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Chapter 731: Blasting the Rending Demon Flying

However, before Mo Fan and Zhao Manyan could recover from the astonishment after witnessing Ai Jiangtu's Blink, the Scarlet Rending Demon turned into a scarlet gust of wind racing toward Ai Jiangtu's location!

As expected of a Commander-level creature, it was obvious that the creature could predict where Ai Jiangtu was moving to with his Blink. It never planned to land its previous attack, but it immediately kicked the ground and chased after him!

It all took place too quickly. Even Zhao Manyan, who was supposed to cast defensive Spells on Ai Jiangtu, failed to react in time.

When the Scarlet Rending Demon eerily appeared behind Ai Jiangtu, it was too late to cast a defensive Spell.

"Crap!" cursed Zhao Manyan anxiously.

Both Ai Tutu and Scarlet Rending Demon were too quick for him. They had already exchanged attacks in less than a second. If Zhao Manyan was unable to predict where Ai Jiangtu was moving to, there was no way he could apply a defensive Spell on him!

The Light Protection: Sacred Shield came late, yet Ai Jiangtu had obviously anticipated the Scarlet Rending Demon's attack. He did not move away, but waited for the creature to get closer.

"Sinister Spider Trap!"

Ai Jiangtu's hands were wrapped with a strange red spider web. If he had not lifted them on purpose, they could not possibly know that he had already cast a Curse Spell!

A crimson-red spider ghost appeared above Ai Jiangtu. The Scarlet Rending Demon was about to stab Ai Jiangtu's chest with its claws, yet it felt its arms stuck in the air...

It raised its head and discovered the spider web produced by the crimson-web spider ghost looming over it. Many joints crucial to moving its body were tied up by the firm spider web!

The evil spider ghost began to siphon, drawing out the energy of the creature's soul through the spider web. It was an utterly terrifying Curse Spell!

Ai Jiangtu immediately backed off. The Scarlet Rending Demon had fallen into the Sinister Spider Trap. It glared at the man with bloodshot eyes and struggled fiercely.

The Scarlet Rending Demon emitted a bloody glow, which immediately transformed into countless crescent-shaped knives flying in all directions.

The blood-colored knives cut the spider web entangling it and shattered the spider ghost above it.

The Scarlet Rending Demon stomped the ground after regaining its freedom. The scarlet scales on its chest pulsated vigorously.

Even though the Sinister Spider Trap did not fully drain away its life force, it had sucked the energy of its soul dry, greatly affecting its lifespan and cultivation. It would have to eat lots of human children just to recover the loss!

The Scarlet Rending Demon uttered a screech. The ice nearby was simply shattered into pieces by the scream!

The ocean was around three hundred meters away. However, the ice at the edge had cracked, and from the crack cold seawater rose at the creature's scream, combining into a giant droplet!

The Scarlet Rending Demon stomped the ground again, smashing the ice under its feet into pieces. Seawater rose from the crack and jetted into the sky violently, forming a giant water pillar over sixty meters tall!

The ice under Ai Jiangtu's feet began to crack as a fierce water pillar rose under the crack!

The pressure of the water pillar was absolutely terrifying. It was strong enough to break the rocks and ice into pieces. It could easily break a person's bones!

Ai Jiangtu quickly backed off, yet the terrifying water pillars kept appearing under his feet. He was forced to Blink a great distance away.

The Scarlet Rending Demon's eyes glittered. The giant water pillars were twisted into a fierce tide hovering in mid-air!

The powerful tide landed on the ice under the Scarlet Rending Demon's control and charged in Ai Jiangtu's direction like a pack of sprinting water beasts.

Ai Jiangtu had a grim look when he saw the water beasts approaching. His eyes emitted a silver flicker.

He was focusing his mind to construct a wall with his mental energy!

The water beasts charged forward but they suddenly splashed aside when they were still ten meters away from Ai Jiangtu. It looked like the tide had hit a cliff, even though there was nothing between Ai Jiangtu and the tide. The wave splashed high into the sky and dispersed into the surroundings.

Not a single drop of water managed to reach Ai Jiangtu's vicinity despite the incredible momentum of the tide. It felt like there was a thick wall between the fierce water beasts and the man.

However, more water beasts continued to ram into the invisible wall. Ai Jiangtu's body slowly slid backward. He was extremely tense, not daring to loosen his focus!

The eyes of the Scarlet Rending Demon glittered once again, summoning more water pillars to jet out from the ice and turn into water beasts rolling in Ai Jiangtu's direction.

Mo Fan's fists burst into flames when he saw Ai Jiangtu in a pinch!

“Little Flame Belle, possess!” Mo Fan yelled into his Contracted Space.

Little Flame Belle was still enjoying her nap, and rubbed her eyes. She was too lazy to even fly out of her cozy bed and possess Mo Fan. She simply directed her Calamity Fire into Mo Fan’s soul, giving Mo Fan the ability to control her fire.

“Meteorite Fist!”

“Nine Dragons!”

Mo Fan was engulfed in blazing flames which spread rapidly around him. Even his hair looked like tongues of fire.

He threw a punch in the direction of the Scarlet Rending Demon. Nine fiery dragons sprang forward like a meteorite, burning in a mix of brown-red and bright red. The fiery dragons rapidly combined into a burning beam in flight!

The Scarlet Rending Demon did not place too much attention on Mo Fan, it was entirely focused on Ai Jiangtu. Therefore, it was too late for it to control the seawater to protect itself when the fierce Meteorite Fist was right in its face!

The thin water curtain was nowhere enough to block Mo Fan’s overwhelming Meteorite Fist. The explosion engulfed the Scarlet Rending Demon in flames and sent it flying into the distance.

The Scarlet Rending Demon continued to slide a great distance away as it landed on the ground, leaving a long scorched trail through the burning thickets.

Zhao Manyan almost dropped his jaw after witnessing the scene.

The Scarlet Rending Demon was a Commander-level creature. Ordinary Intermediate Spells were useless against it!

However, Mo Fan’s punch had blasted the creature so far away. The scarlet scales from its chest scattered across the ground. The damage of Mo Fan’s attack was way too insane!

“The flame...Mo Fan, isn’t it your daughter’s?” Zhao Manyan immediately recalled the Calamity Fire when he saw the brown flame burning on Mo Fan’s figure.

Didn’t the little Flame Belle have the same kind of flame?

Zhao Manyan never thought the little Flame Belle that Mo Fan had invested all his possessions to raise would grant him such remarkable strength!

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Chapter 732: Her First Kiss is Mine

The Scarlet Rending Demon rose to its feet unsteadily. It quickly grabbed the snow around it and rubbed its on its body to put out the fire.

It lowered its head and saw an obvious crack on the thick carapace on its chest. Its crimson eyes looked blank, then flickered with rage as the creature cast a glance at Mo Fan!

The Scarlet Rending Demon lunged forward like a crimson ray of light. It had dashed out of the frozen thickets in the blink of an eye. It clenched its hand into a fist and threw a punch at Mo Fan's head!

The creature was trying to return the favor. With the strength of a Commander-level creature, the force of the punch was enough to shatter a huge rock into pieces!

The destructive scarlet gust of wind locked onto Mo Fan's figure. Mo Fan tried to dodge the attack with Fleeing Shadow, yet somehow the attack was still able to lock onto him. The fierce gust of wind came right into his face. All his vision was filled by the gust of wind, bringing a strong pressure of death with it!

"Black Snake Armor!"

Mo Fan did not dare to hesitate further. He quickly summoned his life-saving Equipment.

The blue-black snake shadow split into ten shadows wrapping around Mo Fan's arms, neck, head, body, legs. Almost instantly, snake scales covered his entire body, from his teeth to his ankles!

The gust of wind produced by the Scarlet Rending Demon's struck Mo Fan. Even though he tried to dodge aside, he was still caught inside the terrifying gust of wind. It tried to rend him to shreds!

Luckily, Mo Fan had donned the Black Snake Armor in time. Otherwise, the attack was enough to kill him!

The creature was Commander-level, after all. Its strength far surpassed that of a Warrior-level creature. The ordinary defense Spells of Magicians were a mere decoration to it!

"Mo...Mo Fan!"

Nanyu was completely stunned. She quickly chased after Mo Fan when the gust of wind blew him away.

Mo Fan was knocked quite a far distance away. The scarlet wind continued to inflict damage to his body. Nanyu began to panic she failed to find Mo Fan's corpse in the area.

Did the gust of wind seriously tear him into pieces?

"I'm...I'm here..." Mo Fan raised his hand from a ravine.

He was climbing up the edge laboriously, before flipping over and making his way back to the surface. He was lying flat on the ground with his face towards the sky.

"That son of a bitch, such a remarkable hit!" Mo Fan panted heavily.

It felt his sternum had been smashed flat by the impact. Every breath he took was hurting him.

"How are you still alive?" Nanyu was dumbfounded. She immediately inspected the Black Snake Armor.

The Black Snake Armor looked slightly sunken, but it did not break into pieces like Nanyu's Shield of Lustrous Wood, even though most Shield Equipment had a higher resistance than Armor Equipment. Nanyu began to wonder what was Mo Fan's armor made of. It looked like it could still endure a few more attacks!

"How could I die so easily? I've killed more than a handful of Commander-level creatures in the past. Do you really think that thing with a fish head can kill me?" Mo Fan managed to catch his breath.

Nanyu opened her mouth wide. She proceeded to ignore him, knowing that he was fine.

-A handful of Commander-level creatures? Couldn't he be more logical when he was trying to bluff!-

"Look, I told you he wouldn't die like that," Zhao Manyan and Ai Jiangtu belatedly arrived.

Ai Jiangtu let out a relieved sigh when he learned that Mo Fan was fine. He turned around, glancing at the screaming Scarlet Rending Demon and said, "That creature isn't an easy target. I'll lure him away while you go and help the others. Kill all Scarlet Soaring Demons as quickly as possible, and we'll eliminate this Commander-level creature together!"

Mo Fan, Nanyu, and Zhao Manyan nodded.

Ai Jiangtu had Blink, so the Scarlet Rending Demon would have trouble catching him despite its outstanding speed. Soon, Ai Jiangtu found himself in a chase with the Scarlet Rending Demon.

It was obvious that only he could keep the Scarlet Rending Demon busy. As he mentioned, their priority was to get rid of all the Scarlet Soaring Demons. They needed everyone's help to kill the Commander-level Scarlet Rending Demon!

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The three quickly left and headed toward Mu Ningxue.

The battlefield had moved to the edge of the islands. A few were already fighting the Scarlet Soaring Demons on the ice above the ocean!

The team stayed close to Mu Ningxue. Gong Yu was the closest to her. His speed was incredibly quick as he moved rapidly from Mu Ningxue's left to right, and her back at times. Apart from the Scarlet Soaring Demons, the Sea Monkey Monsters had joined the fight too. These cunning creatures tried to seize the opportunity while the other Magicians were kept busy by the Scarlet Soaring Demons to kill Mu Ningxue, who was channeling the Ice Curse!

A ring of corpses was lying close to Mu Ningxue, mostly Gong Yu's work.

Mo Fan was not happy. He was supposed to be the one looking after Mu Ningxue. This Gong Yu was utterly shameless to keep moving left and right in front of his big wife!

"I should go and get rid of that Gong Yu... oh, I mean I should go and protect Mu Ningxue. I'll leave the rest to you two," Mo Fan said to Nanyu and Zhao Manyan.

"Are you seriously fussing about it considering the nature of the situation!" yelled Nanyu.

"Are you jealous?" teased Mo Fan.

Nanyu gave him an icy gaze. Her lips curled up as she uttered, "Piss off!"

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Gong Yu had appeared in three different spots in less than two seconds, stopping the Scarlet Soaring Demons that had tried to ambush Mu Ningxue.

"Don't worry, with I, Gong Yu here, they won't get any closer to you!" Gong Yu returned to Mu Ningxue's side with a confident smile.

Mu Ningxue had her eyes closed. She was entirely focused on channeling the Spell.

She was aware of their distance to the ocean. Once the ice was broken, the seawater underneath would be revealed. It was necessary to make the ice thicker, as the Scarlet Soaring Demons would be a pain to deal with if they gained access to water!

"Xuexue, don't worry, with I Mo Fan here, such an annoying pest will no longer bother you," Mo Fan appeared with the same confident smile.

Unlike Gong Yu's cautious approach, Mo Fan boldly walked up to Mu Ningxue and put his hand around her slim waist when she was entirely focused on channeling the Spell, to declare his ownership to Gong Yu!

"Put your filthy hand away!" Gong Yu was infuriated.

Mo Fan simply ignored his demand.

"Do you want to die?" a pleasant yet coldly murderous voice said.

Mo Fan awkwardly withdrew his hand and said, "You should focus more on channeling the Spell."

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Chapter 733: Fire Star Constellation

"The ice is breaking, watch out!"

"The seawater is no longer frozen. Damn it, these Scarlet Soaring Demons' ability to control water is absolutely terrifying. Let's back off a little!"

"To the island!"

The others not far away began to scream. Knowing that the situation was unfavorable to the team, Mu Ningxue glared at the shameless Mo Fan. She did not have time to punish the rascal for his mischievous act. She immediately closed her eyes to focus on the Spell.

Mu Ningxue was utterly furious. If she wasn't busy spreading the energy of her domain to the islands, she would immediately focus it on Mo Fan instead. Last time, he had touched her hand, and now, he even touched her waist!

Was a woman's waist something a man could simply touch?

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"That son of a bitch, that jerk who took advantage of another's precarious position!" Gong Yu was totally infuriated.

Mu Ningxue was his favorite sacred goddess. How could he allow anyone to touch her? In his eyes, this Mo Fan was even more abominable than the Scarlet Soaring Demons!

"If you dare take advantage of her again, I swear I'll chop your hands off!" snapped Gong Yu.

"The truth is, I've also taken her first kiss. Do you want to chop my mouth off, too?" Mo Fan shot back.

Before Gong Yu could explode in rage, Mu Ningxue stumbled slightly. The icy frost that took her a strenuous effort to summon simply dissipated when she lost her focus.

The frost scattered across the sky and melted in the air. The ice on the surface of the ocean continued to break into pieces.

"Stay away from me!" said Mu Ningxue, who was already at her limit.

"See, you've triggered my Xuexue, can you please stay ten meters away from her from now onward?" said Mo Fan, pointing at Gong Yu.

"I was referring to you!" Mu Ningxue glared at Mo Fan.

She was still in perfect control just a moment ago. The frost was freezing the water at the perfect pace. The ice was almost thick enough to prevent the Scarlet Soaring Demons from breaking the layer of ice, but this maniac Mo Fan had to show up at the most crucial timing, disrupting her focus. When she lost it, she also lost control of the power of her domain!

"Alright, alright, I won't say anything," Mo Fan surrendered. He stopped mentioning the past.

The truth was, he did take Mu Ningxue's first kiss. When they were still kids, they used to play house, and Mo Fan took the role of husband. He insisted that they had to kiss as a sign that they were married, and successfully tricked the girl's first kiss away.

Unfortunately, Mu Ningxue still remembered it among her blurry memories. She completely lost herself when Mo Fan mentioned it!

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Mu Ningxue closed her eyes. For some reason, when Mo Fan was staying close to her, it felt like a time bomb was ticking right beside her, making it hard for her to concentrate.

Having this thought, in order to prevent the maniac from doing the shameless act again, Mu Ningxue summoned a wind wall to surround herself.

She slowly began to float up as the wind wall appeared.

Her silver hair drifted elegantly in the wind, and she extended her slender arms. She looked like a sacred fairy embracing the blowing snow. The season would change according to her mood!

As the snow landed on the surface, the seawater that was about to break free was quickly suppressed. The waves were frozen in the midst of splashing.

Mu Ningxue's domain was even stronger after she readjusted her thoughts, and a thicker ice formed above the frozen water. The sea that almost reclaimed its freedom was entirely frozen again. Even after breaking the ice, the demon creatures could not find any seawater underneath it!

The Scarlet Soaring Demons were just about to counterattack with their ability to control water, yet the waves they had summoned were completely frozen into ice. The Scarlet Soaring Demons screamed furiously!

They did not like the cold, nor did they like the ice. Mu Ningxue had transformed their territory into an island of ice which they could not control. The Scarlet Soaring Demons immediately fixed their furious gaze on the goddess of ice who was floating at the center!

"Damn it, they are all heading toward Mu Ningxue!" Li Kaifeng turned around and saw around fifty Scarlet Soaring Demons making their way toward Mu Ningxue.

The creatures knew that they would have to get rid of the goddess of ice before they could utilize their ability to control water.

Fifty Scarlet Soaring Demons charged at their target, some leaping into the air, others forcibly summoning a wave and gliding on the current like sea gulls. Their claws were placed together, ready to scissor a strike...

The Scarlet Soaring Demons were approaching rapidly in all directions. The other Magicians scattered across the area could not retreat in time to defend Mu Ningxue!

"Stop as many as you can. They have given up on defense to focus on Mu Ningxue. Now is the best time to kill them!" said Jiang Shaoxu who was more concerned about killing the sea monsters.

Jiang Shaoxu was right. It was easier to kill the Scarlet Soaring Demons when they were focused on going after Mu Ningxue!

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"A bunch of scum!" Mo Fan immediately spat on the ground when he saw the number of Scarlet Soaring Demons charging toward him.

Gong Yu's lips twisted. However, he was not in the mood to pay attention to Mo Fan's bad habit. They were simply too many Scarlet Soaring Demons, he could not handle them all by himself.

"Scum...oh, Gong Yu, you handle those in that direction. Leave the rest to me," commanded Mo Fan.

{TL Note: 'Scum' here is pronounced as 'za yu', which is similar to 'Gong Yu'.}

"Humph, trying to show off?" It was true that Gong Yu could only handle a certain direction. His Elements were more suitable for kiting and ambushing enemies. He was not good at handling situations where the enemies were flanking from all directions.

"I haven't really mastered it, but I guess the spell is perfect for a situation like this!" mumbled Mo Fan.

Mu Ningxue stood closer to Mu Ningxue, who had already landed on the ground after becoming aware of the approaching danger. She opened her eyes and was shocked to discover over fifty Scarlet Soaring Demons charging toward her.

She could not afford to unleash her domain further. Gong Yu and Mo Fan would not be able to stop all these Scarlet Soaring Demons from getting close to her.

She was just about to cast a spell when she suddenly felt light-headed and staggered.

Mo Fan immediately lent her a hand. This time, he did not take advantage of her.

“Take a rest. With me here, they won’t be able to get close to you!” Mo Fan was extremely serious for once.

Mu Ningxue was just about to say something when she saw Mo Fan’s eyes engulfed in flames. The blazing red flames reflected a brilliant, burning Star Constellation!

Star Patterns began to appear around Mo Fan, each connected by seven Star Orbits...

The Star Patterns intertwined with one another. The Star Patterns gradually formed a three-dimensional, splendid and awe-striking Star Constellation!

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Chapter 734: Advanced Spell, Sky-Flame Funeral

The construction of the Star Constellation was rather slow. Mo Fan did admit that he was still unfamiliar with the process, but he knew he could at least finish it before the Scarlet Soaring Demons reached them!

Time gradually passed. Seven burning Star Patterns were finally completed. A brilliant and mysterious fiery line connected the Star Patterns, making Mo Fan look like a mad man standing in a burning galaxy...

Star Constellation!

It was constructed by seven Star Patterns, connected with forty-nine Star Orbits, lit up by three hundred and forty-three Fire Element Stars!

The Stars were densely packed together, each shining like a fascinating fire gem.

The Star Orbits intertwined with one another, connecting the Star Patterns in an obscure manner!

At last, the Star Constellation was assembled, carrying a formidable aura that contained a great potential hidden deep inside a human’s soul.

“Sky-Flame Funeral!”

His eyes like blazing flames, Mo Fan slowly raised the Star Constellation. The light of the Star Constellation turned into a strong fire burning on Mo Fan’s palms.

An enormous flame was lifted by Mo Fan's hands, which gradually rose into the sky!

As Mo Fan pushed the flame with great power, the blazing flames flew into the sky. From afar, it looked like some brilliant fireworks...

However, unlike the fireworks in festivals, it was the nightmarish funeral for his enemies. The flame exploded after reaching a certain height, which immediately expanded into an enormous burning cloud, setting the sky on fire!

"Fall!"

Mo Fan tilted his head back to stare at the burning clouds and used his will to command the rolling flames to fall down from the sky.

A huge fireball fell and landed in front of a Scarlet Soaring Demon. The creature quickly reacted and dodged the fireball by leaping aside.

The creature was just about to mock the spell with a grin when it discovered countless fireballs more above its head!

Fire fell continuously from the burning clouds. It was almost silent at the start, and then it started pouring down heavily with enormous blasts!

The flames set the ground on fire and spread rapidly as they landed. As the sky was entirely filled with the rain of fire, the ground rapidly turned into a vicious ocean of burning flames!

A funeral of flames falling from the sky!

Standing in the middle of the flames, Mo Fan continued to deliver enormous flames into the sky with his hands. The burning clouds did not stop, and the rain of fire showed no signs of weakening.

The Sky-Flame Funeral had a huge area of coverage. The Scarlet Soaring Demons coming from all directions were caught in the flames. Not only were they leaping around and screaming in the ocean of fire, they had to keep an eye on the rain of fire pouring down. The fireballs would spread rapidly when they landed on the ground, but when they landed directly on the creatures, they would set the creatures on fire!

The rain of fire filled the sky and turned into a burning ocean on the ground. The others on the team opened their eyes wide when they saw the blaze.

They initially thought Ai Jiangtu was the only person who could cast Advanced Spells as he wished, yet to their surprise, the man whom they had mocked as the team's substitute was an Advanced Magician, too!

Sky-Flame Funeral!

The Advanced Spell of the Fire Element, a Spell with a huge AoE and insane damage!

They were not just facing the Scarlet Soaring Demons, there were many Sea Monkeys harassing them during the fight too. The Scarlet Soaring Demons were Warrior-level creatures, thus they could still

endure the burning of the ocean of fire for some time. However, the Sea Monkey Monsters were not as lucky. Almost two hundred Sea Monkeys among the Scarlet Soaring Demons were killed by the flames.

Cries of agony rose endlessly. The Sea Monkeys were burned into ashes by the rain of fire. None of them managed to escape it.

The Scarlet Soaring Demons began to flee in all directions after suffering the rain of fire. Those that were far away managed to escape in time. However, those that were only halfway could not even crawl their way out of the Sky-Flame Funeral. Their bodies were scorched black as they fell in the ocean of fire!

Only the center was not caught on fire. Mu Ningxue stood there staring in astonishment at Mo Fan, who looked like a burning mad man.

She could not understand how Mo Fan managed to improve so fast without being supported by any faction. Did the Underground Holy Spring really bring him an infinite good fortune?

Advanced Level!

Not only did he rank up to the Advanced Level, he had also Awakened all three hundred and forty-three Stars! How remarkable!

“That guy... is he seriously just a substitute?” Zu Jiming opened his mouth wide. He almost dropped his jaw onto the ice.

He had never seen such a strong substitute!

Only a few had achieved the Advanced Level on the team, let alone could cast an Advanced Spell.

No one would think that this guy who acted like a clown was an Advanced Magician, just like Ai Jiangtu. His breathtaking Advanced Fire Spell had inflicted serious damage to the Scarlet Soaring Demons!

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“What do you think, wasn’t I handsome?” Mo Fan finally stopped delivering fire into the sky. He glanced at the rain of fire pouring down to the ground, before looking at Mu Ningxue’s attractive face, currently lit up by the light of the flames. He could not help but ask the question!

“You’ve melted the ice,” Mu Ningxue pointed out coldly.

Mo Fan was stunned. He quickly observed his surroundings. As the girl mentioned, the raging flames had driven away the lingering frost in the sky. The ice on the ground had melted. Even the ice covering the surface of the ocean began to melt.

“It’s fine, it’s fine, I’ve managed to kill more than ten Scarlet Soaring Demons. The rest of them no longer pose any threat to us,” said Mo Fan with a hollow laugh.

Mo Fan checked his surroundings and realized how overwhelming the damage that the Sky-Flame Funeral had caused. The Spell was still on its first tier, but it had already killed more than ten Warrior-level creatures and intimidated the rest of them. The creatures no longer dared to get any closer to the maniac Mo Fan!

Mo Fan clearly remembered his first time stumbling into a Warrior-level creature at Bo City. The creature almost scared the group to death. They only dared to move after the creature left the area. Now, his single Spell had killed more than ten creatures of the same level, it felt incredibly pleasant!

Over the past few years, Mo Fan had clearly sensed himself growing stronger...

The truth was, he still had lots of room to grow. Once his other Elements reached the Advanced Level, his fighting capacity would skyrocket.

If he also managed to master the mysterious Space Element, it would be even more shocking. He could simply trample on the face of the people he held a grudge against!

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Chapter 735: Did We Forget Something?

The Sky-Flame Funeral was absolutely shocking. The others immediately had a whole different view of Mo Fan, the substitute.

However, they quickly discovered that the flames had rapidly increased the temperature of the islands. Many Scarlet Soaring Demons had already escaped into the ocean. Their strength was not weak either, they did not have any trouble breaking a hole in the ice to dive into the water!

Since the team had decided to wipe out the pack of sea monsters, Mo Fan had no intention to spare their lives. They had already found two corpses among the Scarlet Soaring Demons they had stumbled into previously. God knew how many children these Scarlet Soaring Demons eat in the future!

Not even one should be left alive!

Mo Fan decisively chased after the sea monsters when he saw that Mu Ningxue was no longer in danger.

“Giant Shadow Spike: Thorns of the Shadow Rose!”

A puff of black smoke came out of Mo Fan’s finger. It rapidly accumulated and transformed into six shadow thorns, which Mo Fan tossed into the air.

The shadow spikes disappeared in a strange manner, before appearing behind three Scarlet Soaring Demons that were scorched black by the flames. Each Scarlet Soaring Demon was nailed by two shadow spikes, sealing their movements before they could even run for their lives!

Before Mo Fan made it to the creatures, his teammates immediately noticed the three vulnerable Scarlet Soaring Demons that were already suffering from severe injuries. They quickly followed up with destructive Spells and killed the creatures with ease.

“So you also have the Shadow Element; let’s have a friendly duel if we have the chance,” Li Kaifeng turned around to glance at Mo Fan and smiled.

Li Kaifeng had also summoned the same Giant Shadow Spikes to his hand. His casting speed when using the Shadow Element was faster than Mo Fan. On top of that, the Giant Shadow Spikes were stronger due to his unique Shadow Seed!

“Sure thing,” Mo Fan responded.

The black smoke coming off the two Shadow Magicians expanded rapidly as they fired shadow spikes like arrows. Giant Shadow Spike was considered the strongest control-type Spell among the Intermediate Spells. A Warrior-level creature like the Scarlet Soaring Demons had no chance of breaking free after they were nailed by the Giant Shadow Spikes, allowing the other Magicians to easily end their lives.

Normally, it would require more effort to kill a Warrior-level creature. However, these Scarlet Soaring Demons were not pure brawling creatures. They mainly relied on their ability to control water, yet that was completely sealed off by Mu Ningxue’s Domain, greatly weakening their threat level!

After fighting alongside them, Mo Fan finally understood why these people were chosen as the representatives of the national team. Everyone had their own outstanding fighting style. They were not scared to take on five Warrior-level creatures at once, and even when they were flanked by more than ten Warrior-level creatures, they still managed to escape from the surround!

Mo Fan roughly estimated the average strength of the national team to be between the peak Intermediate Level and the Advanced Level. Some might even stand a chance against ordinary Advanced Magicians...

However, one thing he knew for sure was that it was unlikely that he and Ai Jiangtu were the only Advanced Magicians in the team. Some of the others might have achieved the Advanced Level, but they needed some time to practice drawing the complicated Star Constellation. Some might have learned how to cast an Advanced Spell, and had yet to reveal their true strength!

Either way, he had to admit that the team basically consisted of a bunch of freaks. Although the Scarlet Soaring Demons were not the strongest Warrior-level creature, there were still more than a hundred of them, and yet they did not stand a chance against this team...

Mo Fan’s Sky-Flame Funeral had eliminated a dozen or so creatures, and his Giant Shadow Spikes helped the team to eliminate about the same amount again. The Warrior-level Soul Remnants kept floating into the Little Loach Pendant, providing Mo Fan with energy.

Mo Fan also learned something new. The Stars that were strengthened by the Servant-class Soul Essences to the fourth tier still had room to improve. However, it would require Warrior-level Soul Essences!

In other words, if Mo Fan collected seven Warrior-level Soul Essences, he could improve the first seven Stars to the fifth-tier, giving him access to fifth-tier Basic Spells.

However, it was somewhat of an overkill. The value of seven Warrior-level Soul Essences was more than a hundred million RMB. It was simply a waste to spend them on strengthening Spells like Fire Burst and Lightning Strike to the fifth-tier, even if it would make the Basic Spells as strong as other people’s Intermediate Spells!

He still had not improved the Giant Shadow Spike to the fourth-tier. Besides, he also needed Soul Essences to improve his Space Element. Did even he have that many Soul Essences for everything?

Mo Fan's current goal was to improve the Giant Shadow Spikes to the fourth-tier. As for improving the Basic Spells to the fifth-tier... it was just a random thought!

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Not long afterwards, most of the Scarlet Soaring Demons had been eliminated. Only about twenty of them managed to escape.

The team did have Magicians that were experts at fighting underwater. They immediately went into the water when the Scarlet Soaring Demons fled into the ocean.

Jiang Shaoxu was even more cunning with her Psychic Element. She simply used Pacify to remove the fear in the Scarlet Soaring Demons heart. It was like giving the Scarlet Soaring Demons anesthesia, and they immediately turned back around to fight the Magicians after their morale was boosted!

Jiang Shaoxu giggled when she saw the Scarlet Soaring Demons fighting back bravely.

Even when the Scarlet Soaring Demons were blasted into pieces, they still could not understand where they had gotten the courage to turn around and fight the humans when they had already lost.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Scarlet Soaring Demons burst into tears of gratitude, as they believed those Scarlet Soaring Demons had sacrificed themselves to cover their retreat...

Jiang Shaoxu thoroughly revealed her true nature. She continued to utter the magical giggle which removed the fear in the Scarlet Soaring Demons' hearts, provoking them to fight once again, but they simply ended up getting themselves killed!

Under the effect of Jiang Shaoxu's Psychic Element, only a few Scarlet Soaring Demons managed to escape in the end. The frozen island was covered in corpses of the Scarlet Soaring Demons, and their blue blood was splattered across the place.

"Forget about the Sea Monkey Monsters, it's quite troublesome to hunt them down. Besides, they will quickly reproduce after you've killed some of them. Don't bother wasting your time," Li Kaifeng said to the others.

"Mm, let's take a rest. It seems like our plan worked, these Scarlet Soaring Demons are too weak when they can't control the water. I bet they are the weakest Warrior-level creature I've ever fought against," said Zu Jiming.

"It's all thanks to Mu Ningxue, who managed to freeze the whole island," flattered Gong Yu.

Mu Ningxue seemed slightly worn out. The prolonged casting was an incredible mental burden for her. Luckily, the fight did not last for too long. Otherwise, she could not have held on for much longer.

Zhao Manyan sat on the ground to rest up. He felt hungry when he saw Mo Fan taking out some jerky and water. He quickly went over and snatched some from him.

"The water is too cold, help me heat it up," said Zhao Manyan to Mo Fan.

“What am I, a microwave!” Mo Fan snatched the water back and drank it all with a single gulp, before letting out a satisfied sigh.

He was feeling extremely thirsty after getting chased around by the Scarlet Soaring Demons. He finally got to rest.

Now that he had satisfied his hunger and thirst, somehow, it felt like he had forgotten something important.

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Chapter 736: Flanking the Rending Demon

The mountain range on the other side of the island rumbled all of a sudden.

The group immediately turned their heads toward the sound and saw the mountains collapsing. The rocks fell onto the thawing thickets.

“Err... Mo Fan, did we forget something?” asked Zhao Manyan with a stiff expression when he saw the collapsing mountains.

Mo Fan smacked his leg hard!

“Damn, I forgot to seek revenge from that Sea Monkey!” Mo Fan rose to his feet.

Nanyu had just eliminated the last Scarlet Soaring Demon, and felt her lips twitching.

-Revenge my ass!-

Wasn't he supposed to bring the team over to fight the Commander-level Scarlet Rending Demon together after getting rid of the Scarlet Soaring Demons? Yet he still had time to eat something here!

“Hehe, I'm joking...let's hurry over to give Ai Jiangtu some backup,” Mo Fan laughed under his breath. He quickly led the team to the other side of the island.

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The ice on the other side of the island had broken into pieces. Fierce waves splashed across the place as the sea roared furiously.

Ai Jiangtu nimbly landed on a piece of floating ice on the water. He immediately saw the Scarlet Rending Demon flying at him like a missile before he could secure his foothold. Ai Jiangtu quickly summoned his Magic Shield knowing that he did not have enough time to cast a Space Spell.

With a flicker of brown light, a rock crystal shield in the shape of a gem appeared in front of Ai Jiangtu and materialized!

BANG!

A huge chunk of the thick shield broke into pieces after receiving the powerful blow from the Scarlet Rending Demon. The impact knocked Ai Jiangtu flying.

The Scarlet Rending Demon felt some numbness from its body after ramming into the shield. It was extremely angry, as it had failed to smash the human into pieces together with his shield!

In the distance, Ai Jiangtu landed on another ice floe. It was not as sturdy anymore, it felt like he was about to fall into the icy water as the thin layer of ice that remained would break into pieces at any second.

Ai Jiangtu slid some distance on the ice. When he rose to his feet, a line of blood was rolling down his face!

“Demon Torture!” Ai Jiangtu uttered coldly. His eyes suddenly turned hollow and dim. The aura of the Curse Spell spread rapidly, and lunged at the Scarlet Rending Demon like menacing ghosts...

An enormous phantom appeared behind the Scarlet Rending Demon. It ferociously grabbed the limbs of the Scarlet Rending Demon and pinned the creature onto a pitch-black altar. It looked like it was going to tear the limbs off the creature!

The Scarlet Rending Demon did not react in time. Its limbs were completely pinned down, preventing it from moving!

The enormous phantom grinned with a twisted look and uttered ghastly cries. Its powerful arms extended further, pulling the creature’s limbs. The Scarlet Rending Demon struggled fiercely, yet even its Commander-level strength was helpless against the evil curse!

The Demon Torture grew even scarier. The Scarlet Rending Demon’s eyes flickered with a red light. The water under the ice immediately rose and lunged at the phantom.

However, the phantom was illusionary. The water had no effect on it. It applied a greater force, leaving the Scarlet Rending Demon screaming in agony...

The truth was, the Scarlet Rending Demon was not actually being physically harmed at all. Its soul was being torn apart. The pain was greater than having its limbs torn apart physically!

When the Scarlet Rending Demon realized that its physical self was still unharmed, its soul had already suffered a severe damage. The pain spread throughout its entire body, making it stagger...

The soul of a Commander-level creature was extraordinarily powerful. The Demon Torture could at most inflict serious damage to its soul, and not kill it.

However, it was more than enough for Ai Jiangtu. The soul was linked to the mind. It was likely that the Scarlet Rending Demon could no longer control the seawater with its eyes, making it less threatening.

Ai Jiangtu continued to back off. The Scarlet Rending Demon would drag him into the water at any second. Once he fell into the sea, he would be an easy target.

Taking a deep breath, Ai Jiangtu felt his chest filling with blood, making his breathing difficult. He could not afford to make a mistake; he simply stood in the distance staring at the Scarlet Rending Demon.

The Scarlet Rending Demon had just suffered enormous pain. Its soul and mind were badly damaged, and it did not dare to make a move boldly. The human was a lot more difficult to handle than it had imagined. It was glaring at Ai Jiangtu as it tried to catch its breath.

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“Ai Jiangtu, are you alright?” Nanyu hurriedly made her way over. She frowned when she saw Ai Jiangtu was injured.

“Fine... I’m fine,” Ai Jiangtu barely responded, as he had difficulty breathing.

“As expected of the captain, to be alive still after fighting the Scarlet Rending Demon for so long!” Mo Fan raised his thumb at Ai Jiangtu.

“Are you done throwing salt? You’re an Advanced Magician too, go on and fight the creature!” Nanyu gave Mo Fan a death stare.

“Together, we’ll fight together, it’s not like you didn’t see how slow I am when casting an Advanced Spell. The Scarlet Rending Demon would have killed me more than ten times before I finished my chants,” said Mo Fan modestly.

“I’ve injured its soul with the Demon Torture, it won’t be able to cast any spells, now is the best time to kill it...” Ai Jiangtu reminded them.

The representatives of the national team were indeed super freaks chosen from the entire country. None of them showed any sign of fear, even when they were facing a Commander-level creature. Gong Yu was the first to engage, but this time, he did not simply walk up and attack with his claw gauntlet. After all, a Commander-level creature was definitely stronger than him when fighting at melee range...

He stayed a distance away and began casting Wind Disc. The fierce gust of wind swept over the Scarlet Rending Demon, yet the creature simply stood still as the wind struck its armored scales. It did not even act like it was under attack.

Gong Yu grinned when he saw the Scarlet Rending Demon not treating his attack seriously!

“Poison Cavity!”

Zu Jiming was obviously Gong Yu’s old partner. He spread his poison after Gong Yu cast the Wind Disc.

A wind hole appeared in the center of Zu Jiming’s palm. Countless fine particles flew out of the hole and circled the Scarlet Rending Demon, together with the Wind Disc.

Unlike the fierce wind that was lashing at the Scarlet Rending Demon, the wind produced by the Poison Cavity consisted of tiny poisonous wasps. They were as tiny as dust particles, and were like a soft breeze when they were flying. However, they were little demons that were sensitive to wounds, fresh blood, and open injuries.

The Scarlet Rending Demon’s chestplate had already cracked open. It was the spot where Mo Fan had landed his Meteorite Fist: Nine Dragons. Ai Jiangtu had also managed to enlarge the wound, and blue blood was dripping from it.

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Chapter 737: Luring Ashore to Kill

The Poison Cavity: Devouring Wasps simply flew into every opening they could possibly find. Using the Wind Disc as a disguise, thousands of them drilled into the Scarlet Rending Demon's wounds. The creature was unaware of their existence until they started biting its wounds. It finally discovered that its body was crawling with the Poisonous Wasps!

The Poisonous Wasps were a rather unique existence. They were so tiny that they could simply ignore the classifications of demon creatures, as the wounds of both Servant-class and Warrior-level creatures would fester rapidly after they were bitten by the poisonous wasps. The poison would spread across the creatures, weakening the rest of the creatures' skin.

Even though the beast-type creatures possessed a certain level of intelligence, it was still below that of humans. Gong Yu and Zu Jiming successfully poisoned the Scarlet Rending Demon through its wounds. All they needed to do was focus their Spells on the poisoned area. Even an Intermediate Spell would inflict serious damage to the Scarlet Rending Demon...

"Giant Shadow Spike: Thorns of the Shadow Rose!"

Li Kaifeng immediately made his move, launching six Giant Shadow Spikes at the Scarlet Rending Demon from six different directions.

The Scarlet Rending Demon agilely leapt into the air. The shadow spikes stuck into the ice where it had been standing.

The Scarlet Rending Demon's eyes glittered and turned blazing red in the sky. The seawater beneath suddenly became restless and rumbled vigorously...

However, as soon as the first wave was summoned, the Scarlet Rending Demon cried out in pain. The wave quickly fell and dissipated.

"Still trying to summon waves under the effect of my Demon Torture?" Ai Jiangtu grinned coldly.

The Scarlet Rending Demon was still suffering the consequences of underestimating humans.

It landed on the ice and dug a hole into the sea like a fish-man. It dove in quickly and disappeared in the blink of an eye.

Zhou Xu was an expert at fighting underwater and was just about to chase after the creature when Ai Jiangtu stopped him.

"Don't go, you'll walk right into its trap," said Ai Jiangtu.

Zhou Xu nodded. He withheld the urge to chase after the Commander-level creature.

"Did it manage to escape?" said Zu Jiming.

“I guess so, there are too many of us...”

Before Zhao Manyan could finish, a deafening blast suddenly took place at Mo Fan’s position!

The group immediately turned around and saw a scarlet gust of wind breaking through the ice. It was aimed right at Mo Fan.

The attack caught everyone by surprise. None of them managed to react in time to cast a defensive Spell on Mo Fan.

Luckily, Mo Fan’s senses were fairly sharp. He immediately turned into a lump of shadow, which split into two and moved away rapidly when he sensed something was not right.

The Scarlet Rending Demon glared furiously at Mo Fan, who had shifted forty meters away after missing the attack...

The creature was obviously the vengeful sort. It had not forgotten Mo Fan’s fist blasting its armor open. Luckily, Mo Fan managed to dodge the attack. Otherwise, the gust of wind could easily have turned him into minced meat.

“Don’t go down if you dare!” cursed Mo Fan, pointing at the Scarlet Rending Demon’s head.

A bolt of purple-black lightning descended rapidly. A blinding arc flashed across the sky and lashed right at the Scarlet Rending Demon’s head.

The Scarlet Rending Demon reacted swiftly and dodged aside when the lightning fell. The lightning strike only struck its shadow.

It did not matter if the creature managed to dodge Mo Fan’s Spell, as there were plenty of Magicians around. They immediately targeted the Scarlet Rending Demon with wind, lightning, fire, ice, and rock. The Scarlet Rending Demon managed to dodge some of them, but was hit by the rest, leaving more wounds on it.

When the creature saw another wave of Spells coming in its direction, it quickly turned into a gust of wind, digging into the ice and disappearing into the water.

The seawater had become its territory, allowing it to observe the Magicians closely to find the perfect opportunity to strike.

Another great blast took place. The Scarlet Rending Demon burst out from the ice once again in a gust of wind. Its target this time was Zu Jiming, who had poisoned it. Luckily, Zhao Manyan and Nanyu both cast a layer of protection on him on top of his Armor Equipment. He barely survived with a serious injury...

When the crowd’s attention was fixed on the severely injured Zu Jiming, the Scarlet Rending Demon appeared from under the ice and slashed at Nanyu with its claws.

The slash tore a huge cut on Nanyu’s arm even as she tried to dodge it. Fresh blood flowed out of the wound and dropped to the ground.

“This creature is too cunning, it doesn’t dare to fight us head-on!” cursed Gong Yu furiously.

“We won’t be able to kill it. Return to the ship at once. Otherwise, more people are going to get hurt at this rate,” said Ai Jiangtu.

A Commander-level creature was not an easy target, and the Scarlet Rending Demon was staying underwater and only attacking when it found an opening. The Magicians did not dare to fight the creature underwater either, so they were very passive in the fight.

Instead of waiting for the creature to pick on them one-by-one, it was wiser to retreat for now. After all, they had eliminated most of the Scarlet Soaring Demons. The pack of sea monsters was almost wiped out. As for the Scarlet Rending Demon, they would have to come up with a plan to eliminate it!

Zu Jiming was severely injured. After returning to the ship, he desperately needed Nan Rongni’s help to recover.

The cut on Nanyu’s arm was shocking too, yet the woman was tenacious and unyielding. She did not even frown when blood kept pouring out from the cut, but stayed on high alert while reminding the others that the Scarlet Rending Demon might make a comeback.

“Let’s head back to Feiniao City first!” said Ai Jiangtu, who was slightly worn out too.

“Mmm.”

“The Scarlet Rending Demon is vicious and vengeful. Once it learns that we’ve killed the rest of the Scarlet Soaring Demons, it will definitely come to seek revenge,” Mu Ningxue told the team sternly.

“That’s the reason we are withdrawing now. We have no chance of killing it on the ocean, but if we manage to lure it ashore and seal off its escape, it will make the fight a lot easier!” said Ai Jiangtu.

“That makes sense. It’s true that we don’t have any chance of winning fighting the creature here.”

“But, will the creature really come to Feiniao City? Perhaps it doesn’t have the courage to infiltrate human territory?” said Nanyu.

“Not really, there must be an opening somewhere along Feiniao City’s safe zone if they managed to snatch the children and eat them. We’ll find out where the opening is once Jiang Yu finishes investigating the missing kids. We’ll rest up at the opening and wait for the creature to take the bait.”

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Chapter 738: Conniving with the Sea Monsters?

After the team returned to the ship, Nan Rongni quickly cast Healing Spells on Zu Jiming when she saw him in serious condition.

Mo Fan realized something when he saw Nan Rongni adeptly casting the Healing Spells.

He had been wondering why the team did not have a Healer. It turned out that Nan Rongni was the Healer for the team. He should definitely befriend her. Well, since she’s already Mu Ningxue’s close friend, it’s very likely that she will be a close friend with him, too!

Zhao Manyan's eyes glittered. He nudged Mo Fan and whispered, "Have you discovered something? Most girls with the Healing Element have huge cup sizes!"

"It can't be?" Mo Fan glanced at Nan Rongni, and indeed discovered a shocking mountain range under her woolen jumper. He was too caught up with Mu Ningxue's slim waist and attractive derriere that he simply ignored the stunning bust of the girl beside her.

Damn it, he was a total failure as a ladykiller. He was ashamed that he had failed to recognize the girl's beauty.

On second thought, Bai Tingting's bust was stunning too, and completely overwhelmed the rest of the girls at the same age back in the days.

As for Xinxia... mmm, mmm, Zhao Manyan was right!

Zu Jiming quickly recovered from his injuries. The team was rather tired after the fight. Those who were still combat-ready kept an eye on the ocean to prevent the Scarlet Rending Demon from ambushing them. The others rested inside the cabin, preparing themselves for the upcoming hunt!

"It doesn't look like it's following us," said Li Kaifeng, staring at the water behind the ship.

The movement of the ship produced countless v-shaped ripples in its wake. Apart from the slightly stronger waves, he had not discovered any extra movement.

"The creature is injured, so it's unlikely that it will be following us. The problem is, how can we guarantee that it's going to come after us?" wondered Ai Jiangtu.

Demon Torture was no ordinary spell. Even a Commander-level creature would need to rest for some time to recover from its effects. However, Ai Jiangtu was more concerned about luring the Scarlet Rending Demon ashore. If the creature did not come to seek revenge, it would remain a great threat to Feiniao City.

"I did implant more hatred into its heart, but it doesn't guarantee that it will come after us," agreed Jiang Shaoxu.

"We'll discuss it after we're back in Feiniao City. If it doesn't come for us, we'll hunt it down. There must be a way to kill it, unless it doesn't show up again. We've almost wiped out its entire pack of Scarlet Soaring Demons. The Commander-level creature would not dare to infiltrate the city, since it's now a general without an army," conjectured Nanyu.

"Mmm, guess we have no other choice..."

As they returned to Feiniao City, Lin Junxian received the team warmly after learning that they managed to wipe out the Scarlet Soaring Demons.

Ai Jiangtu explained the situation to Lin Junxian and asked him to lend them a hand in setting up a trap for the Scarlet Rending Demon.

"Did you just say you've stumbled into a Commander-level creature... and, and you still managed to wipe out the pack of Scarlet Soaring Demons?" Lin Junxian asked in disbelief.

To Lin Junxian, it was a huge relief knowing that someone was willing to annihilate the sea monsters. Even killing one or two was enough to vent his anger, as he never thought the group of young Magicians would actually manage to annihilate the entire pack!

Weren't these young Magicians a bit too strong to be true? It had only been a day...

Lin Junxian was no ordinary person, either. He looked at the Magicians carefully and realized something. He pointed them and said, "Could it be that you're the fresh batch of representatives of the national team?"

Judging from their age, strength, student-like temperament, and the rumors that the representatives of the national team had just been decided recently, Lin Junxian immediately linked the group with the training that the national team had to participate in, even though the names and whereabouts of the national team were kept a secret!

That must be it; it totally explained things. Only the representatives of the national team were capable of wiping out a pack of sea monsters that a troop of Magicians would have trouble coping with, and doing so within a single day!

" (cough cough) ...I suggest you stop guessing our identities. Either way, can you give us a spacious area, it would be best if it's along the shore, with enough space to construct a magic barrier. We'll eliminate the threat for you, you just need to keep your promise!" said Ai Jiangtu.

The advisors had prohibited them from revealing their identities. However, there was nothing they could do if someone had guessed who they were.

As a matter of fact, it was pretty easy to realize who they were. The average age of their group was around twenty-two. Normally, Magicians at their age were mostly inexperienced students, yet they had displayed strength and efficiency comparable to a bunch of Hunter Masters. Wasn't that enough to imply that they are the best students from their respective institutes?

"Oh, oh, I understand, don't worry, I'll do whatever I can to help you!" Lin Junxian was overjoyed.

The national team happened to come here for training when he was just about to withdraw his investment from this hopeless Feinia City. They were like heavenly soldiers coming to the mundane world, saving the city from its miseries!

Lin Junxian could not find any words to describe his feelings. Once the sea monsters were disposed of, his investments would slowly turn into profits!

Feinia City was indeed the best harbor anyone could wish for. When the time came, many people would beg him to become business partners with them and rent his land. In addition to that, he could finally sell the condominiums he built, *MWAHAHAHA!*

Lin Junxian felt like he had died and been returned to life after learning these kids' identities.

Even though the investment had failed, he still had some money on hand. When he learned that the young Magicians were planning to kill the Commander-level creature, he immediately contacted Li Jingming, the unreliable vice mayor of the city, and asked him to set up the perimeters and assist the Magicians!

The vice mayor was doubtful when he received the news. However, he was dumbfounded when he saw more than a hundred gall bladders of the sea monsters at the place!

The vice mayor immediately went to the islands with a group of Battlemages. When he confirmed that the Scarlet Soaring Demons' nest was indeed located there, he was lost in thought.

-Holy crap, are these young Magicians really humans? How did they destroy the sea monster's nest when they only had a dozen people?-

On top of that, there was another reason why the vice mayor went to the islands. He had set up some bait to further provoke the Scarlet Rending Demon, which was hiding somewhere and licking its wounds, to ensure that the creature would come and seek its revenge!

The Magicians left all the work in the hands of the vice mayor. He was extremely diligent after learning that the sea monsters were wiped out. He personally made the preparations, set up the traps and the perimeter...

While Mo Fan and the rest of the team were resting at the hotel, Jiang Yu and Mu Tingying, who were investigating the truth in Feinia City finally returned with some bad news.

"Are you saying that someone in the government is conniving with the sea monsters?" Ai Jiangtu rose to his feet with a murderous aura!

"It's only my speculation, but it's true that they have purposely hidden the news about some missing and dead children!" declared Jiang Yu.

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Chapter 739: Missing Cases!

"Damn it, we even put our life at risk to kill the sea monsters!" snapped Nanyu furiously.

"Have you found out any more information about it? Do you know how many children actually went missing?" asked Ai Jiangtu with a deep voice.

"During the past three years... there were more than a hundred cases, especially in the spring every year. These are some documents that I stole from a department of Feinia City. I've also hired some people to ask around in the villages and towns to prove that the missing cases are real! They claimed that the human traffickers were responsible for the missing children... but the cases should have long been classified to be incidents related to demon creatures since many children have gone missing in spring over the past five years!" said Jiang Yu.

Incidents were mainly classified into two groups: man-made incidents and demon-creatures-made incidents.

Man-made incidents were handled by the police and special forces, while the demon-creatures-made incidents were handled by the Magic Association and the military, like the City Hunters and the Battlemages protecting the city. As for the Hunter Union, whenever an incident happened yet there was

not enough proof to indicate that demon creatures were involved, or the city council felt that the Magic Association and the military were too inefficient, they would hire the Hunters to handle the incident!

If more than a hundred children had gone missing during the past three years, and most of the cases happened in a specific period of time without any sign of human traffickers, it went without saying that the cases should have been categorized as demon-creatures-made incidents!

“We investigated further and learned that someone had purposely modified the records, to prevent the cases from being categorized as demon-creatures-made incidents...” Mu Tingying went on.

“This Feinia City is a total disappointment. Regardless of whether demon creatures are responsible for the missing children, they should have made the news public long ago to gather more information and prevent more children from becoming victims!” Nanyu exclaimed angrily.

“Humph, such a useless city council, I’ll call my father now and...” Jiang Shaoxu was furious too.

However, the others immediately fixed their gaze on her.

Jiang Shaoxu seemed to have realized that the words had slipped out of her mouth. She rolled her eyes and said, “What are you all looking at? Can’t I just complain about it to my dad?”

“Miss, I know your father is some powerful authority, but we are currently in the middle of training with our identities hidden. We should try and solve the problem ourselves,” said Mu Tingying.

“Mmm, it’s better not to expose our identities, but we must learn the truth about the missing children. Jiang Yu, have you investigated Lin Junxian’s background? Can we trust him?” asked Ai Jiangtu.

“I did, he’s in charge of the Lin Family’s finances. Apart from some land disputes, he doesn’t have any criminal history. Besides, he helped to build the port and schools in the nearby villages. He also covered the expenses to build many roads. I consider him a fairly kind-hearted investor,” replied Jiang Yu confidently.

“I bet he has nothing to do with the missing children?”

“Unlikely. As a matter of fact, among the missing kids, his cousin, who was recovering in one of the villas here happened to be one of the victims,” said Jiang Yu.

“We better discuss it with Lin Junxian, he’s more familiar with Feinia City than us,” said Ai Jiangtu.

Inside the meeting room on the highest floor...

Lin Junxian sat at the head of the main table. The representatives of the national team sat to his sides.

Jiang Yu had come well-prepared. He had stored all the information he had collected in a portable disk. He presented the information through the projector.

The team was already furious when they heard Jiang Yu’s brief report. However, their expressions turned darker when they saw the pictures of the families whose infants had gone missing!

Most of the victims were fishermen and farmers. They could easily sense their sorrow just by looking at the pictures. To the government, the missing infants were only a small thing among many other cases, but to the families, it was a deadly blow!

Even after waiting for a long period of time, no one had given them an explanation. According to the people that Jiang Yu had hired, these people were still waiting for someone to save their kids and bring them back...

However, Mo Fan and the others clearly knew the fate of these missing children. The people would most likely faint from shock if they were told the truth!

"That's enough..." Nan Rongni could not afford to watch further. Her eyes had turned bloodshot.

"This is unforgivable!" Lin Junxian clenched his fists tightly.

He had only come to this city as an investor on behalf of his family. His main goal was to invest in the city and make profits.

Since he came to Feinia City, he had all kinds of business disputes, yet he had basically done everything with a clear conscience. Little did he know there was such a terrifying conspiracy behind the scenes in Feinia City!

He was totally disappointed with Feinia City's city council!

"I'll contact Li Jingming right away..." said Lin Junxian.

"Mr. Lin, hold on. We are only discussing with you because we have no idea who's pulling the strings. Vice mayor Li Jingming might be aware of it, but I don't think he's the one we're looking for. After all, a mayor doesn't necessarily know everything that their subordinates are up to," said Ai Jiangtu rationally.

"Yes... you're right, I've come to the conclusion too quickly," said Lin Junxian.

"Jiang Yu, since you've come so far, I bet you already have a plan on how to investigate further?" asked Ai Jiangtu.

"I do... but it's a bit inhumane," said Jiang Yu.

"Go on."

"The person pulling the strings has erased all traces. It's hard to track him down with the information we have, unless some kids go missing again. When the new missing case is reported, they will surely try to cover it up, which means I can easily track them down and find out who's behind it!" said Jiang Yu.

No way, you're using kids as bait?" Nanyu was the first to reject the suggestion.

"There's no other way," said Jiang Yu.

Everyone fell silent.

The situation was more complicated than they thought. However, when they recalled the bodies they found in the stomachs of the Scarlet Soaring Demons, their breathing intensified. If they did not resolve the situation, they would feel extremely guilty!

The meeting room was deadly silent. No one knew what to say.

Lin Junxian's phone started ringing. He glanced at the number and took some time to calm his mind before picking it up.

He started heading toward the door, but before he could step out of it, he was stunned all of a sudden. His hand started trembling that he almost dropped the phone.

The group glanced at the man. They could faintly hear the sound of a woman crying!

Lin Junxian turned around and looked at them with a pale face.

“What’s wrong?” asked Mo Fan.

“My cousin’s second child... he’s...he’s missing too!” said Lin Junxian with great terror.

The young Magicians had only explained the fate of the missing kids to him just a moment ago. When he thought about his one-year-old nephew who had just celebrated his birthday recently would share the same fate...

Lin Junxian could no longer stand properly. At the other end of the phone, a woman was crying sadly. Everyone in the meeting room gasped in shock!

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Chapter 740: Speed of Life and Death

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Thirty kilometers north of Feinia City was a villa, which was also the Lin Group’s property.

The place normally had few people. Most of them had come for vacation. It was quite an attractive spot since it was close to the sea, with a beach nearby.

It was only afternoon. Warm sunlight shone upon the sand. The beach flickered in a golden-yellow, forming an elegant view together with the reflecting light on the surface of the sea.

However, at one corner of the beach, a woman fell to the ground holding a phone in her hand. She was sobbing in overwhelming grief!

In recent years, Lin Qi had finally walked out of the despair that had haunted her for three years when her son Xiao Di recently reached the age of one. His innocent smile was the most effective medicine for her.

However, last night, she suddenly thought of her first child Xiao Jin, who was still missing. In order to cherish the memory of her first child, she brought Xiao Di to the place where she was deeply hurt in the past. Little did she know, she would experience the same mental breakdown again!

“Calm down, you have to calm down, listen to me!” Lin Junxian’s voice came from the other end of the phone.

“How can I even calm down, my...my Xiao Di, my son!”

“Do you want anything bad to happen to Xiao Di? He has just gone missing, we might have time still. If you really want to save Xiao Di, calm down and tell me what happened immediately!” said Lin Junxian.

The sobbing woman finally recovered slightly after hearing the words.

Xiao Di was all she had. She would never let anything take her kid away.

Lin Qi managed to collect her thoughts in a few seconds. She immediately told Lin Junxian every possible detail of the incident!

“Alright, I’ll send someone over to pick you up. Find somewhere safe and wait there,” said Lin Junxian.

“Brother, you have to save Xiao Di. I beg you, I’m begging you!” Lin Qi started crying again.

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Inside the meeting room, Lin Junxian’s face twitched. His eyes were bloodshot too after hearing his cousin’s voice.

He took a deep breath and said with a slightly trembling voice, “I already owe you once, I will never let it happen again, never!”

Ending the call, Lin Junxian’s heavy breathing echoed in the meeting room.

The woman’s cry gave everyone’s heart a heavy blow, especially when they recalled that more than a hundred families were going through the same thing...

“It seems like the Scarlet Soaring Demons like to eat the infants alive,” Mo Fan broke the silence.

“Is there something wrong with you? Did you really have...have to mention it now?!” snapped Gong Yu.

“You’re the only one with a sense of justice here! According to how she described it, the infant was snatched away by a Sea Monkey. The Sea Monkeys must be offering the children to the Scarlet Soaring Demons, and they like to eat them alive, which means the kid would still be alive when the Sea Monkey is bringing him to the Scarlet Soaring Demons. If we can hunt the Sea Monkey down, we can bring back the kid alive!” exclaimed Mo Fan.

“Mo Fan is right, the Sea Monkey has sneaked into the safe zone. It would be extremely cautious when leaving it, which means we still have time!” said Nanyu.

“By the way, Mr. Lin, ask your men to take your cousin to report the case, but don’t tell them that the kid was snatched away by a Sea Monkey. Just say that he’s missing...” said Mo Fan.

“What do you mean?” Lin Junxian was confused.

His cousin clearly said that her son was taken away by a Sea Monkey. Why would they cover it up?

“Telling the truth won’t help. The government already knew the Sea Monkeys are responsible for the missing infants, so they won’t bother doing anything, but we can use this chance to lure our target out. Therefore, we hope that she can lend us a hand, to serve justice on behalf of her son...” said Mo Fan.

Lin Junxian felt ridiculous when he heard the words, yet on second thought, it was somewhat reasonable.

If they did not find out the truth soon, more people would fall victim, just like his cousin! If only he managed to find the culprit when his nephew Xiao Jin went missing, the same tragedy would not happen again. Following his emotions would simply result in more pain!

“Alright, I’ll go now,” Lin Junxian nodded.

“Humph, I’ll find the culprit and tear the person into pieces!” said Jiang Yu coldly.

“Leave Xiao Di to us, we’ll save him before the Sea Monkey reaches the Scarlet Soaring Demons!” said Mo Fan seriously.

Lin Junxian looked at Mo Fan’s determined gaze and took a deep breath.

“Save my nephew, I’m willing to do anything to repay your kindness...” said Lin Junxian.

“It’s fine, if we really stand by and do nothing, we’re no different than those human-eating creatures!” said Mo Fan.

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Lin Junxian left in a hurry. Jiang Yu and Mu Tingying made their way to the respective departments, waiting for their target to take the bait.

“I have the Magical Wings, I can bring someone with me. Mo Fan, we can’t afford to lose any time. Let’s head to their territory now!” said Zhao Manyan.

“Alright, let’s go!” Mo Fan did not waste further time.

Time was running short, and they were around thirty kilometers away from the Scarlet Soaring Demons’ territory. If the Sea Monkey was any faster, they would not make it in time.

The two went up to the roof. Zhao Manyan closed his eyes. His body immediately glowed golden as golden scales circled around his back and formed a pair of wings. They looked like they were forged from gold!

Mo Fan somehow felt the golden Magic Wings were a bit too glaring. However, before he could react, Zhao Manyan had already grabbed him and jumped off the building that was over fifty floors tall...

“Since when did you own Magical Wings?” Mo Fan asked as they were falling.

“I, Zhao Manyan, have nothing but money,” replied Zhao Manyan immodestly.

“You will have some conscience after we save the kid,” said Mo Fan.

“But, can we make it in time?” said Zhao Manyan.

“Of course!” declared Mo Fan firmly.

Zhao Manyan’s golden wings slowly extended as they fell to the thirtieth floor along the steel glass. He glided across the sky above the buildings of Feiniaoyang City...

The Lin’s Building was a lot taller than the surrounding structures, allowing Zhao Manyan to kick start their flight with great momentum, and they flew toward the ocean at high speed!

