

Versatile 2501

Chapter 2501: Wasteland Battlefield on the Sea

Mo Fan continued to watch the clips. He soon realized that the things he could learn from them were fairly limited.

He needed more time to recover his energy, but he could still study the Sea Skeleton King from far away without being involved in a fight. It would be more effective than surfing clips on Tiktok at home.

He left his apartment and headed out to meet up with Lingling and Jiang Shaoxu.

Zhao Manyan was injured while he was stopping more sea monsters from entering the Huangpu River. He would have to rest for a while.

Clips of Zhao Manyan's brave actions were spreading among the students now. The jerk had managed to grab a lot of attention. Countless girls were smitten with him.

The more Mo Fan thought about it, the stronger he believed Zhao Manyan was the writer of the post about him. Once he defamed Mo Fan, he would be able to lay his hands on the beautiful juniors of the Pearl Institute as he pleased!

"Mu Bai isn't coming either?" Jiang Shaoxu asked him, concerned.

"He's one of the leaders of the South Wing Platoon. He's currently busy going to different places helping the people. It's better being a free man. I can rest when I want and help when I feel like it without any burden," Mo Fan replied glibly.

Since he had not joined any organizations, he could just take some time off when he wanted, without being restricted by duty or obligations.

"When are you going to earn the title of Senior Hunter? Otherwise, it will be hard for us to obtain the insider information we need!" Lingling berated him.

"Great idea, assuming the Magic City's Hunter Union is still standing!" Mo Fan answered.

The battlefield and the city were only a dam apart. Streets full of pedestrians were located right below the dam.

It was not like the city was not evacuating the people to safety, but not many places were truly safe at the moment. Humanity's safe zones had shrunk significantly. The cities were the safest places left!

Once the cities fell, they would find monster dens everywhere they went.

The dam was heavily guarded by soldiers. The Mages had lined up like a wall slightly higher than the dam. The Magic Barrier's arc of protection ended just a little in front of the dam. It did not waste the slightest amount of space.

Flying creatures were occasionally spotted roving between the clouds and the sea. Most of them were creatures like vultures, who did not involve themselves in fights directly. They had their eyes fixed on the dead and the dying creatures, both humans and sea monsters.

The residents of the Magic City staying on higher floors could easily watch the battlefield. It was likely the successful people who liked to stay above everyone would be enjoying the scenic view with a glass of red wine in their hands.

“Have you fully recovered?” Jiang Shaoxu asked curiously.

“We are just taking a look on the outskirts. We aren’t going into it,” Mo Fan reminded. He was as useless without energy as any other mage.

“It won’t feel great just watching without getting into the action,” Jiang Shaoxu complained.

Lingling rolled her eyes at the two shameless people and shunned, “There’s still an underage here!”

“Lingling, you know too much.”

“The young girls are like this nowadays. They know a lot of stuff at a young age, unlike me. I still thought holding hands would make me pregnant when I was around the age of fifteen,” Jiang Shaoxu remarked.

“...”

Lingling activated the proper mode of ignoring everything around her, putting on an expressionless face. Whether the person was a human or a dog, she would just treat them like crying crows.

They left the Barrier and crossed the dam. A strong smell of blood promptly assailed their noses.

Mo Fan had long gotten used to the smell, but Jiang Shaoxu was irritated by the odor. Meanwhile, Lingling, who was brave enough to dissect any creature’s corpse, was walking calmly down the street.

“You guys are pretty bold. Do you really want to keep going that way?” a Battlemage asked them.

They were from the Magic Association, and had just retreated from the front line. They were sitting on the balcony of a damaged building instead of resting back in the city.

There were many buildings in the area. The balconies of the buildings were the main platforms the Mages used to move around after the area was submerged. Summoned vines had been tied between the buildings to use as bridges.

As for places without many buildings, wood and stone was piled up for the Mages to walk on.

Many Mages were non-swimmers, so they needed places to stand, similar to the maritime battlefields in Japan.

The trio followed the bridges as they headed toward the sea. Almost every platform and tower was stationed with Mages. They were either awaiting orders or resting. Most of them were treating injuries.

Those who were covered by blankets or clothes and lying still on the ground were most likely people who had sacrificed their lives.

The fighting was intense. The force exerted by the Sea Skeleton King when it swung its arms around casually could easily destroy the body of any Intermediate or Advanced Mages. The Basic Mages had to stick close together, or they were going to die crazily fast.

“Hey, you three, if you go further, you will be entering the battlefield where the Sea Skeleton King is. You shouldn’t be here just to get some attention on the Internet. You won’t even know how you died!” a seemingly strict Mage of the Magic Association warned them.

The man had thick brows. His frown gave him the appearance of an unreasonable fellow.

“We are Mages too. We only came to learn more about the situation. Don’t worry, if anything happens, we will run quicker than anyone here!” Mo Fan called back.

“What an idiot!” the man snarled with a strong bias.

As the group went further ahead, they stumbled into ever more soldiers.

The military was holding the front line. The other organizations were mainly playing a support role, providing the army with backup.

“Brother Fan, over here!...” Zhang Xiaohou yelled when he saw them approaching.

Many platforms and bridges had been connected to a wasteland battlefield made up of concrete, cars, and debris.

The place was spacious, looking like a huge junkyard from afar. Sturdy objects were compressed and piled up to form a battlefield that could withstand the strong waves coming from the sea.

The place had become the military’s main camp. Tents had even been set up on top of the area.

“Are you involved in the battle, too?” Mo Fan exclaimed in surprise.

Zhang Xiaohou shook his head and said, “I’m currently on standby. I didn’t receive any orders from my superiors, but I’m not allowed to go anywhere on my own, either.”

“Just in time, then! Tell us about the situation...” Mo Fan grinned.

Zhang Xiaohou looked at the clouds and replied with a wry smile, “I don’t think that’s necessary. You will soon be able to see it yourself!”

Mo Fan followed his gaze and noticed some unusual movement in the waters ahead.

The waves were moving wildly, but they were not splashing and rolling. It looked more like a formidable existence was grabbing the waves and swinging them around!

The sea was free from the restraints of gravity. It was a thrilling sight!

Chapter 2502: The Lord of the Sea Shakes the Ocean

The Wasteland Battlefield was falling into the sea as the platforms and bridges collapsed into the water.

Strong waves swept across the place with deafening roars. The water was pouring down like a storm, the strong winds blowing the heavy stones and material into the air. The Battlemages had to stick together and set up huge Barriers with their defensive spells to stand their ground.

Mo Fan, Lingling, and Jiang Shaoxu were watching far away from the battlefield. The Battlemages had pretty much formed a sturdy wall in front of them, but they could still sense how terrifying the storm was.

For a moment, Mo Fan thought the Sea Skeleton King was right under the Wasteland Battlefield. He had assumed it was less than a kilometer away.

However, he realized the creature was actually still far away as it rose from the water, but its Aura was already causing massive destruction.

He had only seen recordings and images of the Sea Skeleton King, but he could hear its roar and feel the trembling of the sea and the sky now. The Aura alone had even blasted some of the Battlemages with weaker defenses into pieces!

It seemed like he had to reevaluate the Sea Skeleton King's strength. It was definitely stronger than the Disaster Duo he had encountered in Xiamen!

The creature was extremely dangerous. The Sea Skeleton King would easily kill him if there were no powerful Mages around to share the burden.

Mo Fan was struggling to calm down right now.

The Sea Skeleton King was easily the strongest sea monster he had encountered so far. The fact explained why no one in the Magic City had managed to defeat it so far. It was like the king of the apocalypse, ruling over every living creature. It could trample a human city to dust by itself!

"Why do I feel like Chief Hua is setting us up? I'm afraid only Forbidden Mages would stand a chance against it," Mo Fan muttered.

Jiang Shaoxu nodded in agreement with him.

There were different levels of strength between Ruler-level creatures. The Ruler-level creatures they had fought so far were only Lesser Rulers. Some of them were even Inferior Rulers, and Mo Fan had not had any trouble taking them on. However, after seeing how massive the Sea Skeleton King was, Mo Fan was starting to doubt if the Creator had granted the sea monsters too much physical strength and power, while He had only given humans a little extra intelligence.

The difference in strength between the sea monsters and humans was too great. The wall that the Battlemages had established was taken down in an instant, countless Battlemages dying as it fell.

"Almost half of the Mages from the sphere of the Dongfang Oriental Tower came here, but they still could not fend off the Sea Skeleton King," Zhang Xiaohou said sadly.

The membership of the Dongfang Oriental Tower was mainly made up of Advanced and Super Mages. They were working together with the military to kill the Supreme Ruler, but it did not seem to be effective.

Mo Fan was feeling helpless now. The sea monsters that invaded the Huangpu River were only weaklings. The Sea Skeleton King was the real deal!

The Sea Skeleton King was forcing its way forward.

Every step it took would cause the destructive Aura to grow stronger. More people were dying suddenly to the Aura, their blood washed away by the fierce waves.

The pressure kept growing. Mo Fan was already feeling uncomfortable, even though he was already a Super Mage. He felt sorry for the Battlemages who were clenching their teeth and holding their ground.

They were not using their magic to fend off the Sea Skeleton King. They were using their bodies instead!

“That thing is playing with us like a fiddle. We can’t ignore it any longer!” a general yelled furiously.

Was holding their position really going to stop the Sea Skeleton King’s advance? Why weren’t they going after it? Were they going to watch the lower-level Mages die one by one?

“General, if we gather the rest of the generals and the High Seaters of the Dongfang Oriental Tower, we should be able to inflict serious injuries on it, even if we can’t kill it!” the commander shouted.

The people who were talking were in charge of the Wasteland Battlefield. Their eyes were reddened with anger at the Sea Skeleton King.

“Just kill it! If we keep probing it, more of our men are going to die while the Sea Skeleton King remains unharmed!” the general said.

“We better wait for Chief Hua’s orders.”

“Chief Hua is currently busy fending off the sea monsters in the South China Sea. He doesn’t know what’s going on here. We can’t be too passive in a battle. Sometimes, attacking is the best solution!” the general countered.

The commanding officer seemed a little hesitant.

Chief Hua did order them to stand their ground, but the officer also had the right to act according to the situation at hand.

They were familiar with the Sea Skeleton King’s abilities after probing it for the past few days. They had also estimated how many Super Mages they might need to kill the Sea Skeleton King.

It was time to proceed with the plan. Everyone was on standby. If the Sea Skeleton King continued to push forward greedily, they would launch the operation to eliminate the creature.

“Let’s wait a little longer until it steps into the Formation of Heaven-Rupturing Swords to make sure we can inflict serious injuries on it,” the commander ordered.

“But what about my men...”

“Just wait!” the commander insisted.

The general took a deep breath and swallowed his words.

The pale-faced commander signaled everyone to prepare for battle.

Zhang Xiaohou was going to join the others, but the commander glared at him coldly, not saying a word. Zhang Xiaohou had no choice but to step back.

Mo Fan took a quick glance and discovered many powerful Mages had gathered on the Wasteland Battlefield. He could also see the Top Seaters from the Dongfang Oriental Tower gathering on the other side.

They were all Super Mages! They were here to kill the Sea Skeleton King!

They had waited for so long while probing the Sea Skeleton King’s strength. They were going to strike after they had evaluated the Sea Skeleton King’s strength.

They could not afford to fight the strong sea monster without evaluating its strength first.

Every Super Mage was a precious asset. If they made a mistake evaluating their enemy’s strength, they might end up losing many Super Mages.

If they lost too many Super Mages, they would find it difficult to fend off other Ruler-level creatures that were as strong as the Sea Skeleton King, or some other creatures with special abilities similar to the Black Totem Snake’s poisonous mist.

Holding the enemy back, resisting the enemy, driving the enemy away, and killing the enemy were four very different things

The firepower required to fend off the enemy was lower, as they could just rely on magic Barriers and Formations to suppress the enemy.

They had to have at least the same strength as an enemy to resist it.

Driving the enemy away meant they had to be stronger than the enemy!

As for killing the enemy, they needed even more people to overpower the enemy completely. They also had to come up with a flawless plan to prevent the enemy from escaping!

The Sea Skeleton King was made of water. If they did not figure out its traits and abilities, sending too many powerful Mages to hunt it would only alert it, yet if they focused too much manpower on taking down the Sea Skeleton King, the sea monsters might be able to break through their defenses elsewhere!

Chapter 2503: Killing the Sea Skeleton King

“Is the army planning to kill it?” Mo Fan asked his lifelong buddy.

Zhang Xiaohou nodded, “Yes! I want to take part in it, but the army has already finalized the list of people taking part in the operation. The military has to preserve its strength in case of an emergency, so I have to be on standby here.”

“The personnel on standby are a part of the operation too. An operation doesn’t include just those taking part in it; it also needs others to stand guard. Otherwise, if the operation fails, the whole city will be exposed to the sea monsters!” Jiang Shaoxu had a military background. She was familiar with the planning of military operations.

People like Zhang Xiaohou who were on standby were not included in the operation because they had other obligations to fulfill!

The military had considered everything. A city with a population of over ten million people was behind them. They could not afford to stake everything on one throw of the dice!

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Roars echoed across the sky like heavenly drums. The Sea Skeleton King was on the move.

It seemed to be familiar with the humans’ defenses, but it simply ignored them.

It reached the waters that were glowing golden. The clouds in the sky suddenly turned golden, too.

Shocking cracks spread from the clouds, followed by a sacred sword diving down from them. Its light spread several kilometers away, like the space was cracking apart.

Heaven-Rupturing Sword!

It was the third-tier Super Spell of the Light Element. It was rumored that it could take out Ruler-level creatures with a single blow.

Mo Fan immediately looked around. He wanted to know which Super Mage was Casting the spell.

He soon discovered a group of Mages emanating the same golden light. They were dressed in golden robes bearing the badges of the Dongfang Oriental Tower. They were obviously the leaders of the Magic City!

It was a whole group of them, instead of just one!

Their golden robes were glowing brightly. It was Mo Fan’s first time seeing the powerful Mages of the Oriental Pearl Tower working together. They were like a golden symbol of the Magic City!

The Sea Skeleton King had obviously anticipated the attack. Its body drifted backward, together with the falling tide.

However, the Heaven-Rupturing Sword had locked on to its target. It tilted slightly and pointed directly at the Sea Skeleton King.

The level of the spell was extremely close to the limit of human Mages. The people watching were relieved as the light of the sword fell down upon them. Humanity had the power to fight for their survival!

The Sea Skeleton King did not dodge the sword. The scorching light spread across its body, reaching from its head to its legs. It bellowed in pain.

The roar had awakened its power too. The water around it quickly gathered to repair its body as it was breaking apart.

The water was its life!

The shallow sea had almost been dried up by the Light Magic. The submerged Pudong District had almost reclaimed its initial appearance, but the Sea Skeleton King had still drawn water from the sea to repair its broken body.

“Seal off the water!” the aged commander yelled.

A group of Mages in golden-blue robes moved forward. They were scattered across the sea instead of being in a Formation. Every one of them was using their magic to control the water that was flowing into the Sea Skeleton King.

The Mages were obviously testing the Sea Skeleton King’s ability to repair itself with the seawater. They did not want to give the Sea Skeleton King a chance to recover!

“It’s up to the Water Mages as to whether we can kill the Sea Skeleton King or not,” Zhang Xiaohou told him.

“So many Super Mages!...” Mo Fan exclaimed.

Mo Fan had met many Super Mages, because he was now a Super Mage himself. The incidents he was involved in and the places he had visited had many Super Mages.

However, he had not met many Super Mages before he reached the Super Level. They were all boss-level Mages who rarely showed themselves.

It was even rarer to see the Super Mages in groups. Something like that would only happen when their homes were in danger.

It was exciting to see so many powerful Mages joining hands to take on the enemy!

People were working together to fend off a powerful enemy. It was the greatest rule of survival for mankind!

“Advanced Platoons!”

The commander waved a flag in the air. It lit up the surroundings like a scorching flame.

Platoons numbering hundreds of people each gathered together quickly. Mo Fan did not notice them until he saw the Star Constellations flaring up across the place!

They were all Advanced Mages!

The division was split into over twenty platoons, using a fan-shaped Formation. The light of the Star Constellations was so unprecedentedly dense that it felt like a galaxy had spread across the sea and was shining down upon the Pudong Sea.

The light of the Star Constellations was only the beginning. The real destruction would only occur after the Star Constellations were fully constructed!

If the Star Constellations were stacking up like a galaxy, the combination of Plummeting Rays, Sky-Flame Funerals, Icebound Coffins, and Wind Wing Slashes would symbolize the collapse of the galaxy.

Howls, screeches, blasts, and energy waves surged across the place.

Using Group Spells at the Advanced Level was a whole new level compared to the Intermediate Level. Nothing could possibly withstand the destruction, except for the boundless sky and sea.

The seawater for a dozen kilometers evaporated while the sky was filled with destructive clouds. The Sea Skeleton King's body parts were crumbling amid the spells.

It opened its mouth and shrieked in fury.

Cloudy mists gathered out of nowhere and circled its body like shields, constantly repairing themselves after they were broken.

The Advanced Spells poured down continuously on the Sea Skeleton King. However, the creature boldly jumped directly into the rain of Advanced Spells.

Knocks, punches, slams...

The Sea Skeleton King was like an unstoppable deity enduring a rain of bullets, shattering countless Advanced Spells.

It had no intention of backing away. It charged straight at a platoon of Advanced Mages.

Blood sprayed in the area where the Star Constellations were. The feet of the Sea Skeleton King were dyed red.

Even though Mo Fan was far away, he knew the platoon of Advanced Mages had been wiped out!

A platoon with over a hundred Advanced Mages, all killed by a single stomp!

"Advanced Platoons, fall back!"

"Generals, prepare for battle!"

The commander threw another flag into the sky. Everyone could see the special flag amid the chaos.

The generals were finally on the move.

It was extremely dangerous to fight the Sea Skeleton King head-on. Even the generals might be the next ones to sacrifice their lives!

However, they did not have a choice. They had to pay the price to take down a powerful creature.

The Sea Skeleton King would be able to go everywhere it pleased if no one was willing to step forward!

Chapter 2504: Tsunami of Bones

The generals appeared from different directions, each constructing brilliant Star Palaces as they did.

The generals appeared in time to stop the Sea Skeleton King's punches while it was massacring the platoons of Advanced Mages.

The huge fists of water could easily smash a deep hole into the ground.

The Advanced Mages had gathered in groups to stack up their spells. They would end up as huge sprays of blood if they did not have a Space Mage around to teleport them away.

The Advanced Platoons in their fan-shaped Formation were retreating. Their faces were filled with fear.

The army had so many powerful Mages, yet they were unable to stop the Sea Skeleton King's reckless attacks. It was absolutely terrifying.

The Sea Skeleton King was highly intelligent. It knew many Super Mages had surrounded it, but it simply ignored the Star Palaces.

It continued to chase after the Advanced Platoons by abusing its unstoppable size. It could easily litter the surface of the sea with the corpses of the Advanced Mages.

A bright golden light spread in the clouds again. Another sacred sword dove from the cracks in the sky.

The Heaven-Rupturing Sword struck the Sea Skeleton King directly. The Light Formation finally forced the Sea Skeleton King back after leaving it with injuries.

The break allowed the rest of the Advanced Platoons to withdraw from the fight.

"It's a Sacred Light Formation that will send down a huge Heaven-Rupturing Sword periodically to deal tremendous damage to the creatures inside it. No wonder the commander waited until the Sea Skeleton King had stepped into it. Even though every Heaven-Rupturing Sword can only inflict minor damage on the Sea Skeleton King, it might be the greatest threat to the Sea Skeleton King as the fight goes on for a long time," Jiang Shaoxu said.

Mo Fan had already forgotten how to speak.

Both the powerful Formation of the humans and the outstanding strength the Sea Skeleton King had displayed were beyond his comprehension.

If he was involved in the fight, he would just be a tiny entity!

"Mo Fan, I'm afraid that thing is stronger than the Black Totem Snake," Lingling said softly.

"Yeah," Mo Fan nodded.

Mo Fan was used to using the Black Totem Snake to evaluate the strength of Ruler-level creatures. Mo Fan had treated the Sphinx, Baxia, Mountain Zombie, and other creatures as being at the same level as the Black Totem Snake. He referred to them as Supreme Rulers.

They were easily among the strongest creatures at the Ruler-level. They had no worthy opponents below the Emperor Level.

However, Mo Fan had to revise his way of evaluating the Ruler-level creatures' strength after seeing the Sea Skeleton King.

The Black Totem Snake might lose to the Sea Skeleton King in a fair match!

After some time, Mo Fan believed only the Greek God of Death, Hayla, the strongest beast under the command of the God of Darkness, could match the Sea Skeleton King's strength.

Not only was the Sea Skeleton King able to kill a high number of Advanced Mages in an instant, it could also take out weaker Super Mages with a single move.

When the generals were flanking the Sea Skeleton King, Mo Fan saw an Ice Super Mage being smashed into pieces by the Sea Skeleton King's punch after failing to maintain a safe distance from it.

The Advanced Mages had to wait for their chance to attack further away.

The Super Mages were split into two groups. The first group was fighting the Sea Skeleton King head-on, while the other was suppressing it from the sides.

As for the soldiers at the Intermediate and Basic Levels, they could only form a wall to stop the Sea Skeleton King's formidable Aura from reaching the city. They were far from qualified to participate in the battle.

Intermediate and Basic Spells had far more limited ranges. They were unable to survive in the battle without relying on special magic Formations. The slightest force that leaked out from the battle would crush them instantly.

The Sea Skeleton King suddenly sank and merged with the sea.

"Water Mages, don't let it escape!" the commander said.

The Super Mages with the Water Element had long anticipated the Sea Skeleton King's move. They immediately formed a barrier in the sea with their magic to intercept the water. A majestic wall emerged from the spacious sea like an ancient dragon.

The Sea Skeleton King roared. To everyone's surprise, it had never planned to run away.

It only sank into the sea to activate its power. Countless bones were erupting from the cloudy water. The white bones were rolling across the surface like waves.

More bones emerged on the surface and piled up into a mountain around the Sea Skeleton King!

The mountain of bones continued to move forward. It had turned into a tsunami full of bones heading straight for the coasts!

Everyone was dumbfounded.

The area fell dark as the tsunami of bones loomed over it.

Countless bones had spread across the area. Many of them were knocked into the sky by the overwhelming force of the waves.

In the end, it felt like the world had been dragged into the deepest abyss of Hell with bones stacking up like mountains and sea. The people felt like they were about to suffocate in despair.

The generals were struggling to escape from the waves. Even experienced Super Mages like them were having trouble protecting themselves. The Mages who were suppressing the enemy from a safe distance were all caught up by the waves of bones. Some were vomiting blood after being knocked flying. Others disappeared after the waves devoured them. Several had died instantly on the spot, and their remains were mixed with the waves.

“Mo Fan... we better leave,” Jiang Shaoxu was already trembling in fear.

It was her first time seeing Super Mages so vulnerable. Many of the Mages involved in the battle were stronger than her, but so many of them had not survived it.

The outcome of the battle was terrible. The battle ended fairly quickly. The strongest Mages of their city had died consecutively!

“Let’s back away,” Mo Fan did not stay behind stubbornly.

Even if his energy had recovered, he would have died to the tsunami of bones, let alone when his energy was depleted.

The waves had reached a great distance away, crushing countless Mages in the wasteland. In addition to the generals and the powerful Mages, the Advanced Platoons had suffered heavy casualties too!

They were just like more cannon fodder in the battle.

Dead bodies were scattered all over the area. The humans had no choice but to move their line of defense another five kilometers back.

The Sea Skeleton King remained standing out in the sea. It was moving closer to the city.

How many more bones would be added to the sea once it set foot in the human city?

Chapter 2505: Top Seaters

A man in a black-golden robe was standing on top of the Dongfang Oriental Tower, four hundred and sixty meters above the ground.

The modern district was right under his feet, with several dozen other skyscrapers soaring into the sky. He was looking down at the spacious highways and busy streets.

The man lifted his gaze and looked into the distance.

The dam was not high enough to block the skyscrapers. The barrier was looming over Lujiazui District, which had yet to become a part of the sea.

The shadow of the sea monster was extremely clear in the distance. Strong winds were blowing in the sky and across the surface of the cloudy water. Magical lights were flickering occasionally in the distance, like stars being devoured by darkness.

“We must act at once. If we wait any longer, we might lose something precious to us,” the man stated.

“Indeed, we are constantly losing our men to the sea monster. We used to be able to slay every level of demon creatures that invaded our territory, but now, the creature is about to reach the city,” replied another man hiding in the shadows. His hovering outline was barely visible.

“Let’s do it then, we must show that arrogant creature our strength!” Another figure took shape in the sky.

The three of them were at the top of Dongfang Oriental Tower, which was nearly within reach of the clouds. At the same time, they were able to view the city and the coasts!

The man in a black-golden robe, the man hovering in the air, and the blurry figure in the clouds disappeared as soon as they reached an agreement. Only the man in the black-golden robe was visible. He turned into a black-golden ray and swept across the dark sky, leaving a visible crack in the air behind him!

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The pale-faced commander looked up, and only then could he see the three figures in the sky. They were joining the battle without announcement, but they held tremendous Auras!

“The Top Seaters!” The commander finally showed a hint of an expression on his face.

The High Seaters were the mages holding power in the Dongfang Oriental Tower, but there was a smaller group of people who stood at the top.

They had yet to become Forbidden Mages, but their titles were comparable to that of a Forbidden Mage. The only difference was they were not able to use Forbidden Curses.

The Forbidden Mages were powerful not only because they could use Forbidden Curses capable of destroying the world, but because their magic had also reached an incomparable level. Even Super Mages with four Elements at the peak of the Super Level would feel helpless against them.

Three half-Forbidden Mages, the Top Seaters of the Dongfang Oriental Tower!

They were the only ones capable of exterminating the Sea Skeleton King.

In order to exterminate their target, their strength had to exceed their target by a huge margin. If the three half-Forbidden Mages had been involved in the battle at the beginning, there would have been only one outcome: the enemy would have run away instantly.

The Sea Skeleton King was very cautious. They had to lure it deeper into their territory and draw it in by making it angry from inflicting damage on it in order to kill it!

Any sacrifice was worth it as long as they could kill the Sea Skeleton King!

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“The Top Seaters are on the move. They are all half-Forbidden Mages!” Jiang Shaoxu exclaimed.

Before Mo Fan had gone to Qinhuangdao, the strongest Mage he had ever met was the last Totem Guardian of the Moon Moth Phoenix, Yan Shi. Her Earth Magic had left him in awe. The battle between her and the Giant Purple Linden Tree had been mesmerizing!

The Sea Skeleton King was stronger than the Giant Purple Linden Tree, without a doubt. The Magic City had to send out three Top Seaters whose strength was on par with Yan Shi to kill it!

The battle was too spectacular. The war Mo Fan had fought on the Andes Mountain Range was just a little brawl in comparison.

Mo Fan had witnessed a crazier war when the two kings of the Undead clashed in Beijiang. The epic battle between the eight Undead Rulers and the Sphinx, the Medusa Queen, and the Mummy King...

However, it was definitely Mo Fan’s first time seeing so many powerful human Mages in a battle.

Every Top Seater was strong enough to take on a Supreme Ruler alone.

The three Top Seaters instantly dominated the battle. Their use of magic had completely surpassed the need to construct Star Orbits. They were also able to use Super Powers casually.

The formidable power they unleashed originated from their bodies. It was like a Martial Artist who had fully mastered a technique. He had trained the basic movements of his limbs into unstoppable moves!

The Sea Skeleton King had been butchering the Mages after Summoning its Waves of Bones. Even the Formation of Heaven-Rupturing Swords had failed to keep it at bay.

However, the Sea Skeleton King was constantly backing away after the three Top Seaters joined the battle. Its injuries had worsened while its Aura was suppressed by the Top Seaters’ sacred light. It could no longer pose a threat to the Mages on the wasteland.

“It looks like we no longer have to move,” Mo Fan noticed.

The other Mages did not stay on the side after the Top Seaters got involved. They cooperated with the High Seaters, generals, and the Advanced Platoons who had regained their morale to pin down the Sea Skeleton King.

The Sea Skeleton King suddenly received a Vast Blade as it was backing away. It was a spell from the man in a golden robe.

The Vast Blade was a Chaos Spell. The Sea Skeleton King’s arm had vanished after the slash hit it. It was unable to regenerate it from the seawater.

The Sea Skeleton King’s arm was gone, brought to another dimension. The creature kept shrieking in agony.

“Kill!”

“Kill!”

Everyone followed the three Top Seaters and hunted the Sea Skeleton King.

The Sea Skeleton King finally lost its unstoppable demeanor. It was losing its vitality!

“It’s trying to escape!” the commander shouted.

A general shouted furiously and stood in the direction the Sea Skeleton King was escaping into. His body had turned into a scorching furnace from the Super Power he had. The tide falling back to the sea evaporated rapidly. The whole area turned into dry land!

“Die!” the man in a black-golden robe uttered.

His Chaos Magic did not bring death, nor was it used to trick his enemy, but it was made things disappear without a trace. There was no body or soul left behind.

The other two Top Seaters were obviously treating the man in the black-golden robe as their leader, suppressing the Sea Skeleton King’s movement and power on its sides.

“You will soon be sent to a dimension that even Hell will shiver before!” the man in a golden-black robe swore.

Chapter 2506: Gigantic Claw

Space was distorting

Previously, the man in the black-golden robe had Cast his spells easily, and they had been significantly stronger than the spells Cast by Mages with four Elements at the peak Super Level.

This time, he took some time to Channel his spell. It was obviously going to be a deadly attack that was going to claim the Sea Skeleton King’s life.

Not far away, the general had dried up the area, evaporating the water to stop the Sea Skeleton King from retreating with the tide.

He grinned when he saw the man in a black-golden robe accumulating magic, and let out a relieved sigh.

It did not matter if the Sea Skeleton King was one of the strongest Ruler-level creatures. It was still going to die at their hands!

The general was standing three kilometers behind the Sea Skeleton King. He suddenly heard a strange noise from further in the distance.

He turned around with a confused face and almost fainted after seeing the sight before him.

It was a claw. It felt like the whole sea had come alive and was stretching its claw forward!

The general had been completely unaware of its existence.

The claw was hovering above the three Top Seaters. Most importantly, they were unaware of it!

Was it an illusion?

It was not!

The sea had indeed turned into a gigantic claw. The claw fell!

The world fell silent. The three Top Seaters had turned into red fine powder amid the huge deafening blast.

The general looked at the shattered sky, and his soul almost perished.

The God of Death had just brushed past him. It did not see him as a threat, despite him being a powerful Mage with four Elements at the peak Super Level.

Its target was the three Top Seaters!

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The sound was so loud that people could not hear anything.

Their eardrums had burst not because of the loud noise, but because the silence was causing them to feel like their heads were about to explode!

A moment ago, the people were in high spirits, as they were about to slay the Sea Skeleton King under the lead of the three Top Seaters. However, the trio had just been smashed into dust by a giant claw!

The people recovered their hearing after a long time.

The tides were back to normal, and the shattered sky was recovering, too. Everyone was gradually gathering their thoughts after being on the brink of death, but the three Top Seaters were nowhere to be seen.

They had been killed. They were the strongest representatives of human Mages, people who were one step away from becoming Forbidden Mages.

However, they had turned into red powder in front of everyone!

What was that attack? It had killed three Top Seaters in an instant!

What was their place in this world? Even those who had reached the peak had died to a single blow!

“An...an Emperor...” Fear rose deep within Mo Fan’s soul. His demon blood was surging as a means of self-protection.

However, the demon blood gradually calmed down.

The hand had already left after achieving its goal. It could not care less about the rest of those remaining.

“Brother...brother Fan,” Zhang Xiaohou was sitting on the ground. His legs were unable to support him at the moment.

Jiang Shaoxu and Lingling were also struggling to stand properly. Countless other people were exhausted, lost control of their bladders, or fainted.

The High Seaters and generals were stunned, with frightened expressions.

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The sea had returned to normal, and the wind started blowing once again.

No one talked for a long time. The claw not only crushed the three Top Seaters, but everyone’s souls, too!

It felt like their struggle was meaningless in the end!

“It had been waiting all along...”

“The Sea Skeleton King was just bait...”

“It lured out the Top Seaters and killed them to take out our greatest weapons!...”

The commander stood there, murmuring with a blank face.

Not only had they failed to kill the Sea Skeleton King according to plan, they had even lost three Top Seaters, men who were going to become Forbidden Mages!

They had underestimated the sea monsters’ intelligence, patience, and strength!

Losing the three Top Seaters would only put them in a more difficult position. Most terrifyingly, they had no clue what the creature was.

They did not learn any information about the creature. They only knew it could control the sea and turn it into a claw.

Or perhaps the claw was part of its body?

The creature had never shown itself, even when they were searching and probing the sea monsters. It had not shown up when they started the operation to kill the Sea Skeleton King.

Its claw had descended only after the humans had sent out three Top Seaters. It was hiding behind the Sea Skeleton King all along, waiting like a hunter. It had waited until the most valuable prey had stepped into its trap!

“Chief, we failed,” the commander reported through his communication device.

The other end remained silent.

“We have lost three Top Seaters without obtaining any information about its strength, appearance, traits, and species,” the commander admitted in a helpless voice.

The chief had ordered him to hold the line. However, the commander could adjust the plan based on circumstances.

The commander had been too careless. He had underestimated the sea monsters, resulting in this tragedy.

How were they going to recover from this and find the resolve to face the sea monsters again?

“At least we confirmed there’s an Emperor in the East China Sea,” Chief Hua replied.

The commander’s face contorted. They had paid a huge price just to obtain such a useless piece of information.

It was a total failure!

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Mo Fan, Jiang Shaoxu, and Lingling went back to the city.

They did not speak, sitting quietly in the living room. Everything felt so unreal to them.

The tall buildings, busy roads, and the flourishing city did not feel real to them anymore. They knew everything could be destroyed in an instant after witnessing the horrifying sight.

“Actually, we didn’t have to feel so dispirited. The creature was hiding for so long and left so quickly after making its move because it was wary of our Forbidden Mages,” Lingling spoke up.

Mo Fan twisted his lips. Her words were reasonable...

Humans still had Forbidden Mages. They did not show themselves because they were wary of the Emperors among the sea monsters.

They would not show themselves until they learned the numbers, species, and strength of the sea monsters’ Emperors.

Just like today. If it had been a Forbidden Mage who had tried to kill the Sea Skeleton King, he or she would have died with the others!

A Forbidden Mage could not take on an Emperor alone. If the creature had managed to lure out a Forbidden Mage, it would do everything it could to kill the Forbidden Mage, even if it meant exposing itself to take out the human leaders.

Without Forbidden Mages, how were the humans going to stop the sea monsters?

Chapter 2507: Mo Fan, You are our Only Hope

The people grieved over the deaths of the Top Seaters for three days. The generals and soldiers at the front line no longer had to face the Sea Skeleton King, but none of them were relieved.

They were constantly looking at the horizon with gray skies. They had a strong feeling of suffocation.

Mo Fan had fully recovered during these past three days.

The sea monsters that invaded the Huangpu River had been purged. The remaining survivors were being evacuated from their towns.

As the safe zone kept shrinking, the farmlands, fruit farms, and seafood production were abandoned. The places available for living were shrinking. The demon creatures on land were profiting from humanity's misfortune too, making the outskirts unsafe. The cities were the only safe places for them.

However, as more people moved to the cities, their resources were depleting faster. They would not have any problem for a few years, but as time went by, they would be troubled by the shortage of food.

The riversides were the best agricultural land for providing the cities with rice and vegetation, but they were now in ruins, resulting in great losses for the humans.

The Huangpu River was not necessarily their country's lifeline. That was the Yangtze River.

The Yangtze River was also crawling with sea monsters right now. Their goal was to reduce the humans' territories and take out their supplies. Once the humans lost the Yangtze River, even if they managed to hold the sea monsters off, the people might end up rioting from food shortages.

Human cities were never far from bodies of water.

In fact, the scale of a city was often directly proportional to the size of the river flowing through it, as it was used for transportation, agriculture, drinking water, and a source of food.

Some people were asking why they could not abandon the coasts if the sea monsters were so unstoppable.

If they gave up on the coasts, they were basically giving up the resources needed to sustain their own lives. Without the resources along the coasts, even if they were to move everyone inland, their population would only shrink rapidly. They might even end up as food to the demon creatures on land.

They had finally secured a foothold for themselves and developed their civilization to a certain level. Giving up on the cities along the coasts was the same as going back to the insecure era!

The cities were their safe zones. The cities had to stand for the humans to have a place they could call home. Otherwise, they would only become prey to the demon creatures in the wild!

"Mo Fan, Mo Fan..." Lingling called out.

Mo Fan turned around and saw the little beauty handing him his ringing phone, as if it was an important call.

Mo Fan was puzzled. He took his phone and realized the call was from Chairman Shao Zheng!

The country was in a terrible state. A man like Chairman Shao Zheng had to be preoccupied with many matters. He would not have time to rest. Mo Fan was surprised to receive a call from him.

"Mo Fan, I need your help," Shao Zheng cut straight to the main topic.

"I'm listening," Mo Fan nodded.

The favor Chairman Shao Zheng was asking must be extraordinary if he was calling personally. How could Mo Fan not contribute to the war as the next-generation leader of the country after seeing how the generals had sacrificed themselves to stop the Sea Skeleton King?

"I want you to kill the Sea Skeleton King," Shao Zheng said.

Mo Fan was lost for words.

The Sea Skeleton King was forced to flee for its life under pressure from the Super Mages after that gigantic claw took out the three Top Seaters.

However, no one dared to mention a word about going after the Sea Skeleton King again.

"According to our intel, the Sea Skeleton King is treating its injuries on an island in the East China Sea. It has sustained serious injuries. It won't recover in a short time. Our plan to kill it in the Magic City has failed. Not only did we lose three Top Seaters, we let the Sea Skeleton King escape too..." Shao Zheng went on.

"Councilman, I was there when it happened, but I wasn't involved," Mo Fan told him.

"Oh, did you get to see the creature behind the Sea Skeleton King?" Shao Zheng asked him quickly.

"No, everything happened too quickly," Mo Fan said regretfully.

"You don't have to worry about the creature behind it. I'll be frank with you since you were at the scene. The Super Mages no longer have the courage to go after the Sea Skeleton King after the recent events. The Sea Skeleton King is currently at its weakest state. If we don't take it out now, it will return and pose a threat to the Magic City again. I'm afraid no one will dare to face it by then," Shao Zheng said.

Shao Zheng was also helpless. He knew the Sea Skeleton King was seriously injured, but he could not afford to go after it. Everyone knew there was an Emperor behind the Sea Skeleton King. It had taken out three Top Seaters with a single swipe of its claw.

Who would dare to chase after the Sea Skeleton King after learning about the tragic death of the half-Forbidden Mages?

In addition, the generals and High Seaters had suffered great casualties during the operation. Even if they left the Emperor aside, Shao Zheng had trouble finding someone who was capable of killing the Sea Skeleton King.

"It should only have ten or twenty percent of its strength left. It's our best shot," Shao Zheng told him.

"Ten to twenty percent..." Mo Fan fell into deep thought.

He had a feeling he was no match against the Sea Skeleton King even if it only had a fraction of its strength left. Not only had they sent out three Top Seaters to take out the Sea Skeleton King, they had also sent out a lot of Super Mages!

"Mo Fan, the battle close to the Magic City wasn't our only defeat, but the people know what happened there. We can cover up the truth about the situation in other places to prevent the people from losing

hope, but we lost horribly in the battle close to the Magic City. We must do something and make the enemy pay... You are the only person I can think of," Shao Zheng's tone changed.

Mo Fan was touched by his words.

The fact that the Chairman of the Magic Association had uttered these words meant the situation was far worse than the people knew.

The people could feel desperate and hopeless, but a leader like him could never show emotions like that!

"Chairman, you don't have to say anything further. I understand," Mo Fan said.

No one dared to go after the seriously injured Sea Skeleton King even though they knew its location. There was only one reason: they were afraid of the Emperor behind it!

They had no way of telling whether the Emperor was still with the Sea Skeleton King.

If it was, no matter how many people they sent after the Sea Skeleton King, none of them would come back alive.

Although there were fearless people in the army, the leaders could not afford to lose any more of their powerful Mages again after the recent events.

Mo Fan was their only option, because of his outstanding Demon Element!

Even if it was a trap, Mo Fan could protect himself with the Demon Element. He would not die so easily without learning more information about the Emperor!

Chapter 2508: He has gone Mad Again!

On the surface, Chairman Shao Zheng was asking Mo Fan to go after the Sea Skeleton King to take revenge after losing horribly in the battle.

The truth was, it was a battle of wits between them and the Emperor!

If the Emperor had shown itself to kill their powerful Mages, the Forbidden Mages would be watching over Mo Fan as he went after the Sea Skeleton King, too.

If the Emperor dared to show itself again, it would have to pay a great price.

Shao Zheng had selected Mo Fan because he was special.

If he was able to kill the Sea Skeleton King without using the Demon Element, the outcome was still acceptable for the Magic City.

If the Emperor tried to save the Sea Skeleton King, Mo Fan could use the Demon Element to keep it busy, and the Emperor would totally expose itself. The Forbidden Mages would be able to trap it and even kill it if it was too aggressive.

Everyone knew an Emperor was watching over the Sea Skeleton King. Therefore, they needed someone who could take on the Sea Skeleton King and hold on against the Emperor until help arrived.

Mo Fan was the only person Shao Zheng could think of.

Mo Fan now had four Elements at the Super Level. The Demon Element had grown a lot stronger together with the number and levels of his Elements. Mo Fan already had the strength to fight Supreme Rulers in the Ancient Capital and Beiji, so he would not die so easily to an Emperor, even if he was no match against it.

“Mo Fan, I’m begging you,” Shao Zheng said sincerely.

“Chairman, you don’t have to go so far. I know my responsibilities,” Mo Fan said.

“What do you need to hunt down the Sea Skeleton King? Just say it,” Sea Skeleton King said.

“I just need a few people’s help.”

“Sure!”

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The Wasteland Battlefield...

Countless mage artisans were rebuilding the towers and platforms. The place was smaller than it used to be. The people were rebuilding the place, but they had no idea when it would be smashed into debris once again.

“Zhang Xiaohou.”

“I’m here!”

The commander walked up to Zhang Xiaohou with an order.

“Here is an order from the chairman. You will head to Chongming Island at once to take part in a secret mission.”

Zhang Xiaohou was puzzled.

Wasn’t he stationed here? Other powerful Rulers among the sea monsters were on the move, in addition to the Sea Skeleton King. Was the chief trying to protect him by sending him somewhere else?

That was against Zhang Xiaohou’s wishes. The other soldiers were defending the Magic City with their lives. As a member of the Violet Imperial Battalion, he should be stepping forward when the others were overwhelmed by despair.

“Commander...”

“Aren’t you talking a little too much now? Off you go, or you will be punished according to military law. The mission is being delayed because of you!” the commander warned him.

Zhang Xiaohou took the order and let out a sigh.

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The Yangtze River...

Mu Bai was usually untainted by even a speck of dust, but for now was leaning against the trunk of a huge tree. He was dressed like a beggar, but he had a sharp look in his eyes.

The water was rolling fiercely. The river here was over a thousand meters wide, and a perfect hiding place for the sea monsters.

The Huangpu River was nowhere close to the size of the Yangtze River, which was wider than some bays and lakes.

Mu Bai had followed the South Wing Platoon from the Dingshan Lake to the Yangtze River. He had not had any time to rest.

“Sir, it’s an order from the highest Magic Association!”

Mu Bai read the letter with a frown.

Its contents were very simple, but the seal on it belonged to someone with a high rank. It had to be a secret mission.

He had no idea who the other members were when being assigned to a secret mission all of a sudden.

“What about our work here?” Mu Bai asked.

“The order comes first,” the South Wing Mage replied.

“You’re right.” Mu Bai knew what his priorities were.

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Chongming Island...

The land had shrunk significantly due to the rise of the sea level.

Chongming Island was close to the estuary of the Yangtze River. Mu Bai was not too far away.

In order to stop more sea monsters from invading through the Yangtze River and causing massive destruction to the cities, the military had built a tall dam and assigned a troop to guard it.

“Mu Bai?” Zhang Xiaohou said curiously when he saw Mu Bai.

“Why are you here?” Mu Bai looked at Zhang Xiaohou. Wasn’t it supposed to be a secret mission? Mu Bai had thought he was assigned to a random group.

“I didn’t expect us to be assigned to the same group!” Zhang Xiaohou saw the same letter he had received in Mu Bai’s hand.

Mu Bai forced a smile. It seemed like the secret operation was not as terrible as he thought. At least he had a reliable teammate with him.

“Isn’t that guy a little familiar?” Mu Bai pointed at a man with blond hair who was talking to a nurse inside a tent.

“It’s Brother Zhao!” Zhang Xiaohou said.

They were about to walk up to Zhao Manyan when they saw a gorgeous woman with long hair approaching them. Her silver-white hair was unique and elegant. She had a dazzling temperament as she was walking over to them while the wind blew.

“Mu Ningxue?” Mu Bai and Zhang Xiaohou blurted out simultaneously.

Why was Mu Ningxue here as well? She seemed to be holding a letter, too!

Mu Ningxue looked at them and the letters they were holding.

“There’s only one person that would gather us here,” Mu Ningxue said knowingly.

“Mo Fan!” they exclaimed together.

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The four waited at the designated spot. Mo Fan finally arrived after half an hour.

He was with two other people, a High Seater in a golden robe and a general.

“Is everyone here?” the High Seater asked.

“Yes,” Mo Fan said.

“I thought it was going to be a strong group, but it’s just a bunch of young Mages!” the general spoke up.

“Give them a briefing on the mission, Old Dong and I will arrange the people from the Magic Association and the army,” the High Seater said. He seemed a little disappointed.

He thought Chairman Shao Zheng had organized a special squad to complete the difficult mission, but it turned out to be some young Mages. They might as well go on a vacation. None of them seemed like they had gone through real hardships.

Only five people remained after the two left.

“Mo Fan, what are you up to this time?” Zhao Manyan asked.

“This is the strongest team I can think of. The country is sending us after the Sea Skeleton King!” Mo Fan said.

“HAHAHA, I thought you were referring to the unbeatable Sea Skeleton King that was trying to destroy the Magic City,” Zhao Manyan burst out laughing.

He noticed the others did not have the same reaction as him as he was laughing.

He soon realized Mo Fan was actually referring to the unbeatable Sea Skeleton King. He almost lost his mind, like a cat whose tail had been stepped on.

Is Mo Fan going nuts again!?

Chapter 2509: Strange Mist

“The Sea Skeleton King is severely injured. Our experts believe it only has a fifth of its strength left. We should be able to kill it if we work together,” Mo Fan told them.

“Even if that’s the case... forget it, it’s an order from our country. We just have to obey it,” Mu Bai sighed.

The others knew what Mu Bai was trying to say.

It was not like the Magic City did not have any powerful Mages left to go after the Sea Skeleton King. The city still had strong Mages after losing the three Top Seaters, but they were all wary of the Emperor behind the Sea Skeleton King.

“As a matter of fact, I don’t think the Emperor is going to show up if we go after the Sea Skeleton King, considering our number and strength,” a voice added in.

The group turned around and saw Lingling, Jiang Shaoxu, and Apas.

“In simpler words, the Emperor will not risk exposing itself to a potential trap just to take out little shrimps like us,” Lingling added.

“Lingling, do you know the rule that says vehicles must give way to pedestrians? Even though there’s a rule like that, sometimes, the pedestrians should give way to the vehicles too, because you never know what the drivers are thinking. What if they just ran you over? You can’t risk your life just to challenge their ethics. Similarly, we don’t know whether the Emperor is a reckless maniac. What if it did show up? We will end up as bait and cannon fodder. None of us is going to survive!” Zhao Manyan complained.

“Zhao Manyan is right, too,” Jiang Shaoxu nodded.

“Yeah, he can be quite convincing when his life is at stake, but it won’t change anything. I’ve already asked General Dong. The Sea Skeleton King has yet to escape to the deep sea. It’s currently resting on Mist Island around fifty kilometers from here. Its injuries must be very serious since it did not dare enter other sea monsters’ territory. We must go after it at once, before it recovers from the injuries,” Mo Fan said.

“What about those people who were with you?” Mu Ningxue asked.

“They are just going to provide us with assistance. We will have to do the mission ourselves,” Mo Fan replied.

Mo Fan purposely called Mu Ningxue here because he was unable to fight with his full strength when he was away from land. Mu Ningxue's fighting capacity was on par with his. It would increase the odds of them accomplishing the mission!

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Everyone in the group often went on adventures. They had everything they needed in their Space Bracelets at all times.

They were now waiting for General Dong to provide them with the route they should take.

The sea monsters from the Pacific Ocean had taken over the East China Sea. Not only were they invading the humans' territory, they were wiping out the native species in the East China Sea. They had occupied the islands, coral reefs, and caves.

As a result, the group needed a safe route to bypass the sea monsters and reach Mist Island. Otherwise, the sea monsters were going to wear them out before they even found the Sea Skeleton King.

"General Dong, haven't your men finished surveying the routes?" Mo Fan was starting to feel impatient.

"Even if the mission has a low chance of success, we can't let you guys die for nothing! We must figure out the best route!" General Dong shot back.

"From what we know, the Sea Skeleton King is able to heal itself with seawater. Even if it's severely injured, it only needs ten days to fully recover!" Lingling had analyzed the recent battle thoroughly.

"Damn it, every day we waste is letting it recover ten percent of its strength!" Zhao Manyan whined.

Mo Fan nodded. They could not drag it on any longer. The earlier they moved out, the greater their chance!

"General Dong, where are your men now? We'll continue from there. We can't wait any longer!" Mo Fan said.

"Our target is the Sea Skeleton King, one of the strongest Ruler-level creatures. How can we afford to be so reckless?" General Dong protested.

"Chairman Shao Zheng has ordered you to support us, not order us around. Enough with your conservative ways. I have my own standards!" Mo Fan snapped back.

General Dong's face darkened. He wanted to say something, but Zhang Xiaohou came up to him and pulled him aside.

"General Dong, trust us. Besides, he did catch a Red Cardinal alive," Zhang Xiaohou told him softly.

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The group set out without wasting any more time.

The sea monsters who claimed to be the Ancient Sea Gods did have some extraordinary capabilities.

They had surrounded the waters they were controlling with a strange mist. It looked like thick clouds hovering above the water. Not only would people lose their sense of direction when traveling on the surface, the creatures in the sky were struggling to tell what direction it was, too!

They either had to go into the mist or fly above it at a great height. Traveling into the mist was like trying to find the way out from the center of a maze. There were no points of reference available.

“The sea monsters are so annoying. We just got ourselves a Flying Dragon that can travel to all places and fly over other demon creatures’ territory, but we have to probe the way carefully because of this mist,” Zhao Manyan grumbled.

They had to enter the mist and follow the markings along the way to find the Mist Island’s exact location. The military only knew the island was somewhere inside the maze.

“I already told you we would be wasting more time if we didn’t figure out the route first!” General Dong commented.

The strange thing was, the mist was no longer that thick after they went inside. They could even see the blue sea and the clear sky in the distance, even though there was white gas floating above the sea occasionally. It did not look like a maze.

However, they began to fly in circles halfway into the maze.

General Dong had only discovered the route up until a certain point. The sea ahead was like a calm lake. There were no signs of reefs, sunlight, and currents that would help them identify directions. They had no idea where to look for Mist Island.

“Someone is floating over there,” Apas pointed into the distance.

Everyone was puzzled. They did discover a man floating on the calm sea after going closer. They were confused. How did Apas see him from so far away?

Why would a man be floating on the water here? Was he involved in a misfortune while he was searching for the island?.

Chapter 2510: Emergency

“It’s a relief he’s still alive. General Dong, do you know him? Is he involved in this operation?” Zhang Xiaohou asked.

Only Mu Bai knew how to heal a person, but he relied on the strange bugs he had kept.

Mu Bai managed to wake the man up. He had been floating in the water for some time. His lips were extremely dry, and kept asking for drinking water.

“He’s not one of ours,” General Dong said.

“Friend, how did you end up here?” Mo Fan asked.

“Where am I? Have I reached the land?” the man asked nervously. He was behaving strangely as if he had experienced something terrible.

“We are in the mist. We are far from the land,” Mo Fan said.

“Bring me back, please bring me back,” the man pleaded.

Mo Fan explained the situation to the man briefly. The group was not going back until they had killed the Sea Skeleton King, but the man was not in the right mind. He would let out strange cries occasionally. It was difficult to communicate with him.

Mo Fan let out a sigh and looked at Apas.

Apas nodded. She put the man to sleep with a quick look.

The man stopped struggling. Apas placed her hand on the man’s forehead.

“His thoughts are in a mess. I can only read limited information from his mind...” Apas told Mo Fan.

“It’s fine, if he’s just a passerby, we’ll throw him back to the sea,” Mo Fan said.

Mu Ningxue glared at Mo Fan, and he just chuckled.

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“This way, there are memories of the Mist Island in his mind,” Apas suddenly pointed behind them.

“Isn’t that the way back? Are we really that lost in this mist?”

The group started traveling in the opposite direction. A few minutes later, they finally spotted a black outline on the calm sea.

It was an island!

The island was surprisingly small, but it was a sign they were no longer going around in circles.

“HAHA, we’ve found it...” Zhao Manyan was about to laugh, but it was replaced with a grim face when he recalled the Sea Skeleton King was resting on the island.

There was no reason for him to celebrate!

“Don’t go there, please don’t go there. You are going to die, so am I!” The man suddenly screamed like a maniac.

Apas raised her hand. Everyone thought she was going to hypnotize the man, but she swung her hand down at the back of the man’s head and knocked him out.

“Couldn’t you do it gently?” Mo Fan asked.

“I’m trying to preserve as much energy as I can!” Apas replied.

They were about to fight the Sea Skeleton King. Apas did not want to waste her energy on hypnotizing the man, even though it would not consume much of her energy.

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The group entered the island. They did not have a special plan in mind.

General Dong frowned when he saw piles of blood scattered across the island.

“Isn’t...isn’t that Mr. Ge!?” General Dong suddenly exclaimed when he saw something.

The group went closer and found the badge of the Dongfang Oriental Tower in a messy pile. It was a badge that identified a High Seater!

“There’s another one over here. It seems like they did find the island, but they all died here after failing to find the way out.” Lingling pointed at the dead bodies scattered close to the reefs.

Most of the corpses were mangled beyond recognition. They only recognized them through their uniforms.

Some of them were following the High Seater, while the rest were General Dong’s men. They were supposed to find the safest route to the island for Mo Fan’s group.

In the end, they had all been killed. General Dong had thought that they had yet to find the way to the island!

“This can’t be, the Sea Skeleton King is severely injured. Even if they couldn’t beat it, they should have no trouble running away. How did this happen?” General Dong was struggling to accept the outcome.

He immediately thought of another possibility. *Did the Emperor show up again and kill everyone here? Wouldn’t that mean we are all as good as dead?*

“Brother Fan, it’s right ahead!” Zhang Xiaohou had returned from scouting the island. He had explored the island and found the Sea Skeleton King!

“The six of us will go while the rest of you stay here. Apas, you’re staying here too,” Mo Fan did not let Lingling and Jiang Shaoxu go any closer.

Apas nodded.

It was meaningless for her to go any further. The Sea Skeleton King was an Elemental Creature with the traits of an Undead. A creature like it was immune to any spiritual and psychological magic.

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Zhang Xiaohou led the way. He was controlling the wind to form a curtain and conceal their presence.

They noticed a huge cliff as they reached a certain height.

The waves were splashing against the cliff. It was around a hundred meters tall.

The Sea Skeleton King was right below the cliff, sitting in the water. Even so, its head was almost the same height as the cliff.

It was giving off huge pressure, even though it was sitting still like a huge statue.

“It seems to be fast asleep, but it’s going to wake up as soon as we make our move. Look over there,” Zhang Xiaohou pointed down the cliff.

There was a small beach under the cliff. It was covered in black rocks.

They assumed everyone on the island had died brutally to the Sea Skeleton King. To their surprise, the tiny figures close to the Sea Skeleton King were human Mages.

“Why are they Casting spells on the Sea Skeleton King? Are they hypnotizing the Sea Skeleton King to make it fall asleep?” Mo Fan asked, puzzled by their behavior.

“I think they are using the Healing Element, judging from the light,” Mu Ningxue said.

“Yes, they are using Healing Magic. I was able to sneak closer. I noticed they are all Healers. Something is controlling them. They are using Healing Magic on the Sea Skeleton King continuously,” Zhang Xiaohou said.

Mo Fan slapped Zhang Xiaohou on the head.

“Are you stupid? Why didn’t you stop them? No wonder everyone on the island is dead. The Sea Skeleton King has recovered more than twenty percent of its strength!” Mo Fan spat.

Those people were healing the Sea Skeleton King!

Their minds were obviously being controlled. The sea monsters had enslaved their Healers! With the Healers’ help, the Sea Skeleton King was going to fully recover in several days!

It was likely that both Chairman Shao Zheng and General Dong did not expect this!