

Versatile 2661

Chapter 2661: Not One will be Spared!

Snow was flying around like goose feathers on Fanxue Mountain. The whole mountain was white. The trees were covered in white, setting off the sacred feel of the Fanxue Villa.

Normally, Fanxue Mountain was extremely peaceful, unlike other renowned clans with tight security and clear classification of ranks and status. However, the whole mountain was full of guards today.

Over the years, Fanxue Mountain had established its own group of Mages to protect Fanxue New City. It was almost like an army, and so it had a certain level of influence in Feiniaoh Headquarters City.

Fanxue Mountain had helped Feiniaoh Headquarters City many times over the years, be it sending their Mages to defend the coastline, taking over resource-rich territories of the sea monsters, or sending out their people to help construct the maritime battlefields. To its surprise, the authorities of Feiniaoh Headquarters City had now sent out its army to confine them!

Not many people believed it when they first heard the news. Fanxue Mountain was the main reason why Feiniaoh Headquarters City was able to grow to its current size, yet its leaders were suddenly pointing their swords at Fanxue Mountain, instead of being grateful to them!

“Those shameless pricks!”

“In the end, they still want to claim our Fanxue Mountain. We have put so much effort into this place and developing the city. They are no different from bandits!” Mu Linsheng snarled in the meeting hall.

How unacceptable, they had helped build Feiniaoh Headquarters City. How could the authorities do this to them?

They had sent out an army to suppress them. They were also not allowed to fight back!

“Let’s calm down. We should find out who made the call,” Mu Ningxue said firmly.

“Is there any difference? It was the decision of Feiniaoh Headquarters City’s government. They clearly want us dead!” Mu Linsheng snarled.

“It was the mayor, Lin Kang,” Shao Yu informed them.

She had received the news from her men. They had learned about the situation in advance, but they did not have time to ask for backup. Mayor Lin Kang had already surrounded Fanxue City. They would soon reach Fanxue Mountain!

“What right does he have to pick a fight with us? We have already reached the level of a renowned clan. Let’s all calm down. I’ve already asked my clan for help. They will be here very soon,” Bai Hongfei said.

“They are clearly trying to take us out in a single blow, without giving us any chances!”

“It seems like the Mu Clan and Zhao Clan have sent some of their strong Mages too.”

“The Dali Clan, Southern Mercenary Alliance, and Nanrong Clan are here, too!”

“They are organizing a crusade against us!”

No one had expected this to happen so quickly. It was true that many smaller families and clans had been annexed by larger clans recently. The country and Magic Association had been turning a blind eye to it, but it was shocking how those clans were now blatantly teaming up against Fanxue Mountain.

“Someone must be pushing this.” Mu Linsheng started analyzing the facts after he calmed himself.

“There’s nothing to think about. They are obviously here for the Earth Flame Pistil. Someone leaked out the news that we have the Earth Flame Pistil, so everyone wants a share of it. They are also using it as an excuse to take us out, so all our enemies have gathered at the foot of the mountain,” Mo Fan said.

“We have caught ourselves a hot potato. I didn’t think the Earth Flame Pistil would lure so many wolves to us. We are in a terrible spot. They are clearly trying to end us before we can pass the Earth Flame Pistil to Chief Hua,” Jiang Shaoxu frowned.

“It’s not like we were planning to embezzle it. We were going to hand it to the country and the military. Won’t they be going against the country instead?”

“As long as it’s still on our hands, they can accuse us of trying to embezzle it, giving them a valid excuse to send out the army against us...”

“I didn’t think Zhao Jing would be able to convince Lin Kang!”

“Humph, Lin Kang is obviously not on the same side as us. He has been eying us covetously since he was appointed mayor. When they were building the new city hall, they told us to move to another mountain because they were planning to build the city hall in our territory. Was he out of his mind? We have been here since Feinia City was just a small city. Not only did he come and reap everything, he’s trying to take away our territory, too!” Mu Linsheng had lost his temper at the mention of Lin Kang.

The whole world was struggling to survive the sea monsters’ invasion, but some officials were putting all their attention on their personal interests, instead of protecting the people and the cities. Feinia Headquarters City had fought countless battles with the sea monsters, and Fanxue Mountain had helped in every one of them!

To their surprise, the authorities of Feinia Headquarters City had agreed with Lin Kang’s plan, despite such a ridiculous excuse!

The current officials of Feinia Headquarters City were truly disappointing!

“Boss, what do we do now? We will be breaking the law if we try to fight back!” Mu Linsheng, despite being Fanxue Mountain’s strategist, had no clue how to approach the situation.

“They are officers just because they claim they are? I’m the hero of the country. If they are coming after me, won’t they be going against the country?” Mo Fan scoffed angrily.

Mo Fan had never planned to embezzle the Earth Flame Pistil.

The five Headquarters Cities were troubled by harsh weather and the strange disease. The Earth Flame Pistil was their only hope. They had risked their lives when they went to Lanyang and found the Earth Flame Pistil, and had gone through all the troubles of taking it back from the Northern Sacred Bears.

In the end, a group of ambitious pricks had colluded with one another to accuse them of a serious crime before they could even hand the Earth Flame Pistil over to the country. They were coming after both the Earth Flame Pistil and Fanxue Mountain!

The question was, wouldn't their stomachs burst for being too greedy?

Many people were jealous of Fanxue Mountain because of its rapid growth over the years. Fanxue Mountain had unintentionally made a lot of enemies as a result, and Lin Kang and Zhao Jing had gathered them all today.

They had formed an alliance of robbers to divide up the profits!

It was a wonderful idea, but did they ever wonder if they could take out Fanxue Mountain so easily?

"If they dare to come, we won't spare a single one of them!" Mo Fan declared with a vicious expression.

To think that someone was bold enough to pick on him. Perhaps he had been too kind to this world that was full of assh**** and scum!

Chapter 2662: A Disaster

Fanxue City...

The vehicles were jammed on the streets as troops of uniformed Mages headed toward Fanxue Mountain.

The peaceful city started panicking at the sudden moves. Its people had no clue what was happening. After all, the sudden appearance of the local army might mean some powerful demon creatures had appeared.

However, the people soon noticed the army had surrounded Fanxue Mountain and sealed off the entire area. Even communication signals were being jammed. It was obvious they were going to attack Fanxue Mountain.

"What's happening? Hasn't Fanxue Mountain always been close to the local government? Why are they being treated like traitors?" Many people discussed while observing Fanxue Mountain from a safe distance.

"(Sigh), the misfortunes just keep coming. Not only are the powerful clans picking on the smaller clans, but some officials and Councilmen in the government are also robbing people of their resources and valuables like bandits. If you don't give them what they want, they will accuse you of treason, but once you handed it over, they will just ask for more. Fanxue Mountain isn't as powerful as the Mu Clan, Zhao Clan, and Zu Clan, yet it's rich in resources. It was only a matter of time until they were targeted!"

"This is unreasonable! We moved to Fanxue City a long time ago. The people of Fanxue Mountain have contributed greatly to turning this barren land into a developed city. The city has also taken in many refugees after the Headquarters Cities were established. Either way, Fanxue Mountain's contributions should be recognized. How could the government of Feiniaos Headquarters City destroy the bridge after crossing the river!?"

“Yeah, they have sent out so many soldiers, too! They were never this proactive when they were fighting the sea monsters. This is insane!”

The people started complaining angrily. After all, everyone knew Fanxue City was a private territory. Mu Zhuoyun and Mu Linsheng had given its residents a lot of help through welfare policies. The safe environment Fanxue City had provided its people was a luxury in a time like this, when a city could be taken out by the sea monsters within a single night.

“Fanxue Mountain is planning to embezzle a national treasure! You will be accused of treason if you don’t hand it over! Unauthorized personnel should leave at once to guarantee your safety!”

Some officials were blatantly announcing the false accusations. They needed a valid excuse to start the battle, or they would only get themselves in trouble. They needed something to say if their superiors started asking questions. They also needed to explain themselves to the locals.

“I’m the mayor of Feiniaoh Headquarters City’s North City. Fanxue Mountain has taken our country’s important asset and colluded with foreigners to smuggle it out of the country. The military is here to intercept this treasonous act! All people who are irrelevant should move behind the perimeter to avoid unnecessary danger. From now on, I am in charge of Fanxue City!” Lin Kang’s voice echoed above the city.

The broadcast was playing throughout the city with the help of two Sound Mages. They kept repeating the same words, trying to convince the people that Fanxue Mountain was responsible for a treasonous crime.

However, the people were not idiots, and they would not be manipulated so easily.

Over the past year, the local government had not done anything to help the people. In contrast, it had been stripping money and resources from its citizens. Many clans and organizations were displeased by it.

The people soon organized a protest against the lockdown. The tourists, Hunters, and businessmen who were only in Fanxue City temporarily were angry at the government, too!

However, these ordinary people did not have the strength and courage to stop the government. They could only express their anger behind the perimeter. Not many were willing to step forward for Fanxue Mountain’s sake.

A thick mist had covered the city’s harbor. A ship with white and blue paint was slowly coming into the harbor.

The harbor had a special zone assigned for Fanxue Mountain. When the ship reached the zone, the people on it were surprised to see a luxurious silver cruiser had already taken its spot. A woman in a cheongsam was leaving the cruise ship, surrounded by a huge group of attendants.

“It’s the Nanrong Clan’s ship. What are they doing parking their ship in our spot? This is Fanxue City, Lord Mu Ningxue’s territory. Are they trying to provoke Fanxue Mountain?” a member of the Foehn Hunter Squad exclaimed.

The Foehn Hunter Squad's leader Gu Ying, the shorty Zhong Li, Xie Hao, and its other members had joined Fanxue Mountain and became one of the elite patrol squads.

They had been doing well and had reached the Advanced Level. They mainly took orders from Shao Yu.

They had just come back from Gold Coral Island. They were looking forward to getting some rest, but they noticed something serious had happened after they arrived at the harbor.

Zhong Li suddenly ran back to them and yelled, "This is bad, our supporter is in big trouble!"

Gu Ying's expression sank. "Are the sea monsters attacking?" he asked quickly

"It's worse than that! The mayor of North City, Lin Kang has organized a crusade against Fanxue Mountain. It's now being surrounded by an army. The powerful Mages of many renowned clans are also on their way. They are going to wipe out the whole mountain!" Zhong Li yelled.

"That is a disaster. We are considered unauthorized personnel too, right? Should we run?" a new member asked cautiously.

"Why are we running? We are members of Fanxue Mountain. We should be helping when it's in trouble. If it weren't for Fanxue Mountain's support, we wouldn't have been able to reach the Advanced Level! We would still be working pettily and risking our lives for Hunter Masters. How can we be so ungrateful?!" Gu Ying scolded the members who were thinking about running away.

"But..."

"Boss, look, isn't that Nanrong Xu, who is known as the New King of the South China Sea? He's the first seed to win the upcoming title of Senior Hunter!"

"First seed? It's already decided he's going to earn the title. He could have long acquired the title if it weren't for the rule that they can only give out the Senior Hunter Title to two people every ten years. I heard that many elders in the Hunter Union can't match his strength!"

"Seriously? Even Nanrong Xu is here? Fanxue Mountain is really in deep trouble!" Xie Hao cried out.

Nanrong Xu was once a Hunter, and had made a huge name for himself in the south. The Hunter Union had acknowledged his strength. How was Fanxue Mountain going to survive?

"It must be Nanrong Ni, that b**ch. She cannot wait to destroy Fanxue Mountain and kill Mu Ningxue!" Gu Ying snarled.

Chapter 2663: The Nanrong Clan

A year ago, Gu Ying had attended a gathering of renowned clans with Mu Ningxue, and had witnessed how malevolent Nanrong Ni was back then. She had been furious after hearing what had happened in Venice from the others.

As soon as Fanxue Mountain was in trouble, Nanrong Ni had shown up. She had even brought a powerful Mage of the Nanrong Clan here!

"Sister Gu, Nanrong Xu is a strong Super Mage. We are like cannon fodder in his eyes. Are we really going to the mountain?" Zhong Li asked softly.

“Of course we are going! If we can’t beat a Super Mage, we can still beat the others. We have to help Fanxue Mountain in some way. Even if Fanxue Mountain is done for, we can still keep our heads and chests up if we go back to our old Hunters’ life. The others won’t scold us for biting the hand that fed us. The Foehn Hunter Squad isn’t just a bunch of cowards, but a group of unyielding men!... Seriously, you men are so useless. Even a woman like me knows the right thing to do, while the rest of you are thinking of running away!” Gu Ying scolded them all.

The others were ashamed of themselves.

Most of them had wandered between many places, but after joining Fanxue Mountain, they had fought alongside the new establishment and grown together for a long time. They would be lying if they said they did not have any feelings for Fanxue Mountain.

“Screw it, let’s kill those bastards and protect Fanxue Mountain!”

“Sister Gu, the rest of our men are waiting at the Twin Mountains. Let’s regroup with them!” Zhong Li told her quickly.

“Let’s go, we must stick together!” Gu Ying ordered.

The Foehn Hunter Squad headed to the base of the Twin Mountains, where the headquarters of the patrol squads was located.

Before the Foehn Hunter Squad had even arrived, someone had already organized the squads. There were around a thousand Intermediate and Advanced Mages. Several Super Mages were organizing them into groups.

“I thought everyone had run away, but they are still here!” Zhong Li exclaimed when he saw the crowd.

The members of the Foehn Hunter Squad were relieved, too. Luckily, they had not run away when they had the chance, or else they would not be able to handle the shame!

“If Fanxue Mountain is gone, where else can we find a place to call home?” exclaimed a middle-aged man was leading the group.

Most people could relate to his words.

It was extremely difficult to find a safe place for their families at the current time. Fanxue Mountain was the safest place in North City. There had not been a single incident where a resident was killed by the sea monsters.

Many Mages who had joined Fanxue Mountain had already brought their families to Fanxue City. It was their new home!

They had always thought the vicious sea monsters were the only threat that would endanger the city, but the real threat had turned out to be their own kind. Heaven knew what would happen to the city once those shameless and despicable officials were in charge!

They would not allow those scum to destroy Fanxue Mountain!

“Come with me! We can go around Magic Moth Mountain to the west of Fanxue Villa to reinforce our lord and her people!” the middle-aged man proclaimed.

The people protecting the city and Fanxue Mountain were no longer disorganized, having proper management. Gu Ying and her men soon saw more squads like theirs joining the group as the resistance!

The harbor of Fanxue City...

Nanrong Ni, dressed in a beautiful cheongsam, was walking along briskly, a faint grin on her face.

She was barely withholding the joy in her heart. After all, Fanxue Mountain was on the brink of destruction, meaning that Mu Ningxue was very close to her fall!

“I’ve waited so long for this day. Who do they think Zhao Jing is? That Mo Fan thought he was the infamous troublemaker and mad hound in the country, but he has no idea that Zhao Jing’s reputation easily exceeds his. Not only does no one dare to pick a fight with him in China, reputable Mages across the world try their best to avoid him, too!” Nanrong Ni told the members of her clan.

The news about Zhao Jing’s crusade against Fanxue Mountain had spread very quickly. The Nanrong Clan had taken over some of the districts in Feiniaoh Headquarters City, so it immediately gathered its people when it heard Lin Kang was going after Fanxue Mountain.

The Nanrong Clan’s main power was in the south of China, but most cities there had been destroyed. Only the Headquarters Cities were left.

Feiniaoh Headquarters City was currently the Nanrong Clan’s focus, but Fanxue Mountain had long taken root in Feiniaoh Headquarters City. Nanrong Ni was fine when she was not in the same city as Mu Ningxue, but after moving to Feiniaoh Headquarters City, she was extremely annoyed after she kept seeing Mu Ningxue’s unmatched status and reputation.

Mu Ningxue was like a shining jewel in Feiniaoh Headquarters City. The authorities here discussed her at every opportunity. On the other hand, no one seemed to care who Nanrong Ni was. They only respected her because of her position.

“She’s a bright moon in the sky, while you are just a firefly in the bushes. How can you even compare yourself to her?”

Nanrong Ni would never forget those words. An elder of the Mu Clan had told her those words on the first day she went to the Mu Clan.

Because of them, Nanrong Ni had insisted on becoming better than Mu Ningxue.

However, until now, the difference between her and Mu Ningxue had remained the same as the contrast between the moon and a firefly!

“Mu Ningxue isn’t the only woman in this world!” Nanrong Ni scoffed.

“Sister, you are overestimating Fanxue Mountain. Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue used to have Chairman Shao Zheng’s support in the past, so no one dared to touch them, but it’s different now. Shao Zheng has been sent to the barren west. All we needed is a valid reason to go after them!” Nanrong Xu grinned.

The Nanrong Clan had a lot of ties with the government and many Councilmen. They did not want to be scolded and despised by the whole country for taking out Fanxue Mountain without a valid reason, as it might ruin the reputation their clan had built up over many years.

They now had the madman Zhao Jing leading at the front and Lin Kang pulling the strings behind the scenes. The Nanrong Clan was eager to see Fanxue Mountain's fall, but they were not willing to be the culprit!

They just had to follow Zhao Jing and Lin Kang and get a share of the profits in the end.

As for the resistance from the people of Fanxue Mountain, Nanrong Xu had not thought much about it. He alone could take care of Fanxue Mountain's shrimp soldiers and crab generals, not to mention they had Zhao Jing and Lin Kang, two extremely strong Mages on their side, too.

He wondered why Fanxue Mountain had dared to call itself a renowned clan.

A real renowned clan like the Nanrong Clan had been around for a long time, allowing them to pass on their resources and giving their people an unmatched power!

It was time to show these arrogant people the true power of a renowned clan!

Chapter 2664: Soldiers at the Mountain's Foot

"Isn't this a little overkill against a third-rate renowned clan?" asked the leader of the Southern Mercenary Alliance, a fellow by name of Du Tongfei.

Du Tongfei was an old friend of Zhao Jing. The two of them had colluded together and committed a lot of evil crimes together back in the day.

Zhao Jing might be a madman, but he had his considerations, too!

Either way, Fanxue Mountain was now an official renowned clan. Going after it without a valid reason would only attract unwanted attention from the Enforcement Union and the people.

Since they were trying to take over the Mountain, there would surely be casualties. They had to do it quickly in order to have the only say in the matter!

The plan was to take out Fanxue Mountain swiftly and use their connections in the government to control the media. It did not matter who was supporting Fanxue Mountain behind the scenes. The whole thing would be done and Zhao Jing would have gotten what he wanted.

The whole operation mainly relied on the speed of execution!

They could not afford to give the Enforcement Union and Fanxue Mountain's allies any time to react. They had to destroy the Mountain or at least secure the Earth Flame Pistil and run away. Zhao Jing would just stay discrete and use money to settle the loose ends. No one would remember what he had done after a few years.

Zhao Jing wondered where Fanxue Mountain had found the courage to compete with him. Did they think they could take on the renowned clans just because they had made a little name for themselves in

recent years? Fanxue Mountain was just a stray dog compared to the real powerful organizations. How would it stand a chance against the tigers and the dragons?

The big names could destroy it as easily they pleased!

“We shouldn’t waste any more time. Fanxue Mountain has accumulated some power and resources in Feiniao Headquarters City over the recent years. We must act quickly,” Lin Kang stated.

“Fellow leaders, can I go and negotiate with Fanxue Mountain? I believe they are at a loss too. They might have regretted their action for crossing the wrong people and taking something they shouldn’t. Perhaps we can settle it peacefully if I talk to them,” Li Dong of the Dali Clan suggested cautiously.

He was surrounded by some powerful people, each with an unmatched reputation in the south. Li Dong did not understand what Fanxue Mountain was thinking, poking such a huge beehive.

“Why would we bother negotiating with them? Do you think a tiger would bother negotiating with a little pup?” Nanrong Xu replied, amused by Li Dong’s suggestion.

“Little pup? You are overestimating Fanxue Mountain. They are just some petty earthworms rolling around in the mud who think they have everything,” Nanrong Ni scoffed.

“Go, I would like to know what their attitude is. I already said I’m going to give them some time to think how they are going to beg me for mercy,” Zhao Jing grinned. He was relieved after having gathered so many reliable helpers.

It was still the same, after all. He could take out a renowned clan with a few words if he wanted!

Unfortunately, he had long grown tired of being able to do anything he wanted in China. It was more exciting to fight the stronger organizations in other countries now.

That being said, Zhao Jing was very excited right now.

After all, he had been out of the country for some years. Some young Mages thought they were unstoppable and dared to offend anyone who crossed them. It was time to teach these young Mages who the real king was!

Li Dong headed off to Fanxue Villa as a mediator after obtaining permission from his superiors.

Lin Kang was a little displeased by that. He said with a dark expression, “Zhao Jing, I’m not asking a lot in return, but you did promise me you were letting me take over Fanxue Mountain. I’m under a lot of pressure, as many leaders of Feiniao Headquarters City have already warned me harshly, but I insist on taking full responsibility for it.”

“Oh Lin Kang, do you think I’m the kind that is satisfied with just taking back what is mine?” Zhao Jing asked with a smile.

“What do you mean? Didn’t you send that kid from the Dali Clan to negotiate with them?” Lin Kang asked.

“Negotiating is one thing. Securing the Earth Flame Pistil is important so they won’t destroy it out of spite. If they are scared, they will hand it over. We can then make our move without any worries. Don’t worry, I already said Fanxue Mountain is going down, and I will keep my word!” Zhao Jing laughed.

“HAHAHA! I see, there’s no problem then! We can also let them know what they have signed up for. They are just a new faction, after all. They have yet to learn their place. If it was a few years ago, they could continue to grow under the protection of the Magic Association and the government, but the times have changed. They can only be our lackeys if they aren’t strong enough!” Lin Kang burst out laughing.

“You are absolutely right! There is only one rule for clans to survive: either fawn upon us, or be eliminated!” Zhao Jing knew the situation of the clans now, as he was one of the leaders of the Zhao Clan.

“I don’t really care, I just want Fanxue Mountain to be gone,” Nanrong Ni smiled.

“Oh right, it’s almost Sister Nanrong Ni’s birthday, isn’t it?” Zhao Jing squinted at her.

“I didn’t think Brother Zhao Jing would remember my birthday. It’s nothing important,” Nanrong Ni lowered her head with a hint of surprise in her voice.

“It is important for me. I know the conflict between you and Mu Ningxue, so her misery will be my gift to you,” Zhao Jing declared with a confident smile.

“Actually, it’s just a little misunderstanding between us, but that narrow-minded woman keeps holding a grudge against me and even threatened to cripple my cultivation. I didn’t have a choice, since I was just trying to protect myself,” Nanrong Ni grumbled and sighed.

“How vicious is that Mu Ningxue?” Zhao Jing wondered aloud.

Nanrong Ni lowered her head to look helpless and looked down.

Zhao Jing grinned when he saw Nanrong Ni’s expression. He did not say anything else to her.

Fanxue Villa...

Li Dong strode through a garden with bamboo trees and arrived at the main hall.

Li Dong saw Mo Fan as soon as he reached the hall. He was sitting in the hall with Mu Ningxue in a Mage robe on one side and another woman with a unique temperament on the other side.

“Seriously? How are you able to sit here so calmly!?” Li Dong felt like crying when he thought about Fanxue Mountain’s situation.

“Opportunist, why are you here?” Mo Fan was surprised to see Li Dong.

Li Dong’s expression darkened.

Did Mo Fan really have to call me that!?

Chapter 2665: I’ll Teach You to Lower Your Head

“Don’t you know what’s happening down there? Do you seriously think you can take on so many powerful Mages? Fanxue Mountain hasn’t really encountered any serious problems so far, but today isn’t going to be the same!

“This place is a piece of juicy meat. You have attracted the carnivores of the whole jungle here. They are either going to split the meat evenly, or eat until there aren’t even bones left!” Li Dong told Mo Fan and the others grimly.

“Did they send you here to negotiate with us?” Mo Fan asked.

“I requested that I be allowed to come here myself. Mo Fan, you have always been reckless. You never treated the powerful factions and people seriously, but that was before. You have made the country proud by winning the World College Tournament and you captured Shao Zheng’s attention, so most people didn’t want to touch you, but it’s different now. Your supporter has been overthrown, and you have messed with someone you shouldn’t have messed with. Who do you think Zhao Jing is? He can basically call the wind and summon the rain in the south of China. Eight out of ten Councilmen have to call him Young Master Zhao...

“Luckily, Zhao Jing only wants the thing you took from him. He won’t complicate the situation any further if you hand it over. No one wants to be caught in trouble at a time like this.”

Li Dong talked very fast and clearly. He was doing his job as a negotiator properly.

However, a negotiation only worked when both sides were offering bargaining chips. It was more like a threat instead of a negotiation!

They had to hand over the Earth Flame Pistil, no matter what!

“Tell me who’s down there,” Mo Fan inquired calmly.

“Zhao Jing and Lin Kang are in charge. I don’t think I need to say anything more about them to you. One is the emperor of the Zhao Clan, while the other is the leader of the most ruthless division of the military in the south. The leader of the Southern Mercenary Alliance, Du Tongfei, is here, too. He’s an old friend of Zhao Jing, an extremely powerful Mage. Apparently, three of his Elements have reached the peak of the Super Level.

“The Nanrong Clan has also sent a boat here, led by Nanrong Xu and Nanrong Ni. Nanrong Xu’s strength is immeasurable. Many people believe he is comparable to Zhao Jing, but no one has seen him fight at his full strength.

“There are four others with great reputations, but even if I leave them out, there are more than a dozen Super Mages, including the father and son who are in charge of the Zhao Clan’s Sulfur Island, three elders of the Mu Clan, the Qishan Hunter Group, and the Vice Captain of the South Wing Platoon...”

Li Dong mentioned everyone with a certain reputation that he could remember, but there were many whom he found familiar, but he could not recall their names right now.

It was not because they were not famous or strong enough, but he was too ignorant to know all of them.

The reason they had not attacked right away was because they were still waiting for more people, and for Lin Kang's men to evacuate the residents in the area.

Once the area was evacuated, making sure the attack would not result in too many innocent deaths, they would immediately make their move!

Either way, Lin Kang had accused Fanxue Mountain of committing a treasonous act. He was not going to cause a bloodbath if he could avoid it.

Even though it was a time that strictly obeyed the law of the jungle, it was still necessary to disguise their intentions!

"If you hand the thing over, Lin Kang no longer has a valid reason to attack you. I don't understand what you are hesitating for. You don't have much time left!" Li Dong was seriously worried about Mo Fan, but he did not know the exact reason why.

"Li Dong, who did your clan send here?" Mo Fan asked him.

Fanxue Mountain and the Dali Clan had always been on bad terms, but the Dali Clan had declined over the years. The Nanrong Clan had been taking advantage of them.

"Only two, they just achieved the Super Level not long ago. They are the two seniors of my clan." Li Dong did not understand why Mo Fan had asked the question. The Dali Clan was only here to fill the numbers!

"Fine, since you have provided me with some useful information, I will consider sparing their lives if I see them," Mo Fan nodded.

Li Dong almost lost his temper.

"What the heck? Are you in your right mind? Who do you think you are, a god? Are you seriously going to fight them? You are only going to get yourself killed! Your people have worked so hard to establish Fanxue Mountain. Can't you just suck it in for once? What's wrong with adapting to circumstances and being an opportunist? Only those who are alive in the end have the right to talk!" Li Dong scolded him. "I've already told you who are you up against! Do you think it's worth everything for something so ridiculous?"

The entire hall fell silent after hearing Li Dong's shout. Everyone was looking at him with wide eyes.

Mo Fan was surprised by Li Dong's reaction, too.

Shouldn't he be happy to see Fanxue Mountain's destruction as a member of the Dali Clan? Why was he so angry about Fanxue Mountain's decision to fight back?

"Why are you looking at me like that? Am I wrong? I've been in this city for many years! Don't you think I know how this world is? Fanxue Mountain consists of a group of young and energetic people with the same goals. It's a new faction that managed to secure a foothold with limited resources that were left after the rest were taken by all the powerful factions. Everyone with some common sense knows you are just trying to build a city that strives to provide its people with a safe place to live in.

“Unfortunately, in this rotten society, every new faction that isn’t willing to collude with the old factions will be isolated and despised until it’s gone!

“I was just as ambitious and hot-blooded as you are when I was young. I criticized and bit at anyone that said I was wrong and ended up injuring myself. Back then, I so wished there was a faction like Fanxue Mountain, where its people are working hard for the same goals instead of fighting one another for power, but I’ve already ended up like this after you showed up as the Dali Clan’s enemy.

“Fanxue Mountain is many people’s hope. Some of my friends even told me after having some drinks that if they were ten years younger, they would have moved to Fanxue Mountain to start all over again and protect their pride.

“I share the same thoughts as them. Even though people always call me an opportunist... I sincerely hope you all survive and continue to bring hope to people like us. It’s time for you to put your pride aside.

“Nothing is more important than staying alive!

“If you really don’t know how to lower your head, I can teach you...” Li Dong stared at Mo Fan as he was speaking.

In Li Dong’s eyes, Mo Fan was a demon king that had dared to provoke the Heavens.

However, he should learn to lower his head sometimes, because a greater demon king had appeared, and it was none other than Zhao Jing!

Chapter 2666: Retaining one’s Original Aspirations!

There was nothing that a person could not learn. Li Dong had gone from a proud young man to someone who would subconsciously force a smile and fawn upon anyone who was stronger and had a more formidable background than him.

If the old Li Dong knew he would become the kind of person he was now, he would have choked himself to death, but it was actually not that hard to do. The old him just had not really understood the world.

Mo Fan was indeed a blessed Mage. Not only had he won the World College Tournament, he had made some impressive achievements in recent years, too. Li Dong believed Mo Fan did not really have to lower his head in front of anyone if he had not stumbled into Zhao Jing. He could have continued to climb to the highest level with his head upright.

Unfortunately, no one’s life would ever be perfectly smooth sailing. When you finally climbed to the apex and looked up, you would discover a taller mountain in front of you. You had only reached the bottom of someone else’s mountain, and finally realized you had never known how immense the world was!

Li Dong sincerely hoped Fanxue Mountain did not get taken out. The Dali Clan was already corrupted from the inside, and so it had declined and lost its dignity over the years despite how it used to be the most powerful clan in Feinia City. More and more people were shunning the Dali Clan and looking down at them.

Fanxue Mountain was a great hope for many people. He could not let it be destroyed just like this!

“I have a lot of impressive friends who have taught me many things, but you are the first one that wants to teach me how to lower my head,” Mo Fan told Li Dong.

Li Dong’s words were quite touching. At least they had moved Mo Fan’s heart a bit.

Mo Fan also realized now just how strong of an impact Fanxue Mountain had had on the city under Mu Ningxue’s management. Li Dong’s reaction was a great example.

Accepting a compromise to guarantee their safety was a reasonable way to survive, but it did not necessarily work in every situation, such as when they were against demon creatures, or when the enemy never planned to spare their lives!

“I might ask you for advice if I have the chance next time, but unfortunately, things aren’t that simple. If Zhao Jing had come alone for the Earth Flame Pistil, he might leave without stirring up any trouble once we gave it to him. But if Lin Kang, and the people of Nanrong, Mu, and Zhao Clans are here too, there’s no way they are going to leave with empty hands. We were already at the edge of the cliff. They aren’t going to let us go. If we lower our heads, we are only going to embarrass ourselves,” Mo Fan told him.

Li Dong was startled. He replied after some thought, “Aren’t Zhao Jing and Lin Kang afraid of the authorities of the Enforcement Union? They wouldn’t dare to cross the line!”

“That might have been true in the past, but it’s not the same now. Fanxue Mountain isn’t powerful enough for the Enforcement Union and the country to be angry at the people who destroy it, which is why we have to work harder. We are still too weak if someone can just come up with a random excuse in order to take us down,” Mo Fan replied.

As soon as Mo Fan finished the sentence, a group of people came into the hall in a hurry.

Mo Fan took a quick look at the group and noticed he did not know most of them. After all, he did not spend much time at Fanxue Mountain, so he was not familiar with its systems.

Mo Fan did recognize one of the women. She was the Foehn Hunter Squad’s leader, who he had met before.

She seemed to have reached the Advanced Level, as Mo Fan could sense her Aura had grown stronger. He also noticed the badge of a Hunter Master on her chest.

A middle-aged man came into the hall and exclaimed loudly, “That’s right! If we aren’t so weak, how could someone just come after us with some random excuse?”

Mo Fan looked at the man. He did not recognize him.

“I’m Mu Jiang. It’s nice to meet you, boss!” Mu Jiang’s face had a lot of scars, including one on his neck. He had obviously been through dangerous times.

“Mu Jiang has been with us for a long time. He used to help us with repairs and improving our defense. He has never shown his true strength, but one time a pack of sea monsters with the power to hypnotize people showed up in Feiniaoh Headquarters City. If he hadn’t helped us, Shao Yu and the other patrolling squads would have died in their sleep,” Mu Ningxue introduced him quietly.

Mu Ningxue did not talk much. She normally introduced others to Mo Fan with just a short sentence. Mu Jiang had to be a very impressive person if she introduced him so thoroughly.

Mo Fan could not read Mu Jiang's cultivation. His mental strength and senses had grown significantly after he acquired the Black Dragon Set. He could even use the Dragon Sense without wearing the Black Dragon Helmet.

Even with the Dragon Sense, he was unable to see the man's cultivation. There was only one possibility: the man's cultivation was higher than his!

It was surprising to learn Fanxue Mountain had such a powerful Mage!

"How many people do we have left?" Mo Fan asked.

"You should ask how many have left instead!" Mu Jiang replied proudly.

Zhong Li stepped out of the crowd and shouted, "Boss, everyone is waiting at the back of the mountain! We are ready to charge out there and kill those bastards as soon as we receive the order!"

"No one left?" Mu Ningxue was shocked.

Fanxue Mountain was in deep trouble, especially since the mayor of North City, Lin Kang, a representative of the government, had accused them of committing treason. It was shocking that none of the people had left!

"Several hundred have left, but they were useless to us anyway. Our main troops have stayed!" Mu Jiang declared.

"What a surprise, I thought the whole place was empty... Mo Fan, your wife has done a great job managing this place. It's impressive how united the people here are!" Zhao Manyan raised his thumb at Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue.

Mo Fan was very proud of her, too.

He remembered when Fanxue Mountain was just a barren land. Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue had witnessed how the Earth Pistil had cleansed the place and driven out the demon creatures.

Fanxue Mountain was still growing, but everyone had treated it as their home.

It had become exactly what Mu Ningxue's initial aspiration was. She and the people of Bo City had missed and loved Bo City. They had established Fanxue Mountain so they could have a safe and peaceful place to call home!

Chapter 2667: The Curtains of the Battle

Fanxue Mountain was in deep trouble, but its people had stayed behind nonetheless. It was enough to prove that the efforts of Mu Ningxue and the others had put in over the years were not in vain.

Humans would be afraid when they did not know what to do. When you saw someone else running away like they already had an escape plan, while you yourself did not know where to go or what to do, you would eventually feel at a loss.

However, when you saw many people were unwilling to run away and were thinking of picking up weapons to put up a fight, your fear would vanish, too. There was no point in thinking too much about what to do, since the only thing they had to do was to defend their home until the very end. Humans were a lot simpler and stubborn when something they treasured deeply was being threatened!

They had chosen to stay and defend Fanxue Mountain because they did not want to become homeless again. Why would they even consider running away as an option?

Their heart already belonged to this place. They were able to share in its growth and stand together in difficult times!

When Mu Ningxue saw Mu Jiang, Gu Ying, and the other captains, she had assumed they were the only ones left, but thousands of members that Fanxue Mountain had recruited were preparing for battle at the back of the mountain.

Even if Mu Ningxue's heart was a mountain of ice, it had still melted after seeing how united the people were. Her eyes started to tear up.

This was exactly the Fanxue Mountain she had planned to build. It was supposed to have a soul, instead of being just a city with a pretty but empty shell!

"All of you are going to put up a fight?" Li Dong could not believe what he was hearing.

He already knew Mo Fan was too arrogant to surrender, but why were Fanxue Mountain's people just like him? Did they not realize how bad the situation was for them? Were they not aware of how strong the enemy waiting down the mountain was? They would be taken out in mere minutes!

"Do any of us look like we are going to surrender?" Shao Yu retorted.

"But... you didn't do anything wrong! You are a renowned clan, protected by the laws of the country! As long as you hand over the Earth Flame Pistil, they no longer have a valid reason to attack you. Some of them might consider staying out of the mess. That way, Fanxue Mountain will still exist. Perhaps you might have to compromise a little more, but anything is better than ending up dead!" Li Dong tried to change their minds.

"Li Dong, Fanxue Mountain's situation isn't as simple as you think. Ever since Feiniaoyang City was made a Headquarters City, many officials have come up with all kinds of excuses and dirty tricks to try and take this land from us. You are truly underestimating those people if you think they are only here for the Earth Flame Pistil. It was only a matter of time before this happened. Zhao Jing just happens to be taking the lead!" Bai Hongfei knew exactly why they were in their current pinch. After all, he had grown up in a renowned clan, too. How could he not know what those other renowned clans were thinking?

Li Dong took a deep breath. He calmed himself down and reassessed the situation.

Fanxue Mountain was indeed a piece of juicy meat in the eyes of many officials and Councilmen. Even the Dali Clan had always wanted to claim it as its own.

It was only a matter of time before this day arrived. The Earth Flame Pistil was indeed just an excuse.

If Zhao Jing was not involved, someone else would be forcing the issue. Either Fanxue Mountain evolved into a powerful clan that no one could easily threaten, or it would eventually face its destruction in the never-ending game of power between the renowned clans.

Li Dong was lost for words.

A magical moth with a special glow about it flew into the hall and stopped in front of Yu Shishi. Yu Shishi reached out so the moth could land on the back of her hand.

“They are coming,” Yu Shishi informed everyone grimly.

“Let’s go. We should find a better place to fight them,” Mo Fan said.

“The Stepped Fields at the front of the mountain should do,” Mu Ningxue agreed.

Fanxue Mountain had constructed a lot of battlefields and training grounds. Mu Ningxue had always emphasized the importance of becoming stronger. Fanxue Mountain did not have a lot of facilities, but there were training grounds and dueling arenas everywhere.

The Stepped Fields were not actually terraced fields. It was a battleground with slopes and fields of different sizes. The smaller ones, around the size of a soccer field, were used by Mages to practice their spells. The bigger ones were like luxurious golf courses.

Zhao Jing and Lin Kang’s men claimed they were representing the government in retrieving the country’s possession. They were obviously not going to fight Fanxue Mountain in the city. The Stepped Fields had plenty of space available. They were not suitable for residential purposes, but they were a perfect battlefield!

“We won’t spare any single one who dares to step into our territory!” Mo Fan stated bombastically.

“Ugh... it sounds a little exaggerated, but that’s the spirit we need.”

The group walked out of Fanxue Villa. The buildings of Fanxue Villa were protected by a magical Barrier, but they chose to walk out of the Barrier and face their enemy at the Stepped Fields instead of hiding behind their defenses.

It was quite a large group. The two mountains with a great contrast to one another, like a volcano and an icy mountain, were Fanxue Mountain’s trademark. When the group made up of two thousand people appeared at the top of the hills like they were ready to fight, the people who were going up the hills froze.

“Why are there so many people? I thought someone said they had already run away?” the Vice Captain of the North City’s regiment exclaimed.

“I’m afraid only the non-essential personnel have left. Those people are the official recruits of Fanxue Mountain. No wonder people always say Fanxue Mountain is a bunch of reckless lunatics! They weren’t lying at all! These people don’t even know their place. They are like a mantis trying to stop a chariot with its arms!” Nanrong Xu laughed.

Nanrong Ni’s expression sank. She had hoped that Fanxue Mountain would be empty, leaving only the stubborn Mu Ningxue behind.

Mu Ningxue was truly a b**ch. No one was better at enticing people than her!

“We have met again. Have you figured out how you are going to beg me for mercy? I’m not cruel and evil. As long as you hand over the stuff and surrender Fanxue Mountain to Lin Kang, you may go anywhere you want,” Zhao Jing grinned at those opposite him.

They might not know who he was when they first met, but it was too late to undo their mistake now!

“I thought you were a strong Mage who relied on his own strength to rob other people of their belongings, but you are just a useless scum who’s good at conspiring. It doesn’t matter. I’m too naïve to think everyone is willing to fight fair and square like myself!” retorted Mo Fan, shaking his head in disappointment.

Zhao Jing’s smile vanished.

The stronger and prouder a person was, the angrier they would feel when someone doubted their strength.

Zhao Jing had not managed to come so far by relying on the Zhao Clan’s wealth. He had mostly relied on his own talents and ambitions!

Even though Zhao Jing was not pleased with Mo Fan’s comment, he was not naïve enough to point his finger at Mo Fan and yelled something stupid like *“Let’s have a duel, then! If I lose, I’ll call off the attack!”*

He was a proud man, but his arrogance would not stop him from achieving his goals by any means needed!

Chapter 2668: The Father and Son from Sulfur Island

Mo Fan was not hoping his prodding words would give him an advantage in the upcoming battle. He was just trying to annoy Zhao Jing.

“Oh, she’s so gorgeous!” a young man among the attackers suddenly exclaimed.

The young man’s skin was tanned and dry. He was wearing an old cotton jacket, but somehow it felt like it was the best outfit he had.

His smile was sincere and innocent, like a young man from the countryside who had just seen a beautiful woman in the city. He was overwhelmed with excitement.

“Father, I want that woman!” The young man pointed at Mu Ningxue like a little kid asking his parents to buy him toys.

Mo Fan glanced at the young man, who looked like someone who had lived away from human civilization for a long time.

“How did I teach you? You must earn everything with your own hands. It’s the same in the city. Didn’t you hear she’s the lord of Fanxue Mountain?” a middle-aged man with thick brows beside the young man answered.

The middle-aged man was wearing rugged clothes, too. His shirt and pants were obviously many years old. Only his hat, made of some animal's fur, was presentable.

"Boss, they are the Father and Son of Sulfur Island, Cao Linfeng and Cao Xiaohan. Cao Linfeng was a reputable Mage of the Mu Clan a long time ago, before he moved to the Sulfur Island and lived there in seclusion to focus on raising his son, Cao Xiaohan. They did not leave the Sulfur Island for twenty years. They only left the island a little more than a month ago. Cao Xiaohan made a name for himself after he killed a Blood Sea Demon Ruler alone," Mu Linsheng relayed quickly.

Mo Fan did not put a lot of attention on things that had not concerned him in the past. The Father and Son of Sulfur Island had lived in seclusion for a long time. He had never heard of Cao Xiaohan before, but it seemed like he was incredibly strong!

"Father, what do you mean she's a lord? Does that mean she's the strongest person in this city?" Cao Xiaohan asked. He sounded like there were a lot of things he did not understand.

"Something like that. It means she's in charge of the city," Cao Linfeng nodded.

"Father, you always use Er Niu in our village to motivate me. You say I can marry her once I become a Super Mage, but she's so ugly compared to this one. I want her instead! I want to hug her when I sleep every night!" Cao Xiaohan pointed at Mu Ningxue with glittering eyes.

Cao Linfeng was not even embarrassed by his son's words. The others felt an urge to laugh, despite the solemn situation.

How many years had the father and son lived in seclusion on that island? How were they so ignorant? The way they were speaking reminded everyone of people who had lived in the mountains for many years!

"If that's the case, we should let the Father and Son of Sulfur Island take the first fight," Lin Kang agreed with a smile.

"Well..." Cao Linfeng was a little hesitant.

"Father, didn't you say women in the city like men who are strong? It's very simple, then. I just have to beat the strongest guy among them. When Er Niu said she didn't like me, I helped her beat the hoodlum in the village. Didn't she come and play with me after that?" Cao Xiaohan said. He completely ignored the people who were laughing at him.

"Mm, that's true," Cao Linfeng nodded.

Even though Er Niu had ended up marrying Uncle Jin, who was the richest man in the village, Cao Linfeng told Cao Xiaohan that he would have a lot of money once he became strong enough, and with money, he could take Er Niu back.

However, Xiaohan no longer had any interest in Er Niu.

His son had great taste. The woman that had caught his eyes was truly very gorgeous. Her silver-white hair and her icy temperament were flawless.

Cao Xiaohan went forward alone.

Even though Lin Kang had an entire army and others from powerful factions behind him, Cao Xiaohan would be the first to fight Fanxue Mountain!

However, his reason to fight was a little amusing.

“You, over there, come fight me!” Cao Xiaohan suddenly pointed at Mo Fan.

“Me?” Mo Fan pointed at himself and shrugged, “How do you know I’m the strongest here?”

“Nonsense, I’m the strongest. I just dislike you because you are standing too close to her. I feel like beating you up!” Cao Xiaohan was like an ox that had been driven mad by Mo Fan, who was like a piece of red cloth in his eyes.

“What an idiot, boss. I’ll teach him a lesson on behalf of you,” a captain of a patrolling squad said.

“Who do you think you are? The Shark Dogs I raised on my island are stronger than you!” Cao Xiaohan scoffed.

The captain could not stand it anymore. He jumped into the air and faded into the shadows in mid-air.

The sunlight was so bright that people had to cover their eyes with their hands when they looked up. However, something huge suddenly blocked the sunlight. After they moved their hands away, everyone realized the captain had turned into a huge brown mountain giving off thick smoke as it collapsed onto Cao Xiaohan.

The smoking mountain slammed into the ground like a meteorite. The trees in the woods burst into flames before the massive rock even landed. The temperature in the surroundings rose rapidly.

Cao Xiaohan remained unmoved, the same smile on his face.

His eyes suddenly shifted, flickering like a sharp blade.

“Tiger Leap!”

Cao Xiaohan’s body started glowing like a bright sun, and he threw a punch at the sky. A blinding light in the shape of a tiger pounced at the smoking mountain!

The scorching light shook the woods and shocked every Mage on the mountain, as if an ancient beast had come from a different realm to destroy their world!

The smoking mountain was initially impressive, but the glowing tiger had instantly turned it into a pile of sand with a single blow. Its remains were scattered across the Stepped Fields.

The captain who had transformed into the smoking mountain was a Super Mage. He fell back to the ground while vomiting blood, and fainted.

Zhong Li and Gu Ying were beside him. They quickly went over to help him up, but his whole body was soft and flabby, as if all his bones had been broken.

“What...” Gu Ying and Zhong Li were dumbfounded.

The idiot who had lived on an island all his life possessed such remarkable strength!

Chapter 2669: Exceptional Beauty

Cao Linfeng was satisfied when he saw the shock on everyone's face.

It felt like he was the one who had beaten the enemy with a single move. He was extremely proud and pleased.

Didn't he live in seclusion on the Sulfur Island for so many years just for today? He had been teaching his son for twenty-five years to raise him into a prodigy.

His efforts were not in vain. It was time to show the world he had raised a genius son. Many factions would invite the father and his son to join them!

"I don't have a good temper. If anyone else other than him is looking for trouble, it won't be just broken bones!" Cao Xiaohan grinned, revealing his untidy yellow teeth.

He was also looking around him, as if he was enjoying the attention everyone was giving him. He no longer had to train alone on Sulfur Island.

He was the definition of a genius who had just entered the scene!

Cao Xiaohan saw the beautiful woman approaching him while he was still feeling proud of himself.

Shouldn't the annoying guy be his next opponent? What should he do now? He could not possibly break the bones of the woman whom he was going to hug in his sleep every night, even though her body did look very soft.

"It seems like the women in a city are easier to get!" Cao Xiaohan exclaimed.

Mu Ningxue did not say a word. Her silver-white hair drifted in the air as the wind blew. She was still wearing a set of red heels, which further set off her curves.

Cao Xiaohan was stunned. He already thought the woman was very good-looking when he was far away, but he felt like his soul was being hooked away as she drew closer.

Cao Xiaohan certainly did not know his place. He reached out his hand to grab Mu Ningxue.

A strong wind suddenly appeared in front of Mu Ningxue, flowing like a deafeningly strong tide. The people watching could even see some white lines from the wind.

Cao Xiaohan reacted immediately. A golden tiger appeared in front of him to block the wind.

Cao Xiaohan quickly backed away while retaining his smile, as if he already knew Mu Ningxue was going to attack him.

"Heh, it looks like it's not that simple. The women in the city are like tigers. I can't just touch them whenever I want!" Cao Xiaohan withdrew to the woods.

The trees in the woods had been destroyed in the previous fight. The ground was covered in branches, pieces of wood, and fallen leaves. The golden light wrapping around Cao Xiaohan grew stronger and eventually stopped the wind from advancing any further.

“Xiaohan, look out, she’s pretty strong!” Cao Linfeng warned his son.

“Father, don’t you worry, I like the feeling of being conquered!” Cao Xiaohan said with the same grin on his face.

However, Cao Xiaohan’s grin soon vanished after he sensed an icy Aura rising below his feet.

A strong chill rose from his feet and spread across his body. It was like walking on a frozen lake and seeing an enormous black shadow below you coming to the surface. There was nowhere to run to as the shadow continued to enlarge!

With a heavy thud, the ground Cao Xiaohan was standing on started cracking. The cracks eventually formed a Yin-Yang symbol: the Yang side was filled with white Ice Magic, while the Yin side was filled with eerie Chaos Magic.

Cao Xiaohan had no clue what was going on. His body was suddenly subjected to an overwhelming force emanating from the Yin-Yang symbol.

A steel tiger emerged from Cao Xiaohan’s body. Its light shielded Cao Xiaohan from the strong impact.

However, the force of the Yin-Yang symbol was beyond what Cao Xiaohan had imagined. The light shielding him dimmed gradually. The overwhelming force was forcing Cao Xiaohan to his knees.

Cao Xiaohan was dumbfounded, and covered in a cold sweat. He felt like he was at the bottom of a waterfall that was originating from the Heavens. Its force was stronger than meteors falling, and it only continued to increase over time!

Cao Xiaohan’s light was soon swallowed. His legs could no longer support his weight. His knees slammed heavily to the frozen ground.

The force did not stop pouring down on him. It smashed Cao Xiaohan flat to the ground like it was going to crush him.

“AHHHH!!!” His cry echoed through the woods as Cao Xiaohan screamed in pain.

His body was sturdier than normal Mages, so it was not crushed into mincemeat by the overwhelming force.

He managed to endure the pressure until it was gone. He tried his best to crawl back to his feet, as it was extremely humiliating to keep his face on the ground.

Cao Xiaohan was indeed a strong Mage, and was still able to move after taking the huge blow. He slowly began rising to his feet and tried to stand up straight.

However, four sharp ice swords fell on Cao Xiaohan and landed on his arms and knees, nailing him to the ground!

The four slender swords were surprisingly flexible. Their hilts bounced back and forth rapidly as soon as they nailed Cao Xiaohan to the ground, as if they were some mystical weapons made of special materials that only existed in cultivation novels.

“AHHHH!!!” Cao Xiaohan screamed out loudly in agony.

When he looked up, an even longer sword fell from the sky with a formidable aura. The others could feel their souls shivering when they saw the sword.

A woman was dancing on the sword with one leg as it plunged from the sky.

The sword was falling straight at Cao Xiaohan's head. He could not move at all, as his limbs were nailed to the ground.

Mu Ningxue was clearly trying to execute Cao Xiaohan, but the way she was doing it was breathtaking.

She was riding a sword that was dangling above her enemy's head. She had sent out the four swords first to nail the enemy to the ground before stabbing the enemy's head with the last sword.

She had shown no hesitation to kill, but it was in such a mesmerizing and beautiful way!

Many people were starting to have some lewd thoughts about Mu Ningxue when they heard Cao Xiaohan's remarks about her, but those thoughts were all gone now, and all that was left deep in their souls was fear and respect!

"Noooo!" Cao Linfeng screamed with bloodshot eyes.

Chapter 2670: Living Off Women

The sword went through the Son's head. Blood was flowing up along with the sword, the same as the swords that had pierced the young man's limbs. It flowed into the Yin-Yang symbol and clarified it further!

It was like a delicately-arranged sacrifice. Cao Xiaohan lay in the pool of blood, still trying to lift his head.

Cao Xiaohan was extremely tenacious, and did not die instantly. He insisted on taking one last glance at Mu Ningxue.

Some butchers in his home village would also nail down the limbs of dogs before slaughtering them, as the dogs were lowly and tenacious. They might bite back at the butchers as they were delivering the killing blow.

Cao Xiaohan did not expect that he would end up like one of the dogs. Most importantly, Cao Xiaohan could only admire Mu Ningxue's beauty and imagine how pleasant it would be to hug her in his sleep from the very beginning. In the final moment of his life, he could only see the sword that had gone through his head and the heels that were stepping on it.

They were elegant feet, yet...

The mountain was already cold before, but it was even colder now!

A silver-haired woman was stepping on a sword that was fixed into the corpse of a powerful Mage impaled on a Yin-Yang symbol. It was a strange and eerie sight that perfectly complemented Mu Ningxue's alluring figure and outstanding icy temperament.

Below her, the dead Cao Xiaohan was a powerful Mage who had cultivated in seclusion for twenty-five years. He was a talented young Mage who had once killed a Blood Sea Demon Ruler by himself.

He had forcibly twisted his head up after a sword had gone through it. His face had contorted from the immense pain. The others could only see the side of his face that was bent out of shape.

He had died a miserable and lowly death, just like a stray dog on the side of the road.

“How...how vicious!” exclaimed Nanrong Xu, taking a deep breath.

“How cruel. Even her heart is like a poisonous scorpion, despite her beautiful looks!” the three elders of the Zhao Clan murmured together.

The Father and Son of Sulfur Island had made a name for themselves after leaving the island, but now only the father Cao Linfeng was left, and he was on the verge of losing his mind. He had suddenly aged after his son’s death, but his eyes had a vicious light in them.

Twenty-five years! He had spent twenty-five years raising his son Cao Xiaohan into a genius. He had given up on the temptations of the big cities and moved to a remote island, all for his son!

To his shock, his son had died a horrible and humiliating death under a woman’s sword. He had simply been slaughtered like a stray dog!

How vicious and cold-blooded! How can a woman like her exist in this world!?

Cao Linfeng had lost his mind. A faint-brown light burst out of his body as he ran closer to the Yin-Yang symbol. He turned into a ferocious leopard and pounced at Mu Ningxue as soon as the power of the Yin-Yang symbol weakened.

However, Cao Linfeng might have been a brilliant teacher, but he was not a great fighter. Many soccer coaches were nowhere near as skillful as their players, but they were good at coaching and helping players improve.

Cao Linfeng was weaker than his son Cao Xiaohan, and so the light he was emitting was dimmer. The leopard the light had transformed into did not pose any threat to Mu Ningxue, either.

The Yin-Yang symbol under Mu Ningxue’s feet started spinning. A huge storm erupted and dragged Cao Linfeng inside.

Cao Linfeng’s light dissipated rapidly as his body was shredded by the winds. He was covered in wounds in mere seconds.

A while later, Cao Linfeng was thrown back to the ground. His body was damaged beyond recognition.

Mu Ningxue did not show any mercy to Cao Linfeng, either. His death was just as horrible as his son’s!

“Mu Ningxue, you are a detestable murderer!” Nanrong Ni swore at her.

A murderer!

A demoness!

Her hair happened to be silver, too!

The death of the father and son had left everyone in awe. The military, mercenaries, and other factions were anxious.

Mu Ningxue's face remained expressionless in the face of the enemy's scorn and accusations.

She looked at the crowd and used what she had just done to warn them, "Fanxue Mountain is a private territory. We have the right to execute trespassers. It has been a part of our jurisdiction since this city was built."

Every renowned clan had a sacred place built under the protection of the country and the Magic Association. Anyone who stepped into it without permission ran the risk of being executed on the spot. Besides, Cao Xiaohan was the one who had attacked first, and injured a member of Fanxue Mountain's patrol squads!

Even if it was a few years ago during peaceful times, the Enforcement Union would have deemed Mu Ningxue innocent, let alone in the current time of chaos as the world was heading toward the apocalypse. Real peace could only be earned through horrible battles!

They had abandoned their ethics and morality to attack Fanxue Mountain, but they were accusing the owner of Fanxue Mountain of murder when they were being punished for their trespassing. How amusing!

They were all adults. They should already have considered the consequences of their own actions instead of behaving recklessly by abusing their strength and power. The father and son had disrespected her with vile words and actions. If they had only trespassed into Fanxue Mountain by accident, Mu Ningxue might have considered sparing their lives. However, the pair had made themselves Fanxue Mountain's enemy!

"Our lord is so strong. The father and son were above average among the Super Mages, but they were killed, just like that!" The members of Fanxue Mountain were astounded.

They all knew about Mu Ningxue's extraordinary talent and cultivation, but they did not expect her to be able to slay two powerful enemies without breaking a sweat!

Everyone was pleased to see the disrespectful Cao Xiaohan dying to the Yin-Yang symbol.

Their lord Mu Ningxue was an inviolable goddess. These scum were asking for their deaths for disrespecting her!

"Serves them right. They chose to act like attack dogs being released from their cages, instead of humans. That is the best possible way to handle wild dogs!" Zhao Manyan mocked them.

Cao Xiaohan had made everyone uncomfortable as soon as he showed up. Luckily, Mu Ningxue had settled it in the cleanest and most effective way. She had killed the dogs without having to waste her time on them!

"Mo Fan, I seriously think you are living off women sometimes," Zhao Manyan told Mo Fan with a disdainful face.

Mo Fan was still lost in thought.

Normally, when a woman was harassed, it should be their man who should lose their temper and beat the crap out of the harasser. However, it was different in Mo Fan's case. Mu Ningxue had acted first and was even harsher toward the offender!

There was nothing he had to do. He just had to cheer for her on the side.

“Well, to be honest, I also imagined hugging her to sleep every night when I first saw her,” Mo Fan replied softly with an awkward expression.