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#### Chapter 991: : The Crappy Job!

Protect the maggot so it could grow up safely!

Mo Fan felt the urge to hit his head on an iron pot and kill himself!

*-What the heck? Is that really possible?-*

Mu Ningxue's attractive eyes were wide, too.

This job that Lingling gave them... wasn't it a bit too ridiculous?

"Not only can't we kill it, but we still have to babysit it like some nannies? Are you being serious!?"

Bobby almost dropped his jaw.

"I already mentioned that we need to wait for it to mature and reach its final form to retrieve the immune cells we need for the vaccine. This maggot that we have is the only one with a tracker, and is the only sample we have. It's very unlikely that we can catch another one anytime soon, since we never know who's going to be the Drowning Curse's next victim, nor can we tell who currently has the maggot in their bodies. The victims die very quickly, and there's no way we can wait around 24/7 at the beach. Even if we did, these transparent creatures will vanish as soon as they come into contact with water. We won't have an opportunity like this!" Lingling said seriously.

"Err... can you give us some time to digest the information? It's too much to take in for the time being," Mo Fan said.

The three exchanged glances with one another. They would rather be told to kill some demon creatures, take out some monsters, or track some creature down, but to protect a transparent creature that was going to vanish as soon as it went into the ocean until it grew up? That was simply too much!

Who knew where this little thing would go in the ocean, what kind of sea monsters it would stumble into? Besides, with how weak and fragile the creature was, it might even die if an undercurrent shoved it onto a reef when the group was not paying attention. Some creatures might even swallow it with a tiny sip!

"May I ask... how fast does this thing grow? If it needs a few months, or even a few years to reach its final form, doesn't that mean we have to keep protecting it?" Bobby asked.

"Not really, the creature has actually lived for quite a long time in the host. They grow pretty quickly after moving into the ocean. According to my estimation, if the process is smooth enough, it will reach its final form in less than a month. Mo Fan, Mu Ningxue, you two might need to request a leave from the national team. I need both of you to focus on this for half a month. You do know how tricky it can be, and you do understand that if we succeed, not only will we secure the reward pool and make our names known to the World Hunter Union, we can also save the countless people that might die to the

Drowning Curse. I've checked the records, and the frequency of the Drowning Curse occurring to people keeps increasing. It's important to take out these maggots that are able to live in human bodies. There's no way we can kill them after they have already found a host. A vaccine is our only hope!" Lingling told the three seriously.

Mo Fan knew how serious the matter was. He nodded and said, "We'll try our best to take care of it."

"Count me in, I'm very familiar with the ocean. I won't allow more people to die to these creatures that already killed my two brothers. I'm surely going to... ugh, anyway, I'll be watching it!" Bobby said.

Bobby was struggling to make the decision too. He had a massive urge to simply stomp the little thing to death right away, but somehow, he ended up as the bodyguard of his brother's murderer!

However, the rational side in him agreed with everything that the smart little girl had said. Killing the little maggot was utterly meaningless. It was more important to find a solution to the Drowning Curse!

Bobby believed that if his brother Norke knew they had managed to find the breakthrough because of his death, he would be relieved in Heaven!

"It has swum more than a kilometer into the ocean. It's still within the safe zone, so there won't be any demon creatures around. However, once it leaves the safe zone, we'll have to be on our guard at all times," Lingling said.

"I'll go prepare a speedboat. Wait for me at the beach," Bobby said.

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Not long after, the four of them were on a speedboat chasing after the Drowning Curse Maggot under Lingling's instructions.

The Drowning Curse Maggot was not very fast. They easily maintained a distance of five hundred meters from the creature. When it started diving deeper, Bobby, the Water Mage would follow it.

Bobby's primary Element was Water, but he was only an ordinary Intermediate Mage. He did not even have a Soul Seed, but he was quite experienced in moving underwater. He was the best option they had to stay close to the Drowning Curse Maggot.

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue were on standby on the boat. Mo Fan gave Zhao Manyan a call when he had the time and asked him to notify the national team that both Mu Ningxue and he would be away temporarily.

The national team did allow its members to be away, but they would not be getting the resources that were supposedly allocated to them.

Mo Fan roughly calculated it. The resources allocated to them over fifteen days were only worth a Spirit-grade Seed. It was nowhere enough for Mo Fan. He would rather bet his time on solving the Drowning Curse. That was a total of three hundred and fifty million waiting for him in the pool!

"Hey, where did you two go for your little, private date this time? I thought you were interested in finding the truth about the gigantic skeleton?" Zhao Manyan asked.

“You won’t believe me,” Mo Fan said.

“When did I not believe you?” Zhao Manyan said.

“Well, basically, we are currently protecting a murderer maggot...” Mo Fan briefly explained the Drowning Curse to Zhao Manyan.

Zhao Manyan had never heard of the Drowning Curse before. When he heard that Mo Fan was going to protect a little maggot until it matured, he immediately lowered his voice and said, “Did you suffer a brain injury when you were fighting against Philip?”

“Brain your ass, I told you it was a waste of time trying to explain it to you! Anyway, Mu Ningxue and I will be away for at least half a month,” Mu Ningxue said.

“Do you two really need to come up with such a ridiculous excuse that sounds like you two are trying to save the world? Remember to stay safe, Mu Ningxue is still planning to shine at the World College Tournament in Venice, be careful not to give her the extra burden...” Zhao Manyan advised kindly.

Mo Fan was left speechless.

“Mo Fan, enough talk, there’s a situation!” Lingling’s tablet started blinking with a red alert. It seemed like the maggot was in danger!

“I’m not the best when it comes to fighting underwater,” said Mo Fan helplessly.

“Go down there and take out its natural foe!” Lingling shoved Mo Fan into the water.

Mo Fan dove into the ocean and quickly used the Space Element to quarantine himself from the water, just so he could breathe normally.

Mu Ningxue followed Mo Fan into the water, too. She was a much better swimmer than Mo Fan. She adeptly swam through the water while wriggling her soft body. Her slender legs produced little ripples as she waved her stunning bottom and her waist at times. Mo Fan suddenly felt an uneasiness between his legs the more he stared at her!

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#### **Chapter 992: Can’t Afford to Offend**

Mu Ningxue was able to dive quicker. She soon reached the twilight zone of the ocean where the water was relatively muddy. Following Lingling’s instruction, she soon located Bobby.

Her vision underwater was very limited. Mu Ningxue barely saw a human figure around five hundred meters away. It was most likely the Water Mage, Bobby.

*(Ed. Note: Limited?! Five Hundred meters? At that depth? You can’t see that far in crystal water at the surface! Just roll with it...)*

However, when she was moving closer, she discovered a shadowy figure. It had a long body, fully covered in sharp objects like swords. It seemed to be chasing after something rapidly.

The Drowning Curse Maggot was totally invisible in the water. Mu Ningxue could only tell that the Drowning Curse Maggot was being chased by the spiked sea monster judging from the movement of the water!

“Freeze!” Mu Ningxue chanted silently and fired a frostbolt at the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster.

The temperature of the seawater started to drop, as a thick layer of ice quickly appeared, and surrounded the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster.

The water turned into ice and hindered the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster. It was obvious that the sea monster’s speed had reduced dramatically.

“Ice Lock!”

Mu Ningxue’s legs moved in a circular motion to keep her still in the water. She opened her arms and quickly summoned long ice chains around herself.

She pointed her finger at the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster. The ice chains rapidly entangled it, as if it was being tied down in layers of heavy chains. The sea monster was having difficulty swimming!

“I’ll finish it off, how dare it try to kill our bait!” Mo Fan finally arrived.

Seeing that Mu Ningxue had restrained the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster, Mo Fan drew the Star Pattern of the Space Element.

A rhomboid appeared around the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster. The water inside it suddenly vanished.

“Space Rhythm!”

The space started compressing, squeezing the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster that was trapped within it. The swords poking out from its skin were snapped in half.

With a deep thud, the Sharp-Sworded Sea Monster died in an explosion as soon as its body reached its limit. Thick, fresh blood spread through the muddy seawater.

“Describe the appearance of the sea monster to me,” Lingling’s voice came from the communication device.

“This device is pretty good, we can stay in contact underwater!” Mo Fan used the Space Element to keep himself from the water and said, “It’s a long fish with spikes like swords all over its body. It wasn’t very strong, either...”

“It’s the Sword Quills Sea Monster,” Mu Ningxue told Lingling, rolling her eyes at Mo Fan after hearing his description.

Why couldn’t he work harder to equip himself with useful knowledge? These Sword Quills Sea Monsters were a very common species. Mu Ningxue immediately had a worried look. She should have stopped Mo Fan from killing the creature.

“Don’t the Sword Quills Sea Monsters usually stay in their colonies? Don’t tell me you’ve made a mess out of it?” Lingling said.

“A mess?” Mo Fan glanced at the blood that was diluting slowly in the seawater and chuckled, “It wasn’t too bad, wait, did you just say they usually stay in colonies...”

“Err, guys, please take a look around you,” Bobby said in a trembling voice.

The muddy water started to stir up as similar shadowy figures appeared in their surroundings. There were only a few circling the area hesitantly, but not long after, more shadowy figures suddenly showed up! There was soon a whole school of them!

“You idiot, the entire colony is going to gather once they pick up the scent of their kind. Come back to the boat, now!” Lingling yelled into the communication device.

Mo Fan had paid the price for not studying hard enough.

He didn’t dare argue with Lingling. He was about to tell Mu Ningxue and Bobby to leave when he realized the two were already heading for the surface.

The two were much better swimmers than Mo Fan. He quickly spread his limbs and dug his way up!

“Hey, wait for me, help me out!”

Mo Fan would be unruffled if he was still on land. However, his fighting capacity significantly weakened underwater. He immediately panicked when he saw the Sword Quills Sea Monsters rapidly gathering around him.

“Back off!” Mo Fan used his thoughts to keep the creatures away by pushing the water around him.

Five Sword Quills Sea Monsters that were approaching Mo Fan from different directions were knocked flying instantly, colliding into others that were gradually getting closer to him.

However, the number of Sword Quills Sea Monsters was quite shocking, and they were extremely quick when moving around in the water. Mo Fan only saw countless shadowy figures stabbing at him like swords. He had nowhere to run to.

The seawater around him was stirred up greatly. Mo Fan almost lost his balance. The only Element that would work effectively underwater was his Lightning. Mo Fan unleashed the lightning saved up in his body to paralyze the Sword Quills Sea Monster trying to get closer to him.

The Lightning was conducted imperiously through the water. Mo Fan gradually expanded the electric field of the Lightning Strike to a Lightning Disaster!

The Lightning Disaster was like a giant, glowing web in the water, and the Sword Quills Sea Monsters immediately ended up as fish caught in a net. They were struggling fiercely as their bodies were scorched by the lightning!

Mo Fan was about to assert control over the situation when he discovered an enormous shadow approaching him from below.

Mo Fan lowered his gaze and saw a huge, black hole appearing in the cloudy seawater. It sprang up at a shocking pace and devoured Mo Fan.

“Catch!”

While Mo Fan was taken by surprise, he suddenly saw a white ice chain appearing in front of him.

It was Mo Fan’s life-saving rope. He grabbed onto the ice chain firmly. Mu Ningxue had already reached the surface. She pulled and dragged Mo Fan out of the water.

Mo Fan was around a few hundred meters from the surface. The black shadow was chasing right behind him, knocking the Sword Quills Sea Monsters away.

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Back aboard the boat, Lingling was standing on the deck.

Bobby and Mu Ningxue were already on the boat. Mu Ningxue was holding an ice chain, pulling it out of the water like a fishing line.

The ice chain kept on rising, and with a great splash, a drenched guy was pulled out of the water.

Right after the splash, the water in the area suddenly rumbled. It was so huge that it almost turned into a whirlpool big enough to devour the boat.

A deep, black mouth sprang out from the exact same spot that Mo Fan came out from and jumped for Mo Fan in the air.

Mo Fan was as tiny as an earthworm on a fishing line compared to the sea monster that had only revealed half of its head above the water. It was a shocking sight, and even the boat was like a toy in front of it!

“Mo Fan!” Lingling screamed when she saw the giant mouth swallowing Mo Fan with the ice chain.

Water from the splash started pouring down like a rain, and amid it, the black sea monster flipped backward with half its body in the air and fell back into the ocean.

“Stop it, don’t let it reach the deep sea!” Lingling said.

“Icebound Coffin!”

Mu Ningxue reacted fairly quickly. She was already drawing the Ice Constellation as Mo Fan was eaten by the creature.

As soon as the huge black Sword Quills Sea Monster fell to the surface of the ocean, an icy Icebound Coffin with a strong presence of death landed heavily on it , freezing it along the surface of the water!

The Icebound Coffin was incredibly powerful. The water within three hundred meters instantly turned into a layer of ice. The thick layer of ice connected with the mountain of Icebound Coffin, a spectacular sight!

“Lightning Arm: Death Bolt!”

With a loud roar, a black bolt of lightning burst out from the enormous sea monster's mouth. It even penetrated Mu Ningxue's ice and soared into the sky.

Mo Fan jumped out from the hole he blasted open with the death bolt.

He immediately manipulated the broken pieces of ice and constructed a flight of stairs in the air. After descending to a certain height, he did a front flip and landed impressively in front of Mu Ningxue.

He raised his brows confidently at Mu Ningxue to further highlight how cool and handsome he was. He was pretty sure that it would make a lot of young girls scream.

"What a retard," Mu Ningxue's response was blatant as usual. She did not give Mo Fan any room for imagination.

It was not like Mu Ningxue had a bad temper, but she could not help but feel disgusted when this guy who was drenched in a monster's saliva was pulling off such a shameless act. She could even feel her goosebumps rising!

"I'll slay that son of a bitch, how dare it try to eat me? I will turn it into a Sichuan grilled fish in minutes!"

Mo Fan could not help but feel utterly helpless underwater!

His Fire Element was not available, and his Space Element was greatly hindered too. His Summoning Element was non-existent. The only Elements available were Shadow and Lightning!

Otherwise, how could these Sword Quills Sea Monster have had a chance to hurt their Grandpa Mo Fan? No chance at all!

"Enough, the maggot is already far away. We have to shake these creatures off, we can't afford to lose the maggot!" Lingling said unpleasantly.

"That was so scary, infuriating so many Sword Quills Sea Monsters at the same time! There's no way we can kill them all!" Bobby said.

He was only an Intermediate Mage, so he did not have much experience facing so many demon creatures at once.

The engine was fired up. The boat immediately sprang forward, leaving a white wave line along its trail as it moved further away into the ocean.

Meanwhile, the water along the trail behind the boat was stirring up as if it was boiling. The spiked sea monsters kept chasing after the boat relentlessly...

"Can you please make sure what the creatures are before killing them? We are not on land, the demon creatures in the ocean are trickier to deal in terms of both their numbers and strength. Besides, you should try to stay low-key if you're so weak underwater," Lingling warned Mo Fan.

"I didn't expect it to come to this," Mo Fan turned around and swallowed a few times when he saw the crazy sight behind him.

Fine, it seemed he could not really afford to offend the demon creatures in the ocean!

## Chapter 993: The Drake of the Black Sea

The sky was light blue, but the ocean gradually darkened. The ocean did not seem right when the group of four glanced into the distance.

“Why is the water getting darker?” Mo Fan was pretty clueless about the ocean. He looked behind them.

The Sword Quills Sea Monsters had stopped chasing them, possibly because they had left their territory.

However, since the water darkened, Mo Fan believed they would soon enter the territory of a different species.

“The maggot has evolved once. It must have acquired some incredible benefits from the Sword Quills Sea Monster,” Lingling said.

“Oh, that’s good news.”

“It seems like there’s a bunch of sunken reefs ahead,” Bobby said.

Someone who was familiar with the ocean was able to tell where the sunken reefs were based on their experience.

Mo Fan glanced in the direction that Bobby was pointing and discovered that the water there was not as dark.

When the boat got closer, Mo Fan realized that the sunken reef was surprisingly big. It was basically a sunken island!

The water was not deep either. When the boat got closer, Mo Fan was able to hop onto the reef and stand atop it. The water only reached his knees.

*(Ed. Note: Don’t try this in real life. Reefs are razor-sharp and will tear your feet to shreds.)*

“It looks like a reef cave,” Bobby said after taking a closer look.

“What’s a reef cave?” Mo Fan asked.

“Many creatures in the ocean still need to build nests inside places like caves, holes, or burrows. At certain places, the reefs will connect to one another like island chains, but are sunken instead of being exposed above the surface. These natural reef islands usually turn into nests occupied by different species of sea monsters. We normally refer to them as Sea Monster Fortresses,” Bobby explained.

“Oh, that’s right, the sea monsters most likely have their nests too. It doesn’t make sense for them to sleep in the open,” Mo Fan nodded.

“This reef cave isn’t small, you’ll most likely find a huge bunch of sea monsters napping around a depth of five hundred meters. Let’s be more careful so we don’t wake them up,” Lingling said.

“The maggot must have come here to look for a suitable target. There must be a powerful species here. If it can sneak into the sea monster, it will become extremely powerful!” Mu Ningxue said.

“Indeed, the little creature is pretty good at finding the best places, but it also makes it harder for us to protect it. If the little creature startled the sea monsters, we’ll have to go down there and save it,” Lingling said.

“Are...are you serious? Can a person really go down there and come out alive?” Bobby’s eyes widened.

He was clearly aware of how terrifying a reef cave was. Even tier-one Hunter Groups would not dare to plot against a reef cave. Weren’t the few of them just going to get themselves killed?

“We have to go. Otherwise, all our efforts will be in vain,” Lingling said.

Mo Fan felt his balls hurting too. He could only pray that the little maggot would keep a low profile. It was necessary for the maggot to behave like a leech without being too greedy. Otherwise, they would have to die in its place!

“Bobby, can you find out what species lives inside the reef cave?” Lingling asked.

“Sure, I have been hanging around with some experienced Hunter Groups a lot because of my ability to identify sea monsters. Just give me some time, I’ll conduct a population census of this reef cave!” Bobby said confidently. He did not forget to boast about his talent.

“Alright, I’ll leave it to you. I need to know what the maggot is targeting,” Lingling said.

The maggot would soon be able to take the form of its host. It would eventually turn into the creature that it was living inside, and would basically inherit all its abilities.

Therefore, these maggots would subconsciously go after the high-level creatures, since no creature would be willing to stay at the bottom of the food chain if they had a choice.

As such, Lingling was trying to learn what the maggot was planning to turn into!

Not long after, Bobby came back to the sunken reef.

The area within five hundred meters from sunken reefs was usually occupied by ordinary sea creatures. Most savage sea monsters occupied the households more than five hundred meters deep into the ocean. As such, they were fine standing on the reefs.

“I’ve investigated it,” Bobby smiled.

“You didn’t even go down there, how did you already have an answer?” Mo Fan asked in confusion.

“Do you really want to know?” Bobby asked in return.

“Of course!”

“Basically, no matter what species it is, most sea monsters will defecate while they are sleeping, and some portion of the feces will float to the upper layer of the ocean rather than sinking to the bottom. It normally forms a whirlpool, which is basically the septic tank for the sea monsters. I can roughly

estimate the species of the sea monsters and their number just by looking at it," Bobby responded with a shrug.

"..." Mo Fan had lots of comments on the answer, yet he was unable to find any words after opening his mouth.

It was his first time seeing such an impressive Hunter, able to identify demon creatures just by looking at their feces!

"If you started measuring from the surface of the water, the species between five hundred meters to a thousand meters in the reef cave should be the Sea Monkey Monsters. It's around the size of a pack, but there's no Commander-level creature among them. It's nothing to be worried about, it's the equivalence of slums.

"The area between a thousand meters to two thousand meters is occupied by the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish, at least a thousand of them. There should be Commanders among them, too," Bobby did not have a pleasant look when he mentioned the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish.

His years of experience had taught him that these creatures were not the kind they would like to pick a fight with. They were able to unleash dense lightning across the place, turning everything other than their own species into ashes!

"The luxurious residential district more than two thousand meters deep is even scarier. Didn't Mo Fan ask why the seawater is getting darker here?" Bobby said seriously.

"What is it? Just say it, I didn't study much, so I wouldn't know what it is," Mo Fan said honestly.

"Black seawater... don't tell me it's that thing?" Lingling suddenly blurted out.

Bobby nodded without saying a word, as if even the creature's name was too simply too horrifying to mention.

Mu Ningxue fell silent too, as she thought of something. Only Mo Fan looked totally lost.

Did they already agree beforehand to set him up, just because he was utterly clueless about sea creatures? Why couldn't they just tell him what it is!

"Let's take some rest, the maggot seems to be sleeping in a safe spot, or waiting for its moment to strike," Lingling said.

"I really hope the maggot isn't that ambitious, so that it is willing to just turn into a Sea Monkey Monster, meaning that we can get our job done easily." Bobby was already swiping across his forehead and chest and praying to his god, "Or the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish will do, it might be somewhat dangerous, but I am not a coward, either. I can even boast about it for the rest of my life once I'm done with the job! Anything is better than the creatures living in the deepest part of the reef cave. If the maggot is really targeting them, I'll turn around and leave at once!"

Mo Fan listened to Bobby murmuring to himself. He then walked up to Mu Ningxue and asked sincerely, "Bobby is an Intermediate Mage, so he's probably frightened. I bet the creature at the bottom of the cave isn't really a problem for us?" he asked.

Mu Ningxue shook her head and said, "It isn't that Bobby is a coward, but the creature is infamously savage even in the ocean! It's ranked top five in terms of the damage and casualties it has caused to the tier-two and tier-three coastal cities of every country!"

"What the heck is it!?" Mo Fan asked.

"Do you remember the drake with reptilian wings in Jinlin City?" Mu Ningxue asked him.

*(Ed. Note: back in the arc where he got his demon element.)*

"I do," Mo Fan replied.

Mu Ningxue added, "The creature down there is a drake, too."

Mo Fan's mood immediately sank as soon as he heard the answer.

Any demon creature that was even the slightest bit related to dragons was incredibly strong. They were basically unmatched among the demon creatures of the same rank!

A drake was a kind of demon creature that inherited the bloodline of the dragons. The Lizard Drake in the desolated Jinlin City was most likely the bastard of a dragon and some giant lizard. It was fairly strong among the Commander-level creatures Mo Fan had stumbled into before.

Mo Fan was surprised to learn that there was a drake living in the reef cave. It was indeed not a friendly place!

"It is called the Black Sea Drake, a mixed blooded demon creature between an Evil Sea Dragon and the Lightning Explosion Giant Cuttlefish. It is savage like an Evil Sea Dragon, and cunning like a Lightning Explosion Giant Cuttlefish. Wherever it appears, the seawater within three kilometers of it will turn pitch-black. The water is slightly poisonous, and is able to paralyze a living creature. It will dramatically slow down a person's reactions, like they have been intoxicated," Mu Ningxue explained.

"That does sound like a pretty scary creature to fight against. Why don't we go down and kill that maggot instead, so it won't even think about preying on the Black Sea Drake?" Mo Fan suggested.

"We can barely fight against a Black Sea Drake on land, but if it's deep in the ocean, we have zero chance of surviving," Mu Ningxue declared seriously.

Mo Fan clearly knew how non-existent his Fire Element and Little Flame Belle in the deep ocean were. He would die without a single doubt if he stumbled into the Black Sea Drake!

Mo Fan suddenly felt like he should be swiping a cross on his chest and praying that the little maggot was smart enough to keep a low profile!

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**Chapter 994: Must Eliminate All Potential Threats!**

Scorching sunlight came down from above. Schools of fish that needed the ultraviolet rays to kill the bacteria on their skin swam to the sunken reefs, and would occasionally sweep past Mo Fan's feet. Their scales were glowing brightly under the sunlight.

More fish gradually showed up. Mo Fan felt like he could easily kill a few of them by stomping his foot. He started playing with the fish, since he was bored. He basically unleashed a tiny electric current to paralyze the fish so they were having trouble keeping up with the other fish and kept ramming into the others.

Speaking of which, if the fish actually had a better texture, Mo Fan would not mind turning into a grilled fish master and letting Mu Ningxue have a taste of his craft... didn't he once have an idea of opening a restaurant with the name Song of Ice and Fire? He should be practicing more whenever he had the chance...

Mo Fan was having the time of his life when he suddenly felt a strong vibration originating from deep under the ocean. Even the firm reefs were shaking quite vigorously!

As the undercurrent came, the schools of fish that were enjoying their sunbaths immediately fled like headless flies.

Mo Fan felt his legs turning numb. He could clearly feel the force was coming from extremely deep underneath them, yet the vibration was still strong despite the great distance!

"What's going on?" Bobby had fallen asleep on the boat. He immediately rose to his feet when he heard the resonance.

"We are in trouble," Lingling said in a deep voice. Her eyes were fixed on the monitor.

"Don't tell me the maggot went to disturb those Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish?" Bobby moaned.

Lingling shook her head.

"Hehe, then it must have decided to turn into a Sea Monkey... alright, I guess that wasn't a great joke," Mo Fan said with a hint of self-mockery.

"It's currently at a depth of around twenty-four hundred meters. The Black Sea Drake must have noticed something. It just roared to intimidate the invisible intruder. The quake from before was caused by the Black Sea Drake's breath," Lingling explained.

"That little asshole, why do I think it's purposely trying to set us up?!" Mo Fan cursed.

"Let's go back, we'll let it run its own course," Bobby took over the pilot cabin and fired up the engine.

Was the little maggot being serious? How could it possibly think that it could take on the Black Sea Drake? The only time Bobby would hear about a Black Sea Drake was from a tier-one Hunter Group, and they would purposely keep the casualties a secret.

"We can't go back now, the maggot is most likely going to die! If we don't take care of the Drowning Curse now, more than five hundred people will die within a year, and that will go up to a thousand in two years! Although someone will still come up with the vaccine after several years, it will only be done after countless people have fallen victim to the Drowning Curse," Lingling said grimly.

The determination on Lingling's face even surprised Bobby. He could not imagine he had just heard the words from a little girl who was only around ten years old. It was like the thoughts had occupied her heart for a long time. She did not hesitate or back off when she was expressing them!

"It's true that we can turn away and ignore the threat, but it's also undeniable that people are going to die to the potential threat, and among them might be the beloved daughter of a father from a healthy, ordinary family. If the family ended up in despair after losing the daughter, then we are actually no different than the culprit's accomplice!"

Mo Fan suddenly recalled a line he saw from an old diary. His heart shuddered when he linked it to the determination on Lingling's face.

Previously, Mo Fan had accidentally seen Lingling's diary that she normally placed under her pillow at the Clearsky Hunter Agency. A sentence was written in it clearly, and it was the last page of the diary. The pages after it were completely blank.

Mo Fan could easily guess that it was the last words that Lingling's father had left for her. The Senior Hunter had told her daughter that, but he never came back.

The threat that was mentioned in the entry was the Red Demon, the super demon that the Essence Orb gave birth to!

Even though Mo Fan had never seen Lingling's father, who had been a Senior Hunter, he could not help but feel respectful whenever he saw the strong beliefs as a Hunter that the Senior Hunter had passed down to his daughter.

"Mo Fan, what do you think?" Mu Ningxue asked Mo Fan softly.

"I am a Hunter too, so it's pretty hard for me to turn around and leave now. Besides, the reward is insane! The Black Sea Drake might be tough, but we'll find a way to deal with it. Let's try! Even if we fail, it's fine because we've already tried our best," Mo Fan said.

Lingling glanced at Mo Fan with glittering eyes.

She liked to partner with Mo Fan because of how fearless he was; daring enough to infiltrate the devil's nest, and take on even the scariest demon!

"The maggot is currently hiding at the same spot, not daring to move. However, as soon as the Black Sea Drake relaxes, the creature is surely going to try sneaking into it," Lingling said after analyzing the situation.

"A maggot without an ambition to become a dragon isn't a good maggot. What an ambitious little creature!" Mo Fan mused.

"We have to come up with a plan. We have no chance of beating the Black Sea Drake in a fight," Mu Ningxue said.

Mu Ningxue's strength was not necessarily affected by much when she was fighting underwater. Her Primary Element was Ice, which was actually slightly stronger in the water.

However, she alone could never take on the Black Sea Drake. She needed Mo Fan's help, but he also had to be in his best condition.

"You guys can go ahead, I'll be leaving first," Bobby said in a trembling voice.

Were these guys insane? Were the two of them and an underage girl seriously trying to take on a Black Sea Drake?

It isn't about serving justice as a Hunter, it was actually trying to get themselves killed in the dumbest way! Either way, there was no way he could convince himself to stay. The Black Sea Drake would easily reduce him to ashes with a single stare. He would never treat his own life as a joke!

"Bobby, don't panic yet. The Black Sea Drake is pretty strong, but it doesn't necessarily stand a chance against my fists on land. You're the most familiar with the ocean among us; is there any way we can lure the Black Sea Drake onto here?" Mo Fan said.

"You? Are you trying to pull off a great joke here? I'm more familiar with the Black Sea Drake than any of you here! How could a Mage without fully-grown hair like you possibly handle a creature like that?" Bobby said.

"First of all, it's not like I have never fought a drake before. I've actually killed one in China, so you can think of me as a dragon hunter! Second, my hair is fully-grown already. You can ask her about it," Mo Fan said seriously. He even glanced at Mu Ningxue after saying the last few words.

Mu Ningxue was most likely too occupied with figuring out a way to lure the Black Sea Drake onto the land. She was not paying attention to Mo Fan's false accusation.

"Bobby, I'm sure you have already witnessed our strength. It wasn't like we don't stand a chance against a Commander-level creature. You only need to help us lure the Black Sea Drake to the surface, and we'll handle the rest. I believe you have a stronger grudge against the Drowning Curse than any of us here. If we don't put an end to it, more people are going to die, just like your brothers," Mu Ningxue said calmly.

Perhaps Mu Ningxue had a relatively trustworthy face, or perhaps her request was impossible to reject when she did not have the icy attitude. Bobby seemed to be struggling to make his decision.

"The maggot is making its move," Lingling said.

Everyone frowned. Their hearts sank too.

"Are you sure you can handle the Black Sea Drake on the surface?" Bobby asked seriously.

"Didn't you already verify our identities? Both of us are Two-Star Hunter Masters," Mo Fan said.

Both Mo Fan and Lingling were promoted to Two-Star Hunter Masters after taking out the Black Vatican at Chongming Island. Mo Fan's rank was finally the same as Lingling's!

It was impossible to fake their identities as Hunter Masters. Bobby slowly calmed down and said, "I do have an idea, but I don't think it's any safer than fighting the Black Sea Drake underwater."

"Just tell us, the maggot is already on the move. If we don't do anything soon, it will die as soon as the Black Sea Drake notices it," Lingling said.

“Isn’t there a bunch of Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish in the reef cave between one to two thousand meters?” Bobby glanced at the water and continued with a lack of confidence, “The Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish are a hot-tempered, sensitive bunch. When they feel threatened, these creatures with bad eyes will start releasing electricity. The rest of the cuttlefish will realize their comrades are in danger when they see the lightning, so they will also start conducting electricity...”

The intelligent Lingling immediately realized what Bobby was planning.

“By startling the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish, the whole area will turn into a huge electric field. Even though the Black Sea Drake has some lightning resistance, it surely won’t be able to hold on for long, forcing it to leave the water!” Lingling said with glittering eyes.

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue nodded too. It was a brilliant plan! If the Black Sea Drake tried to go back into the water, it would have to suffer the strong electric current, meaning it would either die or suffer serious injuries!

“When I was investigating the place, I discovered a Commander among the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish, and it is very likely that the creature has just become a mother. It will react to the slightest sense of danger, so if we can provoke it at the right time, the ocean will soon turn into a no-entry zone of lightning!” Bobby added.

“I’ll set up this place so the reefs won’t conduct the electricity, so you two can take on the Black Sea Drake here,” Lingling said.

The sunken reefs served as the best fighting ground for the group, since the water had only reached their knees. Mo Fan would not be affected as long as he was on reef, and if Lingling was able to set the place up beforehand, it would be free from the electricity unleashed by the cuttlefish!

Chapter 995: The Thrilling Fight Deep In the Ocean!

Mo Fan had to admit that it was one of the scariest jobs he had been entrusted with, apart from the trip into the Dark Abyss.

Protecting the maggot alone was extremely difficult, and now, the group was being asked to lure the drake out from the water, startle the Thunder Explosion Cuttlefish, and then fight against one of the top five most infamous demon creatures in the world. Just imagining it was enough to make one’s heart shiver!

“Xue Xue, please be careful; if it’s too dangerous, just run away,” Mo Fan specifically reminded Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue was asked to lure the drake out while Mo Fan was startling the cuttlefish. Bobby and Lingling would be on standby out of the range of the electricity. Everyone had their own role in the plan. However, Mo Fan was extremely worried since Mu Ningxue had to dive deeply into the ocean to provoke the fearsome drake!

However, there was no other option. Mo Fan was more suitable for fooling around with the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish with his Lightning Element, and Mu Ningxue who was not greatly affected underwater was the best candidate among them to give the drake a chase.

“You too,” Mu Ningxue said.

Both their roles were extremely dangerous. As a matter of fact, if the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish unleashed their electricity simultaneously, the situation was almost as dangerous as taking on the Black Sea Drake!

It basically came down to teamwork whether they could resolve the Drowning Curse today or not!

Mu Ningxue went into the ocean first. She dove deeper into the water by using the Wind Element to push herself.

Her surroundings were in complete darkness. A moment ago, she could still see light ripples above her when she lifted her eyes, like a light guiding her toward the exit of a cave. However, she was now in utter darkness, as the light was unable to reach this deep.

Beside her was an enormous reef that led all the way to the bottom of the ocean. It was marvelous to look at. Mu Ningxue felt extremely pressured looking at it, especially when pairs of glowing, red eyes sprang open in the water, as dense as stars in the night sky.

Mu Ningxue proceeded to dive deeper. The water was cloudy and dark.

She clearly knew that her reaction would slow down due to the paralysis from the dark miasma the longer she stayed in the pitch-black water.

She had reached the territory of the Black Sea Drake. Mu Ningxue could not help but tense up when she was surrounded by the cold water and darkness.

As Mu Ningxue proceeded further, she discovered an enormous hole in the reef cave, with currents surging in and out from it. Anything that swam close to the hole would be blown a great distance away by the current.

Mu Ningxue’s heart skipped a beat when she heard a deep groan came out from the hole.

The waves of current surging in and out of the hole were actually the Black Sea Drake’s snores! It implied just how enormous the Black Sea Drake was!

“It’s making its move, stay alert!” Lingling’s voice came from the communication device.

Mu Ningxue gathered her focus and stared at the pitch-black hole without blinking.

Suddenly, the reef cave started to shake violently, and an overwhelming roar came out from the hole.

Mu Ningxue immediately sensed a strong undercurrent sweeping at her. The whole place suddenly became restless!

“The maggot has been compromised. Quick, attract the Black Sea Drake’s attention. We can’t let the maggot die,” Lingling’s voice started to fade.

It took Mu Ningxue quite an effort just to stabilize herself against the current. With a thought, she summoned more than ten ice chains and fired them into the pitch-black hole.

The tips of the ice chains consisted of sharp spikes. Mu Ningxue saw a few of the ice chains coming to a sudden stop. The ice chains had managed to stab the Black Sea Drake accurately.

However, a few seconds later, Mu Ningxue realized the ice chains were going slack, as a terrifying, shadowy figure rapidly approached her from the cloudy hole. Its glowing eyes were like a pair of spotlights, staring right at her tiny, fragile body!

Mu Ningxue immediately felt an overwhelming pressure. It felt like her heart was about to burst!

The ice chains were stuck on the shadowy figure, but these thick, ice chains looked no more substantial than spider webs. The drake completely ignored them, focused on the human who dared to trespass into its territory!

A strong breath from the creature stirred the water up as the Black Sea Drake swam out of the hole. Its enormous size immediately was a great contrast with Mu Ningxue's tiny figure, like a little water snake in front of a giant whale over ten meters long. It was an utterly terrifying sight in the pitch-black water of the ocean deep!

Mu Ningxue did not dare stay any further. She quickly summoned a gust of wind, shoving her toward the surface in a spiraling motion...

The Black Sea Drake was not willing to let the trespasser go so easily. Unlike other drakes with wings, the creature had a pair of giant scaly fins. With just the slightest movement of its fins, the Black Sea Drake immediately sprang forward at a shocking pace, chasing after Mu Ningxue!

The Black Sea Drake's speed was more than twice that of Mu Ningxue. The distance of seven hundred meters soon became two hundred meters. It felt like the Black Sea Drake would swallow Mu Ningxue down with a single bite!

"Freeze!" Mu Ningxue gathered her powerful Ice Magic and unleashed it at the water between her and the Black Sea Drake!

White strands of ice rapidly appeared in the seawater between them, and scattered across the place as the water froze and turned into chunks of ice!

The Black Sea Drake was unstoppable. It completely ignored the ice and smashed its way through them by abusing the power of its mass...

The layer of ice did hinder the Black Sea Drake's movement slightly, allowing Mu Ningxue to maintain her distance from it.

"The drake is coming up, Mo Fan, get ready!" Mu Ningxue immediately alerted Mo Fan when she finally had a chance to catch her breath.

"I've got a little problem here..."

"Can you settle it?"

“I can!”

In the middle layer of the reef cave, Mo Fan used his Shadow Element to sneak into the cave, despite its complicated layout.

The inside of the reef cave was like a maze connecting various-sized caves together. Each of the caves was naturally filled with seawater. Mo Fan would surely have had difficulty moving between the caves without his Shadow Element.

Mo Fan had already reached the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish’s nest. The problem was, he was nowhere as impressive as Bobby, who could identify the sea monsters just by looking at their feces. Mo Fan was actually struggling to find the Commander of the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish!

Normally, the biggest creature among the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish was most likely their Commander, yet it was fairly tricky to find the Commander in such a complicated place.

“I’m running out of time, I guess I’ll stir up a great chaos and leave instead!” Mo Fan was hopelessly unable to find the Commander. He glanced at the cave where a bunch of Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish was lying still and started drawing the Lightning Constellation!

“Silent Deadly Bolt!”

Mo Fan gathered the Lightning Coils on his arms and shoved them forward. The Lightning Bolts of Death surged forward and crossed paths at a certain spot.

The collision between the lightning bolts immediately resulted in a Lightning Storm. Mo Fan basically presented the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish with a Lightning Explosion!

The explosive force surged rapidly across the place, thick arcs of lightning dancing wildly about like purple-black dragons. The explosion spread in all directions. The whole reef cave began to shake from the enormous impact.

Rocks started falling as the fragile layers of stone started cracking. The calm seawater started stirring up like a restless beast...

The Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish that were usually fast asleep in the day woke up in shock. Their glowing, blue eyes were lighting up the place like stars.

The Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish all immediately unleashed the electric charges they had stored in their bodies after being threatened. The lightning arcs surged hundreds of meters away in a flash.

Soon, more Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish were annoyed by the disturbance, and stronger lightning arcs started spreading further away. The light immediately lit up the dark ocean!

The dancing lightning surged wildly in all directions. A lightning flash would occur at times every few dozen meters.

The lightning arcs intertwined and combined into a giant field of electricity extending over a kilometer away!

The Sea Monkeys residing in the floor above the cuttlefish were in deep trouble. They immediately swam toward the surface in a panic when they saw the lightning arcs sweeping at them like an army of soldiers on horses.

However, the lightning was simply too quick. It caught up to the Sea Monkeys within an instant and reduced them to ashes!

Mo Fan fled for his life in between the ghastly claws of the terrifying lightning arcs.

He initially thought he would be able to withstand the electric field to a certain degree, since he too had the Lightning Element. To his surprise, the electricity was several times stronger than he had imagined. He almost lost consciousness when the first lightning bolt landed on him!

Mo Fan immediately put on the Black Snake Armor, and felt a lot better.

Weaving through the lightning, Mo Fan was relieved when he finally saw a light above him.

He quickened his pace and rushed to the surface in one breath. He quickly sped to the insulated area to join Bobby and Lingling.

When Mo Fan finally reached the shallow reef, he let out a relieved sigh. He immediately looked back at the water and was shocked to see the dense lightning arcs surging wildly across the area. It looked like thousands of lightning eels were ramming into one another wildly!

With a loud roar, the surface of the water started heaving. The Black Sea Drake had also reached the surface. It was also forced to escape to the land after being tortured by the merciless lightning field.

"It's here!" Lingling's eyes glittered.

"Oh mama!" Bobby fell to the deck in cold sweat.

He initially thought it was only a young Black Sea Drake, the size of an average trawler. To his surprise, the Black Sea Drake was insanely huge. It turned out to be a fairly old beast! -Just look at those fangs exposed in the air! Are those really its teeth? Each of them was like a giant sword!-

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#### **Chapter 996: Claw of Raging Waves**

Bobby felt like fainting from overwhelming fright. He subconsciously drove the boat away into the distance.

The waves that the Black Sea Drake was making were around eight meters tall. Each of them was enough to smash the little boat into pieces!

"Ningxue, over here!" Mo Fan yelled at Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue was still being chased around by the Black Sea Drake. The creature had two long whiskers on its head, conducting a black energy. It combined with the dragon's breath into a black shockwave firing in Mu Ningxue's direction.

Mu Ningxue summoned a strong gust of wind to help her land nimbly on the shallow reef. However, the black breath of lightning promptly landed on her with outstanding destructive force!

Mu Ningxue kept on summoning ice to form an oval, ice shield in front of her. The shield caved in to protect her.

The black lightning spread to the seawater. It seemed to trigger a reaction with the dense electric field in the water. The lightning arcs produced by the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish started to move closer to the giant creature.

The Black Sea Drake appeared to be quite intelligent. When it realized that its lightning was attracting the electric field toward it, it quickly stopped attacking with its Lightning Element.

It was reluctant to bring death upon itself. The electric field was strong enough to cook its skin and its flesh. The school of Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish was something it could not afford to offend!

The Black Sea Drake had other abilities, even without relying on the Lightning Element. Its body had turned dark gold, and its scaly armor started to glow, granting it an unmatched strength!

It raised its claw and swung it in Mu Ningxue's direction. The dark blue light produced by the claw swept forward and sliced the water and the rocks in half.

Mu Ningxue knew the ice shield could not hold on for any longer. She decisively abandoned her ground and quickly distanced herself from the Black Sea Drake!

"My turn!" Mo Fan was totally engulfed in the scorching Calamity Fire and Rose Flame.

The two different flames combined into a powerful fist, which turned into a fiery dragon surging forward and tearing at the Black Sea Drake!

The Black Sea Drake did not try and dodge when it saw the fiery dragon approaching. It lifted its gaze arrogantly and uttered a roar. A water barrier similar to a Water Curtain appeared in front of it. The fiery dragon collided into the barrier and immediately evaporated. It failed to inflict any damage on the Black Sea Drake.

"Sky-Flame Funeral!" Mo Fan was fairly quick at channeling his spells. He raised two lumps of fire into the air, which soon turned into a fiery cloud looming over the Black Sea Drake!

Dense fireballs started pouring down from the burning cloud rapidly, turning the shallow reef into a scorching sea of flames.

The fireballs landed on the Black Sea Drake and set a huge chunk of its scales on fire. The Black Sea Drake realized the pinch it was in and tried to sneak back into the sea to escape from the flames. However, as soon as it turned around, it was shocked to see that the seawater was already dominated by the wild lightning. If it entered the water now, it would suffer serious injuries from the lightning!

The Black Sea Drake did not dare enter the water. It straightened itself and uttered a ferocious roar.

Streams of seawater started pouring down from the sky and splashed on Mo Fan's sea of flames.

The sea of flames was extinguished fairly quickly. The Black Sea Drake seemed to dislike fire a great deal. It immediately directed its wrath at the human who had attacked him consecutively.

The Black Sea Drake leapt into the air. It was trying to smash Mo Fan into minced meat by crashing onto him like a giant mountain!

As the creature landed on the surface, a dark blue ripple of energy surged forward. Mo Fan did not notice how strong the ripple was. He managed to avoid being trampled by the creature, but he did not dodge the energy ripple in time. It instantly knocked him flying a few hundred meters into the distance. Luckily, Mu Ningxue managed to catch him with ice chains in time. Otherwise, Mo Fan was unsure how far from the creature he would have ended up!

"Such a savage creature!" Mo Fan rose to his feet and stared at the Black Sea Drake.

Little Flame Belle was excited when she saw the powerful beast.

Mo Fan knew Little Flame Belle had a strong desire to participate in challenging fights. He immediately communicated with Little Flame Belle through his soul, summoning fiery tongues of the Calamity Fire around him!

"Rocket Wings!" At Mo Fan's order, the Calamity Fire turned into feathers and attached themselves to Mo Fan's back, forming a pair of brilliant, burning wings!

The feathers exploded, thrusting Mo Fan forward like a ray of light slicing across the air. The flames bursting out from his body all accumulated on his wrist!

"Meteorite Fist!"

The Meteorite Fist was accompanied by several fierce dragons circling it, with scorching lava bursting out from them!

The fist slammed into the Black Sea Drake's chest. The enormous creature slid over a hundred meters backward. Its pitch-black scales had an obvious burn mark that was slightly caved in.

Bobby gaped when he witnessed the scene.

He never thought Mo Fan's strength was this shocking, considering how young he was. He managed to knock the enormous, mighty beast back with a single punch!

"Ten Thousand Ice Arrows!"

Mu Ningxue had also finished casting her spell while Mo Fan was keeping the Black Sea Drake busy.

Mu Ningxue could control her magic slightly better than Mo Fan with the help of her Domain. She pointed her hands ahead, firing around ten thousand ice arrows at the creature!

The ice arrows might seem small, but their numbers and strength were not to be underestimated! The Black Sea Drake was forced to protect its vital parts with its tail and arms. The ice arrows had the freezing ability, and even though the arrows failed to penetrate the drake's defense, its scaly armor turned rigid after it was covered in frost!

“Gravity!”

Mo Fan immediately took hold of the opportunity. Instead of using a Fire spell, which would destroy Mu Ningxue’s ice, he decided to compress the space instead. The rhomboid encapsulating the Black Sea Drake multiplied the gravitational force within it ten times over, making it extremely difficult for the enormous Black Sea Drake to move freely!

The Black Sea Drake stomped the ground and waved its claws fiercely, trying to break the ice covering its body. However, the number of ice arrows was simply too shocking. The Black Sea Drake’s body was soon covered in a layer of frost.

“Ice Domain!” Mu Ningxue immediately gathered her Ice Magic.

The Ice Element was visible to the naked eye as it rapidly gathered around Mu Ningxue. The water above the sunken reef was soon turned into a thick layer of ice!

Snow started to fall from the sky. Mu Ningxue continued to channel her magic with outstanding focus. Several glaciers dozens of meters tall surrounded the Black Sea Drake and weighed it down with thick, heavy chains!

Not long afterwards, a whole hill of ice circled the Black Sea Drake, trapping it in the middle. The creature was extremely slow as it struggled to move. It was having difficulty gathering its strength.

“Nyx Regime!” Mo Fan laid out his Shadow Domain upon seeing this!

A giant, black formation stacked on top of the icy mountain range. Giant Shadow Spikes lunged at the Black Sea Drake, sealing off every single joint on its body.

The number of Giant Shadow Spikes needed was proportional to the size of the target. Even though the Black Sea Drake was being suppressed by the icy mountains and the formation of Giant Shadow Spikes, the creature seemed to still be struggling still. It could still utter a roar and twist its body...

“How...how impressive!” Bobby just watched from the distance. He could not help but exclaim when he saw Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue teaming up to subdue the Black Sea Drake. The two young Mages actually stood a chance against the powerful creature!

The Black Sea Drake was greatly infuriated. Even the sky started to shake following its blasting roar.

The destructive, dark blue energy ripple appeared once again. It was most likely the extraordinary dragon might that the Black Sea Drake possessed. As the energy ripple swept outward in a circle, it immediately shattered the icy mountains of Mu Ningxue’s Domain into pieces.

Mo Fan’s Shadow Formation did not survive the impact, either. The Giant Shadow Spikes rapidly dispersed after they were struck by the energy ripple. Even Mo Fan’s Nyx Regime was greatly affected, and was on the verge of dissipating from the impact.

The Black Sea Drake opened its huge mouth and spat at Mo Fan after breaking free from the chains!

An extremely thick pillar of water flew right in Mo Fan’s direction. Mo Fan was about to dodge it when he saw the Black Sea Drake swinging its head at him, too!

The water pillar was incredibly powerful. Mo Fan was struggling to stand still. The Calamity Fire engulfing him was put out as the impact sent him flying. He almost fell outside the boundary of the sunken reef.

The Black Sea Drake similarly spat at Mu Ningxue. The huge water pillar rammed forward. Even Mu Ningxue's ice chains were no match for it. She was also knocked flying by the impact.

Before Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue could recover, the Black Sea Drake chased after them and raised its huge claw!

As soon as the creature lifted its claw, a huge wave rose and came pouring down together with the beast's claw.

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue gasped when they saw the raging waves and the claw descending upon them. The Black Sea Drake was most likely starting to go serious on them!

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue fled in different directions, but the claw of raging waves split in half and chased after them. It was impossible for them to outrun it...

The huge claw swept forward through the waves. Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue were utterly helpless against it when the claw eventually landed on them. It was not as simple as breaking a few bones. They both fell to the ground feebly as they almost lost consciousness!

Chapter 997: The Drake Turns Into Bones!

Mo Fan felt his head spinning; he had totally lost his sense of direction.

The force of the claw was absolutely ridiculous. Mo Fan almost felt his bones falling apart from the impact, even though he was wearing the Black Snake Armor!

While Mo Fan was losing consciousness, he suddenly sensed a strong presence coming from the side. His hair instantly stood on its end as a huge shadow loomed over him!

The Black Sea Drake opened its mouth and bit at Mo Fan!

Mo Fan cast the Fleeing Shadow when its fangs were mere inches away from his face. He split into two shadows and barely escaped from the creature's jaws through the gaps between its fangs!

The Black Sea Drake continued to chase after Mo Fan's shadows relentlessly. Its long dragon whiskers seemed to have minds of their own, and actually wrapped around his body to tie him up like a golden chain.

Mo Fan was shocked when he saw the dragon whiskers squeezing in. If he was trapped by the dragon's whiskers, he would surely be shoved into the creature's mouth right away!

"Dark Noble Mantle!"

Mo Fan did not preserve his strength any further. He quickly Summoned the Dark Noble Mantle.

The silhouette of a long mantle swiftly appeared on his back while he was still in the form of a shadow. It looked like a pair of wings folding up.

As soon as the mantle appeared, Mo Fan's presence vanished without a trace. The shadow completely merged with the ocean and the rocks. It was impossible to tell where Mo Fan went!

The Black Sea Drake's whiskers immediately lost their target. They were swinging aimlessly in the air, not knowing if they should withdraw or reach further.

The Black Sea Drake's fierce eyes were trying very hard to hunt Mo Fan down, too!

It would not believe that the human had vanished without a trace. The intelligent Black Sea Drake splashed water across the sky to find where Mo Fan was hiding.

As the spray of water started falling, the Black Sea Drake soon noticed the rain's path had altered, as if it had landed on something.

The Black Sea Drake huffed, as if it was laughing at the human's amusing attempt. Its whiskers immediately lunged at the human figure that the water was highlighting in the air, and quickly tied it up.

The Black Sea Drake dragged the figure right to it when it felt its whiskers had caught something, trying to pull the human out from his hiding spot. It then bit at it with a huge bite.

However, it was only a black mantle disguising itself as a human figure. It reclaimed its usual appearance when the Black Sea Drake forcibly dragged it forwards. There was nothing inside the mantle, like a magician who had vanished into thin air inside his slender cape.

Mo Fan gradually appeared behind the Black Sea Drake. The mantle that the Black Sea Drake had caught disappeared suddenly too, before reappearing on Mo Fan's shoulders.

The Black Sea Drake was confused. It had no clue how the human had managed to pull it off. Meanwhile, it felt a scorching heat coming from behind it, which felt rather terrifying even though it had yet to land!

"Flame Sword!" Standing behind the Black Sea Drake, Mo Fan raised the burning sword and slashed forward.

The giant ten-meter-long sword struck the Black Sea Drake on the back and immediately left a long, burning cut around its vertebrae. The fire was burning inside the Black Sea Drake's flesh.

The Black Sea Drake let out a painful cry. The spikes on its back rose suddenly and belched out a cloud of black smoke at Mo Fan.

The smoke was pitch-black, with a rather unpleasant smell.

Mo Fan knew the black smoke was poisonous. He did not dare to go any closer, but immediately fled outside the area of the smoke.

He flung the Dark Noble Mantle up, producing a shadow looming over the place. Mo Fan was basically invisible within the shadow, and his speed was several times faster than when he was casting Fleeing Shadow!

With the Dark Noble Mantle, Mo Fan no longer needed to worry about finding a shadow. The Dark Noble Mantle was able to provide him with the shadows he needed...

Against a creature like the Black Sea Drake, the Blood Tabi was simply too weak to make any difference. The Dark Noble Mantle had actually secured Mo Fan the upper hand in the fight. It was worth the strenuous effort that Mo Fan had put in just to claim it!

The Black Sea Drake twisted its body. It was clenching its teeth against the pain from the burning wound on its back. It had the urge to tear the detestable human into pieces. Most frustratingly, it was still having trouble finding where he was!

Where was he hiding?

The Black Sea Drake scanned the area, but even with its outstanding senses, it was unable to locate the human with the Shadow Element.

“Nine Halls!”

Suddenly, nine stunning fiery pillars rose under the Black Sea Drake. Five of them struck the Black Sea Drake’s fleshy rump!

The Nine Pillars constructed with the Calamity Fire were far stronger than before. The flames rising into the sky were like the eruption of nine volcanoes, scorching lava splattering across the place. The Black Sea Drake was jumping up as the heat was just too unbearable!

The Black Sea Drake finally realized how tough the two humans were. It was unable to attack by controlling the water on the surface.

It glanced at the water and discovered that the electricity unleashed by the simple-minded Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish had started to weaken. It immediately stayed away from Mo Fan’s flames and dove into the ocean!

*BANG!*

To its surprise, the Black Sea Drake ended up smashing its head on a layer of sturdy ice when it tried to dive into the water. Despite the impact, it had failed to break the ice, showing how strong the ice was!

While the Black Sea Drake was fully focused on Mo Fan, Mu Ningxue’s Domain had already spread more than a kilometer into the distance, turning the area beyond the reef into ice. The ice was at least thirty meters thick, no longer just a thin layer on the surface. The Black Sea Drake was seething with anger after realizing it had been tricked by the human!

“Subdue it!” Lingling said to Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue had long awaited this moment. Her eyes were doors to an icy white world that was deeply asleep. As they flickered sharply, an enormous Icebound Coffin descended from the sky and landed heavily before the Black Sea Drake.

The Icebound Coffin immediately gave the Black Sea Drake a fright. Luckily, the enormous thing did not land right on it. Otherwise, it would have had trouble resisting it!

However, before the Black Sea Drake could feel relieved, an icy glow suddenly appeared above it as another spectacular Icebound Coffin landed behind it!

The third Icebound Coffin came down and sealed off the Black Sea Drake's left!

The Black Sea Drake finally realized that something was not right. When it was about to head for its remaining path of escape, the last Icebound Coffin plunged down onto the ice and trapped the creature!

The Black Sea Drake raised its head and saw the biggest Icebound Coffin above it. It slammed down heavily before the creature was able to jump into the sky. It was the final piece of the puzzle for the formation consisting of five Icebound Coffins!

"Five...five Icebound Coffins..."

Bobby almost dropped his jaw to the ground. He had met some extremely talented Ice Mages from the Hunter Alliance, yet he had never seen anyone Summon five Icebound Coffins at once. Wasn't this woman a bit too terrifying?

Bobby immediately recalled how he was whistling at Mu Ningxue back in the alleyway. He glanced at the previously-imperious Black Sea Drake trapped by the Icebound Coffins and immediately drew a cross on his chest in cold sweat!

"The maggot is making its move," Lingling said.

"What?" Mo Fan asked confusedly.

"Take a look for yourself!"

Mo Fan glanced at the Black Sea Drake and saw a strange reaction from it. Its scales were falling off suddenly, as if they were gradually disappearing.

In addition to its scales, its flesh had started to rot out of nowhere, too. Countless white tiny little creatures were jumping up and down on the rotten flesh.

"What are those?" Mo Fan exclaimed in surprise.

"The larvae, the form before the Drowning Curse Maggot," Lingling said.

The Black Sea Drake could no longer move as its body was frozen in ice. It had no chance of breaking free from Mu Ningxue's Icebound Coffins in a short period of time.

Meanwhile, the white little larvae that were growing out of its flesh were devouring it continuously. It clearly did not look pleasant!

Normally, the creature could easily eliminate these annoying little pests with a single energy ripple or a dragon breath, but it was unable to do anything in its current state. It could only watch its flesh being devoured by the larvae.

More larvae showed up like a whole nest of white ants. The Black Sea Drake soon lost its glittering scales and was naked, only its flesh remained.

To Mo Fan's astonishment, the Black Sea Drake's enormous figure was shrinking at a shocking pace, too. It was like a huge chunk of meat had been thrown into a pond full of piranhas, which would eventually end up as just a few pieces of bones!

"Oh my God!" Bobby screamed as he watched the bizarre sight from the boat.

It was like the Black Sea Drake was being disintegrated. The creature's appearance beyond recognition after it was eaten alive by the countless white larvae. It no longer had the imperious presence of a drake!

"This...this..." Mo Fan too was dumbfounded.

Even though Mu Ningxue had managed to freeze the Black Sea Drake, it would still take them a long time to kill it. As a matter of fact, they could not tell if they actually had enough firepower to kill the creature.

And now, before the creature could even break free from Mu Ningxue's ice, half of its body had already been consumed by the eerie, white larvae that had grown out from its body!

The larvae were now devouring the creature at an even quicker pace. It was impossible to tell how many layers of the white larvae were on the Black Sea Drake. The creature went from struggling at the start to losing consciousness, until it eventually turned into a mere specimen...

When the Black Sea Drake gradually turned into a bloody skeleton, Mu Ningxue could not help but cover her mouth. Her eyes were filled with disbelief!

The word scary was no longer enough to describe the sight, as who could possibly think that the insignificant, transparent maggot was able to eat the whole Drake down to a skeleton in just a short period of time!

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#### **Chapter 998: The Maggot Turns Into a Drake**

In the end, all that was left of the Black Sea Drake were a bunch of white bones. There was not a drop of blood or a tiny bit of flesh remained. The hollow skeleton was frozen inside the ice.

Mo Fan, Mu Ningxue, and Bobby took a long time to recover from the shock. Even Lingling, who already knew it would happen, was staring at it in astonishment.

"Where are the larvae?" Mo Fan had to ask.

The larvae had all vanished into thin air. Mo Fan was unable to see them anywhere. He was already having difficulty explaining the strange sequence of events.

"Wait, just wait on the boat. When the time comes, I'll tell you where the larvae went," Lingling said.

The three returned to the boat. The Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish in the water had stopped releasing electricity, returning the area to calm. However, when they recalled how the Black Sea Drake had died just like that, they could not help but have a bad feeling about it.

The group stayed on the boat and waited silently as Lingling had instructed.

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Lingling did not sleep much. In the past three days, she had only slept for three hours every day. Her eyes never left the monitor displaying the activity of the maggot, as if she was scared of missing something.

The next day had arrived. The blazing red of the rising sun happened to shine right on a flat cloud, forming a spectacular sight along the horizon.

Mo Fan walked out from the cabin with a huge yawn.

He walked to the deck and saw Lingling waiting patiently in front of the screen with a huge coat draped over her shoulders.

Mo Fan was utterly impressed by Lingling's determination. Most girls at her age would go off on a tantrum if they were asked to do some mere household chores!

Mo Fan felt sorry for Lingling when he saw her bloodshot eyes. He sat beside her and patted on her head, "Why are you working so hard? The maggot is just below us, there's no way it can run away."

"It's the most difficult job I have ever done, apart from the operation that wiped out the Black Vatican on Chongming Island. You know that I've no interest in studying, I just want to be a Hunter," Lingling replied seriously.

Mo Fan was speechless. She was really a problem child!

"There's some movement," Lingling said, staring at the screen.

"I'll go wake Mu Ningxue up," Mo Fan quickly went into the cabin and woke Mu Ningxue up.

Bobby had woken up from the noise. The three gathered before Lingling.

"The maggot is now in its complete form. Go into the water and wait. Once the immune cells are available, we'll secure them and leave," Lingling told them.

"It's done at last!" Bobby let out a long sigh with a relieved smile.

It was the most thrilling adventure Bobby had ever been on in his life. He could easily boast about it to the old Hunters in the bars for the rest of his life. It was a Black Sea Drake, an extremely savage exotic beast, and he had participated in the job that needed to kill the drake!

"I'll go," Mu Ningxue said. Knowing that Mo Fan had just stepped on the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish's tails recently, it was safer for Mu Ningxue to go.

"Wait, hold on," Lingling suddenly said, signaling everyone to keep quiet.

The three were utterly confused. The maggot was already in its final form. They just wanted to hurry up and get its immune cells, and deliver them to the Hunter Union!

Mo Fan was about to ask something when Lingling looked into the water and said with a frown, "It's swimming toward us."

"Isn't that what we wanted? It saves us the effort of going to look for it," Mo Fan said.

Lingling shook her head. Her expression was saying that something terrible was about to happen.

Lingling's tablet started beeping with a warning. The frequency of the beeping gradually increased, implying that the target was getting closer to them.

The boat was not moving, thus it simply meant that the maggot was approaching them rapidly.

"Such incredible speed!" Mu Ningxue glanced at the device and realized that the red dot representing the maggot was moving toward them at a shocking pace.

"I'll go stop it," Bobby stood on the edge of the deck and stared into the water.

The little thing was transparent, thus it was extremely tricky to see it in the water. They could only rely on Lingling to spot the creature. However, Bobby was still staring at the water with all his focus, trying to detect any trace of the creature. Either way, he would never let that son-of-a-b\*\*ch run away!

The boat swayed as the waves splashed at it occasionally. The blue water had suddenly turned black.

Bobby did not notice the change at the start as he was focused on something else. However, he soon noticed a giant black shadow approaching the surface in the water.

The shadow was blurry initially, but as it moved closer to the surface, Bobby immediately took a deep breath, as their boat felt extremely tiny when compared to the shadow!

"Watch out!" Mu Ningxue sensed the approaching danger. She waved her hand and forcibly dragged Bobby back to the deck with a strong gust of wind.

Meanwhile, the terrifying shadow under the water rammed fiercely into the front of the boat. Its huge fangs biting half of the boat off!

The metal hull broke into pieces. Amid the rolling waves, Mo Fan saw an enormous, pitch-black figure rising up. The little boat could not even survive a single attack from the black figure!

Bobby almost wet his pants. Luckily, Mu Ningxue had lent a hand in time. Otherwise, he would have been eaten together with half of the boat.

"Why is there another Black Sea Drake!?" Bobby screamed.

The creature that attacked the boat was a Black Sea Drake, similar in size to the one they fought against before. It had totally taken them by surprise.

"Where's the maggot? Wasn't the maggot swimming toward us just then?" Mo Fan protested with an utterly confused look.

"This guy is the maggot!" Lingling said.

Mo Fan sat on the half of the boat that was left. The waves kept pouring down at him like a storm.

He lifted his gaze and stared at the enormous, pitch-black body of the creature. The Black Sea Drake was less than fifty meters away from him. The man, the drake, the roaring ocean, and the boat that was on the verge of collapsing combined into a breathtaking sight!

The maggot!

The maggot had turned into the drake!

Mo Fan clearly sensed an enormous pressure from the creature before him. It was on par with the pressure that the Black Sea Drake from before had given him. However, when Mo Fan recalled that the creature used to be a maggot that he could pinch to death easily, he was struggling to accept the truth!

The Maggot Drake opened its enormous mouth and roared at Mo Fan.

It was not trying to attack Mo Fan, but purely to assert its dominance. Somehow, Mo Fan felt like the maggot was mocking him.

It was mocking these naive humans for trying to use it to resolve the Drowning Curse. Unfortunately, it had now evolved into a drake, one of the strongest creatures that its species had ever turned into successfully. It no longer needed to live in the dark, or live inside a human body as a little parasite. It was now a drake, a Black Sea Drake!

It now possessed every ability of the Black Sea Drake, allowing it to roam freely in the ocean while killing and eating any sea creature it came upon. The pitiful sea monsters had no choice but to submit to its powerful presence...

The Maggot Drake did not attack Mo Fan, but Mo Fan clearly sensed how arrogant and proud the little maggot was feeling.

“Do you really think you can escape death just because you’ve turned into a drake?” Mo Fan stood on the wreckage being washed by the strong wind and waves. However, his dark brown eyes showed no sign of fear or intention to back off, but a stronger will to fight atop the cold seawater!

Even if Mo Fan was against a true dragon, he was willing to fight it to the end of the world, let alone a drake!

“Lingling, are you sure it has the cells we need?” Mu Ningxue had stepped forward with an utterly serious look.

“Yes, its gall bladder is the initial maggot, so we just need to kill it and secure its gall bladder!” Lingling said.

The Maggot Drake seemed to understand human language. It glanced down at the wreckage and the people on it and puffed heavily.

The maggot that had inherited the drake’s intelligence was confident in its strength.

It was true that anyone could easily kill it in the past, considering how weak it used to be.

If these humans knew their place, it would consider sparing their lives since they had been protecting it just so it could turn into a drake. However, did they seriously think they could stand a chance against it?

It was now a Black Sea Drake, not a parasite that they could kill with a single pinch! It would not mind killing these idiotic humans to celebrate its first day of becoming an almighty sea drake!

The Maggot Drake had a long fish's tail, with sharp scales that could spread out like a fan.

The Maggot Drake drew its tail out from the water and raised it in the air. It emitted a destructive blue light as it slapped its tail heavily at the boat.

The water was split in half as the boat was smashed into pieces. The great impact knocked the four on the boat flying. The waves rolled fiercely at them and washed them far away...

Mo Fan was in charge of Lingling's safety while Mu Ningxue kept an eye on Bobby. The four immediately fled to the sunken reef. It was the only place they could take on the Black Sea Drake.

The Maggot Drake was utterly proud. Even though it knew it would not be able to utilize the Black Sea Drake's full strength close to the surface, it still chased the humans boldly while releasing a terrifying dragon breath. The black gust of wind destroyed everything it swept over with its destructive power!

"We have to kill it, we can't let it run away," Lingling reminded Mo Fan as she quickly retreated into the distance.

"Don't worry, I don't care if it's a real dragon or a drake, it's still as good as dead in front of me!"

Strong flames were burning fiercely in Mo Fan's chest!

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#### **Chapter 999: Ultimate Lightning Conduct, Explosion!**

Mo Fan jumped into the air when he saw the dragon breath to dodge the wave of destruction surging at him.

The Maggot Drake raised its head and released another black dragon breath at Mo Fan while he was in the air.

"Telekinesis!" Mo Fan spread his will out and took control of the wreckage of the boat scattered across the water.

The remains of the boat formed a layer of defense in front of Mo Fan. The dragon breath struck the remains and disintegrated them.

"Silent Deadly Bolt!"

Mo Fan unleashed a powerful Lightning Death Bolt at the Maggot Drake. The lightning beam landed on the Black Sea Drake's back fin and blew a hole through the scales and the flesh!

The Black Sea Drake cried out in pain. When it raised its head, it was shocked to see black lightning strikes descending from the fierce storm.

A Black Sea Drake did have the Lightning Element, but the one previously did not have a chance to use it. However, the Maggot Drake no longer had to worry about the Lightning Explosion Cuttlefish.

Black lightning descended continuously onto Mo Fan abruptly, tearing at him like the merciless claws of a demon.

The lightning landed on the sunken reef and blew parts of it into mere ashes. Mo Fan was forced to back away from the incredibly powerful lightning. He did not dare to challenge the lightning directly.

The Maggot Drake looked at Mo Fan who was currently in a miserable state disdainfully.

It uttered a roar into the sky, summoning more black lightning bolts to descend. More than ten lightning strikes came down at Mo Fan simultaneously, leaving him with nowhere to run to. He could only endure the lightning with his Black Snake Armor...

The Black Snake Armor was no longer able to fully nullify the attacks that Mo Fan received when he was fighting a Commander-level creature. Mo Fan felt like his bones were going to collapse when the lightning strikes landed on him. The strong buzz in his ears almost knocked him out!.

“Lightning...Lightning...Lightning Conduct!”

Mo Fan clenched his teeth. He was forcibly attracting the lightning onto himself.

“Are you out of your mind!?” Mu Ningxue screamed when she realized Mo Fan’s crazy intention.

It was basically suicide trying to conduct the black lightning summoned by the Maggot Drake. Even a Lightning Mage with a Domain would not dare to do such a dangerous thing, since it would overload their body and kill them if their body was unable to endure the lightning!

The black lightning danced wildly, some lightning arcs spreading more than a hundred meters away into the distance, wriggling like giant, black serpents. They were flickering wildly with Mo Fan at the center. The electrocution was so strong that Mo Fan’s veins were clearly visible on his skin. It was very likely that any weaker Mage would have been turned into scattered ashes and dispersed smoke straightaway!

“I’ll...I’ll...I’ll control it!” Mo Fan clenched his teeth as he forcibly absorbed the lightning that made contact with him.

Lightning was the most restless Element of all. It was extremely difficult for Mages to control their own lightning, let alone the lightning unleashed by an enemy!

No matter how strong the Black Snake Armor was, it could not afford to take on the lightning that Mo Fan was trying to conduct, yet he was unwilling to let go of the power.

The Black Sea Drake was still roaring to summon more lightning strikes in order to disintegrate Mo Fan. However, regardless of the number of lightning strikes that the Black Sea Drake summoned, Mo Fan simply took them all without hesitation. He had absorbed quite a shocking amount of lightning energy, it was almost enough to trigger a Lightning Explosion!

“Have a taste of my Lightning Explosion!” Mo Fan let out a roar and unleashed the black lightning he had absorbed.

Two black lightning bolts sprang at the Black Sea Drake simultaneously, intersecting in front of it.

As the two lightning bolts collided, the purple and black simply devoured the whole place as it fell deadly silent. Only the brilliance of the lightning was left, soaring into the sky!

An enormous lightning bolt appeared, soaring into the sky like a purple lightning dragon. Its flesh of lightning flew across the white clouds and blue ocean. Most terrifyingly, the destructive force of the wild lightning was enough to evaporate ten thousand tons of seawater, blast the reef cave below apart, and even destroy the scales and skin of the Black Sea Drake, leaving it covered with bruises and wounds!

As the Maggot Drake’s skin and scales were torn apart, they immediately saw that the inside of its body was not dragon flesh, but the white larvae that had eaten the previous Black Sea Drake. The larvae were still digesting the flesh they had consumed to construct the Maggot Drake’s body!

The larvae fell from the hole the lightning had blasted open on the Maggot Drake. The previously shiny scales of the Maggot Drake were replaced with blistering wounds, its fresh blood pouring out!

Standing on the reefs that were no longer sunken under seawater, Mo Fan leaned forward with a pale face.

Mo Fan had long mastered the ability to conduct lightning, yet he had never absorbed such an overwhelming amount before.

At times, Mo Fan felt like his body was about to burst from the overwhelming energy of the black lightning, but he managed to hold his ground. He had to admit that the Demon Element had significantly improved the strength of his flesh. Otherwise, just the Black Snake Armor alone was far from enough to protect him!

The Lightning Explosion had clearly exceeded the strongest attack that Mo Fan could execute, inflicting serious damage to the Black Sea Drake despite its outstanding defense.

It had definitely been worth the risk!

Mo Fan had already learned how strong the Black Sea Drake was. Even by joining forces with Little Flame Belle, he could at most only deal some damage to Black Sea Drake after using his full strength. Mu Ningxue’s Ice had only managed to immobilize the Black Sea Drake temporarily, it was extremely difficult to kill the Commander-level creature!

Their only hope was to use a stronger spell, hence why Mo Fan was so determined to conduct the lightning.

Mu Ningxue was having cold sweats after seeing Mo Fan’s crazy approach. She let out a relieved sigh when she saw that he was still alive.

“Are you alright?” Mu Ningxue asked.

“I need some time to recover. Keep it busy, don’t let it run away,” Mo Fan said.

"I know, you didn't need to take such a huge risk, there's no way I will let the Drowning Curse Maggot get away either!" Mu Ningxue's eyes glittered. The surrounding temperature immediately dropped as a strong wind started blowing, with Mu Ningxue at its center.

"Calm down, don't hurt yourself!" Mo Fan realized something when he saw Mu Ningxue's reaction. He immediately advised against it.

Mu Ningxue's aura had suddenly risen, meaning that she was planning to use the forbidden move!

The forbidden move was not the evil magic that was banned across the world. It was only forbidden specifically for Mu Ningxue, since with her current control of the Ice Element, trying to use the Ice Crystal Bow forcibly was basically the same as killing herself slowly!

Mo Fan knew using the Ice Crystal Bow would result in life-threatening side effects to her body, thus he immediately advised against it.

"Don't worry, I can now use it to a certain degree!" Mu Ningxue knew Mo Fan's concerns. She purposely pointed it out as she was gathering her aura.

She did not want Mo Fan to be worried about her.

In the Intermediate Level, using the Ice Crystal Bow was indeed the same as killing herself, since the incredible attack would basically drain away the majority of her life force in an instant.

However, after achieving the Advanced Level, Mu Ningxue could use her Ice Domain freely. She was finally able to control the power sealed away in her body to a certain degree.

She still had to pay some price, yet it was nothing compared to the consequences of letting the Maggot Drake run away!

Besides, how could she allow Mo Fan to be the only one risking his life?

"Ice Crystal Bow."

A powder, like tiny pieces of diamond, appeared and circled around Mu Ningxue, forming a crystalline bow with an incredibly strong aura in front of her!

Mu Ningxue grasped the longbow firmly. Her slender index finger curled slightly as she held it parallel to her arm. She slowly pulled the invisible string of the bow back...

Mu Ningxue extended her arm. Her silver hair was drifting in the wind close to her glamorous face. As her arm reached maximum extension, more crystalline dust showed up and coalesced into an ice arrow held in position on the string of the bow!

"Kill!"

Mu Ningxue uttered the single word coldly, radiating a strong aura. Even the ocean shuddered in a way visible to the naked eye. The Maggot Drake immediately looked terrified.

The arrow sprang forward, stirring up an icy storm following right along its trail. It was flying right above the seawater, splitting the ocean in half. The displaced water froze into ice in under two seconds!

The Maggot Drake no longer had its previous arrogant and proud demeanor. It started fleeing for its life like a little bug that had lost its protective shell.

The arrow caught up to the Maggot Drake and pierced through its sturdy back!

The Maggot Drake's body stiffened, and its flesh turned into ice crystals right after the arrow pierced completely through it.

The ice arrow continued to fly into the distance, turning everything, including the ocean, the clouds, and the reef into ice. The sea instantly turned into a frozen body of water, and the Black Sea Drake broke into pieces stacking up into a pile...it no longer had any sense of life, let alone the imperious appearance of the Black Sea Drake!

In the distance, Bobby almost dropped his jaw onto the ice!

His eyes were wide open. The ocean had vanished, as everywhere his eyes could see was covered with ice. He had never seen such an astounding Ice Mage in his life!

Why did he even bother whistling at the woman? Was he tired of living!?

Somehow, Bobby felt like the first thing he should do after everything came to an end was not to remember his brother's death, but to thank Mu Ningxue for sparing his life.

On the other hand, Mo Fan was panting heavily to catch his breath, and swallowed despite himself. He glanced at the sight ahead and was having trouble finding any word to describe his feelings. Although it was not his first time seeing it, it was still stunning witnessing everything turning into ice instantly!

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#### **Chapter 1000: Domain Soul-grade Seed**

Some time later, the ice magic finally returned control of the place to the sea. The ice slowly melted. The snowy-white scenery extending all the way into the distance slowly reclaimed its usual blue appearance!

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue were standing on the sunken reef. Both Mo Fan's Ultimate Lightning Conduct and Mu Ningxue's Ice Crystal Bow had drained all their energy.

If they actually tried to defeat the Black Sea Drake the normal way, they would only have a little hope of defeating it after fighting against it over a long period, and the creature might just escape in the middle of the fight.

Either way, Mo Fan was well aware of how important it was to improve his strength. Otherwise, he might actually die one day, especially considering how much of a busybody and righteous person he was...

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Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue recovered some after resting for some time.

Unfortunately, the boat was destroyed. They had no choice but to make their way back on foot. They were incredibly far away from the city; it was impossible to tell how long the journey was going to take.

However, the group was relieved that they had successfully secured the immune cells from the Maggot Drake. Once they returned to Tinuoaya City, they should be able to resolve the Drowning Curse.

“Does that mean no one is going to die to the Drowning Curse again?” Bobby said.

Lingling shook her head and said in a serious voice, “Every living organism never stops evolving. Even if we came up with the vaccine to prevent these invisible maggots from living in human bodies, these parasitic creatures still exist in the ocean. It isn’t like they have been wiped out. They can still live on in other creatures... and it’s hard to tell how many powerful creatures are actually the final form of these maggots. Perhaps one day, a scarier species will show up that’s invulnerable to the vaccine.”

Mo Fan fell into deep thought upon hearing Lingling’s words.

If he were to observe a living organism, most living things, including humans were gradually growing stronger.

Looking back at history and the passing down of civilization, all living things never stopped evolving.

The existence of the demon creatures had forced humanity to team up and grow stronger. Humans could not stop killing the demon creatures, they had to keep their numbers under control. In other words, both the humans and demon creatures would never be able to wipe out their natural foe. The only species that would go extinct were the ones that failed to move forward. They were the species or tribes that could not adapt to the ever-changing environment, eventually ended up as a page in history.

Perhaps many years ago, humans were like livestock in the eyes of demon creatures, an existence that they could butcher and feed on as they wished. However, the unyielding spirit of the human species eventually turned into magic technology, cities, and Mages, allowing humanity to defend itself from the demon creatures. However, if humans stopped improving, they would eventually be replaced by little demon creatures like the maggots, or be wiped out by some other powerful species of demon creatures!

Although Lingling’s father was only determined to fulfill his sacred duty as a Hunter, it was also a way forward for mankind. The person making the step forward might die, but at least the step was helping to preserve mankind and push it forward!

If not a single person in this world was willing to sacrifice themselves to fulfill their duties and roles, perhaps humans and their Mages would soon become history easily flipped over to the next page by some other civilized species.

A species like the Drowning Curse Maggot would never go extinct, and the vaccine that Lingling had acquired would only protect humans from the Drowning Curse for a time.

However, it was the most they could do. They could only hope that a Hunter like Lingling, who was taught by her father to stay firm to their roles as Hunters, would be willing to step forward when a potential threat that could endanger mankind was discovered!

That being said, in Mo Fan’s case, he was not really interested in being that person. He was only wondering if the reward pool of the Drowning Curse had increased by another ten million...

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Mo Fan let Lingling handle the vaccine. He soon heard from the Hunter Union that his Hunter rank had been raised, meaning that he could acquire more information and had more privileges in the Hunter Union.

Not long after, Mo Fan saw a headline on some news articles describing the Drowning Curse.

The Clearsky Hunter Agency has solved the mysteries of a Curse that has been troubling the world, earning the huge reward pool of money!

Lingling purposely listed the Clearsky Hunter Agency as the contributor since she preferred to keep a low profile. It was mainly because she was worried that exposing her age would simply stir up problems among the Hunters.

Think about it: if the Hunter Masters in their fifties and sixties who had spent most their time trying to resolve the Drowning Curse discovered that the mystery was actually solved by a little girl around the age of ten and a young man in his twenties, wouldn't they feel utterly humiliated?

The Clearsky Hunter Agency was quite reputable, thus it was fine to put its name down as the group responsible for solving the mysteries.

As for the reward, Lingling did not really need the money. She asked Mo Fan to keep it on behalf of her, but normally, Mo Fan would simply use it all.

As a man with Double Innate Elements, he needed a huge investment to ensure that each of his Elements could come in handy. Luckily, the jobs he did as a Hunter were able to provide him some relief from the shocking expenses!

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“Mo Fan, don't tell me that you two were away because you were busy resolving that Drowning Curse?” Zhao Manyan went up to Mo Fan and asked in a serious voice.

“You're pretty well-informed,” Mo Fan raised his brows and said.

The media had only just reported it, but Zhao Manyan already knew Mo Fan was behind it. Mo Fan was actually quite impressed.

“What nonsense! The only ones that are still active in the Clearsky Hunter Agency are Lingling and you; who else would it be if it weren't you two!?” Zhao Manyan said.

“Ugh... you're right about that,” Mo Fan said.

It was true that the Clearsky Hunter Agency had been around for quite a long time. However, the only people that were fairly active at accepting jobs were Mo Fan and Lingling. The remaining Hunters were in a half-retired state. They were extremely picky with their jobs in terms of their difficulty, reward, and distance...

As a matter of fact, there were not many people left in the Clearsky Hunter Agency. The Eldest Senior Sister, Leng Qing was a Vice Head of the Magic Court. Old Bao was once a Senior Hunter, but Mo Fan had not heard of him accepting any job since Mo Fan had joined the agency. There was a bald Hunter Master too, but he rarely visited. They also had an Eldest Senior Brother, but Mo Fan had never met him before. He did not even know his name.

Therefore, it was just like Zhao Manyan had said: The only people that were active in the Clearsky Hunter Agency were Mo Fan and Lingling!

“I’m quite jealous of how much money you got as a reward!” Zhao Manyan sighed.

Zhao Manyan’s family was insanely rich, but it was not like their family could make money like performing a magic trick. If he asked his family to give him three hundred million, it was very likely that the elders in the family would consider tossing him into the Huangpu River instead!

“You know how desperate I am when it comes to money. I can’t even feed myself if I don’t make money as a Hunter,” Mo Fan was holding a piece of blazing red crystal and feeding it to Little Flame Belle on his shoulder as he was speaking.

Little Flame Belle munched happily. Her face was brimming with happiness.

Little Flame Belle was enjoying it, but Mo Fan actually felt his heart bleeding. He glanced at Zhao Manyan as if he was trying to say, See? Have you ever seen milk powder that cost millions!?

“But you will be glad that you’ve raised your daughter nice and well in the future!” Zhao Manyan replied.

Everyone was jealous of the strength that the teenager Flame Belle had displayed in New York’s Training Hall. Zhao Manyan was willing to spend as much as he needed if he could actually get his hands on such a powerful Contracted Beast!

“There’s an International Magic Marketplace close to our next destination. Since you have some money on your hands, are you interested in looking around there?” Zhao Manyan suggested.

It was rare for Mages to hold on to their money. Mo Fan did not have a habit of saving money, either. Only the money he spent on improving his strength was useful money!

“Will there be Soul-grade Seeds?” Mo Fan asked.

“There will be, but, do you have enough money?” Zhao Manyan said.

“I’ve sold the resources I received from the national team, which was around a hundred and fifty million, and together with the three hundred and fifty million I earned, that’s a total of five hundred million. I believe it’s enough to buy a Soul-grade Seed, right? If not, I’ll just sell the Magic Accelerator Ring that you traded me. Don’t tell me it’s not enough to buy a Soul-grade Seed?” Mo Fan said.

“I suggest you keep the Magic Accelerator. The time you need to spend on practicing is a lot considering the number of Elements you have. We’ll go and check the place first out. If you really are short on funds, we’ll think of a way to get some money. It should be enough to buy a normal Soul-grade Seed, but if you want those that have a Domain... it’s not going to happen,” Zhao Manyan said.

When they received the reward, Mu Ningxue knew Mo Fan was desperate to get himself a Soul-grade Seed to improve his strength. As such, she decided to give Mo Fan all the money.

Mo Fan actually found it embarrassing, since it was Mu Ningxue's powerful arrow that had killed the Black Sea Drake. However, Mu Ningxue was not fussed about it at all. She told Mo Fan that he could repay her by helping her to get the thing she needed when the time came.

Mo Fan did agree with her point. If they were to split the reward in half, it was unlikely that he could get himself a good Soul-grade Seed with the money he had.

Mu Ningxue had already reached the Advanced Level, thus she was not in need of money for the time being. She was willing to let Mo Fan have it first, just so he could improve his strength. That way, if they managed to secure another difficult job, it would be easier for them to earn money!

Besides, it was unnecessary to be so fussy about splitting the money evenly when they were husband and wife. They would be together for their whole lives, why would they be concerned that there was no chance for the other person to repay the favor?

"Zhao Manyan, tell me about the price of the Soul-grade Seeds, so I can mentally prepare myself," Mo Fan said.

"First, artificial Soul-grade Seeds start at three hundred million. The price ranges from three hundred million to five hundred million depending on their Elements and their special effects. Second, the natural Soul-grade Seeds, the ones with Domains, normally start at six hundred million, but most of them are auctioned at around eight hundred million. In my opinion, you can barely afford a normal Soul-grade Seed with all you have. As for a Domain Soul-grade Seed, don't even think about getting one for now..." Zhao Manyan said.