

## Versatile 1991

### Chapter 1991: The Traceless Hunter

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The Mailong Private Military Group set out at night.

They knew it was unwise to mess with the Tianshan Demon Tigers, so they decided to avoid them at all costs.

Luckily, the Tianshan Demon Tigers did not live in packs, and had their own territories. The group just had to follow the safe route that Guan Yu and Night Rakshasa had scouted.

“These creatures have outstanding awareness. They can detect us through presence and sound, but I have a feeling they have other strong senses too,” Guan Yu commented.

“We’re making progress. It’s better than being stuck back there,” Kuma replied.

Kuma was quite impressed by Guan Yu’s capabilities. She initially thought the ninth team would be a burden to the group, but it had turned out that a few of its members were very impressive.

The group hurried through the night. The Tianshan Demon Tigers were more active in the day. Little movements at night did not bother them unless they were extremely close to the creatures.

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The sky was turning brighter. The light of dawn shone on the Alpine layer’s many pine trees. The same trees were common in the Rift Valley, as not every section of the Rift Valley was dark and narrow. There was little difference between the Rift Valley and the Alpine Layer. The group actually wondered if they were still in the Rift Valley.

The ground was covered in pine needles. They cracked softly when they were stepped on.

The snow melted in the morning, making the needles wet. It felt uneasy walking on the silent path that was full of needles. They were unable to tell whether the footsteps they heard were friendly, or if they belonged to a predator that was running out of patience.

Mo Fan began to feel a little thirsty. He took out a bottle of drinking water and conveniently passed it to Mu Ningxue, since he preferred it cold.

Mu Ningxue looked up and twisted her lips.

She passed the bottle back to him. Mo Fan thought she would just ignore his lame request, but he noticed the bottle was indeed chilled.

Mo Fan took a big sip from the bottle. He turned to Apas and saw she kept looking behind them.

“Go ahead first, I’ll need to train my pet,” Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan went to the back of the team. Apas immediately put on an angry and disdainful look when the taller Mo Fan came closer. She turned her head around, implying that she was not in the mood to talk to him.

“Is there something behind us?” Mo Fan asked.

“Who knows?” Apas answered.

“Apas, you seriously think I’m unaware of your little tricks? I asked you to take care of Mu Ningxue when she was sick, but did you do it?” Mo Fan spoke in a heavy voice.

“I...” Apas was a little intimidated when Mo Fan’s gaze sharpened. She had no idea why she was afraid of Mo Fan. She had an urge to behave herself whenever Mo Fan sounded serious. “I was just curious if she had some other abilities.”

“If you do it again next time, I’ll throw you back to Egypt!” Mo Fan threatened.

The look in Apas’ eyes shifted. “I dare you to do it then!” Apas harrumphed.

“Stop right there.”

“I’m not your slave!” Apas ran toward a ravine nearby.

It looked like she was just running at a normal pace, but she disappeared in the blink of an eye. Mo Fan tried to catch up to her with Blink, but he soon lost track of her.

Mo Fan was going to Summon her back forcibly, but he shook his head instead when he realized it was only going to make her angrier.

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“She was right beside my tent all the time,” Mu Ningxue informed him later.

“(Sigh), why do I feel like it’s trickier to deal with my Contracted Beast than my girlfriend?” Mo Fan exclaimed. He immediately realized how inappropriate it sounded. He quickly corrected himself, “I wasn’t referring to you. By the way, I heard they say something howling injured Gavin when you were sick. What was that?”

“It was my Third Element,” Mu Ningxue admitted.

“Your Third Element? I always thought you were focused with the Ice Element, so you never bothered to Awaken your Third and Fourth Elements,” Mo Fan said.

“I haven’t Awakened the fourth Element, but the third Element is a little complicated...” Mu Ningxue said.

Mu Ningxue was just about to explain her third Element when they heard something like a whistle from Nanyu’s direction. Only those on their team would hear it.

“It sounds like something just happened,” Mo Fan said.

“Let’s go take a look.”

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The Mailong Private Military Group had already stopped. The captains and Kuma were heading to the back of the group.

The seventh team was the last team in the group. They had not suffered many casualties so far, and had taken over the ninth team’s role watching the group’s trail.

“Something is following us,” reported Auburn, the captain of the seventh squad.

“Three of us have gone missing.”

“They might be dead, I heard something dragging them away,” Nanyu said.

“Damn it, we couldn’t see it clearly. We only saw something big flashing past and dragging the guy at the back up the wall. None of us can fly, and we don’t have any Earth or Wind Mages to chase after it!” Auburn swore.

“Remain in your positions. Stay on alert!” Kuma ordered.

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They waited for an hour but nothing happened. Even the sound of the leaves being stepped on was gone. Everyone held their breaths and focused, but they did not notice anything apart from the pine trees and the cliffs.

“They have gone far away,” Nanyu reported.

“Let’s hurry. We might have entered some creature’s territory,” Kuma said.

It would be almost impossible to find the missing members. They had to leave this place as soon as possible.

The Mailong Private Military Group continued forward, everyone picking up their pace. It was unwise to stay in the dangerous area for too long.

They continued forward for some time and rested that evening. The sunlight at dusk was the same orange color as the dawn. It shone upon the ground needle-covered like a spectacular drawing.

Mu Ningxue went over to Lingling, worried the little girl might struggle with the cold. She wrapped her thick coat around Lingling.

Lingling was sleeping on the back of the Flying Creek Snow Wolf. Mu Ningxue placed her coat on the little girl’s back and patted her softly.

Soft footsteps came from a little corner with a pile of pine needles. The needles were rustling, whether it was because of the wind or something was moving on them.

Chapter 1992: The Predator in White

Mu Ningxue stared at the pine trees. A woman with her hair in a braid from the seventh team was walking toward them, intending to pluck a Lantern Fruit from them.

The Lantern Fruits of the Alpine Level were utterly delicious. The mercenaries had been stuck eating dried food, so the Lantern Fruits were obviously more appealing to their stomach.

“Don’t go over there!” Mu Ningxue yelled at the braided woman.

The woman looked at Mu Ningxue and grinned disdainfully. She purposely took a huge step toward the Lantern Fruits and plucked one. She took a huge bite on it to assert her ownership of it!

The same rustling sound occurred again. Even though Mu Ningxue could not see a thing, she knew something was hiding nearby.

As she thought, a very quick white blur suddenly jumped out from the pines.

The white figure pinned the female mercenary to the ground in the blink of an eye. It bit down on her shoulder and jumped onto a tree that was growing out of a wall, carrying the screaming woman with it.

The white creature jumped again after landing on the tree, hopping to a rock that was sticking out of a cliff.

The others nearby finally realized what was going on. They immediately looked up, yet they could only see the bottom of the cliff. They did not see the white creature, nor could they see the woman being carried away!

“They are above the cliff!” Mu Ningxue shouted.

However, the mercenaries nearby were not that strong. Their speed was nowhere close to that of the white creature.

Mu Ningxue told the Flying Creek Snow Wolf, “Take care of Lingling.” A gust of wind circled Mu Ningxue and lifted her up.

She stopped briefly when she was around twenty meters up, a pair of elegant white wings spreading on her back. They were made up of milky-white lines of wind, and were quite noble and spectacular.

Mu Ningxue beat her wings and launched herself further into the sky, nearly rising above the cliffs on both sides.

She immediately scanned the cliffs from above and noticed the white creature moving rapidly on the irregular terrain. It was climbing, bouncing between walls, and sprinting across the ground at times.

“Such an agile creature!” Mu Ningxue was surprised by the creature’s speed.

The area had a lot of huge pine trees. Mu Ningxue would not even notice where the creature was going if it weren’t for the needles that were being swept into the air.

The wings on her back beat once. The Wind Wings suddenly turned into propellers that pushed Mu Ningxue a few hundred meters away in an instant.

Unfortunately, she soon noticed the white creature disappearing into a cluster of boulders. She was unable to tell where it had gone from her angle.

Mu Ningxue had no choice but to transform the Wind Wings and rise higher into the air, similar to a bird that was trying not to lose its prey.

A piercing screech came from the sky. Mu Ningxue looked up and saw an eagle, shining like a metallic fighter jet under the light of the setting sun as it spread its wings. It was glaring at Mu Ningxue, who was gliding below it, with great hostility.

Mu Ningxue realized she had almost reached the height that belonged to high-level species. She quickly lowered her altitude.

After descending to a height of around a hundred meters, the eagle stopped staring at Mu Ningxue so hostilely.

However, it was harder for Mu Ningxue to stay on the white creature's trail. She had no choice but to fly close to the walls and cliffs, and quickly found herself in complicated terrain. It was not easy to dodge the odd rocks that were poking out of the walls, let alone the huge pines that were growing from the cliffs.

The white creature was obviously familiar with its surroundings. It knew where the caves, streams, and trees that could hold its weight were. The complicated terrain did not hinder its movements.

Mu Ningxue kept chasing after it. She could only search for it during the remaining sunlight.

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The sun finally set. The Rift Valley was getting darker.

A gust of wind blew down from above. The seventh team of the Mailong Private Military Group immediately went on alert and looked up.

An alluring figure surrounded by white Wind Wings descended from above. It was Mu Ningxue, who had gone chasing after the white beast.

"How was it?" Mo Fan immediately went up to her.

"I only found this." Mu Ningxue placed a severed bloody hand on a rock.

"Even you couldn't catch up to it?" Zhao Manyan blurted out in surprise.

Mu Ningxue was extremely fast, an expert of the Ice and Wind Elements. If she struggled to catch up with the white beast, the others would have no chance to track it down.

"It wouldn't be able to escape if we were on a prairie, but in these mountains..." Mu Ningxue sighed in resignation.

"What else did you notice?" Mo Fan asked her.

"It was a Tianshan Demon Tiger. Half of its body was white," Mu Ningxue said.

It was very easy to evaluate a Tianshan Demon Tiger's level. The more white fur it had, the higher its lineage and level!

An ordinary Tianshan Demon Tiger was ice-blue with white stripes. However, the one that Mu Ningxue was chasing after was half-white, indicating that it was a high-level Tianshan Demon Tiger.

"It must be the same creature that killed three members of team seven," Jiang Shaoxu said.

"Seriously? I thought we had already left its territory."

"Yeah, we were moving pretty quickly. We even made sure nothing was on our trail. How did it find us?" Auburn wondered.

"Stay on alert and rub your eyes to keep alert of your surroundings," Kuma warned them.

"Vice Leader..." the leader of the third team, Tommy hurried over like there was something urgent.

"Two of our members that were on patrol have gone missing.

"When did it happen?" Kuma asked.

"Fifteen minutes ago," Tommy said.

Kuma frowned immediately.

"Three victims again," Mu Ningxue murmured.

If it happened fifteen minutes ago, it implied the woman with a braid was the third victim. The creature was seriously unpredictable!

Chapter 1993: Moving Canteen

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The Mailong Private Military Group decided to leave the mountains that night. They were moving even quicker this time, trying to leave the Tianshan Demon Tiger's territory and shake it off.

The group finally stopped in the afternoon of the next day. Bright sunlight shone upon the irregular mountains, delivering warmth to the Rift Valley.

"It has been a while since we were last under the sun. I'm already missing the Middle East," a mercenary with a hat spoke up.

"I believe you miss the warm embrace of your new girlfriend's bust instead?" another mercenary grinned.

"HAHA, you're right on the money! To be honest, she doesn't treat me seriously. I'll dump her after having a blast once I earn a fortune from this mission. I'll look for someone with a beautiful face too!" the mercenary with a hat said.

A cold shadow suddenly loomed over the mercenary as they were talking. Its menacing eyes were glaring at them like they were mere food to it.

“We’re under attack!” the mercenary yelled.

The shadow that was blocking the sunlight suddenly disappeared with a whoosh. The man immediately searched for the figure among the rocks, yet he only saw some leaves spiraling.

“Where’s the enemy?”

“I saw it just then, right over there,” the man said.

Someone tossed a Brilliant Light in the direction that the man was pointing into. It immediately lit up the area.

The light would expose every living creature, especially those that were moving.

“Are you messing with us? The group didn’t get to sleep well for the past few days. Don’t you know your false alarm is going to waste a lot of our precious energy?” an old mercenary rebuked.

“I...I’m sorry. Eiro, didn’t you see something too? I’m pretty sure... Eiro?” The mercenary turned around and realized the man named Eiro he was having a conversation with had already disappeared!

He quickly looked around, but did not see Eiro anywhere. The two of them were standing close together. How did he disappear all of a sudden?

The old mercenary belatedly realized something had shown up, and quickly gathered the others.

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“It’s the third victim today,” Tommy said.

“Yeah, and one of them was killed when someone was right beside him. Speaking of which, the creature could have killed both of them. Why did it only kill one and leave?” Auburn said.

“It seems like the creature only eats three humans every day,” Kuma said.

The others were spooked.

It made a lot of sense, as the creature had killed three mercenaries for three consecutive days. It did not kill more than three even when it could.

“Damn it, is it herding us?” Auburn spat.

“I heard the Tianshan Demon Tigers prefer eating their prey alive. They won’t even bother sniffing a dead body,” Tommy said softly.

“Which means, that son of a b\*\*ch is treating us like a moving canteen!” Auburn said angrily.

“It does seem like it.”

A moving canteen serving fresh food. Mo Fan could not help but agree with the metaphor.

The cunning Tianshan Demon Tiger had its eyes on them from the very beginning. It had picked on the mercenaries who were further away from the group, dragging them away one by one. Its only mistake so far was attacking someone close to Mu Ningxue.

However, even Mu Ningxue had failed to stop the creature, let alone the rest of the mercenaries. They could not even react when someone nearby had fallen victim.

“It’s just a timid son of a b\*\*ch that keeps picking on those who aren’t with the group. Since it had enough for the day, we’ll rest up tonight and lure it out tomorrow to kill it so we can cook a pot of Tianshan Demon Tiger stew for everyone,” Lu Xiu, the captain of the first team declared.

“We shouldn’t lower our guard.”

“Yeah, what if the creature decides to eat again at night? Eiro was so skinny. He was just a little bite for the creature.”

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The group set up a campfire. The Rift Valley was extremely quiet at night.

“That creature is smart. It seems to be aware of our strength. It never picks on us,” Mo Fan said.

“At this rate, only a few mercenaries of the Mailong Private Military Group will still be alive in a few days. The kill rate on Tianshan Mountain is insane. This so-called strongest military group in Asia has already lost half of its members when we haven’t even reached the Valley of Glaciers,” Jiang Yu said.

“I don’t get it, how did the creature find us?” Guan Yu said.

“Hasn’t it been following us?” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“It wasn’t following us, but no matter how far we went, it can somehow track us down on the next day. The Alpine is a huge place with many crossroads. We should be a few kilometers away from its territory by now. How did it know where we are?” Guan Yu was confused.

“Guan Yu, are you sure it wasn’t following us?” Mo Fan asked.

“I’m very sure about it. I even suspect the creature returns to its den to sleep after it is done feasting on us. It looks for us again on the next day,” Guan Yu said.

“...does this Tianshan Demon Tiger have eyes like a satellite?” Zhao Manyan wondered.

“If we can figure out how it was tracking us and shake it off completely, the group should be safe,” Guan Yu said.

“Or perhaps we can take it out when it hunts again,” Mo Fan said.

“I don’t think so. If it was that easy, Mu Ningxue would have done it before,” Guan Yu said.

“You stick to your plan, and I’ll stick to mine,” Mo Fan said.

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The Mailong Private Military Group went on alert when the sun rose the next day. The group had slowed down significantly now.

They still needed someone to patrol and scout the path ahead, but if the scouts went too far ahead, the Tianshan Demon Tiger could easily drag them away.

There was plenty of sunlight during the day, but the mercenaries who were on their toes did not see a single trace of the Tianshan Demon Tiger. It did not show up even when the night fell.

“Did it know we were trying to lure it out?” Auburn wondered.

“It must be starving then!” Lu Xiu smiled fearlessly.

Mo Fan was left speechless too. He had purposely spread his Dark Material around and waited for the creature to show up. He wasted a lot of his energy doing so, yet the creature was more cautious than he had thought.

Chapter 1994: The Assembly Point on Tianshan Mountain

The group had wasted an entire day. At night, strong winds that sounded like the roars of ferocious beasts started blowing across the mountains.

The tents could not withstand the wind. The group had to send two Light Mages to set up a Light Barrier and stop the strong wind from raging through the camp.

The winds gradually grew stronger. The gusts were like powerful dragon breaths as they poured into the Rift Valley from higher up the mountain, striking the uninvited guests with great might.

The Mailong Private Military Group was unprepared for the ferocity of the winds. The two Light Mages at the entrance of the camp were knocked flying. They slammed heavily into a cliffside and died horrible deaths.

The rest of the mercenaries did not expect to be attacked by the wind. They scattered across the place and kept using their defensive magic. However, they were struggling to defend themselves from the constant wind!

“Damn it, what the heck is going on? Tommy, why didn’t you have any information about the wind? How the hell are we supposed to defend ourselves from this strange wind?” Lu Xiu cursed.

Tommy observed the strong wind and answered, “I...I’ve never heard of it before. Tianshan Mountain has a lot of strange factors and conditions. The place we set our camp up at might be a wind gap.”

The strong wind had appeared out of nowhere, and lasted for a very long time. The group was at the wind’s mercy for the whole night.

More barriers were established, but some of the weaker Mages were still knocked flying by the strange wind. The lucky ones were knocked out and blown far away, but the unfortunate ones either died after slamming into the walls, or were blown to unreachable places.

“Lingling, what’s going on?” Mo Fan asked.

“If a strong cold wind happens to follow the structure of the Rift Valley, it would indeed serve as a wind gathering tube that helps the wind grow, but the odds are extremely low. I’m not sure if we are just too lucky or what,” Lingling shrugged.

“I think I heard something,” Nanyu suddenly said cautiously.

“The wind sounds like a generator operating right beside our ears. What else can you hear!?” Zhao Manyan said.

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It was already daylight when the wind stopped. Kuma immediately asked Tommy to do a headcount. To nobody’s surprise, they had lost five more members.

Among them, the two Light Mages had died right on the spot. The wind hit so fast that they could not react at all.

The remaining three were swept a great distance away and had yet to return. They were most likely dead by now.

“I seriously don’t want to spend even a second more in this place,” Auburn declared.

“Yeah, I feel like we won’t be alive to enjoy the reward.”

The group kept losing members. They were almost down to half of their initial numbers!

The problem was that the way back was not safe either. The group had no choice but to continue forward under Kuma’s lead.

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The group continued forward for another two days. The two days were surprisingly peaceful. The Tianshan Demon Tiger had stopped showing up, so the mercenaries were relieved.

“Did you notice? We haven’t seen any crossroads for the past two days. Are we going in the wrong way?” Zhao Manyan asked.

“The altitude is still rising. We can already see the snow line. There shouldn’t be any mistakes,” Lingling said confidently.

“Which means this is the only way to the Valley of Glaciers?” Zhao Manyan persisted.

“Mm, you can think of it like that. Take a look ahead!” Lingling pointed.

Zhao Manyan looked up and saw a golden flag up on a cliff. English words were written on it.

“A flag?” Zhao Manyan was dumbfounded. Why the hell would there be a flag here!?

“It means someone else has been here before us. They should be in the same situation as us. All the paths have merged here, so we should be seeing more flags,” Lingling said.

The group continued forward. As Lingling mentioned, a few groups had set up camps on the mountain, not just the one with the golden flag!

They climbed a slope and arrived before a huge lake. Its diameter was over four kilometers. They did not expect to find such a beautiful lake at the entrance to the Scar of Tianshan Mountain.

The lake had a thin layer of ice on its surface that could barely support the weight of humans. Mages in colorful outfits had set up camps close to the lake. There were lines of trees shielding the camps from the freezing winds.

“I thought we were quick, but so many groups had arrived before us!” Kuma twisted her lips. She was obviously not satisfied with their progress.

The shore of the lake where the pines were at was the best spot to set up camps. However, it was strange that the other groups had all gathered at the lake instead of trying to be the first to enter the Scar of Tianshan Mountain.

“It’s the Mailong Private Military Group!”

“Isn’t the Mailong Private Military Group one of the best in Asia?”

“Great, another powerful group of Mages has arrived. We should feel a lot more confident.”

The other groups warmly received the Mailong Private Military Group after they arrived, but Kuma could not help but stay on alert.

They were supposed to be competitors. Some might even have hoped that they would be wiped out on their way up the mountain. It was unreasonable for the other groups to receive them so warmly.

“Kuma!” a bulky man with thick brows approached them.

“Senior Hunter Yassen?” Kuma studied the man in some surprise.

“Is everything alright for your group?” the Senior Hunter asked.

“Not really. We lost half of our men,” Kuma replied.

“Same here, we had seventeen people. We thought we wouldn’t be an easy target if we have fewer people, but we lost five on our way here,” Yassen said.

“But your men have outstanding cultivation. Why is the death rate so high?” Kuma blurted out in astonishment.

Senior Hunter Yassen was known across the world. The Hunter Group he was leading had to be one of the best too, yet even his group had suffered great losses. Compared to them, the Mailong Private Military Group was already quite impressive if they were not wiped out. After all, they were no comparable to Senior Hunter Yassen’s group!

“Cultivation is the least significant thing on Tianshan Mountain,” Yassen sighed helplessly.

“So many teams have gathered here. Is the path ahead uncrossable?” Kuma asked.

“No, but a group alone won’t make it. Who would have thought, the mysterious Tianshan Mountain has forced us competitors to join hands,” Senior Hunter Yassen answered.

Chapter 1995: The Beast Horde of Tianshan Mountain

“Are there powerful creatures ahead?” Kuma asked.

“It’s a little complicated. You better take a look for yourself,” Senior Hunter Yassen replied.

Kuma was confused. She asked the Mailong Private Military Group to rest near the pine trees and wait patiently so she could observe the reason why the groups were forced to join hands.

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Mo Fan was a curious man. He had already climbed up a huge pine.

The others wanted to see what was on the frozen lake too, and also climbed up pine trees of their own. The group was able to see about half of the lake, the rest of the area being shrouded by a cold mist. Past the lake were ridges covered in ice.

The mountains beyond the ridges were steep and lofty. They were spectacular from a distance, but they could also see the peak of Tianshan Mountain like the tip of an iceberg poking up further away. In other words, the lofty mountains ahead were just little hills compared to Tianshan Mountain!

“Can you see the shiny dots circling the ridges?” Jiang Yu pointed at the mountains.

“Aren’t those just the ice particles reflecting the sunlight?” Mo Fan speculated. He had no clue what they were.

“Have you ever seen ice particles circling around something!?”

“They must be some kind of living creatures.”

They did not notice any changes after watching the shiny dots for a while, but suddenly they heard loud movements coming from the ridges, as if a huge group was charging at the lake.

“Here they come!” the Mages in their respective camps yelled.

Mo Fan and the others were still up in the pines. They saw a pack of huge creatures covered in spikes charging down the mountains. They raced straight toward the lake and headed across it for the camps.

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“Demon creatures?” Kuma was disdainful when she saw the beasts that looked like bulls covered in spikes.

The Steel Spike Bulls were a Warrior-level species on Tianshan Mountain. The bigger ones with hard shells full of thorns were Commander-level creatures. However, it was unnecessary for powerful Mages to halt their progress simply because of these Steel Spike Bulls and Icy Thorn Bulls.

The sound of movements grew louder. In just a few minutes, more demon creatures appeared from the icy mists that were shrouding the mountains. Their numbers increased at a terrifying rate. The mountains were calm just a moment ago, but the demon creatures suddenly charged down the mountains like countless drops of sweat, and gathered up by the lake.

“It’s a horde!” Kuma’s expression finally shifted.

The demon creatures were charging down the mountains wildly. They would soon reach the trees where the Mages had set their camps at after crossing the frozen lake.

“Yes, there’s a horde of them,” Yassen agreed.

“Prepare for battle!” Kuma immediately ordered her men.

Yassen stopped Kuma. He said helplessly, “There’s no rush for it. Just wait and see.”

“Their numbers can easily trample an army of Mages to death. Shouldn’t we prepare ourselves in advance?” Kuma asked sternly.

“Don’t you worry,” Yassen replied, unconcerned.

Kuma was doubtful, but she still asked her men to brace themselves.

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Mo Fan and the others who were up in the pines also saw the horde of demon creatures.

“The frozen lake seems to be a boundary line between the Alpine layer and the Valley of Glaciers,” Lingling said.

“Are the demon creatures rushing down the mountain because they have discovered our presence?” Zhao Manyan said.

“It doesn’t seem like it. If they were charging at us, they would do so in a cone-shaped formation to surround us,” Lingling said.

Many species had come down from the ridges, in addition to the Steel Spike Bulls. They saw many other species moving around quickly, including Freezing Fury Wolves, Ice Mountain Ape Beasts, Tianshan Mountain Howling Bears, Shielded-Horn Ice Demons...

All those creatures were natives of Tianshan Mountain, and made up a great proportion of the species there, being commonly found in the Valley of Glaciers, the Alpine, and the Meadows. They would relocate between the layers depending on the seasons. For example, the resources in the Meadows were sufficient in spring. There were many little creatures and Servant-class demon creatures for them to feed on, so these creatures would move there in huge numbers.

“There are some high-level species. It’s rare to see something like this in other places,” Jiang Shaoxu commented.

“It feels like there are hundreds or even thousands of Summoners casting Beast Tides!” Jiang Yu came up with a perfect analogy.

The Beast Tide was an Advanced Spell of the Summoning Element. The beasts that were Summoned with the Summoning Gate were at least Warrior-level creatures, and were usually species that overwhelmed their enemies with brute force or stampedes.

The demon creatures rushing down the ridges were indeed typical species that were Summoned with the Advanced Summoning Spell. They were either muscular or covered in armor, with ready fangs. They could raze a whole city to the ground, let alone a forest of pine trees.

“If they aren’t attacking us, why are they running down the mountain?” Mo Fan asked with a confused face.

The demon creatures were behaving abnormally. It was unnecessary to make so much noise if they were merely making a trip down the mountain. He had never seen demon creatures in such a rush, like something was chasing them. The creatures that reached the frozen lake were still picking up their pace, like they were in a panic.

“The season is changing,” Lingling glanced at the white mist opposite the lake and added, “These creatures aren’t residents of the Valley of Glaciers. They mainly reside in the Alpine or the Meadows. They move to the Valley of Glaciers in spring and autumn to train themselves in the most sacred and harsh environment. They are also interested in the resources in the Valley of Glaciers, but the place is no longer suitable when winter comes. They have to move from the Valley of Glaciers to the Alpine or the Meadows as soon as possible before winter. There aren’t many paths down the mountain, but this lake is one of them, so they end up gathering here.”

Chapter 1996: The Food Chain of Tianshan Mountain

“Why didn’t they move earlier, then? Why did they wait until the end of autumn? The deadliest storms are on their way. They aren’t good at managing their time,” Mo Fan scoffed.

“The Valley of Glaciers is richest in resources at the end of autumn. Otherwise, why are so many organizations insisting on visiting the Scar of Tianshan Mountain around this time, when the place is also accessible in spring? They didn’t come just for the sake of the legend of the sacred tiger!” Lingling snorted.

“I see, so these demon creatures are just like us! They were after the resources in the Valley of Glaciers,” Mo Fan realized.

“Mm, but it’s odd, why do they have to leave the mountain now, and this lake... They are clearly different species. Strictly speaking, they are one another’s competitors. Their situation is similar to ours,” Lingling noticed.

“You mean our current situation?” Mo Fan was a little lost.

“Our group is competing with other groups, yet we have gathered at the lake. The different species of demon creatures are also stopped at the lake, even though they are coming down the mountain while we are climbing up,” Lingling said.

Everyone immediately realized something after hearing Lingling’s explanation.

“You’re saying that these hordes of demon creatures aren’t the reason why so many groups have stopped advancing?” Jiang Shaoxu asked.

Lingling did not answer. Her keenly intelligent eyes were fixed on the frozen lake.

The lake remained calm. The strange thing was, the thin layer of ice did not break, even though a huge number of demon creatures were stomping around on it now. A few dozen demon creatures had almost reached the center of the lake, but they showed no sign of slowing down. It looked like they were running for their lives.

A loud cry came from the sky. It was clear and piercing despite the thunderous noise that the hordes of demon creatures were making.

“It’s the shiny dots... f\*\*k me, it’s an eagle!” Zhao Manyan pointed at the sky.

The shiny dots had gone from circling the mountains to diving from the sky. They were falling toward the lake like meteorites crashing to the surface of a planet. There were even reflections of their fast-moving figures on the frozen surface!

A Frosty Ancient Eagle suddenly spread its majestic wings when it was less than five meters from the ground. It managed to come to a hover even though it was diving from the sky like a falling sword just a moment ago. The Mages gasped when they witnessed how powerful its wings were!

The Frosty Ancient Eagle was not showcasing its outstanding flying ability. It had stopped right at the spot a Steel Spike Bull was running to. The Steel Spike Bull saw the Frosty Ancient Eagle, but it was already too late as it tried to stop.

The sharp and powerful talons dug into the Steel Spike Bull’s body. The Frosty Ancient Eagle instantly plucked up the Steel Spike Bull as it was still moving. The eagle beat its wings a few times, and surprisingly dragged a bull that was at least a few times its weight into the air with ease.

The eagle did not seem to struggle, as if it had just caught a tiny chick. The Steel Spike Bull was lifted a few dozen meters into the sky. The eagle continued on, flying toward the ridges in the distance.

While the members of the Mailong Private Military Group who had just arrived were still recovering from the shock, more shiny dots dove from the sky and headed for the demon creatures that were still running at full speed!

One after another, Frosty Ancient Eagles spread their wings and stopped at a certain height above the lake, hovering above the surface.

Their talons latched into the demon creatures and snatched them into the sky. The demon creatures on the ground had nowhere to hide!

The scene resembled the production line of a factory. The eagles were like machines that were grabbing parts off the conveyor belt with great precision. Everything happened in an orderly manner despite the chaos. The Mages who were watching it were spooked!

“This...this is the reason why they didn’t cross the lake...” Kuma no longer had any doubts.

No one would naively think they could cross the lake safely after witnessing the scene. Despite the outstanding numbers of the hordes, not many demon creatures managed to escape the Frosty Ancient Eagles!

The demon creatures had no choice. If they continued to stay in the Valley of Glaciers, they would not last more than three days, and would eventually turn into ice statues. The lake was their only way out, but the Frosty Ancient Eagles were not letting them go so easily.

They had lost their chance to leave in one piece the moment they set foot into the Valley of Glaciers!

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“How...how terrifying!” Nanyu’s voice trembled slightly.

“The worst thing is, these Frosty Ancient Eagles could have hunted the demon creatures when they first moved to the Valley of Glaciers in autumn, but they chose not to do so. They waited for the creatures to look for the resources in the Valley of Glaciers until the end of autumn, so they could claim both the resources and the creatures’ meat!” Lingling explained.

A great chill exploded in everyone’s heart when they linked Lingling’s words to the ghastly scene before them!

“In other words, even if we make it to the Valley of Glaciers, those things are still going to hunt us down when we leave the mountain if we can’t find another way down?” Mo Fan asked.

“The problem is, are they going to attack us if we are going up the mountain?” Zhao Manyan wondered.

“Of course they are! Why do you think the Mages have gathered here? Can’t you tell? The different species of demon creatures are rushing down the mountain all at once because they know the Frosty Ancient Eagles are waiting for them. If they all leave the mountain at the same time, some of them will survive by luck.”

“The same logic applies to us too. We have gathered here because we are waiting for more groups to arrive. We will all cross the lake when there are enough of us, and it will be everyone for themselves!” Jiang Shaoxu agreed.

The people of the Mailong Private Military Group became uneasy right after Jiang Shaoxu finished speaking.

The Mailong Private Military Group also realized what the other groups were planning. However, they were struggling to accept the fact when they imagined themselves being targeted by the Frosty Ancient Eagles after witnessing the gruesome scene!

Chapter 1997: Recognized!



Everyone was filled with fear when they imagined themselves like livestock in a slaughterhouse. Their survival solely depended on who the butchers were going to point at!

Did they really have to climb the mountain? It was clearly a path of death!

“The Scar of Tianshan Mountain is just ahead. The Rift Valley will bring us straight to it after crossing the ridges. I believe there’s no need for me to explain how much treasure there is in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain.” Yassen was the leader of the temporary alliance between the groups of mercenaries and Hunters. He felt the need to step forward to comfort the Mages.

“Yassen, those Frosty Ancient Eagles will eventually be full. Should we wait for another group of demon creatures to rush down the mountain and feed the Frosty Ancient Eagles first? Wouldn’t it be a lot safer for us by then?” Zhao Kang, the leader of the Savage Raptor Hunter Group, asked.

Yassen shook his head and said, “From what I know, those Frosty Ancient Eagles are storing food for winter. Even a powerful species like them has to stay in their nest for a long time when the weather is too harsh. It’s important that they stock up enough food to feed themselves.”

“The beast hordes might be a problem too when they are charging down the mountains. We can’t possibly make our way up the mountain when the Frosty Ancient Eagles are hunting them,” Kuma added in.

“Three days ago, a bunch of seniors shared the same thought. They tried to climb the mountain while the beast hordes were on their way down. They proved to us with their lives that the Frosty Ancient Eagles were more interested in humans because of the energy in our bodies,” Yassen said.

“On top of that, the Frosty Ancient Eagles are great in numbers, and their nest is not far away from here. This lake is the perfect feasting ground for them,” a group of explorers from the Sacred Hall of Liberty spoke up.

The Sacred Hall of Liberty was the highest Magic Association from the Americas. Its Research Union was intrigued by the mysterious Tianshan Mountain, but their leaders were not willing to risk their lives for it. Therefore, they had hired a group of explorers instead.

“When is the right time to make our move?” Xing Hui, a representative of the Mu Clan, spoke up.

“When there aren’t many demon creatures left. It should be around ten minutes from now, which means we have ten minutes to decide whether we are going forward or we are retreating,” Yassen said.

Many groups fell silent after hearing Yassen’s words.

Ten minutes from now, they would share the same fate as the hordes of demon creatures. Those who had arrived at the lake had a certain status in society. They were not just some insignificant Hunters and mercenaries, since luck was not the only reason they were still alive now, considering the insane death rates among the groups.

A few groups decided to leave the mountain.

They were not going to joke around with their lives. They had suffered great losses and endured a lot of hardship to reach here. They thought they had a bright future from here forward, but they were greeted by the hellish sight of the hunting ground. They would rather choose a safer approach by searching for valuables in the Alpine and Meadows.

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A third of the people that had gathered at the lake left. Mo Fan was quite surprised by the ratio. It was somewhat surprising more than a fifth had stayed after witnessing the terrifying sight!

“It seems like those who stayed aren’t necessarily fearless, but they are extremely confident in their strength!” Mo Fan glanced at the groups that had stayed behind. Most of them were members of reputable world-renowned organizations, including the representatives of the Zhao Family and the Mu Clan.

It would be strange if the two most renowned clans of the country were not involved after the Rift Valley that served as a ticket straight to the Scar of Tianshan Mountain was discovered.

“Yeah, only those who have been through big occasions wouldn’t be scared,” Jiang Yu agreed.

“What about the Mailong Private Military Group? Are they still in this?” Jiang Shaoxu asked.

“I believe so.”

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The groups prepared to move out. A strong smell of blood lingered over the frozen lake. It even condensed into a crimson mist floating above the lake.

Yassen glanced at the Mailong Private Military Group. A few people on the ninth team caught his attention.

He already noticed them when the Mailong Private Military Group first arrived. He asked with a smile, “Since when did the Mailong Private Military Group recruit the Chinese national team?”

“The Chinese national team?” Kuma turned to the ninth team.

Kuma knew Ai Jiangtu was a member of the national team. She did not recognize the others.

She had always assumed the World College Tournament was like a martial debate between a bunch of kids. The participants were incomparable to those who were constantly risking their lives. She had never treated the World College Tournament seriously.

“So they are a group of bright talents favored by the Heavens? They actually have the guts to come here? It looks like there’s a reason why they won the tournament,” Zhao Kang of the Savage Raptor Hunter Group chuckled disdainfully.

“We should take care of them since we are their seniors. We can’t let these famous graduates die under our watch. Otherwise, our reputation is done for, HAHHAHA,” Bertan, one of the explorers hired by the Sacred Hall of Liberty piped up.

The members of the different groups were looking at Mo Fan and his crew while their leaders were discussing them. They did not have friendly faces.

“We’ve been recognized,” Guan Yu noticed.

“They seriously took their time if they only recognized us just now,” Jiang Shaoxu sniffed.

“I don’t agree with you. I’ve noticed how most older Mages don’t treat the World College Tournament seriously after traveling to many countries,” Mo Fan refuted them.

Mo Fan was speaking from experience. He rarely put on a disguise, and had always shown his handsome face across the world, yet he rarely received any respects or compliments. Most people who recognized him were ass\*\*\*\* like Lido, the Combat Officer of the Blue Star Knights.

“It’s just the way it is. The participants of the World College Tournament are usually supported by formidable factions. In their eyes, we were born with a silver spoon in our mouths, and we don’t really have any experience. They think we are all show instead,” Jiang Yu agreed.

Mo Fan recalled how the representatives of the national team were chosen. It was true that the candidates were chosen based on their strength, yet the actual members were decided based on their backgrounds.

Now that he thought about it, the others on the team were indeed kids of the rich and the powerful, except for him and Mu Ningxue.

In other words, they were the reasons why people were reluctant to accept his well-deserved title of winning the World College Tournament!

Chapter 1998: Crossing the Lake

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“Time to go!” Yassen clearly had enough of a reputation among the experts from all across the world that the others were willing to follow his commands.

The lake was shrouded by a red mist. There were not many dead bodies, as such had been brought away to the Frosty Ancient Eagles’ nest to be stored as food.

The Hunter Group under Yassen’s lead was leading the way. Its members were very strong. Even though they had not used any Super Spells, it was obvious there were Super Mages among them, judging from their control over their magic.

It was obvious why the top organizations’ members were following Yassen’s lead. The strength of his Hunter Group said it all. They were calm and collected despite facing the powerful Frosty Ancient Eagles that were coming down from the sky. Their ability to utilize their Elements and their teamwork were impressive!

“Charge!”

“Dying on Tianshan Mountain is better than dying on a sickbed, charge!”

“There’s no place we can’t conquer. Tianshan Mountain is no exception!”

There were four other mercenary groups, in addition to the Mailong Private Military Group. Their numbers were greater than the Mailong Private Military Group. They seemed to be a lot luckier too, as they had not lost many members along the way.

Both mercenaries and Hunters had joined hands temporarily to tackle the Valley of Glaciers. The teams pushed forward after Yassen and his group cleared a path. They operated like a team of elites on a mission.

The Wind Mages built a wind raft and sped up the Hunters and mercenaries, allowing those who did not have reliable spells to boost their speed to stay up with the others.

The Mailong Private Military Group was moving with them. Its members were mostly on the left wing, responsible for covering fire.

“Follow the markings of my Brilliant Light!” Lu Xiu called out.

Lu Xiu was the third Super Mage of the Mailong Private Military Group. He had only become a Super Mage a year ago, yet he was a lot stronger than the unreliable Gavin had been.

His main Element was Light, and his Brilliant Light was quite special. When he used it on the Frosty Ancient Eagles, the strength they glowed at corresponded to the strength of the demon creatures.

The battle was expected to be chaotic. It was important to focus their spells on the stronger demon creatures and kill them first, or these creatures could easily break the teams’ formation. Lu Xiu’s Brilliant Light was able to tag the Great Commander-level Frosty Ancient Eagles. Those creatures could easily kill a lot of their members instantly if they broke through their formation.

A Great Commander-level Frosty Ancient Eagle dove at the group after being hit by the Light Spell. Its icy aura could inflict unimaginable destruction along the ground when it was plunging like a meteorite. It took the destructive Mages of the Mailong Private Military Group three rounds of spells to finally kill the Great Commander-level creature when it reached around thirty meters from the ground. Everyone was relieved when they saw the creature was dead.

“Don’t lower your guard. Petrify the enemies that are tagged by the Brilliant Light!” Lu Xiu ordered.

Their Earth Mages were closer to the center of the formation. They soon noticed more than ten Frosty Ancient Eagles were approaching from a lower altitude!

These Frosty Ancient Eagles had been hiding in the blood mist. Nobody noticed them when they first ran toward the lake. Luckily, Lu Xiu’s Brilliant Light had tagged them in time. Otherwise, their sharp wings could have easily sliced the people of the Mailong Private Military Group in half!

“Eyes of the Rock Demon: Petrify!”

Seven Earth Mages fixed their eyes on the Frosty Ancient Eagles. Their pupils turned brown and with an eerie gray flicker of light, the energy of the Petrify spells spread like a fan toward the Frosty Ancient Eagles!

The Frosty Ancient Eagles were very alert. They quickly beat their wings and flew higher into the sky when they noticed the Earth Magic.

The Petrify spells obviously had their limits. Lu Xiu frowned when he realized the Frosty Ancient Eagles were only probing them. He cursed in a different language.

A voice appeared behind Lu Xiu as the Frosty Ancient Eagles were about to leave the range of the Petrify spells. "Eyes of the Rock Demon: Area of Gravity!"

Lu Xiu turned around and saw the young man who had killed Gavin. His eyes had turned golden-brown. A strong Earth Magic loomed over the area like an invisible mountain.

The Frosty Ancient Eagles had just risen into the sky and were picking up their pace, but when the Area of Gravity was established, they struggled to beat their wings properly.

The Frosty Ancient Eagles were not crushed by the gravitational force, but it still held them back. The energy of the Petrify spells swept across their bodies and hardened them. They suddenly stopped moving in midair.

A moment later, the Frosty Ancient Eagles that had turned into stone fell heavily onto the lake and were smashed into pieces!

"Not bad, but you shouldn't intervene with other teams' matters without my permission," Lu Xiu told Mo Fan.

"That's not going to hold me back," Mo Fan replied indifferently.

It was Mo Fan's first time using the Advanced Spell of the Earth Element in a practical situation. The Eyes of the Rock Demon was able to greatly increase an Earth Mage's control over their Earth Magic. Mo Fan had learned the Area of Gravity a long time ago. He could suppress the Frosty Ancient Eagles up to around a hundred and fifty meters from the ground with the Eyes of the Rock Demon. It gave Mo Fan an effective way to fight flying creatures.

He could also use it together with the Space Element and the Chaos Element. Even a Ruler-level creature would struggle to move freely under the pressure of his magic!

"A Ruler-level creature!" someone at the front suddenly yelled. It sounded like one of the experts in Yassen's group.

The Frosty Ancient Eagles were at the top of the food chain in the Valley of Glaciers. The Tianshan Demon Tigers and the Frosty Ancient Eagles were the symbolic species of Tianshan Mountain. There were obviously Ruler-level creatures among them since Commander-level creatures were so common here!

Mo Fan looked up, trying to find the Ruler-level Frosty Ancient Eagle. However, he only saw the bright sun. There was no Ruler-level Frosty Ancient Eagle in his view.

## Chapter 1999: The Beast Hordes that were Late to the Party

“It’s that bright light!”

“I can’t even open my eyes properly!”

“Damn it, don’t look up, your eyes are going to burn!”

The groups of Mages were panicking. There were cries everywhere.

Mo Fan immediately looked at the blinding light when he heard it was the Ruler-level Frosty Ancient Eagle. To his surprise, it was as bright as the sun: his eyes were hurting when he was looking at it.

“F\*\*k, that Ruler-level eagle is unstoppable. We are basically blind whenever we look up!”

“How are we supposed to know when the Frosty Ancient Eagles are attacking us... AHHH!” a Hunter Master cried out in agony.

An eagle’s talons had driven into the Hunter Master’s torso. He was lifted into the sky before the pain even spread throughout his body. The others nearby could not even react. They only heard the man’s cry after he was already several meters high from the ground!

“Zhao Kang, tell your men to deal with the Ruler-level eagle’s eyes now!” Yassen ordered.

“Why us?” Zhao Kang from the Savage Raptor Hunter Group protested promptly.

“Do you want to take care of the creature ahead instead?” Yassen snarled.

Zhao Kang looked ahead and saw nothing but the ice on the lake. Right at that time, the surface of the lake started cracking, as if something was about to come out from beneath.

There was a huge blast, and an enormous hole was left on the surface of the frozen lake. The water splashed in the air, but it soon turned into ice after it was exposed to the air above the surface. The ice shattered when it fell back to the surface below.

A great white leech appeared from the hole. Half of its body was still in the lake, while its head’s cavernous mouth was exposed above the surface.

It had the body of a leech, but its skin had multiple layers. The white demon leech displayed its teeth as Yassen and his men approached the center of the lake.

The white demon leech was about the size of a building, yet its skin spread across the large area like intestines. When the creature extended its skin, its esophageal organ was so huge that it looked like a curtain of darkness!

It was a dark tunnel with teeth along the walls. It felt like the white demon leech could devour the whole lake just by opening its mouth. The Mages that were charging at it were like little shrimps being drawn into a huge whale's mouth!

"We...we'll deal with the creatures in the sky!" Zhao Kang told Yassen after a moment of shock.

He could feel his muscles twitching in fear. Yassen had reminded the others that there was something in the lake before they set out. The creature in the lake was said to feed on the Frosty Ancient Eagles, but no one had expected it to be such a hellish creature!

"How many monsters did this lake even raise? Can anyone tell me what the creature that keeps spitting out poison over there is?" Zhao Manyan cursed as he was defending the others from the claws of the Frosty Ancient Eagles.

"It's a Tianshan Ancient Insect Lord. It is said to feed on the Frosty Ancient Eagles and the Tianshan Demon Tigers, but it has obviously had a change of mind since most demon creatures are more interested in humans," Nanyu called back.

Mages contained an abundant supply of energy in their bodies, much like magic ores brimming with energy. Demon creatures with a certain level of intelligence would often treat humans with outstanding cultivation as a great source of nutrients. Many Hunters had earned a fortune killing high-level demon creatures in the wild, but they had also raised many high-level demon creatures!

The white demon leech's appearance had made the situation worse, but the good news was that the Frosty Ancient Eagles were obviously afraid of it, and stopped attacking so recklessly.

The white demon leech was not brainless, either. The three sides were currently at a standstill. It was not going to let the Frosty Ancient Eagles benefit from the situation, so it retreated into the lake after fighting Yassen's group for a few rounds.

The creature might be interested in humans, yet it had no intention of sparing the Frosty Ancient Eagles. It dragged a few mercenaries and Frosty Ancient Eagles into the lake with it!

"Quick, let's go, we can't stay here for too long!" Yassen yelled when he saw the white demon leech withdrawing into the lake.

Fighting the demon creatures of Tianshan Mountain here would be suicide. The fact that they could stay at the top of the food chain for so long not only indicated they had unusual strength, but intelligence that was comparable to humans.

Their goal was to reach the Scar of Tianshan Mountain, so their priority was to cross the lake. As for the people who died here, it was none of their concern. The paths to treasure were always littered with corpses. Everyone knew that!

"The Frosty Ancient Eagles are stopping us from getting close to the Ruler-level eagle. Otherwise, we would have taken care of its annoying eyes!" Zhao Kang shouted out.

"You've done enough! Those who aren't blind, keep an eye on the flying creatures!" Yassen yelled out.

The Frosty Ancient Eagles circled about in the sky. They eventually failed to hold back on the urge to feed on more humans when the white demon leech did not show up again.

Humans were like ginsengs a few hundred or thousand years old in their eyes. A Warrior-level Frosty Ancient Eagle could advance in rank in a very short time after eating an Advanced Mage!

A place like Tianshan Mountain was not a peaceful environment for living creatures to grow at their own pace. The food chains were compact and the weak would end up as energy for the strong to survive the winter. There would only be one outcome if they were not strong enough!

The Frosty Ancient Eagles launched a full assault, diving at the humans like icy rays. The people below struggled to react in time. Minor defensive spells had no chance of stopping the deadly attacks of the Frosty Ancient Eagles. Hundreds of Mages shared the same fate as the beast hordes.

The beast hordes knew they would have to pay the toll with their lives on their way back, but they still chose to enter the Valley of Glaciers. Human beings were willing to die for riches, just as birds would die for food. The mountain of treasure was too enticing for any living creature. They were willing to take the risk despite the cruel fate that was awaiting them ahead!

The Mages were looking at the mountains when they heard a loud rumble.

They were soon soaked in sweat. The beast hordes had appeared again, just as the lake was already in a great mess!

The demon creatures had been hiding behind the ridges. Everyone thought the previous batch was the majority of them, yet many more were still hiding on the mountain. They had obviously been drawn by the loud noises at the lake!

“Damn it, there are still a lot of demon creatures on the mountain! They are going to charge down the mountain amid the chaos!” Kuma cursed loudly.

Chapter 2000: Tianshan Howling Bears

Yassen was also dumbfounded when he saw the demon creatures charging down the mountain.

They had initially planned to use the beast hordes to help thin out the Frosty Ancient Eagles’ numbers before making their way up the mountain. To their surprise, the demon creatures were waiting for the humans to be attacked by the Frosty Ancient Eagles before coming down the mountain!

In the end, the beast hordes had outsmarted the humans. Most importantly, the size of the beast horde was going to cause serious trouble to the group as it was going up the mountain!

“Damn it, those scum played us. Why are the creatures on Tianshan Mountain so clever?” Zhao Manyan had a bad habit of crying out loud whenever he was in danger. His loud voice stood out even with the noise everywhere.

“Someone has to take care of the beast hordes!” Nanyu shouted.

The beast hordes were rushing down the mountain like tanks. They were definitely going to disrupt the group’s formation.



Mages were extremely vulnerable to demon creatures of their strength and numbers. A Commander-level demon creature could often easily kill an Advanced Mage. The Mages had to stay in formations to be effective, especially those in a Hunter Group or a mercenary group.

“Team nine, hold the front!” Lu Xiu suddenly ordered.

“Are you kidding me? Why do we have to be your shields?” Zhao Manyan snapped.

“Do you think the others in the group are able to hold the demon creatures off?” Lu Xiu challenged him in return.

The people of the Mailong Private Military Group were already worn out from fighting the Frosty Ancient Eagles. Many were already regretting their decision to not leave the mountain with the others.

It was true that the mercs had no chance of stopping the beast hordes!

“Let’s move to the front. If they die here, we will also struggle to cross the lake,” Ai Jiangtu agreed.

Ai Jiangtu led his team to the front. He was about to take the lead when Mo Fan stepped forward and said, “Your Space Element is stronger. You should stay at the center of the team to look after everyone. I don’t really care about others, but I can’t accept any casualties among our own. Old Ai, stay here and command the team to guarantee our safety. Mu Ningxue and I will take the lead.”

Ai Jiangtu looked at Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue.

No one was stronger than Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue in terms of offensive capabilities. Ai Jiangtu knew that even he was no match for them. He nodded agreement, “Alright, I’ll take care of everyone. Leave it to me!”

“Mm, everyone, please be careful too. The Frosty Ancient Eagles and the demon creatures coming down the mountain aren’t the only trouble. There might be some other unknown creatures in the lake. Be ready to use your defensive equipment. I don’t want anything bad to happen to you,” Mo Fan warned the others behind him.

Mo Fan was worried about the chaotic situation. Even though everyone on the team was strong and capable, they were facing the fiercest level of demon creatures!

“Mo Fan, it’s the Icy Thorn Bulls!” Nanyu warned Mo Fan. She used a special sound to tell Mo Fan the position of the Icy Thorn Bulls.

Mo Fan followed the sound and saw two Icy Thorn Bulls among the demon creatures that were charging down the mountain. It looked like they were wearing armor made of gray thorns of steel, and were around the size of a double-decker bus. Their momentum was insane as they charged ahead at full speed!

“Chaos Order!”

Mo Fan swung his hand and left a strange crack before him. The two Icy Thorn Bulls saw Mo Fan’s magic, but they were planning to knock everything aside with brute force as they were in a rush. They ran straight into the strange crack.

It felt like they had entered a gate Mo Fan had prepared for them. Half a second later, the two Icy Thorn Bulls ran out of the crack, but they were charging at the Steel Spike Bulls nearby instead!

The Icy Thorn Bulls' momentum was absolutely insane. They knocked a dozen Steel Spike Bulls into the air on both sides, resulting in a chain collision. The rest of the bulls crashed into one another and sent their own kind flying!

"Frosty Ancient Eagles above us, seven of them!" Nanyu called out.

"Leave them to me," Mo Fan said confidently.

He glanced at a group of Tianshan Howling Bears that were approaching the team. He chuckled when he saw how unstoppable the enraged creatures were, "You must be holding a strong grudge against those creatures in the sky. I'll give you a hand so you can vent all your anger on them!"

A silver Star Constellation appeared swiftly. Mo Fan cast an Advanced Space Spell in mere seconds.

"Blink!"

An elegant silver Star Constellation appeared under the Tianshan Howling Bears. These enormous creatures were about to smash the tiny humans before them into mincemeat when the magic under their feet transferred them into the sky.

They were around eighty meters above the ground. Seven Frosty Ancient Eagles happened to be diving right at them. They were surprised by the Tianshan Howling Bears suddenly appearing out of nowhere, and quickly triggered their emergency brakes.

The Tianshan Howling Bears were one of the species that was strong enough to fight the Frosty Ancient Eagles. However, they were usually at a disadvantage because they could never reach the Frosty Ancient Eagles in the sky. The Frost Ancient Eagles would take their time and kite the Tianshan Howling Bears to death.

The Tianshan Howling Bears in the air noticed the Frosty Ancient Eagles were flying right at them. They instinctively swung their powerful paws!

Blood and flesh scattered in the air. The Frosty Ancient Eagles did not stand a chance against the formidable paws of the Tianshan Howling Bears, and were torn to pieces.

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"Stop the beast hordes, ask your Inverse Hawk Private Military Group to stop the demon creatures."

"Why do we have to do all the dirty work... Holy crap, why the Hell are bears falling from the sky!?" Zhao Kang cursed.

"How did the bears get up there?"

"Screw it, just keep going!"

"The Ruler-level eagle is on the move..."

"Do you mean the one from before?..."

“F\*\*k me, there are two Ruler-level Frosty Ancient Eagles. Quick, get Yassen to help us!”

Yassen was still focusing on the white demon leech under the lake. The creature was a serious threat to the group. To his dismay, another Ruler-level Frosty Ancient Eagle had appeared. It seemed like the Frosty Ancient Eagles had sent out their main army!