

Versatile 2491

Chapter 2491: Super Power, Mountain-Sweeping Lightning Curtain

“I was able to obtain the sea monsters’ information and thoughts while I was fighting the Trench Demon,” Ding Yumian told Mo Fan.

The Trench Demon was prying into Ding Yumian’s memories, trying to dig up her greatest fears to crush her will.

As the Trench Demon was prying into Ding Yumian’s mind, she could also obtain information from the sea monster’s thoughts while their minds were touching!

Other people might struggle to process the complicated thoughts of a species like the Trench Demon. After all, the darkness and evil of a species from the deep sea could easily overwhelm a normal human’s will.

But Ding Yumian was different. Her extraordinary talent for the Psychic Element had allowed her to process the Trench Demon’s thoughts!

“That’s great. We are unfamiliar with the creatures of the deep sea. Many Mages have died because they don’t understand the enemy,” Mo Fan replied eagerly.

“I could feel the Trench Demon’s sense of superiority. They are viewing themselves as supreme beings and prophets that control everything,” Ding Yumian sneered.

“Can you mimic it?” Mo Fan asked her.

“Mimic it?” Ding Yumian was confused.

“Like mimicking their sense of superiority, or their aura. The Trench Demon was controlling us to lure more people into its trap, so I was thinking of using the same trick back on them. You can mimic the Trench Demon’s means of communication and send an SOS signal to gather the sea monsters here,” Mo Fan urged her.

If the Trench Demon could use its powers to lure them into a trap, why couldn’t they use the same trick to lure the sea monsters into their trap?

The Trench Demon was obviously wise among the sea monsters if it called itself a prophet. The other species were not as intelligent. They might easily fall for the trap!

“I can give it a try, but... how are we going to deal with so many sea monsters at once?” Ding Yumian asked him.

Baiting the sea monsters here was not a problem, but how were they going to kill them? Ding Yumian was not sure if she could influence the sea monsters with her emotions and provoke them to kill themselves...

"It's fine. Just gather them here and leave the rest to me!" Mo Fan declared confidently.

"Alright, I'll do it!" Ding Yumian nodded.

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The water was flowing upstream from the sea. The waves from the sea were causing half of the Huangpu River to flow in the opposite direction. As a result, the water was clashing halfway through Jiangming Bay and forming into a new lake!

Mo Fan and Ding Yumian had returned to Jiangming Bay. The area was spacious and the residents had already been evacuated.

The sandbank was already underwater, but the bridge still remained.

Ding Yumian stood on the bridge. Her hair drifted elegantly in the wind.

She was analyzing the Trench Demon's memories. She noticed the Trench Demon was indeed considered superior among the sea monsters. Most of the sea monsters had to obey its orders.

Was it because of this species' brainpower? Was it the reason the monsters were smart enough to invade inland using the river?

"How did it go?" Mo Fan asked her.

"I have only analyzed a part of its memories. I still need time to understand their complicated thought processes, but it shouldn't be a problem to lure the sea monsters here," Ding Yumian replied to him.

"Alright, it's time to get our revenge, and let those sea monsters taste the Pearl Institute's wrath!" Mo Fan proclaimed.

Ding Yumian felt a lot more relaxed after seeing Mo Fan's reaction.

This time, Ding Yumian truly felt how influential the man in front of her was. He did not rely on the Psychic Element or some fancy speech, but his actions!

"Shall I begin?" Ding Yumian asked.

"Do it!"

The waves surging in from the sea were clashing fiercely with the waters coming from upstream. They could hear loud collisions of waves every half a minute.

The waves would explode after colliding with one another, fountaining in all directions!

At first, the waves were the only sound, but a faint rumble soon started coming from other directions. Dark creatures were approaching from along the branches of the river!

The river was almost filled with the creatures. Not only were they moving along the water's surface, many of them were swimming underneath as well.

The debris in the river was either crushed into pieces or knocked into the air. Ding Yumian was spooked by the terrifying sight.

There were too many of them!

If she had not lured the sea monsters here, she would never have believed so many sea monsters were hiding in the river. It was far more than they had expected!

"Don't be scared, this place will soon become a scorched ground covered in their graves!" Mo Fan was still standing beside Ding Yumian. He was calm and confident, with some anticipation of the upcoming battle!

He had been through many battles of a similar scale. This was nothing compared to when the army of Undead was released from the Great Pyramid of Giza!

"Mm," Ding Yumian nodded, reassured.

She had to stay calm, as not only would her emotions influence others, they would also make the sea monsters suspicious while she was mimicking the Trench Demon's summoning.

"It's a lot simpler when I don't have to look for them one-by-one," Mo Fan grinned.

He looked at the waves coming from the sea.

Let's start from there...

Mo Fan had activated his Lightning Acupuncture Points while the sea monsters were still in the distance. He kept building up Lightning Magic into a Chaos Vortex.

The timing was perfect!

"Super Spell: Mountain-Sweeping Lightning Curtain!"

Mo Fan shoved his hands forward. The wind started howling and the clouds darkened.

Thick pillars of lightning appeared and stuck all the way to the bottom of the river. Lightning chains interwove like spider webs, with hundreds of lightning arcs scattered in the sky!

The lightning pillars were massive and spectacular, like mountains standing imperiously between the Heavens and Earth!

But they did not remain still. The pillars of lightning were moving along the river, filling its entire width.

Each lightning pillar was brimming with destructive power. The pillars combined were like a lightning curtain splitting two worlds apart. Even the mountains and the land were tiny compared to the moving wall of lightning!

The sea monsters were heading toward Mo Fan in huge numbers, but they found themselves greeted by the lightning curtain, which was sweeping toward them at a shocking pace.

The sea monsters tried to escape, but it was too late.. The lightning curtain covered a massive area. The lightning chains spreading along the bottom of the pillars had filled the whole river!

Chapter 2492: We came to Hunt!

The bodies of the sea monsters were shredded into pieces, even the meat eventually being reduced to bloody droplets!

Hundreds of sea monsters coming from the river had died. Red and blue blood was mixed together.

The remains of the sea monsters were scattered on the surface of the water, including broken skulls, burned scales, fallen fangs, and bodies savaged beyond recognition.

Ding Yumian's eyes flickered with astonishment.

How strong is he!?

Even though the Lightning Element was the most destructive among the Elements, Mo Fan's Lightning was much stronger than other Lightning Mages she knew of!

Ding Yumian did not understand why Mo Fan kept tossing his Lightning Magic into his Chaos Vortex at first, but after seeing the sea monsters being reaped like hay, she realized Mo Fan was trying to maximize the damage of his Lightning!

The Mountain-Sweeping Lightning Curtain pushed forward for another kilometer. Not a single sea monster survived behind its trail of destruction. The lightning arcs leaving the lightning curtain surged wildly, like purple serpents striking at an incredible speed.

Some sea monsters that were not caught directly by the lightning curtain still sustained great damage. Their bodies were punctured by the lightning serpents, leaving scorched holes on multiple parts of them.

"This is crazy!" Ding Yumian smiled wolfishly.

The students were no match for the sea monsters, while the directors, professors, and teachers were taken out by more cunning and stronger sea monsters. She kept feeling like something had stuck in her throat throughout the battle.

She was now feeling extremely pleased after seeing Mo Fan's unreasonably strong Lightning Magic. The conspiracies and cunning of the sea monsters had all perished amid the lightning. He was truly a Lightning Mage!

"There's still the other side," Mo Fan did not take the time to admire his gory work, merely going to the other side of the bridge.

The sea monsters were coming from two directions at the same time. Most of them were Great Commander-level creatures. They could easily reach Mo Fan in an instant with their speed.

Ding Yumian had the same worries. She did not expect the Trench Demon to have such a high status among the sea monsters. The signal she had sent had gathered a shocking number of sea monsters!

It felt like the sea monsters did not dare disobey her order!

“Aren’t there too many of them?” Ding Yumian realized she might have overdone it when she looked to the other side.

More sea monsters were coming from the other side. The ones leading at the front were riding the waves. Their bulky bodies could easily smash a small island into pieces!

Mo Fan had to accumulate his magic to Cast the Mountain-Sweeping Lightning Curtain over a long period to deal such a devastating blow to the sea monsters. How was he going to eliminate the rest of the sea monsters without it?

“Stay calm, just make sure they are not able to run away,” Mo Fan reassured her.

Somehow, Ding Yumian had a lot of trust in Mo Fan. She had no intention to retreat even when the sea monsters were only two hundred meters away.

“Do you think you can leave after entering my darkness?!” Mo Fan suddenly clenched his left hand.

The area in front of Mo Fan and Ding Yumian fell into darkness within all of a second.

It was like it had gone from noon to night time all of a sudden. The sky was dark and shrouded by a gloomy mist, but the place Mo Fan and Ding Yumian were standing at was perfectly normal.

“Rotate!”

Mo Fan bumped his fist on the ground softly. The area of darkness changed shockingly.

The sea monsters that were lunging at Mo Fan suddenly changed directions. They were charging into the sea monsters behind them instead.

Mo Fan and Ding Yumian had ended up behind the sea monsters!

Ding Yumian was astounded. She felt like she was standing on the same spot, but the entire space had spun. The sea monsters had suddenly switched to the other side of the bridge.

“Chaos Magic?” Ding Yumian recognized the Magic Mo Fan was using.

Mo Fan did not answer her. He was only using the Chaos Element to trap the sea monsters in the area. It was not the real deal.

The sea monsters were tricked like a bull in a bullfighting. They ran past the bullfighter’s red cloth and found themselves on the other side.

They finally turned around and charged at Mo Fan again.

As a matter of fact, the sea monsters were already trapped in Mo Fan's Shadow Magic. Even without the Chaos Magic, it would be difficult for them to escape the Cage of Darkness.

The Chaos Magic was only wasting the sea monsters' time and preventing certain powerful creatures among them from breaking free of the Cage.

This was the strength of the Chaos Magic. Whether there was only one enemy or a thousand, every creature inside its confines had to obey its rules!

Mo Fan was the adept bullfighter in the middle of the arena, while the Chaos Magic was his red cloth. He stepped aside swiftly and switched places with the sea monsters again.

"They are starting to get suspicious," Ding Yumian warned him.

The low-level sea monsters were still blinded by Ding Yumian's magic, but the higher-level ones were beginning to doubt it.

"It's fine, they are already dead," Mo Fan told.

Ding Yumian stared in disbelief.

Not a single one of the sea monsters had died yet. Could Mo Fan really make them all vanish like a magic trick?

"Sea of Darkness!"

A thick black aura was flowing around like inky liquid. It descended upon the river like a benighted swamp.

The darkness was already trapping the sea monsters in the area. The Chaos Magic was causing the sea monsters to run in circles inside it, while the darkness was slowly manipulating the substance nearby.

The river had turned into a boundless dark ocean. The sea monsters were struggling to tell which direction was what and to see around themselves.

A thick mist lingered in the air, carrying the smell of death. Every creature fallen into the darkness could feel fear rising from deep within their soul.

The sky had turned into a pitch-black hole that was devouring everything!

Darkness ruled over the area, including the deepest parts of the river. Everything was covered in a strong Dark Aura.

"Elder of the Shadow Tribe, let the feast begin!" Mo Fan called out.

The noble from the Dark Plane did not fancy the human world. Even when it was dark, the strong sense of life from the human world would make it feel uncomfortable.

However, whenever Mo Fan filled an area with his Dark Material, creating a spacious land of death, the Elder of the Shadow Tribe was more than willing to come and hunt some prey!

Chapter 2493: The Shadow Triad

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe was wearing a cloak with sawtooth designs upon it, which covered its legs. Only its strange and bulky figure was visible.

It stood on the black sea, perfectly portraying the temperament of a God of Death. Its deep eyes had tagged every living creature in sight with the time of their death.

Its one hand was dangling naturally to the side, while the other was propped up on the hilt of a long object it was carrying on its shoulder.

The object was obviously a scythe. The Elder of the Shadow Tribe often used it to slice open a creature's chest and hook their soul out.

"Tsk tsk tsk!" the Elder of the Shadow Tribe's laugh was oddly sinister.

It turned to Mo Fan.

It was extremely pleased with the Swamp of Darkness Mo Fan had prepared. It was showing Mo Fan its appreciation.

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe flew across the river and faced the army of sea monsters alone.

Just as Mo Fan thought the Elder of the Shadow Tribe was about to massacre the sea monsters with its scythe, he realized the object it was carrying was actually a hammer covered in spikes.

The hammer was shockingly large. The Elder of the Shadow Tribe was constantly shrouded by a dark mist, so Mo Fan had assumed the object it was carrying was just a scythe.

To his surprise, the Elder of the Shadow Tribe was instead carrying a giant hammer that could smash any creature into mincemeat!

The whole area covered in darkness shook hard when the hammer slammed on the water.

The sea monsters leading the way were covered in scales and had menacing horns, but the Elder of the Shadow Tribe violently smashed them into pieces, including their scales, fins, and horns!

A brutal hammer!

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe was nearly as strong right now in the field of darkness Mo Fan had prepared for it as it was at home in the Dark Plane. Every swing of its hammer resulted in flying carcasses.

The dead bodies of the sea monsters were completely mixed together, it was impossible to identify their species. The water under the Elder of the Shadow Tribe was littered with the remains of the sea monsters in just a few minutes.

A hammer was more straightforward and violent than a scythe. The sea monsters had lost their courage to charge forward recklessly after only several swings.

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe was enjoying the slaughter. It turned around after smashing the sea monsters until they were beyond recognition, dragging its hammer across the remains of the Great Commander-level sea monsters. It was a terrifying sight.

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe slowly walked toward the rest of the sea monsters with its hammer.

A black cloud of gas spiraled up beside the Elder of the Shadow Tribe's foot with every step it took, transforming into a Shadow Guard walking alongside it.

The Shadow Guards were influenced by their Elder. They were also carrying hammers on their shoulders, instead of assassination weapons like daggers.

More Shadow Guards appeared, each carrying a weapon stained with blood. They followed the Elder and approached the sea monsters fearlessly.

Even Mo Fan was dumbfounded by the sight, let alone Ding Yumian!

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe was supposed to be a respected noble in the Dark Plane. It had control over the Shadow Tribe's right to kill. Even if it did not have the temperament of a king, it was supposed to behave like a feudal vassal. Why did it feel like it was leading a criminal gang during the era of the Republic of China instead?

The members of the triad were all wearing black cloaks and carrying blunt weapons like hammers. They were marching forward with overbearing arrogance, looking just like street thugs.

Mo Fan finally understood why the lower beam would be crooked when the upper beam was not straight.

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe was an unrestrained butcher, and so all of its men were mimicking it!

However, they were not just trying to put up a front like street gangsters, but were actually planning to kill the sea monsters sadistically!

They were like serial killers who had already corralled their targets. They just had to choose how they were going to kill their prey!

Whether it was using a scythe, an axe, or a hammer, whatever was more effective at intimidating their prey, the only fate awaiting the sea monsters was a horrible death.

The Elder of the Shadow Tribe led the way. Every swing of its hammer shattered the bones and scales of the sea monsters without fail.

The Shadow Guards were strengthened by the Elder of the Shadow Tribe's Aura and the darkness. They lined up in rows and purged the sea monsters in an orderly fashion, without sparing any of them.

It was effective to curb violence with violence when dealing with the vicious sea monsters. The creatures of the Dark Plane were true experts when it came to the art of killing!

Mo Fan approved the approach of the Elder of the Shadow Tribe. It was necessary to make the sea monsters afraid. He had to inject fear into their bones, so they would understand they had to pay a huge price for invading their cities and territories, and killing their people so brutally!

Dead sea monsters were piling up in the river. The river had stopped flowing. The bodies were floating on the water and forming a new sandbank in front of the bridge.

There used to be a sandbank full of the remains of pigs and the Crocodile Sea Demons. It had now resurfaced, but it was formed from the dead bodies of the sea monsters instead of earth.

It was Ding Yumian's first time seeing a nightmarish sight like this. However, she did not move her gaze away, nor allow herself to show any weak emotions.

She knew if the bodies piling up had not belonged to the sea monsters, the corpses scattered along the river would instead be humans. She would feel true despair if that happened.

Ding Yumian tried her best to remain calm, despite the shock she was experiencing.

Every time she was shaken, she would glance at Mo Fan.

Mo Fan's were calm and unmoved. He was obviously used to situations like this.

However, Ding Yumian knew the man had a fiery heart, despite his merciless expression. Anything that crossed his line would have to suffer his wrath.

They could not be hesitant and show their enemy mercy at a time like this. They had to be decisive. They had to fight back fiercely!

It was the only way to defend the river that stretched for over a hundred kilometers!

As a Psychic Mage, if she was not mentally strong enough, how was she going to beat the cunning sea monsters and their lust for blood?

Ding Yumian felt she had learned an important lesson today.

Humans were often unable to resolve certain things, like the pain they had suffered and the guilt they bore, but if she had a firm heart like the man beside her, she would be able to protect her people instead of bringing disaster to them!

Chapter 2494: The Town that Survived

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The Shadow Triad was surprisingly civilized. They conveniently cleaned up the dead bodies by degrading them, as if they were concerned about public hygiene and environmental protection. The whole bay soon looked like nothing had ever happened.

Ding Yumian's mental energy was depleted. Mo Fan had also consumed all the energy in his Shadow and Lightning Elements.

Mo Fan had prepared the two spells over a long time. He had only used a single spell with each Element, but the energy he had consumed was greater than the amount of energy required to construct a dozen Star Palaces.

Mo Fan was worn out mentally, but he was relieved after taking out so many sea monsters at once.

The number of the sea monsters was beyond their estimates. The Pearl Institute would lose a lot more students and teachers if they did not come up with a better plan to wipe out the sea monsters!

“I’ve collected a lot of Soul Remnants. I should use them to improve my Earth Element...”

Mo Fan had ended up making a fortune. He had collected almost a whole bag of intact Soul Essences, not to mention the Organ Crystals of the sea monsters!

He could sell these intact Soul Essences directly for money. Since he now had a Heaven-inferior Seed for his Earth Element, his Earth Spells would be significantly stronger as he improved his Earth Element.

Ever since his Earth Element had gained a Heaven-inferior Seed, he had been using his Soul Remnants and Soul Essences to strengthen the Earth Element instead of expanding his wolf army. Even if his Earth Element had yet to reach the Super Level, it was still on par with other people’s Super-Level Earth Elements due to the help of the Heaven-inferior Seed!

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Although Mo Fan and Ding Yumian had to recover their energy, they did not leave the dangerous river.

It was unlikely they had wiped out the sea monsters after just a single attempt. They had to sweep the other branches of the river now. Mo Fan was still quite powerful, even if he could not use Advanced or Super Spells that required a lot of mental energy.

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“Mo Fan, Mr. Wei Rong is asking us to head to Bing Town,” Ding Yumian told him.

“Alright,” Mo Fan agreed.

Bing Town was located at a perfect river bay. If it weren’t for the incident, it would be the most unique town to the south of the Yangtze River.

The town had been attacked by the sea monsters long ago, but it seemed like no one had survived the invasion.

The invasion had been going on for quite some time. The town was surrounded by water and surely unlikely to survive the attack.

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Mo Fan and Ding Yumian soon reached Bing Town. “Are there survivors?” he asked.

There were rows of cypress trees at the entrance of the town up on slightly higher terrain. They could see the farmlands that had turned into lakes, and houses soaking in the water.

“I first thought there were no survivors here, but the Hunter Union received a call for help, saying that the people of the entire town are still alive,” Wei Rong relayed to him.

“How is that possible? Bing Town was the first to be drowned and attacked. Other towns with similar terrain to this barely have any survivors. How are the people still alive?” the student representative asked.

“I’m not sure, either. It’s most likely misinformation,” Wei Rong sighed.

It was a relief to hear a piece of news like that, but when they arrived at the town, the whole place was soaked in mud and water. They could not see a single person, but they could still see sea monsters passing by occasionally.

“It must be some kind of a trap again. The sea monsters are good at playing with our minds. We should leave this place as soon as possible. We still have many things to do, and there are other places that need our help,” the student representative spoke up.

Ding Yumian lifted her gaze and looked at Mo Fan.

Mo Fan did not agree with the student representative’s words. He shook his head and pointed out, “There are no corpses or bloodstains in the town.”

“Could it be some gigantic sea monster swallowed up all the people, like the beasts in the myths that can swallow thousands of people with a single bite?” the student representative guessed.

“Have you played too many retarded games? If a gigantic sea monster does show up, it would obviously cause a lot of destruction, but the buildings in the town are still in good condition. The only damage was caused by little sea monsters,” Mo Fan went on.

“Well... either way, we don’t see a single person here, so we’d have to search the whole town,” the student representative groused.

“How about this? Senior, you should rest here with Senior Sister. Let us handle the search,” a student with the Shadow Element called out.

“Sure, be careful.”

Wei Rong had already organized the students based on their Elements and capabilities. It was much more effective than their previous approach. They were no longer like a plate of loose sand.

Mo Fan and Ding Yumian had to get some rest, and did not force themselves to look for the survivors.

It was a great chance to train the students, too.

It was not like the sea monsters had significantly outmatched human Mages, but they had a stronger will to fight, as they were used to the dangerous environment of the deep sea. They were born in an environment that obeyed the law of the jungle, while many human Mages had already forgotten how to fight after relying too much on the protection of the cities.

“I’m a little hungry,” Mo Fan rubbed his stomach. He had not had time to eat anything.

“You still have an appetite?” Ding Yumian asked, staring at him with wide eyes.

“For some reason, I’m feeling a bigger appetite now!” Mo Fan nodded.

Mo Fan searched in his Space Bracelet, but he only found some dried food like jerky. He always felt like vomiting if he ate too many of them, but they were incredibly useful for replenishing energy.

He had no choice but to eat some jerky and sit down on the ground to meditate.

Mo Fan was soon fully focused on meditating. Wei Rong, Ding Yumian, and the graduates were impressed. Anyone who was able to close their eyes and meditate in a situation like this was very confident.

Most Mages needed a quiet, comfortable, and safe environment to meditate. Otherwise, they would have trouble focusing.

Even though they were up on the high ground, they were still surrounded by water. The sea monsters might show up at any second.

Mo Fan was basically taking a nap in the middle of a battlefield!

The others could never do the same thing.

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The student with the Shadow Element eventually returned. Mo Fan could sense his magic from afar.

“Mr. Wei Rong, Senior Mo Fan, and Senior Sister Ding, the people of this town are indeed alive!” the student called out happily.

“Huh? But where are they?” Wei Rong quickly looked around them.

Were they hiding in the buildings? Why didn’t the sea monsters drag them out?

Chapter 2495: Wise Decision

The Shadow Mage roughly explained the situation. Mo Fan asked him to bring him to the survivors. He wanted to see them.

It was getting dark, perfect for them to move around with the Shadow Element. Mo Fan followed the student across the flooded city and arrived at a school at the back of the town.

“Are they inside?” Mo Fan asked.

“Yes, but not in the buildings,” the student said.

Mo Fan and the student went inside the school. The buildings were a little old and damaged. Most kids were sent to study in bigger cities. There were not many students left in the towns.

There was a little hill behind the buildings, all covered in weed.

“There’s a bunker here,” the student pointed at an entrance that was half-submerged in the water.

Mo Fan took a closer look and noticed the hill was not just made of soil. It was stacked with sturdy rocks, too!

The bunker was serving as an emergency shelter. The water had already covered the entrance, and the hill was only around the size of a house. There was no way it had enough room to contain the people of a town.

Were the people hiding underground? It would have to be deeper than the river!

"It's sealed off to stop the water from flowing into it. I wouldn't have found it if I hadn't discovered an air vent hidden under the grass," the student said proudly, taking hold of the opportunity to show off in front of his senior.

"Well done, we'll go inside through the air vent," Mo Fan directed him.

"There's a magic Barrier stopping me from going inside," the student admitted awkwardly.

"It's fine, come with me."

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Normal magic barriers were unable to stop Mo Fan's Fleeing Shadow.

They flowed inside the well-hidden air vent. It was extremely deep and long. Even if the sea monsters noticed some unusual airflow in the area, they would most likely give up on exploring it, as it was disguised to look like a rat's burrow or a snake's hole.

They followed the meandering tunnel through some junctions, and finally reached the magic Barrier.

"Chaos Magic?" Mo Fan was surprised. The vent was disguised with a smokescreen that would trick most creatures into believing they had reached the end of the tunnel.

It explained why the sea monsters that were roaming through the town had failed to discover the tunnel.

Mo Fan and the student headed deeper and soon discovered the fan for the vent.

They went past the fan and arrived in a spacious area. Mo Fan and the student could hear soft voices.

"Someone's here!" a nervous voice suddenly shouted.

A few Mages quickly gathered at the vent, staring at the strange shadows in front of them.

"Calm down, I'm a student of the Pearl Institute. We have come to save you!" The student revealed himself.

The Mages looked at him in surprise. Someone had finally responded to their call for help!

"Are all the folks of the town here?" Mo Fan asked directly.

The Mages had a fright. They turned around as if they had just seen a ghost.

A woman with a ponytail, standing the closest to Mo Fan, was spooked. She had no idea when the guy had appeared.

Cough cough! “He’s my senior... his cultivation is higher than mine, so none of you noticed him,” the student quickly explained.

“Oh!” The Mages were the City Hunters in charge of the area. They had organized the people of the town to take shelter in the bunker.

To Mo Fan’s surprise, the bunker was actually about the size of a sports stadium. It was filled with people, including the young and the aged.

There were a lot of people, but everything was in order.

The families each had their own areas to drink and rest. Some people were chatting, but their voices were very soft.

Normally, a stadium with a capacity of over ten thousand people would be bustling with noise that would reach the streets outside.

However, it was rather quiet in the bunker. No one was panicking, crying, or screaming. Everyone was calm and quiet.

Usually, a group of people would argue and fight under dire circumstances, let alone a group of ten thousand people in an enclosed environment with no way of knowing what was happening outside. The enclosed space and the sense of uneasiness could easily cause the whole group to suffer a mental breakdown.

“Who’s in charge here?” Mo Fan asked.

A man in his thirties among the Mages stepped forward. “There’s no one in charge. We just gathered the people and stuck together to increase our odds of survival.”

The man was younger than he looked. He had an unkempt beard, but a handsome face.

“This is the captain of our Fangjiang’s City Hunters, Ma Yong. He was once a military advisor for the northwest military district,” the woman with a ponytail introduced him proudly.

Captain Ma Yong was the reason why the people of Bing Town were unharmed. He had taken note of every shelter, bunker, evacuation point, and relay station after he was assigned here, including the routes, bridges, and the paths that led to them.

Ma Yong did not ask the people to flee for their lives when the sea monsters were invading through the river. The town was surrounded by water. Even if they traveled far away from the town, there were still many paddy fields, ponds, and lakes that would increase the sea monsters’ activity range, not to mention the sea monsters were faster than humans.

The area would devolve into a hunting ground for the sea monsters if they tried to run away. Their chance of survival would solely depend on how quickly the sea monsters were able to hunt them down.

The other towns served as perfect examples. The number of survivors from each town were less than three digits!

Less than a hundred survivors for every ten thousand people. It showed how savage the sea monsters were and their intimidating numbers.

Therefore, Ma Yong had not evacuated the people from the town. He had decisively brought them to the bunker instead.

The bunker was located underground, with rocks and heavy gates protecting the entrance.

They might have a chance if they hid the air vent and tried their best not to make any noises!

“You made a wise decision. The other towns close to the river are...” The student trailed off tellingly.

“I’m just using the experience I received from when I was in the army. Our numbers would make us an easy target for the sea monsters,” Ma Yong smiled wryly.

A middle-aged man with a worried face came up to them and asked, “Does this mean the army is here? Have they wiped out the sea monsters out there? Can we finally get out of here? My son is having trouble breathing. The air vent is too small. Everyone is distressed!”

“Are our rescuers here?”

“Awesome, we made it!”

“The army is here for us!”

The others seemed to have finally noticed Mo Fan and the student, and were growing excited.

The student and Mo Fan exchanged awkward glances.. They did not know what to say to the people.

Chapter 2496: Food Shortage

“I’m sorry to tell you all that the military is still busy at the coasts and the estuary. We are only people of the Pearl Institute,” the student explained.

“The Pearl Institute will do. It has a lot of talented Mages. How many did you bring?” the middle-aged man said.

“Six.”

“...”

Only six?

The people of the town were disappointed, and started complaining anxiously.

The middle-aged man lost his calm. “We were stuck here for so long. Why is it taking so long for help to arrive? Why aren’t they taking our lives seriously?”

“Yeah, we didn’t bring any resources with us. Everyone is starving. We have been drinking unfiltered water. If help doesn’t arrive soon, we are going to starve to death, even if we aren’t eaten by the sea monsters!”

“Did the government give up on us?”

The people inside the bunker started panicking. They had persevered through the situation because they had hope, but there was no hope for them right now after all.

“Everyone, please stay calm and listen to me!” Captain Ma Yong stood on a higher spot and shouted.

Fear and panic were contagious in an enclosed space with over ten thousand people. It was not easy to pacify them.

However, Ma Yong stubbornly repeated the same words even though his voice was drowned out by the noises. He kept shouting to calm the people down.

His voice started to go hoarse, but his shouts were effective, and the people eventually calmed down. Even though they were desperate and crying, they tried their best to lower their voices.

“My friends, it’s too early to give up now. The government hasn’t given up on us. Think about it, the people of other towns were all eaten by the sea monsters, but we are still alive. It’s a blessing from the Heavens, so that is all the more the reason for us to stay calm and figure out a way to leave this place in one piece. We should cooperate with the people who came here to save us!” Ma Yong said.

“Captain Ma, you have done a lot for us. Without you and your men...” The people were ashamed of themselves after seeing the captain’s willingness to fulfill his job to the end.

“At least we are safe for now. The sea monsters won’t find us here. The whole river is crawling with sea monsters, and the Pearl Institute is sacrificing itself to annihilate them. We should wait patiently. We can leave once the sea monsters are dealt with,” Ma Yong went on.

“It’s true, Senior Mo Fan here is a Super Mage! He and Senior Sister Ding killed a Ruler-level sea monster recently. The dead bodies of the sea monsters are piled up at the river bay! Just give us more time, and we’ll make sure you leave here safely!” the student exclaimed.

The rest of the City Hunters looked at Mo Fan curiously. The man was equivalent to an army if he was capable of killing a Ruler-level sea monster!

“We have a Super Mage with us!”

“A Super Mage who can kill thousands of sea monsters...”

“That’s such a relief.”

The people immediately calmed down. Was there anything more comforting than knowing there was a Super Mage with them?

“Everyone, there’s no need to be nervous. This bunker is extremely safe. The sea monsters will never find you. As a matter of fact, even if the government sent an army to rescue you, the sea monsters are hiding around this area. The army would only attract the attention of more sea monsters, resulting in

huge casualties. The army won't guarantee everyone's safety, so the best option for you is to stay here and wait until the sea monsters are exterminated. You will all be able to leave here safely," Mo Fan told them.

The words of a Super Mage were extremely reliable. The people stopped complaining. They knew how well-hidden the bunker was.

No one was willing to face the brutal sea monsters. They were satisfied with staying in the safe bunker!

Captain Ma Yong and his men had a discussion with Mo Fan after they calmed the people down.

"Our greatest worry is the shortage of food. Otherwise, we are fine by ourselves," Ma Yong said.

"That should be easy to solve," Mo Fan said.

"The air vent is too small, and we can't open the door. I'm afraid it's going to be difficult to bring in enough food to feed ten thousand people," Ma Yong frowned.

"Don't worry, that's easy to solve, too!"

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Mo Fan and the student returned to the woods after leaving the bunker.

They roughly explained the situation to the others. Wei Rong looked relieved. He immediately contacted the Hunter Union to request food supplies.

"It's good to hear so many people are still alive," Ding Yumian smiled.

She knew how miraculous it was for an entire town to survive in their current situation, especially after seeing the river littered with corpses.

Mo Fan continued to meditate as he waited.

It was important to save up energy. He had to recover his energy and wipe out every sea monster in the river. Mo Fan could not afford to waste a single second.

Mo Fan was startled by Wei Rong's angry voice.

"Unacceptable, that Elder Yao didn't show up to kill the sea monsters. He was late to save the people, and when I asked them to send us some food, he rejected it because he claimed they would be feeding the sea monsters instead!" Wei Rong cursed loudly.

He had never met anyone worse than the elder of the Hunter Union, who acted like such a scumbag when the people of China were in a pinch.

"We don't have enough people to transport the food. How are we going to gather enough food for the bunker in a limited time?" the student with the Shadow Element, named Zhang Zhuo, spoke up angrily.

Mo Fan opened his eyes and asked Wei Rong for the reason why the Hunter Union was reluctant to help.

“A group of Deep Sea Bass Demons have occupied a sector of the river. The Hunters do not dare cross paths with them,” Wei Rong informed him.

“Oh, Deep Sea Bass Monsters? So they are the same as normal bass?” Mo Fan asked him.

“More or less, but their average length is roughly seven meters, and their scales are as thick as armor. They are like heavy trucks at full speed when they are swimming in the water. Nothing can stop them,” Wei Rong said.

“Perfect... it’s time to treat the people to a buffet!” Mo Fan seemed to have an idea.

The others did not understand what he meant.

They had no way of transporting enough food to feed ten thousand people.. It was difficult just to satisfy their hunger. How were they going to prepare a buffet for the people in the bunker?

Chapter 2497: Chef Flame Belle

Ding Yumian, Wei Rong, and Zhang Zhuo were confused. Mo Fan only told them he would be back in a while.

The others had no choice but to wait for him in the woods.

Ding Yumian and Wei Rong wanted to check out the people, and headed into the bunker.

They were sea monsters roaming in the area. They decisively took out all of the sea monsters in the town, preventing them from finding the bunker.

The sea monsters had to have a special way of summoning others of their kind. If a little sea monster somehow found the bunker and discovered the humans hiding in it, it would call a huge number of sea monsters over to feed on them!

As a safety precaution, they thus decided to take out every sea monster in the area!

Mo Fan finally returned after two hours.

Zhang Zhuo was waiting in the woods. He noticed Mo Fan did not return empty-handedly; he was dragging some huge fishing boats behind him!

When Mo Fan came closer, Zhang Zhuo realized they were not fishing boats, but huge sea monsters tied in a line.

Swallowing Sea Bass Demons!

Zhang Zhuo and the student representative were dumbfounded.

How insane was Mo Fan? These Swallowing Bass Beasts were Great Commander-level creatures among the sea monsters, but they were tied up like grass carp as they were being dragged through the water.

It was like an old man had returned in the evening with his catch of fish tied around his waist!

“You there, go get a few sacks of seasonings from the city,” Mo Fan pointed at the student representative.

“What do you need seasonings for?”

“Are you really asking that? Haven’t you had grilled fish before?”

Grill fish?

Grill the Swallowing Sea Bass?

Those were powerful and brutal Commander-level sea monsters that would eat every living creature they saw, not the usual grilled fish at a supper stall!

“Senior, are we going to eat sea monsters?” Zhang Zhuo asked him uncertainly.

“Is there a problem with that? I’ve tried them in Japan. You just need to get rid of its scales and skin. These sea monsters from the deep sea have delicious flesh! There’s even a Sea Monster Seafood Street in Japan. They will buy fresh sea monsters for good money!” Mo Fan replied energetically.

Little Flame Belle had already flown out of her Contracted Space as they were talking.

Little Flame Belle was excited when she heard Mo Fan was going to grill something. She reached out her little hands and spat two sparkles on them, rubbing them together like she was about to fight a great battle, but she looked adorable instead!

“Be patient, I’ll remove the scales and skin first. I have to clean their insides, too,” Mo Fan told her.

“Senior, I’m not really good at this,” Zhang Zhuo said hesitantly.

“It’s fine, I can do it, just organize the Swallowing Sea Bass at the back. I think there are about ten of them. I hope they are enough to feed everyone,” Mo Fan answered.

Mo Fan went to the first Swallowing Sea Bass and waved his hand. Spinning blades appeared in the air.

He controlled the spinning blades perfectly. He was once unable to control them so precisely, but he was now a Super Space Mage. It was not difficult for him to use the Space Element for his knife!

Mo Fan was controlling hundreds of Space Blades at the same time. A Swallowing Bass Beast around the size of a truck could be skinned and scaled in just a few minutes. Even its insides were gutted and cleaned away.

Zhang Zhuo’s secondary Element happened to be the Water Element. Mo Fan asked him to clean the Swallowing Sea Bass.

“Little Flame Belle, let’s begin. Make sure they are well done!” Mo Fan told his chef.

“Ling!” Little Flame Belle was overjoyed. She set up an illusionary stove and tossed the first Swallowing Sea Bass onto it.

It did not matter how thick the flesh was. The Heavenly Flames were still able to cook it!

“The fire is too big. Don’t burn it.”

“Ling!”

“Little Flame Belle, use a smaller fire so it’s crispy on the outside and tender on the inside.”

“Ling!”

Zhang Zhuo was cleaning the Swallowing Sea Bass on the other side. He was lost for words to describe the special pair.

Everyone was nervous due to the dire circumstances. How could a scene like an old father teaching his daughter how to grill fish even happen here?

A pleasant smell was lingering in the air. The first Swallowing Sea Bass was already golden. Mo Fan was preparing the other Swallowing Sea Bass with his air blades as he was seasoning them.

Mo Fan had always stored some seasonings inside his Space Bracelet. As a foodie, he would feel more insecure having no salt, cooking oil, soy sauce, or vinegar than running out of energy while he was in the wild.

The seasonings and aroma would surely have attracted all the sea monsters within ten kilometers if Mo Fan had not set up a Barrier, too!

“Here, Zhang Zhuo, have a taste as your reward,” Mo Fan cut off a piece of the Swallowing Sea Bass’ flesh.

It was only a tiny piece of flesh from the Swallowing Sea Bass, but it was bigger than a man’s palm. A Swallowing Sea Bass was enough to feed a lot of people!

“Thank you, senior!” Zhang Zhuo was surprised that he got to have the first taste.

He was starving after fighting the sea monsters over a long period, but he did not have the appetite to eat after seeing many gory scenes.

However, the grilled Swallowing Bass Beast had such a nice aroma that Zhao Zhuo felt like he was about to drool.

Zhang Zhuo took a bite. His expression shifted instantly.

It was absolutely delicious!

Even if it was a little overcooked and lacked seasoning, the flesh was extremely tender. It was completely different from the cultivated seafood and normal catches, as expected of the flesh of a sea monster!

“It’s so delicious. I’ve never eaten anything like it!” Zhang Zhuo took a huge bite. His mouth was now covered in grease. He had an urge to pounce on the golden Swallowing Sea Bass and munch on it!

“Mm, do you feel sick or anything?” Mo Fan asked him.

“Sick? Do you mean does it taste fishy? Not really, it’s very fresh,” Zhang Zhuo said.

“No, not that. Many sea monsters have high-quality flesh, but their flesh is usually poisonous, helping prevent them from being eaten by other creatures. If you don’t feel sick, it should be fine for the others to eat them. Great, we’ve sorted out the food shortage!” Mo Fan nodded at him.

Zhang Zhuo almost dislocated his jaw.

Senior, you shouldn’t treat your junior like that!

Zhang Zhuo almost burst into tears. He finally realized why Mo Fan and Little Flame Belle had not taken the first bites. They were worried it might be poisonous!

“Senior, how are we going to move them inside the bunker?” Zhang Zhuo asked.

“I’ve set up a teleport point inside the bunker. I’ll teleport them into the bunker!” Mo Fan replied casually.

“Then... I should work harder to clean the rest.. I wouldn’t want the people to starve!” Zhang Zhuo sighed.

Chapter 2498: Seafood Buffet

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Ding Yumian and Wei Rong had already gone into the bunker. They were relieved to see the people were safe and sound.

However, they soon noticed many of the elderly giving the young ones their shares of the dried food, leaving the elders dispirited and starving. They felt helpless and sorry for the people.

“I swear I’m going to make Elder Yao Xin pay for this. This is unacceptable!” Wei Rong snarled.

Everyone was enduring the hardships, waiting for help to arrive. They were trying their best to suppress their fear and despair, but the elder of the Hunter Union did not dare send food because he was too scared of dying!

“Sir, we should let other places know the situation here. Perhaps some people might be willing to help us,” Ding Yumian suggested.

Wei Rong let out a sigh. He realized that even if he were to confront Elder Yao Xin, he would never change the man’s selfish personality.

“Excuse me, please give me some space in the center!” Mo Fan’s voice appeared out of nowhere. It gave the people nearby a huge fright.

Mo Fan had suddenly appeared. Even if he were using the Shadow Element, the way he showed up out of nowhere was unbelievable.

The others looked at Mo Fan and noticed the ripples of the Space Element. He seemed to have Blinked into the bunker. No wonder he did not alert anyone!

“What is it for?” the woman with a ponytail asked.

“Don’t we need a place to put the food?” Mo Fan asked.

“Is there something to eat?!” a member of the Hunter Group exclaimed excitedly, his eyes glittering.

They were all starving!

Space Bracelets were extremely rare. They could not possibly afford to buy them with their wages. Mo Fan’s Space Bracelet did not have a huge capacity, either. The food he carried was only enough for himself.

“Mm, please move away from this area. Yes, a little more please. You over there, if you don’t move from that spot, you will be smacked to death by a tail... alright, that should do!”

Mo Fan told the people to clear a huge space before he suddenly snapped his fingers.

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Silver lights appeared in front of Mo Fan and drew special connected planes.

The silver planes eventually turned into an enclosed blurred area. Something huge was taking shape in it.

“Teleportation?” The people were astounded.

Wei Rong and Ding Yumian did not expect Mo Fan’s Space Element to be so powerful that he could teleport objects into the bunker.

A pleasant aroma was spreading through the air before the object even took shape. The people were excited.

They thought they were able to resist the urge, but they could not help but drool after smelling the pleasant aroma.

“It smells so good. Mother, someone is grilling food!”

“I’m so hungry...”

“It’s the smell of grilled fish!”

The people of Bing Town were restless. It was irresistible smelling something nice when they were all starving.

Wei Rong, Ding Yumian, Ma Yong, and the woman with a ponytail were stunned. They watched the open space being filled with a huge grilled fish with a strong aroma!

Is it a whale? How is it so big?

“Why does it look a little familiar?” Wei Rong stared at the fish carefully.

When he saw where the fish’s bones were, his eyes widened in disbelief!

Holy crap! Isn’t this a Swallowing Sea Bass?

Isn’t this the reason why the Hunter Union is afraid to transport food to us?

Why is it cooked?

Why is its outside crisp and its insides tender?

“Mo Fan, why...why did you cook a sea monster?” Wei Rong was so shocked that he was stammering.

“Don’t worry, its flesh is very tasty. Even the elderly can eat it. Zhang Zhuo already tried it. It’s not poisonous,” Mo Fan assured him.

“That’s not the problem... they...they are sea monsters!” Wei Rong yelled at him.

Ma Yong and the rest of the City Hunters looked at Mo Fan like he was a monster!

He was not human.

Most people did not even have time to run when they saw a sea monster.

However, this man had grilled a sea monster, and it even gave off such a nice aroma!

The people completely forgot how terrifying the sea monsters were. They only had a single thought now: eat the sea monster!

“Let’s not waste any time. Get everyone to line up and get their share of food!” Mo Fan just smiled.

“So this is the buffet you mentioned?”

“Mm, the people have had a hard time. They are understanding in such a grim situation, too. They deserve to have a seafood buffet,” Mo Fan grinned.

“That’s true...” Wei Rong agreed.

The people do deserve a treat, but aren’t you overdoing it?

What about the sea monsters’ dignity? You have grilled their brave warriors. Have you ever considered their feelings?

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One of the perks of China was the people were rarely picky about what they ate, nor did they have a lot of taboos. They had gone through a lot of hardships to be satisfied with the food they had, unlike many foreigners.

Little Flame Belle’s grilling skills had rapidly improved, too.

The truck-sized Swallowing Sea Bass soon only had its bones left.

Even the bones were crispy. Some people who did not get to eat its flesh were hoping they could get the bones.

“That won’t be necessary. I have prepared more than one. It’s supposed to be a buffet! Everyone is going to be fed!” Mo Fan proclaimed.

Mo Fan snapped his fingers, signaling Little Flame Belle to serve the second Devouring Sea Bass. Hot air was still rising from its golden crispy surface. The City Hunters, Wei Rong, and Ding Yumian were still starving.

“Eat it, what are you all waiting for? There are still eight of them outside! If that isn’t enough, I can just hunt a few more of them. Just give me some time!” Mo Fan urged them.

The aroma of the grilled fish filled the bunker. The people were overjoyed to be able to enjoy great food in the enclosed environment. They were no longer afraid after they solved the problem of the food!

“Uh, sir, I can help with the seasoning. The quality of its flesh is great. We shouldn’t waste such a high-quality ingredient. I used to own a grilled fish shop. I may be able to improve its taste!” a middle-aged man volunteered to help.

“That’s great. I’m far from a professional. I’m not good at seasoning them!” Mo Fan nodded.

“Just send the grilled fish over and I’ll season them!” the man said.

“Sure!”

Chapter 2499: Keeping two Goddesses of the Pearl Institute as Mistresses

One after another, the Swallowing Sea Bass were moved into the bunker. With a reliable chef seasoning the Swallowing Sea Bass, the people quickly ate the sea monsters clean. Their skeletons were perfect, like specimens in a museum.

All ten Swallowing Sea Bass were eaten, and not just because the people in the bunker had finished them all to satisfy their hunger. Most of the people were so full they could not eat anything else.

The flesh of the Swallowing Sea Bass was of extremely high quality. After all, they were Commander-level creatures. Even a small piece of their meat was enough to supply an ordinary human enough energy, not to mention the Swallowing Sea Bass’ extraordinary size!

The meal was enough to satisfy the hunger of all of the people in the bunker. By the time they grew hungry again, the Mages would hopefully have thoroughly cleansed the river. The people were able to wait inside the bunker with peace of mind.

“Mr. Wei Rong, are the students of the Pearl Institute always so resourceful?” Ma Yong asked after a loud burp.

“Not all of them. This young man is just... a little special,” Wei Rong admitted carefully.

Everyone in the Pearl Institute knew who Mo Fan was. He was the young man who had challenged everyone when he first enrolled in the school and forcibly claimed the resources allocated to the new students of his batch.

When he moved to the Fire School at the main campus, he had even challenged two hundred students of the Fire School with high profiles!

He had made a name for the Pearl Institute by defeating the great talents of other countries in the World College Tournament and made his country proud, albeit he got himself into a lot of trouble.

Wei Rong had not heard a lot about Mo Fan since the World College Tournament. Either he had kept a low profile, or everything he was involved in was kept confidential. He was walking a different path than other Mages!

If only the Pearl Institute had more students like him...

Mo Fan had been able to use his unreasonable strength to protect them from the strong waves of calamity, while everyone else was at a loss. He could think of a way outside the box when the people grew uneasy. He had hunted sea monsters and grilled them to feed the refugees in the bunker. He had thoroughly displayed the unyielding spirit of the Chinese in tough situations!

Mo Fan rested in the bunker after he was done eating. Zhao Manyan called him after he had almost recovered his energy.

“The entrance of the river has been sealed off. No sea monsters are going to sneak in again,” Zhao Manyan informed him.

Mo Fan soon received some news from Mu Bai, too. He had worked with Apas and the Royal Striped Grey Wolf to kill off the powerful sea monsters in the Dianshan Lake.

There should not be any Ruler-level creatures left in the Huangpu River. The remaining sea monsters were just sheets of loose sand. That should be enough to return peace to the shorelines.

Mo Fan relayed the information to Ma Yong, who immediately informed the residents of Bing Town.

They all cheered happily. They could leave the bunker soon!

Mo Fan continued with the purge after he had rested up. The Organ Crystals, Soul Remnants, and Soul Essences of the sea monsters were quite valuable.

Ding Yumian gave Mo Fan with her full assistance. Mo Fan no longer had to go wandering around in circles chasing the sea monsters with a powerful Psychic Mage helping him. He could just kill the sea monsters wherever he went!

The slaughter continued for two days and two nights. Mo Fan’s energy was depleted again.

If someone had the Blessing Element, he would have been able to recover his energy quickly and continue on with the purge. However, the Blessing Element was exclusive to the Parthenon Temple.

“Senior Mo Fan, Senior Ding, you should go back and get some rest. Leave it to us!” Zhang Zhuo told them. “We now have at least thirty people in our group. We can run away if we are no match for the Commander-level sea monsters. Most of the bigger sea monsters are dead. Only Warrior-level sea monsters are left!”

Mo Fan nodded. His energy was already spent, so it was meaningless for him to stay there. He had to recover his energy again if he wanted to help.

Mo Fan realized he was sleeping on the rug by his couch after he woke up.

He somehow picked up a pleasant smell. He immediately saw someone’s disheveled hair and the side of a fast-asleep face, which made his heart race.

Mo Fan still had a splitting headache as a consequence of using all his energy. He shook his head, trying to recall what had happened, when the door suddenly swung open.

A pair of spectacular E-cup breasts entered the room, followed by an adorable face.

The woman dropped the takoyaki in her hands. She was holding a pair of disposable chopsticks and carrying several bags in her arms. She stared at Mo Fan and Ding Yumian, who were lying beside the couch in disbelief.

“Can’t...can’t you two do it in the room? The living room isn’t where you are allowed to do your filthy acts!” Ai Tutu snarled.

Mo Fan finally recalled what happened after his mind cleared.

Ding Yumian fainted on their way back from exhaustion. She must have never used so much of her energy before, and was deeply asleep.

Mo Fan had no clue where she lived. He had no choice but to bring her back to his place after returning to the Pearl Institute.

Mo Fan had also felt light-headed as soon as he reached home.

He was suffering the side effects of energy depletion, and could not withstand the urge to sleep. He had ended up fainting, too. What a pity, he initially thought he could have done something with the girl.

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Ai Tutu was the kind who could not keep any secrets. Rumors soon spread through the school.

Many people also saw Mo Fan and Ding Yumian working closely together during the battle with the sea monsters, resulting in rumors that the demon king had successfully taken two goddesses of the school as his mistresses!

Mo Fan was lost for words to explain himself. Why did he bear the bad reputation, even though he had yet to do anything to either of them?

Mo Fan had a feeling the reputation he had earned through his recent contributions was completely ruined.

However, there were many people who were supporting Mo Fan on the forum.

“Why are you all being jealous if he’s capable of keeping the goddesses as his mistresses? I’ll be honest, if Mo Fan is willing, I can be his fifth, sixth, or seventh concubine!” someone commented.

Mo Fan was surfing the forum while he was resting. He immediately clicked on the person’s profile after seeing the comment.

Mo Fan immediately felt refreshed after seeing the person’s profile picture. He had never seen such a tanned otokonoko before, not to mention the extremely red lipstick the man had put on.

He should be relieved that Mo Fan did not assume he was a sea monster, let alone take him as a concubine!

“Stop trying to get other people’s attention. Our demon king is a man with high standards. I even took the initiative to ask if he was willing to take me as his mistress, but he told me in person that he’s already a man with a family and lovers, that I’m not worthy of him,” a woman called Lu Qingyao commented.

Lu Qingyao’s comment soon attracted plenty of replies.

“I want to be a man with a family and lovers too!

“+1, I want to be a man with a family and lovers!”

“...”

Mo Fan’s expression darkened.

That b**ch Lu Qingyao was trying to set him up! Was she still holding a grudge against him because he had not accepted her?

Chapter 2500: A Trial

Humans were a very strange species.

Mo Fan had contributed greatly towards purging the sea monsters in the Huangpu River. Some of his juniors even combined the recordings into a clip and posted it on the Internet to showcase Mo Fan’s outstanding feats.

He had massacred the sea monsters with overwhelming strength. He had even fainted after his energy was depleted.

But in the end, the people were more concerned about Ding Yumian becoming Mo Fan’s mistress.

An anonymous guy claimed he knew a lot of insider news. He even put down a list of women who had ties with Mo Fan, and uploaded their photos too.

“Holy, every woman is a different style, but they are all natural beauties! Normally, a man would struggle to make a choice between them, but our demon king Mo Fan is no ordinary man. He chose to have them all. It’s the difference between ordinary people like us and a god like him!”

“It sounds like the editor is very familiar with the demon king. He or she even has pictures of the demon king in other countries. Mo Fan has over half a dozen mistresses. It happens to be the same as the number of his Elements. Does it mean he always finds a new woman every time he Awakens a new Element? That means he has to become a Forbidden Mage to have another breakthrough! Keep it up!”

“God Mo, you are the role model of all men!”

The anonymous man put Mo Fan in an even worse spot after Lu Qingyao’s comment, listing out seven women in total.

Mo Fan’s head was spinning. Shouldn’t people worry about the serious matters at hand? Why were they focusing on his personal life instead?

Most importantly, it was just some ambiguous rumors. It was not like every woman he worked with was his concubine!

Besides, which asshole exactly was the anonymous guy? How did he have photos of him at the Alps Institute?

“F**k, it must be Zhao Manyan, that son of a b**ch!”

Zhao Manyan was a playboy, but he was defaming Mo Fan so people would think Mo Fan was a playboy, too! How wicked!

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It took a long time for someone’s magic to fully recover. After the new recording devices had been invented, Mo Fan was able to learn the latest information while he stayed at home.

Most of the sea monsters were considered new species, as humans had rarely come across them. They needed a lot of information to understand the sea monsters’ traits, levels, attacks, and fighting styles.

Mo Fan felt like the world was a lot quieter after filtering out the rumors about him.

A piercing screech came from the recording Mo Fan was watching.

Even though Mo Fan’s phone’s screen was very tiny, he could still see the terrifying waves reaching above the clouds.

A skeleton king made of water stood amid the waves. Only half of its body was showing in the recording.

The person recording the clip had stayed a great distance away, So it was difficult to see the Sea Skeleton King’s face clearly.

“That thing must be at least at the same level as the Black Totem Snake and Baxia. The alliance of Super Mages of the Magic City has failed with multiple attempts to kill it,” Mo Fan murmured to himself.

The Sea Skeleton King suddenly threw a punch in the recorder's direction. A giant fist of water flew at the screen.

Its outstanding speed and power made it feel like the fist was coming out of the screen. Mo Fan almost dropped his phone in shock. "He's broadcasting with his life!" Mo Fan exclaimed.

Chief Hua Zhanhong had asked him to find clues of the next Totem Beast through the Sea Skeleton King, but Mo Fan had only learned about how formidable the creature was after watching many clips of the Sea Skeleton King. He did not notice anything related to the Totem Beasts.

"Perhaps I should ask Lingling and Jiang Shaoxu for help, since they are the professionals," Mo Fan muttered.

Mo Fan picked up his phone and went to the balcony.

Mo Fan could see the dark sky to the southeast from his balcony. The horizon was dyed with a special red mist.

The clouds were moving strangely. He wondered which sea monster was responsible for it this time.

He could hear loud winds howling occasionally, blowing at the tall buildings in the city that were shrouded by the mist. It felt like everyone's heart was covered by a gloomy fog.

On one side was the developed city, and on the other was the cold sea, crawling with sea monsters like it was the Apocalypse.

The calm and peaceful era had ended. Humans were enduring a difficult time. It was cold and dark, but they had no choice but to coexist with it.

Everyone was granted a heart to change the world when they were young, but the world would never change because of anyone. It would continue to advance in broken pieces and be healed. No living creature could truly make a difference.

Living things could only adapt to the environment. When the world was peaceful, humans' quality of life improved. When it fell into ruins, they could only try their best to survive.

The world had started breaking into pieces.

It was like a trial. Those who failed were disqualified forever!

On one side, the world was collapsing. On the other side was a modern city. Even though the city might fall into a deep abyss at any second, the people still continued on with their lives.

The crayfish shops were still open, and so were the nightclubs. The price of real estate continued to rise. The approaching crisis did not stop the couples who could not afford to get a room to enjoy themselves out in the woods.

People had their unique ways of handling crises.

His phone call was not picked up for some time. Mo Fan's thoughts were drifting away.

"Assh***, you finally remembered to call me!" an alluring voice suddenly shouted from the other side.

Someone had finally picked up the call, but Jiang Shaoxu's words immediately made Mo Fan's heart race.

Why did it sound like he finally had time to do something naughty with his concubine?

"We have a new mission, but the target is a little challenging," Mo Fan coughed awkwardly.

"We have some new discoveries too, but I think it's not the same as yours. That's great, we have discovered clues about two new Totem Beasts. Let's see which one we should pursue first. By the way, what's our target?" Jiang Shaoxu asked.

"The Sea Skeleton King that is stirring up troubles in Pudong," Mo Fan told her.

"That exciting?" Jiang Shaoxu's tone changed.

"Mm, I'm still estimating its strength, but Hangzhou isn't safe, either. Otherwise, I could have asked the Black Totem Snake for some help," Mo Fan admitted.

"Don't even think about it. He's very busy right now. Apparently, a new poisonous species has shown up that is not afraid of the Black Totem Snake's Poison Mist Domain. The sea monsters are trying to take over West Lake and turn it into an outpost," Jiang Shaoxu informed him.

"Fine, you and Lingling should look into which Totem Beast the Sea Skeleton King is related to so we can come up with a plan," Mo Fan said.