

## Versatile 1891

### Chapter 1891: The Steady Lightning Explosion

The lightning exploded across the lake. Lightning arcs flew around destructively and spread across half of Wuyuan Bay!

The Viscera Hunters were relatively agile creatures, but it was far too late for them to escape when they saw the terrifying lightning burst out of Mo Fan's body. The Electro Cannon's area of effect was surprisingly wide, and the Viscera Hunters on the lake were completely devoured by the lightning. They dispersed like ashes after falling to the Lightning Tyrant's twelvefold damage amplification.

The lightning flickered wildly and lit up the gray sky. Zhang Lulin and Zhang Xin dropped their jaws when they saw the lightning bolts surging into the sky.

*Was that really an Advanced Spell?*

*Since when was there an Advanced Spell strong enough to kill dozens of Viscera Hunters instantly?*

The Viscera Hunters were a bunch of cold-blooded creatures that usually hunted in packs. They were not bothered by the deaths of their comrades. As a matter of fact, they would feel thrilled when their comrades died, as the scent of death was a delicacy to them!

The rest of the Viscera Hunters charged at Mo Fan after smelling the ashes of their comrades lingering in the moist air. They displayed a strange ability to control their bones. They had skinny figures just before they leapt into the air, but suddenly had bones growing out of their bodies like axes when they attacked Mo Fan. They went from swiping their claws in the air to slashing at Mo Fan with twin axes. The surface of the axes gleamed eerily while they were swinging at Mo Fan with formidable power!

Mo Fan knew the Viscera Hunters were good at turning their bones into all kinds of weapons, including swords, axes, spears, and blades. Each Viscera Hunter had their favorite tools to torture their prey with. The strength of the light on their weapons represented the evil power they had collected, which could dramatically increase the damage of their bone weapons.

Mo Fan was currently being flanked. The Viscera Hunters were pouring down like a huge rain with strange-looking bone weapons, slashing at Mo Fan from different angles, which turned into a red-blue hurricane shredding everything along its trail.

Mo Fan did not plan to let these creatures enter the island. He had purposely lured the creatures to Wuyuan Bay, but another group of Viscera Hunters had jumped out of the water after he had just dodged the wave of attacks from the first group of Viscera Hunters with relatively quick movements. The Viscera Hunters threw their bone spears at the spot Mo Fan had landed on!

The bone spears lined up in the sky and loomed over Mo Fan's head like a web of bones. The bones emitted an eerie red light and suppressed Mo Fan's body as he was planning to Blink away from the area. They were preventing him from escaping through the other dimension.

Mo Fan landed on a tree that was floating on the water. He looked up and saw more bone spears falling down at him. He was slowly running out of space to dodge the spears.

Mo Fan did not expect the creatures to be capable of nullifying his Blink. These Viscera Hunters had undergone some kind of training. They knew how to engage their enemy strategically. They were using the eerie lights of their weapons to suppress their prey!

"Time Stasis!"

Mo Fan had no choice but to use the Space Element. His pupils emitted a silver light as he created a Time Stasis rhombus.

The bone spears were like a rain of arrows, while Mo Fan's rhombus was like a straw boat. The straw boat was fully covered in bone spears. Even Mo Fan was struggling to hold the rhombus in place for long due to the overwhelming pressure. He immediately fled to a more favorable spot.

*{TL Note: A reference to an idiom that was derived from an incident in the Romance of Three Kingdoms.}*

These creatures are phantoms. I doubt my Fiendish Night is going to work against them... Mo Fan distanced himself from the Viscera Hunters. He was about to use the Dark Material to relieve himself from the pressure when he noticed an important problem.

The Fiendish Night was only effective against living creatures. Phantoms did not necessarily even have shadows, let alone trying to turn their shadows against them.

Mo Fan did not waste his time spreading darkness since he could not use the Fiendish Night against the Viscera Hunters. His Fire Element was weaker due to the heavy storm, so he could only rely on his Lightning Element while using the Space and Earth Elements as support!

Zhang Lulin's voice came from the distance as Mo Fan was coming up with a plan. "Water Curtain!"

The Water Curtain was not that thick, but it was enough to give Mo Fan some time to prepare his counterattack. Mo Fan quickly accumulated his Will when he saw twenty-some Viscera Hunters charging at him.

The Viscera Hunters were capable of moving on water. They were like demons when they were running, using all four of their limbs like pouncing beasts, dashing and jumping around on the surface of the lake. They tried to disturb Mo Fan with the annoying screeches produced when their fangs rubbed against one another.

Mo Fan could not possibly let such a strange trick interfere with his mind. He proceeded to start the Space Bolts which he had perfected recently.

The Space Bolts made of his will were invisible indoors, but their outlines were visible in the rain, hovering half a step behind Mo Fan. The Space Bolts unleashed a terrifying murderous aura as Mo Fan's eyes glittered.

The Space Bolts sprang forward, leaving trails in the air before landing accurately on the Viscera Hunters. Over a score of the Viscera Hunters were running on the water, yet half of them fell after the first wave of Space Bolts!

Mo Fan gathered his Will to strengthen the Space Bolts. He realized not only were these Space Bolts effective against lesser creatures, they were just as powerful as the spells he normally used if he focused on a specific area.

“Come back here!”

Mo Fan quickly Summoned the Space Bolts back to him. He had purposely left a few of them behind in case the Viscera Hunters leapt out from different locations. If the Viscera Hunters were so close to him that he was unable to cast another spell in time, he could easily fire the Space Bolts at the creatures to defend himself.

Mo Fan found another chance to cast an Advanced Spell after eliminating the group of Viscera Hunters.

When Mo Fan saw shadows moving rapidly under the water, he knew another group of Viscera Hunters was planning to ambush him. He decisively tossed a lightning orb into the water and gave the creatures sneaking up on him a fascinating lightning bomb to examine!

Chapter 1892: Spirits of Tide

The lightning orb created an explosion and triggered a rain of bones. The remains of the Viscera Hunters were knocked several dozen meters into the sky before pouring down in a spectacular manner!

Mo Fan grinned. These Viscera Hunters seriously thought he was unaware of their presence when they were moving under the water. His Dark Material might not be effective against them, but he could still treat it as his eyes and observe the movements of the creatures in the water!

Mo Fan took on the Viscera Hunters alone and killed over a hundred of them before he realized it. He was fending off the creatures at Wuyuan Bay by himself.

However, the Viscera Hunters' numbers exceeded their expectations since the Wuyuan Bay was connected to the sea. More shadows had swum into Wuyuan Bay while Mo Fan was busy fighting the Viscera Hunters.

“Mo Fan, these creatures aren't trying to invade the city. They are escorting some other creatures behind them!” Lingling had quickly scouted the area by riding the Flying Creek Snow Wolf.

Mo Fan had killed a lot of Viscera Hunters in Wuyuan Bay, but not only did he see more shadows swimming into the bay, he also noticed bigger shadows riding the waves in the distance. They were clearly not Viscera Hunters, yet they were surrounded by Viscera Hunters. They were being escorted to the bay, just as Lingling had mentioned!

“What are those?” Mo Fan asked with a confused face.

The strange thing was, when the bigger shadows showed up, the Viscera Hunters in Wuyuan Bay stopped attacking Mo Fan so stubbornly. They jumped back into the water like they had accomplished their mission.

The bigger shadows had entered Wuyuan Bay. There were more than a few of them, each followed by almost a hundred Viscera Hunters!

When the first shadow reached the inner part of Wuyuan Bay, the remaining Viscera Hunters that were fighting Mo Fan immediately gathered around it.

With a deafening splash, a huge mouth rose out of the water!

The creature did not fully reveal itself, leaving a huge chunk of its body in the water. It was about the size of a warship, but for some reason, it only revealed a mouth that resembled a giant bell above the water. Therefore, the people on the shore felt like they were staring at a huge bell floating on the water, with its opening facing the sky.

The creature uttered a thunderous roar. Everyone’s head started buzzing from the loud noise.

Mo Fan glanced at the creature with a rather unique appearance. He was not sure what he was supposed to do to it.

Were the sea monsters so intelligent that they even knew how to stand in formations and used the strange bell creature to relay orders around?

“What the hell are those? Don’t tell me the Viscera Hunters were escorting these huge creatures here to perform a symphony in front of us?” Mo Fan could not help but ask. The sight before him was just too bizarre.

The Viscera Hunters stopped attacking him. They were backing away into the water, giving Mo Fan a chance to catch his breath. Mo Fan was very curious about what the Viscera Hunters were up to.

“I think these are most likely some Magical Sea beasts!” Lingling said with a frown.

“What’s a Magical Sea Beast? Why are the Viscera Hunters escorting them like they are their beloved daughters?” Mo Fan said.

“I’m not sure either, but I heard some Magical Sea Beasts are capable of controlling the sea,” Lingling said.

“I thought most sea monsters had the ability to control the sea?” Mo Fan had to ask.

Shen Qing seemed to know something. She stared at the strange beasts and said with a blank face, “Controlling water and controlling the sea are two different things. Most sea monsters have the ability to control water, but only the creatures capable of controlling the sea can manipulate the rules of the sea!”

“What rules does the sea have?” Mo Fan was utterly clueless about the sea.

“The most common rule is the tide, which is usually called the rise and fall of the waves.

“When the tide rises, the beach will be submerged. In some seasons, the tide might even reach a greater height. The rise and fall are mostly affected by the day and night and the changing of seasons, but there are certain unique creatures in the sea that are like the mystical creatures from the legends. Every time they show up, they greatly influence the tide. Many people in Minnan still worship these sea creatures in return for calm weather along the coastline,” Shen Qing told them.

“So what are those Viscera Hunters up to? Did they escort those mystical beasts here so we can worship them too?” Mo Fan was still confused.

Mo Fan understood the part where certain mystical creatures in the sea were able to control the tide. There existed many special creatures in the world with incomparable capabilities, yet Mo Fan was struggling to understand what the sea monsters were trying to achieve through them.

“What do you think the most important factor that determines whether the sea monsters can invade the city or not is?” Lingling asked seriously.

Mo Fan fell silent and pondered, then suddenly realized something!

He glanced at Shen Qing, whose face was as pale as a sheet of paper. It meant she had also linked the beasts to a horrifying possibility!

The Viscera Hunters were willing to serve and escorted the mystical beasts with the power to control the tide to Wuyuan Bay because they were planning to manipulate the tide and make it rise!

“The city is already submerged. Can the tide rise further?” Mo Fan asked in disbelief.

“What do you think!?” Lingling snapped.

Of course it was still possible for the tide to rise!

These unique creatures had the ability to make the tide rise rapidly. Xiamen was already in a devastated state due to the endless rain and the tropical storm. If these unique creatures make the sea level rise further, the whole city, including the higher terrain and hills would be submerged too!

By then, the sea monsters would no longer have to look for an entry point, since they could just invade the city from any direction!

Thousands of sea monsters had gathered due to the storm. If they had the perfect environment to invade the island, the city would no longer be able to defend itself, regardless of the number of Mages it had!

Chapter 1893: Level Four Tide Rise

“Holy crap! If the tide does rise, there’s no way we can evacuate the city in eight hours. These sea monsters are seriously smart!” Mo Fan cursed.

They had sent some high-level creatures to scout the island first. Then they sent the Viscera Hunters to sneak into the island to find a good entry point for the magical beasts that were able to trigger a tide rise and speed up the rate the sea water was devouring the city, so the rest of the sea monsters could invade the city too! Mo Fan had witnessed how cunning and evil these sea monsters were. They were not giving the city any chance to survive!

“There are a few more magical beasts further away, if they all use their power at the same time...” Shen Qing’s eyes were filled with despair. Even though she was only watching the beasts swimming to the island, she could already imagine the terrifying tide rising above the hills and the higher ground, including some of the tall buildings and bridges!

The number of sea monsters was many times that of the number of demon creatures on land. If the tide rose, the city would be full of sea monsters. The place would turn into a bloodbath before the eight-hour mark!

“Backup... someone, call for backup right now, tell the authorities that four Magical Sea Beasts have appeared. They are going to bring in a huge tide!” Zhang Xin had already lost his mind. He kept telling the others to call for backup, yet he was constantly backing away like he had an urge to flee for his life at once.

“It’s too late. It doesn’t take a long time for these Magical Sea Beasts to Summon the tide, not to mention there are four of them here! I doubt we can find any backup now under the circumstances, and even if we did, the tide will already be approaching like a gray line of mountains by the time our backup arrives,” Lingling said, shaking her head.

If only they could have found out what the Viscera Hunters were up to and learned of the existence of the Magical Sea Beasts half an hour earlier, they might have had a chance to stop the tragedy, but it was too late now. The Magical Sea Beasts could Summon a tide from a great distance away. It was already disastrous that the Magical Sea Beasts were in the vicinity of the island, let alone letting them reach Wuyuan Bay!

“What if we take out the Magical Sea Beasts?” Zhang Lulin asked.

“Didn’t you see the Viscera Hunters holding their positions like guards around the Magical Sea Beasts? If they can come up with the plan to bring the Magical Sea Beasts here, they are obviously going to protect the Magical Sea Beasts! Each of the Magical Sea Beasts has around a hundred Viscera Hunters by their sides, without including those that are still hiding in the water. These Viscera Hunters have already invaded the bay, yet they didn’t attack any person or building. It simply means their mission is to protect the Magical Sea Beasts. They can easily overwhelm any troop that is trying to kill the Magical Sea Beasts!” Zhang Xin blurted out in a trembling voice.

Even Advanced Mages were not going to last for more than half a minute against so many Viscera Hunters. They were thinking of helping the city just a few moments ago, but Zhang Xin’s mind was now completely occupied about how to guarantee his own safety. Once the Magical Sea Beasts Summoned a huge tide, countless sea monsters would invade the city by riding the waves.

“Lingling, how do these Magical Sea Beasts Summon the Tide?” Mo Fan asked urgently.

Lingling did not answer, since she did not necessarily know everything. The Magical Sea Beasts were an extremely rare species. Humans did not know much about them in the first place. Lingling had only read some books that mentioned them, but not much detail had been included.

“Can you see the thing that looks like a huge bell on their backs? It’s called the Tide Commanding Shell. When the Magical Sea Beasts shake their bodies vigorously, the Tide Commanding Shell will produce a sonic wave beyond our hearing range. The wave will manipulate the tide and gather the waves and undercurrents to its source. A Sea Magical Beast can double the height of a normal tide. The sonic waves are stackable too, meaning that if a Sea Magical Beast can double the tide’s height, two Magical Sea Beasts will multiply the tide’s height by four. Therefore, a single Sea Magical Beast might not matter much, but if two of them show up, the rising tide can easily overwhelm a lot of things!” Shen Qing explained what she knew.

Mo Fan gasped when he learned the principles behind the Sea Magical Beast’s power.

If two Magical Sea Beasts could multiply the tide’s height by four times, wouldn’t it mean the tide would be thirty-two times taller if there were four Magical Sea Beasts!

*{TL Note: I’m not a Mathematician, but shouldn’t it be 16 times instead?}*

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A one-meter-high wave would turn into a giant wave thirty-two meters high!

Besides, the waves were already very high due to the wild weather. If they were pushed even higher...

“Why does such a terrifying species exist in this world?” Mo Fan did not expect the power of the Magical Sea Beasts to be even scarier than he thought.

“They are spirits of the sea in the first place. Otherwise, why do you think people worshipped them in ancient times? However, with four of them showing up at the same time, I’m afraid the tide is going to be...” Shen Qing was more familiar with the terrifying ability of the Magical Sea Beasts than anyone else there.

However, why would these magical beasts allow the army of sea monsters to control them and bring great disasters to their land?

Zhang Lulin was already firing regrouping signals into the sky. The light soared into the gray sky and made the raindrops sparkle. The light was reflected on Shen Qing’s face as she turned to Mo Fan.

For some reason, Shen Qing was placing all her hopes on Mo Fan. The man was clearly not afraid of Viscera Hunters, judging from the strength he had displayed.

“Mo Fan, could you...” Shen Qing realized how naive she was in the middle of her sentence.

How was it even possible? People would be fleeing for their lives like Zhang Xin when facing so many Viscera Hunters. There was no way Mo Fan could handle the situation by himself. They were too late!

“You shouldn’t place too much hope on me. The things I can do are very limited,” Mo Fan knew what Shen Qing wanted to say. Her eyes were filled with helplessness and pleading.

"I...I know, I'm sorry," Shen Qing was a little disappointed. She said, "Let's go, we should warn the Donghai Magic Association and the military."

"Go? I didn't say I was leaving," Mo Fan sniffed.

Shen Qing raised her head and looked at Mo Fan with confusion. She did not understand what Mo Fan meant.

#### COMMENT

"I can't resolve the crisis since there are too many Viscera Hunters. I won't be able to kill them all even if I use up all my energy... however, I might be able to kill one Sea Magical Beast if I try my best. It's better to reduce the level of the rising tide, even if it's only by one level!" Mo Fan told Shen Qing.

#### Chapter 1894: I Have a Bad Habit

Shen Qing's eyes reclaimed their brilliance after hearing Mo Fan's words.

Killing a Sea Magical Beast would reduce the rising tide by a level. It was too important for the city that was already in a pinch!

"Are...are you serious?" Shen Qing gasped in disbelief.

Even a Super Mage would struggle to fend off so many Viscera Hunters. Could the person who had been tagging along to help her with a rescue operation really kill a Sea Magical Beast that was protected by so many Viscera Hunters?

"I can kill one of them, at least. Help me contact Zhang Xiaohou. If the situation isn't so bad on his side, ask him to support me. We might be able to kill two of them if there's enough time," Mo Fan reached out his hand and placed the hood of Shen Qing's raincoat back on her head. "Go."

"Got it!" Shen Qing nodded. She almost shook the hood off again. Raindrops slid down her neck and into her clothes, yet she did not feel cold at all. She sprinted toward the woods.

#### Killing two Magical Sea Beasts...

If they could take out two of the Magical Sea Beasts, the tide rise would only reduce to four times. It would still be disastrous to the city, but it was a lot better than the tide rising thirty-twofold!

It did not matter if Mo Fan was telling her the truth, nor did she know whether calling Zhang Xiaohou here was going to make any difference. She had to do as she was told immediately!

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"The rest of you, back off a little." Mo Fan moved closer to Wuyuan Bay.



Zhang Lulin was done firing the signals, yet only a few Mages had shown up. When he saw Mo Fan approaching the first Magical Sea Beast, he yelled, "Are you out of your mind? The situation is clearly out of our control. You should guarantee your own safety instead!"

"I have a bad habit of trying things no matter how bad or desperate a situation is. I have no idea what the outcome is going to be, but I'm bold enough to at least try changing the situation!" Mo Fan cracked his neck and loosened his shoulders.

Damn it, even these lowly sea monsters knew to come up with a strategy!

Even if he could not change anything, he could still vent his frustrations by killing a bunch of them!

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Mo Fan did not get too close to the Magical Sea Beast. He was standing on a bunch of floating tires, most likely swept into the bay from a factory nearby. They had ended up around the bay and the shore, providing Mo Fan with some stepping stones.

Previously, the Viscera Hunters had immediately lost their temper and charged at Mo Fan when he provoked them. They would keep chasing him even when he retreated from the bay, but now the creatures did not attack him right away, as their priority was to guarantee the Magical Sea Beasts' safety.

Mo Fan grinned when he noticed their behavior.

If they were not going to take the initiative to attack or surround him... it would make a lot of difference!

During the World College Tournament, the whole team was protecting him since he was the magic cannon of the team. He could inflict serious damage on the enemy team as long as he had a safe environment to cast his spells.

The Viscera Hunters were close-combat fighters. If they stayed close to the Viscera Hunters, he would seize the initiative!

In other words, he could fight the Viscera Hunters at a safe distance and then back away to a spot where he would not pose any threat to the Magical Sea Beasts. That way, the Viscera Hunters would not bother chasing him since they could not afford to leave the Magical Sea Beasts' side. Therefore, it would split the Viscera Hunters into smaller groups!

Taking on smaller groups of the Viscera Hunters and taking on a whole swarm of them were totally different!

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Mo Fan started drawing closer while tossing long-ranged Basic and Intermediate Spells at the Viscera Hunters. The Jagged-Bone Viscera Hunters were rather patient. They simply endured the spells when Mo Fan remained on the shore. Even if Mo Fan was using an Advanced Spell, they would only line up like a wall to resist his attack.

The shore was quite a distance away from the Viscera Hunters, thus by the time the Advanced Spell reached Wuyuan Bay, its strength had already dropped significantly. Only certain Advanced Spells could

hit targets at such a distance. If Mo Fan remained on the shore, he would not be able to kill the Sea Magical Beast even if he consumed all his Lightning Energy.

“I have to get a little closer to figure out what their acceptable range is...” Mo Fan mumbled as he stepped on the floating tires and gradually moved closer toward the water.

The Viscera Hunters were watching Mo Fan at all times. Many had already fought Mo Fan previously. They had an urge to pounce at Mo Fan and capture him alive and torture him, yet the Sea Magical Beasts were extremely weak, even though they had the strongest power to manipulate the sea. Even a single Viscera Hunter could kill them if they did not have any protection!

Mo Fan did not stop casting his spells. The Viscera Hunters began to move when he was less than three hundred meters from the group surrounding a Magical Sea Beast...

Three hundred meters!

It was their borderline.

Mo Fan canceled the Advanced Spell he was channeling. He was merely pretending to attack the Viscera Hunters to see what their reaction was. As he thought, the Viscera Hunters were reacting strongly to his actions!

“Come, I didn’t have enough just then!” Mo Fan gave the easily-provoked Viscera Hunters a mocking look.

Around thirty Viscera Hunters left the circle and attacked Mo Fan once he was within three hundred meters.

Mo Fan stayed in the area. He immediately used his Lightning Magic and fired over ten Thunderbolts across the lake. They flared rapidly and created a strong impact across the surface, fully capable of killing Commander-level creatures.

The Viscera Hunters were not Commander-level creatures, only Great Warrior-level creatures, but if the standard of how sea monsters were usually three times stronger than the demon creatures on the land, three Viscera Hunters would be as strong as a Lesser Commander-level creature!

Mo Fan’s spells were usually strong enough to kill Warrior-level creatures instantly, so he would not have any trouble taking on a hundred Warrior-level creatures, but it was not as easy when he was fighting the Viscera Hunters.

The Viscera Hunters were cunning. They were familiar with Mages’ capabilities and they could smell the destructive aura of an Advanced Spell.

Whenever Mo Fan used an Advanced Spell, the Viscera Hunters would spread out, so Mo Fan could only kill at most two or three of them, if he even landed his spell!

Chapter 1895: Relocating the Sea Monsters

The Viscera Hunters were not training dummies, and they were extremely agile.

In addition, Mo Fan's strengthened Intermediate Spells were still not strong enough to kill all of the Viscera Hunters instantly.

His Thunderbolt spell was quite effective. After all, it was an Advanced Spell that was cast with a Lightning Constellation. However, since the Viscera Hunters were so agile, each Thunderbolt could only kill three of them.

If an Advanced Spell could only kill three Viscera Hunters, there was no way he could even kill a single Magical Sea Beast before the thirty-two fold tide came, not to mention the possibility of him running out of energy.

"It's a lot easier to fight the creatures at my current distance, but it's wasting too much time! I have to be a little bolder and lure more of them to me," Mo Fan muttered to himself.

He glanced at the shore and saw the Flying Creek Snow Wolf taking a detour to look for an opening to ambush the Magical Sea Beast. Unfortunately, the Viscera Hunters were fully aware of his movements.

Mo Fan was not expecting the Flying Creek Snow Wolf to ambush the Magical Sea Beast successfully if all he was doing was provoking the Viscera Hunters from a safe distance. He sent the Flying Creek Snow Wolf to the other side to prevent too many Viscera Hunters from leaving the circle and surrounding him.

Mo Fan could only run away if he had to fight a hundred Viscera Hunters at the same time. He could only kite the creatures around, making it impossible for him to kill the Sea Magical Beasts.

It was actually useful to send the Old Wolf to another side. When Mo Fan drew another fifty meters closer, only half of the Viscera Hunters left the circle to take Mo Fan out. The rest were holding their positions while observing the situation.

"The other Magical Sea Beast and more than a hundred Viscera Hunters further away do not seem interested in the fight here." Mo Fan could see the other circle made up of another Magical Sea Beast and the Viscera Hunters protecting it when he jumped into the air to dodge some attacks.

Each Magical Sea Beast was protected by at least a hundred and fifty Viscera Hunters. They were cunning and deceitful, but most importantly, they only cared about their own business. The rest of the Viscera Hunters were not too bothered while Mo Fan was targeting the first Sea Magical Beast. Mo Fan was not sure if it was because he was still quite far away from their Sea Magical Beast. Either way, they were only focusing on looking after the Magical Sea Beast they were assigned to protect.

It was a good sign for Mo Fan. There were some other Mages in Wuyuan Bay, but he was the only capable fighter.

Luckily, he had a smart girl like Lingling with him. She was constantly asking Zhang Lulin and Zhang Xin to pretend like the human army was about to arrive.

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“That guy has seriously lost his mind to charge into an encirclement like that. He’s going to be dead for sure!” Zhang Xin was forced to stay behind. His face immediately turned pale when he saw Mo Fan slowly being surrounded by the Viscera Hunters after running toward their position.

*How could anyone be so ballsy?*

*Does he not know how vicious these Viscera Hunters were?*

Mo Fan had already reached a spot close to the circle. Over a hundred Viscera Hunters were attacking him at his current distance. He was fully surrounded by the sea monsters.

As Mo Fan drew a little closer, even the Viscera Hunters that stayed close to the Magical Sea Beast began to attack him. They could not afford to let the human get any closer to the Sea Magical Beast. They had no idea if the human was going to use some strange spell to kill their ward. They had to eliminate the threat at once.

“They are coming!”

Mo Fan realized his provocation was actually working. The Viscera Hunters were all coming to kill him.

“Bli...”

Silver dust particles drifted in the wind as a Space Constellation was built swiftly.

The Viscera Hunters let out an unpleasant laugh. As a matter of fact, the Space Element was not so effective when the Viscera Hunters were grouped together. Mo Fan was already having trouble using his Blink to dodge their attacks. Most importantly, they could easily slit his throat considering the current distance between them and the human before he could use Blink!

Trying to escape with a complicated spell while being surrounded was like a person who was busy putting his shoes on in front of a wild bear.

The Viscera Hunters were extremely cunning. They quickly attacked when they noticed Mo Fan making such a deadly mistake. More than fifty Viscera Hunters pounced at him to kill him before he could finish constructing the Space Constellation!

Mo Fan continued to draw the Star Constellation. The pattern was reflected on the surface of the lake, but he was completely surrounded by the ghastly faces of the creatures and the deadly weapons they had constructed with their bones. The Viscera Hunters had sealed off every escape route!

Bone sabers, spears, clubs, and other weapons that were covered in blood stabbed and swung at Mo Fan at the same time. His body immediately broke into pieces. The rest of the Viscera Hunters that came late proceeded to chop Mo Fan into smaller pieces.

Zhang Xin and Zhang Lulin were traumatized by the sight.

They were utterly shocked by Mo Fan’s strength when he killed the Scarlet Rending Demon with ease, yet even a strong Mage like him was torn into pieces by the group of Viscera Hunters. He had died such a horrible death, not even his remains were left!

The Space Constellation was done. It became even brighter, but its Caster was already dead. The silver Star Constellation was only a mere decoration.

However, Zhang Lulin soon noticed something strange. It seemed like the Space Constellation was still working?...

There were occasions where Mages were killed just as they completed their Star Patterns or Star Constellations. Since the spells were supported by the Mages' energy, the spells would dissipate after the Mages were killed.

However, the Space Constellation did not disappear!

The area where the Space Constellation shuddered all of a sudden. The Viscera Hunters that were attacking Mo Fan suddenly disappeared following a bright flash.

The spell was still working. It happened to teleport the Viscera Hunters that had killed Mo Fan a hundred meters away.

Meanwhile, a black mantle appeared on the spot where Mo Fan had been torn into pieces. The person wearing it was charging at the Magical Sea Beast at a terrifying pace!

"Die!"

The Viscera Hunters immediately panicked!

The Blink had relocated them a hundred meters away from the Sea Magical Beast, leaving a huge opening behind. The human was charging right at the Sea Magical Beast!

"He's alive?"

"What just happened?"

"Did the Viscera Hunters only kill a shadow decoy?" Zhang Lulin was astounded after he realized something.

Chapter 1896: The Man With the Speed of the Wind

"He used Blink to relocate the Viscera Hunters. As expected of Senior!" Zhang Xin finally realized what just happened.

Mo Fan purposely exposed himself to lure the remaining Viscera Hunters by the Magical Sea Beast's side to attack him. He then used Blink to move the Viscera Hunters away from the Magical Sea Beast after they pounced on him, giving him the perfect opportunity to kill the Magical Sea Beast!

With a huge clap of thunder, Mo Fan shoved a lightning orb at the Magical Sea Beast with half of its body above the water.

The flesh of the Magical Sea Beast blew all over the place like a scarlet wave when the lightning orb exploded!

The Magical Sea Beast's blood poured down on the Viscera Hunters. Normally, these creatures would be celebrating in the rain of blood, but the Magical Sea Beast...

The Magical Sea Beast had died, meaning that the Viscera Hunters who were supposed to protect it were doomed too!

The Viscera Hunters completely lost their calm. They roared and charged Mo Fan while they were soaked in blood.

This time, Mo Fan was truly surrounded by the creatures. More than a hundred Viscera Hunters had been enraged. They were going to drag Mo Fan to death too, or perhaps scatter his remains across the sky just like what he did to the Magical Sea Beast.

"Crap, Senior is struggling to break free from their surround!" Zhang Xin exclaimed.

They did not even have the chance to celebrate the death of the first Magical Sea Beast before they noticed Mo Fan was already injured by the raging Viscera Hunters.

The biggest problem Mo Fan was facing when being heavily surrounded was not being able to use his Advanced and Super Spells. His Basic and Intermediate Spells were not very effective against the Viscera Hunters.

"Senior, we will remember your sacrifice for the city..." Zhang Xin yelled at the circle of sea monsters in Wuyuan Bay.

"Is there really nothing we can do?" Zhang Lulin said.

"We will only get ourselves killed if we go. Killing each Magical Sea Beast will lower the tide rise by a level. Senior is buying more time for us to evacuate the city. We shouldn't let him die for nothing!" Zhang Xin declared.

"Zhang Xin, he's still alive."

"He's pretty much dead, let's go."

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Mo Fan was indeed in a very dangerous position under the circumstances. It was not his first time being surrounded by a large group of demon creatures, but the creatures then were usually Servant-class or Warrior-level creatures, and not as strong as the Viscera Hunters. Mo Fan had taken a huge risk just to kill the Magical Sea Beasts before the tide rose. He ended up leaving himself with no escape.

He had to be constantly running when fighting the Viscera Hunters to gradually reduce their numbers, so he would not be attacked from different directions. It was the only way to make sure he had a chance to use his Advanced Spells. Unfortunately, these cunning Viscera Hunters were not giving Mo Fan any chance to use his Advanced Spells. They were recklessly crossing the Intermediate Spells Mo Fan had left along the way and inflicting cuts on him.

“These scumbag undead!”

Mo Fan was covered in burning wounds. He did not withdraw his flames while he was cursing.

The presence of Fire Magic was very weak around here, and so were Little Flame Belle’s abilities. However, Mo Fan still used his Fire Element since it was his main Element when fighting. His control over the Fire Element was the strongest, so he was more adept at using the Fire Spells!

*I still made a mistake. These things are more annoying than I thought.* Mo Fan took another blow to his back. Luckily, he had formed a shield with Telekinesis to block the attacks, so the cuts were not so deep. *If my Earth Element and Chaos Element were stronger, I wouldn’t be in this situation now.*

The spells Mo Fan could use were too few. He was currently in a pinch because his Fire Element was suppressed. Most annoyingly, his Dark Material was not very effective against these creatures that were a hybrid of sea creatures and phantoms.

It did not mean his new Dark Material was not strong, but the Shadow Element was just not effective against creatures like the Viscera Hunters.

His Fire Element was not working well, and his Shadow Element, which had gotten a lot stronger recently, was useless against the Viscera Hunters. He was in a pretty bad spot. The sea had never been kind to him. If he did not Awaken other Elements and improve his Chaos Element and Earth Element, he would continue to be bullied by sea monsters!

The wind was howling. Mo Fan even sensed a significant change in the airflow nearby. He lifted his gaze amid the chaos and happened to see a huge waterspout rolling toward him like a ferocious beast.

Mo Fan initially thought some sea monster capable of manipulating the wind was attacking him, yet he realized someone was helping him when the waterspout knocked more than twenty Viscera Hunters into the sky!

Mo Fan saw a blurred figure in the waterspout, who seemed to be responsible for the powerful wind. The whole waterspout was following him!

Mo Fan was surprised. The person’s Wind Element was quite astonishing. He was able to control the wind to destroy everything along its path!

“Brother Fan, come with me!” a familiar voice shouted.

Mo Fan was startled.

It was Zhang Xiaohou? Since when was his Wind Element so powerful?

A swift figure appeared in front of Mo Fan before he could react. The wind around him quickly engulfed Mo Fan and swept him higher.

“Time to go!”

The wind suddenly picked up its momentum and forced an opening through the encircling creatures, helping them to break out of the circle.

The Viscera Hunters lunged at them angrily. They even rammed into the waterspout to drag Mo Fan down, but Zhang Xiaohou's speed was absolutely insane. He managed to clear a path right through the pack of them. The Viscera Hunters seemed a lot slower when compared to Zhang Xiaohou!

Speed had always been Zhang Xiaohou's strength. Mo Fan just did not expect his speed to be so shocking.

Did Mo Fan have to worry about being surrounded by the Viscera Hunters or not having an opportunity to kill the Magical Sea Beasts now that Zhang Xiaohou was here?

Chapter 1897: Feathers of the Wind Spirits

Zhang Xiaohou brought Mo Fan to the shore after breaking out of the surrounding Viscera Hunters. The shore was now submerged in deep water, as the tide had risen because of the Magical Sea Beasts. There were not many good spots to set their feet on nearby.

Zhang Xiaohou looked around him and realized there was not a single place for Mo Fan to stand on. He cast a Wind Spell that Mo Fan had never seen before.

"Wind Wheel!"

Two Wind Wheels formed under Mo Fan's feet. They could support him easily, as if Mo Fan had put on a pair of shoes that were able to hover in the air while maintaining his balance. He was able to walk in the air now!

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Most Wind Mages could only use the spell on themselves, and it was rare to see anyone able to cast it on someone else like Zhang Xiaohou just did. It was likely that the man had never stopped training diligently since they last met. He had also had his own special encounters, which had provided him with great benefits.

"Hehe, it was the Fruit of the Vow. Not only did my Wind Element improve significantly after consuming it, I also learned some unexpected skills! The spell that I Cast to bring you out of there and the Wind Wheels are from my Feathers of the Wind Spirits. I only discovered that I could Cast them on someone else recently. Brother Fan, you should be able to familiarize yourself with the Wind Wheels after some practice." Zhang Xiaohou had indeed been Mo Fan's friend for a very long time. He knew exactly what Mo Fan was thinking!

"These Wind Wheels are perfect for me," Mo Fan nodded.

The tide had risen in the bay. There had been some abandoned tires and broken trees floating around before, but there was nothing but water now. It was a troublesome sight for Mo Fan.



“Brother Fan, I rarely see you injured like this. However, I did notice that the sea monsters are a lot stronger than the demon creatures on the land. I almost messed up when I first encountered them!” Zhang Xiaohou sighed.

“Some of my Elements are greatly hindered by the environment... Houzi, do you see those circles of bony scum in the bay?” Mo Fan stood in the air with the help of Zhang Xiaohou’s Wind Wheels and pointed at a nearby area.

Zhang Xiaohou followed Mo Fan’s gaze and noticed the area Mo Fan was referring to was already submerged in fierce waves. The waves had reached ten to twenty meters high, like moving mountains.

Zhang Xiaohou saw the creatures Mo Fan had mentioned between the waves. They were a group of Viscera Hunters half-submerged in the water. Some were spreading their limbs out like spiders to float or glide above the surface of the water.

“But we aren’t done with those in front of us,” Zhang Xiaohou said with a wry smile.

“Shen Qing should have told you what those things are. If the tide reaches the third level, we will all end up as floating bodies soon,” Mo Fan said.

“Brother Fan, I understand... so, do you have any good plans?” Zhang Xiaohou asked.

“Plan my ass, let’s screw them up!”

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“...”

Mo Fan did not have time to come up with a plan. Even if they had a strategy, they had to adapt to the situation on hand during a battle. Mo Fan was not the kind to worry about coming up with a plan first; his strategy was always taking on the enemy head-on before worrying about the rest!

“I’ll lure these creatures away first. Brother Fan, you should give the Viscera Hunters around the second Magical Sea Beast some trouble. I’ll sneak up on it later,” Zhang Xiaohou said.

Zhang Xiaohou had no idea whether Mo Fan had heard him. However, there was no need to state everything clearly with the synergy they had developed over the years.

Mo Fan no longer had to worry about finding himself solid ground to stand on after being given the Wind Wheels. They made Mo Fan a lot more comfortable. Besides, he could also use his Fire Element in the air. His Soul-grade flames could easily evaporate the petty raindrops!

Mo Fan rode the Wind Wheels and approached the circle of Viscera Hunters around the second Magical Sea Beast recklessly. The Viscera Hunters were like tigers and leopards accumulating their strength. They were tensing their bodies and limbs taut while glaring at Mo Fan up in the air. They were surely going to pounce at him once he was within their reach!

“Flame Sword!”

Mo Fan despised these Viscera Hunters a great deal now. He straight away used the strongest spells of his Fire Element.

He unleashed the three Soul-grade Flames while being Possessed by Little Flame Belle. Several Swords made of scorching lava appeared around Mo Fan. They plunged forward like meteors at the Viscera Hunters when Mo Fan pointed at them with a strong killing intent!

Mo Fan might have many Elements, but he had to admit that he was favoring his main Elements too much. The Viscera Hunters might be strong, but they were nowhere strong enough to inflict so many injuries on him and trap him. He was merely relying too heavily on the Fire Element and Little Flame Belle's Possess. His Fire Element was the main reason he was capable of defending himself when fighting against huge numbers. The Flame Belle's Domain would inflict serious damage on enemies that were too close to him, giving Mo Fan a safe environment to cast his destructive spells.

However, whenever he was up against sea monsters, especially when he had no choice but to fight in the waves, he would lose the game-breaking ability from being Possessed by Flame Belle. In addition, this environment was not perfect for his Lightning Element either, making him far more passive in the battle!

Mo Fan was relying too much on his Fire and Lightning Elements. If his Space, Summoning, Shadow, Chaos, and Earth Elements were as strong as his Lightning and Fire Elements, why would he struggle so much against these Viscera Hunters?

It was not like Mo Fan's other Elements were not as useful as the Lightning and Fire Elements. This was all because Mo Fan had been taking on difficult challenges by fighting Ruler-level creatures or groups of Commander-level creatures. Therefore, the other Elements that were significantly weaker did not feel as useful to him.

In the end, his cultivation was still lacking!

His Fire and Lightning Elements were indeed strong enough to pose a threat to a Ruler-level creature.

Unfortunately, his other Elements could only inflict serious injuries on Commander-level creatures. They would struggle to hurt a Ruler-level creature.

Mo Fan tossed the Flame Swords at the Viscera Hunters while hovering in the air. He was not so brainless as to not know the Fire Element would be weakened by the water. It was merely because his Fire Element's attacks were still stronger than other Elements, even when the environment was not favorable for him. As for his Lightning Element, he had used a lot of it previously. His energy would be depleted soon if he did not conserve it!

The Viscera Hunters were sea monsters, and so they were fond of wet and chilly environments. They greatly despised the Fire Element. Yet these cunning phantoms were surprisingly loyal in front of the Magical Sea Beast. They held their claws together and formed a huge shield with their backbones above the Magical Sea Beast to block the Flame Swords!

White vapor blew into the sky above the bay, but soon dispersed beneath the heavy rain.

Chapter 1898: Tempered Flame, Raging Phoenix

Little Flame Belle was furious. If she could fight these Viscera Hunters on the land, she could easily burn them into ashes with her Soul-grade flames, killing them instantly if they dared to block her path. Most annoyingly, these Viscera Hunters were too close to water. They were using the water to reduce the heat of the Flame Swords before blocking them with their bodies. The Flame Swords had no chance of burning through their bones after losing so much of their heat!

“Stay calm. Even if their water isn’t as strong as our Soul-grade flames, it’s normal for water to be strong against fire. Little Flame Belle, you should withdraw your Domain slightly. Your fire will be hindered a lot more if you spread it too far away. You’re only wasting your energy,” Mo Fan comforted her. He knew she was feeling impatient.

Little Flame Belle was not just standing by when she was Possessing Mo Fan. The raging flames engulfing Mo Fan, the Fire Domain spreading a few hundred meters away, and the Fire Magic accumulating around Mo Fan were all under Little Flame Belle’s control. Whenever she Possessed Mo Fan, it was the two of them fighting together, instead of Mo Fan fighting by himself!

Little Flame Belle withdrew her meaningless Domain and only maintained a small ring of flames around them, using it to evaporate the raindrops since she would feel extremely uncomfortable if the rain fell on her!

“Try to gather the flames. I heard there’s a kind of lava deep in the sea that even the cold water struggles to cool. They only solidify into rocks after a long time. If our flames are concentrated enough with a high enough temperature, their water won’t stand a chance against our Soul-grade flames...” Mo Fan told Little Flame Belle his plan patiently.

Little Flame Belle agreed with Mo Fan. She started gathering the flames and refining them into a flame with higher density!

She temporarily put the Ardent Sunset and Meteor Scarlet aside. She placed all her focus on the Calamity Fire.

The Calamity Fire was Little Flame Belle’s natal flame, and she was able to dig out more energy from it. She currently needed a refined version of it instead of trying to spread it all over the place. She turned herself into a little furnace where the Fire Magic was constantly refined. She would soon produce a purer version of the Calamity Fire!

Mo Fan was harassing the Viscera Hunters with his Space Element as he waited for Little Flame Belle to refine the flame. He soon noticed the color of the ring of flame about him turning from a faint brown-red to a much more vivid hue!

The Calamity Fire’s strength might be restricted by the level of the Soul-grade Fire, but if Little Flame Belle kept refining the flame with Fire Magic, she could modify the fire’s temperature and density. The fire would last longer and would be harder to be put out!

“Ling!~” Little Flame Belle let out an excited cry, telling her king that the furnace was heated!

“Alright! Let’s show them what we’ve got!” Mo Fan could already feel the difference in the Calamity Fire.

“Let them have a taste of the phoenix!”

Mo Fan extended his arms as Little Flame Belle spread the refined Calamity Fire around him.

The flames spread out under Mo Fan’s control. Not only were they engulfing Mo Fan’s body, they further took on the shape of a flaming bird, making Mo Fan look like a sacred phoenix who had just been reborn!

Shen Qing and Zhang Lulin were dumbfounded when they saw the sacred phoenix rising into the sky, stacked on top of Mo Fan’s figure amid the rain.

They had never seen any Fire Spell that was able to merge with its Caster. They were unable to tell if some heavenly fire spirit had Possessed him or the Aura of his Fire Element was actually that imperious!

The pure and rising cry of a phoenix rang out, and the phoenix-clad Mo Fan dove for the fierce waves below. The brilliant light of the attack immediately dyed the gray sea red!

The Viscera Hunters were still using their previous tactic of forming a shield with their bodies. Their bones were indeed quite sturdy, and the layer of water flowing over them strengthened them like a steel shell.

The layer of bones above the Magical Sea Beast was indeed a strong layer of protection against Mo Fan’s Raging Phoenix!

The refined Calamity Fire was much stronger than before. The waves splashed as the rain poured down heavily upon them. In the past, the flames would gradually weaken during the flight, but it was not the same this time. The waves and the rain were struggling to get closer to the refined Calamity Fire no matter how fierce and cold they were. They evaporated instantly after reaching a certain distance.

The Raging Phoenix smashed down on the Viscera Hunters and broke through the layer of water first, the first protective layer covering their bones. Previously, Mo Fan’s Fire Spell would be weakened by half after making contact with the water, but after he increased the temperature and density of the Calamity Fire, the layer of water could no longer resist its force!

The flames finally struck the bones of the Viscera Hunters directly!

The Viscera Hunters were only Warrior-level creatures in the end. The layer of water could not regenerate continuously if they were out of the sea. After losing the important protection, they were only as tough as Warrior-level creatures on the land!

They were not Commander-level creatures, which meant they would be killed instantly by Mo Fan’s flames!

After Mo Fan and Little Flame Belle broke down the water membrane, the flames continued to melt through the Viscera Hunters’ bones!

The Viscera Hunters cried out in agony. They had bravely stacked their bodies up to shield the Magical Sea Beast, but they now wished they had a few extra pairs of legs just so they could run away from the wrath of the Phoenix. Unfortunately, they no longer had the chance after they grew too full of themselves!

The Viscera Hunters had formed a mountain of bones without any visible gaps when they were stacked together. However, the Phoenix soon melted a huge hole right through the mountain, killing a third of the Viscera Hunters in seconds!

The last thing these creatures should have done was bundle up together against a destructive Mage like Mo Fan. If Mo Fan found a way to break through their defenses, he would reduce them to a pile of ashes!

“A chance!”

Zhang Xiaohou had finished luring another group of Viscera Hunters away. He was figuring out a way to make his way through the Viscera Hunters when Mo Fan simply tore a huge hole right through them with the Raging Phoenix!

Chapter 1899: We have grown Stronger

The Feathers of the Wind Spirits gathered on Zhang Xiaohou’s back after he Summoned them. They combined into a pair of mystical and stunningly beautiful wings. The Wind Wings did not beat the usual way, as the Wings of the Wind Spirits were rather tiny. As they turned into two larger wings, it was like a few hundred propellers had been installed on Zhang Xiaohou’s back, launching him into the sky like a jet.

Mo Fan’s flames were still around. Zhang Xiaohou quickly found the perfect spot to break through the Viscera Hunters’ defense.

“I see it!”

Zhang Xiaohou found the Magical Sea Beast with the help of the light produced by Mo Fan’s flames!

The Magical Sea Beast was being protected by the Viscera Hunters as carefully as if it was their child. Previously, they could not even see the mouth of the Magical Sea Beast that resembled a giant bell. Zhang Xiaohou finally saw what it looked like after breaking through the surrounding Viscera Hunters.

Mo Fan was moving rapidly amid the flames. He asked when he saw Zhang Xiaohou flying into the opening, “Houzi, can you take care of it?”

“Not a problem!”

Mo Fan had opened a huge hole, but there were still more than a hundred Viscera Hunters gathered around the Magical Sea Beast. The Viscera Hunters who were not injured by the flames were still protecting the Magical Sea Beasts with their lives. Mo Fan had used all his might to unleash the Raging Phoenix. He had no energy left to kill the rest of the Viscera Hunters, so Zhang Xiaohou was the perfect candidate to take over his role.

Zhang Xiaohou was extremely quick, and even the flames could not match the speed of his wind. The Viscera Hunters with rather slow reaction times did not even notice a human had woven through them, too busy focusing on Mo Fan's flames.

The Viscera Hunters who did notice Zhang Xiaohou could not do anything, unless they formed another wall with their bodies to stop Zhang Xiaohou from getting any closer, or he could easily sneak past them!

A dozen Viscera Hunters pounced at Zhang Xiaohou, and he quickly came to a stop. The smartass Viscera Hunters had predicted where Zhang Xiaohou was going to be based on his speed, yet they all ended up missing their attacks. They even fell into the water from their momentum.

Zhang Xiaohou picked up speed again after dodging those Viscera Hunters. Another group of Viscera Hunters made some moves on him, yet he was like a sparrow in a jungle, dodging every obstacle in his path.

"Die, monster!"

Zhang Xiaohou reached the Magical Sea Beast, and clenched his hands into claws. The intelligent Feathers of the Wind Spirits immediately settled around his hands and slashed at the target murderously as Zhang Xiaohou swung his fists!

The tiny feathers emitted a sharp gleam. The wind they produced slashed forward like a pair of ferocious claws!

The wind claws landed on the Magical Sea Beast. The rest of the Viscera Hunters naively thought they could take the blow on behalf of the Magical Sea Beast, yet their bones were soon torn into pieces by the imperious claws!

The Magical Sea Beast did not survive either. It was shredded into bloody pieces that scattered across the water, just like the remains of the Viscera Hunters. Its mouth, previously vibrating to produce the sonic wave, was still gaping as it fell to the bottom of the bay.

"Nicely done!" Mo Fan exclaimed when he saw the Magical Sea Beast was dead.

That sonic wave was manipulating the tide. The remaining two Magical Sea Beasts further away were still playing their symphony, but as the first two Magical Sea Beasts died, the strength of the sonic wave had weakened by two levels, so the incoming tide had fallen significantly.

Even though there was a certain delay needed for the height of the tide to change, the difference was quite obvious. The difference between the peak and the bottom of the waves was around twenty meters previously. They were literally like incoming beasts just then, but the difference was now around seven to eight meters.

Even though the waves were still huge, they would soon be weakened by the obstacles around the island, including the mountains and hills. The city would slowly be flooded instead of being devoured by a tsunami!

"Brother Fan, let's go!"

Zhang Xiaohou knew there was no reason to waste further time on the Viscera Hunters. He flew to Mo Fan's side and withdrew to the shore with the Feathers of the Wind Spirits.

It was a lot more convenient for Mo Fan to move around with Zhang Xiaohou's aid. They could just break out of an encirclement amid the Viscera Hunters as they pleased. They shook off the enraged sea monsters in the blink of an eye and made it back to the shore.

"Thank you, thank you so much!..." Shen Qing was so emotionally stirred that tears almost ran down her cheeks.

She had grown up in this city. She would feel like she had lost everything if the city was swept away by the tide!

"We came to help. Many cities across the country are suffering from different disasters. We must stick together and help one another to survive in these difficult times," Zhang Xiaohou replied calmly.

Shen Qing did not expect Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou to actually be able to kill the Magical Sea Beasts. Apart from being grateful to them, she was utterly impressed now. "If I was strong as you two, I'll be able to do a lot of things... but unfortunately, there's nothing I can do right now."

"Don't say that, you've saved a lot of people! Strength doesn't mean everything. Most importantly, we're all in this together. If you didn't warn me about the Magical Sea Beasts' power, terrible things would be happening right now," Mo Fan reassured her.

The device on Zhang Xiaohou's wrist suddenly blinked rapidly while Mo Fan was comforting Shen Qing, as if there was some emergency.

"Brother Fan, we have a mission with a higher danger level. They are requesting backup from Super Mages," Zhang Xiaohou said with a frown.

"Why can't they give me a chance to catch my breath?... Forget it, let's go," Mo Fan sighed.

"Mm, I'll give you the Wind Wheels!"

Zhang Xiaohou and Mo Fan did not stay around longer. The remaining two Magical Sea Beasts were no longer a threat!

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Zhang Xiaohou looked back at Shen Qing, who watched them leave as they flew above the flooded city.

"What is it?" asked Mo Fan, looking confused.

"She reminds me a lot of things in the past. We were actually weaker than her before. We used everything we had to survive, and now, we can actually change a lot of things. We no longer feel helpless too... It's quite a relief for me," Zhang Xiaohou rubbed his nose. His eyes were glittering a little.

"Yeah, we have grown stronger!" Mo Fan agreed loudly.

"Mm, we did... but Bo City is no longer around..."

Chapter 1900: At Least a Purple Alert!

The strange thing was, even after everything they had been through, especially those events that were even worse than the Calamity of Bo City, the words that Zhang Xiaohou uttered easily broke through the defenses in Mo Fan's heart and touched the deepest parts of it. His emotions were stirred uncontrollably, like ripples before spreading throughout his body.

It sounded like there had been a hole in Zhang Xiaohou's heart ever since the Calamity of Bo City. The hole had not closed up, despite the amount of time that had passed. As a matter of fact, no wounds or holes in a person's heart could ever be fixed with time. Time would only make people forget, run away, or give up. The only way to fix these holes was to gather their courage to face their problems.

The sense of helplessness in the past was their motivation to work harder now and in the future.

The same situation or same calamity might happen again. Even though Bo City was not the victim, the fact that they were able to bring hope to people like Shen Qing who truly loved their homes was a way to slowly mend the hole in their hearts. The sense of relief was slowly healing their wounds.

They could not get back what they had lost, nor would the wounds heal over time. The time that passed would numb their emotions, but when the same thing happened again, it would easily blow away the dust that had precipitated in their hearts.

No one could possibly go back in time or stop time. The only thing they could do was to work harder and stop the same incident from happening again!

Therefore, when Shen Qing was in tears expressing her sincere gratitude, Zhang Xiaohou immediately remembered Bo City that he could no longer go back to. He also remembered how hard Mo Fan fought just to protect whatever city he was in, from Beijiang all the way to the Great Pyramid of Giza.

Zhang Xiaohou could not forget the girl lying in the pool of her own blood, while Mo Fan could not forget Bo City soaking in the crimson rain of blood. He loved Bo City more than anyone else. The hole in his heart had motivated him to contribute to the Ancient Capital and Beijiang, but the things he had done would never fill up the hole in his heart.

Zhang Xiaohou did not express his thoughts well, and was rather confused at times. His Brother Fan might seem like a carefree and selfish person, yet he still saw Mo Fan as the most impressive person he knew and enjoyed hanging around him. He finally knew the reason behind it!

"Brother Fan, this might sound a little lame, but I really think you are actually like a hero now," Zhang Xiaohou suddenly piped.

A real hero truly would save others instead of themselves.

"Really? Heroes normally have a devastating past, which gives them a great sense of justice and formidable strength. They are always surrounded by beauties, too. The first criterion doesn't really fit me, the second is alright, but I will have to work harder to achieve the third one..." Mo Fan was amused by Zhang Xiaohou's comment, and soon burst out laughing.

"So according to your logic, the combination of you and Brother Zhao is a hero then?" Zhang Xiaohou smiled.



“Old Zhao?” Mo Fan rubbed his jaw. He immediately corrected Zhang Xiaohou’s statement, “None of us three is a hero. There are certain things we lack, but if you, me, and Old Zhao are combined together, we do tick all the boxes!”

Zhang Xiaohou was startled, and subconsciously scratched his head.

It was indeed the case!

“Don’t always think so highly of me. I’m a selfish person most of the time, but I just can’t help it. I’ve been around you two for a long time. Every time I have the urge to just turn around and leave, I will remember you two and wonder what you would do if you were in my shoes. You will definitely try your best to do something instead of running away!” Mo Fan patted Zhang Xiaohou on the back of his head and added, “I’m limited on my own, too. If you hadn’t saved me from the Viscera Hunters just now, I would be dead by now instead of looking like a hero in your eyes. You are pretty strong now too! You always surprise me!”

“The military has been helping me a lot. I’m basically relying on them, but Brother Fan, you have been doing everything yourself...” Zhang Xiaohou said ashamedly.

“Yu Ang once said that background is considered one’s strength too! Now that I think about it, there’s nothing wrong with his saying.”

“Yu Ang? I heard that you tore him to pieces at Beiyu Mountain!”

“Mm, you should really have seen his eyes popping out. I managed to eat an extra bowl of rice for dinner that night,” Mo Fan confirmed.

“HAHA, you should turn his corpse into a sample and put it in Bo City’s museum. We’ll see if the Black Vatican dares to stir any trouble again!” Zhang Xiaohou laughed.

“You’re right, I will ask the people at Beiyu Mountain if they still have his corpse!” Mo Fan agreed with Zhang Xiaohou’s suggestion.

“Ugh.. .Brother Fan, I was just joking. That’s going to be disgusting.”

“Not at all, it might actually increase my appetite if I look at it when I’m in a bad mood!”

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*A condo in the Southern Zone of the Pearl Institute...*

Zhao Manyan stretched and flung his golden hair around. He felt a lot more refreshed.

He walked along the cozy path in the park and blatantly observed the girls who were having pleasant conversations around him. He enjoyed staying here, as it was close to the girls’ dormitory. He could easily find some beauties when he was least expecting it. The girls would be even more charming and attractive once he refined them with his magical hands!

As soon as Zhao Manyan located his prey, the wooden clapper in his pocket started knocking, as if it was trying to get rid of his evil thoughts. Zhao Manyan was immediately displeased. Why must his Lifetime

Vessel be something that was commonly used by the monks? The last thing he would do in his life was to be a monk!

“Stop knocking, how worldly can you be? You didn’t even bother responding when I was still an Advanced Mage, but you’re Summoning me now when I’m just about to have some relaxing moments with a chick after achieving the Super Level. What’s with the rush!?” Zhao Manyan snarled.

Zhao Manyan tried to put the wooden clapper away, yet it started knocking even louder. Zhao Manyan had no choice but to look at it. He suddenly saw a scene transmitted into his mind by the wooden clapper. He was extremely familiar with the place. It was Pudong District, that had been turned into the Pudong Sea after it was flooded.

“Holy crap, when did you come to Shanghai? I’ll go look for you, don’t come any closer! You’re going to cause a lot of trouble!” Zhao Manyan yelled.

Zhao Manyan was startled speechless. The world was so big, so the ancient turtle would usually pretend to be an island in some random ocean. Zhao Manyan always struggled to track it down, yet it had come to the East China Sea when Zhao Manyan least expected it. It had already reached the Pudong Sea!

Zhao Manyan no longer had the mood to have an enjoyable time with some chick. He quickly ran for Pudong Sea, as he was afraid the Magic City would sound the alarm at any second. Knowing Baxia’s power, he knew it would trigger at least a Purple Alert as soon as it approached the safe zone!