

# The Lord 481

## Chapter 481 – Splitting the Heavens

At that moment, the Rock Giant had already appeared above Shi Jian's head. It slammed down its palm with immense force, creating a gravitational field that covered everything within 1,000 meters.

Shi Jian couldn't dodge, so he had to once again block with his saber.

Boom!!

The massive force cause Shi Jian's body to be blasted into the ground like a rubber ball. The sheer force of Shi Jian's body hitting the ground caused the ground within 100 meters of him to collapse.

However, Shi Jian still used his body to protect Shi Wen. After suffering from the violent tremors and receiving some damage, Shi Wen, who had also breathed in the Dream Incense, gradually woke up.

Shi Wen opened his eyes and looked at his blood-covered father as he stared in surprise before quickly asking, "Dad, what happened?"

Shi Jian's face was covered with blood, but he compassionately smiled, wanting to say something.

Boom!!

A massive figure landed beside them, causing the ground to shake. Shi Wen looked up, a terrified expression on his face as he saw the Rock Giant ferociously staring at them.

The Rock Giant wouldn't show any mercy to the two people in front of it. It lifted its massive foot and stomped towards the two of them, wanting to turn them into meat paste.

Shi Jian pushed Shi Wen away with great difficulty and roared as he gripped his saber with both hands, exploding out with an intense azure light and blocking the Rock Giant's foot before dodging away.

Boom!!

Suddenly, an extremely terrifying power exploded out from behind the Rock Giant. A pillar of demonic qi rushed up into the clouds, causing the sky to be covered with demonic qi. The sun seemed to be dyed black, making it seem like a demonic sun that gave off boundless demon's might.

A gust of immense sword qi spread out, and it gave off an aura that seemed to be able to destroy everything. A black-cloaked figure appeared in the air, and the figure held a sword that gave off a soul-devouring black light, giving off an aura that seemed to be able to kill gods.

Boom!!

A shocking explosion sounded out, seeming to cause the world to tremble. A black sword light that was 10,000 meters long flew out, seeming to split the heavens and creating black cracks in space.

The Rock Giant was incredibly startled, and it wanted to block. However, it was too late. It was hit by the black sword light, which easily cut open its body. The Rock Giant roared from the pain, shaking the heavens.

A massive amount of green blood flew everywhere, and there was a savage wound on the Rock Giant's back that almost split it in two.

Bang!

The Rock Giant powerlessly half-kneeled on the ground. Despite suffering such a severe injury, it still had some lifeforce – it could be seen just how sturdy the Rock Giant was.

Zhao Fu stopped attacking because the Rock Giant was no longer a threat. Just then, Zhao Fu had used his Clan Armament and City Lord Seal; otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to deal such a massive amount of damage.

Now that he had taken down a few other Legatees, Great Qin had gathered an immense amount of Fate. As such, it was alright to occasionally use the Clan Armament. Moreover, if he killed the monster boss of a region, he would obtain a large amount of Fate anyway.

The Rock Giant had already received many injuries after fighting with Shi Jian for so long, and it had used up almost all of its strength. That was why Zhao Fu's sudden attack had been able to have such great effects.

Zhao Fu's original plan was to have the Rock Giant and Shi Jian fight and then deal a sudden attack to Shi Jian using the Death Dagger and Poison Dragon Liquid, which would be able to easily kill him.

However, because Zhao Fu had become so much stronger, he changed his plan and decided to kill both Shi Jian and the Rock Giant.

Now, it was no longer necessary for him to use the Death Dagger and Poison Dragon Liquid.

Zhao Fu stood in the air and looked at the dying Rock Giant with his blood-red eyes. There was a strange emotion within his heart, and he said, "If you choose to surrender, I can spare you!"

Even though Zhao Fu wanted to spare the Rock Giant, the Rock Giant weakly replied, "You humans can go die!"

After speaking, the Rock Giant raised its fists, preparing to attack.

It was a pity that there was barely any strength left in the Rock Giant's dying body, so even raising its fists was incredibly slow.

Zhao Fu didn't waste any words. He easily dodged the Rock giant's attack and went to its head. He slashed out ten or so sword lights, chopping off the Rock Giant's head, after which its massive body crumbled into rocks.

A ray of light suddenly flashed and flew away, and Zhao Fu didn't have time to see what the Rock Giant had dropped before he also turned into a black ray of light and blocked Shi Jian's way.

“Did you really think that you could escape?” Zhao Fu asked as he coldly looked at Shi Jian, who was carrying Shi Wen.

Shi Jian’s expression was quite grim, and he said, “Sir, it’s best that you don’t act too ruthlessly; the three other City Lords won’t just watch on.”

When he heard him, Zhao Fu couldn’t help but laugh, “Really? Then why haven’t they come?”

Looking at how confident Zhao Fu seemed, Shi Jian felt a sinking feeling – something must have happened. Logically, the three of them should have arrived by now, but they still weren’t here yet.

“Dad, who is he? Why is he determined to kill us?” Shi Wen angrily looked at Zhao Fu. He still had no idea who Zhao Fu was.

Shi Jian sighed and said, “He’s the Dynasty Legatee you offended before.”

When he heard this, Shi Wen’s expression greatly changed, and he became quite panicked. However, he quickly calmed down and said, “What happened before was my fault, and it was the Qian family’s plan. I’ve already destroyed the Qian family, and if you’re willing to spare us, Heavenstone City is willing to provide you with compensation!”

Shi Jian looked at Shi Wen, and seeing that he had become much more mature, he reassuredly smiled as he said, “That’s enough, Wen’Er. He won’t spare us. I’ll stall him, so you should run.”

“No! Dad, I’m going to stay here. I have Stage 2 strength, so I can at least help you.” Surprisingly, Shi Wen chose to stay – it was clear that he truly loved his father.

The love between a father and a son??Zhao Fu coldly looked at the scene before him and raised the Sky Demon Sword before slashing out, causing a ten-meter long black arc of light to fly towards them.

Shi Jian coldly harrumphed, and his body exploded out with azure light as he prepared to counterattack.

However, at that moment, Zhao Fu clenched his fist, and a few rays of azure light shot out from between his fingers. Shi Jian’s face became pale because the thing inside Zhao Fu’s clenched fist was the City Lord Seal shard, which Zhao Fu had obtained after their last battle.

Now, both sides gave off azure lights, but Shi Jian’s azure light gradually disappeared. This was because a City Lord Seal wouldn’t attack itself, and since Zhao Fu controlled the City Lord Seal shard, the City Lord Seal viewed him as its owner as well.

Now, the City Lord Seal automatically stopped releasing power – only if it was reunited with the shard would it once again give off power.

This was a battle for the position of City Lord – anyone who had a piece of the City Lord Seal could participate, and the winner would obtain the position of City Lord. This was why Shi Jian’s face had gone pale.

## **Chapter 482 - Rely on Yourself**

As soon as Shi Jian lost the City Lord Seal's power, he became someone with only Stage 4 cultivation; how could he be Zhao Fu's match? Now, even if Zhao Fu didn't use his Nation Armament and Clan Armament and only used his City Lord Seal, Shi Jian wouldn't be able to fight him.

"I'm willing to give you Heavenstone City, so please spare us." Now that Shi Jian could tell that he wasn't a match for Zhao Fu, he could only give in and ask this of Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu coldly laughed – how could he spare them? After all, Shi Jian was a Stage 4 expert, so it was possible for him to make trouble in the future. As such, it was best to cut the weeds and eliminate the roots. Zhao Fu didn't reply to Shi Jian and directly attacked with the intent to kill.

Seeing this, Shi Jian quickly said, "Sir, aren't you afraid of me self-destructing with the City Lord Seal? Even though I am unable to use the City Lord Seal's power, I can still cause it to self-destruct!"

This caused Zhao Fu to stop. If the City Lord Seal self-destructed, the system main city would devolve into an Advanced Town, and he would have to condense a City Lord Seal again – he didn't want to see such a thing happen. After all, an Advanced Town was of far less worth than a system main city.

Now, Zhao Fu was in a predicament: he didn't want to spare the Shi family's father and son, nor did he want to lose the City Lord Seal.

As Zhao Fu hesitated, Shi Jian took out something and threw something out. It traveled incredibly quickly and flashed by, disappearing into the distance in the blink of an eye.

Zhao Fu could feel the City Lord Seal's aura from that, so he turned into a ray of light and chased after it. In less than two minutes, Zhao Fu grabbed at the air, and a formless energy brought the City Lord Seal into his hands.

Looking at the City Lord Seal in his hand, Zhao Fu let out a sigh of relief. He then quickly returned, but he was surprised to find that the Shi family's father and son were still there.

However, Zhao Fu immediately realized that something was off – Shi Jian had cut open his palm, allowing blood to continuously flow out. He drew a blood-red rune in the air, which Zhao Fu could tell was quite profound. It gave off a mysterious and obscure power.

Shi Jian then aged at a speed that could be seen by the naked eye, and it was most likely because of the blood-red rune that he had just drawn.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu didn't hesitate to kill him.

Meanwhile, Shi Jian warmly smiled and placed his spatial ring in Shi Wen's hands. Shi Wen's eyes welled up with tears, but Shi Jian patted him on the back before saying, "You'll have to rely on yourself from now on!"

Sensing that Zhao Fu was about to attack, Shi Jian pointed, and the blood-red rune in the air entered Shi Wen's body, causing him to turn into a blood-red light that sped off into the distance.

Clang, clang, clang...

Chains shot out through the air towards the blood-red light, but it was simply too fast. The chains were unable to lock it down.

Zhao Fu looked at the blood-red light disappearing into the distance and felt quite angry. He looked down at Shi Jian and waved his hand, causing a formless energy to send Shi Jian flying.

Bang!

Shi Jian's body crashed against a massive boulder, causing the boulder to crack. Shi Jian coughed up a mouthful of blood as his body slowly slid down.

He had already been severely injured in his fight with the Rock Giant, and he had then used a forbidden technique and expended a lot of his fleshly essence to help Shi Wen escape. Now, he didn't have even a bit of strength left. However, as a father, it was all worth it for Shi Wen to be able to escape.

As Shi Jian's body slid down, a figure suddenly appeared before him and grabbed him by his throat.

Zhao Fu was no longer as angry and looked at Shi Jian calmly. He could feel the dense fatherly love that Shi Jian was radiating and said softly, "You're a good father!"

In response, Shi Jian could only bitterly smile.

Zhao Fu looked away and didn't say anything before he squeezed with his hand.

Crack!

Shi Jian's neck was broken by Zhao Fu – Heavenstone City's City Lord had died!

Zhao Fu placed Shi Jian's body into his Disaster King Ring; there was nothing much of value on him. Even his saber had been put into that spatial ring, which he had given to Shi Wen.

That spatial ring had at least two Legendary grade pieces of equipment, and they would be worth at least 600,000 to 700,000 gold coins; who knew if it contained any other items or skills.

Zhao Fu didn't care too much about that spatial ring, but he felt that it was a pity to let Shi Wen escape. However, being able to obtain a complete City Lord Seal was still quite good.

Zhao Fu looked at the City Lord Seal before taking out the shard. The shard gave off a faint azure light and automatically flew towards the City Lord Seal, forming a complete City Lord Seal.

Since Zhao Fu already had the Great Qin Seal and couldn't possess another City Lord Seal, he planned to give this one to Sima Cuo.

After returning to the place where he had killed the Rock Giant, he looked around in curiosity and excitement to see what the boss monster of a region would drop.

Zhao Fu looked around and found four types of items.

The first was gray-black rocks that were from the Rock Giant's body, and they had interesting effects.

[Body Rock]: A rock from the Rock Giant's body that can be fused with any rock or stone structure, greatly increasing its sturdiness and giving it some resistance against all magic skills.

There were around 1,000 or so pieces of Body Rock, and their effects could be stacked. The more Body Rocks he fused into a structure, the sturdier it would become.

The second type of item was four crystals that were as big as a palm. They were dark green and in irregular shapes. They also gave off an oppressive aura.

[Rock Giant Crystal]: A type of crystal from the Rock Giant that is an excellent Legendary grade material. It can be used to forge Legendary grade equipment.

The four Rock Giant Crystals could be used to forge four excellent Legendary grade pieces of equipment, which was quite good. Of course, the more Legendary grade equipment the better, so after putting away the four Rock Giant Crystals, Zhao Fu looked at the next item.

The third item seemed to be a fragment of a black mask, and it was made out of wood. It was half the size of a palm and had some pictures on it. However, because it was just a fragment, it was difficult to tell what those pictures were, and the fragment gave off a boundless and ancient aura.

This made Zhao Fu quite delighted because this was a Desolate Blood Mask Shard.

At the auction before, Zhao Fu had spent a great amount of money to buy the shard of a Nation Armament, which was the Desolate Blood Mask Shard. The Desolate Blood Mask had been split into four shards, and Zhao Fu had now collected two of them.

Zhao Fu didn't know if he could restore the Desolate Blood Mask if he collected all four shards – if he could, that would be fantastic, as Great Qin would gain an extra Nation Armament.

Zhao Fu then looked at the fourth item, which was also quite good.

Chapter 483 – Rock Giant's Heart

This item was a gray rock orb, and it was about as big as a watermelon. It was very round and quite rough to the touch, and it had a firm and stable aura.

[Rock Giant's Heart]: A Rock Giant's core. It contains a great amount of rock energy and can summon five Rock Puppets.

After looking through the information, Zhao Fu felt quite interested in the Rock Puppets. He tested out the Rock Giant's Heart, and it floated up from his hand as a formless energy rippled out and the rocks around him began to gather.

Following this, the rocks were put into humanoid forms by a formless energy, forming five Rock Puppets that were ten meters tall.

These Rock Puppets could also be called Rock Giants that were ten meters tall. However, these Rock Puppets didn't have any life and had only been created using the Rock Giant's Heart. As such, if they were destroyed, they could be re-gathered after a short while.

Zhao Fu felt that it was quite a pity that he hadn't been able to make the Rock Giant his. If he could have subdued the 1,000 meters tall Rock Giant, it definitely would've been a powerful tool while sieging cities. The five Rock Puppets definitely wouldn't be as powerful.

Zhao Fu then looked through the system announcements that he had received after killing the Rock Giant.

“System announcement! You have killed the Rock Giant and obtained 10,000 Achievement Points.”

“System announcement! You have killed the Rock Giant and obtained a large amount of this region’s Fate.”

“System announcement! You have killed the Rock Giant and obtained 300,000 EXP.”

“System announcement! You have obtained one Legend Point.”

Zhao Fu felt quite pleased about the Achievement Points, which were enough to instantly boost him to Second-Ranked Earl. Killing the boss monster of a region or destroying a system main city would also give some of the region’s Fate, but the EXP wasn’t much at only 300,000.

Finally, as for the Legend Point, Zhao Fu didn’t know what it was for, so he could only cast it to the back of his mind for now.

After Zhao Fu put all of his spoils away, it was time to attack Heavenstone City.

When Yue Linping had gathered residents and players to defend the city, countless players had felt that the rewards were quite good, so they had all joined in. After all, who would have the guts to attack a system main city?

After all, apart from Great Qin using the Undead Disaster to take down four system main cities, no one had successfully conquered a system main city yet. With how powerful system main cities were, they weren’t something that players could contend against.

As such, the players were quite confident that no one would attack Heavenstone City, so they would just get rewards for free. However, they were shocked to see an army of well-equipped soldiers surround Heavenstone City.

At the same time, the players found that the teleportation channels didn’t work anymore, making them feel a bit panicked. However, after the reassurances from the system main city’s officials, they were able to calm down.

In total, they had 1.4 million people, and even though there was a massive army outside, there were only 400,000 of them. As long as they worked together to defend the city, the enemies outside definitely wouldn’t be able to make it in easily.

Indeed, Great Qin’s soldiers wouldn’t rashly attack. Even though there weren’t many soldiers within the city and the cultivations of the residents and players were quite low, there were too many of them.

If they tried to force their way in, Great Qin would lose at least a quarter of its soldiers. As such, they surrounded the city according to the plan and waited for Zhao Fu to kill Shi Jian and return with the City Lord Seal.

At the beginning, the residents and players all felt incredibly confident, but after receiving news that Shi Jian had died and that the City Lord had changed, they started to truly panic.

An azure-colored energy shield appeared around the City Hall, and everyone started to collect one's belongings and run for one's life.

After all, a City Lord was the key figure of a system main city, and the City Lord Seal was the core item of the city. Now, the key figure had died, and the core item had fallen into someone else's hands.

Now that they had lost both of these things, how could they still feel any confidence and defend against the enemies outside? Now, they had become a pile of loose sand.

Zhao Fu quickly flew until he was outside Heavenstone City. Saar and Meng Tian paid their respects as they called out, "Your Majesty!"

Zhao Fu nodded and looked at Heavenstone City below.

Boom!!

An immensely powerful aura covered the entire city, causing the panicking people to feel a weight on their bodies and fear within their hearts. They all stopped what they were doing and looked at the person in the air.

Zhao Fu stood in the air and looked down on the people as he said, "I'm sure you can guess who I am. Great Qin has taken revenge for the incident from that day; all 80,000 soldiers and your City Lord have been killed by Great Qin.

"Now, you have two choices: you can either die or surrender. It's best that players don't get involved, or the leaders of all of the factions will die a true death!"

After hearing that their City Lord had been killed by this person, the residents felt incredibly furious, but they still felt quite scared.

As for the players, when Zhao Fu announced the name of Great Qin, all of them felt incredibly shocked.

Before, the whole world had been covered by Great Qin's haze, and countless people could only tremble and plead for mercy. Now, even though the Undead Disaster had been destroyed and the Six Paths of Reincarnation had been closed, the countless players' fear towards Great Qin hadn't decreased in the slightest.

The players in East Green naturally knew of the enmity between Heavenstone City and Great Qin. After all, it was only because of the incident at Heavenstone City that Great Qin's Legatee had been exposed, which resulted in a massive fight.

After seeing so many soldiers surround Heavenstone City, their first thought was naturally Great Qin. After all, apart from Great Qin, no one would have the strength to do such a thing. Before, they had held onto a trace of hope, but now that they had heard that it was Great Qin who was attacking, they couldn't help but feel terrified.

Moreover, the most important thing was that the person standing in the air was Great Qin's terrifying Legatee.



Furthermore, he had said that any factions that resisted would have their leaders killed – the countless players knew that Great Qin indeed had the ability to bring people into the Heaven Awaken World. As such, they really would die a true death.

Under the threat of death, countless players came down from the city walls and yelled, “Great Qin’s Legatee, we surrender. We don’t dare to make an enemy out of you. Please spare us!”

When they heard the players, the countless residents’ faces fell. They were incredibly weak and would definitely lose against Great Qin by themselves, which was why they wanted the players to help.

However, they had never expected the players to surrender so quickly and easily. Now that they had lost the players’ support, the countless residents didn’t know what to do.

Now, only a few governmental officials remained; the City Lord and Great Generals had all died, turning these people into a herd of sheep without a shepherd.

#### Chapter 484 – City Destruction

“What do we do?” The governmental officials worriedly discussed because this was a moment that would decide their lives, so they had to talk with great haste.

Right now, they could either surrender and live or resist and die. They no longer had any chance of success.

A relatively short governmental official with small eyes said nervously, “I say that we should surrender! If we continue to resist, we’ll just be massacred. Think of those innocent residents.”

If Shi Jian was still alive, he could at least make sure that everyone stayed loyal. However, now that he was dead, everyone thought for oneself. No one wanted to die, as one would lose everything and no longer be able to enjoy this world.

However, hearing these words, a well-built man harrumphed unhappily and said, “You’re just craven and cowardly. You want to affect the residents as well. We shouldn’t surrender. We should do our best to kill as many of them as possible to take revenge for the City Lord.”

Evidently, this man was very loyal to Shi Jian, and he would rather sacrifice himself than surrender.

The others all had different views, and they were split into a surrender faction and resistance faction. Neither faction was able to convince the other.

In the air, Zhao Fu didn’t give them much time to think. He took out Heavenstone City’s City Lord Seal and chose to destroy the city walls and list all of the residents as wanted fugitives.

A formless energy rippled out from the City Lord Seal, causing the sturdy, ten-meter tall city walls to start to crack before collapsing. The sound of this collapse was massive and shocked countless people.

Now that even the city walls were gone, their confidence to resist Great Qin became even smaller. Now, the players were set on surrendering and didn’t dare to resist at all.

The residents' expressions were quite unsightly. Not only were the city walls gone, but they had also been listed as wanted fugitives. If they remained within Heavenstone City, they would receive a 30% debuff to their stats, and they lost the buffs that they had from the city.

Now, their stats were lower than those of ordinary players, and it would be incredibly easy for Great Qin to slaughter them.

The governmental officials were incredibly shocked, and they quickly fell silent, coming to a final decision.

"Heavenstone City's residents, I'll say this one more time: if you're willing to surrender and want to enjoy the treatment of a resident of Great Qin, walk out of the city. If you're unwilling, I'll have to kill you all," Zhao Fu said, his voice filled with killing intent.

This caused a few governmental officials to finally make up their minds and say, "We're going to surrender. If this goes on, there'll only be pointless deaths."

The other governmental officials sighed and didn't try to stop them – after all, they didn't have the right to ask others to die with them. However, they also made the decision to fight to the death with Great Qin!

Very soon, the residents split into two groups – one walked outside of the city and knelt down, choosing to surrender, while the other took up weapons and made some simple defenses, preparing to battle.

There were roughly 200,000 or so people who had come out, and all of them were residents – not a single one was a soldier. There were 380,000 residents in total, which meant that roughly 180,000 residents and 20,000 soldiers were choosing to resist.

Zhao Fu coldly laughed – now, Great Qin didn't even need to act. Zhao Fu loudly said to the players, "Do you normally envy the indigenous residents for their equipment and items? Or have you ever wanted their skills? Or the fortunes on them?"

"Right now, all of them have been listed as wanted fugitives by me, and their stats are lower than yours. I will allow you to do anything in this city for four hours, whether it's killing or stealing; all that is required is that not a single person remains alive after. After four hours, I will open the isolation barrier, and all of you must leave!"

Hearing Zhao Fu's words, the players' eyes all went red with greed. The residents were quite wealthy compared to ordinary players, and just like Zhao Fu had said, the players had always been envious of the indigenous residents. However, because of the system main city's soldiers, they didn't dare to do much.

However, Heavenstone City no longer had any power to stop them, and what's more, Great Qin was permitting them to do this. As such, they could do whatever they wanted with full justification and without fear of any repercussions.

There were 200,000 residents and soldiers left, and if Great Qin's 400,000 soldiers charged in, they would be able to easily kill all of them. Their cultivation and equipment were all far superior, and they had 200,000 Stage 1 soldiers who could easily kill those below Stage 1.

However, 200,000 people were still a lot of people, and Great Qin would most likely still lose tens of thousands of soldiers. Because Great Qin valued its people's lives more and didn't care as much about the wealth that the residents possessed, he decided to do something like this.

After hearing Zhao Fu's words, the countless players immediately started to act. Not only could they obtain great benefits, but they would also be able to live. Therefore, they were naturally quite happy.

Many players took out their weapons and rushed towards the residents, causing sounds of battle to be heard. Countless players excitedly rushed towards the residents, starting a massacre and stealing anything of value.

The residents had never thought that they would have to face so many greedy players before even fighting with Great Qin. There were nearly one million players, and because their stats were generally all higher, the only advantage that the residents had was their equipment.

The residents defended with all their might, but they were unable to stop the countless greedy players. A governmental official, the well-built man, led 10,000 soldiers out of the city, disregarding the players behind them, and they rushed at Great Qin's soldiers.

They didn't want to die at the hands of players, as they only had a single enemy, which was Great Qin!

However, Great Qin had long since made preparations, and the Archers already had their bows drawn. Countless waves of arrows rained down, giving off terrifying auras. Before the 10,000 soldiers could even reach Great Qin's army, they had been completely annihilated without a single person remaining.

This gory scene gave the players who had wanted to come out to collect equipment a big fright, and they were scared back into the city.

The residents who had surrendered had complicated or sad looks on their faces as they watched the people they knew being slaughtered by countless players. They had all belonged to Heavenstone City, so many of the people knew each other.

However, they couldn't do anything about it – this was the outcome of not surrendering.

The battle concluded faster than expected, and all 200,000 of the residents and soldiers had died. 10,000 or so of the players had died as well, and their bodies were everywhere. The stench of blood filled the city, and the scene within the city was quite chaotic. However, a large number of players looked incredibly delighted as they stepped into teleportation channels and went to other system main cities.

By now, the sun had set. There weren't many stars in the sky, nor was the moon out, making the night quite dark. In the darkness, ten Disaster Cavalrymen walked out.

## **Chapter 485 - Four Beauties**

Behind the Disaster Cavalrymen were a large group of Skeleton Mages wearing gray cloaks and holding bone staffs, and there were black tongues of flames in their heads. There were roughly 30,000 of these Skeleton Mages.

Last time, Zhao Fu hadn't sent all of his forces into battle, and he had instead hidden away 30,000 Skeleton Mages because the Disaster Cavalry could reliably control them.

Mage professions were quite difficult to obtain in the Heaven Awaken World, which was one of the reasons that Zhao Fu had kept the Skeleton Mages. Moreover, apart from attacking, the Skeleton Mages could also summon Skeletons.

A Skeleton Mage could control five Skeletons, so 30,000 Skeleton Mages would be able to control 150,000 Skeletons. That way, the Disaster Cavalrymen would have the ability to effectively control 150,000 Skeletons, which was another reason why Zhao Fu had kept the Skeleton Mages.

These Skeletons wouldn't be as powerful as those summoned from the Undead Disaster, but they were more reliable because they would be fully controlled by Great Qin and wouldn't just act on their impulses.

Now, essentially all of the players had left, and the three other system main cities had heard about the demise of Heavenstone City.

Of course, Zhao Fu took these Skeleton Mages into the city to use the countless residents' bodies to summon Skeletons.

The soldiers stood guard outside and didn't bother to clear out the city, as anything of value would've already been taken away by those players, who viewed money as their lives.

The Skeleton Mages flooded into the city and stood beside corpses as they chanted strange incantations and raised their bone staffs, a gray light covering the corpses.

The corpses slowly withered before all of their flesh and blood disappeared, revealing just white skeletons. Black tongues of flame then lit up in their heads, and the skeletons came to life as they slowly stood up.

As the Skeleton Mages summoned more Skeletons, Zhao Fu went to the City Hall. Looking at the golden cube floating in the air, a trace of a smile appeared on Zhao Fu's face as he chose to conquer it and relocate the city.

"System announcement! Congratulations, you have conquered a system main city and obtained 5,000 Achievement Points."

"System announcement! Because you are a Legatee and have conquered a system main city, you have obtained a large amount of this region's Fate."

"System announcement! You have relocated a system main city and obtained 840,000 EXP."

"System announcement! Congratulations, you have obtained 200 War Points."

A chain of system announcements sounded out, and because Zhao Fu looked through them and found that they were the same as before, he didn't pay them much attention and returned to Great Qin.

By now, countless factions in the real world had also received news that Great Qin had once again acted and shockingly destroyed a system main city.

This was the first time that a player had destroyed a system main city with his or her own strength. Before, everyone felt that it was only natural that the Undead Disaster could take down four system main cities, and everyone wasn't really that surprised. However, a single faction taking down a system main city was simply too shocking.

Just how much power did one need to take down a system main city? It had to be greater than that of a system main city or else how could he conquer it?

"Great Qin already has such power?" the countless factions felt a deep terror towards Great Qin's strength.

The countless factions were once again forced to come to the Ying family's residence and ask for Great Qin Writs and Holy Daughter Writs. With those Writs, they would no longer have to feel terrified every day, and they would have a shield against Great Qin.

However, the Ying family followed Zhao Fu's orders and didn't see anyone. As such, the people from the countless factions could only wait around the Ying family's residence and refuse to leave.

The Ying family couldn't do much about this – after all, they couldn't just kill those people, so they just let them hang around outside.

Suddenly, another big piece of news spread out – the Feng family had sent Feng Shiyu to the Ying family. Feng Shiyu was the tenth-ranked beauty on the Ancient Beauty Rankings, and she was Feng Xiaolian's descendant.

All of the women on the Ancient Beauty Rankings were the center of attention of countless men, and even meeting one or getting on good terms with one would be the greatest blessing of some men's lives.

Almost all of the women were pursued by the young masters of large families, and information about them was the hottest topic on the forums, resulting in heated discussions.

Now that the Feng family had sent Feng Shiyu to the Ying family, their intentions were incredibly clear – they wanted a Holy Daughter Writ so that they could become part of Great Qin as quickly as possible.

Now, everyone knew that they couldn't resist Great Qin, so it was best to join Great Qin as early as possible to receive greater benefits. That way, they would be valued more than those who joined later.

Following this, another three shocking pieces of news were spread: Li Qingzhao's descendant, Li Muqing; Liu Rushi's descendant, Liu Ruyan; and Pan Yunu's descendant, Pan Yuling, had been sent to the Ying family.

All three of them were extremely famous beauties, and they had fairly high rankings – this was especially so for Li Muqing, who was extremely talented and beautiful, and she was ranked eleventh on the Ancient Beauty Rankings.

None of the large families expected Li Muqing to voluntarily go to the Ying family, causing her countless admirers' hearts to ache with pain. As such, many of them, in their anger, slandered Great Qin about being ruthless and licentious.

Now, four exceptional beauties had gone to the Ying family and become Great Qin's Legatee's women, making countless men feel immense heartache and jealousy. However, they didn't dare to voice this and could only feel quite sullen.

In the end, the Ying family decided to accept these four women. After all, as an Emperor, Great Qin's Legatee would definitely want many women in the future, and these four were exceptional beauties. All of the family leaders were sure that Great Qin's Legatee would fancy them. Moreover, since Great Qin's Legatee had given out Holy Daughter Writs in the past, that meant that he wanted to gather beauties, so they decided to take in these four women and treat them well.

Of course, Zhao Fu didn't know about any of this. After returning to the Great Qin City, he gave the important Fruit of Life Tree to the Medicine Department's people and told them to look after it carefully. After all, the Fruit of Life could be used to refine Fate Changing Pills, which were incredibly important to Great Qin.

There were nine Fruits of Life on the tree that hadn't ripened yet, so they still had to wait. After all, they were Stage 6 spirit fruits, and the higher stage, the longer they would take to ripen.

After taking care of the Fruit of Life Tree, Zhao Fu went to the Great Qin's city walls and took out a Body Rock. Zhao Fu had 1,500 or so pieces of the Body Rock, so he planned to use 300 pieces on the Great Qin City's city walls.

After all, he couldn't conquer the world with just one city, and it was pointless to just have one city that was powerful. As such, Zhao Fu decided not to use too many of the Body Rocks just yet.

Chapter 486 – Rock Giant Walls

Zhao Fu planned to leave the rest of the Body Rocks to be used in the future on the four boundaries of Great Qin. Those places were the boundaries between China and other nations, and because they would definitely suffer many battles, they needed to have powerful defenses.

As the central city of Great Qin, the Great Qin City was incredibly important. However, if the enemies were able to reach the Great Qin City directly and attack it, that meant that Great Qin would most likely lose.

After all, if a faction's core was attacked, even if it wasn't destroyed, it would be crippled. As such, it wasn't enough that the central city was powerful; the other cities also needed to be powerful to create defensive lines.

As such, Zhao Fu couldn't just focus on the Great Qin City, and he had to develop other cities as well to create armor for the central city. Only then would Great Qin become powerful – no matter how

powerful one's central city was, if all of the other cities were broken through, the nation would no longer have the right to be called a 'nation.'

Zhao Fu didn't just want to be a lord with a few cities; what he wanted was a nation with countless cities and subjects, then an empire.

The Body Rocks were quite easy to use – all one had to do was place them on the city walls, which would trigger a system announcement asking if he wanted to fuse them into the city walls. After selecting yes, they would automatically fuse like rocks sinking into quicksand. After fusing these Body Rocks, Zhao Fu received another system announcement!

[Rock Giant's Walls]: City walls with greatly enhanced defense. They have great resistance to ordinary magic.

After seeing this, Zhao Fu felt quite satisfied. Following this, Zhao Fu received news that Great Qin could now refine Stage 3 medicinal pills.

These were the medicinal pills refined using the Windbell Fruits, and because Zhao Fu placed great importance on them, he personally went to the pill-refining workshop to take a look. Zhang Baishu was the primary person in charge of refining medicinal pills, and he was Great Qin's advanced Pill Master.

Zhao Fu watched as Zhang Baishu continuously placed ingredients into a pill furnace and used a formation to support the flames as he refined the ingredients. Zhang Baishu controlled the flames and used all sorts of techniques before medicinal pills that were as big as peas appeared.

Zhao Fu picked up one of the Windbell Pills that had just come out of the furnace, which was still quite hot and gave off white steam and a fruity fragrance. Zhao Fu used his power to cool it down before swallowing it.

After entering his body, the Windbell Pill turned into a green wave of spirit energy that spread throughout his body. Its effects were many times better than a Stage 2 medicinal pill's, and Zhao Fu grinned in satisfaction.

With these Windbell Pills, Great Qin's soldiers' cultivation speed would be far superior to soldiers of ordinary system main cities. After all, Great Qin's medicinal pills were now of high Stage and quality.

Next, Zhao Fu refined Shi Jian, Liu Sheng, and Yue Linping's corpses and obtained three SSS grade Orbs, two Stage 3 Blood God Pills, and one Stage 4 Blood God Pill.

Following this, Zhao Fu called Sima Cuo over. After using an Innate Talent Blood Crystal, his grade was SSS grade, and he had a General Fate. It was a pity that Zhao Fu didn't have enough Soldier Souls, or Zhao Fu would've wanted to see what sort of General Star he would awaken.

Zhao Fu called him over to give him Heavenstone City's City Lord Seal. They had re-established Heavenstone City already, so Zhao Fu now made Sima Cuo the City Lord. Zhao Fu had half of the 200,000 original residents remain in Heavenstone City while he distributed the remaining half to the other cities.

The main reason was to prevent them from having anything thoughts of rebelling. Moreover, even though it was easy to relocate a city, many of the buildings still had to be rebuilt.

Zhao Fu stretched out his hand and gave Sima Cuo the azure City Lord Seal.

Sima Cuo looked quite excited, as this was the City Lord Seal of a system main city. With this, he would be able to obtain great power and truly serve Great Qin with great effectiveness. Sima Cuo immediately half-knelt as he accepted the City Lord Seal and said gratefully, "Thank you, Your Majesty!"

Zhao Fu nodded in response. Now, Great Qin had six City Lords, and this wasn't including Zhao Fu himself. Great Qin's strength was now quite amazing.

After taking care of these matters, Zhao Fu had the Generals and soldiers rest. The next day, he gathered the leaders to once again discuss Great Qin's strategy.

Great Qin's overall plan was to continue conquering and quickly restore the nation. There were three major goals:

The first was Westpan City, the Kobold Basic City. Great Qin had been trading with it for quite some time, and it had traded medicinal pills containing Hidden Evil and equipment containing Shattersteel Iron for items and people.

Now, it had been around three to four months. Therefore, the Hidden Evil was most likely going to start taking effect, so they could start attacking Westpan City.

The second was the region near the Vietnamese side. A while back, Zhao Fu had used schemes to bait a battle between a Vietnamese system main city and a Chinese system main city, which had provided Great Qin with many Stage 1 corpses.

The Vietnamese system main city had suffered great losses, with over 50,000 Stage 1 soldiers dying. Now, it most likely had only 40,000 or so Stage 1 soldiers. Most of its players had died as well.

Even though soldiers could be replaced and new players would spawn, it would take some time to regather its strength, so it would be easier to deal with than other system main cities.

However, there were two things that they had to take into account: the City Lord of the other Vietnamese system main city would most likely come to help; she had stopped Zhao Fu from killing Flowing Water City's City Lord, making Zhao Fu expend his Fate for nothing. Zhao Fu remembered this clearly, and he had told her to make preparations for Great Qin's revenge.

The other consideration was that because Great Qin was a Chinese faction, if Great Qin wanted to destroy a Vietnamese system main city, all of the Vietnamese players would desperately retaliate; they wouldn't allow Great Qin to do to Vietnam what China had done to Vietnam.

Even though they were afraid of China, they would still resist it. If Great Qin was a Vietnamese faction and attacked, they might have chosen to run. However, Great Qin belonged to China, so they would resist even if it was just out of the enmity between the countries.

Great Qin's third goal was, of course, the Forest of Horrors. If it could conquer the entirety of the Forest of Horrors, the entire region would belong to Great Qin, bringing it great benefits.

The region would provide a massive amount of manpower for Great Qin, and it would be the cornerstone of restoring the nation. They could then devour the other regions one by one until they Qin had restored their nation.



However, this could be quite difficult, as the three City Lords definitely knew of Great Qin and how dangerous it was, so they would definitely make preparations.

Once Great Qin did anything, it would face the combined attacks of three system main cities, which would be quite difficult to deal with by Great Qin alone. As such, Great Qin had to think of a way to deal with this before attacking.

After thinking about it, Zhao Fu and his leaders decided to take down Westpan City first. It was the weakest city that they had their sights on, and it had less than 300,000 people with only 50,000 soldiers. Moreover, with Hidden Evil and the Shattersteel Iron, it would be even easier to take it down.

### **Chapter 487 - Making Preparations**

Since they had decided to act against Westpan City, they had to first gather some information. Zhao Fu called Guo Binglin over and asked him to bring over the latest intelligence on Westpan City.

After looking through the intelligence reports, Zhao Fu found that not much had changed in Westpan City except that the population had increased by 30,000 and that there were a few new buildings. It seemed that they hadn't put the equipment and medicinal pills to good use.

Even though there were negative side-effects from the medicinal pills, if it wasn't for Great Qin, those pills and pieces of equipment would have boosted Westpan City's battle strength. That way, Westpan City would be able to attack others and plunder a large amount of resources and territory.

And yet, nothing much had changed, and they continued to just defend their city and not expand outwards. It was a pity that they had taken so many resources from Zhao Fu.

It seemed that these Kobolds were far too peaceful, and even though they were powerful, they didn't attack anyone. There was nothing wrong with this, and in fact, some would describe them to be quite righteous and just.

However, in Zhao Fu's eyes, this was a mistake. If you didn't attack others while you were strong, did that mean others wouldn't attack you when they were strong? Of course not. Because you were strong and possessed great resources, others would definitely attack if you became weak.

Even if you upheld justice and didn't bully the weak, it wasn't reasonable to expect others to do the same. China was the same, so in ancient times, it had often been attacked by foreigners.

Only when one stood in a position of absolute power could one welcome true peace. Once one became weak, one would immediately be devoured.

From how Zhao Fu saw things, conquering was the true way to resolve things – one couldn't give one's enemies any chances. Unless a person could always remain strong, they would be eventually subjected to attacks, humiliation, or death. Enemies wouldn't show any mercy.

As such, Zhao Fu believed that how the Kobolds were acting was utterly wrong. The reason Zhao Fu put so much emphasis on martial might was because he would be able to unify the world and bring about a truly peaceful world in the end.

Today was the appointed time for a trade with Westpan City. Normally, others from Great Qin would go to conduct the trade, but Zhao Fu decided to go personally today to confirm various things.

They were definitely going to attack Westpan City, as it was the weakest out of the three objectives and could be easily taken down by Great Qin.

After a few teleportations, Zhao Fu arrived at Westpan City.

The person who received Zhao Fu was still the Kobold called Belin, and from the look of things, he seemed quite well off – his clothes were much more splendid than before, and his body was even a bit chubbier.

“Long time no see, Lord Belin!” Zhao Fu smiled and nodded.

Seeing that Zhao Fu had come, Belin looked quite excited as well – trading with Zhao Fu had caused his position and his benefits to continuously rise.

“Indeed! It has been a long time. Please take a seat!” Belin enthusiastically invited Zhao Fu over.

Zhao Fu sat down before asking, “Now that it has been a while, what do you think of the medicinal pills I’ve supplied? Westpan City’s strength must have increased by a lot. What have you gained from that? I’ve recently obtained a large amount of Stage 3 cultivating medicinal pills, and I’m willing to trade those.”

“What? Stage 3 medicinal pills?” When he heard this, Belin felt incredibly delighted, but he immediately felt sour – apart from the Ceylon Spice, some ordinary items, and people, they didn’t have much that they could trade.

Zhao Fu wanted to test if Westpan City had anything good or if they were hiding anything. However, from how things seemed, they didn’t have anything special, so he felt a bit disappointed.

“Guest, we’re willing to trade three times the normal amount of Ceylon Spice for your Stage 3 medicinal pills; is that satisfactory?” Belin wanted to use three times the normal amount of Ceylon Spice to trade for the Windbell Pills, but Zhao Fu wasn’t very interested in the spice. Even though it was a high-grade spice that was popular in other regions and enjoyed by the upper society of Great Qin, it definitely wasn’t as valuable as the Windbell Pills. However, Zhao Fu neither agreed nor disagreed, and he instead thought for a while.

Seeing this, Belin felt a bit disappointed, and he decided to report this matter to the City Lord to see if he could take out something of value to trade. After all, Stage 3 medicinal pills were simply too tempting.

Zhao Fu wasn’t going to actually continue trading with Westpan City, as they would be attacking right after he returned to the Great Qin City.

After chatting with Belin for a short while longer, Zhao Fu decided to leave and use Stealther to do some scouting around Westpan City. After confirming that there was nothing out of the ordinary, he returned to the Great Qin City.

Following this, Zhao Fu ordered everyone to make preparations. He then realized that he hadn't been back to the real world in a while, so his real body was probably starving. He decided to go back to the real world and take care of his body first.

Just as his consciousness returned to the real world, his body was wracked with hunger pangs, and he quickly asked his bodyguard to bring some food over. At the same time, he found out about the four beauties coming to the Ying family's residence.

This was told to him by Mu Guilin on behalf of the family leaders. Because this wasn't an incredibly serious matter, the family leaders hadn't wanted to bother Zhao Fu about it, so they told Mu Guilin to report this to Zhao Fu after he woke up.

After hearing about this, Zhao Fu couldn't help but frown. If he had caught these women in the Heaven Awaken World, he would've been quite interested, as they would've been able to provide a large amount of Phoenix Qi.

However, no matter how many women came to the Ying family's residence in the real world, there would be no point – after all, in order to bring someone into the Heaven Awaken World, Zhao Fu would have to make that person eat a Reality Fruit in the Heaven Awaken World, causing that person's consciousness to fuse with that person's body in the Heaven Awaken World.

Since he was unable to bring them into the Heaven Awaken World, they were unable to provide any Phoenix Qi, so they were quite useless.

Zhao Fu had also found out that bringing a person into the Heaven Awaken World seemed to have benefits to that person's cultivation speed. Zhao Fu had heard this from the captives he had brought into the real world. After that great battle, Zhao Fu didn't kill them, and he instead kept them within Great Qin. Since their factions had decided to resist even though their lives were in his hands, it showed that they didn't care about these people. As such, there wasn't much value in killing them, but keeping them around could bring some benefits.

As such, Zhao Fu kept them around and gave them decent treatment. Zhao Fu wouldn't expend a lot of resources for them to have a good life, but he gave good treatment to the two women who had been given titles as Imperial Concubines.

"Proxy leader, how would you like to take care of this? Perhaps you should tell the Legatee; if he sees these four peerless beauties, he'll definitely be very happy," Mu Guilin said as he smiled.

Hearing this, Zhao Fu couldn't help but smile and say, "How are you so sure he'll be happy?"

"But of course, as a man, how could he not want to gather all of the beautiful women under the heavens? Moreover, he gave out Holy Daughter Writs before, so doesn't that mean that he is interested in beautiful women? Now that four peerless beauties have presented themselves, he'll definitely be very happy," Mu Guilin said confidently.

Zhao Fu nodded – of course, he couldn't reveal that he was Great Qin's Legatee, nor could he tell him the true reason for the Holy Daughter Writs. Because of this, he could only smile and say, "Just leave the matter for now!"

### **Chapter 488 - Do You Know Who I Am?**

Mu Guilin felt quite surprised and replied, "Proxy leader, don't you want to at least take a look at them? They're peerless beauties. They're incredibly difficult to find!"

"This is especially so for the ones called Feng Shiyu and Li Muqing. They're both outstanding beauties, and after coming to the Ying family's residence, countless members of the Ying family have gone to see them. If it wasn't for the fact that they are to be the Legatee's women, countless Ying family members would've madly started pursuing them already!"

By now, the bodyguard had come back with food. As such, Zhao Fu started eating while replying in an uncaring tone, "So what? Even if they're beautiful, they're the Legatee's women. What does that have to do with me?"

Of course, this was utter rubbish – he was Great Qin's Legatee, so how could this not have to do with him?

However, Zhao Fu didn't want to waste time on this, because after eating, he wanted to return to the Heaven Awaken World and attack Westpan City. Time was tight, so he had no time for those people.

At that moment, Mu Guilin suddenly bowed and said in a low voice, "But proxy leader, you're the most important person to the Legatee, so if you're willing, the Legatee might even give them to you. Right now, if you want, any woman is willing to throw herself at you. If proxy leader has such desires, I can arrange that for you. Right now, I am only loyal to you, proxy leader!"

Zhao Fu swallowed a mouthful of food as his body froze – he realized that Mu Guilin had come to express his loyalty.

That indeed made sense – his power now exceeded the other family leaders, and as long as Great Qin's Legatee didn't say anything, he was the true family leader and wielded the highest authority. Countless factions tried to curry favor with him, as he was Great Qin's Legatee's representative in the real world.

However, Zhao Fu still had to reject his good intentions and said, "Let them stay in the Ying family for now and treat them well. I'll report this matter to Great Qin's Legatee, but I won't be meeting with them."

Hearing this, Mu Guilin felt slightly disappointed. He had wanted to help Zhao Fu with this, making Zhao Fu view him favorably, but it seemed that Zhao Fu wasn't too interested. However, after thinking about it, Mu Guilin remembered that the proxy leader had a close and intimate relationship with Wu Qingniang. Mu Guilin expressed that he understood and left.

Zhao Fu continued to eat, and just as he finished eating and was wiping his mouth, a clamor sounded outside the door – it seemed that many people had come. This caused Zhao Fu to frown, and his bodyguard immediately left to see what was going on.

A few moments later, the bodyguard returned and said, “Mr. Zhao, there are four women outside who want to see you. They are most likely the four beauties Mu Guilin was talking about.”

Hearing this, Zhao Fu felt quite helpless and took a sip out of his cup before nodding. “Let them come in!”

The bodyguard nodded, and soon, a young woman, who gave off a pampered air and had delicate facial features, snow-white skin, and a tall and slim figure, rushed in furiously.

Bang!

She slammed her palm down on Zhao Fu’s table and yelled, “You dared not to see me? Do you know who I am? I’m your Legatee’s future Empress!”

Cough! Cough! Cough! Zhao Fu choked on the water that he was swallowing as he looked at this young woman.

The young woman furiously glared at him and yelled, “You’re finished now! You’d best apologize to me now, or after I tell my husband, your Legatee, you’ll be severely punished!”

Hearing this, Zhao Fu felt quite confused and asked, “Since when did you come into contact with the Legatee? And since when did you become his Empress?”

The young woman, Feng Shiyu, crossed her arms and harrumphed as she said, “Go into the Heaven Awaken World and tell him that I’ve become his woman. I don’t believe that the Legatee would think that I’m not good enough!”

Only now did Zhao Fu look at Feng Shiyu closely and find that she was indeed incredibly beautiful. Whether it was her aura or her looks, she was quite exceptional. By now, Zhao Fu had seen countless beauties, and she was still quite gorgeous.

Facing Zhao Fu’s gaze, Feng Shiyu felt quite pleased. However, after thinking about it, she wrinkled her nose and looked quite disgusted as she pointed at Zhao Fu with a snow-white finger and said, “You’d best not have any unruly thoughts towards me; I’m Great Qin’s Legatee’s woman. Plus, how could I be interested in someone unmanly like you?”

Zhao Fu looked away, not sure what to say.

By now, the three other women had walked in. They were all extremely beautiful as well, and anyone who looked at them would feel entranced.

The first woman looked like she was in her early twenties, and she was quite slim. She also gave off a learned and cultured aura. Zhao Fu was quite surprised to see that she was wearing an ancient-style dress, and her hair and makeup were also done in a traditional way.

The second woman looked around 23 or 24 years old, and she had a shapely figure and skin like jade. She gave off a gentle aura like water and had incredibly slim fingers.

The third woman looked like she had just turned 20, and she had an extremely voluptuous figure, which looked like baby fat. Her skin was quite white, and she looked extremely lovable and cute, making anyone who saw her want to make her theirs.

Just from their airs alone, Zhao Fu could guess who they were: the first was most likely Li Muqing, due to her scholarly airs; the second was most likely Liu Ruyan, who was skilled in music; and the last was most likely Pan Yuling, whose body gave off an alluring aura.

Seeing that the others had also come in, Feng Shiyu lightly harrumphed and went back to her normal state as she sat down on a sofa.

Zhao Fu looked at the four women in front of him and asked, "Everyone, why have you come to see me? If it's about Great Qin Legatee, I will let him know about you."

Liu Ruyan and Pan Yuling lightly shook their heads, indicating that they had indeed come here so that Zhao Fu would tell Great Qin's Legate about them so that their families could be acknowledged by Great Qin's Legatee.

However, Li Muqing was different, as she had come voluntarily. The three others had been sent by their families, and their fates had been decided. None of them felt happy about this, so there was a faint look of hurt on their faces.

However, Li Muqing smiled and asked, "Mr. Zhao, aren't you going to ask me to sit with you?"

Hearing this, Zhao Fu suddenly remembered proper etiquette; he had forgotten the responsibilities that now came with his new social standing.

As such, he asked Li Muqing, Liu Ruyan, and Pan Yuling to sit, and Zhao Fu looked at Li Muqing, waiting to hear what she had to say.

From what he knew, this talented woman was only interested in literary talents and didn't care about power or riches. As such, why had Li Muqing come voluntarily? Zhao Fu was curious about this.

## **Chapter 489 - City Siege**

Zhao Fu didn't like literati because he felt that they only had academic skills and no life skills. Moreover, because this was a period of war and chaos, they weren't very useful.

However, since ancient times, the literati weren't to be offended. Back then, in order to unify thinking, the First Emperor of Qin had burned all books except those relating to medicine, agriculture, and a few other fields.

He had also ordered for the Confucian scholars to be buried alive, but that had been incited by alchemists. When Great Qin had established its empire, they had recommended dividing and conferring the empire, but because that was what had caused the Warring States Period, how could the First Emperor of Qin agree? Afterward, because of the alchemists' greed for money, they had slandered and vilified the Emperor, forcing him to bury the Confucians. However, most of those who had been buried

alive were alchemists, and very few Confucians had been dragged in. In total, there had only been 400 people.

Moreover, 400 wasn't much compared to some of the other Emperors – when Zhu Yuanzhang had established the Ming Dynasty, in order to solidify the foundation of his rule, he had killed many meritorious ministers and Generals and butchered dozens of cities, killing hundreds of thousands of people. And yet, very few people thought that he was a tyrant.

In fact, many 'enlightened lieges' had killed many more people, yet they were still considered virtuous rulers.

As for the First Emperor of Qin, even though what he had done wasn't as bad, it had been firmly recorded in history because he had offended the literati and scholars. After all, history was written by such people.

If they spoke badly about you, no matter what you did, your reputation would be tarnished for thousands of years. Those who didn't know the full story would only hear about the idiom 'burn the books and bury alive the Confucian scholars,' and they would think that the First Emperor of Qin had burned every book and killed all of the Confucian scholars.

As such, literati and scholars weren't to be lightly offended, and every Dynasty did its best to treat these people well.

However, it wasn't good for there to be too many literati and scholars, such as the Song Dynasty. Even though there were all sorts of different ideas and the quality of life and the economy were quite good back then, it was the most humiliating period in China's history. The Qing Dynasty had only given up land, but the Song Dynasty's Emperor's princesses and imperial concubines were made slaves or killed. Without a doubt, it was the most humiliating period of China's history.

As such, what use was there in having so many literati and scholars? So what if the quality of life and the economy were excellent? If the military was too weak, a nation would still suffer humiliation and despair. After all, one established one's place in the world with one's might, not one's mouth.

Because of the various reasons, Zhao Fu felt quite wary towards Li Muqing. Of course, Zhao Fu didn't despise literati and scholars – after all, they were the ones who passed down culture and history.

"I want to personally meet Great Qin's Legatee; can you help with that?" Li Muqing said as she smiled. Hearing this, Zhao Fu thought about this before replying, "That's not possible. Right now, the Legatee isn't willing to meet many people, but if there's anything you would like me to pass on, I can do that for you. Also, why do you want to meet the Legatee?"

"Oh..." Li Muqing replied before saying, "It's not much. I just want to see what sort of person he is. Also, please don't misunderstand – I don't intend on becoming an imperial concubine. If he can establish a powerful nation, he should also ensure the continuation of literature and the arts, so I want to have a look at the Great Qin City."

Zhao Fu knew that things would be as simple, so he replied, "But of course – literature is the foundation of a nation. The Legatee will definitely ensure its continuation."

Hearing this, Li Muqing smiled happily and said, “That’s great! I don’t have any other matters, so I’ll be staying with the Ying family. If the Legatee wishes to see me, I’ll be happy to oblige.”

Zhao Fu nodded, indicating that he understood. Following this, Li Muqing, Liu Ruyan, and Pan Yuling left, leaving only Feng Shiyu. She glared at Zhao Fu and reminded him, “Remember to tell your Legatee that I’ve come to the Ying family. He has to acknowledge me quickly, or I’ll make sure you regret it.” After saying this, she brandished her little fist, seeming as if she was going to beat Zhao Fu up, before leaving.

Afterward, Zhao Fu dryly laughed and paid her no mind before returning to the Heaven Awaken World.

By the time Zhao Fu returned to the Great Qin City, all of the Generals and soldiers were ready, so they officially set off towards Westpan City.

A few hours later, Zhao Fu and the army arrived outside of Westpan City. Looking at the city ahead, Zhao Fu didn’t bother with any tricks or schemes, and he ordered the soldiers to charge. They would destroy the villages outside first before surrounding Westpan City.

After all, because they already had such immense strength, using schemes was quite troublesome. As such, Zhao Fu decided to use Great Qin’s martial might to conquer Westpan City. Great Qin’s 400,000 soldiers rushed forward like a black flood that wanted to destroy everything, and the ones charging at the front were the Cavalry.

At first, the Kobold villagers looked quite confused because they had become accustomed to living in peace. With their strength, even system main cities didn’t dare to attack them.

Great Qin’s countless Cavalry didn’t care at all – they had only one task, which was to kill anyone who resisted.

They held their spears as they rode on their warhorses and rushed ahead with unstoppable momentum, stabbing their spears through Kobolds’ chests. Immediately, blood flew everywhere, and pained cries sounded out as countless Kobolds’ lives were ended.

The Kobold villagers immediately retaliated – after all, they were Outlanders and innately quite suited to fighting. The Kobolds held spears, sabers, and clubs as they rushed towards Great Qin’s Cavalry, but the conclusion was quite tragic.

First, they were only villagers, not actual soldiers, and their cultivation and equipment were far inferior to those of Great Qin’s soldiers. More importantly, there were only a few thousand of them against Great Qin’s 400,000 soldiers.

No matter how ferocious the Kobolds were, they were incredibly weak in front of Great Qin. They desperately threw spears, but they found that Great Qin’s soldiers were able to knock them away easily, and the spears were unable to deal any damage.

Soon, the Kobolds were quickly devoured by the black flood, after which everything became peaceful again, leaving the corpses silently lying on the ground.

Even though the Kobolds were quick to resist, they were also quick to surrender. They respected power, and after seeing that it was impossible to win and hearing that those who surrendered would be spared, many Kobolds obediently kneeled and chose to surrender.



After quickly and easily dealing with the villages, Great Qin's soldiers tightly surrounded Westpan City.

Westpan City went into a state of emergency, and Kobold soldiers held their weapons and stood on the city walls, seriously looking at Great Qin's countless soldiers and prepared to fight.

## **Chapter 490 - Death**

There was a tall and muscular Kobold on the city walls, and he was most likely City Lord Westpan.

Westpan looked at Great Qin's countless soldiers with a serious expression – he had never expected anyone to attack Westpan City, and there were at least 400,000 enemies. Just what was going on? How had such a massive army suddenly appeared?

Could it be that these people were all Otherworlders?

However, from their auras and looks, they didn't seem like 'Otherworlders' or 'players,' but it was impossible for the system main cities to have so many people. After all, the three system main cities would only have 300,000 soldiers combined. How could there be an army of 400,000 soldiers?

Moreover, after being in this region for such a long time, he hadn't made any trouble, so there was no need for those system main cities to expend such great efforts to attack Westpan City. Moreover, if they were going to attack, they would've attacked long ago and not have waited until now.

As such, just what faction was this below?

Westpan couldn't figure it out at all – just who were these people and why were they attacking?

The army slowly parted, and Zhao Fu rode out on Little Black with a few Generals following behind him.

Westpan didn't recognize Zhao Fu and his people, but beside him, when Belin saw Zhao Fu, his expression greatly changed. After all, Zhao Fu was the person who he had been trading with and who had boosted his position, so how could he not recognize him?

Wasn't he going to consider trading Stage 3 medicinal pills? How come he had brought so many people to attack Westpan City?

Moreover, he seemed to be the boss of this faction – Belin had never expected this at all. Before, he had been treating Belin with such respect, but after thinking about it, Belin realized that he had been duped.

Westpan could detect the changes in Belin, and his gaze became cold as he asked, "Belin, do you recognize that person? What's going on?"

Belin didn't dare to trick him and quickly explained to Westpan from when they had first started trading.

After listening to Belin's explanation, Westpan felt quite confused – if they had long since planned to attack Westpan City, why would they trade with them and provide a large number of medicinal pills and equipment, which would boost Westpan City's strength? After all, the other side wasn't an idiot.

Could it be that there was something wrong with the medicinal pills and equipment? But he had checked everything over, and there was nothing wrong with them. Just what was their aim?

Could it be that they wanted to use those benefits to convince Westpan City to surrender?

Zhao Fu looked at the city walls, and a trace of a smile appeared on his face as he said, "I recommend that you surrender; I will treat all you well. If you resist, the only conclusion is death. Don't even dream of resisting an army of 400,000 soldiers; that is simply impossible."

Hearing this, Westpan's expression became grim because he knew that it was indeed almost impossible to stop the attack of 400,000 soldiers. What's more, the person speaking seemed to be the City Lord of a Basic City. Even if they fought, Westpan wouldn't have an advantage when fighting him and might even lose.

However, he couldn't just surrender so easily.

"Sir, it's impossible for us to surrender so easily, but we can form an alliance. In the future, we will sell everything to you at half price. How does that sound?"

Westpan knew that it was likely that they would lose, so he planned to become alliance members to avoid this battle and sacrifice some of their profits in order to keep the peace.

Hearing Westpan's words, Zhao Fu couldn't help but laugh – who wanted their items? The only thing that Zhao Fu wanted was the city itself and the people.

"That's impossible; all I want is Westpan City. You can either choose to submit or die," Zhao Fu said with great confidence and domineeringness.

Westpan felt quite furious – he had already taken a step back and spoken civilly, yet the other side was still being so overbearing and didn't put Westpan City in its eyes at all. It was as if they thought that Westpan City was scared.

"Then you can try us. Westpan City will show no weakness!" Westpan said angrily, his words filled with hostile intent.

"Hahaha..." Zhao Fu loudly laughed before ordering, "Attack!"

As soon as this command was given out, Great Qin's soldiers' aura became incredibly serious and oppressive, shocking the Kobold soldiers on the city walls.

First, the six figures beside Zhao Fu shot into the sky, and the terrifying auras they gave off caused the weather to change, shocking everything within the entire region.

The three City Lords within the region felt this burst of strength, and their expressions became grim. They quickly left their system main cities and turned into rays of light as they flew towards Westpan City. Just what had happened there

Back at Westpan City, the Kobolds all looked at the six powerful people in the sky. They were all City Lords – five of them were the City Lords of system main cities, and only one of them was the City Lord of a Basic City. How could they not be shocked at seeing six City Lords gathering?

After all, City Lords weren't as common as radishes, and at most, a region would have four of them. And yet, the enemy commanded six City Lords, and this didn't include their leader. This caused Westpan to feel incredibly shocked.

Swish, swish, swish...

As all of the Kobolds stared in shock, countless ballistae bolts with Hidden Evil roots tied to them tore through the air and flew towards Westpan City.

The numerous Kobolds quickly reacted and raised their shields, and those without shields immediately ducked for cover as well.

However, the targets of the ballistae bolts weren't the Kobolds on the wall. The countless ballistae bolts hit the city walls, and even though not many Kobolds were injured or killed, a white smoke started to spread because the Hidden Evil roots had been set alight.

Westpan immediately realized that there was something wrong with this smoke, so he wanted to dissipate it. However, before he could do anything, the six people in the air started to attack him, forcing him to dodge about.

Within the white smoke, after breathing a mouthful of the smoke, the Kobold soldiers felt their bodies weaken and felt incredibly powerless. Beads of sweat ran down their bodies, and they soon collapsed on the city walls.

Westpan City had 60,000 soldiers, and because they had all consumed medicinal pills containing Hidden Evil for a long time, they all instantly collapsed and lost the ability to fight.

However, there were also many residents who were participating in the defense. There were 230,000 residents, and apart from some women, elderly people, and children, there were about 100,000 or so Kobold residents defending.