

Versatile 1761

Chapter 1761: Mountain Drill Spinning Top

“Strange, why is my Rock Barrier as fragile as bubbles against the Rock Monster, yet it couldn’t break free from Fan Mo’s spell?” Lin Qihui murmured in confusion.

A Rock Barrier was similar to a huge mound of stone. It was bigger and thicker than the thin and razor-sharp Rock Fangs, so how did the Rock Fangs manage to hold the Rock Monster in place when it could easily break through his Rock Barrier?

“The Rock Fangs must be targeting the Rock Monster’s joints, making it difficult for the creature to gather its strength!” Tao Jing guessed.

Tao Jing was right. Even though Mo Fan’s Rock Fangs were sturdier than ordinary rocks, they were not strong enough to match the strength of an Intermediate Spell. Mo Fan was merely restricting the movement of the Rock Monster via its joints to root it in place!

However, if the Rock Monster gathered its strength to forcibly break one of the Rock Fangs, it would break free from the Queen of the Night’s Binding right away. The Rock Fangs would no longer be able to stop it.

The Rock Monster was not brainless as they had thought. It used its elbow to hit the shaft of a Rock Fang multiple times. The Rock Fang soon cracked, and eventually broke into pieces.

The Rock Monster swung its arm to break the rest of the Rock Fangs after it was able to move its arm freely, and rapidly broke free from the Queen of the Night’s Binding.

After regaining its freedom, the Rock Monster fixed its eyes on Mo Fan, as if it knew who the culprit was. Its eyes looked emotionless, yet one could easily feel the wrath and murderous intent within them!

The Elemental creature was quite hot-tempered. It roared like a gorilla before charging at Mo Fan.

Mo Fan was standing behind two buildings to protect himself, but the creature simply pounded them to the ground, forcing Mo Fan to retreat to a street further up the mountain.

“Damn it, I could have killed you with a single Lightning Strike!” Mo Fan cursed when he saw the Rock Monster pursuing him relentlessly.

Luckily, Mo Fan’s physical attributes as a Super Mage were outstanding. He managed to dodge a few punches from the Rock Monster agilely.

“Fan Mo, hang in there, we’ll go find backup!” Lin Qihui yelled at Mo Fan from not far away.

Mo Fan almost had the urge to fire the Earth Spell he had just completed at Lin Qihui. That f**king potato, the Rock Monster would kill him multiple times before he returned with the others who were still at the inn!

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The Rock Monster was a lot trickier to deal with than he had thought, especially when they did not have the advantage in numbers to suppress it. The Rock Monsters kept chasing him between the buildings on the street, so he did not have the chance to cast any spells, making him quite frustrated!

“That guy is so impressive. He’s still alive after a Rock Monster has been chasing him for so long,” a Mage hiding in a corner murmured.

“Yeah, keep it up!”

Mo Fan did not see anyone trying to lend him a hand while he was being chased. Everyone was hiding as far as they could instead.

Wasn’t this city supposed to be full of Mages? Why did Mo Fan feel like he was in a street full of normal people? Not a single Mage bothered to help him. Since when did people become so cold-hearted toward one another?

As a matter of fact, it was not like the Mages were unwilling to help, but they were too scared to step forward after witnessing the Rock Monster’s strength!

Basic Mages were simply courting death trying to fight a Rock Monster. Intermediate Mages did not really stand a chance either, especially since everyone could only use their Earth Element in the city. An Intermediate Mage’s control of the Earth Element was inferior to the Rock Monster, so their lives were also in danger too if they tried to fight it. Since the young man was able to kite the Rock Monster with just his agility, no one wanted to risk their lives.

“I’ll help you, run to me...” Tao Jing called out when she saw Mo Fan was in a pinch.

“Don’t worry, that thing can’t harm me, just take care of yourself,” Mo Fan shouted back.

The Rock Monster would never touch him even if the chase went on for another hundred years.

Tao Jing thought Mo Fan was forcing himself. She began casting her Intermediate Spell while enduring the pain from her wounds!

Tao Jing’s Intermediate Spell could be used as an attack. It was a heavy rock cauldron that was able to slide across the ground. The longer it slid, the greater its force. Unfortunately, the Rock Monster was not stupid. It would not just stand still and let Tao Jing attack it.

“Increase your power to the maximum; I’ll make sure it collides with your rock cauldron!” Mo Fan yelled at Tao Jing when he realized her spell could actually threaten the Rock Monster.

Tao Jing nodded. She purposely Summoned a bigger rock cauldron.

The rock cauldron slid along the spacious street. Its speed increased gradually from the push of an Earth Wave. Meanwhile, Mo Fan purposely slowed down to trick the Rock Monster into thinking that it was catching up to him. He then used a huge warehouse to block the Rock Monster's view.

The Rock Monster lunged at Mo Fan. He stood there the junction without trying to dodge the attack.

Smash! The rock cauldron rammed into the Rock Monster's lower half just as its hand had almost reached Mo Fan.

The huge creature was knocked flying. Its body cracked in many places.

"Rock Fangs!"

Mo Fan reacted quickly. He swung his hand at the spot where the Rock Monster was going to land.

A thicker and sharper golden-brown Rock Fang popped out from the ground and stabbed the Rock Monster in the crack on its waist the rock cauldron had inflicted, impaling the Rock Monster!

The Rock Monster was severely injured. Pieces of its body scattered across the ground. It staggered to its feet, strong anger rising inside it!

"Eyes of the Rock Demon: Mountain Drill Spinning Top!"

Tiny sand particles drifted in the wind and spun rapidly under the drive of a special energy. They gradually formed a spinning top.

The Mountain Drill Spinning Top struck the Rock Monster in the chest. Its body started turning into fine dust, similar to the sand. The tip of the spinning top was sharp, while its back was thick and broad. The spinning drill continued to dig a bigger hole in the Rock Monster's huge body, which soon began to collapse!

"It's an Advanced Spell!"

"Thank the Heavens, an Advanced Mage has finally shown up. Fan Mo, we are safe now!" Lin Qihui blurted out excitedly.

Mo Fan was smiling too, yet he was cursing under his breath, "Safe my ass, help always arrives when the fight is close to an end!"

Mo Fan glanced to the other side of the street and noticed an imperious Battlemaga standing there. Her brown eyes were full of magic, and rather attractive. She was the one who had cast the powerful Advanced Spell, Mountain Drill Spinning Top!

Chapter 1762: The Prisoners

Mo Fan had met the woman earlier. She was Wen Xia, the soldier who had applied the Seals on their Elements at the city entrance.

Wen Xia drew closer to them, glancing at Mo Fan without saying a word. She then headed toward the Rock Monster.

“Ain’t she proud?” Mo Fan scoffed, staring at Wen Xia’s straight back.

The Rock Monster had caused a scene at the city west for some time before the military finally showed up. If he had not happened to be around to buy some time, there would surely have been some casualties. The Basic and Intermediate Mages who were watching him from the side did not stand a chance against the Rock Monster at all!

Mo Fan also walked toward the remains of the Rock Monster. There was a pile of stones lying still at the intersection. It was obvious that the Rock Monster was dead.

There was a sudden movement from the pile of rocks. Mo Fan had a bad feeling when he noticed the tiny movement.

“Watch out!” Mo Fan dashed forward and pushed Wen Xia away.

There was a certain species in Egypt that could reassemble their bodies to attack travelers after they were shattered into pieces. Many inexperienced Mages had died to those sand creatures as they were unable to tell if they were alive or dead.

Therefore, Mo Fan subconsciously thought the Rock Monster was about to rise again when he noticed the movement from the rocks, even though he could not detect any sign of life from it.

Mo Fan was quite strong. The push almost knocked Wen Xia to the ground.

Luckily, Wen Xia was quick, too. She managed to regain her balance with a backflip.

“What the hell are you doing!?” Wen Xia lifted her eyes. Her attractive face was filled with anger.

“You should be thanking me for saving...” Mo Fan pointed at the pile of rocks. He was going to say he had just saved her life when he saw a human rising feebly from the rocks.

It was a skinny middle-aged woman, her clothes covered in a thick layer of ash, like a cocoon. Chunks of ash rolled off her as she rose to her feet.

Mo Fan stared at the woman with a blank expression.

Did a human just appear from the pile of rocks?

What’s going on here? Did the woman turn into the Rock Monster?

He had never heard of any magic that could transform a human into a Rock Monster!

The woman was petite and skinny, a great contrast to the huge and tanky Rock Monster just a moment ago!

Wen Xia rolled her eyes at Mo Fan before ordering two soldiers who had arrived late, “You two, take her away and confirm her identity!”

Mo Fan had yet to recover from the shock. He immediately stopped Wen Xia when he saw she was leaving, too. “What just happened? Why is there a living human inside the Rock Monster?” he asked.

The woman inside the Rock Monster was still alive, Mo Fan had confirmed it; she was very feeble, like she had expended all her energy.

“It’s none of your business!” Wen Xia snapped.

“You came so late. I had to risk my life to keep the Rock Monster busy to avoid casualties. I have the right to know the reason why that woman was inside that creature!” Mo Fan stood in front of the Battlemaga. He had no intention to back away.

“Risk your life?” Wen Xia was amused by Mo Fan’s choice of words. She grinned like a man and said, “A creature of its level is as harmless as an infant to you!”

“That’s not the point here!” Mo Fan complained.

“I would like to know the reason, too. Can you please inform the military if you manage to find it out? We will reward you handsomely,” Wen Xia shot right back.

Wen Xia brought the middle-aged woman away, leaving without wasting any more time with Mo Fan. The street was still a complete mess.

Mo Fan frowned. He had a bad feeling about this.

The Rock Monster was an Elemental creature, so it was supposed to turn into a pile of rocks after it died. It did not make sense for an older woman to appear from the pile of rocks, unless the Rock Monster had eaten her!

“That doesn’t make any sense, either! If the Rock Monster had swallowed the woman, the Mountain Drill Spinning Top would have murdered her, too!”

Mo Fan could not make any sense of it. He returned to the wall to check on the state of the battle there.

The battle at the ravine seemed to have come to an end. Mo Fan only saw a few probationary Mages cleaning up the field. He did not learn anything valuable.

“How strange!” Mo Fan blurted out before returning the same way.

The whole incident felt so weird. Mo Fan knew he was not going to find out anything useful for the time being. He would have to wait until the Rock Monsters showed up again to learn the truth.

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Mo Fan regrouped with Tao Jing and Lin Qihui. Lin Qihui was treating Tao Jing’s wounds. Mo Fan noticed a few of her wounds were still bleeding.

“Use this,” Mo Fan took out a potion and gave it to Tao Jing, “Just drink it, it’s vanilla-flavored.”

“Are you really offering her a drink?” Lin Qihui said.

“Yeah, it will help calm her down. I didn’t expect you to be such a brave soul, even though you are normally quiet and gentle,” Mo Fan complimented Tao Jing.

“Being brave isn’t enough, I ended up giving you a lot of trouble,” Tao Jing received the drink from Mo Fan. She drank it right away, since she was indeed feeling a little thirsty.

"It's worth it, since we did save the man's life," Lin Qihui smiled.

"It's two of them," Tao Jing said.

"Two? Oh, you meant the person that appeared from the remains of the Rock Monster... that scared the crap out of me!" Lin Qihui admitted.

"It felt like the woman was trapped inside the Rock Monster's body. I heard that many Mages have gone missing in the city recently. I should be able to find the woman's name on the list of missing people," Tao Jing said thoughtfully.

Trapped inside the Rock Monster's body?

Mo Fan found Tao Jing's speculation to be convincing. Speaking of which, didn't he also hear a Hunter mentioning that the military had found a living human inside the Rock Monster they took care of yesterday, too?

"The Barrier Core might be attracting some strange creatures while it's accumulating the energy of the Earth Element, due to its extraordinary nature. Otherwise, why would the military send so many soldiers here? It's obviously to make sure the Barrier Core is well protected!" Lin Qihui pointed out.

"From what I remember, the Barrier Core has similar side effects to Elemental Detectors, with a greater area of coverage. Therefore, demon creatures are expected to show up," Tao Jing agreed.

"It's going to be busy in this city..." Mo Fan murmured to nobody in particular.

Chapter 1763: The Wriggling Mud

Drawing the Earth Star Pattern was not too difficult for Mo Fan. He expected to succeed at it after cultivating diligently for a few days, so he decided to clear his mind of the unimportant matters and dove into his golden-brown world!

Time passed swiftly. Mo Fan totally forgot about sleeping and eating when the thought of learning a new powerful spell crossed his mind.

Knock knock knock!

Mo Fan suddenly heard a few heavy knocks on the door. He found them very annoying, as he was only a few Stars away from completing the Star Pattern. He would be able to cast the spell with ease if he could spend half a day more on it!

"What is it?" Mo Fan decided to respond after he recalled he was still a member of the group. After all, he had disappeared for two days!

"Fan Mo, are you in the room? Is everything fine?" Lin Qihui's worried voice came from outside.

Mo Fan rose to his feet and walked to the door.

He opened the door and saw Lin Qihui standing there nervously. He had an uneasy look in his eyes. He let out a relieved sigh as soon as he saw Mo Fan.

“What’s wrong?” Mo Fan asked.

“Some people from our group are missing,” Lin Qihui told him earnestly.

“Missing? What do you mean?” Mo Fan asked, surprised.

“We went for an adventure on the mountain this morning. After all, it is important for us to gain some practical experience. Everyone except you went along.

“We encountered some demon creatures who forced us to split up. We agreed to part ways temporarily to ensure our safety, and regroup at the foot of the mountain later. However, we waited until evening for the other group, but they did not show up,” Lin Qihui told him with a grimace.

“Aren’t they carrying communication devices?” Mo Fan asked.

“They are useless, the disturbance is too strong in the mountain,” Lin Qihui shook his head.

“So who’s missing? Where’s Tao Jing?” Mo Fan asked. Lin Qihui was silent. “Tao Jing was with the other group?” Mo Fan frowned.

“Mm, it’s my fault for failing to take care of the group. I’ve already asked the Magic Association for help, but the Magic Association says it’s too early to organize help for them. I’m worried they might be in danger,” Lin Qihui sighed.

Zhou Donghao came up while the two were talking. He glanced at Lin Qihui and Mo Fan before saying impatiently, “Senior, there’s no point wasting time on him. He doesn’t even have the guts to go to the wild. We should hurry up and search for them inside the mountain again.”

“Fan Mo is pretty strong, it will be safer if he comes with us,” Lin Qihui said quickly.

Lin Qihui believed having an extra person was safer for the team. He had no idea how strong Mo Fan was. He had only seen Mo Fan being chased around by the Rock Monster to keep it busy.

“I’ll go with you,” Mo Fan stated.

He had no other choice. Saving women had always been his sacred duty. He would find himself grieving if anything happened to a pretty gentlewoman like Tao Jing!

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“We should be glad as long as he isn’t a burden to us!” Zhou Donghao snorted.

Mo Fan completely ignored the man, and followed Lin Qihui outside.

The remaining people of the group had already gathered downstairs. They were surprisingly righteous, having volunteered to help after learning the missing members might be in danger.

The group did not go inside the cave. Even the military would have trouble rescuing people inside the cave, which was as complicated as a maze. The desolate mountain was rugged and craggy, so there should be no problem finding the missing group if they did a thorough sweep.

“What’s going on? Is something serious happening?” Mo Fan saw a huge army had gathered at the entrance of the city.

“The military is planning to eliminate the threats to the Barrier Core by taking the initiative to wipe out the demon creatures within five kilometers of the city. Otherwise, they will struggle to handle them if too many demon creatures show up at once in the next few days,” Lin Qihui told him.

“How many days left until the Barrier Core is set up?” Mo Fan asked.

“Three or four days? I’m not too sure, either,” Lin Qihui admitted.

“Let’s not waste our time talking and go to the mountain. The search is going to be a lot harder when it’s dark.”

Taking advantage of the delayed sunset, the group formed a search team and quickly went over to the mountain.

The mountain was like a staircase. They soon reached a tall cliff, and after they climbed to the top of it, they were immediately greeted by another. The cliffs were stacked irregularly on top of one another. They were able to jump between them at times, but for those that were too far apart, they had no choice but to climb with their hands.

“I’ll take a look up there, the view is clearer. Are you sure this is where you split up with them?” Mo Fan asked.

“It’s so high, how are you going to get up there?” the female student with glasses, Cao Juan, wondered.

“Yeah, it’s not like you can fly!” Lin Qihui looked up and realized how steep the cliff was. It was unlikely a normal person could climb up there.

Mo Fan did not respond. He jumped directly onto the straight cliff.

He jumped surprisingly high into the air. When he reached the highest point, a golden-brown Star Orbit surrounded him. A rocky spar emerged from the wall like a bamboo shoot, right under Mo Fan’s feet.

Mo Fan kicked the rock and launched himself higher into the air once again.

Another stone beam popped out from the wall, and Mo Fan launched himself higher once again. He was slowly disappearing from the others’ view.

More rocks popped out of the wall as Mo Fan made his way up, and he soon reached the top of the cliff. The rest of the group was dumbfounded after witnessing him.

It was extremely rare to see anyone using the Earth Element in such a manner. More importantly, his strength and agility were comparable to a powerful demon creature!

“Humph, he’s only good at useless tricks like that!” Zhou Donghao said disdainfully, trying to break the mood.

Mo Fan was able to see the mountains nearby from the top of the cliff. He looked down trying to search for Tao Jing and the missing members, and suddenly noticed something wriggling rapidly in a crack between the slopes not far away.

Mo Fan tried to get a closer look at it. He was having trouble identifying it. It simply looked like mud.

The problem was, the mud was moving down the mountains. It seemed to be heading for the students!

“Something is heading your way. Look out!” Mo Fan immediately yelled at the group when he sensed something was not right.

“What did you say? Are they close to us?”

“I said, something dangerous is heading your way! Hide, now!” Mo Fan raised his voice.

“Oh, that way? Sure, we’ll try searching in that direction!” Lin Qihui responded.

Mo Fan could hear Lin Qihui’s response, but the man’s hearing was obviously not as good as his own. He looked down again and noticed the wriggling mud was getting even closer to the students!

“Damn it, I asked you to run, run!” Mo Fan jumped down from the cliff, yelling at the people below who were unaware of the situation they were in.

Chapter 1764: Mud Morphing Monster

Lin Qihui was confused when he saw Mo Fan jumping down from above them.

“Oh my, what is that?” Liang Junheng exclaimed, pointing at the cracks on the ground.

“Is there anything? Why can’t I see it?” Cao Juan looked behind him and failed to notice anything.

“Look out, it’s under your feet!” Liang Junheng yelled.

Cao Juan lowered her eyes and saw a pile of mud wriggling under her feet now. Cao Juan did not take it too seriously at first, but her face turned extremely pale when the strange mud revealed a pair of eyes.

The mud was obviously going after her! She was not able to escape in time. The strange mud suddenly leapt into the air and turned into a flexible and sticky mud man!

The mud man pounced at Cao Juan and covered her. She did not even have time to use her magic.

“Save her!” Lin Qihui said.

“How are we supposed to do that? Are we going to attack her?” Liang Junheng cried out.

The mud man was completely attached to Cao Juan. If they tried to attack it with their magic, they might kill Cao Juan too!

“Help...help...me!” Cao Juan struggled vigorously, but the mud soon entered her throat.

The mud had taken over in no time. Cao Juan was nowhere to be seen. She had been replaced by a mud monster!

The mud monster's size expanded quickly after covering Cao Juan. It was impossible to tell where the mud had come from. The group did not dare use their magic as they were scared of harming Cao Juan. They had no choice but to watch the mud man grow stronger!

"AHHHHH!"

Another cry of agony came from behind while the group was starting to panic.

Lin Qihui turned around and noticed another student being attacked by the same mud monster now!

His situation was exactly the same as Cao Juan's. The mud soon covered him entirely. His struggles were in vain, as he was eventually covered by the mud.

A furious roar was heard coming from the opposite direction. When Lin Qihui looked at where Cao Juan had been standing, he realized that the mud man who had devoured Cao Juan had transformed into a familiar creature!

"A Rock Monster!" Lin Qihui exclaimed.

"What...what exactly is going on?"

The Rock Monster's eyes were filled with anger. It charged straight at the group while swinging its arms fiercely, knocking a few of the students into the air.

"Run to higher ground, quick!" Lin Qihui yelled.

The students were not very strong, and did not stand a chance against the surprise attack. They quickly fled to a higher spot.

Another Rock Monster began charging at them just as they created some distance between them and the first one. It had come from the direction of the male student who had been taken by the mud.

The two Rock Monsters chased the students relentlessly. A few of them were injured and covered in blood.

"Help me, anyone, my leg is broken!"

A young man had fallen into a crack and twisted his knee. His face was covered in sweat from the pain.

Luckily, the Rock Monsters were chasing after the rest of the group instead of targeting him. Otherwise, it was unlikely he would survive under the circumstances!

"Watch where you are going, keep an eye out for the mud monsters," Lin Qihui quickly warned the others when he realized something.

"Don't just keep running. Use your magic too! Do you really think you can outrun those Rock Monsters?" Liang Junheng said anxiously.

Liang Junheng was leading the others to fight the Rock Monsters. The group finally had some space to cast their spells under the protection of his Earth Magic. They cast their Intermediate Earth Spells simultaneously, stacking up a huge wall in front of the Rock Monsters.

“What should we do with Su Jindu?” Someone finally realized they had left one of their members behind.

The two Rock Monsters decided to go for the man named Su Jindu after they had trouble going after the group of students.

Su Jindu was terrified. He tried hobbling along on his other leg, and managed to hide behind a slope. To his surprise, the two Rock Monsters landed right in front of him after jumping around a few times, just like huge apes.

“Help me!” Su Jindu screamed for help from Mo Fan, who had finally come down from the mountain.

Mo Fan frowned, and immediately used his magic. Rock Fangs emerged from the ground and stabbed the Rock Monsters in the feet.

Luckily, Mo Fan’s Bright Rock was a lot harder than ordinary Earth Magic, or it would not have posed a threat to the Rock Monsters. The Rock Fangs emerging from the ground would have broken into pieces right away trying to stab the Rock monsters!

Mo Fan managed to stop one of the Rock Monsters with the Rock Fangs, but he could not do anything to the other Rock Monster. The four-meter-tall creature lifted Su Jindu up like he was a little chick.

Su Jindu was still struggling fiercely, but the Rock Monster simply smacked him into its chest.

The Rock Monster’s strength was outstanding. Mo Fan had experienced it first hand. Even if the force did not turn Su Jindu into mincemeat, it was still enough to kill an Intermediate Mage brutally. It was impossible for Su Jindu to survive it.

To Mo Fan’s surprise, Su Jindu was not smashed into pulp like he expected. The Rock Monster’s chest turned as soft as mud when it pressed Su Jindu into its chest. It looked like Su Jindu was being eaten by the mud. The Rock Monster slowly forced the man into its chest.

Mo Fan watched it all with a blank face.

What the heck was that thing? Did it just force a man into its body?

Is that how the Rock Monsters feed on humans?

He never heard of any Elemental creatures feeding on human flesh!

The Rock Monster that ate Su Jindu suddenly let out a roar. Its body was transforming at a speed visible to the naked eye. It was growing in size now.

The Rock Monster had grown from four meters to six meters in just a few seconds. Its rocky muscles were full of power. Mo Fan’s eyes widened once again.

The mud monster at the beginning had transformed into a Rock Monster after devouring the girl named Cao Juan, and now, the Rock Monster had grown further after absorbing another person!

Chapter 1765: Ambush of the Rock Shark!

The huge Rock General had doubled its previous strength and speed. The creature fixed its eyes on Mo Fan. It smashed every rock in its path into pieces as it charged at Mo Fan.

Mo Fan noticed how unfavorable the situation was for him. He quickly cast Earth Wave and slid down the slope. He was a lot clumsier without the help of the Shadow Element and Space Element, so the Earth Wave was too slow. The six-meter Rock General was rapidly gaining on him. It slammed its fists onto the ground, flinging several waves of dirt and stones into the air!

Mo Fan was sent flying by the incredible force of the waves. As that happened, another Rock Monster jumped out from the side and grabbed Mo Fan as he lost his balance in the air.

Mo Fan felt his body tightening up. The Rock Monster was holding him in its hand.

The Rock Monster did not crush Mo Fan with brute force. It was slamming him against its chest instead.

Mo Fan realized what the Rock Monster was trying to do, and drew a golden-brown Star Orbit in the nick of time. A Rock Fang immediately stuck out from the rock beside the Rock Monster and stabbed it right in the arm to hinder it.

The Rock Monster could not feel any pain. It was furious at not being able to absorb Mo Fan into its body!

Mo Fan broke free from the Rock Monster's grasp while it was struggling to move its arm. He nimbly jumped onto a rock and glanced at the Huge Rock General charging at him again.

"Damn it, I have had enough of this!" Mo Fan cursed.

He stomped the rock and dodged the massive Rock General's hand like a fish weaving through a net, before landing on the Rock General's head.

He raised his hand before slamming it down on the Rock General's head together with a golden-brown Star Orbit. A sharp Rock Fang followed!

To Mo Fan's surprise, not only did the Rock Fang fail to penetrate the Huge Rock General's defense, it even broke into pieces at the impact. Mo Fan immediately felt awkward. He quickly backed away from the Huge Rock General's head before the creature smashed him to death.

"That thing's defense has risen significantly! Even my Rock Fang can't penetrate it!" Mo Fan jumped to a safe distance and stared at the annoying Huge Rock General.

Mo Fan's Rock Fangs could still penetrate a Rock Monster's body, yet they were useless against the stronger, larger Rock General. Mo Fan clenched his teeth when he saw the Rock General charging at him like a tank again. He decided to have a showdown with the Elemental creature!

Star Orbits appeared around Mo Fan consecutively. The man who loved to overcome his limits in dangerous situations was focusing his attention now.

Either the creature was going to knock him flying, or he was going to give the creature a taste of his Intermediate Spell!

Six Star Orbits had appeared. Only one remained!

The Huge Rock General jumped into the air when it was around twenty meters away. It was using its momentum and gravity to maximize the damage of its explosive move...

The students who were hiding in the distance, too afraid to involve themselves in the battle, started screaming. They managed to set up a Rock Barrier between Mo Fan and the Rock General. Mo Fan had no idea whose spell it was, yet the defensive spell was like a mere bubble to the Rock General. It simply smashed the Rock Barrier to pebbles with its shoulder while charging at Mo Fan!

The final Stars of the Earth Element did not let Mo Fan down. He finally completed the Star Pattern. His aura was several times stronger as he stood amid the glowing Star Pattern.

“Ambush of the Rock Shark!”

The ground below him began to loosen up. A ferocious shark made of rock leapt out of the ground just as the Huge Rock General was about to reach him. The Rock Shark had remarkable power, as if it had long accumulated its strength under the ground!

BANG!

The Rock Shark slammed into the Rock General’s body. The sturdiness and penetrative nature of Mo Fan’s Bright Rock were once again on display. The Rock Shark managed to leave a huge hole the size of its head on the Rock General’s stomach. Half the Rock Shark was now currently inside the Rock General’s body.

The massive Rock General fell to the ground and was smashed into pieces. Mo Fan’s Rock Shark dissipated and merged with the ground, too.

“Take that you son of a b**ch!” Mo Fan finally got to vent his frustrations, stepping on and crushing the pieces of rock scattered across the ground.

His spell was a lot different after reaching the Intermediate Level. It was no longer just a little carp, but a ferocious shark! Even though it was still a long way from the Hillock Whale he had encountered, it was enough to take care of this oversized Rock General!

Pieces of rock started rolling down from the pile. Two bodies covered in ashes rolled out of the remains of the Huge Rock General while Mo Fan was still admiring his new Earth Spell.

The two people were still alive, but they were extremely weak. One of them seemed to be conscious, as he was trying to climb out of the pile of rubble.

“It’s Su Jindu and Cao Juan. Great, they are still alive!” Lin Qihui quickly came over.

Mo Fan had the urge to roast Lin Qihui when he saw him.

The man did not bother showing up to lend him a hand when he was fighting the Rock General. However, he had shown up as soon as the battle ended. He had never seen such an unreliable senior. How could Tao Jing not be in trouble when following a leader like him!?

“Where’s the other one?” Mo Fan turned around and asked.

The Rock Monster whose arm had been pierced by Mo Fan’s Rock Fang was still alive. The members of the group were not too weak, but their practical skills seriously hurt his eyes. They only knew to run away with their tails between their legs when they were only up against a Warrior-level Rock Monster!

“It seems to have run away,” Liang Junheng pointed at a mountain.

“Go after it, it should lead us to Tao Jing and the others!” Mo Fan ordered.

“Oh, right!” Liang Junheng and Zhou Donghao quickly chased after the Rock Monster after they realized that.

Tao Jing and the others had disappeared around here, hence it was very likely that they were attacked by the strange mud monsters too.

“Taking over a human body and turning into powerful Rock Monsters. It’s my first time seeing a creature like this,” Mo Fan fell into deep thoughts while staring at Cao Juan and Su Jindu who were rescued.

He had to admit that this kind of creature was rather terrifying, especially its ability to become stronger after ‘eating’ a person!

Chapter 1766: The Connected Caves

“Impressive, Fan Mo! It feels like the whole bunch of us are weaker than you,” Liang Junheng came up and patted Mo Fan on the shoulder.

“He would be dead by now if it wasn’t for my Rock Barrier,” Zhou Donghao instantly said defensively.

“Zhou Donghao, how shameless can you be? I wondered who ran away the quickest just now? If Fan Mo hadn’t stepped forward, we wouldn’t have been able to save Cao Juan and Su Jindu. We aren’t blind or that stupid to not see how much Fan Mo has done to help us, yet you still have the mood to utter cynical remarks here?” Liang Junheng grunted.

“He’s right, we would all be in danger if Fan Mo wasn’t here. Brother Fan Mo, what was that spell just then? It was so cool!”

Everyone surrounded Mo Fan energetically. As expected of a bunch of inexperienced students, they still had the mood to chat in the dangerous situation.

Lin Qihui took a few men to chase after the Rock Monster, but they soon returned.

Mo Fan asked, “Why did you come back? Did you lose it?”

“No, the Rock Monster went inside a burrow. We didn’t dare pursue it any further,” Lin Qihui answered.

“Bring me to it!” Mo Fan ordered.

Mo Fan followed Lin Qihui to the burrow that the Rock Monster had disappeared into. It was very deep, with uneven edges. They could not see the bottom at all.

Lin Qihui and his men did not dare to go down because it was too dark, and its depth was uncertain. They could not help but wonder what kind of demon creatures they would encounter down there.

“It’s getting dark. Why don’t we head back first? We’ll come again with the rescue squad. We might be in danger too if we try to do it ourselves,” someone in the group spoke up uneasily.

After all, the Rock Monsters were Warrior-level creatures that could endanger their lives. They still had plenty of room to run away from the Rock Monsters on the spacious mountain, but going into the burrow was like a lamb entering a tiger’s den!

“I’ll go down there to take a look. If I don’t find anything, we’ll head back.” Mo Fan was worried about Tao Jing’s safety. She was such a youthful, adorable young woman. He did not want her to die just like that!

“Isn’t that too dangerous?” Lin Qihui asked.

“It’s fine, if I don’t come out in ten minutes, you will head back to the city and send the rescue squad here,” Mo Fan said.

“Al...alright!” Lin Qihui gulped.

The rest of the group did not have the guts to go inside the burrow like Mo Fan. They decided to wait on the surface. They were planning to use a rope or a vine to drop Mo Fan down into the burrow slowly, yet he simply jumped into the burrow before anyone could react!

Everyone was dumbfounded by his actions. They could not help but respect him. It was rare to see someone so brave in the world!

“What is there to be impressed with?” Zhou Donghao grumbled when he saw everyone admiring Mo Fan so much.

“Try jumping in there if you think you are so capable! Anybody can act tough with their mouth.”

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Mo Fan kept falling into the darkness. He finally landed at the bottom after falling between two and three hundred meters. Luckily, the height was still bearable for his physical attributes. The body of a Super Mage was much stronger than an Advanced Mage, not to mention Mo Fan’s Demon Element.

It was dark and wet around him. The bottom of the cave was very spacious, and Mo Fan’s vision in the dark was not too bad. He was able to see the rough appearance of the cave.

Cries of agony came from above him, followed by the sound of something slamming heavily to the ground.

“That hurts... my ass!” A dark figure rose to his feet. His eyes were glittering faintly in the dark.

“Zhou Donghao?” Mo Fan recognized the idiot’s voice.

“It’s me! So you think you can come down here, but I can’t? You think only you care about Tao Jing? I care about her more than you!” Zhou Donghao said righteously.

“Are you retarded? Can you please lower your voice in a place like this? Or do you want to be smashed into pulp by the Rock Monsters?” Mo Fan snarled.

“I...” Zhou Donghao was lost for words.

Mo Fan was speechless. Why did he have to carry this burden around?

Mo Fan sighted. Forget it, having another man might come in handy. My other Elements are not available for now. I might be able to sacrifice this retard if necessary.

“Why is it so spacious down here?” Zhou Donghao asked.

“You can see?” Mo Fan asked.

“Of course I can, my secondary Element is the Shadow Element. My vision is sharper than demon creatures in a place like this,” Zhou Donghao answered.

“It must be some kind of a secret cavern,” Mo Fan muttered.

“Seriously? Aren’t we on a hill?” Zhou Donghao exclaimed.

“The hill we were on was between two to three hundred meters tall, and we have fallen two to three hundred meters into this cave. We’ve basically landed in a cavern. Otherwise, it wouldn’t be so spacious in here,” Mo Fan went on.

The surroundings were a little wet, most likely because it had been raining recently. Mo Fan managed to spot the fresh footsteps of a Rock Monster that had been left on the ground not long ago.

Mo Fan and Zhou Donghao followed the footsteps into an area with countless stalactites. They were as thick around as the pillars of a palace. Some were only half-grown and did not connect with the ceiling, but most of them had turned into pillars with a layer of fluorescent substance on the outside, giving the pitch-black cave some light.

“Don’t move!” Mo Fan suddenly stopped Zhou Donghao, who was behind him.

He seriously wondered how Zhou Donghao had practiced his Shadow Element. Why was he making so much noise when moving around? Even Servant-class creatures with slightly better hearing could hear him easily, let alone Warrior-level creatures!

“What did you see?” Zhou Donghao asked softly.

“The mud monsters!” Mo Fan pointed ahead.

“Why do I have a feeling this place is more like an underground river?” Zhou Donghao poked his head forward and glanced in the direction Mo Fan was pointing in. He immediately shivered upon getting a clearer look.

He could see the mud monsters that had attacked them, just as Mo Fan had mentioned. He had only described the place as an underground river because he saw the mud monsters wriggling across the ground. Their numbers were so high that they had formed a flowing river!

“Isn’t that going in the direction of the city?” Zhou Donghao whispered.

“Mm, it seems like the Barrier Core has indeed attracted a bunch of troublesome monsters to the city.”

“They can pounce on humans and turn them into those Rock Monsters... my Heavens, weren’t the soldiers gathering to clear the cave of demon creatures before we left the city? If the soldiers end up stumbling into these mud monsters-!” Zhou Donghao was not completely brainless, and immediately thought of a terrifying possibility.

Chapter 1767: Courting Death!

Mo Fan was worried about the same thing, but judging from the looks of it, the army should have encountered the Mud Morphing Monsters by now. Hopefully, they were able to perceive the threat these strange elemental creatures posed and eliminate them in time.

“There are bloodstains here. It should be theirs,” Mo Fan was able to pick up a faint scent of blood.

Mo Fan and Zhou Donghao waited for the Mud Morphing Monsters to leave before following the trail of blood.

The Rock Monsters were elemental creatures, so they would never bleed. Therefore, Tao Jing and the others must have left the bloodstains. It seemed like they were only injured by the Rock Monsters, instead of having their bodies being taken over by the creatures.

After passing through the area with stalactites, the path began to narrow; not in terms of its width, but its height. Mo Fan and Zhou Donghao had to bend forward to keep going. They could not help but feel pressured as they ventured deeper.

“Who’s there!?” an alert voice suddenly came from ahead.

“It’s me, Fan Mo! Tao Jing, is that you?” Mo Fan had already noticed the fragrance of the shampoo which Tao Jing always used. She seemed to be fond of it. Mo Fan’s nose was quite sensitive after hanging around the old wolf for so long.

“I’m here too, Tao Jing! I’m Zhou Donghao, I’ve risked my life to save you!” Zhou Donghao blurted out excitedly.

“Shhh!” Tao Jing immediately stopped him from talking.

Zhou Donghao’s voice immediately attracted some attention. A black shadow flickered past in the darkness and smashed the rocks recklessly, as if it was trying to break the short ceiling and make its way over to them.

Mo Fan glanced at the Rock Monster and studied the area. He was impressed by how smart Tao Jing was, hiding in a spot where the Rock Monsters could not reach to guarantee her safety.

“Where are the others?” Mo Fan asked.

“The seniors said they would look for an exit, but they haven’t returned,” Tao Jing said gloomily.

Tao Jing was touched that Mo Fan had come to save her, her nose tingling as she spoke. She had only met Mo Fan not long ago, yet the guy was willing to risk his life and jump into the cave because of her!

“Was something chasing you?” Mo Fan asked.

“A Rock Monster, the same creature that we encountered on the street previously. We had no choice but to jump into the cave to avoid it. We’ve been hiding here all along, as the Rock Monster stayed at the entrance. We came up with a plan together. I’d keep the Rock Monster distracted while the others would look for an exit in the other direction. I have no idea if they have reached safety,” Tao Jing said.

“I doubt it. Didn’t you notice how many Rock Monsters are in this area?” Mo Fan pointed at a few figures roaming nearby.

“Yeah, there are four of them nearby. If it wasn’t for my Shadow Element, we wouldn’t even have made it here,” Zhou Donghao said. He suddenly realized something and looked at Mo Fan doubtfully.

“Strange, I’m able to conceal my presence with my Shadow Element, but why didn’t they notice you?”

Mo Fan was seriously speechless, staring at the brainless man.

Did he really think his Shadow Element was enough to conceal his presence from the Warrior-level creatures? If Mo Fan hadn’t lent him a hand with his Shadow Element, the four Rock Monsters would have beaten him up by now!

“What were you trying to say? How are the Rock Monsters related to my seniors?” Tao Jing asked when she noticed something.

“Did you encounter something like a mud monster?” Mo Fan asked.

“I did! That thing tried to pounce on me, but I blocked it with my magic,” Tao Jing said.

“The Rock Monsters we saw were part of their transformation. They have the ability to take over living humans’ bodies. They strike every human they stumble into, regardless of their gender. If they successfully land their attack, they transform the person into a Rock Monster with outstanding strength and a sturdy defense,” Mo Fan informed her.

“Huh?” Tao Jing had never heard of such a strange creature. She subconsciously looked at the violent creatures roaming nearby and said, “So you’re saying those Rock Monsters are actually my seniors? Are they going to be alright?”

“Based on the woman whom we saved in the city, these Mud Morphing Monsters are merely Possessing their victims. They will recover after we defeat the Rock Monsters. Their lives aren’t in danger, as far as I know,” Mo Fan said.

Cao Juan and Su Jindu were still alive, but they were in a feeble state. In other words, they could rescue the people who had fallen victim to the Mud Morphing Monsters by defeating the Rock Monsters they became!

However, it did not necessarily mean these creatures would never kill a human!

“We’ll bring you out of this place first,” Zhou Donghao said.

“What about them?” Tao Jing was too kind to leave on her own.

“We have no time for them. We can’t afford to fight the Rock Monsters here since we have no idea how many Rock Monsters and Mud Morphing Monsters we would attract. We’ll bring you out of here first and tell the military and the Magic Association what we have discovered. They will handle the rest,” Mo Fan said.

“Al...alright.”

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The Rock Monsters were not very intelligent. Mo Fan was able to lure them away with a little trick. He then brought Tao Jing away from the area.

When they returned to the area with stalactites, Mo Fan noticed the Mud Morphing Monsters had already left. There was no sign of any Rock Monsters nearby, either. He used the outstanding concealing ability of the Shadow Element and successfully brought Tao Jing to the entrance.

“Damn it, those unreliable pricks, they actually left us behind after ten minutes. How are we going to get up there now?” Zhou Donghao cursed when he saw no one had stayed to receive them.

“I’ll alter the shape of the walls. We’ll climb up slowly,” Mo Fan said.

“Sure!”

Mo Fan used Earth Wave to create folds along the walls, allowing them to climb up the rocks. Even though the height of two hundred meters was a little tricky, they could still make it by climbing up slowly.

They heard a furious cry from below when they reached a height of fifty meters. They saw a Rock Monster jumping around like an ape while climbing up the walls. It jumped to the opposite wall with a strong kick, approaching them rapidly!

“A...a Rock Monster!” Zhou Donghao screamed. He quickly moved his limbs and sped himself up.

“So eager for his death? Humph!” Mo Fan scoffed when he saw the Rock Monster coming after them.

Mo Fan might have struggled against these Rock Monsters a few days ago, but he had already learned his Star Pattern now. The creature was simply courting death by approaching him directly!

Chapter 1768: Dingcheng Is Under Attack

“Ambush of the Rock Shark!”

Mo Fan was able to complete the Star Pattern more quickly every time he cast the spell. He no longer had to wait until the Rock Monster was close enough before Summoning his powerful Bright Rock. A golden-brown rock sprang out of the wall fiercely and intercepted the Rock Monster in mid-jump.

The golden-brown Bright Rock’s penetrating power had obviously improved. A Rock General was already struggling against it, let alone a Rock Monster. The Rock Monster’s body immediately broke into pieces in midair after it was struck by the spell.

An instant kill!

Normally, when two heavy objects collided with one another, the sturdier one would remain while the other would break. Mo Fan might struggle against the Rock Monsters without the Bright Rock, but the Rock Monsters were no longer a threat with the combined power of the Bright Rock and his Intermediate Earth Spell!

A feeble man appeared amid the falling rocks. Mo Fan had been expecting it. He quickly jumped down after defeating the Rock Monster to catch the young man who was covered in ash.

“It’s Senior Kang!” Tao Jing exclaimed in joy.

“Time to go, the rest of them will soon catch up to us,” Mo Fan held the guy with the surname Kang with one arm while cursing in his heart.

Damn it, why the hell is this guy so heavy? He’s almost a hundred kilograms. What if I happen to loosen my grip?

He shouldn’t bother going on a dangerous adventure if he’s so fat. He couldn’t even outrun the demon creatures if anything happens!

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Mo Fan was panting heavily after carrying the man to the surface. Lin Qihui and the others had obviously left. It was indeed quite infuriating, indeed; why couldn’t there be a little more trust between people? He had only asked them to leave after ten minutes as a rough estimation. Couldn’t they stay for another five minutes? Who was going to carry the fatty who weighed almost a hundred kilograms back?

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Mo Fan dragged the fatty along the ground. The guy happened to be covered in ash, which acted as a layer of protection around him.

Dusk had come, and the lights of the city were visible in the distance. Mo Fan, Tao Jing, and Zhou Donghao descended the mountain tiredly, dragging the fatty with them.

“How long is it going to take them to set up the goddamned Barrier Core!?” Mo Fan grumbled.

Mo Fan was so annoyed by the fact that he could not use his other Elements. Even dragging a man down the mountain was so tiring for him!

“They should be done pretty soon... did you hear the noise?” Tao Jing listened carefully.

“No, what noise?”

“It seems to be coming from the city!”

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The land between the ravine and the city wall was covered in clouds of dust. Thunderous roars were echoing in the sky.

Countless huge rocks were being tossed at the rampart like there were a few hundred catapults at work. The rampart was an important part of the city’s defense, yet it was already in ruins from the damage dealt by the rocks!

“Where did so many Rock Monsters come from? Didn’t we already send people to investigate the ravine? Where’s our troop? Why haven’t they returned yet?” Lu Bin of the Magic Association asked, perplexed.

They had expected the Barrier Core to attract demon creatures to it. After all, the Barrier Core contained a ridiculous amount of the energy the demon creatures were fond of. On the other hand, they also would not want humans to set up a defensive perimeter in their territory.

The Magic Association and the military had already taken all this into account. They had checked thoroughly and remained on alert throughout the process, yet the city was still invaded by a strange type of creature. They were caught unprepared by this catapult strategy!

“It’s the Rock Monsters that have been showing up recently,” Wen Xia said.

“I know that, these cunning creatures are staying out of our soldiers’ range. They just kept tossing boulders at us to destroy our defenses! They must be after the Barrier Core, we can’t let them come any closer!” Lu Bin shouted.

Behind Lu Bin stood a group of Mages in light brown outfits who seemed well-trained. They emitted a strong presence of the Earth Element even when they were not casting any spells.

They were the Brown Rock Mages of the city’s Magic Association, whose primary Element was the Earth Element. They were the people whom Mo Fan and the students were planning to learn from, yet a tricky species had shown up before the students even had a chance to learn from them!

The roars were suddenly coming in sync, like rolling drums. The Rock Monsters finally lost their patience, giving up on the catapult strategy. They began to charge at the city like tanks!

There were around three hundred of the creatures. The defenders were put under great pressure when they saw the bulky creatures sprinting across the land. The Battlemages and the Brown Rock Mages holding their positions on the rampart subconsciously took a step back.

“Don’t be intimidated by their aura. The city is about to become the greatest inland capital of the Earth Element. It’s going to provide your family and future generations the safest home ever! When the city achieves greatness in the future, the people will be praising your names. Everyone is going to remember

your names!” Lu Bin stood on the command post on the rampart and motivated the Battlemages with a loud voice.

The battle was too important. An Elemental Capital was at stake, and its destiny was tied to even more few headquarters cities along the coast. It was supplying the coastline with stones, so if the city were successfully constructed, it would guarantee the coastline a stronger defense.

“Prepare to engage the enemy, no retreat!” Wen Xia was the person in charge of the military. The Battlemages straightened up after receiving his order. They showed no signs of fear when facing the Rock Monsters that were charging at them.

“Prepare the Rock Barriers!” Wen Xia lifted her arm and swung it when the Rock Monsters reached a certain distance.

The Battlemages on different levels of the ramparts cast Intermediate Earth Spells simultaneously. Brown lights began to spread across the rampart like fireworks.

The Star Patterns gathered their energy at the sunken land in front of the rampart. The ground underwent tremendous changes under the influence of over a hundred Earth Mages. Huge ravines appeared together with tall emerging walls. Powerful spikes also stuck out from the ground and stabbed at the Earth Monsters!

The ground shook vigorously. Mo Fan, who just descended from the mountain happened to witness the spectacular sight. He could feel the strong impact as the magic and the Elemental creatures crashed into one another, even though the land was covered in darkness.

Chapter 1769: Get Rid of It

“Holy crap, it was only dusk when we left. How come everything went out of control as soon as night fell?” Zhou Donghao was absolutely terrified after looking down the mountain.

The student had never seen anything like it. His legs were already trembling!

“Did you see something flowing down the mountain in that direction?” Tao Jing said, pointing in another direction.

Mo Fan saw it too. It was flowing slower than water, as if it was more viscous. He immediately associated it with something else.

“It’s not looking good. The Rock Monsters are attacking the front to distract the soldiers while the Mud Morphing Monsters are sneaking into the city!” Mo Fan said.

“This is bad! Those Mud Morphing Monsters will turn the people into more Rock Monsters. There are so many Basic Mages in the city...” Tao Jing said worriedly.

“We are too far away, and the communication device isn’t working. I think we should leave the city as soon as possible. Something bad is going to happen!” Zhou Donghao suggested.

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They were far away from the city and the battlefield. It was unlikely they could make it in time.

“No way! We have to warn the military and tell everyone to look out for the Mud Morphing Monsters,” Tao Jing immediately refuted.

Mo Fan did not expect Tao Jing to have such a strong sense of justice. It was also impossible for him to leave. He had to reach the ramparts as soon as possible!

“Let’s part ways. I’ll head to the military while you two go to the areas where the Mud Morphing Monsters are sneaking in to evacuate the people and prevent them from getting devoured,” Mo Fan said.

If it was only the Rock Monsters, Mo Fan would not be so worried, but after witnessing how the Rock Monster had absorbed Su Jindu into its chest and evolved into the Rock General, he realized how dangerous the Mud Morphing Monsters were. Not everyone stood a chance against a Rock General. Its sturdy skin could protect itself from Basic and Intermediate Spells, not to mention that the city was still in the Magic Sealing Period!

“Got it!” Tao Jing nodded. She immediately headed off in the direction of the areas the Mud Morphing Monsters were stealthily sneaking to.

Zhou Donghao could only clench his teeth and go all out just to win his goddess’ affection. He followed Tao Jing closely to protect her.

“Fan Mo, you should look out since I’m no longer by your side. It’ll be troublesome if we have to hold a memorial service for you if you didn’t make it back to school,” Zhou Donghao told Mo Fan before they split ways.

“He’s a lot stronger than you. You should worry about yourself instead!” Tao Jing rolled her eyes.

Mo Fan was seriously speechless at how brainless this Zhou Donghao was.

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Mo Fan continued to drag the fatty with the surname Kang toward the rampart. The ash-covered man woke up when they were almost in the city. He was able to regain consciousness fairly quickly.

“Can you walk yet?” Mo Fan asked.

“I think so...” the fatty groaned.

“You will have to get up and find a safe place to hide. The Mud Morphing Monsters have invaded the city. You should alert the others if you still have some energy left,” Mo Fan told the man.

“Alright, I got it,” the man said gratefully.

“It’s nothing, don’t mind it...” Mo Fan waved his hand. However, he suddenly stopped the man when he recalled something, “Oh, please go on a diet, I’m worn out just from dragging you... oh, carrying you down the mountain.”

The fatty scratched his head in embarrassment. He had a sincere expression, even though his face was covered in ash.

Mo Fan ran to the rampart. The fatty yelled at his back when he suddenly remembered something, “You are Mo Fan, not Fan Mo, right? You’re the guy who won the World College Tournament for our school... I’m your idol, ah wait, you are my idol! I already knew on the first day, after we arrived in the city!”

Mo Fan did not respond after hearing the man’s shout, but it seemed like his efforts to save the fatty were not in vain!

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Mo Fan could not move around with Blink and Fleeing Shadow, and so felt far too slow since he could only run with his feet. The rampart was already a great mess by the time he arrived. The Rock Monsters had bunched up like apes, and were smashing through the buildings and chasing the Mages.

The situation was not looking good at all. The Magic Sealing Order had significantly weakened the strength of the army. The Earth Mages who were allocated to the city could only hold the line. How could they possibly use spells of a single Element to fend off these strong and sturdy Warrior-level elemental creatures?

“It’s her. She seems to be commanding the army!” Mo Fan saw a Battlemaga fending off seven Rock Monsters alone on a building. Mo Fan only noticed her because of the Mountain Drill Spinning Top that was her specialty.

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Mo Fan happened to see a Rock Monster that was interested in joining the show between the seven Rock Monsters and the beautiful female soldier. He decisively hopped onto the Rock Monster’s back.

The Rock Monster was indeed clumsy, with low intelligence. It only noticed Mo Fan’s existence after reaching the top of the building. It immediately reached its hands out to grab Mo Fan.

“Down you go!”

Mo Fan jumped onto the building while breaking the platform extending out of it with a stomp.

The Rock Monster had nothing left to hold onto. It fell from the top of the building and slammed into a huge pit.

“It’s you!” Wen Xia was surprised to see Mo Fan.

“The Rock Monsters have broken through so easily. It seems like you’re not that good of a commander,” Mo Fan scoffed haughtily.

“Enough with your cynical remarks. Just piss off if you are just being an eyesore, instead of trying to help!” Wen Xia shot right back.

"I'm here to help, of course! You are being tricked by these Rock Monsters. This is only a bunch of cannon fodder meant to distract you. The real force has already snuck into the city!" Mo Fan said righteously.

"Are you referring to those mud monsters that pounce on their targets?" Wen Xia asked while fending off the Rock Monsters.

"Yeah, I saw a whole bunch of them heading to the center of the city," Mo Fan said.

"Are you sure!?" Wen Xia was almost hit by a Rock Monster in the face from being distracted.

"I'm sure!" Mo Fan swore.

"Damn it, these cunning pricks!" Wen Xia cursed.

"Is the Barrier Core at the center of the city?" Mo Fan asked.

"Obviously, they are clearly heading for the Barrier Core," Wen Xia forcibly broke free from the encircling Rock Monsters and jumped to a shorter building.

Mo Fan watched Wen Xia leave. He turned around and immediately felt like cursing when he saw the Rock Monsters coming at him.

"Don't go, get rid of my Seal first!" Mo Fan chased after Wen Xia.

Mo Fan seriously had enough of the Magic Seal. Only Wen Xia was able to get rid of it for him!

Chapter 1770: Black-Silver Rock Demon

Wen Xia was surprisingly quick, and adept at using the Earth Wave. She could manipulate flat and angled terrain to increase her speed, like she had put on a pair of boots that had zero friction with the ground. It felt like she was riding the wind as she surfed across the waves.

Mo Fan's control was outstanding, and he was learning from the more experienced Earth Maga on the spot to catch up to her. He was also skidding across the surfaces, but unlike Wen Xia, who was nimbly dodging the attacks of the Rock Monsters and jumping around, Mo Fan was more like a rookie who had put on ice skates for the first time. Not only was he waving his hands wildly, trying to balance himself, he kept crashing into trash cans, electric poles, advertising boards, and stalls along the way!

Mo Fan pursued the woman relentlessly, immediately putting the skills he had learned into practice. He was badly battered before he even reached the center of the city.

A Rock Monster that had just formed suddenly rushed out of an alley.

It was a Mud Morphing Monster that had just ambushed its prey successfully. He could see mud still flowing on the Rock Monster's body and solidifying in reaction to the air. However, the impatient creature was already attacking pedestrians on the street.

“I have no time to waste on you!” Mo Fan ducked and slid past between the Rock Monster’s legs in style.

The Rock Monster was a little slow with its reaction. Mo Fan was already nowhere to be seen by the time it bent forward. He was already a hundred meters away by the time it turned and saw him.

“Turn, turn, turn, f**king turn!”

The street had a ninety-degree turn in front of a mountain wall. Mo Fan tried to manipulate the ground with his control of the Earth Magic so he could drift perfectly at the corner like Wen Xia did.

Unfortunately, there were things that were impossible to learn just by observing someone doing it, nor was yelling going to make any difference. The dramatic move required great experience in using the Earth Wave.

Bang!

Mo Fan failed to step on the brakes in time, and slammed right into the wall. Golden stars were spinning above his head.

The Rock Monsters were still chasing after him. Mo Fan quickly wiped the blood gushing from his nose and quickly used another Earth Wave to leave the area.

Mm, mm, Mo Fan had learned how to travel in a straight line with the Earth Wave, but he was still struggling to turn the corners, let alone running along the walls and drifting around a ninety-degree turn like Wen Xia!

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Wen Xia frowned after she arrived at the center of the city. There were a lot of buildings at the city’s center, most of them were built with stone. To the south was a busy marketplace, and to the north were some ordinary commercial streets.

A modern city would normally consist of steel, concrete, and reinforced glass, but the city center of Dingcheng only had concrete. There was not even any greenery nearby.

The buildings had blocked off most of the view as she looked ahead, but she could still see strange mud creatures wriggling in different locations. Several Rock Monsters were destroying everything about them recklessly. It felt like a bunch of bandits had found their way into a rich mansion. They were overturning trunks and boxes, searching for the Barrier Core.

It was dangerous for demon creatures to invade a city. Luckily, the city was more like a battle fortress that only allowed Mages to enter it. Otherwise, there would be a lot more innocent lives lost.

Mo Fan was panting heavily. A lot of strange things were hanging off of him. He already lost count of the things he bumped into along the way!

“Get rid of the Seal, and I’ll eliminate these creatures for you,” Mo Fan gasped.

“Getting rid of the Seal is no different from giving the Barrier Core to these creatures. No non-Earth Element energy is allowed, especially so close to the Barrier Core!” Wen Xia replied instantly.

“Then what are you going to do? Do you think you can take them all out with your Earth Element? There are large numbers of Mud Morphing Monsters hunting their prey in the city now! The number of the Rock Monsters are only going to increase, and these creatures don’t just stop there, they can also...” Mo Fan suddenly paused in the middle of his sentence.

Wen Xia was confused. She asked, “What were you trying to say?”

Mo Fan did not answer her. He pointed ahead with a stern face.

Since it was dark, Wen Xia and Mo Fan subconsciously assumed the two black shadows before them were some tall commercial buildings when they looked down from a great height. To their surprise, the buildings suddenly started moving by raising their thick and strong legs. Their steps left huge cracks on the ground, and even knocked the houses nearby to the ground!

Wen Xia was dazed for a moment.

A Rock Monster over fifty meters tall?

The tallest Rock Monster they had encountered so far was only four meters, which was about the height of a single-story building. How did such enormous creatures show up in the well-protected city center? How did they make their way past the rampart? How could the soldiers and Brown Earth Mages possibly let them pass?

“You saw it, they can evolve continuously. Not only can the Mud Morphing Monsters transform into Rock Monsters after pouncing on humans, these Rock Monsters are attacking Mages to devour them, too. Every Mage they devour will increase their size and strength... damn it, how many Mages did those two Black-Silver Rock Demons even devour to reach their current size? The people inside them are probably enough to stack up into a human pyramid!” Mo Fan said.

These dangerous and destructive creatures were born in such a short time. Heaven knew what they would do if they were left alone!

“They are turning the energy of the Mages into their own. The Research Union has done some research on them, but we didn’t discover the Mud Morphing Monsters until it was too late,” Wen Xia admitted.

“I thought so too. The people we rescued were very weak, as if all their energy was drawn away,” Mo Fan said.

“Come with me, we can’t let those two monsters reach the Barrier Core,” Wen Xia seemed to know of a hidden passage, and Mo Fan off to a remote area.

“Hey, don’t you dare drag me into a mess! I’m just being kind-hearted trying to remind you of the threat so the military won’t be taken by surprise, so hurry up and get rid of the Seal. I promise you that I won’t use my other Elements before the Barrier Core is done setting up. Besides, if those things do find the Barrier Core, who knows if they can evolve any further with the energy of the Barrier Core. It won’t be just the Rock Monsters we have to worry about, but a Rock Demon Emperor. I still need my other Elements to flee for my life... ah, to protect the vulnerable residents of the city!” Mo Fan corrected himself.