

## Versatile 2521

Chapter 2521: Blood calls for Blood!

Lava sprayed in all directions and burned away the clouds. It flowed across the sky spectacularly in the strong winds!

Several local reporters stared at the sky and the volcano in astonishment.

“What a marvelous sight! The volcano that was inactive for several dozen years has reclaimed its fury! The sea monsters must have enraged the gods!” the Japanese reporter blurted out excitedly into the camera.

His cameraman raised the military video camera to capture the spectacular sight live.

Local reporters were broadcasting the situations of areas that were heavily affected by the disaster to the rest of the country. Most of them were Mages capable of protecting themselves, or they would not have dared to involve themselves in such dangerous jobs.

The volcano had been inactive for almost forty years. The people who were evacuated from Xixiong City were watching the live broadcast in disbelief. They almost had the urge to knock their heads on the ground to thank the gods!

“Honorable god of Xixiong Mountain, please look after the Heavenly Sovereign’s people!”

Many people commented on the live broadcast on the Internet.

“Hey, did anyone notice a shadow resembling a skeleton close to the volcano?”

Some people soon noticed the Sea Skeleton King from the live broadcast. “You are right, the clouds... it’s a skeleton! It’s a huge skeleton! What kind of monster is that?!”

The reporter was too far away from the volcano, so the Japanese had not noticed the ferocious creature at first. The people who were praying to the mountain god soon trembled in fear.

“Look, is that a man over there?”

“Closer, please go closer, we saw a man! He must be the incarnation of the god of Xixiong Mountain!”

Lava was erupting out of the volcano continuously. The flames were clashing fiercely with the rain. The sky and the ground were shaking vigorously.

One was evil, while the other was righteous!

One was water, and the other was fire!

The man and the skeleton were having an epic showdown in the sky!

The reporter continued to broadcast the scene to the Internet. Some people eventually recognized it was the Sea Skeleton King that had gone on a rampage close to the Magic City.

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A Supreme Ruler!

The creature had defeated the Magic City's army, resulting in the loss of three Top Seaters. Japan had its disasters, too, but many people had watched the horrific battle in the Huangpu District of the Magic City on the Internet.

The sea was dyed red with blood while corpses were piled up like mountains, and the unbeatable Sea Skeleton King was responsible for everything!

Now someone dared to fight the Sea Skeleton King alone after it had trampled the confidence and courage of humanity.

The Sea Skeleton King was in the East China Sea not long ago, but it was now at Japan's Xixiong City!

"Apparently, the Magic Association has sent out a mysterious powerful Mage after the Sea Skeleton King to avenge their fallen!"

"Did that guy chase the Sea Skeleton King all the way from the East China Sea to Japan's Xixiong City?"

The live broadcast in Japan soon reached China. The title 'A man taking on the Sea Skeleton King alone!' soon exploded across the forums.

It was a live broadcast instead of a recording, which meant the man was currently fighting the Sea Skeleton King!.

"Who exactly is it?"

"I can't tell for sure. He's completely wrapped in flames..."

"Someone can actually fight the Sea Skeleton King alone? Please accept my knee!"

Mui Nujiao and Ai Tutu were sitting on the couch at home. They had paused the broadcast multiple times to take a closer look at the man.

Ai Tutu closed her mouth after some time. She asked Mui Nujiao doubtfully, "You must be familiar with the demon king's physique. Is that really him?"

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"It's definitely him!" Mui Nujiao declared confidently.

She suddenly realized Ai Tutu meant something else. Her face blushed as she rolled her eyes at Ai Tutu in embarrassment.

There had never been anything between her and Mo Fan, but she had to say the man was really attractive when he was engulfed in flames!

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“Councilman!”

“What is it?”

“Take a look at this...” The secretary handed Chairman Shao Zheng a tablet computer.

Chairman Shao Zheng frowned, but his expression shifted after he took a closer look. His eyes glittered with excitement!

“It’s him. It’s Mo Fan!” Chairman Shao Zheng shouted.

“Since when was his Fire Element so powerful?” the secretary exclaimed.

“He has never let us down!” Chairman Shao Zheng smiled.

However, Chairman Shao Zheng was a little worried, too. He could tell the Sea Skeleton King was not as seriously injured as they had expected. They had direly underestimated its strength!

However, Mo Fan was strong enough to fight it head-on. What exactly had Mo Fan found to grant him such extraordinary strength?

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“All hail Senior Mo Fan, make the Sea Skeleton King pay with his blood!”

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Countless students were commenting on Pearl Institute’s forum.

They were unable to cheer for Mo Fan at the scene, but they could easily cheer for him online.

Obviously, it was Ai Tutu who had clarified that Mo Fan was the man who was fighting the Sea Skeleton King in Japan!

Ai Tutu immediately spread the news after getting Mui Nujiao’s confirmation. Many students of the Pearl Institute had also seen Mo Fan in his King of Hell form, so they were easily convinced the man was Mo Fan from his silhouette, even though they could not see his face.

“That’s how the Fire Element should be. It can evaporate anything, including the sea!” Wei Rong burst into tears.

As Mo Fan’s teacher in the Fire School, Wei Rong had never felt so proud of himself. No matter the outcome, he could boast for the rest of his life how his student had fought the Sea Skeleton King head-on!

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Blood called for blood!

Mo Fan had resolved to fulfill his duty and bring the Sea Skeleton King’s dead body back to the Magic City. He would hang its head on the top of the Dongfang Oriental Tower so the sea monsters and the Emperor hiding in the mist could see it from hundreds of kilometers away!

It was a reminder from Mo Fan that the Magic City was not their grazing land!

They had to pay the price for what they had done, whether it was a Supreme Ruler or an Emperor from the deep sea!

Chapter 2522: Declaring War with Pride

Mo Fan's skin burst open and bled rapidly after he collided with the Sea Skeleton King three times. His forehead, his fists, and his chest were covered in blood.

The Sea Skeleton King was a formidable enemy; it was called a Supreme Ruler for a reason! It had regained its strength even after being worn out by Mo Fan and his friends previously. It even felt to Mo Fan like its strength had continued to grow the longer the fight went on.

Mo Fan was all by himself. He constantly found himself at a disadvantage despite obtaining the Phoenix Flame.

However, there was no sign of fear in his eyes. He might be covered in blood, but his will to fight was as brilliant as the flames engulfing him.

The sky and the ground were shaking constantly from the eruptions of the volcano above Xixiong City. Lava jetted even higher into the sky, and then fireballs poured down like meteor showers, soaring past the mountains and sea with thick trails of smoke behind them.

Mo Fan was standing in the middle of the meteor shower. A drop of lava that had yet to burst into flames happened to touch his forehead.

The cuts on his forehead began healing at a visible speed after touching the lava.

Mo Fan's heart was pounding heavily at the same time. It was transferring vigorous life force to his head!

As the rain of fire poured down on Mo Fan, the blood on his arms was like mere dye. His arms and bones healed rapidly as the flames around him grew even brighter.

His chest erupted into flames as a bright armor took shape on it, yet Mo Fan himself was surprisingly calm.

The heavy rain could never put out his flames!

"I can heal with fire, while you have lost the ability to heal with water! Do you still think you can beat me?!"

Mo Fan had fully recovered from his injuries, but the Sea Skeleton King was unable to fill the new hole in its chest with water.

He stomped the air and flew across the mist like a ray, heading straight at the Sea Skeleton King's heart!

The Sea Skeleton King raised the water and formed a thick curtain in front of itself.

The Sea Skeleton King lost its mind when it saw Mo Fan healing himself with fire. It had never thought its precious ability would end up in a petty human's hands!

That was supposed to be its power. The tiny human had no right to steal it!

The curtain of water had almost split the world in half. On one side was the curtain of flames bursting out of the volcano and falling onto the land and the sea. Scorching lava was flowing down from the volcano like red veins, forming a spectacular basin of fire by the sea.

On the other side were the Sea Skeleton King's destructive winds and sinister rain. The sky and the sea were dark. The Sea Skeleton King's outline was barely visible amid the storm as it stirred up ferocious waves.

Mo Fan broke through the curtain of water recklessly. The curtain of flames behind him was serving as his army.

Mo Fan's reckless move was surprisingly effective. The curtain of water failed to withstand the barrage of flames.

Mo Fan tore down the Sea Skeleton King's strongest defense. He noticed the Sea Skeleton King was already covered in holes!

"Blood calls for blood!"

Mo Fan turned into a godly axe seemingly drawn out of the sun. Its blazing edge swiped at the Sea Skeleton King's stomach with unbelievable force.

The hole on the Sea Skeleton King's stomach was its weakest point.

Mo Fan landed a deadly hit. Not only did the hole on its stomach widen, the cracks on its other body parts were spreading now!

Sparkles of fire erupted across the Sea Skeleton King's body. Its black water was trying to fend off Mo Fan's Phoenix Flame, but it failed to resist Mo Fan's attack this time.

If Mo Fan had not had the ability to heal with fire, the Sea Skeleton King would have killed him several times by now, even if he had obtained a stronger flame. This was the strength of the Phoenix Flame!

Dripping water could penetrate a stone. Even the tiny bites of ants could tear down a dam, let alone the Phoenix Flame, which was on par with the Sea Skeleton King's sorcery.

Mo Fan was determined to kill the Sea Skeleton King. The creature had only crushed him once. He had no reason to be afraid of it anymore.

The Four-Eyed Bird had remained at the bottom of the cold sea for thousands of years just waiting for its rebirth. His hardship and determination were nothing in comparison.

The burning axe hewed at the Sea Skeleton King once again. The knockback caused Mo Fan great pain every time it struck the Sea Skeleton King's bones, but he was treating it as simply another form of tempering.

He was like a piece of metal. He needed more than heat to be refined further. He had to be tempered over and over again!

The near-death experience had taught Mo Fan that he needed to be stronger!

The rain of lava was following behind Mo Fan like his own personal army. Every time Mo Fan slashed at the Sea Skeleton King, the flames would take the shape of the Four-Eyed Bird and its blazing feathers.

The Japanese reporter happened to capture Mo Fan's impressive appearance.

Thousands of Four-Eyed Birds were diving from the volcanic ashes that had covered the sky. They surged across the land, mountain, and sea angrily under the command of the man who was engulfed in armor made out of flames.

The Sea Skeleton King was severely injured by the burning axe, and its water-formed body evaporated quickly in the flames of the Four-Eyed Birds. Its shattered bones were soon scattered across Xixiong City, like the debris of a collapsing mountain.

The Supreme Ruler that had acted as the vanguard of the kingdom of sea monsters and given the Magic City a miserable defeat had finally fallen!

The people were not relieved yet, as they knew the Sea Skeleton King had the ability to come back alive. It would rise again when the waves of black seawater returned. The waves would reform its bones and body.

To their surprise, the Sea Skeleton King did not rise again. The black water had vanished. The huge and hideous skeleton was lying there perfectly still.

It was as still as the land. The godly birds had even melted its Undead soul!

The reporters held their breath as they continued broadcasting the scene.

Only those who were familiar with the recent battle in the Magic City were aware of how formidable the Sea Skeleton King was, but the mysterious man had slain it in Xixiong City!

Japan was under heavy attack from the sea monsters because it was an island. Its people bore a strong hatred for the sea monsters, but there was nothing they could do to get back at them.

They were finally able to vent some of their anger at the sea monsters after witnessing the death of the Sea Skeleton King. It gave them confidence, courage, and excitement.

The sea monsters were not unbeatable!

If they dared to mess with humans, humans would make them pay with their lives!

A huge uproar exploded in the Magic City, like the countdown of a new year.

It was dead! The Sea Skeleton King was finally dead!

It had been like a demonic shadow looming over the city. The people had to breathe carefully, while the soldiers could feel a tingling sourness in their throats at the mention of its name.

But now, someone had slain it!

The man had chased the Sea Skeleton King all the way from the East China Sea to Japan. Everyone was touched by his determination!

Most importantly, he had avenged their fallen comrades of the Magic City!

They were no longer holding their ground helplessly. They were declaring a war against the sea monsters with pride, claiming they would hunt down every single one of the sea monsters' elites for the pain they had inflicted on their soldiers!

Chapter 2523: Ruler of the Sharkmen

Flames continued to pour down from the sky.

Mo Fan stood in front of the Sea Skeleton King's remains. The flames had become a burning red forest after landing on the sea, let alone upon the land.

The ruby-red Phoenix Flames lasted for a long time. The volcano was still roaring angrily at the sky. The sea kept shaking around the island before its fury.

Mo Fan had turned over a new leaf while he was bathing in the flames.

In the past, Mo Fan had to rely on Little Flame Belle to control stronger flames, but he now had access to a powerful flame directly from his heart, burning like a furnace and providing him with a continuous supply of scorching flame.

Every inch of his skin was tempered by the flame.

He was brimming with an inviolate and imperious aura, especially while he was standing in front of the huge corpse of the Sea Skeleton King.

Mo Fan touched his chest over his heart again.

Mo Fan had learned the Super Power of his Fire Element would be a Fiery Heart after he started to Awaken the Super Powers of his different Elements, but he never thought he would obtain a Fiery Heart like this!

It was not just a Fiery Heart made from his Super Power. It was an inextinguishable heart that burned like a furnace, a heart that the Four-Eyed Bird had transformed into!

It was obvious that the Four-Eyed Bird did not have the ability to Possess humans like Little Flame Belle. It had completely replaced Mo Fan's heart instead.

Mo Fan could no longer sense its presence, nor could he communicate with it. All that remained was the Phoenix Flame he was wrapped in.

The Four-Eyed Bird was gone.

However, Mo Fan knew the Four-Eyed Bird had achieved immortality. Perhaps it would fly out of his chest and soar into the sky again after his life ended, but its spirit would remain in Mo Fan's flame as long as Mo Fan was alive.

Wherever Mo Fan went in his King of Hell form, the Phoenix Flame would show its brilliance!

Mo Fan would treat his new power precious. He would continue to improve it!

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The operation to eliminate the Sea Skeleton King was tougher than anyone could have imagined. He had finally fulfilled his duty to avenge the dead of the Magic City.

Mo Fan rested with his eyes closed on the back of the Wind Gauze Inferior Dragon on his way back to the Magic City.

The Wind Gauze Inferior Dragon was flying at an outstanding pace. They were able to see the Dongfang Oriental Tower, the landmark of the Magic City, after flying for only a couple hours.

Mo Fan kept his promise. He hung the head of the Sea Skeleton King at the top of the Dongfang Oriental Tower!

In a disastrous time like this, the government could not have cared less if the gory sight was going to influence little kids in a bad way. It was a stance they had to take.

They had to let the sea monsters know fear!

People were crowding the beach and cheering. Many of them were keen to witness the marvelous sight.

The head of the Supreme Ruler was hung at the highest point of the city like a spoil of war. Humanity was showing its stance. They were not a species at the bottom of the food pyramid, waiting to be slaughtered and fed upon!

"Mo Fan, you are always so impressive!" Chairman Shao Zheng said with a proud smile from atop the Dongfang Oriental Tower.

"I know clearly how tough the fight was. I'm still far from being able to take on the Sea Skeleton King by myself if it was at the peak of its strength," Mo Fan replied with surprising modesty.

The Sea Skeleton King had sustained serious injuries only after killing countless Mages in the Magic City. It was the main reason why Mo Fan had been able to kill it.

He might have won the final glory by killing the Sea Skeleton King, but he knew there was no way he could have defeated the Sea Skeleton King without the sacrifices in the Magic City; the help from Mu Ningxue, Zhao Manyan, Zhang Xiaohou, and Mu Ningxue; and the sacrifice of the Four-Eyed Bird!

"It's great that you have learned your shortcomings, but we all believed in you. One day, you will be standing at the top of this tower having surpassed the High Seaters, the three Top Seaters who were killed. You might even achieve the Forbidden Level and be strong enough to fight the Emperor hiding in the mist!" Chairman Shao Zheng said excitedly.



A strong Mage required great determination and courage. Mo Fan had an unyielding spirit and the courage that many powerful Mages lacked.

Not every powerful Mage had the courage to go after the Sea Skeleton King, despite their outstanding strength.

Mo Fan was definitely worthy to accept the glory!

Shao Zheng was further convinced that he had chosen the right man for the job. Mo Fan did not let him down, nor did he let the Magic City down!

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Sometimes, earning glory would not necessarily bring joy and excitement to a person.

The people of the Magic City were showing Mo Fan the utmost respect after he killed the Sea Skeleton King, but he was surprisingly calm.

After all, it was not easy to earn glory, nor would it fall on someone randomly. Only the person involved knew the hardships they had to overcome for the astonishing feat.

Mo Fan was basically standing on a giant's shoulders when he severed the Sea Skeleton King's head.

He had to grow even stronger, until he was capable of killing the Sea Skeleton King at the peak of its strength.

For some reason, Mo Fan had a feeling he was not far from his goal after obtaining the Phoenix Flame!

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The head of the Sea Skeleton King actually did intimidate the army of sea monsters.

The sea monsters in the Yangtze River no longer dared to cause any trouble. The advancing army of sea monsters had gradually slowed down, too.

It seemed like the Sea Skeleton King had been a powerful general of the sea monsters. However, based on the information they had received from the Shoreline Alliance, there were at least two other creatures with the same status as the Sea Skeleton King who had invaded the East China Sea.

One of the Supreme Rulers was heading toward the Yellow Sea. The other Supreme Ruler was causing trouble in Hangzhou. It was trying to turn the West Lake into a colony.

The Black Totem Snake was obviously fighting the Supreme Ruler, but unlike the Sea Skeleton King that had fought alone, the Supreme Ruler that was trying to take over the West Lake had thousands of soldiers under its command. They were said to be the tribe of Sharkmen!

The Sharkmen...

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue had once encountered the species at Japan's East Maritime Fortress. It was a tribe with a strong lineage, as even the lowest-ranked lackey was in the Warrior or Commander-level.

Most importantly, a dozen Sharkmen Rulers had shown up in Hangzhou. The Black Totem Snake had been injured before he even had the chance to fight the Supreme Ruler leading the Sharkmen.

The Sharkman Ruler was on par with the Sea Skeleton King in terms of strength. It had already killed a peak Super Mage from the Lingyin Enforcement Union.

The West Lake was right beside Hangzhou City. There was nothing between them to defend the city.

If the West Lake was taken over, Hangzhou City would soon turn into a Hell on Earth!

Chapter 2524: The Sacred Totem Series

Everyone in Mo Fan's group realized they still lacked the strength to truly fight the sea monsters after the battle against the Sea Skeleton King.

In such difficult times, they had to be incredibly strong just to protect themselves, let alone step forward to help others. Even the lazy Zhao Manyan started to cultivate diligently and look for other ways to grow stronger.

Mu Ningxue did not stay in the Magic City for too long.

The situation did not look good for either Feiniaoh Headquarters City or Fanxue Mountain.

"Should I go back to Fanxue Mountain with you?" Mo Fan was worried that Mu Ningxue and the others would be unable to fend off the sea monsters.

Mu Ningxue shook her head.

A species of the sea monsters with Sound Magic had appeared at Feiniaoh Headquarters City, but no one had been able to take a close look at them. They had yet to launch an attack on the city, except for putting the whole city to sleep after they first arrived.

It was likely that the sea monsters were still probing the shores and waiting for the perfect time to make their move.

Fanxue Mountain had the Moon Moth Phoenix. Its power was very effective against any sea monsters with the ability to hypnotize humans. They should have no trouble defending their territory.

Mu Ningxue had never thought to keep Mo Fan at Fanxue Mountain. He never liked to be restrained, and other places along the coastline might need his help more.

Mo Fan needed a vast world to provide him with a perfect environment to grow!

"Little cub, you were a deserter in the previous battle. I know you are still young, so it's too early for you to join in the action, but if you dare run away when my Xuexue is in danger..." Mo Fan cracked his fists.

The Phoenix Flame erupted vigorously. It greatly opposed an Ice Totem Beast like the little cub, so the cub was a little afraid of Mo Fan now.

The little cub lowered his head and growled softly. He had realized his mistake.

“You better visit Tianshan Mountain more often and bring back more Tianshan Sacred Lotuses for Xuexue. Do you understand!?” Mo Fan pinched the little cub’s whiskers.

The little cub’s face twisted in pain, but he did not dare fight back. He was too scared to even look at Mu Ningxue.

The little cub waved his paws around like he had made up his mind. Little Flame Belle happily interpreted what the little cub was saying.

The little cub was utterly disappointed in himself because he was too weak to even face the Sea Skeleton King. He was too ashamed to face Mu Ningxue now.

Mu Ningxue did not even bother to look at him.

She even wondered why she had signed a Contract with the little cub. He had abandoned Mo Fan when it mattered the most!

Mu Ningxue already had the urge to terminate the Contract with the little cub, even if it meant damaging her soul, but Mo Fan was still quite fond of the little tiger.

“You will go back to Tianshan Mountain and train there for two months?”

“You will become stronger and bring back a cart of valuables from Tianshan Mountain to apologize for what you did?”

“Fine, we all know you are still young. It’s normal for the Sea Skeleton King to scare you away. There’s no need to...”

The little cub cried out seriously, his pride stung deeply.

The little cub indicated he was too scared to face the Sea Skeleton King because he had yet to overcome a trial in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain. Once he passed the trial, he would be able to beat the Sea Skeleton King!

“Fine, I’ll await your return!” Mo Fan finally gave his permission.

The little cub was indeed weaker than a real Sacred Totem Beast. Mo Fan could easily tell that.

The little cub must have run away from the trial to enjoy himself in the human cities because of his playful and lazy nature.

But this time, the little cub had volunteered to go back to Tianshan Mountain to face the trial. If he managed to pass the trial, he would obtain the true power of a Sacred Totem Beast!

He would gain the power to defeat the sea monsters, the power that belonged to a Sacred Totem Beast.

Mu Fan did not actually think the little cub was wrong for running away.

He was like a playful boy who never liked to study and who had been skipping classes. He did not want to study, no matter how many times his parents scolded him.

However, his pride was hurt after something happened. He realized he could not afford to waste his time doing nothing anymore. The self-realization was far more effective than the scoldings, advice, and punishment from his parents.

A boy did not grow into a man after having sex for the first time. A boy would grow into a man when he had the desire to study and become better!

Mo Fan finally had the feeling that the little cub would become a real Tianshan Sacred Tiger one day!

Mo Fan had found it strange that when they had found the Deer God, Little Loach was able to absorb the power stored in the Horn of the Deer God and give him huge benefits.

However, the same thing did not happen after Mo Fan found the Four-Eyed Bird.

It was not like the Four-Eyed Bird did not have the power of a Totem Beast, but Little Loach was reluctant to absorb it.

“It did not suit his tastes?” Mo Fan was puzzled.

Little Loach did not answer Mo Fan’s doubts. It was busy figuring out a way to digest the Sea Skeleton King’s soul!

It was a pity that the Sea Skeleton King did not drop a Soul Essence. Its Soul Remnant was not as valuable as Mo Fan had expected, either. Its soul was damaged, perhaps because it was already severely injured before their fight.

In the end, Mo Fan had to take out the enemy by himself.

The chance of dropping a Soul Essence was very low if he took out an enemy who was already dying.

Mo Fan asked Lingling for her thoughts.

The best way of improving the rest of his Elements to the Super Level was by finding new sources of the Totem Beasts’ power, similar to the Horn of the Deer God.

His Earth Element, Chaos Element, and Summoning Element still had yet to achieve the Super Level.

“I think it’s because of the Sacred Totem Beast’s lineage,” Lingling conjectured. “We have derived a few series of the Sacred Totem Beasts...

“The first series includes Baxia, the Black Totem Snake, and Aofu... thus Zhao Manyan obtained the power of Totem Beasts from Aofu, but you didn’t.

“The second series includes the Moon Moth Phoenix, the Totem Beast with the mysterious feathers, and the Four-Eyed Bird. Your lifetime vessel couldn’t absorb their power to open up the Seal on it. The only way you can obtain their power is when they directly merge with your body, like how the Four-Eyed Bird has replaced your heart.

“The third series includes the Sacred White Tigers and Kunlun Ancestor Tigers.

“The fourth series is the series of the Deer God.

“It’s obvious that your Lifetime Vessel belongs to the fourth series,” Lingling said, staring at Mo Fan’s chest and Little Loach.

Throughout the time Lingling had spent with Mo Fan, she had roughly guessed Mo Fan had a mysterious Lifetime Vessel. It explained how Mo Fan was able to keep up with the others, despite having so many Elements!

“So there are Totem Beasts from different series...” Mo Fan fell into deep thought. His eyes glittered all of a sudden. “If I can find another Totem Beast from the same series as the Deer God, I should be able to obtain its power, right?”

“As a matter of fact, it’s almost guaranteed that you will grow stronger once you obtain the power of Totem Beasts, but we still haven’t fully utilized that,” Lingling corrected him.

Chapter 2525: Magic Fusion

Mo Fan’s eyes lit up. “How can we fully utilize the power of the Totem Beasts?”

“I have no idea. We have to find more Totem Beasts and understand the connections between them,” Lingling answered.

Mo Fan reached out his hand and pinched Lingling’s face. He snarled, “Why did you bother bringing it up, then?”

Lingling slapped Mo Fan’s face and shot back with puffed cheeks, “We must come up with ideas first before putting them into practice! I’m quite confident we are on the right track!”

“Did you find the next Totem Beast after putting the Four-Eyed Bird’s Totem Seal into the big picture?” Mo Fan asked.

“Not yet, but it’s a lot easier after the recent innovations of recording devices. I found this after searching for similar patterns on the Internet...” Lingling took out her phone and showed Mo Fan a photo.

In the photo was a destroyed tower. Half of it had collapsed into the sea, so only part of it remained.

A clear claw mark could be seen on the tower. Some powerful creature had smashed the round tables in the dining hall into pieces with its claw.

“It’s a very big claw, and?” Mo Fan asked, seeing nothing important.

“I’ve found a mysterious Totem Beast. Its Totem Seal is very similar to the shape of the claw, especially this part over here!” Lingling enlarged the photo as she explained to Mo Fan in more detail.

Mo Fan would not have treated the claw mark seriously without listening to Lingling’s explanation.

“Are you sure it belongs to a Totem Beast?” Mo Fan had to ask.

“Mm, but for some reason, it has sided with the sea monsters and is causing a lot of destruction in Zhuhai,” Lingling declared.

“Let’s go to Zhuhai, then. Nothing is more reliable than inspecting the scene in person,” Mo Fan said.

“That’s what I think, too.”

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Mo Fan did not want to waste his time. He went straight to Guangzhou and planned to go to Zhuhai City after a quick rest.

A lightning serpent was causing troubles in Zhuhai City. Even Shenzhen had been heavily impacted. The electricity had gone out, putting the whole city in a blackout.

In the current era, a city without electricity was pretty much paralyzed, as many facilities would no longer function. It was not as simple as taking out the electricity. Many military devices had stopped functioning as a result, so the military was unable to determine the number and whereabouts of the sea monsters.

Feng Zhoulong kept calling Mo Fan after he heard Mo Fan was in Guangzhou.

Mo Fan insisted he was on an important mission. He did not have time to waste on being the lab rat of his experiments. To his surprise, Feng Zhoulong went straight to Mo Fan’s place and forced him to come to Canton Tower with him!

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Mo Fan had a bad feeling as soon as he arrived at Canton Tower.

Feng Zhoulong brought Mo Fan straight to the Research Union’s lab. The sight of workers in white lab coats and gas masks sent shivers down Mo Fan’s spine.

“Here, let me introduce you to a brilliant student we’ve recently recruited!” Feng Zhoulong exclaimed.

Whenever Feng Zhoulong looked at Mo Fan, he did not react like he was happy to see a friend. It was more like he was proud of his invention. It was the main reason why Mo Fan was reluctant to come here.

Mo Fan yawned impatiently.

However, he froze when the woman with curly purple hair took off her mask. The impatient look on his face was replaced with shock!

“Sharjah!” Mo Fan stared at the woman, who was still as elegant as an elf. It took him some time to collect his thoughts in the face of her charm.

“Sir, it’s been a while.” Sharjah was speaking fluently in Chinese. She even followed the Chinese customs.

She was dressed just like a Chinese woman, save for the color of her eyes.

“Why did you come here?” Mo Fan asked.

“My brother was worried I would be charged with treason, so he forced me to leave the Andes Mountain Range. I had enough of the Aorus Sacred Institute, and I had nowhere else to go, so I applied for a position here. It was Mr. Feng who took me in,” Sharjah said with a faint smile.

Mo Fan was left speechless. Why is she acting just like a foreign exchange student after she was threatened with treason?

Forget it, he could never understand Sharjah’s personality...

“It seems like you two already knew one another. That’s perfect,” Feng Zhoulong said cheerfully.

“I did introduce her here, I only brought it up randomly. I didn’t think she would really consider it.” Mo Fan reached out his hand and rubbed Sharjah’s head.

Sharjah did not avoid him. She was very obedient, but the intelligence in her eyes did not belong to a normal student.

“I see, I should be thanking you, then. Mo Fan, do you know? The Heavens have gifted me two precious things. The first one is Sharjah’s intelligence, and the second one was the invasion of the sea monsters!” Feng Zhoulong blurted out in excitement.

Mo Fan’s face was full of question marks as he coughed in embarrassment. “I can understand the first one. After all, Sharjah is truly a genius. She’s smarter than many of the professors at the Aorus Sacred Institute, but I don’t quite understand the second one,” Mo Fan replied.

“Of course! I’m talking about resources. We’ve been stuck on land for so long. We have already dug up every resource on land, but we’ve only come so far. The invasion of sea monsters might be a disaster, but it also opens a new door for the Magic Civilization by bringing us rare resources of the deep sea. We can finally conduct many of our experiments!” Feng Zhoulong explained enthusiastically.

Mo Fan nodded in agreement. He said, “Sure, go ahead and discuss it. I’m just a fighter. I’m more concerned about how I can improve my strength. I have other things to worry about. I shall excuse myself. Sharjah, make sure you learn from Feng Zhoulong.”

“Hey, can you wait until I’ve finished!?” Feng Zhoulong snarled, like he could not wait to vent all the grudges he was carrying.

“I’m really busy. I have to take care of the lightning serpent,” Mo Fan replied.

“But can you defeat it?”

“I’ll know once I’ve tried,” Mo Fan answered.

“I have ways to make you stronger!” Feng Zhoulong proclaimed.

Mo Fan immediately halted in his tracks, but he did not turn around.

“Sir, after some collaboration, our theory of merging different Elements is no longer just a theory. We just need a volunteer to test them,” Sharjah said.

“What?!” Mo Fan turned around.

“We’ve finished researching Magic Fusion. Don’t you want to be the first to try it out?” Feng Zhoulong smiled.. His smile was more seductive than a demoness in a cave.

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Mo Fan instantly walked back to Feng Zhoulong and Sharjah.

*Did they really figure out how to put Magic Fusion into practice?*

*Wouldn’t that mean altering the current structure of human magic?*

“The tougher the environment, the easier it is for a species to evolve. Our enemy was once a species on land, but they have evolved into a stronger species in the sea. We can’t allow ourselves to be stuck in a rut if we are to fight them!” Feng Zhoulong declared.

He was absolutely right. The Light Element, Shadow Element, and Dimensional Magic had been discovered while mankind was in great danger.

Powerful enemies had washed the cities along the coastline with blood, but humans were gradually improving and innovating while defending their territory!

Feng Zhoulong had devoted his whole life to discovering new power, but it had been extremely difficult to find something that was achievable by everyone.

He had only made progress after he found a special organ crystal and learned the secrets of Magic Fusion through it!

“This belonged to a rare species of sea monsters with four colors. It has the attributes of the Water, Ice, Earth, and Shadow Elements. It can also fuse the Water and Shadow Elements, and the Ice and Earth Elements. It took us great effort just to secure an organ crystal of the Four-Colored Demons, the key we have been searching for to open up a new gate!” Feng Zhoulong was extremely excited.

As a matter of fact, he had yet to disclose his discovery to the public.

Finishing the research was one thing, but putting it into practice was another thing. It was like writing a program. They had to run the program to find out the bugs!

Mo Fan was the first person to come to Feng Zhoulong’s mind. It was very important to keep such a valuable discovery confidential to avoid theft or sabotage. Feng Zhoulong had to carefully choose who he tested it on.

Most importantly, Mo Fan had double the number of Elements of normal Mages. The Magic Fusion involved combining different Elements, so Mo Fan, who possessed the Lightning, Fire, Earth, Shadow, Summoning, Space, and Chaos Elements, was the perfect candidate to be the lab rat.



As for Mo Fan, his first priority was to become stronger!

The Dark Material he currently possessed was already mixed with substances of the Chaos Element. The combination of the Chaos and Shadow Elements was extremely powerful. The assassin Bei Jiang was the perfect example.

Bei Jiang had merged the Shadow and Chaos Elements, but that was only possible because of his Innate Talent.

Feng Zhoulong's goal was to give every Mage the special ability to combine different Elements, allowing Mages with two or more Elements to use the new power.

It would increase the overall strength of human Mages by diversifying their magic!

"We'll try it on you first, and if it's suitable, we will spread it through the whole country!" Feng Zhoulong exclaimed.

"Sure, I'll be the beta tester!" Mo Fan agreed.

Mo Fan decided to stay in Guangzhou for a few more days. It would also give Lingling, Jiang Shaoxu, and Zhao Manyan more time to collect information about the lightning serpent!

Magic Fusion was a very difficult thing to achieve, as every spell had to follow a fixed structure.

The general procedure was focusing one's attention, connecting the Stars, completing the Star Orbits, and Casting after releasing the spell.

It was like a standard formula. If any of the steps were missing or manipulated, the process would fail.

Most people could only focus on one thing at a time. It was like when a person was drawing a circle with one hand. It would be difficult to draw another shape with the other hand.

The biggest challenge of Magic Fusion was mastering the ability to focus on two things at the same time. Not many people could draw a Star Constellation of the Fire Element while drawing a Star Constellation of the Ice Element.

Secondly, different Elements would often clash and trigger an Elemental explosion. The energy became extremely unstable when two different Elements were combined. Not only would they go out of control, the explosion might also injure the Caster!

Feng Zhoulong claimed Sharjah was a blessing for him because of her Innate Talent that gave her the ability to multitask.

She had given Feng Zhoulong the chance to experiment on his speculation. It was no longer just a plausible idea he was thinking about!

With Sharjah's help, Feng Zhoulong was able to determine the challenges of Magic Fusion. They eventually solved the challenges and had a desirable outcome!

"So I'll have to practice multitasking first, right?" Mo Fan clarified.

“That won’t be necessary. Not everyone can do that. Just construct the simplest Star Orbit,” Feng Zhoulong told him.

Mo Fan followed Feng Zhoulong’s instructions.

He constructed a Star Orbit of the Fire Element by connecting the seven Stars. He was extremely familiar with the process, and could even do it subconsciously. He remembered how he had practiced it until his head hurt when he first learned magic.

“I’m done. What now?” A bright sprout of fire was burning on Mo Fan’s palm.

The small Fire Burst was still giving off great heat because of his Phoenix Flame. Feng Zhoulong and Sharjah were astounded.

“A Heaven-grade Flame? Mo Fan, you are going to drive the old Fire Mages of the Magic Association mad!” Feng Zhoulong chuckled.

“What’s next? I must tell you, I won’t be able to Channel a different spell before I toss this somewhere,” Mo Fan warned him.

“Take this!” Feng Zhoulong quickly handed a short rod to Mo Fan.

Mo Fan took the rod. He noticed the thing was like the magic wands from Harry Potter. It was thin and silvery, like the baton that conductors used. He immediately looked at it strangely.

Mages had never needed weapons. The staves that some old Mages used were just some Equipment with special effects.

He had to say that he did not want to wave a little wand around in a fight. It would make him look like an idiot if it had no special effects.

“Don’t mind the Wand. It could be a ring, a bracelet, or a necklace. It’s just a medium. Try it again, but this time, focus the magic on the Wand instead of your hand,” Feng Zhoulong told him.

Mo Fan was doubtful, but he still followed Feng Zhoulong’s instructions.

He constructed a Star Orbit and Cast Fire Burst.

The Phoenix Flame should have set the Wand on fire. To his surprise, the Phoenix Flame instead erupted from his palm a second later.

It was delayed by a second of time?

“See that? The Wand can store the Fire Burst for a second. You are free to use other Elements during that time!” Feng Zhoulong said excitedly.

Mo Fan immediately gave it a try. He Cast Lightning Strike during the delay.

Lightning flickered between the fingers on his left hand after he constructed the Star Orbit.

The lightning had appeared at the exact same time as the Fire Burst on the Wand!

In the past, Mo Fan was able to hold lightning in his left hand and fire on his right hand because he was switching between spells rapidly, but he still had to cast the spells in order. He had to finish the first spell and release it before using the second spell.

But now, the two spells were coexisting!

After all, he had yet to release the Fire Burst. He was basically holding it with his hand!

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“Now, transfer your Lightning Strike to the wand and merge it with the Fire Burst,” Feng Zhoulong smiled and told Mo Fan. He could not wait to see Mo Fan’s reaction.

Mo Fan followed the instructions.

The Fire and Lightning Elements were both unwavering and unstable, and were quite destructive, too. It was normally impossible to combine them.

If they could merge different Elements, they could just ask two Mages with different Elements to combine their spells to achieve Magic Fusion.

When Mages of different Elements Cast their spells simultaneously, the spells would either trigger an Elemental explosion or nullify one another.

Mo Fan cautiously transferred the Lightning Strike to the Fire Burst on the wand. He felt like he was throwing a match into a house that had been filled with combustible gas.

He was prepared that he might injure himself, but the process was surprisingly smooth.

The lightning wrapped around the Phoenix Flame like strings. The red and purple intertwined like two different liquids that had been poured together. They were not rejecting nor clashing with one another!

Mo Fan’s eyes glittered, overwhelmed by excitement.

*They combined!*

*The Fire Burst and Lightning Strike merged into one!*

“Go!” Mo Fan fired the Fused spell at the dummy target in front of him!

The spell traveled as a strange projectile and landed on the dummy target. Flames and lightning spiraled up and devoured the target.

Mo Fan was overjoyed.

Even though Mo Fan was only using the spell on a dummy target, he could sense both the burning effect of the Fire Burst and the paralyzing effect of the Lightning Strike. In addition to that, the lightning had sped up the flames to burn the target even faster!

“See that? The spell has inherited the effects of both spells and even produces a new effect. The effects are different when different Elements are combined!” Feng Zhoulong declared proudly.

“It retained the damage of the two spells and gave it an additional effect!” Mo Fan smiled.

“No, no, no; once you get the hang of it, combining the Lightning and Fire Elements should make the spell stronger. You just aren’t familiar with it, you need to practice it more,” Feng Zhoulong chided him.

*It will make the spell stronger? This is the gospel mankind needs!*

Without special factors like Soul Seeds, the strength of every Mage’s spell was fixed. The problem was that not every Mage in the world could own a Soul Seed.

Once the technique of Magic Fusion was popularized, every Mage at the Intermediate Level would be stronger without needing lots of resources!

It was very impressive research! No wonder Feng Zhoulong said it was a huge step forward for the Magic Civilization!

“I know you don’t like the wand, so I’ll change it to a glove for you,” Feng Zhoulong said. The look of a scientist watching his lab rat appeared in his eyes again.

“Make it cooler. By the way, is it going to be expensive? It will be difficult to popularize it if it’s not affordable,” Mo Fan suddenly realized.

Every Mage wanted a Cultivation Tool since it could speed up their cultivation speed, but Cultivation Tools were very expensive as rare Soul Essences, perfect containers, and advanced technology were needed to produce them!

“Don’t worry, I’m not trying to make a fortune from this, I’m just helping mankind. Give me some time and every Mage have access to the technique without having to spend a cent!” Feng Zhoulong declared, putting his hands on his waist.

“Mo Fan, the Magic Fusion only requires a medium, whether it be a pair of gloves, a wand, or a ring. Any Mage can simply work hard and practice it. In the past, we assumed different Elements couldn’t combine with other Elements, but we just hadn’t find the right way of doing so. You saw that even two unstable Elements like the Fire and Lightning can combine into one,” Sharjah spoke up.

Mo Fan nodded. It was a great breakthrough!

“As a matter of fact, every Element is like a child. It’s easy for children to have a fight, but as long as you balance and control them, they are just Stars in your Spiritual World. It’s possible for Mages to combine their Elements without relying on a medium,” Feng Zhoulong added firmly.

Mo Fan had never thought about it, thus he never gave it a try.

After all, every Mage was taught that different Elements were unable to merge with one another. Trying to combine them was like committing suicide.

That had turned out to be wrong!

The Magic Civilization was improving slowly, through learning and exploring. Mo Fan had great respect for academics like Feng Zhoulong.

A powerful Mage could only fend off demon creatures for a short period of their lifetime, but if they could discover a new domain, it would bring everlasting benefits to their descendants!

Mo Fan was proud to be the first person to try out Magic Fusion. He believed many people would have access to the ability in the near future!

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Feng Zhoulong kept his promise. He worked overnight and modified the wand into a pair of gloves.

Sharjah was also involved and made sure the style of the gloves was not outdated. It was a pair of fashionable gloves made from a comfortable material. Mo Fan did not feel uncomfortable wearing them.

“Old Feng, do you have more of these so I can give them to my friends?” Mo Fan smiled.

He was feeling more confident in his strength after obtaining the Phoenix Flame. He felt unstoppable now that he had learned Magic Fusion, too!

“It’s the only one I have. We never planned to rely on the mediums. Once we finalize the process, we will popularize the technique to use Magic Fusion. The gloves were given to you so you could try Magic Fusion. I doubt anything will go wrong, but since we are going to popularize it, we need someone to find out all the bugs first,” Feng Zhoulong told him.

Mo Fan was left speechless. In the end, he was just a lab rat. It was not a privilege for the beta testers like him!

“By the way, now that you can use Magic Fusion, you must keep it confidential in case scum like the Black Vatican abuse it. You shouldn’t tell anyone for now. If someone asks about it, just tell them it’s a special effect of a Heaven Seed,” Feng Zhoulong warned him.

“Got it!” Mo Fan nodded in agreement.

## **Chapter 2528: Amnesia**

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*Saint Paul’s Cathedral...*

The bell rang continuously. The sound was piercing and sharp, instead of the usual dull and sacred chime.

Countless Mages in white robes were surrounding the church with stern faces, searching for something around the church.

“Outside, she must have blended into the crowd!”

The Mages went to the streets of a crowded district. There were several thousand tourists there. How were they going to find the invader among them?

The Mages had no choice but to give up after a quick search.

A middle-aged man in an old jacket was heading toward the church.

“What do you want!?” one of the Mages demanded of him.

“I’m a tourist. I’m just looking around,” the middle-aged man said with a smile.

“Can’t you see this area is off-limits? Another more step and I’ll arrest you on the spot!” the Mage snarled.

The middle-aged man had no choice but to back away.

He shook his head in disappointment. He thought the English were polite and well-mannered, but that did not seem to be the case.

Mo Jiaxin took out his phone and went into a small alley. He was going to look for the next tourist attraction.

He had taken Mu Zhuoyun’s advice to go travel to foreign countries. However, in just a few days, all flights to China were canceled after the recent incidents. Mo Jiaxin had no choice but to stay in England and wait until the flights resumed.

Luckily, Mu Zhuoyun had a small business in England. It was mainly used to export materials from the Gold Reefs. It was an important asset of Fanxue Mountain.

Mo Jiaxin was not good at doing business. There was nothing he could do to help, so he decided to go around the city alone.

He heard heels approaching from behind. He did not think much of it, until the woman in heels came up to him.

He picked up a strong smell of blood from the woman. He noticed she was bleeding heavily under her coat.

“What happened to you?” Mo Jiaxin quickly helped her.

“Someone...someone is trying to kill me. I managed to run away, but I was stabbed,” the woman said softly.

“I’ll call the police,” Mo Jiaxin said.

“No, the guy is from the police. Please...please bring me away from here,” the woman said.

Mo Jiaxin had no reason to leave the woman there, as she was talking to him in Chinese.

Mo Jiaxin took her out of the alley. The woman straightened her back to pretend she was casually walking down the street, and was hugging Mo Jiaxin's arm.

Mo Jiaxin felt uneasy. He was about to say something when the woman pulled her hat down and said, "Keep going and help me avoid those guards' attention."

Mo Jiaxin realized many Mages in white robes had blended into the crowd on the streets, setting up a perimeter.

However, they were focusing their attention on women who were walking alone on the street. The Mages completely ignored them.

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Mo Jiaxin was going to say something after they moved away from the street.

To his surprise, the woman's eyes were closed, like she had fainted. Most importantly, she was still walking even though she was unconscious.

He wondered what was keeping her going.

Mo Jiaxin was troubled. He had no choice but to bring her back to Mu Zhuoyun's office.

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Mo Jiaxin asked a woman at the office to treat the mysterious woman's injuries. However, the mysterious woman did not wake up for a long time.

The next morning, Mo Jiaxin heard the mysterious woman was awake, and so he went up to her room.

The woman had taken off her hat. She had also removed the strange makeup on her face. Mo Jiaxin was shocked when he took a closer look at her face.

"Ye Chang?!" Mo Jiaxin's heart pounded heavily.

Mo Jiaxin did not recognize the woman because she had pulled her hat low and covered her face with strange makeup. He did not expect her to be someone he had been unwilling to talk about for many years.

The woman called Ye Chang had wrinkles at the corners of her eyes. She was not as young as she appeared to be at first.

She stared at Mo Jiaxin blankly, then pointed at herself and asked, "You know me?"

"Of course, you are my...oh, it's all in the past now. I don't blame you since I wasn't able to give you anything. By the way, Xinxia has grown up now. You two look very alike. A lot of things happened to Bo City after you left. I have no clue where I should start. It's been so many years. (Sigh), I didn't expect to stumble into you here. Oh, how have you been?" Mo Jiaxin had no idea what to say. He was stammering a little as he spoke.

He clearly did not know how to face the woman before him.

"I don't remember anything," Ye Chang wore a confused look, as if she did not even remember who she was. "I only remember I saw you on the street, so I was following you. You look familiar to me, but I can't remember who you are."

Mo Jiaxin looked at the woman in shock. Was she suffering from amnesia? Did she really not remember anything, or was she reluctant to see him?

"Maybe...maybe you haven't fully recovered from your injuries. You should get more rest," Mo Jiaxin observed the woman closely, but she did not seem to be putting up an act.

"Maybe," Ye Chang nodded.

"I'll find someone to treat your injuries so you can get well soon," Mo Jiaxin said.

"Don't!" Ye Chang stopped him.

"But you are very weak now."

"I...I don't want to have contact with anyone except for you. Please don't tell others I'm here," Ye Chang said.

Mo Jiaxin looked at the woman. She seemed to be panicking a little.

She could not remember a single thing, but her subconscious was telling her the man was the only person she could trust. She was afraid that Mo Jiaxin would not listen to her.

"You are still the same after all these years," Mo Jiaxin sighed.

"Is that so? I don't remember," Ye Chang said.

"Fine, get some rest. Let me know if you need anything," Mo Jiaxin told her.

"Thank you."

Mo Jiaxin was still emotionally stirred up after seeing her. "Are you sure you don't remember me?" Mo Jiaxin asked.

"You look familiar, but I'm sorry I don't remember who you are."

"You have a daughter. Her name is Xinxia," Mo Jiaxin said softly..

"Oh," Ye Chang reacted calmly. Mo Jiaxin could not tell if she could not remember her daughter, or if she was acting like this because of some other reason.

"It's the same as the past.. You couldn't remember anything back then, either," Mo Jiaxin smiled wryly.

## **Chapter 2529: Nowhere to Go**



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The rising sea level had not impacted London much. The sea monsters were not as active in countries with colder temperatures as they were closer to the equator.

Pink roses blossomed like stars on the streets and alleys, showcasing the delicate gardens. A pleasant scent lingered in the air, soothing the minds of the pedestrians as they were strolling around.

“Let’s take a walk and get some fresh air. It’s good for your injuries,” Mo Jiaxin suggested.

It was rare for London to be sunny. The flowers were bright spots of color under the sun. Mo Jiaxin subconsciously took out his phone to take a photo of Ye Chang, but for some reason, he had a feeling Ye Chang was not a pure Asian, especially when she was wearing a knit hat. She looked more like a local woman from England.

“Don’t!”

“Oh, I’m sorry, I forgot that you didn’t like taking photos,” Mo Jiaxin quickly put his phone away.

They continued up the stairs and reached a kiosk with reinforced glass and a great view. They could see the busy streets from here.

“I’m feeling a little tired. Why don’t we rest for a while?” Ye Chang asked.

“Sure, what would you like to drink?”

“Tea.”

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Mo Jiaxin sat opposite Ye Chang after making the order. His phone rang as soon as he sat down.

Mo Jiaxin was overjoyed to see the call was from Mo Fan.

The look in Ye Chang’s eyes changed. She stared at Mo Jiaxin coldly.

Mo Jiaxin smiled and said, “I know what you are thinking, but it’s my son, so I have to take it.”

“Dad, where are you enjoying yourself now?” Mo Fan asked over the phone.

“I’m having afternoon tea. Are you alright? I heard what is happening in our homeland,” Mo Jiaxin replied.

“Of course I’m fine, but you should enjoy your vacation in England for now since it’s free of sea monsters... By the way, I heard there are plenty of aged beauties in England. When are you going to find a partner? I don’t mind having a stepmother!” Mo Fan urged him.

“Nonsense! I’m perfectly fine here. I’m hanging up!” Mo Jiaxin moved to end the call.

“I can hear a woman laughing on your end. Dad, there’s no need to hide it!”

“It’s from the other table. I’m hanging up!”

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Mo Jiaxin ended the call and looked at Ye Chang.

Ye Chang seemed normal again, with her usual gloomy face.

Mo Jiaxin knew she had lots of strange aversions. He also knew she did not want others to mention her.

She always hid herself under a huge coat. Whenever he broke her rules, she would suddenly go missing without a trace.

Therefore, Mo Jiaxin had not mentioned her in the call. He was afraid that she might disappear again!

“This tea is pretty bad,” Ye Chang was having trouble swallowing the tea after taking a sip. “I can remember the jasmine tea you always served me. It was nice.”

“Huh? You remember that? Give me a second,” Mo Jiaxin smiled. He had not expected Ye Chang to remember such a minor detail.

As a matter of fact, the jasmine tea used to be Mo Fan’s mother’s favorite, but she had passed away at a relatively young age. Mo Jiaxin would occasionally make the tea for himself. To his surprise, Ye Chang had liked drinking it, too.

It had been so many years. Even Mo Jiaxin had forgotten that detail

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A shadow appeared among the flowers.

A man stood in the shadows there, blending perfectly with the background. The people who were enjoying their tea time did not notice him.

“Did you call me?” the shadow uttered softly.

“Spread the news about the Supreme Pontiff’s death,” Ye Chang said.

“Got it.”

The shadow quickly disappeared. A cup of hot jasmine tea was placed in front of Ye Chang.

“Who were you talking to?” Mo Jiaxin asked.

“A stray cat. She ran away,” Ye Chang pointed at the flowers.

“It seems like you are starting to recall a lot of things, unlike the first day. You couldn’t even remember who you were,” Mo Jiaxin smiled.

“Many people are looking for me, but sometimes, I don’t even know who I am,” Ye Chang told him.

“You always say strange things. Even though I don’t know anything about your past since you never mentioned it to me, we shouldn’t dwell on the past. You should enjoy the great view and tea while fixing your eyes on the happy times. It’s a better way to spend your life,” Mo Jiaxin shared his optimistic way of living.

"I like the sound of that, too, but if I don't finish certain things before enjoying my life, it feels like devils are clenching my heart and my throat to make me suffer," Ye Chang took a sip of her tea. Her gaze sharpened.

"When are you going to finish them? Can I help?" Mo Jiaxin asked.

Ye Chang shook her head. As a matter of fact, Mo Jiaxin had been more of a hindrance than a help.

"I should be going. Thank you for your tea," Ye Chang rose to her feet.

"Oh, sure, let's head back. The wind is getting stronger. It's easy to get a cold," Mo Jiaxin nodded.

"I meant I'm leaving," Ye Chang explained.

"Huh?"

"I have some unfinished business," Ye Chang told him.

"But...we just met, and Xinxia has already grown up. I was going to bring you to her. She's currently in Greece!" Mo Jiaxin said urgently.

"I have already seen her," Ye Chang informed him.

Mo Jiaxin panicked. He was looking for any excuse to make the woman stay.

He thought he would never see her again, but he had miraculously stumbled into her in a foreign country. He thought they could finally be together after being apart for so long, but she was leaving again after it had been less than half a month.

He might not be able to wait for another dozen years to see her again!

"I know I'm just an ordinary man. I will never be a part of your world or understand it, but... I just want to say I won't disturb you or go to places I shouldn't be. If someday, you have nowhere to go, or when you forget things again, feel free to find me. I'll always be waiting," Mo Jiaxin offered quietly as Ye Chang left.

"Sure, I always have nowhere to go."

Chapter 2530: Superior of the Black Totem Snake

The air turned chilly as the sunlight disappeared.

Ye Chang realized a man's old jacket was draped over her shoulders. It still had some heat lingering on it.

As she approached a dark church, she casually took off the jacket and threw it into a bin.

The door of the church was tightly shut. The sun had set for the day. Strange candles suddenly lit up in the church, but they only managed to illuminate a small area.

There were no residents or tourists around. The church sat silently beside the busy street, like it belonged to a different world.

Rows of wooden chairs filled the empty church. She walked down the path in the middle of the hall toward a statue of Jesus.

"Tell me everything that happened while I was away," she said to nobody.

"On the Disciples' Day, Su Lengyi killed Tina and claimed the role of the Head Priestess.

"Seven days ago, a bloodbath occurred at Dubai's Asia Magic Association. A group of scholars was murdered with obvious evidence left at the scene," a strange voice sounding like a phantom spoke in the church.

"What evidence?" Salan asked.

"Evidence that points to us. The personnel of the Magic Association are already looking for us. It's likely a conspiracy the authorities of the Asia Magic Association have planned. They are setting us up to distract the Holy Judgment Court and the Sacred City," the voice went on.

"Such a lame conspiracy. Who were the victims?" Salan grinned coldly.

"A bunch of deceitful old men who claimed they had innovated new human magic," the voice related.

"If they were just a bunch of liars, why would anyone bother to kill them? The Magic Association needs quacks like them to convince the world they are working hard to invent magic, when all they did was control the world," Salan scoffed.

"I'm afraid I have no idea."

"Give me a list of the victims and tell the deacon who has infiltrated the Dubai Magician Tower. Prepare a new identity for me to enter the Asia Magic Association freely."

"Got it, but there's one thing I don't understand," the voice asked curiously.

"Say it."

"Is the Supreme Pontiff really dead?" the voice questioned.

"No one knows who the Supreme Pontiff is after the person in Saint Paul Cathedral died, so I say the Supreme Pontiff is dead."

"What if the Supreme Pontiff shows up?"

"Isn't he as good as dead?" Salan replied.

"Brilliant!" the voice agreed.

A strange breeze swept across the church. It soon fell silent again.

Salan looked up and stared at the statue of Jesus on the cross.

A while later, she left the church and locked the door.

She caught a glimpse of the old jacket in the bin. The jacket did not fall into the bin, as the opening was quite narrow.

A moment later, Salan walked toward the bin.

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Zhuhai City...

The waves were rolling fiercely. A man was riding the waves across the gray sea, like a cultivator returning from his journey around the world.

Mages were cheering on the beach. They were too scared to even look at the sea for a long time, let alone receive a warrior who had returned from his quest at the beach.

“Senior, did you kill the lightning serpent?”

“Mm, raise a fire, I’m going to shout you all some grilled unagi. Who’s a chef here?” Mo Fan smiled.

The crowd was astounded. They looked behind Mo Fan.

A wolf with dazzling hair was running across the waves. He was dragging something toward the coast by its long tail.

The owner of the tail was of a shocking size. It was stirring up huge waves as it moved through the water. The carcass was covered in wounds, but it still gave the people on the beach a fright.

“Huh? Are you really going to cook that?!”

“Of course, it’s a waste not to use such a high-quality ingredient. It’s a great source of nutrients for both women and men!” Mo Fan replied loftily.

“Senior, you are really something. You have slain the lightning serpent by yourself!” the leader of the Mages in Zhuhai exclaimed.

“It’s not a serpent, just a relatively big eel. A real serpent doesn’t have claws. Besides, it’s not worthy to be called a serpent, considering its strength,” Mo Fan sniffed disdainfully.

“That thing doesn’t have claws, either!”

“Well, who cares what it is. I can only promise you it has a nice texture. Let’s try it out,” Mo Fan said.

“That’s right, senior, I heard that the meat of high-level sea monsters is good for children’s growth after it has been processed with a special method,” the leader mentioned.

“Oh, I have heard similar things too. Not only will children’s strength increase significantly after eating the meat, their muscles will be as hard as rocks, too!” another old Mage spoke up.

“Oh? It sounds like the meat has a lot of benefits. I shouldn’t waste them. Let’s try it out first and give the rest to the schools. Perhaps we will soon have some Hercules among us!” Mo Fan smiled.

Humans' flesh was too weak. Even Mages could not match the physical attributes of demon creatures.

If humans had the strength to brawl with evil serpents and monsters in the mountains, their golden age might arrive soon!

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"How was it? Did you find the Totem Seal?" Lingling asked excitedly.

Mo Fan shook his head and said, "It was just a demon eel, but its claws were indeed a little strange."

"The information you have collected should do it. I'll analyze it now. By the way, the Canton Tower left a message for you. They were asking you to pay them a visit. It sounds like an emergency," Lingling said.

Lingling studied the claws closely.

A serpent did not have claws, at least according to myths and legends. However, these claws bore some similarities to a certain Totem Seal.

Seeing the actual thing and seeing it in photos were different. The claws had lines and scales that were worth investigating.

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Lingling put all her attention on analyzing the claws to match them with the Totem Seals after returning to Guangzhou.

To Lingling's surprise, even though the creature was not a Totem Beast, it was somehow related to the Totem Beasts. Its claws provided Lingling with some useful clues.

Most importantly, Lingling had found the Totem Beast related to the claws!

The drawings on the small island at the center of the lake in Hangzhou had a snake that was the superior to the Black Totem Snake. The lines and scales on the claws were similar to the pattern of the scales on the snake!

Lingling was extremely excited. She had finally made a huge discovery! They did not have any information on the snake that was several times bigger than the Black Totem Snake before now.

It had to be one of the strongest Totem Beasts in the ancient times.. It was the superior to the Black Totem Snake, and often hid itself in the clouds and the mists.