiang Rou and thought for a moment before replying, “Perhaps in the future if we have the chance. I have some things to do, so I’ll be leaving now!”

Even though Zhao Fu didn’t like the descendants of large families, since she had treated him with respect, he would also respond with respect.

“Can you tell me your name then?”

Jiang Rou was disappointed by Zhao Fu’s refusal, but she still wanted to learn more about him and find out which empire’s Legatee he was.

Now, no matter if it was Holy Light City, Demon Tree City, or Soldier Forest, all of them were occupied by powerful families. Now that an empire’s Legatee had suddenly appeared, the situation in the Forest of Horrors would once again change.

Zhao Fu thought about it and chose not to tell her his full name. Instead, he only told her that his surname was Zhao before quickly leaving.

Soon, the news that an empire’s Legatee had appeared in Holy Light City spread throughout the Forest of Horrors. Even though the main cities were not connected, teleportation channels from player villages could be connected to any of the 3 main cities. As such, the players in Demon Tree City and Soldier Forest quickly heard about this as well.



Zhao Fu and Bai Qi arrived at a shop, and Zhao Fu asked, "Hello! Do you have any Holy Light type skills here?"

The shop owner was delighted that some customers had come in, and he took out three skills for Zhao Fu to choose from.

The first was [Holy Light Technique], an F- grade skill, the lowest type of Holy Light skill. If it was used against a Human, he or she would only feel a powerful light shining on them, while Demons and Undead would be burned and banished. This skill cost 20 silver coins.

Zhao Fu thought that the price was quite steep. Normal F- grade Physical skills only cost 10 or so copper coins, but this skill cost 20 silver coins, which was equivalent to 2,000 copper coins. However, when Zhao Fu saw that Fireball, an F grade skill, cost one gold coin, Zhao Fu didn't have anything to say.

The second Holy Light skill was [Holy Light Bullet], an F grade skill, which was similar to Fireball. It had explosive effects and was slightly less powerful than Fireball, but it dealt extra damage to Demons and Undead. This skill cost 70 silver coins.

The third skill was [Holy Hall Magic Seal], a C- grade skill. After using it, a sun-like imprint would appear on one's palm, allowing one to deal massive amounts of damage to enemies. The price for this skill was 30 gold coins.

Zhao Fu couldn't help but sigh at the third skill's price. Even the powerful families that used money from the real world to trade for copper coins would only be able to make a few thousand copper coins in a day. This skill cost 30 gold coins, which was 300,000 copper coins. Even the powerful families wouldn't be able to afford such a thing.

As such, Zhao Fu gave up on it and looked towards the first and second skill.

In the end, Zhao Fu bought 20 Holy Light Techniques and 5 Holy Light Bullets, costing him 750 silver coins in total. Luckily, Zhao Fu had brought the Blue grade weapons to sell, or he would not have had enough money. After buying so many of the skills, the shop had barely any left.

Afterwards, Zhao Fu went to Holy Light City's teleportation channel with Bai Qi, and he stretched out his hand, only the Great Qin Village's name appearing. This was because other villages had chosen to hide their teleportation channels – if one opened his or her teleportation channel to the public, anyone could be sent to his or her village, so Zhao Fu also chose for his teleportation channel to be hidden.

Moreover, entering main cities through teleportation channels did not cost money, but leaving cost 20 copper coins. The money was automatically deducted by the system, and it was impossible to use the teleportation channel without enough money.