

The Lord 411

Chapter 411 – Emperor's Privilege

After hearing Zhao Fu's words, the soldier immediately replied, "Your Majesty, it's said that Battle City's City Lord was somehow seriously injured and is dying. This has caused Battle City to descend into chaos, and each faction is trying to obtain power. There have been many fights, but the city guards haven't cared at all. It's best that Your Majesty takes a look for himself."

The battle for the City Lord's position was happening so soon? Zhao Fu hadn't expected this, and he nodded before asking the soldier to leave.

After thinking for a while, Zhao Fu got up and turned to look at Nangong Shuyue before saying, "I'm going to return to Great Qin!"

Nangong Shuyue understood that Zhao Fu had something to take care of, so she smiled and nodded before embarrassedly asking, "Your Majesty, about just then..."

Zhao Fu suddenly lightly laughed – he had allowed his passions to get out of control, which was quite surprising. However, that experience had been quite tantalizing.

Zhao Fu knew that there weren't any feelings between him and Nangong Shuyue just yet – that had all been the heat of the moment. If they had developed feelings right after meeting, that would be quite strange.

Zhao Fu looked at Nangong Shuyue before asking, "How do you think I should treat you?"

That question didn't surprise Nangong Shuyue, and she could already tell from Zhao Fu's expression and tone what he meant. Nangong Shuyue happily came up and hugged Zhao Fu, putting her head against him as she said, "Your Majesty, I'll be your woman from now on."

Since they had already gone that far, Zhao Fu didn't have anything to regret or worry about. He put an arm around Nangong Shuyue's slim waist and nodded.

Seeing this, Nangong Shuyue's smile became incredibly brilliant, and her face reddened as she said in a small voice, "Your Majesty, shall we continue where we left off?"

Nangong Shuyue wanted to become even closer with Zhao Fu because her body was instinctively reacting after what had just happened.

"No need. I still have things to do." Zhao Fu wouldn't let important matters slip away just for this kind of thing. Zhao Fu was still quite rational regarding women and wouldn't allow himself indulge in sex. This was why he had been fairly restrained towards women the entire time.

"Alright, Your Majesty. My body is ready for you at any time." Nangong Shuyue felt a bit disappointed but still smiled.

Zhao Fu smiled and let go of Nangong Shuyue. By now, Nangong Shuyue could understand Zhao Fu's personality more, and she felt quite appreciative of him. Even though she hadn't been successful this time, she had become his woman, so she would have many opportunities in the future. As such, there was no need to force anything now.

Afterward, Zhao Fu left the hall. The Generals outside wondered what Nangong Shuyue had to say to Zhao Fu, but after seeing Nangong Shuyue following behind Zhao Fu with a slightly red face and affectionate look on her face, they could guess what had happened.

This made all of them feel quite happy because their Majesty had finally become interested in these matters. However, some people frowned because they had only just taken down Later Zhou, and it would've been better to wait to test her loyalty. Nangong Shuyue had most likely taken the initiative, and her goal was too obvious.

However, they trusted that Zhao Fu had this within his control – as a future Emperor, the number of women he would have would be as vast as the territory he would control, and this was quite normal.

Any woman Zhao Fu wanted would be brought into the chambers of the imperial concubines, and they wouldn't mind at all. In fact, they would even help to search for such people and bring them to Zhao Fu – this was the Emperor's privilege.

Zhao Fu could tell what the Generals were thinking and didn't mind, and he brought them back to the Great Qin City.

After Zhao Fu left, Nangong Shuyue was in charge of managing the situation at Later Zhou's Town. The first thing was to give burials to the deceased soldiers and replenish their military force. Now that their position had been exposed, they had to strengthen their defenses.

Now, with Great Qin's protection and Wu Yang's player faction, Later Zhou wasn't in much danger, but they still had to be prepared for anything.

At that moment, a man came up and reported something, causing Nangong Shuyue's expression to become cold, and she returned to the real world.

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The scene was similar to what had happened in the Heaven Awaken World, with everyone from their branch being surrounded. However, what was different was that they were surrounded by the Chai family's people.

"Where are Chai Shaohui and Nangong Shuyue? Hand them over. Right now, they're the sinners of the entire Chai family – Later Zhou has been destroyed while in your hands. Everyone from your branch should die to pay for your sins," a young man angrily shouted.

However, some didn't approve, saying, "We're all part of the same family, so killing them might be too extreme. I believe we should just exile them from the Chai family. However, Chai Shaohui and his mother cannot be forgiven."

When Nangong Shuyue had brought people over, the scene was just as she had expected – it seemed that the Chai family wasn't willing to let them off.

Seeing Nangong Shuyue walk out, everyone's attention turned to her. A middle-aged man, a prominent figure of another branch, said, "Later Zhou has been destroyed while in your hands – how are you going to account for this?"

Nangong Shuyue's expression didn't change at all as she calmly replied, "Later Zhou was destroyed by Great Qin, and Shaohui's branch bears half of the responsibility. However, the other half of the responsibility is on all of you – if it wasn't for all of your meddling, Later Zhou wouldn't have been attacked by Great Qin. Moreover, Great Qin has given Shaohui a Lordship, and because he has submitted to Great Qin's Legatee, he will still become a great person in the future. If you try to do anything to him, the entire Chai family will flow with rivers of blood."

After hearing about Great Qin, everyone paused – after all, Great Qin was as terrifying as a demon. At the same time, everyone felt quite happy because Later Zhou's foundation hadn't been destroyed, and even though Later Zhou was gone, Chai Shaohui was now Lord Zhou. They could now also rely on Great Qin.

"Alright, we won't lay our hands on Shaohui, but you, someone from a different family, must bear the consequences," a middle-aged woman yelled.

Nangong Shuyue remained calm as she replied, "What do you want?"

The middle-aged woman coldly laughed, "Of course for you to die to pay for your sins! Someone needs to bear the consequences of Later Zhou being destroyed."

"What gall!" Suddenly, a voice sounded out as a valiant-looking young man brought many people arrived. They were from the Nangong family.

Seeing the Nangong family's people arrive, the Chai family's people's expressions became ugly. Someone from the Chai family called out, "Nangong Xiong, don't meddle in the Chai family's business!"

Nangong Xiong, the valiant-looking young man came before Nangong Shuyue and said, "Big sis, dad wants me to bring you back. You should know that you can't stay in the Chai family any longer, so don't insist or things will be difficult for everyone."

Chapter 412 – Nangong Family

Hearing that Nangong Xiong wanted to take Nangong Shuyue away, all of the Chai family's people weren't too happy and called out, "Now that Nangong Shuyue has married into the Chai family, she belongs to the Chai family. Since she has caused such a thing, she has to bear the consequences. Also, don't think that the Chai family, a family with a nation's Legacy, will be afraid of a small family like yours."

Nangong Xiong originally wanted to make trouble. However, the Nangong family's leaders had told him not to incite discord between the Nangong family and the Chai family, and it would be enough to bring Nangong Shuyue home. As such, he ignored those words from before.

However, now, he couldn't endure it anymore and coldly laughed as he replied, "Is the Chai family still a family with a nation's Legacy? Wasn't it just destroyed by Great Qin? I'll be taking my big sis home today no matter what. As for the Chai family, the Nangong family doesn't fear you at all!"

"You..."

When the Chai family's people heard Nangong Xiong's words, they felt enraged, and just as they wanted to say something, one of the Chai family's leaders yelled, "Enough!"

This family leader's position was quite high, and his voice was incredibly powerful. He caused the raucous scene to quieten down as everyone looked at him.

The family leader stepped out and said, "Let him take Nangong Shuyue! However, she can never return to the Chai family again. I'll represent Shaohui's branch in cutting her off; from now on, she is no longer someone of the Chai family!"

It was evidently not possible to kill Nangong Shuyue because she was the eldest daughter of the Nangong family. She was quite valued by the Nangong family, which was quite powerful as well.

If they killed Nangong Shuyue, they would definitely incur the wrath of the Nangong family. The Chai family was already in dangerous straits because Later Zhou had just been destroyed. Right now, they couldn't afford to offend the Nangong family and make another powerful enemy.

This time, they came to take Nangong Shuyue away. The young Chai Shaohui was unable to control his faction, and with Nangong Shuyue, they would be able to control the faction.

Nangong Xiong didn't like the way this family leader spoke, but it achieved his goal. After Nangong Shuyue's husband died, the Nangong family had been trying to convince Nangong Shuyue to return to the Nangong family instead of remaining at the Chai family. However, because of Chai Shaohui, Nangong Shuyue was determined to stay in the Chai family.

She was incredibly stubborn, and because no one could convince her, the Nangong family could only give in in the end.

"Big sis, let's go back now." Nangong Xiong felt quite angry – of course, this wasn't towards Nangong Shuyue but towards the entire Chai family.

Everything had happened as she had expected, and Nangong Shuyue calmly looked at everyone. She was unaffected by any of their words and said, "Little brother, I won't be going back, nor will the Chai family's people chase me away."

Hearing these words, Nangong Xiong looked at Nangong Shuyue angrily and said, "Big sis! Do you still not see? They said that they wanted to cut you off and chase you out of the Chai family!"

The Chai family's people also looked quite confused – could it be that Nangong Shuyue was stupid? They had made everything so clear, so how could she have not understood?

Facing everyone's gazes, Nangong Shuyue remained calm as she continued, "Because I'm Great Qin's Legatee's woman now!"

“Hahaha...” A young man started to loudly laugh as he said, “So you found Shaohui find a step-dad? You looked pretty loyal and dependable, but...”

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Before the young man could finish his words, a loud slap sounded out, knocking him to the ground. Half of his face became incredibly red and swollen as a trace of blood flowed out of his mouth.

The young man was quite shocked by this slap and looked over, and he found that it was actually the family leader of his branch who had slapped him.

“Enough, we’ll leave matters here. Nangong Shuyue still belongs to the Chai family, and Shaohui is still the Chai family’s young master. You may all leave!”

This family leader didn’t speak very loudly, but everyone was clear as to what was happening. This was because no one else was speaking and the scene was incredibly quiet – everyone had been shocked by Nangong Shuyue’s words.

Nangong Shuyue had become Great Qin’s Legatee’s woman – this was an incredibly big matter because there was now a direct relationship between her and Great Qin’s Legatee.

After hearing the family leader’s words, everyone started dispersing, and the family leaders of the various branches all smiled as they started to apologize to Nangong Shuyue.

This was all because of Great Qin’s Legatee – if Nangong Shuyue had become Great Qin’s Legatee’s woman, the Chai family would receive massive benefits. This was especially since Later Zhou had submitted to Great Qin; if they had this extra relationship, things would go extremely well for them.

Nangong Xiong’s expression became quite serious, and he asked in disbelief, “Big sis, is this true?”

Hearing this, Nangong Shuyue nodded seriously. At first, she hadn’t wanted to reveal this because it wasn’t something honorable. After all, she was a woman with a child, and even though her husband had died quite early on, suddenly having someone else would result in people talking about her behind her back.

Seeing Nangong Shuyue nod, Nangong Xiong immediately took out his phone and made a call. This matter was quite big, and he had to tell the rest of the Nangong family.

The call quickly connected, and Nangong Xiong explained the situation. The person on the other side went silent for a few seconds before asking Nangong Xiong to return and not do anything to disrupt Nangong Shuyue.

It was clear that their family took this matter quite seriously.

Nangong Xiong looked at his big sister and sighed. He wasn’t very comfortable with his big sister becoming someone else’s woman, especially Great Qin’s Legatee’s woman.

Nangong Xiong was quite against this because he knew that his big sister was sacrificing her body. It was impossible for there to be any feelings between her and Great Qin’s Legatee; he was worried that she would be thrown away by Great Qin’s Legatee after he was bored of her.

With what Great Qin's Legatee had done so far, as well as the Chaos Imperial Star descent, this meant that Great Qin's Legatee was fated to not be a good person. Even though his big sister becoming Great Qin's Legatee's woman seemed to be a glorious matter, it was possible that her life wouldn't be any good.

However, despite knowing this, Nangong Xiong couldn't oppose it because it was something that both the Chai family and Nangong family wanted. As such, he could only sigh and take the people he brought away.

The other family leaders all smiled and courteously chatted with Nangong Shuyue. After hearing some information from her, they happily left.

Now, this matter was finally over. From the beginning, Nangong Shuyue's expression hadn't changed at all because she had already expected this. This was one of the reasons why she had given herself to Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu's appearance appeared in her mind – becoming his woman had indeed been something quite glorious, and everyone had to treat her with respect now. This was how mighty his power was.

Soon, this news reached Chai Shaohui. Even though he felt a bit angry, he understood that his mother had done this for him, so he was unable to truly feel angry.

Chapter 413 – Ancient Times

After Zhao Fu led the soldiers back to Great Qin, he brought a portion of Eternal Night's members to Battle City.

The changes in Battle City surprised Zhao Fu. Apart from the soldiers on the city walls, there were very few soldiers anywhere else. There weren't any soldiers patrolling the city, and the shops were all closed. The streets were in complete disorder, and a few bands of people were currently fighting, leaving a lot of blood on the streets.

Great Qin's restaurant at Battle City was also forced to close because it was too chaotic outside. People indiscriminately attacked each other, and shops not closing would bring too much trouble. At the same time, because of how chaotic it was, there wouldn't be any customers anyway.

The situation in Battle City was incredibly hectic, and there was no order at all. All sorts of factions, large and small, were engaging in battles.

However, Zhao Fu noticed that most of the factions participating were player factions, and very few system factions were participating. Most of the deaths were from the player side, and no one bothered to pick up the corpses. Right now, there were essentially no solo players left.

This was because solo players were doomed to die when walking alone on the streets, so the only players remaining here were part of factions. No one dared to go out by themselves.

Zhao Fu went to the restaurant and said to the hooded person beside him, "Ergou, bring me all of the information you have on Battle City."

"Yes, Your Majesty," Wang Ergou replied before bringing over a pile of documents. Zhao Fu sat on a chair and attentively read through the information. From the information provided, Battle City had been through what could be called a large baptism or a great trial by fire.

Even though there were battles erupting all over Battle City, there was still a certain level of order. The city walls and some areas were protected, such as the system's shops. Most of these places didn't suffer any damage, and the city's basic facilities were still there.

The current City Lord wasn't very capable, and he had just turned Battle City into a massive arena, allowing the various factions to kill each other before picking the strongest out of them.

From the information, Zhao Fu could tell that there were a few people who were most likely to succeed the City Lord.

The person with the greatest potential who had the biggest faction was called Xiong Qi, and he was the first gold medallion fighter in Battle City. He was the most famous out of the candidates, and his faction was established first, which was why it was the most powerful.

The second person was called Hong Tianshan. He was Battle City's second gold medallion fighter, and he was slightly less famous than Xiong Qi. His faction was also slightly weaker. They were the two biggest rivals in Battle City, and there was often conflict between their sides.

The third person was Ge Nia. He was the most famous gold medallion fighter recently, and his Sword Sect was also a powerful force.

Apart from these three people, there were also a few candidates who weren't weak at all. There was a person from the Qidan ethnic group, a Dark Elf, and a person called Zhan Xiaofei. These three people were all gold medallion fighters, and they had their own factions as well.

Now that the various factions had started fighting chaotically, Zhao Fu didn't plan on getting involved. Great Qin wouldn't give Ge Nia any help because this was the City Lord's trial for picking out the strongest and most talented person.

If Great Qin became involved and the City Lord found out about it and was displeased, it would result in trouble for Ge Nia. Moreover, Zhao Fu trusted in Ge Nia's abilities.

"Let's go back!" After looking at this information, Zhao Fu found that he had come for nothing, so he went back to the Great Qin City with the others. The chaos in Battle City would last for a while until there was a final victor.

Ge Nia ran the Sword Sect as a neutral faction, not attacking anyone who didn't attack him. He also relaxed the entrance requirements and took in some decent people, further expanding and developing the Sword Sect.

At the same time, training became even more strict and intense so that they could develop a group of powerful swordsmen. Only then would the Sword Sect be prepared to win and cut away all obstructions.

To others, they didn't seem very strong or very weak. There was no benefit in joining the chaotic battles so early on because the drain on their resources would be great. This would result in them having no power in the later stages, allowing others to reap the benefits. As such, Ge Nia was only prepared to start fighting in the middle to later stages.

There were many factions with similar plans, so in the beginning, it was only the countless small and mid-sized factions fighting.

After returning to Great Qin, Zhao Fu refined the two historical Generals' corpses. Now, Great Qin would develop steadily for a while.

Before, Great Qin had wanted to peacefully and smoothly develop for a while, but after discovering Later Zhou's location, they had to change their plans and attack.

Now that they had taken Later Zhou, Great Qin would naturally return to its original plan. Now, within the territory that Great Qin wanted, only the Kingdom of Qi remained.

Zhao Fu had sent his forces to look for the Kingdom of Qi's location, and this was a matter of great importance. If they could destroy the Kingdom of Qi, there would be no Legatees within the territory that Great Qin wanted to claim for its nation.

Of course, these were only the Legatees that Zhao Fu knew about, and they hadn't yet discovered any hidden Legatees. However, even if there were, there would most likely be very few of them. After all, just the Midland Continent alone was many times bigger than the entire earth, so it was unlikely there would be so many Legatees gathered together.

Furthermore, even if there were any Legatees within those regions, they would be extremely weak, or they wouldn't hide. Normally, those with a nation's Legacy were quite powerful and reigned above even the large families, so there was no need to hide unless it was in front of a Dynasty's Legacy.

It was a pity that even though Great Qin had expended a lot of effort searching for the Kingdom of Qi, they still hadn't found anything. It was as if the Kingdom of Qi had disappeared, and they couldn't find any information on it.

It wasn't just its Town's location but even its headquarters within the system main city that couldn't be found because it disbanded its headquarters. The Kingdom of Qi had most likely cut off all connections with the system main city and gone into hiding so that it could silently develop. This meant that Great Qin could do nothing to it.

Since they couldn't find the Kingdom of Qi, Zhao Fu could only relent, and Great Qin turned to solidify its foundation.

This was primarily in terms of welfare – Great Qin was currently building roads, and because they were making the roads out of stone brick, it was easier than digging up rocks and refining them.

Zhao Fu ordered people to build large workshops for mass-producing stone bricks. Great Qin would be using the stone bricks for many things in the future, such as building houses, city walls, and roads, so they couldn't lack workshops.

The workshop he had ordered people to build for Yin Bone China was also complete, so they had started to mass-produce Yin Bone China. Yin Bone China was received quite well, and it had resulted in great sales.

Yin Bone China was quite unique and barely anyone had seen such a thing before. Even though Yin Bone China wasn't the unique chinaware of the Heaven Murder Empire, those were ancient times, and now, only Great Qin knew how to make it, making it something unique to Great Qin.

Most of those who bought Yin Bone China were upper-class figures – after all, not just anyone could afford to spend five gold coins on Yin Bone China.

Zhao Fu didn't plan on lowering the price – even though Yin Bone China barely cost anything, Great Qin was selling this as a premium item. Now that players were becoming richer and richer, the market would expand in the future.

Chapter 414 - Rising Qin Academy Exams

Next, Zhao Fu decided to prepare an exam to see how the students were doing in the Rising Qin Academy. Those who performed well would be greatly nurtured!

The Civil Institution would hold a written exam, mainly testing ruling a country and bringing about peace. The better a country's internal affairs were, the better the foundation for the military side.

The Martial Institution conducted martial trials. Of course, this wasn't done by fighting because everyone had different abilities. Some didn't start off with a good Grade or have a special bloodline, so they wouldn't be able to become peerless experts. However, that wasn't what Zhao Fu wanted anyway – he wanted them to lead troops into battle.

Even though many of their innate talents were ordinary, if they worked hard, they could still achieve decent results, and Zhao Fu would reward them with Grade Orbs to change their fates. This was the benefit of the Heaven and Earth Refining Formation.

Once the news about the exams spread, the countless students became incredibly excited. They had all been working hard so that they would be able to stand out in such an occasion.

The hardworking students studied even harder, and the diligent martial students trained even harder. All 8,000 students of the Rising Qin Academy were preparing for this exam.

It wasn't just the students who became excited but even the teachers. After teaching for so long, it was now time for them to see the results of their teaching and show Great Qin's Legatee their worth.

His Majesty had been supporting them so greatly in all sorts of areas, so if they were unable to develop any talents, they simply wouldn't be able to face him.

The teachers started to become even more serious with their teaching, and the entire Rising Qin Academy became filled with passion as everyone did their best.

At the same time, Zhao Fu planned to train some more soldiers. Great Qin now had 870,000 residents, and Zhao Fu decided to add another 40,000 soldiers, bringing the army to 160,000 soldiers in total.

Zhao Fu left this matter to Bai Qi because he was familiar with these matters and would be able to train a troop of excellent soldiers. There was no need for Zhao Fu to worry about this.

A few days later, the dark yellow leaves became withered and started to fall from the trees. All traces of color seemed to disappear from the world as the temperature became even colder. Autumn had ended, and winter had arrived.

The Rising Qin Academy's exams now began.

The Martial Institution's exams were officiated by Wang Jian, while the Civil Institution's exams were officiated by Li Si. The students of both institutions were going through written exams on either internal affairs or the art of war. Only those who performed well would progress to the next stage.

The exams were conducted strictly, and any signs of cheating or other forms of trickery would result in immediate expulsion.

It was an overcast day and seemed like it would rain at any moment. As such, these exams were conducted in the classrooms. Another reason was because it would be quite difficult to fit all of the 8,000 students into a hall together.

All of the students had their heads down as they furiously wrote, and all of the classrooms were extremely silent. The teachers acted as proctors, and others also walked around to prevent any cheating.

Zhao Fu absolutely hated cheating, so he had set strict rules against it.

Time gradually passed, and soon, the written examination had concluded. The teachers quickly read through the papers and picked out the students who had performed well.

Those who were chosen would receive Level 1 Honors, which meant that they would receive more resources. When choosing people for positions in the future, these people would have priority.

To some, this perhaps seemed quite unfair because it was disadvantageous to those who weren't good at studying or writing.

However, this was a world where the strong preyed on the weak, and those who didn't qualify were eliminated. Only the excellent would survive.

It wasn't like this just in the Heaven Awaken World but even the real world as well. In any school or university, grades were of utmost importance, and in workplaces, results determined whether one survived or not. It was that simple – the world wasn't a place filled with love.

Out of the 8,000 students, only 1,200 students progressed to the next stage.

The second stage involved interviews. Older soldiers would pose questions to those from the Martial Institution, and residents would pose questions to those from the Civil Institution, testing them on various areas of their knowledge.

Zhao Fu didn't like systems where knowledge was crammed into students; this would only restrict their thinking, and he didn't want to have a group of useless scholars. As such, he didn't just rely on written exams like the Confucians to test a person's aptitude.

Out of the 1,200 people, 800 progressed to the next stage. These 800 people received Level 2 Honors and allowed them to attempt the next exam.

The next exam was held by some Generals and Ministers. They posed various questions, all of which were quite difficult and challenging.

As such, less than 100 people successfully passed this exam, and they received Level 3 Honors.

The final exam was officiated by Great Qin's main leaders, and 13 people rose above the rest, giving them the right to see Zhao Fu.

Such a comprehensive, detailed, and strict way of choosing talents was praised and adopted by later generations.

Out of the 13 people, there were nine males and four females, and they were all around 15 to 16 years old. In ancient times, such a scene would have been impossible to see, but Zhao Fu refused to discriminate between genders. They were the most talented members of the younger generation in Great Qin, and they would definitely accomplish great things for Great Qin in the future.

Currently, the 13 youths looked incredibly excited as they knelt in a great hall, with the sovereign, Great Qin's Legatee, sitting on a chair above.

Being summoned by Great Qin's Legatee was an incredibly glorious matter, and it caused the youths to be unable to control their emotions.

"You may all rise!" Zhao Fu smiled as he looked at the youths below. They would all be the pillars of Great Qin in the future.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" the 13 people replied in unison as they stood up.

Zhao Fu waited for a few moments for them to calm down before starting to ask them questions, such as how they could obtain military victories and how they could properly rule the world.

The 13 people had been chosen through four rounds of exams, and they were all quite mature. They quickly calmed themselves down before replying to Zhao Fu's questions.

Their answers received the praise of the many Generals and Ministers, and Zhao Fu was also satisfied and rewarded them all heavily for their results in the exam.

Now, the exams had officially concluded, and news quickly came that another Festival was about to begin.

Chapter 415 – Disaster Festival

Now that it was winter, Zhao Fu wondered what sort of festival this was. He went to a system main city and looked around for information.

The situation in the system main city was different compared to the previous times when there were Festivals. Usually, there would be all sorts of celebrations, such as sticking things, hanging things, or selling festive items, and the streets would be packed with people.

Even for a terrifying festival like the Ghost Festival, the people first celebrated it before it actually arrived. However, there were no such celebrations this time, and not a single person looked excited.

Everyone hurried about, buying all sorts of things.

Some bought food, while others bought water tanks. Others bought things like firewood, umbrellas, and boats.

If Zhao Fu hadn't known that this was a festival, he would have thought that some calamity was about to strike. After all, all of the residents seemed like they were preparing for something terrible. Moreover, because of this, the prices of things were quickly rising.

Afterward, Zhao Fu found out that this festival was called the Disaster Festival, also known as the Suffering Festival. There would be all sorts of natural disasters, such as droughts, fires, and floods, and with natural disasters being the main theme of this festival, no one could be happy about it.

Like before, this festival would last for seven days and would begin at 12 AM. This festival was also more of a festival for individuals.

There would be all sorts of natural disasters during the festival, and if one could stop or defend against the natural disasters, one would receive Virtue Points.

For example, if a flood erupted, anyone who contributed to stopping it would obtain Virtue Points. Because it was a festival for individuals, the points would be directly given to whoever contributed. If any of Zhao Fu's soldiers stopped the flood, the points would belong to the soldiers, not him.

Anyone who helped or contributed would be given Virtue Points, which could be traded for items.

Because this festival was centered around natural disasters, it was a great threat to normal factions, large families' factions, and system factions because they would all be greatly affected. Even though they wouldn't be destroyed by the natural disasters, it would provide them with a great deal of trouble.

However, those with Legacies wouldn't be affected as much because they had Heaven Prayer Platforms and resistance against natural disasters.

This festival was quite advantageous towards the Legacy factions. While others wouldn't have food, the Legacy factions would have more than enough. They would naturally be able to reign above others – this was the advantage of those with a Legacy.

Moreover, the natural disaster resistance stat would even give bonus Virtue Points. The greater one's natural disaster resistance stat, the greater the bonus would be. This caused Zhao Fu to grin because this festival was incredibly good for Great Qin. After all, Great Qin had taken down four Legatees, and he had obtained the natural disaster resistance stats of each of those four factions, making Great Qin's natural disaster resistance stat quite powerful.

Right now, Zhao Fu didn't know exactly how much Great Qin's natural disaster stat was because there were some other things that added to it, including the Earth Temple and Water God Statue. Zhao Fu decided to take a look at the total after returning to the Great Qin City.

Next, Zhao Fu went to the Exchange Stone Stele to take a look at what rewards there were. The Ten Thousand Flower Festival was centered around equipment, the Ghost Festival was centered around professions, the Divine Fish Festival was centered around City Creation Stones, and the Disaster Festival was centered around medicinal pills.

The top ten pills were peak-level medicinal pills that had incredibly powerful effects, shocking those who saw them.

[Dao Comprehension Pill]: An incredibly rare Cultivation-type medicinal pill that has powerful effects. It can cause one to comprehend the Dao and control the world's source energy. This pill shouldn't be used by those with low cultivations, or their mind and spirit may be destroyed.

[Heavenly Sage Pill]: An incredibly rare Grade-type medicinal pill that has heaven-defying effects. It can cause someone with Human Grade to advance to Heaven Grade, change one's constitution, and strengthen one's stats.

[Revival Pill]: An incredibly heaven-defying Recovery-type medicinal pill. Anyone who has been heavily injured or even died can be revived as long as the pill is consumed within eight hours of death.

[Berserker Pill]: A Battle-type medicinal pill that was refined through the fleshly essence of tens of thousands of bloodthirsty demons. Consuming it will give one immensely terrifying power, and all of one's stats will be boosted by tens of times. However, the side effect is that one will fall into boundless slaughter.

[All Poison Divine Pill]: A Constitution-type medicinal pill that was refined using tens of thousands of poisonous spirit grasses. Consuming it will result in one having a Poison Spirit Constitution, and one will be essentially immune to all types of poison. It will also give one great resistance to even the deadliest poisons.

[Vermillion Bird Blood Pill]: A Bloodline-type medicinal pill that was refined using a Vermillion Bird's fleshly essence. Consuming it will result in one obtaining the Vermillion Bird's Bloodline, and it allows one to control the Vermillion Bird's Flames. It will also give one great resistance towards all fire.

[Life Connecting Pill]: Ten Support-type medicinal pills. There is one Master pill and nine Subordinate pills. The one who consumes the Master pill will obtain half of the stats and lifeforce of those who consume the Subordinate pills. When the person who consumed the Master pill is injured, the damage will be shared with those who consumed the Subordinate pills.

[Stage Breaking Pill]: A Break-through medicinal pill that has powerful effects but requires a great price. The person who consumed it can break through from Stage 1 to Stage 5, but the person's cultivation will forever remain at Stage 5.

[Might Pill]: An Enhancement-type medicinal pill that basically doesn't have any side effects. The person who consumes it will be able to raise his stats by three times and obtain pure power. The person's body and constitution will be greatly enhanced as well.

[Hundred Dragon Sun Pill]: A special Enhancement-type medicinal pill that countless men would dream of having. It was refined using all sorts of Yang-type spirit grasses, and after consuming it, one's body will be greatly enhanced in a special way. The enhancement is permanent, and legends say that one will be able to conquer hundreds of women with it.

After looking at the top ten medicinal pills, Zhao Fu felt that they were all incredibly powerful. The top-ranked pill, the Dao Comprehension Pill, allowed one to control the world's source energy, so it was indescribably powerful.

The second-ranked pill, the Heavenly Sage Pill, was also incredibly valuable, and from the information Zhao Fu had obtained from God Kerr, he knew that only roughly one in ten billion people would have such a Grade. It was clear how rare it was.

The third-ranked pill, the Revival Pill, was also similarly powerful because it could even revive a dead person. This was the first time that Zhao Fu had encountered such a medicinal pill before.

Chapter 416 - Total Natural Disaster Resistance

Apart from the top three pills, a pill that also caught Zhao Fu's eye was the All Poison Divine Pill. The art of poison was incredibly mysterious and difficult to defend against, and even Emperors feared such a thing. As such, all Emperors had some way of defending against poison.

With the All Poison Divine Pill, Zhao Fu would be immune to all sorts of poison in the future, which would be quite good. There would definitely be people wanting to use poison against him in the future, so it would be good to have such a thing.

Apart from the All Poison Divine Pill, the Vermillion Bird Blood Pill was also quite good because it allowed one to have the Vermillion Bird's Bloodline. The Vermillion Bird was one of China's four holy beasts, so its power was definitely quite great.

Because the Vermillion Bird Blood Pill was ranked sixth, it was most likely not too powerful but also not too weak.

After seeing the tenth-ranked medicinal pill, the Hundred Dragon Sun Pill, Zhao Fu couldn't help but smile. This was indeed something that most men would want, but it simply sounded too exaggerated.

"Zhao Xin!" Suddenly, a familiar woman's voice sounded out from behind him. Zhao Fu turned and saw Jiang Rou smiling as she looked at him.

Zhao Fu also smiled as he replied, "Long time no see."

Jiang Rou nodded as she walked over to Zhao Fu and said, "You're so busy that it's difficult to even see you around!"

These days, Zhao Fu had been continuously moving about from region to region. If it wasn't because of the festival, he wouldn't have come to Holy Light City. After hearing Jiang Rou's words, he awkwardly smiled, and seeing that Jiang Rou looked quite good, he asked, "Have things been going well recently?"

“Mm!” Jiang Rou replied. The shop’s business had been getting better and better, and the Jiang family’s position had been on the rise as well. She no longer felt any pressure from her family, so she felt quite happy.

“How about you? Have you been well?” Jiang Rou caringly asked.

Zhao Fu thought about the recent events and replied, “Not too bad!”

When she heard this, Jiang Rou let out a small sigh of relief, “I feel like you’re becoming busier and busier; I thought it was because of Great Qin’s Legatee!”

Zhao Fu felt quite surprised and looked at Jiang Rou as he asked, “You know about Great Qin’s Legatee?”

Jiang Rou covered her mouth as she laughed, “How could I not know? Now, every player knows about Great Qin’s Legatee, and even though I don’t care too much about those sorts of things, as someone a part of a big family, how could I not know?”

Hearing this, Zhao Fu could only nod.

Jiang Rou continued, “Before, I was quite worried about you because recently, Great Qin’s Legatee has continuously destroyed a few nations. East Green is quite close to the Forest of Horrors, so I was worried that Great Qin’s Legatee may have set his eyes on you. Looks like everything’s fine!”

Hearing Jiang Rou’s words of care, Zhao Fu felt a trace of warmth within his heart, and he chuckled as he replied, “Great Qin’s Legatee probably won’t make a move against me. Don’t worry.”

“That’s good!” Jiang Rou replied as she charmingly smiled.

Following that, Zhao Fu and Jiang Rou chatted for a short while before they both happily departed.

After returning to Great Qin, Zhao Fu looked at Great Qin’s overall natural disaster resistance stat. Most of it came from the Heaven Prayer Platforms, while there were other small bonuses.

[Great Qin – Heaven Prayer Platform]: A special structure of an Empire Legacy Village. It can level up with a village. Special Stats: Resistance to natural disasters +75%, Chance of spawning S grade or above villagers +40%.

[Great Shun – 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%.

[State of Wei – Heaven Prayer Platform]: A special structure of an Empire Legacy Village. It can level up with a village. Special Stats: Resistance to natural disasters +30%, Chance of spawning S grade or above villagers +10%.

[Later Zhou – Heaven Prayer Platform]: A special structure of an Empire Legacy Village. It can level up with a village. Special Stats: Resistance to natural disasters +40%, Chance of spawning S grade or above villagers +20%.

[State of Zheng – Heaven Prayer Platform]: A special structure of an Empire Legacy Village. It can level up with a village. Special Stats: Resistance to natural disasters +25%, Chance of spawning S grade or above villagers +5%.

The Heaven Prayer Platforms of the various nations had different stats based on the Fate of that nation. Of course, the most powerful one was Great Qin, and the weakest one was the State of Zheng.

Zhao Fu then looked at the other structures:

[Level 4 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 -50%, crop output +35%, resistance to natural disasters +15%.

Water God Statue: Level 3, Description: A statue of a Water God that can protect boats on the water. It requires sacrifices of incense, and the more incense there is, the more powerful the Water God Statue will become. Current stats: Gives the Water God's protection and resistance to natural disasters +5%.

Finally, there was also the City God Temple that was now Level 4. It had a decent protective power and would definitely be of help when there were natural disasters. However, because it didn't have a natural disaster resistance stat, it wasn't counted.

Altogether, the total natural disaster resistance that Great Qin had was 195%, which meant that Zhao Fu would obtain 195% Virtue Points.

Natural disaster resistance was incredibly difficult to obtain. The Earth Temple that Zhao Fu had obtained quite early on was already Level 4, but after leveling up, only the crop production time decreased and crop output increased; it seemed that the 15% natural disaster resistance was its limit, and it wouldn't continue increasing, unlike the Heaven Prayer Platform.

The only thing that had some potential was the Water God Statue. This statue was quite special, and if properly nurtured, it could surpass the Earth Temple.

Now that Great Qin had such high natural disaster resistance, they essentially didn't have to fear any natural disasters. After all, the natural disasters wouldn't be apocalyptic, and Great Qin would be able to survive easily with its natural disaster resistance.

There wasn't much to prepare for the Disaster Festival because no one had any idea what would come and when. As such, it would be difficult to gain benefits from this festival.

For example, if there was a cyclone that was powerful enough to uproot trees and blow houses away, how would one stop it? Running away from it or resisting it wouldn't provide any Virtue Points; only by stopping the cyclone would one gain any Virtue Points.

Similarly for floods, one would have to stop the water, and for earthquakes, one would have to find ways for the ground to settle down – only then would one be able to obtain Virtue Points.

Virtue was based on achievements and morality, and in Buddhism, those with Virtue could become Buddhas and enter paradise.

However, if a person wanted to resist a natural disaster, the person would need immense strength; how could an ordinary person have such strength? As such, most ordinary people wouldn't be able to

participate and could only do their best to survive. This was why this festival was also called the Suffering Festival.

Chapter 417 - Disaster Beast

It was still afternoon, so there was some time before the festival began at midnight. Zhao Fu decided to prepare by collecting some information on the Disaster Festival so as not to be caught off guard when it came.

Time gradually passed, and soon, midnight arrived.

Boom!!

A massive explosion sounded out in the air as a shockwave rippled out. This explosion could be heard all throughout the Heaven Awaken World, and it made everyone feel a stabbing pain from within their ears.

The lighting suddenly became darker as an oppressive aura continuously descended from above as if there was a terrifying demon about to descend.

The entire world seemed to fall silent, and it became quite dark, making it impossible to see anything. However, that oppressive aura became stronger and stronger.

Whoosh...

A massive gust of wind started to blow, bringing with it an aura of destruction. This terrifying aura was enough to make people's hairs stand on end.

Rumble...

The wild wind seemed to be able to blow away anything, and it started to assault the entire Forest of Horrors. Countless trees trembled as if they were about to be lifted up, and countless rocks were easily brought into the air.

The Forest of Horrors' first natural disaster... was a cyclone!

Under the assault of such an intense cyclone, countless villages were severely damaged, and even some roofs were lifted off homes. Some buildings were knocked over, but that wasn't the most terrifying thing.

What was most terrifying was that the countless rocks and logs lifted up by the wind would be slammed down, causing the ground to crack. Some buildings were ravaged by these rocks and logs, and people ran about in terror.

However, they didn't dare to go too far away from shelter because it was quite difficult to walk in the wind, and they would be blown away if they weren't careful.

It wasn't just the players; even the system factions were affected. Many roofs were lifted off, and rocks and logs destroyed countless buildings, creating a devastating scene.

As the cyclone assaulted the Forest of Horrors, Great Qin's territory shined with a faint light that seemed quite bright in the dark surroundings as something strange happened. The wind in that area suddenly became much gentler before disappearing.

Great Qin was completely unaffected as if there was no cyclone at all. This caused all of the nervous residents to let out a sigh of relief, and they all thanked Zhao Fu. This was all because of Great Qin's natural disaster resistance stats.

The cyclone continued for ten or so minutes, leaving the Forest of Horrors in a complete mess. Countless trees had fallen, and many large rocks lay scattered about in craters.

Seeing that the cyclone had stopped, countless people let out a sigh of relief. Zhao Fu didn't do anything because this was only the opening act of the Disaster Festival. Only after this would the true Disaster Festival begin.

Zhao Fu used his Flight Stone and turned into a ray of black light as he left the Great Qin City. He looked at the aftermath of the cyclone and was surprised to see how much destruction it had caused.

However, this was what the Disaster Festival was like – now that everyone had seen how terrifying it was, it would gradually get better.

However, that cyclone hadn't completely dissipated. It had instead turned into 20 or so gigantic azure birds that had wingspans of 30 meters. They weren't corporeal beings. Instead, they were instead formed from an azure-colored wind. They looked just like normal birds, but their eyes were especially sharp and contained an azure light.

These sorts of beings were called Disaster Beasts, and they caused natural disasters. They would only appear during the Disaster Festival and cause all sorts of natural disasters.

In the real world, there were many reasons for natural disasters – cyclones were because of the movement of air currents, earthquakes were because of tectonic movements in the Earth's crust, and droughts were because of a lack of rain over a long period of time.

Those were real natural disasters, and they had widespread effects; they couldn't be controlled and were difficult to recover from. However, things were different in the Heaven Awaken World – the festival only lasted for seven days, and because everything would return to normal afterward, the natural disasters were all caused by Disaster Beasts as opposed to actual natural disasters.

There were many different types of Disaster Beasts, and the azure-colored birds were only one type of Disaster Beast responsible for creating cyclones. They were called Wind Disaster Beasts.

Wind Disaster Beasts weren't as powerful as that cyclone from before, but they could still muster up winds that could affect everything within 100 kilometers. They were also quite hard to deal with. They didn't attack directly. Instead, they created large gusts of wind that destroyed one's village.

If one sent an army to attack them, they would quickly fly away upon seeing so many people because Disaster Beasts had some intelligence. They would then return after some time and create gusts of wind

from another direction. That was why individuals had an advantage, which was also why it was said that this festival was one for individuals.

With Great Qin's natural disaster resistance stats, the Disaster Beasts wouldn't go to Great Qin, so Zhao Fu had to come out and seek them out. However, this wouldn't be too difficult because there would be Wind Disaster Beasts wherever there was a strong wind.

Zhao Fu used his Flight Stone, and after flying for a while, he saw an area being blown about by massive gusts of wind. He activated his King's Domain, and a black barrier with dragon inscriptions on it appeared around him as he dived into the wind.

After flying for a while, he saw a gigantic azure bird in the sky. This bird was continuously flapping its wings, causing powerful gusts of wind to ripple out from it. Some trees were even uprooted, and large rocks were sent into the air.

Zhao Fu maintained his King's Domain with his full strength, resisting the wind.

By now, the Wind Disaster Beast had discovered Zhao Fu and flapped its wings, causing two massive wind blades to fly towards him. Luckily, as the Wind Disaster Beast attacked, the wild gale around him ceased; otherwise, it would have been very difficult for Zhao Fu to move.

Facing those two wind blades, Zhao Fu drew the Sky Demon Sword and dodged the first wind blade before vigorously slashing out, sending out a ten-meter long black arc of light that clashed with the second, causing the attacks to explode.

However, at that moment, the Wind Disaster Beast once again flapped its wings, and a pillar of wind knocked Zhao Fu back. After steadying his body in mid-air, Zhao Fu released all of his strength, and the City Lord Seal within his body trembled as a powerful aura spread out from his body. With the City Lord Seal, Zhao Fu's strength became many times more powerful, and he quickly rushed towards the Wind Disaster Beast.

The Wind Disaster Beast released a few more wind blades, which Zhao Fu exploded with his own attacks, causing the Wind Disaster Beast to feel quite shocked. It cried out as it charged towards Zhao Fu – it was made up of countless strands of wind energy, so it had a very sharp aura and could even reduce steel to small pieces.

However, Zhao Fu coldly laughed and didn't hide his strength as he used one of his divine skills, "Godly Demonic Thrust!"

Chapter 418 - Wind Disaster Crystal

The Sky Demon Sword gave off traces of demonic qi that resulted in terrifying ripples as a seven-meter-long sword image appeared.

By now, the gigantic Wind Disaster Beast had reached Zhao Fu, and it gave off a powerful air of suppression as its sharp beak shot towards him.

Zhao Fu didn't move, and as the Wind Disaster Beast arrived, he swung the Sky Demon Sword, causing the massive sword image to also slash out as he gave off an aura that seemed to be able to crush rocks.

Chi!

The sword image slashed through the air, chopping off the Wind Disaster Beast's head.

Instantly, the Wind Disaster Beast's body turned into a wild gale that exploded, and an azure crystal appeared in the air.

Zhao Fu steadied his body and resisted that wind, and after it dissipated, he looked at the azure crystal.

At the same time, Zhao Fu received a system announcement that he had killed a Level 2 Wind Disaster Beast and stopped a cyclone, rewarding him with 4,000 Virtue Points.

Disaster Beasts were split into different Levels, and their Level determined how much destruction they could cause. This was only a Level 2 Disaster Beast, and because it was quite easy to deal with, killing it gave the killer only 2,000 Virtue Points. However, because of Great Qin's natural disaster resistance stat, he obtained 4,000 Virtue Points.

However, it was only because of the City Lord Seal that Zhao Fu had been able to deal with it so easily. Otherwise, with his own strength, it would have been quite troublesome.

Zhao Fu then looked at the azure crystal – it was about as long as a finger and two finger-lengths wide, and it gave off a wind-attribute energy.

[Wind Disaster Crystal]: A crystal produced after a Disaster Beast is killed. Using it can cause one to obtain the heaven's blessing, and it might be accompanied by an item.

"Heaven's blessing?" Zhao Fu felt quite curious and immediately used it.

The crystal gave off a bright azure light as a light breeze blew. After the azure light faded, a helmet appeared before Zhao Fu's eyes. Zhao Fu looked at the stats and found that they were quite good, and it was a Gold grade piece of equipment.

It seemed that the heaven's blessings weren't anything direct, and this was just something that gave extra items like previous festivals.

Zhao Fu continued onwards and found a Wind Disaster Beast in a valley. It was quite small, only having a wingspan of ten meters, and could only create wind that affected everything within ten kilometers, making it not very strong.

As soon as the Wind Disaster Beast saw Zhao Fu, it flapped its wings and created a large gust of wind as it immediately tried to escape. With how fast Wind Disaster Beasts were, Zhao Fu wouldn't be able to catch up to it.

Zhao Fu immediately took out an Evil-Crushing Spear and filled it with his King's Power. The Evil-Crushing Spear shined with a brilliant silver light as the inscriptions on it moved about, and an evil-crushing power radiated out.

Zhao Fu vigorously threw out the Evil-Crushing Spear, which turned into a silver ray of light and pierced through the escaping Wind Disaster Beast.

Whoosh...

The Wind Disaster Beast's body exploded and turned into a large gust of wind, leaving an azure crystal in its place.

"System announcement! You have killed a Level 1 Wind Disaster Beast and obtained 2,000 Virtue Points."

Zhao Fu flew over and took the azure crystal and used it, which gave him an ordinary Gold grade piece of equipment. It seemed that Disaster Beasts would give at least Gold grade pieces of equipment if one was able to kill them.

The three main cities were being assaulted by massive gusts of wind, and what was causing this was a Level 4 Wind Disaster Beast that could create cyclones affecting everything within 10,000 kilometers.

Under this immense wind, the ordinary soldiers found it difficult to even walk, and it was impossible to reach the center of this cyclone.

The three City Lords felt incredibly helpless, and they had to use their City Lord Seals. Disaster Beasts wouldn't directly attack villages. Instead, they only created natural disasters. A Wind Disaster Beast that could create a cyclone affecting everything within 10,000 kilometers wasn't easy to find, and the closer they got to the center, the more difficult it was to advance.

The Level 4 Wind Disaster Beast had a wingspan of 100 meters, and even for the three City Lords with their City Lord Seals, it would be quite difficult to deal with it.

Zhao Fu temporarily didn't go to challenge the Level 4 Wind Disaster Beast because he knew it would be quite difficult to deal with it and would be a waste of his time. Moreover, with his natural disaster resistance stats, killing a Level 2 Wind Disaster Beast would be equivalent to killing that Level 4 Wind Disaster Beast to others.

If he could kill a Level 3 Wind Disaster Beast, that would be equivalent to others killing a Level 5 Wind Disaster Beast. Moreover, Level 3 Wind Demon Beasts already gave Half-Legendary grade items.

After battling for an entire night, Zhao Fu finished using up his Evil-Crushing Spears and gained 28,000 Virtue Points, which was quite good. If he had three times more points, he would be able to obtain the tenth-ranked pill, the Hundred Dragon Sun Pill. Of course, Zhao Fu valued his Virtue Points and wouldn't purchase such a thing.

At the same time, after killing his tenth Level 1 Wind Disaster Beast, he received a blessing.

[Heaven's Favor]: Level 1: Description: The Heavens' favor towards you will give you protection. It also provides your territory with natural disaster resistance +5%.

It turned out this festival could even give one natural disaster resistance stats, which shocked Zhao Fu. This could, no doubt, increase the gap between Legatees and ordinary factions. In the later stages, when natural disasters became more and more frequent, Legatees would have a massive advantage.

Of course, these stats wouldn't be given for free. Only by working hard and killing Disaster Beasts would one obtain these stats.

Moreover, since Heaven's Favor was labeled as 'Level 1,' there were definitely higher levels for killing different Levels of Disaster Beasts.

After battling for a night, Zhao Fu felt quite tired and went back to the Great Qin City to rest, and he ordered his subordinates to collect more information on Disaster Beasts.

This was because Disaster Beasts didn't spawn very quickly, so he would have to visit regions other than the Forest of Horrors if he wanted as many points as possible. Regardless, Great Qin would be fine whether Disaster Beasts spawned quickly or not.

However, if Disaster Beasts spawned quickly, other places would be in dire straits, and there wouldn't be a single village left intact in the entire Forest of Horrors.

Now, Zhao Fu felt that most of the Wind Disaster Beasts in the Forest of Horrors had been killed, so he decided to have a look at other regions.

A while later, one of Zhao Fu's subordinates came to report that there was a massive flood in another region. There had been a torrential rain since the Disaster Festival had begun, and it hadn't stopped. The amount of water that had gathered was terrifying, and not only had the entire region been flooded, but the surrounding regions had also been severely affected.

The City Lords could only work together to destroy the Void Zones and evacuate the millions of residents so that they could survive.

The villages in the wilderness weren't so lucky – they were unable to avoid the floodwaters and were drowned by them. With how big a region was, Zhao Fu estimated that at least seven million people had died.

What was going on? With such a terrifying flood, if it had happened in the Forest of Horrors, even Great Qin would have been greatly affected. It was surprising that such a terrifying natural disaster could happen during this festival.

Chapter 419 - Level 10 Disaster

There must have been something that had affected the Disaster Festival for such a horrifying thing to happen.

The flood was of such a magnitude that not only did it inundate an entire region, but it had also flooded the surrounding few regions. It was possible that this was the highest level disaster, a Level 10 Disaster.

Zhao Fu was quite interested in this region. If he could resolve this disaster, the benefits he would obtain would be massive. As such, he asked Guo Binglin to collect information on that region, and after reading through it, Zhao Fu started to look quite serious. That region had the Dragon-Sealing Well.

That definitely had to do with this flood; otherwise, it would be too big of a coincidence. The City Lords of that region had gone to take a look, and he had fished there for a long time in the past. However, everything had been normal. Could it be that the Disaster Festival had caused some sort of change?

When he thought of this, Zhao Fu decided to go and have a look for himself.

Since the region was completely inundated, he couldn't directly teleport there. As such, he teleported to a neighboring region before entering the flooded region.

After entering that region, Zhao Fu felt quite shocked. The sky was completely dark, and it gave off a powerful oppressive aura as rain poured down torrentially without stopping. The entire region was like a massive ocean, and only a few mountain peaks could be seen.

However, with how quickly the water level was rising, these mountain peaks would be submerged soon too, and the survivors could only wait for death in despair.

Zhao Fu didn't bother saving them – rather than just saving a few of them, it would be better to find the source of this flood and cut it off at its root.

Zhao Fu took out his map and flew towards where the Dragon-Sealing Well was. A few hours later, he finally arrived.

The water here was abnormally still and clear, and it seemed incredibly pure. It was as if there was some sort of power protecting the Dragon-Sealing Well.

Zhao Fu stood in the air and looked at the Dragon-Sealing Well below. He was now sure that the Dragon-Sealing Well was the reason for this disaster.

This was because Zhao Fu could clearly feel that the Dragon-Sealing Well gave off a powerful aura of disaster, and there were ten Level 1 Water Disaster Beasts guarding it.

These Water Disaster Beasts looked like fishes and were only ten meters long, and their bodies were made of water. They gave off a faint blue light, and their eyes looked like two blue gems.

Zhao Fu didn't fear the ten Water Disaster Beasts individually, but it would be quite difficult to deal with the ten Water Disaster Beasts together. If they all attacked at once, that would be quite problematic.

Zhao Fu raised the Sky Demon Sword and lightly yelled, "Godly Hell's Doors!"

The Sky Demon Sword gave off a black sword light that shot into the sky, and a 100-meter wide black hole that gave off a terrifying aura appeared. Traces of demonic qi flowed out of the black hole as demons' roars could be heard.

Following this, demons holding pitchforks with wings on their backs continuously flew out of the black hole. Because Zhao Fu had used his full strength and also used the City Lord Seal's power, he was able to summon 1,000 or so demons.

These 1,000 or so demons flew about in the air and horrifyingly laughed. If there was anyone around, they would've been shocked and scared to the point that their legs would have given out.

Zhao Fu lowered his sword towards the water, and the countless demons obeyed, shooting towards the water.

The Water Disaster Beasts around the Dragon-Sealing Well started to attack. They sucked in water before spitting them out like cannonballs. When the water cannonballs hit the demons, the demons dissipated.

However, even though the water cannonballs were incredibly powerful and fast, there were simply too many demons. By now, many of the demons had reached the water and started to attack the Water Disaster Beasts.

The pitchforks stabbed towards the Water Disaster Beasts bodies, and though the demons weren't too strong, they were still able to deal some damage to the Level 1 Water Disaster Beasts.

The Water Disaster Beasts started to retaliate. They gave off a bright blue light as they twisted their bodies, resulting in large splashes that knocked the demons off them.

As the demons and the Water Disaster Beasts fought, Zhao Fu started to move. He turned invisible before stealthily arriving beside a Water Disaster Beast and suddenly attacking it.

The Sky Demon Sword shined with a piercing light as it stabbed into the Water Disaster Beast's head. The Water Disaster Beast's body froze and exploded into water, leaving behind a blue crystal.

Zhao Fu had summoned so many demons not to take down the Water Disaster Beasts but to use them to distract the Water Disaster Beasts so that he could get rid of them.

With the thousand or so demons, it was much easier for Zhao Fu to deal with the Water Disaster Beasts. After a while, Zhao Fu had killed them all, and he obtained 20,000 Virtue Points and ten Disaster Crystals, which he was quite happy with.

After killing the Water Disaster Beasts, Zhao Fu went to the side of the Dragon-Sealing Well. It looked just like before and didn't seem very special. The well was made out of white brick, and there were 36 chains lowered into it. It also seemed incredibly deep.

Zhao Fu slightly hesitated before diving down into the well. The space within the well was surprisingly big, and it was difficult to tell how wide and deep it was.

As Zhao Fu continued to descend, the light became dimmer and dimmer before it became completely dark, and the silence around him was quite terrifying as well.

Zhao Fu took out a pearl called a Light Pearl, which could be bought in shops at the system main cities.

Light Pearls were a high-quality item, and the light they gave off could illuminate everything within a few hundred meters. With the light, the depths of this well didn't seem as terrifying.

Even though it was quite large inside the well, Zhao Fu knew where he was going – after all, he was just following those 36 chains. Zhao Fu had no idea how long those chains were because he had been descending for thousands of meters, yet there was still no sign of the end.

As he continued to descend, time seemed to slow down, and soon, Zhao Fu started to feel impatient. He had no idea how deep this well was. There seemed to be no end to this, nor were there any changes to his surroundings.

Zhao Fu decided to keep going for a bit longer, but he had no idea when he would reach the bottom.

Suddenly, a massive figure appeared behind Zhao Fu that immediately opened its mouth and bit towards Zhao Fu. Zhao Fu dodged to the side, avoiding this attack, and he saw what it was that had attacked him.

It was a Level 4 Water Disaster Beast that was about 100 meters long. It gave off a powerful oppressive aura.

Seeing this Water Disaster Beast, Zhao Fu let out a breath of relief – after all, seeing this Water Disaster Beast meant that he was getting somewhere. If he continued descending without any changes to his surroundings, he would lose his patience.

Chapter 420 - Unknown Creature

Swish, swish, swish...

Right after Zhao Fu dodged the bite, the Water Disaster Beast's body shined with a blue light as spears made of water formed around it and pointed at Zhao Fu. The spears gave off an incredibly sharp aura and shot towards Zhao Fu.

Facing the countless spears, Zhao Fu didn't dare to be careless and dodged as he used his most powerful defensive ability. A ten-meter tall image of a shield appeared, and it gave off a firm and unbreakable aura.

The spears that hit the shield exploded back into water, and the massive shield image continuously trembled as it bore these attacks.

Zhao Fu started to counterattack, and he slashed out, causing the Sky Demon Sword to hum as a massive black sword light blasted out and hit the Water Disaster Beast's body.

"Roarrrr!!"

The Water Disaster Beast howled in pain as the black sword light cut open a part of its body, injuring it heavily.

However, the Water Disaster Beast once again attacked. A massive water cannonball shot out as Zhao Fu quickly flew to the side. However, the cannonball was too big, and Zhao Fu was still grazed by it, giving him a minor injury.

As expected, a Level 4 Disaster Beast wasn't that easy to deal with. Zhao Fu immediately entered stealth, and with the Stealther pendant and his Assassin profession, if Zhao Fu wanted to hide, it would be very difficult for anyone to find him.

“Roarrrr!!” Seeing that Zhao Fu had disappeared, the Water Disaster Beast seemed quite shocked, but in the next moment, a black sword light slashed out from its side. The Water Disaster Beast quickly tried to dodge, but it was still hit and blasted backward.

This attack once again heavily injured the Water Disaster Beast, and after realizing it still couldn’t see Zhao Fu, it started to continuously twist about and launch large-scale attacks.

The shockwaves from these large-scale attacks were quite powerful, and it would be similar to being rammed by a bull. As such, Zhao Fu could only stay away.

However, the large-scale attacks used a lot of the Water Disaster Beast’s strength, and this only continued for a short while before it stopped. Suddenly, a black figure that gave off demonic qi charged towards the Water Disaster Beast.

Seeing that Zhao Fu had finally revealed himself, the Water Disaster Beast spat out another massive water cannonball, wanting to heavily injure Zhao Fu. However, just as it was about to hit ‘Zhao Fu,’ the real Zhao Fu appeared by its side, holding the Slaughtering Ghost Sword – that black figure was the Sky Demon. Catching the Water Disaster Beast by surprise, Zhao Fu swung and chopped into its head.

“Roarrrr!!!” The Water Disaster Beast roared in pain before its body exploded into water, knocking Zhao Fu back as a blue crystal appeared where it had been.

“System announcement! You have killed a Level 4 Water Disaster Beast and obtained 8,000 Virtue Points.”

“Master, I helped out a lot this time, so please reward me!” The Sky Demon smiled as it looked at Zhao Fu expectantly.

Zhao Fu waved his hand, and the Sky Demon turned into a black light that shot towards Zhao Fu and became a sword again. Zhao Fu said, “Have I ever treated you unfairly?”

Hearing Zhao Fu’s words, the Sky Demon grinned and didn’t say anything.

Zhao Fu chose to use the crystal dropped by the Level 4 Water Disaster Beast and obtained a Legendary grade material, which he put away.

Following this, Zhao Fu continued to dive down, and his surroundings became more and more dangerous.

A day later, Zhao Fu wiped away a trace of blood from his mouth and put away a crystal left behind by a Level 5 Water Disaster Beast.

After a whole day, Zhao Fu had traveled down incredibly far, and he had seen many different Water Disaster Beasts. He now had 170,000 or so Virtue Points, which was enough to purchase many of the top ten medicinal pills.

At the same time, he had obtained three Level 5 Disaster Crystals and 11 Level 4 Disaster Crystals.

If Level 4 Disaster Crystals gave normal Legendary grade items, Level 5 Disaster Crystals would give excellent Legendary grade items. For now, Zhao Fu still hadn’t seen a Level 5 Disaster Beast.

What made Zhao Fu feel quite happy was that the chains were no longer going straight downwards, and they were instead somewhat slanted. This meant that he was nearly at the bottom, making him quite delighted. He was quite worried that the chains would go on forever.

Two hours later, Zhao Fu arrived in front of a stone tunnel. This stone tunnel was extremely big, and there were many luminescent rocks, making it possible to see around him without the Light Pearl. The chains that he had been following stretched into that tunnel.

After thinking about it, Zhao Fu put the Light Pearl away. Since he could now see, he didn't need the Light Pearl, and doing so would free up his hands.

Zhao Fu looked into the tunnel before carefully entering it.

After entering it, Zhao Fu felt quite surprised that it wasn't completely dead and silent within it. There were many green, luminescent kinds of grass that looked quite pretty, and there were many small fishes swimming around.

There was nothing too special here, so Zhao Fu continued to follow the chain forwards. Half an hour later, Zhao Fu reached a hall, and this was where the chains ended. Now, he could see what those chains were attached to.

This hall was incredibly big, and it was at least 10,000 meters wide. There was green luminescent grass growing everywhere, and there were also small luminescent trees. There were also all sorts of creatures swimming about, making it seem like a place out of a fantasy.

Within the hall, there was a stone bed on which a woman lay. The woman's face was incredibly beautiful and flawless, and she seemed quite young.

Her body was quite long and slim, and her skin looked as smooth as jade. Her large breasts were even bigger than the Black and White Impermanences', and she was wearing a long green dress that was unable to restrain her chest, revealing a large patch of whiteness.

The woman's eyes were closed as if she was in a deep sleep, and her hands and feet were bound by chains.

Could it be that this woman was the reason for this massive flood? Zhao Fu didn't dare to move rashly, and he instead stood on the spot as he thought about his options.

At that moment, the woman on the bed slowly opened her pair of green eyes and rolled over to look at Zhao Fu. There was an enchanting smile on her face as she beckoned with a finger, saying, "Finally, someone has come. Come here, little brother, and serve big sister."

Zhao Fu completely ignored her words, wondering if she was a Disaster Beast and whether killing her would award Virtue Points.

"Hurry, little brother," the woman said, a flirtatious tone in her voice. Her body started to writhe, revealing her white legs. Even though she was wearing a green dress, it didn't seem like she was wearing anything else.

Zhao Fu wasn't fooled – this was clearly a trap. He guessed that he would most likely be hit by a fatal attack if he stepped forward. Any creature that could cause a Level 10 Disaster was definitely terrifying.

