

## Versatile 1771

### Chapter 1771: Saving the World Wherever He Goes

“No way, I will not remove the Seal before the barrier is fully established!” Wen Xia said firmly.

“Don’t be so stubborn. If you don’t get rid of the seal, how are you going to take care of these Rock Monsters? What if everyone in the city is devoured by those monsters?” Mo Fan said.

“Look up,” Wen Xia pointed at the night sky and said, “The moon will reach its peak at midnight, and the same time the barrier is finished. After that, the Barrier will no longer prohibit the Mages in the city from using other Elements. It’s only a few hours from now!”

Mo Fan glanced at the moon hanging in the sky and scratched his head.

A few hours! It might sound easy, but the military and the Magic Association had not expected the Mud Morphing Monsters to sneak into the city. They had placed all their attention on the rampart, which was currently under attack by the Rock Monsters. The city was in a complete mess now. It was impossible for the city to hold on for another few hours!

On top of that, the people in the city were both more concentrated and unorganized. They were easy targets for the Mud Morphing Monsters to increase their experience bars. More Rock Monsters and Rock Generals were going to appear, in addition to the two Black-Silver Rock Demons, not to mention the civilians were already struggling against the Rock Monsters, even though they were the weakest kind!

“If we fail to protect the Barrier Core, there’s no way we can rebuild the city for ten years. The defense of the headquarters cities along the coastline will fall a level without enough stone. If a purple-level disaster occurred, the headquarters cities which we spent so many resources on will cease to exist. The eastern part of our country will be as good as gone,” Wen Xia said.

Mo Fan was startled by her words.

*What the heck? Why did she sound like the fate of an elemental capital deep in the mountains was tied to the survival of mankind? Was she exaggerating something?*

Wen Xia retained her righteous bearing as a soldier when she saw Mo Fan’s doubtful face. “Perhaps you might think that the odds of a purple-level disaster are extremely low, but that’s no excuse to not care about it. If it does happen, the consequences are unimaginable.”

Mo Fan was left speechless.

It was a moment before Mo Fan finally remembered what he was trying to say. He sounded even less confident, “So there’s no way you will get rid of the Seal before midnight?”

“Exactly!” Wen Xia said firmly.

—

Mo Fan knew he had no chance of convincing Wen Xia after seeing her attitude toward the fate of the world. He had no choice but to wait until midnight, which meant he had to make sure the Barrier Core stayed intact until then.

However, the Mud Morphing Monsters seemed to have picked up the scent of the Barrier Core. They began making their way toward an old structure with a clock tower at the center of the city.

“Please don’t tell me that’s where the Barrier Core is,” Mo Fan sighed.

Wen Xia did not respond to his question, but her reaction had already told Mo Fan the answer.

“Damn it, wait for me!” Mo Fan cursed.

Mo Fan slid down the stairs and followed Wen Xia towards the clock tower. Brown lights were flickering along the streets at times. The city was different since only the Earth Magic was allowed in it. There was no sign of the brilliance of other Elements.

The only problem was, not every Earth Mage’s spells could be used to attack. However, it was too passive for them to keep defending against the Rock Monsters’ outstanding strength. If the tall buildings and the complicated streets had not been providing them some cover, the Rock Monsters would have long broken down the clock tower!

—

Wen Xia quickly jumped up the clock tower. A Battlemaga in a noble’s Magic Coat stood at the top. It was easy to tell she was a Super Mage by her Aura alone.

A bunch of Rock Generals were naively approaching the clock tower, but the Super Mage was constantly manipulating the layout of the city to keep them away.

“Wen Xia, my Gravitational Ring can last until midnight. They won’t be able to climb up the Barrier as long as it’s still working. They can only roam around the building, but the two Black-Silver Rock Demons can use powerful Earth Magic, too. They are weakening my Gravitational Ring, so you will have to take care of them!” the woman stated grimly.

“Teacher, can you hold your ground until midnight?” Wen Xia asked, concerned.

“It’s not like I have a choice. Don’t worry about me, just do as I say!” the woman answered.

“Alright, I’ll be going.”

“Your men will have to stay here. You have to do it on your own,” the woman said.

“Leave it to me!”

A special troop of Battlemages was also stationed up on the clock tower, Advanced Mages on average. Their numbers were not high, but they were quite strong. The place was still intact because of them.

A lot of Rock Monsters had shown up in the city center. The people had finally seen the unusual behavior of the Mud Morphing Monsters. The woman in a magic robe had quickly gathered the majority of the Mages at the clock tower before Wen Xia and Mo Fan had shown up. It was better for the Mages to stick together, and most importantly, to protect the Barrier Core!

The civilian Mages knew there were Advanced Battlemages at the clock tower, and were quick to hang around the clock tower knowing the experts of the Magic Association were there. They managed to form a strong defensive perimeter.

“You, come with me!” Wen Xia did not bring anyone else, but ordered Mo Fan to accompany her instead.

“Are you kidding me now? I’m no different from an Intermediate Mage if you don’t take the Seal off, yet you’re asking me to take care of the Black-Silver Rock Demons with you?” Mo Fan protested.

“You just need to provide me with some support, I’ll take care of the fight. You wouldn’t want the Barrier Core to fall into these monsters’ hands either, right? You still won’t be able to use your other Elements, and the city is going to fall. Once that happens...”

“If the city falls, the eastern part of our country is done for, and the rest of our country will follow too. The entire earth will be in danger... fine, I got it. I simply have the destiny to save the world wherever I go,” Mo Fan scoffed by mimicking Wen Xia’s righteous words.

The truth was, even if the city did fall, the country would still stand and endure through the difficult times. The earth would still spin as usual. They could easily say every incident was tied to the fate of the country!

Wen Xia was angry. She glared at Mo Fan and snapped, “Are you going or not?”

“Of course I’m going. These little creatures have no place in my eyes even when I can’t use my main Elements!” Mo Fan continued in the same righteous vein.

Chapter 1772: Are You a Man?

—

Mo Fan followed Wen Xia and slowly wove through a chaotic street with fallen buildings and houses. They noticed a few young Mages fleeing for their lives, and experienced Hunters taking on the Rock Generals. They would hear cries of agony at times, before a new Rock Monster was born in an alley somewhere...

“These Mud Morphing Monsters have the ability to conceal themselves. They will change their color to match their surroundings when they are crawling on the streets or the walls, making it difficult to sense them.” Mo Fan had noticed the Mud Morphing Monsters’ strange ability along the way.

“We weren’t prepared for these creatures because we knew too little about them. Those idiots of the Research Union! I seriously wonder why the Magic Association even bothers paying them when they never do anything useful!” Wen Xia grumbled.

They had already encountered the Rock Monsters prior to the invasion. They had even saved a few Mages that went missing. The Research Union should have been able to figure out the traits of these creatures with the information they had, yet they did not learn anything useful. Otherwise, with such tight security, the city would not be so passive now!

As she thought, the local Research Union was not reliable at all. They were completely useless for practical matters!

“How are the two of us going to deal with those Black-Silver Rock Demons?” Mo Fan was not planning to use his brain, since he was only tagging along. Besides, he was just a weak Intermediate Mage if the woman did not get rid of the Seal!

“Look ahead,” Wen Xia pointed.

Mo Fan looked at the Black-Silver Rock Demon and noticed it had caught another young Mage. The young man looked a little familiar to Mo Fan. He recognized the young man was Liang Junheng from the group after taking a closer look, the person who kept arguing with Zhou Donghao.

“You know him?” Wen Xia asked with a frown.

“Oh, I’m not close with him,” Mo Fan said dismissively.

Wen Xia gave Mo Fan a disdainful look. She pointed out, “These Rock Monsters will turn into mud briefly to devour people.”

“I know that!” Mo Fan observed the Black-Silver Rock Demon quietly. He did not have any intention to save the young man. Going out there was no different from killing himself.

“My magic will have trouble breaking through its defense, but if its body turns into mud, I should be able to deliver a deadly blow to it!” Wen Xia declared confidently.

“Oh, that’s really a good idea. We’ll wait until the Black-Silver Rock Demon strikes again. I’ll keep it distracted while you ambush it. I seriously didn’t expect you to be so smart despite your solemn and inflexible attitude,” Mo Fan complimented her backhandedly, earning him another scowl.

Wen Xia’s plan was quite effective. These Rock Monsters’ strength was their defense, especially since Earth Magic was not destructive enough. The Rock Monsters might even remain unharmed when being struck by an Earth attack. However, the Rock Monsters would be vulnerable when they were ‘eating’ in their mud form!

“We can’t wait for someone else. If I attack it when it’s devouring somebody, won’t I kill the person too?” Wen Xia grit her teeth.

“Oh, that’s true. There’s a high chance you will hurt the person too, but I think it’s reasonable since the fate of the country and the Earth is at stake here,” Mo Fan bobbed his head.

Wen Xia rolled her eyes at Mo Fan’s mockery. “I’ll never do anything like that!”

“What should we do, then? The Black-Silver Rock Demon will only enter its mud form when it is eating someone. The person is going to be caught by your attack regardless,” Mo Fan said.

“Which is why I brought you here,” Wen Xia said.

“What do you mean? You want me to save the person right before you attack? That’s very difficult with the spells I currently have...” Mo Fan noticed Wen Xia staring him in the eyes while he was talking. His voice softened before he snarled all of a sudden, “F\*\*k me, are you asking me to be the bait?”

Wen Xia nodded sternly.

“Girl, it’s your duty as a soldier to protect the country. It has nothing to do with an insignificant citizen like me! We’ll meet again if it’s our destiny. Mm, don’t worry about the Seal. I’ll just leave the city and leave the Barrier Core’s coverage,” Mo Fan turned and left after finishing the sentence.

What kind of f\*\*king joke is this? The woman’s asking him to present himself to the Black-Silver Rock Demon and let it devour him. Was she out of her goddamned mind? There was no need for Mo Fan to risk his life like that when he was merely a visitor to the city!

“Are you a man or not!?” Wen Xia snapped.

1

“Of course I’m a f\*\*king man! If it weren’t for the grim situation now, I dare you to ask the same question in the middle of the night. I’ll teach you the true meaning of firm and indestructible!... Get rid of my Seal, and I’ll eliminate that Black-Silver Rock Demon right away. There’s no way I’m doing it if you don’t take out the Seal!” Mo Fan said.

“You should have more confidence in me. I won’t let it devour you!” Wen Xia swore.

“I’m more confident in myself! I’m telling you, the Barrier Core is going to fall into the hands of the demon creatures. You should just undo the Seal now. I can at least get rid of all the Rock Monsters in the city center and protect the city! If you don’t undo the Seal, not only are you going to lose the Barrier Core, we are all going to die too!” Mo Fan promised.

“Let’s switch roles, then! I’ll be the bait, and you will defeat it,” Wen Xia compromised.

“Girl, are you out of your mind? How is my magic going to inflict any serious damage on those Black-Silver Rock Demons!” Mo Fan said.

“What do you want, then?” Wen Xia’s face reddened with rage. It was the only method she could think of. They would not be able to defeat the Black-Silver Rock Demons with just the Earth Element if they were to fight them head-on. They might end up being eaten if they lost, allowing the Black-Silver Rock Demons to grow even stronger.

“Let’s be reasonable. I’m only here to lend a hand, not to get myself killed!” Mo Fan said.

“Then do as I say!” Wen Xia said.

“Screw you, other people’s lives are important, but mine isn’t?”

“You won’t die, since you are strong enough!”

“You are really thinking highly of me...”

Mo Fan did not argue with Wen Xia any further. He had no intention of following her plan.

He waved his hand to say goodbye and began packing his stuff.

Wen Xia did not urge him to stay, either. Mo Fan did turn around a few times, but he retained his cold attitude.

He had gone less than two streets away when he heard a woman's scream.

Mo Fan turned around and saw the Black-Silver Rock Demon grabbing a Battlemaga. It was obviously going to devour her to get stronger.

"Tao Jing?"

Mo Fan frowned when he happened to see her face.

Chapter 1773: Being the Bait

How inhumane was that Wen Xia? How could she ask a female student to do something so dangerous?

Mo Fan let out a sigh. If Tao Jing was going to risk her life, chances were she was going to die because of it. After all, she was only an Intermediate Mage. Her physical traits and ability to react according to circumstances were inferior to his.

"I'm f\*\*king doing everything for my country!" Mo Fan cursed. He decided to turn back in the end.

—

Wen Xia was overjoyed when she saw Mo Fan. "You changed your mind!"

"You're seriously crossing the line. How could you ask that girl to sacrifice herself?" Mo Fan said angrily.

"I don't know her. She was bringing a group of people to the clock tower to seek shelter, but the Black-Silver Rock Demon found her. Everyone began to flee for their lives, but she was caught by the Black-Silver Rock Demon after being cornered," Wen Xia immediately refuted him.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon was extremely greedy. It was planning to capture a few more Mages before feasting on them, giving Tao Jing some extra time.

"Save the woman, I'll be the bait," Mo Fan said.

"Not a problem, you're acting more like a man now!" Wen Xia agreed happily.

Wen Xia did not waste any more time, and quickly jumped onto a building, a brown Star Constellation rapidly forming around her. From the strange glow of her magic and the unique aura of rocks circling her, Mo Fan could tell that she had a Soul-grade Earth Seed, one with a powerful Domain.

Her eyes glowed brilliantly, increasing the number of rocks circling her. These jagged rocks sprang at the Black-Silver Rock Demon after Wen Xia waved her hand!

Wen Xia was targeting the arm that was holding Tao Jing. A huge area on the arm began to crack apart. Tao Jing was also sent flying like a leaf drifting in the wind.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon completely ignored the little prey it had lost. Its glittering eyes stared at Wen Xia.

The strength of the Mud Morphing Monsters not only increased with the number of humans they absorbed, but the energy level of the Mages, too! Their strength would improve greatly after absorbing high-level Mages. The Research Union did conclude that these Mud Morphing Monsters were draining the energy inside the Mages' bodies.

The energy of an Advanced Mage was obviously greater than that of an Intermediate Mage. This Black-Silver Rock Demon was born after a Mud Morphing Monster absorbed an Advanced Mage. Therefore, it could only grow stronger and bigger by devouring Mages at the Advanced Level or higher.

A Mage like Wen Xia was the real main dish for the Black-Silver Rock Demon. An Intermediate Mage like Tao Jing was less filling than an entree!

The Black-Silver Rock Demon was capable of using Earth Magic. It lifted its other arm and swung it at Wen Xia fiercely, despite the distance between them.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon's arm grew longer and thicker in the process. Its body had a black luster, and was sturdier than metal. Its extending arm was strong enough to smash a building into dust!

Wen Xia did not stay to fight the creature. She withdrew from the scene and hid among the buildings. To her surprise, the creature kept smashing through the buildings with its arm. Several buildings nearby had already collapsed, like some toy building blocks.

—

On the other hand, Mo Fan carefully caught the half-conscious Tao Jing as she was falling from the sky.

Mo Fan woke her and roughly checked her injuries. Her condition was not too serious, with only some bruises and cuts from splinters.

"Fan Mo?" Tao Jing exclaimed in disbelief when she saw Mo Fan.

"Yeah, it's me, I've saved your life once again. If I didn't already have two wives, I'm afraid you would have to marry me to repay me," Mo Fan answered promptly.

Tao Jing was a little confused. What did he mean by he has two wives?

"Find somewhere safe, I'm about to be bait," Mo Fan sighed.

"Al...alright, I can still walk." Tao Jing was a tough girl.

Mo Fan turned to look at the Black-Silver Rock Demon. The creature was as tall as a building, and its width was quite shocking. Even if he had his Elements, it would not be as easy for him to defeat an Elemental creature with such an outstanding defense as he had boasted.

The Lightning Element was weak against the Earth Element. Mo Fan was not really fond of these creatures, since his strongest Element was not as effective against them.

Since he had agreed to be the bait, however, he would do his best. Mo Fan chased after the Black-Silver Rock Demon that was trampling the buildings. He jumped between the remains of the buildings that were still standing to reach the Black-Silver Rock Demon's height...

"Falling Rock!"

Mo Fan completed a Star Pattern and Summoned a huge rock the size of a room above the Black-Silver Rock Demon's head. The rock fell and hit the Black-Silver Rock Demon right on the head!

As Mo Fan thought, the Falling Rock was completely useless against the massive creature. It was like a kid throwing a pebble at the back of a heavyweight boxer's head.

—

The Black-Silver Rock Demon turned its head around and fixed its eyes on Mo Fan, who was standing there on a broken-down building.

The tiny Mo Fan gave the huge creature a middle finger.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon might not know what the gesture meant, but it could sense a strong provocation from the human.

Super Level!

Even though Mo Fan's other Elements were Sealed away, it did not change the fact that he was a Super Mage. Besides, Mo Fan had eight Elements in total, which meant his body had a lot more energy stored up than normal Mages!

Mo Fan was like a fine delicacy in the Black-Silver Rock Demon's eyes!

The Black-Silver Rock Demon was very straightforward. It immediately gave up on pursuing Wen Xia, who had provoked it first. Its eyes were staring at Mo Fan like a pair of spotlights.

It might evolve into a Rock Tyrant after absorbing the human!

—

Mo Fan was not in a rush to run away when he saw the Black-Silver Rock Demon charging at him.

He was planning to be caught by the creature, after all. He could resist a little to put up a better act, or he could just stand still and let the creature catch him.

Forget it, why did he even bother to make it look real? The Black-Silver Rock Demon did not look smart at all.

He glanced at Wen Xia and saw her signaling him that she was ready. He immediately stopped moving and let the Black-Silver Rock Demon grab him. It even saved him the part of having to get injured.

These Rock Monsters were after the energy of the Mages. Only Mages who were alive could provide them with energy, hence these creatures would not kill the Mages before absorbing them. They would only break their legs or arms at most...

Chapter 1774: Nine-Layered Scorpion Tail

As long as Mo Fan did not struggle, he would not have to suffer a broken leg or arm.

When the Black-Silver Rock Demon grabbed Mo Fan's legs and lifted him off the ground upside down, he was beginning to regret his decision. What if Wen Xia was not reliable? What if she missed the attack?

The Black-Silver Rock Demon lifted Mo Fan to its chest, where its absorption system was.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon's chest began to move and soften. It gradually turned slimy as it transformed into mud. It was not like the usual black mud in a swamp, but a cluster of monsters that lacked the support of bones. They were bunched up together, their arms and tongues trying to drag Mo Fan into them.

Mo Fan had been through a lot, so he was still able to retain his calm.

In the mud, Mo Fan saw a weird face with a cunning and evil grin. It was like a starving demon trapped in a cage. It had a strong urge to drain away a living human's energy as soon as it saw one.

"An evil Elemental spirit?" Mo Fan recalled reading about the rare species in some books. "But, if it's an evil Elemental spirit, how did it become stronger by draining the energy of Mages?"

Mo Fan was confused, but he no longer had time for it when he was being forced into the mud by the Black-Silver Rock Demon. His mind was full of foul words instead.

What the heck was that woman waiting for? Half of his body had already been dragged into the mud. When was she even going to attack!?

"Nine-Layered Scorpion Sting!"

With a loud chant, a tall slender figure emitting a brilliant brown light appeared on top of a tower. The Star Orbits, Star Patterns, and Star Constellations were combining into a spectacular Star Palace, setting off Wen Xia's alluring body and imperious stance!

Mo Fan was hanging upside down. He realized how special the world was when he was viewing it from such a special position.

The buildings in the city were severely damaged, but had remained standing at different heights. The ground began to rise from the intertwining streets under the tower Wen Xia was standing on. It rose over ten meters into the air, as if something was breaking out of it.

An enormous scorpion tail emerged from the sand in the air like a dragon. The cracks on the streets resembled the shape of a scorpion too!

Only the spectacular scorpion tail, made of some kind of special stone, was emerging from the ground. The tail reached higher than the building as it coiled, and struck. The sting at its end was just as long and sharp as the top of the tower. The sting went right through the Black-Silver Rock Demon's hand, only five centimeters away from Mo Fan's groin...

1

The Black-Silver Rock Demon was pushing Mo Fan into its chest, so the scorpion sting nailed its hand on its chest. It even went through the evil face in the mud and pierced right through the creature's back!

"F\*\*k...f\*\*k...f\*\*k me!" Mo Fan felt his groin twitching.

*Five centimeters!*

*Only five centimeters!*

Mo Fan could normally reach fifteen centimeters during a normal erection. That madwoman, was she trying to stop him from being a man anymore or what? The creature's hand was so huge, yet she had to aim so close to his important body part!

2

Mo Fan's balls, so closely missed by the sting, were still recovering from the fright. Mo Fan immediately yelled at Wen Xia with a pale face, "You should have just killed me too!"

Wen Xia did not respond to Mo Fan. She had a stern face as she uttered slowly, "The second layer!"

"What second layer... holy shit, stop, stop it at once!" Mo Fan yelled at the top of his lungs.

The ground began to shake again. A bigger scorpion tail rose from the ground and stabbed the Black-Silver Rock Demon's hand and chest.

"Can you please aim a little lower...no, a bit higher, f\*\*k me!" Mo Fan's voice echoed in the air.

It was no longer just a matter of five centimeters. That woman obviously had no idea where Mo Fan was, nor did she understand that there was something more important than being alive for a man!

Mo Fan almost broke his joints when he tried to reposition himself. Meanwhile, a scorpion sting went between his legs and struck the Black-Silver Rock Demon in the chest once again. It had left an even more obvious hole on the creature's chest this time.

"Damn it, I swear I'm going to remind her how it feels to be a woman once I get down there..." Mo Fan exploded after the scorpion sting barely missed him again.

“The third layer!” Wen Xia had no clue what Mo Fan was saying. She remained focused in a battle stance.

“Nine layers... don’t tell me there are seven more of them!... Brother, put me down, I’ll kill her for you!” Mo Fan was on the verge of losing his mind.

1

He would rather be absorbed by the Black-Silver Rock Demon, at least it would only drain his energy instead of threatening his life! Meanwhile, Wen Xia was not only trying to take his life, she was taking the lives of his children and grandchildren!

The nine layers indeed represented the total number of scorpion stingers. The huge outline of a scorpion remained throughout the duration of the spell. Nine scorpion tails struck the Black-Silver Rock Demon and left its chest filled with holes. They also completely destroyed Mo Fan’s dignity.

Mo Fan totally forgot to balance himself as he fell from the air.

He landed on the ground and quickly checked his groin. His legs felt numb, on top of the mental paralysis he was under.

As he thought, the little thing was given a huge fright. It had shrunk like a little loach.

Mo Fan was extremely down, like a petite wife who had been messed up roughly by her muscular husband. His legs were even clutched inward when he rose to his feet.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon collapsed to the ground like a skyscraper after a deafening blast. Its body began to break into pieces. Several Mages wrapped in cocoons of ashes fell out of its remains.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon had indeed absorbed a lot of people. It felt like its massive body was stacked up with a high number of Mages.

“Are you alright?” Wen Xia came down from the tower and patted Mo Fan on the shoulder when she saw the empty look in his eyes.

“You must be held responsible if it’s somehow traumatized. You must resurrect it and reinstate its vigor. Do you understand!?” Mo Fan said.

Wen Xia lowered her head and said with a serious face, “I will take responsibility for it, after the Barrier Core and the city are safe.”

Chapter 1775: The Final Three Hours

After the Black-Silver Rock Demon was defeated, the Gravitational Ring surrounding the clock tower regained its brilliance. The Rock Monsters and Rock Generals were struggling even more to break through the defensive perimeter. However, some Granite Beasts were still giving the defenders a huge

headache. These beasts, which were resistant to the Gravitational Ring, were still approaching the Barrier Core.

The second Black-Silver Rock Demon took over as the leader of the Rock Monsters after the first Black-Silver Rock Demon had fallen. It kept giving orders to the Rock Monsters.

The Granite Beasts began to damage the defensive barrier recklessly, while the rest of the Rock Monsters and Rock Generals went searching for Mages in the city. They immediately absorbed every Mage they found. Since they were unable to break through the barrier, they would focus on attacking Mages and evolve into Granite Beasts to overcome the suppression from the Gravitational Ring.

Their ultimate goal was to reach the Barrier Core. They had to take advantage of their numbers and the fact that the human army was busy fending off their comrades. They had to break into the clock tower with a rush and claim the Barrier Core!

“These Rock Monsters aren’t completely brainless. The city has an abundant supply of humans for them to help them evolve. If no strong Mages step forward to eliminate the Rock Generals soon, the number of the Granite Beasts will double in less than an hour, and quadruple in two hours. The barrier won’t hold until then,” Mo Fan pointed out.

“The defense must stand at all costs. We have at least bought an extra hour. It’s almost midnight!” Wen Xia was more optimistic.

“You have every right to think that, but I must remind you that the other Black-Silver Rock Demon’s size and strength have surpassed the one we just took out. If you are planning to get rid of it, too, I must ask you to find someone else to lend you a hand. I won’t be risking my children and grandchildren for it again!” Mo Fan swore.

Wen Xia was aware of the problem.

There were two Black-Silver Rock Demons. The one they took out was the smaller of the two. The difference between them was like a youth and an adult. On top of that, the adult Black-Silver Rock Demon seemed more intelligent, considering how it was sending its Rock Monsters and Rock Demons after more Mages instead of trying to break through the barrier.

It would be several times more difficult to eliminate the second Black-Silver Rock Demon!

Wen Xia had been trying to figure out a solution, but the Black-Silver Rock Demon was too cunning. It only focused on ordering the Granite Beasts around instead of involving itself in the battle. It even asked its lackeys to feed the higher-level Mages to it so it could grow stronger!

The Granite Beasts would stay and guard their leader whenever it was feasting. The same plan was obviously not going to work, even if Mo Fan was willing to be the bait!

“A rock that can fight is less scary than a rock that can think. You will have to make a decision. Either you remove the Seal so everyone can join hands to defeat it and save the people that are absorbed by it and protect the city, or summon the army at the rampart back to the city center and try your best to defend the Barrier Core. But there’s a problem if you choose the second approach, as more Mud Morphing Monsters and Rock Monsters are going to invade the city. Even if the Barrier Core is successfully

established, the people in the city will be replaced with rocks, so it's meaningless to even set up an Elemental Capital!" Mo Fan pointed out.

"We won't abandon the people unless it's the last resort!" Wen Xia said firmly.

It was obviously going to be a tough battle, especially since they were not familiar with what they were going up against in the first place. However, almost every Elemental Capital was bathed in blood when it was first established. How could they possibly enjoy a peace that might last for a few dozen years if they did not secure the victory here? The soldiers that were stationed in the city were already prepared for the worst outcome!

"This city might only be a random city you're visiting as a traveler, so its fate has nothing to do with you once you turn around and leave. Even if it turns into an Elemental Capital or is overrun by demon creatures, you will only lament it briefly when you see the news. But to us, it's more important than our lives! All the troops inland were allocated to the coastline, so we only have half our men here defending the city. Even so, we still want to do this. If the coastline falls one day and the Headquarters Cities are drowned, this city on the mountain can still provide shelter to the people. The Barrier Core will ensure they can sleep peacefully, and the soldiers who only want their families to have a safe place to stay will fight bravely for their sake..." Wen Xia knew what Mo Fan was thinking.

It was necessary to put up with grim situations; she still had a great cause to fight for!

She would not bother thinking about the last resort until the final moment. They needed the Elemental Capital desperately. They already knew the prices they might have to pay just to ensure it was built.

"Fine, I'd make the same call too, if I were you..." Mo Fan understood where Wen Xia was coming from after seeing her firm attitude, "We'll wait for an hour and make the call if we can make it through. Just say it if you need any help."

"Mm!" Wen Xia nodded.

She could recover some of her energy in the meantime. She had consumed a huge amount of her energy, since she could only use the Earth Element. The Mages defending the Barrier Core were facing the same problem, and there were still three hours until midnight!

They had just eliminated a Black-Silver Rock Demon, so the Barrier Core would still be safe for another hour.

However, as the number of Granite Beasts continued to increase, since the Mud Morphing Monsters were still attacking the Mages, the situation would get more dangerous the closer it was to midnight. Mo Fan could not say for sure how dangerous it was going to be. It was his first time facing such a unique species that could increase in numbers and evolve by absorbing their enemies!

"You're a Super Mage too, aren't you?" Wen Xia asked him, sitting on a pile of debris.

"I only became one recently." Mo Fan found a can of Sprite among the debris. He opened it and saw it was still fizzy. He took a mouthful... in spite of it all, it was still cool and refreshing!

“Then I guess you aren’t just a nobody. What’s your real name? Your identity in the system is obviously just a disguise. It’s pretty common for the high rankers among us to have a second identity,” Wen Xia said.

“Mo Fan,” Mo Fan said.

“The Mo Fan who won the World College Tournament!?” Wen Xia exclaimed. She immediately looked Mo Fan up and down again.

“That’s me!” Mo Fan took off the glasses that gave him a nerdy look and smiled.

“No wonder it took me such a great effort to Seal your magic. You have so many Elements...” Wen Xia murmured.

Chapter 1776: A Little Spark

—

—

Time gradually passed. Cries of agony kept rising from all directions. Not many of the Mages could fight the demon creatures in the city’s center on their own now. Meanwhile, the Rock Monsters and Rock Generals continued to increase in number. They were targeting the lone Mages to evolve into Granite Beasts. Their height was between fifteen and thirty meters, equivalent to a range from a three-story building to nearly a ten-story building.

The Granite Beasts were surprisingly tough. Their gray-white skin had the glitter of some kind of ore, while their arms, legs, and back had jagged rocks which made them look even more dangerous.

The Granite Beasts’ numbers had grown rapidly within the hour. They were starting to put the clock tower under great pressure.

“There’s no other way, we’ll have to withdraw our men from the rampart in half an hour. We must hold the line during the remaining time!” Xie Qinghua said.

Wen Xia and Mo Fan were standing beside the commander in chief of the city. Xie Qinghua was not just a commander of the military, but also an elder of the Magic Association, thus both the soldiers and the Brown Earth Mages were following her orders.

The order basically meant they were giving up on the rest of the city, and focusing on the city center. The Rock Monsters and Mud Morphing Monsters had never stopped coming from the ravine. If the line of defense at the rampart was withdrawn, it meant the Rock Monsters and the Mud Morphing Monsters could hunt freely throughout the city.

The city had Mages from many other organizations, but they were not as disciplined or as strong as the military or the Magic Association. Most of them were Mages like Tao Jing, Zhou Donghao, and Lin Qihui,

who all lacked practical experience. There were even a lot of Basic Mages who were even weaker. If they gave up defending the perimeter around the city, those defenseless people were surely going to end up as food to the Rock Monsters!

It would no longer be a human city, but a city of Rock Monsters...

"You're bringing fire to the woods to save the village. The village might be safe for now, but it will soon be surrounded by flames once the whole woods are on fire!" Mo Fan was strongly against the plan.

The city might be a battle fortress, so they did not have to protect the civilians. The buildings in the city could be rebuilt in a short amount of time too, but what about the Mages who were absorbed by the creatures?

If the tribe of Rock Monsters was strong enough to overpower the barrier, everyone was going to turn into one of them. Who was going to save the Mages who were absorbed!?

"Who are you? A high-schooler like you who knows nothing has no right to speak here!" Xie Qinghua frowned when someone dared to oppose her orders directly, when she was the commander here!

"It doesn't matter who I am; your decision is driving everyone to the ocean of flames, and they are all going to die if you fail to put out the flames," Mo Fan warned her.

"Teacher, I also think we can't afford to let the monsters outside the city in. The Mud Morphing Monsters will keep growing by taking more people. There are so many..." Wen Xia tried to support him.

"Silence! Do you think you have time to come up with a better plan now? Do I need you to tell me the plan is inappropriate and unwise? If you have a better plan, feel free to spill it out now, and I'll immediately change my mind... but keep your mouth shut if you don't! The Research Union has already confirmed that the people who were absorbed are not in danger of losing their lives. We are only focusing our firepower on defending the Barrier Core. Once the barrier is fully constructed, we'll rescue them immediately!" Xie Qinghua grunted.

Wen Xia did not dare speak again. She looked at Mo Fan, who opened his mouth, but did not say anything, either.

It was true that they did not have a better plan, but they both knew there was no turning back once the plan was put into motion!

"Wen Xia, you should avoid hanging around an alarmist like him, they are only going to trip themselves with their lack of concern. You should be more confident in the Barrier Core. Once the barrier is established, these Rock Monsters will no longer be a problem for us!" the captain of the Brown Rock Mages, Lu Bin, spoke up.

Mo Fan had the urge to give Lu Bin the middle finger. Was the man seriously showing off his superiority at a time like this?

Mo Fan knew he had no right to make the call for them. His speculation about the species being some kind of an evil Elemental Spirit was not proven either. He could only wait and observe the situation.

Wen Xia was dismissed. She apologized when she noticed Mo Fan's dark expression, "They just want to make sure the city is built properly, like I do."

Wen Xia believed they had to try their best to defend the Barrier Core, even if they were lacking in numbers in the center of the city, but Xie Qinghua and Lu Bin's approach was even more extreme. They were allocating the Battlemages and the Brown Earth Mages to the city center, even though the rest of the city was going to suffer from losing the support of the Battlemages and the Magic Association.

Even though everyone in the city was prepared for the battle, they mostly consisted of Hunters, students, rogue Mages, and members of renowned clans and organizations. Without the support of the military and the Magic Association, they would only end up as food to the Rock Monsters!

"Let's hope my instincts are wrong, that those Rock Monsters aren't as much of a threat as I think, and the barrier is strong enough to protect us..." Mo Fan sighed.

Mo Fan never wanted to be involved in the first place. Why did he have to be so concerned about the outcome? It was these authorities' job to make the call. He just needed to act within his area of expertise!

"They are all hoping to hold on until midnight. Once the barrier is activated at midnight, they will go from defending to attacking and save the victims. Don't you worry, the Seal will be lifted at that time, too..." Wen Xia said.

"Mm, I understand. Let's wait for midnight, then," Mo Fan could only nod agreement.

—

Mo Fan did not leave. He sat at a spot where he was able to see a good deal into the distance.

He could see massive figures running around in the dark. The loud noises coming from all directions never ceased.

Mo Fan had been through many battles, including those that were grimmer and those that were less intense. Therefore, he was roughly able to tell how the situation of a battle was going to be. Would there be troubles ahead? Would they find themselves at a critical juncture? Or would the light of dawn finally rise upon them?

Mo Fan was not trying to curse the special Elemental Capital, nor was he so stubborn that he only believed in his own ideas. It was just what his instincts had been hinting to him after he fought the evil Elemental Spirits in person, and assessed the situation after comparing the strength of the two sides.

A little spark was enough to set an entire valley on fire, let alone a fierce, blazing flame!

Chapter 1777: I'll Eliminate Them!

The moon was cold, like frost hanging above the mountain and the city.

As midnight approached, Mo Fan looked around the city. It was initially surrounded by buildings of different heights, and it looked more or less the same now, but the tall figures standing in the city were

no longer buildings, but huge rock demons whose eyes were scanning the destroyed city like spotlights, searching for the food that would make them stronger.

The Mages were shivering in fear in hiding places between the buildings. They did not dare even breathe heavily. The only advantage they had was that the huge rock demons were struggling to spot them when they were in cover.

“Luckily, they didn’t have any magical ways to pick up our presence. If it was any other Warrior-level beast or demon, they could easily pick up our scent!” Lin Qihui was hidden behind a half-collapsed market. The beams of the building had happened to form a cave.

Lin Qihui and the other members of the group were hiding there, waiting for the Rock Generals nearby to leave.

Huge blasts were approaching. Dust and tiny pieces of rocks began to fall inside the cave.

“Don’t make a sound!” Lin Qihui signaled the others.

Only a massive creature could possibly make such a huge noise when moving!

Lin Qihui peeked at the opening through the crack. A thirty-meter-tall creature veined with lines of ore stood there and scanned its surroundings. It was obviously searching for weaker Mages!

Lin Qihui’s face went pale. The Rock Generals were already troublesome to deal with for them, let alone the Granite Beasts.

It was so close to him that his heart almost stopped beating.

It can’t see us, it can’t see us, it can’t see us!, Lin Qihui chanted in his heart. These elemental creatures did not have sharp senses, hence they would be safe as long as they avoided stepping into view. Their spot was secured. They had managed to hide from a few groups of Rock Monsters!

“Se...senior!” Cao Juan suddenly cried out softly.

“Be quiet!” Lin Qihui hissed.

“Look below you,” Cao Juan whispered.

Lin Qihui finally lowered his head and saw ripples surfacing on the ground covered in ash under his feet.

The ripples were like wind blowing at the dust. It was difficult to notice them without taking a closer look. However, it was obviously magic, since it was impossible for the dust to be rippling when there was no wind!

The Granite Beast initially had its back to the market, but it suddenly turned around and glanced down at the half-collapsed building.

***BANG!***

The Granite Beast swung its arm and knocked the debris away. The people underneath were staring at the Granite Beast in fear, like a bunch of dwarves when the roof of their house was flung open!

“How...how could this be...” Lin Qihui gasped in a trembling voice.

The Granite Beast grinned as if it was mocking them.

It did not grab the humans. It simply turned around and left. It was obvious that these weak Mages had no place in its eyes.

However, a few Rock Generals immediately surrounded them as soon as the Granite Beast left. The Rock Generals were clearly going to split the food among themselves!

Lin Qihui and the others were no longer able to fight. The Rock Generals grabbed them like majestic demon eagles hunting chicks, and absorbed the humans one-by-one into their bodies.

—

—

“The Granite Beast is able to use Earth Magic. They can use tiny ripples across surfaces to sense the Mages hiding across the city. The number of Rock Generals has increased significantly, and the number of Granite Beasts has tripled, too,” Wen Xia came and whispered to Mo Fan.

“Do you think the soldiers and the Magic Association can eliminate them all once their Seals are lifted?” Mo Fan asked.

There were only twenty minutes left until the Barrier Core was activated, yet no one was feeling optimistic about it.

The fire was already too strong to be put out!

“I’m afraid not,” Wen Xia said.

“Get rid of my Seal first,” Mo Fan said.

“Well...” Wen Xia hesitated for a moment. She glanced at Xie Qinghua and Lu Bin on the other side and whispered, “Come with me.”

Wen Xia brought Mo Fan to the side after agreeing to lift the Seal for him.

“I can get rid of the Seal for you, but you must promise me that you won’t use other Elements until the barrier is activated,” Wen Xia said seriously.

“Don’t worry, you guys have sacrificed so much. I won’t ruin it unless the worst happens,” Mo Fan promised.

The Seal was like a lock on Mo Fan’s soul. Mo Fan would have no problem breaking it forcibly with his current cultivation and mental strength; it would only injure his soul slightly. But there was no reason for him to take the blame for obstructing the plan to establish the Elemental Capital for nothing.

A deafening roar came from the ravine. A shocking figure, which made the signal towers look like little kids, began heading toward the city center. They could already feel its terrifying presence from a fair distance away!

“Another Black-Silver Rock Demon has shown up, and it’s such a huge one!” Mo Fan muttered.

Wen Xia’s face turned pale.

The Black-Silver Rock Demons were their biggest threat. The barrier might be able to stop the Rock Monsters, Rock Generals, and the Granite Beasts, but it was nowhere strong enough to stop the Black-Silver Rock Demons!

“There are four Black-Silver Rock Demons now. They are going to break the barrier down...” Wen Xia said in low spirits.

“You guys have underestimated these evil Elemental Spirits,” Mo Fan agreed.

Wen Xia clenched her fists, staring at the Black-Silver Rock Demons.

“Either way, we are fighting until the very end!” Wen Xia said. She looked at Mo Fan and begged sincerely, “You are strong, I know that, so I ask you to lend me a hand and help me kill another Black-Silver Rock Demon, please!”

Mo Fan shook his head.

Wen Xia was still staring at Mo Fan. She was not willing to move her gaze away. Her face was trembling slightly.

Just one! Wen Xia had an urge to do everything she could to kill a Black-Silver Rock Demon. It was all she could do for the city!

—

Mo Fan rose to his feet and dusted off his shoulders.

“You’ll be helping me this time... I’m going to eliminate the four Black-Silver Rock Demons!” Mo Fan said.

Killing the four Black-Silver Rock Demons would not necessarily turn the tide around, but... it would not stop Mo Fan from killing them all!

Chapter 1778: Killing Until Daybreak

The sky was dark, without any stars. The only source of light was the moon. Its frosty brilliance was pouring down on the city, outlining many huge shadows that were roaming, trampling, and roaring throughout the city...

A bright light suddenly rose from the clock tower like a towering pillar connecting the night sky and the city. It split into several light arcs, encapsulating the city like the light of the Heavens!

It was the Barrier!

It was the lifeline that humans had relied on the most since the era of magic began. It had guaranteed the safety of cities, which allowed the humans to endure. With it, they no longer had to compete with demon creatures for land and resources.

The faint brown-yellow Barrier looked like the light of paradise when it was finally activated. It stood firmly above the city. The Mud Morphing Monsters and Rock Monsters that were flowing into the city were immediately blocked from it by a strong repulsive force.

The scariest things about the demon creatures were their numbers and how they were able to keep showing up. It was not like the Mages were not able to kill the demon creatures, but they were eventually going to lose the will to fight against their endless numbers.

“If only the Barrier had gone up an hour earlier. It would have reduced these creatures’ numbers by half, even if it was only an hour difference. The whole city is full of Rock Monsters. Us soldiers might join them at any second. How long do we have to fight to eliminate them all?” a captain sighed.

The commanding officers and the authorities of the Magic Association had all gathered in the clock tower. They had witnessed the establishment of the Barrier’s sacred light and its strength, but the difference in numbers between them and the Rock Monsters was just too huge!

The Barrier was indeed able to hold off the demon creatures, but the Mages still needed to drive out the demon creatures that had already invaded the city. The problem was exactly what Mo Fan had predicted in the first place. The huge flames had already reached the walls. It was too late to put them out!

“I won’t let these disgusting monsters get their way. All Brown Earth Mages, come with me and eliminate these demon creatures to return peace to the city!” Lu Bin yelled.

The average strength of the Brown Earth Mages was the Advanced Level. Since the Barrier had been established, the Seal on other Elements had been lifted, too. Now that these Mages had reclaimed the energy of the other two Elements, how could they possibly admit defeat so easily?

Lu Bin led the Brown Earth Mages and jumped out of the clock tower to go after the Granite Beasts surrounding the building. The Rock Generals and the Granite Beasts were currently the biggest threats to the city, since they could easily crush a whole group of Mages on their own and give the Mages in the city a huge blow to morale.

Lu Bin had to eliminate the demon creatures to help everyone regain their morale. He had to fight and convince everyone to fight the Rock Monsters with everything they had. It was the only way to save the city!

“Working as one!”

“Working as one!”

The Brown Earth Mages devoted themselves to be the vanguards, since they were the most respected Mages in the city.

“That’s right, we will work as one. We have held on for so long. It might be a long night, but dawn is just ahead. We will surely overcome this difficult situation by working together. The whole country will be proud of warriors like us!” the commander-in-chief Xie Qinghua declared.

Xie Qinghua had a dozen generals and captains with her. They began to shout their determination while leading their men to carry out counterattacks.

The defensive war had ended. It was time for them to eliminate the Mud Morphing Monsters and Rock Monsters in the city, returning peace to it and transforming it into a real Elemental Capital. Otherwise, the city would only end up as a city of monsters. The hope and efforts of so many people would have been in vain.

They were resisting the invasion of darkness for the first half of the night. It was time for them to fight for the daybreak in the second half!

As matters stood, Mo Fan could no longer judge if the authorities had made the right decision. He was quite touched by their determination. The situation in the Ancient Capital was a hundred times worse when the Dark Abyss was approaching the inner city, yet the people's determination allowed them to fight for the dawn.

The city had not lost hope yet. As long as someone was still fighting back, they had not lost the fight to build the Elemental Capital!

"The people will easily lose determination from their fear of the enormous Black-Silver Rock Demons. I shall help them preserve their determination a little longer. Let's hope there's a miracle. Come, we'll start with the Black-Silver Rock Demon that just evolved!" Mo Fan told Wen Xia.

"Wait, if you're seriously doing this, I will bring my men along too! They are all Advanced Mages," Wen Xia said.

"Sure, having a few more men as bait might save us time," Mo Fan agreed.

"They are fighting too!" Wen Xia protested.

—

Wen Xia had her own squad. The rest of the army was taking orders from Xie Qinghua.

The squad had five members in total who had reached the peak Advanced Level. Deputy Lieutenant Hou immediately asked when they followed Wen Xia to a street in complete disorder, "Captain, are we a special squad entrusted with the mission to eliminate the Black-Silver Rock Demons? Is this a special order from the commander-in-chief?"

"More like the suicide squad," Vice Captain Jin said.

"So what if we are the suicide squad? If we succeed, the city will record our names in its history. I've had enough looking after the miners and driving away weak demon creatures every day. I finally have a chance to make a huge contribution, HAHAHA..."

Among the five members, four of them were men with rough features. Only one was a quiet Battlemaga. She was petite and skinny with an ordinary face. If she was not wearing a military coat, it would be hard to imagine she was a lieutenant. It seemed her rank was the highest among Wen Xia's subordinates.

"It's my own decision. The five of you and I will be giving him full support to kill the Black-Silver Rock Demons!" Wen Xia pointed at Mo Fan who was leading the way.

"What? We are assisting that kid?"

“Madam, I would have thought he was just a scout if you didn’t say so, the kind that would flee for his life instantly as soon as a battle broke out!” Deputy Lieutenant Hou burst out laughing.

The others were amused too. The guy was obviously a student who came to the city for training. He was obviously a burden to the team. Why would they be assisting him instead? Were they really going to let such a weak student Mage take on the brutal Black-Silver Rock Demons?

Chapter 1779: Just a Fiery Fist

“Reporting, a few Granite Beasts are blocking the path ahead! They are staying close to the Black-Silver Rock Demon. We can only engage the Black-Silver Rock Demon after taking them out,” Vice Captain Jin said.

Wen Xia glanced at Mo Fan. He asked, “How long will it take for you and your men to deal with them?”

“Ten minutes at most!” Wen Xia was very confident in her men.

“Alright, you will engage the Granite Beasts to distract the Black-Silver Rock Demon while I find a way to its back to deliver a serious blow to it. This Black-Silver Rock Demon is the weakest among them, so we shouldn’t waste too much time on it,” Mo Fan said.

The most annoying thing about these monsters was their ability to absorb humans, so if they were unable to eliminate the monsters quicker than they were absorbing humans, the city was done for. Therefore, they had to pick up their pace of eliminating the creatures. They could not allow these creatures to keep evolving by absorbing the Mages in the city!

“Alright, we’ll engage it from the front ten minutes from now. Please inflict some serious damage on it,” Wen Xia nodded.

Wen Xia had yet to witness Mo Fan’s true strength, but she still had lingering fear of almost being injured by Mo Fan’s magic when she was Sealing his Elements. This Mo Fan might be stronger than the rumors had mentioned!

Mo Fan took a different route and left. Deputy Lieutenant Hou harrumphed and said, “He indeed ran away when the situation didn’t favor us. We can never rely on these young Mages.”

“It’s not like we are relying on him in the first place. Come, let’s not waste our time here.”

—

Mo Fan followed the stairs down and crossed a street that was at a lower level to find his way to the back of the Black-Silver Rock Demon.

A figure suddenly appeared as soon as he entered the debris-covered street while trying to find a way to avoid the Rock Generals and Granite Beasts. The figure immediately dragged him into an alley.

“Fan Mo, I finally found you. Did you manage to save Tao Jing? How are the others?” Lin Qihui was so nervous that he was speaking incoherently.

“Senior...Senior Lin?” It took Mo Fan a while to recognize Lin Qihui’s face.

“Shhh!” Lin Qihui immediately told him to keep his voice down with a gesture. He quickly scanned the surroundings and said, “I...I barely escaped from a Granite Beast. Don’t you set me up!”

“Oh, where are the others?” Mo Fan asked.

Lin Qihui briefly explained what happened to the group after they returned to the city. They were able to help at first by taking out one or two Rock Monsters, but the numbers of the creatures kept increasing rapidly. The students had no choice but to hide and run for their lives.

However, Lin Qihui did not expect the Granite Beasts to have the ability to pick up slight movements from vibrations on the ground, enabling them to hunt down the Mages that were hiding.

“You’re saying that the Granite Beasts are able to locate where the Mages are hiding by sensing the vibrations from the ground?” Mo Fan was surprised.

“Yeah, it’s so terrifying! These creatures are deadlier than we thought. I was lucky enough to sneak into an underground passage, or else I would have been eaten by now too. The others...I’m such a coward, I abandoned them and ran away on my own!” Lin Qihui started to get emotional as he spoke. Tears were running down his cheeks.

“Senior, you shouldn’t blame yourself too hard. You should be relieved that you were able to save yourself in that situation,” Mo Fan consoled him.

If the Granite Beasts had the ability to pick up movements from the ground, the Black-Silver Rock Demon most likely had the same ability. Therefore, his plan to ambush the Black-Silver Rock Demon from behind was definitely not going to work! Luckily, he had stumbled into Lin Qihui. Otherwise, he would waste his time, and might even give the Black-Silver Rock Demon an opening to attack him.

Heavy footsteps were audible as Lin Qihui burst into tears. He quickly covered his mouth, not daring to make a sound, but his eyes were filled with fear!

“It’s coming for me, it’s looking for the fish that has escaped the net!” Lin Qihui blurted out.

“Don’t be scared,” Mo Fan said.

Lin Qihui gathered his courage and said, “Fan Mo, Fan Mo, I’ve already let the others down. You should run, now, it will soon feel your footsteps, but I can still buy some time for you. Just go, and help me take care of the rest of the group...” He realized he had no chance of successfully running away because of the Granite Beasts’ ability.

Mo Fan patted Lin Qihui on the shoulder, seeing his unusual behavior.

Lin Qihui was going to ask Mo Fan to leave again when a figure taller than a ten-story building showed up at the entrance of the alley. Lin Qihui could not even see the whole creature at the first glance. He had to lift his head to do so!

“Be...behind... you...” Lin Qihui pointed at the creature with a trembling hand. He was struggling to speak properly.

The Granite Beast grinned. It was scornful of how weak and tiny the humans were.

The Granite Beast reached its hand into the alley. It was going to lift Mo Fan and Lin Qihui up like they were just some tiny mice...

“Behind you, run!” Lin Qihui finally blurted out in fear, but his legs were shaking so much that he could not move at all.

Mo Fan finally withdrew his hand and said, “I know, it should be the one running.”

The creature’s hand was within inches.

Mo Fan suddenly turned around. His right hand, which had been patting Lin Qihui on the shoulder, suddenly burst into flames, unleashing a strong wave of heat for a few hundred meters as he threw a punch.

He merely turned around and threw a punch, and a ferocious dragon appeared in the dark alley. Its bones were made of high-temperature lava, with tongues of fire erupting from its skin. The huge creature seemed tiny compared to the fiery dragon!

1

The Granite Beast’s arm was burned into ashes, and its huge and sturdy body was knocked to the ground by the wave of flames. Its body cracked rapidly, and eventually broke into pieces.

Lin Qihui stood still. He was already on the edge, worried a Granite Beast would show up at any second, but the creature traumatizing him was already gone, leaving just his junior, whose fist had left scorched trails in the shape of a fan across the street!

It...it was a Granite Beast, ten times stronger than a Rock General!

Yet... it had died to a single Fiery Fist?

Chapter 1780: Straight Ahead!

The fiery sparkles danced like butterflies. Mo Fan left the alley and looked down the street that had been razed to the ground. He noticed the Granite Beast was completely destroyed. Its body had shattered into pieces. There were a dozen people covered in ash there, scattered from its chest to its stomach.

They were the Mages that had been absorbed by the Granite Beast. A few of them were Advanced Mages.

The ash served as a layer of protection for the Mages. Otherwise, their lives might have been in danger when they rolled into the flames.

Mo Fan also noticed something else. These Rock Monsters were only interested in Mages with full energy. They were unable to see those whose energy had been drained away and were no longer fit for battle.

Mo Fan even suspected these creatures were only after energy they could use, and normal people and Mages whose energy had dried out were like stones by the side of the road to them.

“You...you...” Lin Qihui could not find any word after some time.

This Fan Mo was no human. He was a monster!”

“My Earth Element isn’t impressive, but my Fire Element is pretty strong. Senior, you should hurry up and hide in the clock tower. I’ll try my best to find the others,” Mo Fan said.

“No way, I might be too weak to fight these creatures, but I can still carry the unconscious,” Lin Qihui suddenly said righteously, as if he was being influenced by something.

He kept seeing victims falling out of the remains of the Rock Monsters. These people were obviously going to struggle to reach safety on their own. Someone had stepped forward to save them! Lin Qihui felt like he had to do something.

“Alright, get these people to safety then,” Mo Fan nodded.

—

—

A few buildings with only two floors were lined up along the street to a junction. It was the city’s marketplace. Some magic tools the merchants had failed to bring away in time scattered across the ground. Magic ores of the Earth Element were scattered like pebbles everywhere, too.

The Granite Beasts were quite intelligent. They discovered the Earth Magic Ores had energy similar to the energy of Mages, so they were collecting the Magic Ores and digesting them.

The city was rich in Earth Magic Ores, so the Granite Beasts had reaped a lot of benefits from the marketplace. The ones here did not bother searching for the human Mages that were avoiding them like loaches.

The street was quite wide, four times as broad as the main road in a city. The tents that had been set up still remained. The place would very be bustling if it was not deserted and messy.

Wen Xia and her subordinates had already split up at the marketplace’s junction, using the stalls as their cover. They secretly snuck up on a Granite Beast that was collecting the Earth Magic Ores.

The Granite Beast did not seem to notice them. Vice Captain Jin was the first to make his move, trying to deal a deadly blow to the monster.

However, the Granite Beast's hands suddenly enlarged, as if it was long prepared. It smashed its hands fiercely, like a pair of gongs. Vice Captain Jin did not expect the monster to be expecting his attack. The Rock Gongs almost smashed him into pulp!

"Vice Captain Jin!" Wen Xia immediately jumped forward when she saw Vice Captain Jin, whose bones had almost flattened, falling through the air. The Granite Beast caught him and absorbed him directly.

The Granite Beast was extremely quick. The others did not even have time to save the man. They could only watch Vice Captain Jin being absorbed into the Granite Beast's body.

The metallic gloss on the Granite Beast soon brightened slightly. Bones began to stick out where its joints were like swords, ghastly and terrifying!

"That assh\*\*\* absorbed Old Jin, I'm going to smash it into pieces!" Deputy Lieutenant Hou yelled angrily.

"Damn it, we were so careful when sneaking up here! How did it notice us?"

Wen Xia had the same question too. They had snuck up on the Granite Beast without making any mistake along the way. Even Commander-level creatures with sensitive smell and hearing would not notice them, let alone the Granite Beast!

Wen Xia's other four aides-de-camp were already making their moves. They initially thought the five of them could easily take out the Granite Beast, but the creature had grown significantly stronger after absorbing Vice Captain Jin's energy. It took the four of them almost five minutes just to defeat it.

It seemed like they were going to struggle to keep their word by taking out the Granite Beasts in ten minutes.

"Keep going!" Wen Xia decided to engage the enemy too, as she could not wait any longer.

Wen Xia took out a Granite Beast at lightning speed, while her four aides-de-camp were handling another Granite Beast at the junction.

Wen Xia was a Super Mage. Her cultivation had been suppressed slightly to comply with the Magic Sealing Order necessary to set up the Barrier Core, thus it felt like she was only an Advanced Mage. She had disregarded the suppression on her cultivation to draw the Star Palace when she and Mo Fan were killing the first Black-Silver Rock Demon. Otherwise, she would not have had to rest up for so long after casting a single Super Spell.

The Barrier was now activated, meaning that the Magic Sealing Order was lifted. It had freed up her mental strength with it. She was finally able to fight with her full strength after reclaiming her three other Elements and full Will.

Wen Xia cleanly took out a strong Granite Beast, but her outstanding strength immediately attracted the Black-Silver Rock Demon's attention.

The Black-Silver Rock Demon's level was extremely high. It had a greedy look when it noticed Wen Xia's cultivation.

It would be one step closer to evolving to the next level once it absorbed a Super Mage. The Black-Silver Rock Demon was enlightened by Wen Xia's appearance. After all, most Super Mages were surrounded by a huge group of subordinates, but the Battlemaga was almost fighting alone!

Wen Xia was not afraid of the monster. She had already killed one of them recently. She was confident that she could eliminate this leader of the Rock Monsters, too.

"I'll fight it while Mo Fan is searching for an opportunity for his sneak attack. We should be able to eliminate it quickly," Wen Xia mumbled to herself.

There was more than one Black-Silver Rock Demon, thus they had to eliminate the leader of the Rock Monsters before them as quickly as possible.

Wen Xia was just about to move when she suddenly saw a black lightning bolt sweep across the night sky. A figure stood on the end of the lightning bolt, engulfed in wild lightning arcs.

"Mo Fan?" Wen Xia was puzzled when she saw him.

*Wasn't he supposed to ambush the target? Why did he show himself first?*

"These creatures are able to detect our presence through the ground's vibrations. There's no use trying to trick them. Let's fight them head-on!" Mo Fan told Wen Xia.

Mo Fan landed less than fifty meters away from the Black-Silver Rock Demon. He did not show any sign of fear, despite facing the monster that was as tall as a skyscraper!