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Chapter 241: Identity Exposed, A Thousand Miles Pursuit!_2

The people behind the man dispatched a large number of individuals to Jingli Mountain to search for Lin Beichen's whereabouts.

These two were among those dispatched.

They saw Lin Beichen's back halfway up the mountain and thought he looked like the target, but since they only saw his back, they were unsure. So, they came up with the idea to ask Lin Beichen to take a photo for them to get close to him.

"The notification has been sent."

The woman put away her phone.

She was notifying all those dispatched to search for Lin Beichen about his approximate location, instructing them to converge at the coordinates.

Whether it was her, the man beside her, or the others dispatched...

They all knew Lin Beichen was not simple; in fact, they were aware of Lin Beichen's abilities and some of his deeds.

This was why these two chose to stay put after seeing Lin Beichen and notified the others.

Because...

They knew it would take everyone's strength to deal with Lin Beichen!

Acting rashly for personal gain would only lead to death or expose their action, bringing no benefit!

"Follow him and keep updating the coordinates."

The man replied to the woman.

Then, without further words, the two quickly followed the direction Lin Beichen left.

Meanwhile, Lin Beichen was unaware that he was being watched.

He continued to climb upwards.

Before long.

He saw a few men dressed in security uniforms ahead.

At the same time, they saw him.

"Sir, you can't go any further."

Soon, a security guard stepped forward, stopping him and politely explaining, "Beyond this point is a restricted area of Jingli Mountain not open to visitors. Please understand."

"Oh, alright, I understand,"

Lin Beichen nodded but his gaze went beyond the security guard, to the crater at the summit of Jingli Mountain which seemed so close.

He had come this far...

He definitely wouldn't give up here.

Lin Beichen knew breaking rules like this was wrong, but after all, these weren't the rules of Great Xia, and it concerned his cultivation.

He couldn't worry about such things now.

"Could I just force my way through?"

As Lin Beichen was about to act, he noticed the forest beside him, remembering the path he had walked.

Instantly!

A path leading to the summit appeared in his mind.

"This way..."

"Though the path might be difficult, it would save the trouble of forcing through and causing unnecessary issues."

Lin Beichen nodded silently and then turned to leave.

Watching his departing figure.

The security guard breathed a sigh of relief, his hand, which had been ready to draw the baton from his waist, relaxed, feeling noticeably clammy.

Not rainwater.

But sweat!

Sweat from fear!

Just a moment ago, he had felt the man disappearing from his sight was about to act against him, the pressure of his presence making it hard to breathe.

At this moment, a puzzled voice sounded, "What's wrong with you?"

Another security guard, seeing his colleague trembling as if exhausted in the rain, came over out of concern.

"No... Nothing."

The security guard who stopped Lin Beichen shook his head, thinking he might have sensed wrong. Watching the man disappear from view, he fully relaxed and returned to his post with his concerned colleague.

About three minutes later.

The pair Lin Beichen encountered earlier arrived.

Seeing them approach, the security guards looked confused, glancing at each other in disbelief.

Not to mention the rain, the bad weather, the muddy paths—climbing Jingli Mountain this high already seemed strange.

Even on fair weather days...

Visitors reaching this point were a rare occurrence, maybe once or twice a month.

What's going on today?

Two waves of visitors in a row?

Perhaps the challenging paths during the rain motivated them more?

The security guards were confused but understood their duty.

The security guard who stopped Lin Beichen stepped forward again, politely saying, "You two can't go further, the area ahead is restricted to visitors."

"What?"

The woman frowned and looked at the man, silently seeking his advice on what to do.

Given their familiarity with Lin Beichen and ample information about him, they dared not follow too closely, fearing he might notice them.

The result...

Lin Beichen did not notice them.

But it seemed they may have lost him.

The man gave the woman a calm look and smiled at the security guard, "We were delayed on the way, and a companion went ahead. Did you see a young man around twenty with an Oriental appearance?"

He wanted to probe for information.

His choice was right.

Hearing his words.

The security guards' faces lit up in understanding. So these two were with that young man!

The guard who stopped Lin Beichen smiled and nodded, "Yes, about five minutes ago, he was here. After we told him he couldn't go further, he turned back."

The guard's face showed confusion as he continued, "There's only one way back, didn't you meet your companion?"

The man didn't respond, eyes flickering, and without answering, thanked the guard, taking the woman back down.

"Just leaving like this?"

The woman's face was full of confusion, urgently questioning, "You trust that guard's words? Aren't you worried he's deceiving us? He said there's only one way back, if Lin Beichen walked back, we would've met him, but we didn't!"

"Enough, Hao Liena."

The man's face tightened, annoyed by her foolishness, explaining, "The guard doesn't know our identities, Lin Beichen hasn't noticed anything unusual about us, why would the guard lie? And as you said, he mentioned the single path, if he intended to deceive us, why emphasize that point?"

He spoke without looking at Hao Liena, eyes fixed on the road, his gaze sparkling with strange light.

Hao Liena, hearing this, thought briefly, then admitted awkwardly, "Sorry, Kendia, I was too anxious and complicated things, you're right."

Her face showed confusion again as she muttered, "So if the guard didn't deceive us and there's only one way back, where could Lin Beichen have gone? Did he grow wings and fly away?"

"Growing wings and flying is impossible, even with his unusual abilities, this is out of the question."

At these words, Kendia suddenly halted.

Hao Liena, confused by his sudden move, turned to see him smiling confidently and questioning, "What's up, what happened?"

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Kendia raised his head, first pointing at his feet, then at the dense forest beside the road, "If he couldn't fly, he must have taken this path to climb up!"

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"So you're saying Lin Beichen continued climbing up the mountain from here?"

Hao Liena didn't mean to distrust Kendia; it was just an instinctive response. As she spoke, she crouched down beside Kendia's feet and carefully examined the ground.

Before Kendia could say anything,

Hao Liena nodded her head in agreement, "I think you're right."

Kendia must be quite competent to become a partner. Since he pointed out this possibility, she quickly observed everything Kendia had discovered as she followed his lead.

Lin Beichen's trail!

Or, more accurately...

Lin Beichen's footprints!

Despite the rain, it wasn't heavy enough to completely wash away Lin Beichen's footprints.

From the footprints left at the scene, it was obvious that he headed into the trees by the roadside.

At this moment, neither Hao Liena nor Kendia could tell from the traces alone where Lin Beichen went after entering the trees.

After all, it was a rainy day, and even light rain would affect the traces.

Moreover...

It's incredibly difficult to determine someone's path in dense undergrowth.

However, combining the information given by the security personnel with their own thoughts, they both arrived at the same idea—

Lin Beichen was heading up the mountain!

If Lin Beichen wasn't going up the mountain...

The path down the mountain was right in front of him.

There was no reason for him to dashing into the trees.

At this point, Hao Liena furrowed her brows and voiced the question that had been lingering in her mind, "Why does Lin Beichen want to reach the mountaintop of Jingli Mountain? What's he planning to do there?"

"No idea."

Kendia shook his head with an earnest expression, genuinely unsure of the reason.

However, a thought struck him, giving him an explanation: "For someone as unique as him, perhaps some things he does have a purpose just as they might not. We can't fathom his intentions; all we can do is follow orders and take action against him."

"You're right, Kendia."

Hao Liena nodded in agreement once more. Then she took out her phone, sent a message to the others: "The target is climbing towards the mountaintop. Everyone move through the trees and envelop the target at the peak!"

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At the same time,

Lin Beichen was unaware that danger was silently approaching. He was indeed, as Hao Liena and Kendia had guessed, threading through the trees, climbing towards the peak.

He had an excited smile on his face.

For two reasons: firstly, he was getting closer to the mountaintop; and secondly, the fire elements in the air were becoming denser as he approached.

Even...

Far denser than the already rich fire elements at the mountain's base.

One minute...

Two minutes...

Three minutes...

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In this desolate forest area, Lin Beichen did not hold back at all, directly mounted a five-stage burst, given his steel-like physique, the branches in the forest posed no obstacle to him, like they were nonexistent.

No one knew exactly how long he had been moving.

In any case, it hadn't been long.

The clouds in the sky hadn't fully gathered, and the rain hadn't become heavy.

At this moment, Lin Beichen was nearly at the volcano's crater.

Looking down from the sky,

If the crater was a circle, he was at a point very close to the edge.

"Phew—"

Lin Beichen exhaled deeply, and from this sigh, one could sense his relief and excitement.

The scenery at the summit of Jingli Mountain was fascinating, or more accurately, it was distinctive.

Under the blanket of snow...

The closer to the crater, the less snow there was, and the ground was very dry, with fine cracks on the ashy white surface.

Lin Beichen stood right at the boundary between the snowy area and the volcano ash-covered ground, one foot on the snow and the other on the cracked ash, looking around with immense joy on his face.

"So dense!"

"These fire elements..."

"It's perfect for cultivation!"

Before coming here, Lin Beichen had imagined that the summit of the world's largest active volcano would be suitable for cultivation, and he envisioned it.

But now that he was actually standing at the mountain peak, he realized his imagination had been too conservative.

This place was several times better than he had thought!

"Cultivation!"

Lin Beichen couldn't wait to begin.

Without any hesitation,

he sat down cross-legged on the ground abruptly, hands turned upward, and immediately entered into a cultivation state.

"Boom—!"

"Boom—!"

"..."

The explosive sound of flames initially echoed within Lin Beichen's heart but gradually, this sound seemed to emanate faintly from the volcano's depths.

It was so weak that it could barely be heard without paying close attention.

Nonetheless...

This sound truly existed.

At the same time,

The sky, which had been cleared by the increasing rain, suddenly filled with patches of gray-black smoke, emerging from the volcano's mouth, undeterred by the intensifying rain.

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If at this moment, there was some aerial photography equipment capturing the crater from above, it wouldn't be hard to see that the inner depths of the crater were a fiery red, constantly roiling.

It seemed...

As if it was about to erupt!

But Lin Beichen was completely unaware of this, as he had become entirely immersed in his cultivation.

He had found the feeling!

Or rather...

He had a sense of enlightenment!

This feeling was very mystical.

Lin Beichen had felt it before when he first understood the Thunder Skill, and that had a profound impact on his subsequent cultivation, even to this day.

And now, it was happening again...

Compared to the first time, when he was completely unprepared, this time he was well-prepared, doing his utmost to prolong this feeling as much as possible so that he could gain more insights!

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At the same time.

Divine Light Country Volcano Research Center.

This research center's base was located in Sangtian County, adjacent to Hengban County, also within the Jingli Mountain region.

Its main work was self-explanatory—

It researched the world's largest active volcano, Jingli Mountain, including studies on its formation and predictions of when the internal volcanic activity might erupt.

Complex and important.

After all...

If the active volcano Jingli Mountain were to erupt fully without timely assessment and warnings, it wouldn't just be devastating for the Divine Light Country but would certainly be catastrophic for the surrounding counties and cities—practically half of the Divine Light Country.

"Ms. Keiko, please review the data from yesterday's survey and send the analysis to the director."

"Gantaisan, your department doesn't seem to be very busy lately. We just conducted a phase evaluation showing that Jingli Mountain won't have any activity for at least the next six months. You should be free for the next six months at least. I envy you, really envy you during this period."

"Recently, we've observed that our Divine Light Country's land plate seems to be shifting again. Based on extreme evaluations, we believe Jingli Mountain won't have any activity within six months. There's a high possibility that this active volcano will become dormant due to the tectonic movements."

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The sound of conversations echoed from all directions in the research center.

Inside the center, everyone wore white lab coats, looking every bit like researchers. Everyone was busy, with no one idling or doing anything unrelated. They were either engaged in research discussions or on their way to one.

And at this moment.

Suddenly!

The alarm sounded throughout the research center.

"Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!—"

The alarm didn't just sound once and stop.

It kept on ringing!

Continuously, without interruption!

And along with the alarm, the warning lights throughout the research center began flashing red.

The red lights intermingled, turning the usually bright white research center into a setting resembling a dangerous zone in a movie, making hearts race.

"What happened? Why are all the warning lights on?!"

"What's going on with Jingli Mountain?!"

"Oh my god, all the warning lights? This is the first time I've seen this, it's terrifying! What happened?!"

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Exclamations erupted throughout the research center.

Everyone inside understood what the flashing warning lights signified—changes in Jingli Mountain releasing high-risk signals.

Usually, only two or three warning lights would flash.

At most, five or six warning lights, indicating severe changes in Jingli Mountain.

But now...

All the warning lights in the research center had lit up.

They knew what this meant; Jingli Mountain was about to blow!

But...

They dared not believe the information they knew.

"Could the warning system be malfunctioning?"

"Everyone, don't panic. Could it be that the warning lights are faulty?"

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At that moment, everyone searched for reasons to invalidate their understanding of this information, to deny it.

But before they could discuss much longer.

A door to an office was yanked open from the inside.

An elderly man, with a face so grave it seemed ink could drip from it, dressed in a white lab coat, appeared in the doorway.

His identity, displayed on the nameplate by the door, was the director, Yano Yamakawa.

With Yano Yamakawa's appearance, the discussions inside the center ceased instantly, even though he hadn't said a word yet.

No one said more.

Everyone turned their gazes to Yano Yamakawa, their eyes filled with complex emotions—relief, excitement, admiration, trust.

And with so many emotions mixed together...

It all boiled down to one message.

They had found their backbone!

Yano Yamakawa sternly asked, "Gantaisan, I need to know what happened!"

His gaze fixed on a corner in the southwest of the center.

In that corner sat four individuals.

From the moment all the warning lights lit up, these four had shown nothing but shock and astonishment, then quickly sat down to operate their computers frantically, ignoring the tumult around them, seemingly shutting everything else out.

These four were primarily responsible for monitoring and surveying the changes in Jingli Mountain. Among them, the man addressed by Yano Yamakawa as Gantaisan was the team leader, his full name being Ganta Tanno.

Ganta Tanno was a middle-aged man, and perhaps due to extreme fatigue, his hair, at over forty, had already adopted the typical Mediterranean style.

Upon hearing Yano Yamakawa's question, Ganta Tanno didn't reply immediately. Instead, the four's movements visibly quickened, beads of sweat instantly forming on each forehead.

Every sign indicated...

They had heard Yano Yamakawa, but were too preoccupied with their work.

However, this tension didn't last long.

After about ten seconds.

The four nearly simultaneously stopped their actions. Then, Ganta Tanno scrutinized his computer.

The more he looked...

The grimmer his face became.

Sweat poured down like rain!

"This... this...!!"

Ganta Tanno shook his head in disbelief, then stood up, looking tormented and distressed at Yano Yamakawa, hesitatingly saying, "Director, we have results."

"Speak!"

Yano Yamakawa's brows furrowed; he despised dawdling in speech and action, evident from his behavior.

Of course, this wasn't why his brows furrowed the most.

The main reason...

He knew Ganta Tanno well, appreciated his decisiveness and mental toughness.

Otherwise, Ganta Tanno wouldn't have been promoted to team leader.

"Now..."

"Even he is hesitant!"

Yano Yamakawa felt an extremely bad premonition. Despite this, he still held out hope.

Hoping that what he would hear...

Wasn't what he feared!

However, Yano Yamakawa's hope was quickly shattered by Ganta Tanno's next words.

Deeply inhaling, swallowing hard, Ganta Tanno reluctantly said, "Jingli Mountain is about to erupt!"

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"What?!"

Everyone in the research institute, without exception, displayed a look of extreme shock on their faces.

Just two days ago...

They had just surveyed and confirmed the situation of Jingli Mountain and determined that there would be no problems within six months.

But now...

They're saying it's going to erupt?!

"How could this happen?"

"Dr. Go, what on earth happened? Why is Jingli Mountain suddenly going to erupt?"

"Yeah, didn't they say there would be no issues for at least six months? This is too sudden!"

"..."

The researchers were panicked but didn't lose themselves; they still believed in their colleagues' professionalism and didn't think there was a problem with the previous survey and measurements.

After all...

Apart from their colleagues' high level of expertise, the survey and measurement was a complex and time-consuming system. Even if there were deviations, they would only be within a week or so, and it absolutely couldn't deviate by six months.

At this moment, Yamada Shinkawa also asked, "What's going on?"

There wasn't much preamble.

His question was as straightforward as his character.

Decisive and straightforward!

Dr. Go immediately reported, "After just re-measuring, the internal temperature of Jingli Mountain has risen sharply, and the pressure is extremely chaotic. Although it hasn't been thoroughly measured, it can be basically confirmed that this is a precursor to a volcanic eruption."

"Do we know what exactly caused it?"

"No."

Dr. Go shook his head and explained, "There are many factors that could cause this, such as tectonic movements or internal volcanic factors, all of which are possible. We need to investigate on-site before the eruption happens again to combine the data and determine the exact cause."

"How much time do we have until Jingli Mountain erupts? Can we make it to investigate?"

"It's unpredictable."

As soon as Dr. Go mentioned this topic, his expression became even more gloomy and helpless. He looked at the computer screen again for a moment, then continued, "Based on the current trend, it will erupt in at least two days. But given the current chaotic internal situation of Jingli Mountain, in the worst-case scenario, it might erupt completely in just two or three hours."

"So, it's impossible to investigate."

Yamada Shinkawa reviewed his conversation with Dr. Go and then said, "The urgent task now is to immediately evacuate the residents of the surrounding counties and the tourists on Jingli Mountain."

After saying that, Yamada Shinkawa couldn't help asking again, "If we survey after the eruption, is it possible to determine the cause of Jingli Mountain's eruption?"

"It's hard to say. Maybe, but it doesn't seem very likely."

"I see..."

Yamada Shinkawa pondered for a moment, then glanced around at everyone and said, "You all should immediately notify the regions you're responsible for and have the relevant departments evacuate the residents and personnel."

Regarding the eruption of Jingli Mountain, although it hadn't happened since the establishment of Divine Light Country, the research institute had always been prepared for this and had clear emergency plans for a long time.

Everyone had assigned relevant departments to contact.

All for...

The prevention of this day!

"Yes!"

The researchers responded in unison. Their expressions showed noticeable relief. In this situation, having something to do and knowing what to do felt much better than knowing nothing and being clueless.

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Hengban County, county office.

At this moment, in the office.

The fans were buzzing noisily.

Usually, only two or three fans were on, but now all of them were turned on.

The office staff were sweating profusely. Even with all the fans on maximum setting, sweat continued to drip from their faces onto the floor.

"What's going on? Why did it suddenly get so hot?"

"Yeah, it was pretty cool just a few minutes ago, and then the temperature suddenly skyrocketed."

"I don't see the sun being very strong outside. How can it be this hot?"

"When will we ever get an air conditioner here? Fans alone are unbearable in this heat."

"This weather is just so strange."

As the office staff chatted.

Suddenly!

A phone in the corner of the office rang.

"Ring... Ring..."

Hearing the sound, the office staff instinctively looked over. However, when they saw which phone was ringing, they were all a little stunned.

The chatter stopped abruptly.

This phone was the dedicated line for contacting the Divine Light Country Volcanic Research Center, something all the office staff knew.

It's just that...

This phone had never rung for years on end.

If it weren't for the monthly checks to prevent issues, the office staff would have thought it was broken.

But who would have thought...

That at this moment, it suddenly rang!

Although this phone had always been idle and unused.

But...

Its importance was self-evident.

The office staff understood what it meant when this phone rang—

There's danger!

As for how dangerous...

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We have to pick up the phone to find out.

An office staff member suddenly stood up from their seat, rushed to the phone, and pressed the speaker button while picking it up.

"Hello, this is the Hengban County Government Office. May I know what's the matter?"

"This is the Volcanic Research Center. We have observed that Jingli Mountain is about to erupt. The eruption could happen in as little as two hours. The situation is urgent, please quickly relay this message, organize personnel for the evacuation and resettlement of the residents."

"?!?!"

The office staff was stunned upon hearing the news.

Jingli Mountain is going to erupt?!

They had anticipated hearing some bad news when they picked up the phone, but they hadn't expected it to be this explosive.

On the other end of the phone.

The researcher at the center, hearing no response for a while, couldn't help but remind them, "County Office, please acknowledge!"

"Ah, yes, understood!"

The office staff was brought back to their senses by the voice, and after acknowledging, the call was immediately disconnected by the research center.

"Beep... beep... beep..."

The busy tone echoed in the office.

The office staff had now fully come to their senses, looking at each other with complex expressions on their faces.

There was panic, urgency, fear...

And so on.

"How did Jingli Mountain suddenly start to erupt?"

"Without any warning signs? And the shortest time is only two hours??"

"No wonder it suddenly got so hot. It must be related to the eruption of Jingli Mountain!"

"Two hours... I wonder if we can complete the evacuation in time. It feels too difficult. Let's just hope the eruption is delayed a bit."

"..."

The intense discussions began immediately in the office.

However, despite the discussions.

Everyone knew the urgency of the matter; every second counted as lives were at stake. Not daring to delay even a second, they started contacting various parties immediately.

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In the meantime.

Shenzhao University, Grand Lecture Hall.

Unlike yesterday, when most of the seats were occupied by students, today only a few dozen people were sitting in the front rows.

These people were teachers from Shenzhao University.

They were attending an academic exchange between teachers from two international universities.

"We cannot objectively say that two events happen simultaneously. According to the observers, some phenomena may occur simultaneously, or one after the other. It's the same here; no one is wrong..."

A teacher from Imperial Capital University was passionately sharing his views, intermittently wiping sweat from his forehead with a handkerchief.

Apart from him...

Other people on the stage and the teachers sitting in the audience were all drenched in sweat, though they remained silent.

At this moment, Shenzhao University's principal, Nohara Hikofu, wiped the sweat off his eyes, then waved his hand apologetically, interrupting the teacher from Imperial Capital University, "Excuse me, just a moment."

After that, he looked at the teachers from Shenzhao University and asked, "Why did it suddenly get so hot? Please quickly turn on the air conditioner in the hall."

"Okay."

The teacher who was addressed hastily stood up and walked out.

The air conditioner controls for the hall were outside the hall.

He had thought about turning on the air conditioner earlier, but he didn't want to disrupt the fantastic exchange on the podium. So he endured it.

Fortunately...

Now Nohara Hikofu himself had interrupted the exchange.

The moment this teacher opened the hall door, he saw another teacher running towards him from a distance.

"Teacher Yamamoto, what's wrong? What happened?"

"Is Principal Nohara inside??"

Talking, Teacher Yamamoto had already reached the door, hands on his knees, gasping for breath. Sweat was flowing down his face and dripping onto the ground, soaking through his black suit, making a large wet patch on his back.

The teacher who went to turn on the air conditioner was momentarily stunned, then quickly reacted and nodded, "Yes, the principal is inside, having an academic exchange with teachers from Imperial Capital University."

"Good!"

Teacher Yamamoto took a deep breath, then rushed into the grand lecture hall. Upon seeing Nohara Hikofu, disregarding the presence of the principal and teachers from Imperial Capital University, he hurriedly said, "Principal Nohara, something terrible has happened!"

"What's the matter? Calm down and speak slowly."

Nohara Hikofu wasn't sure what was going on, but he wanted to keep his composure in front of the visiting principal and teachers.

Teacher Yamamoto wanted to speak calmly, but the urgency of the situation didn't allow it!

In a rush, he said, "The county office just called. Jingli Mountain has shown sudden activity and could erupt in as little as two hours, though it might take longer. We need to relocate to Hengma Mountain immediately."

"What?!"

Two simultaneous exclamations were heard.

Nohara Hikofu and Hao Jianhua voiced their shock at almost the same time.

The reason for their surprise was the imminent eruption of Jingli Mountain, putting them in extreme peril.

But Hao Jianhua had an additional reason.

That was Lin Beichen!

Upon hearing about Jingli Mountain, Hao Jianhua immediately thought of Lin Beichen, who had asked for leave to visit Jingli Mountain just last night.

The memory was still fresh!

Hearing that Jingli Mountain could erupt...

Two thoughts flashed through Hao Jianhua's mind.

One, does Lin Beichen know about this? Can he escape the danger?

The other thought, oddly, was...

Is the sudden eruption of Jingli Mountain somehow related to Lin Beichen?

Regardless of the thought, Hao Jianhua was confused and worried. Can he still allow Lin Beichen to go out?

Every time he goes out...

Something happens!

Be it in Great Xia or Shenzhao.

It's truly uncanny!

"Jingli Mountain is actually going to erupt!"

"Oh my God, we need to evacuate immediately!"

"..."

Although Jingli Mountain hadn't erupted yet, it felt like a sharp sword hanging over their heads, the hilt held by a thread about to snap.

At any moment, that sword could come crashing down!

Such a feeling filled everyone with fear!

Everyone was panicking!

Fortunately, Nohara Hikofu had lived in Hengban County all his life. He grew up with the threat of Jingli Mountain's potential eruptions and had mentally prepared for this from a young age. So he wasn't panicking too much, especially since he knew the exact evacuation location and trusted the officials' prompt detection of the eruption.

There wasn't much to worry about.

Nohara Hikofu quickly calmed everyone, signaling them to not panic. Once the discussions quieted down, he began, "Hengma Mountain is close to Shenzhao University, and our school has emergency buses. We will certainly be able to relocate all staff and students to the designated area within two hours. Please rest assured and remain calm. If you panic, the students will have no one to rely on!"

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"Yes."

The teachers of Shenzhao University immediately nodded in agreement.

Having followed Nohara Hikofu for so many years, they knew very well what kind of person he was, someone who kept his word and always followed through.

Since he said so...

It definitely meant they could move to the designated location within the limited time!

There was certainly nothing to worry about!

Seeing that the emotions of the teachers in his school were under control, Nohara Hikofu also breathed a sigh of relief in his heart.

At such a critical moment, he was genuinely worried that his words wouldn't have an effect on them.

After all...

In the face of disaster, everyone is equal!

How much deterrence he, as a principal, could have was hard to say.

Knowing the urgency of time, Nohara Hikofu didn't waste any time and immediately began to arrange work: "Mr. Kojima, quickly notify all freshman students to gather at the first teaching building. Mr. Yoshino, go notify all sophomore students to gather at the second teaching building. Mr. Shinkyo and Mr. Kitahara, you are responsible for notifying the junior and senior students to gather at the third and fourth teaching buildings. Mr. Mato, you must contact the emergency bus fleet at the school immediately and have them divide the buses into four groups, respectively..."

Although he was flustered inside, his instructions were orderly, without any signs of panic.

Soon, under Nohara Hikofu's directives, the teachers of Shenzhao University left the lecture hall one after another to handle their assigned tasks.

In no time, only Nohara Hikofu and the group from Imperial Capital University remained in the lecture hall.

At this moment, Nohara Hikofu looked at Hao Jianhua and said, "Principal Hao, you and your delegation should follow me to the designated location to board the buses first. Given that you have come from afar and now encounter such an incident here, it is my responsibility and duty as the host to ensure your safety."

"Alright."

Hao Jianhua nodded without any hesitation, showing no sign of modesty or politeness.

In the current situation, it was not the time to uphold the traditional virtues of Great Xia.

It was a matter of life and death!

Being able to move to the designated location first was undoubtedly better.

He did not want to give up such an opportunity to others.

The teachers of Imperial Capital University, upon hearing this, also breathed a sigh of relief. Just a moment ago, they were genuinely worried that their principal might refuse.

Seeing this, Nohara Hikofu did not waste any time and immediately got up to lead the way: "In that case, please follow me."

Hao Jianhua and his delegation followed him out of the lecture hall, moving quickly towards the buses.

As they passed through the buildings, whether it was the teaching buildings or the dormitories, they could hear the rumbling sound of mixed footsteps coming from inside.

In the face of disaster...

Even the people of Divine Light Country, who were accustomed to restraint and stoicism, could no longer maintain their usual composure.

"Run quickly, run quickly, strive to catch the first bus!"

"How could it erupt so suddenly?! It's so outrageous!"

"When I first came to Shenzhao University, I was worried about this, but thinking that nothing had happened for so many years, I put my mind at ease. I never expected it would actually happen!"

"Hey, hey, hey, what's wrong with you? Why are you pushing me?!"

"Be careful, can you all be more careful?!"

"..."

Shouts rose and fell continuously.

The campus was crowded with people, extremely chaotic.

Fortunately, Hao Jianhua had Nohara Hikofu leading the way.

Nohara Hikofu was quite renowned at Shenzhao University. Even in such a chaotic situation, the students did not dare to approach this cold-faced principal.

Although it was crowded around, the area around Hao Jianhua's group was quite open.

This also gave Hao Jianhua and his group space to do other things.

Hao Jianhua had been on the phone continuously. He hadn't stopped making calls during this whole journey.

It wasn't that he was receiving calls, but he was making them.

Not only on the way, but he had also started making calls as soon as he heard the news about the eruption of Jingli Mountain while still in the lecture hall.

And the person he was calling wasn't someone else...

It was precisely Lin Beichen, who had headed to Jingli Mountain for a stroll.

"Why can't I get through this call!"

Hao Jianhua was extremely anxious. From the lecture hall up to now, no matter how many times he called, he would always hear the beeping sound of a connected signal, beeping until the voice prompt said the other person was temporarily unavailable.

At this moment, the teachers of Imperial Capital University looked at Hao Jianhua with grave expressions.

One of the more senior teachers asked worriedly, "Principal, you still can't get in touch with Lin Beichen?"

"No, I can't reach him."

Hao Jianhua shook his head helplessly and then looked at the other teachers, asking, "How are the tasks I assigned to you all?"

Upon hearing his question, the other teachers immediately reported back.

"I got in touch with Zhao Tian."

"I also contacted the students I needed to."

"I asked other students, and no one at the hotel saw Lin Beichen. I also checked his room, but he wasn't there."

"..."

Upon hearing this, Hao Jianhua was filled with mixed emotions.

He was relieved that they managed to contact the other students who came to Divine Light Country for academic exchange with them, indicating their safety could likely be ensured.

As for his worry...

It was naturally about losing contact with Lin Beichen completely!

His fate was unpredictable!

"There's clearly a signal..."

"But I just can't get through!"

"What on earth is he doing?!"

Hao Jianhua couldn't be more frustrated.

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Just as he was about to continue calling Lin Beichen.

Suddenly!

A call came in.

It was a string of digits that didn't look like a normal phone number.

Seeing this string of numbers, Hao Jianhua's heart skipped a beat. He had seen a similar string of numbers before.

Although the numbers weren't exactly the same, the arrangement was quite similar.

It was a call from the Security Bureau!

"Why is the Security Bureau calling at this time?"

"Could it be...?"

Hao Jianhua immediately understood the theme of the call; they must have received some news, knew what was happening here, and were calling to inquire about Lin Beichen.

He gestured for the others to go ahead while he intentionally lagged behind and then took the call.

As soon as the call connected.

Song Xiangdong's voice came through, "Principal Hao, it's me, Song Xiangdong from the Security Bureau."

The voice was still as calm and poised as ever, but if listened to carefully, one could detect a hint of panic and urgency.

Indeed!

Hao Jianhua fully grasped the theme of this call.

"Hello, Director Song."

"Principal Hao, I know Lin Beichen went to Divine Light Country with you. I just received news that Jingli Mountain is about to erupt, so... are you all safe? Do you need any assistance from us?"

"This..."

Hao Jianhua knew that Song Xiangdong was doing this entirely out of regard for Lin Beichen and not because of their relationship.

It also made him more acutely aware of Lin Beichen's importance in the eyes of the Security Bureau.

Just think about it...

The Security Bureau can easily mobilize any force within the Great Xia Kingdom without any difficulty.

But to mobilize forces abroad...

No matter what kind of force, there would be many limitations and difficulties.

And even so, the Security Bureau didn't hesitate a bit to choose to use international forces to support Lin Beichen.

The importance of Lin Beichen can be imagined!

Song Xiangdong detected Hao Jianhua's hesitation and immediately pursued, "Principal Hao, has something happened?"

"It's like this."

Hao Jianhua also didn't want to hide anything and explained the current situation in detail.

After he finished talking.

There was no response from the other end of the call.

It was silent.

At this moment, in the Security Bureau Director's office back in Great Xia Kingdom.

Song Xiangdong sat in his seat, the expression on his face indescribably stern and solemn, the joints of the hand holding the phone were a bit white.

At this time, he didn't know what else he could do.

Jingli Mountain was set to erupt in less than two hours, and at this critical moment, Lin Beichen, who was visiting Jingli Mountain, could not be contacted.

Even if this happened in Great Xia...

He felt utterly helpless.

"Hopefully, everything will be fine!"

Song Xiangdong could only silently pray in his heart.

Recalling the many shocks and miracles Lin Beichen had brought him in the past...

He couldn't help but feel a bit more at ease.

As he calmed down, Song Xiangdong's mind opened up more, thinking that taking some measures, no matter how unlikely to be effective, might help.

But...

What if?

Who could say for certain that Jingli Mountain would erupt in exactly two hours and not several days later?

If they did nothing, they might miss the best time to intervene and provide rescue!

Thinking of this, Song Xiangdong spoke into the phone, "Principal Hao, I understand the situation roughly. Please remain safe, and I'll contact you if there's any update."

After finishing, he hung up the call and without wasting any time, immediately began arranging the rescue operation.

On the other end.

"Doo-doo-doo..."

Listening to the busy signal, Hao Jianhua was also a bit puzzled. What did Song Xiangdong mean, were they going to rescue or abandon it?

However, at this point, he was somewhat overwhelmed and didn't have the mind to guess the other party's intentions.

"Since the Security Bureau knows about this..."

"It's definitely better than them not knowing."

"As for what the Security Bureau will do, that's beyond my influence at this level."

Seeing the distance between himself and Nohara Hikofu's group growing, and realizing they were almost out of sight, he quickly picked up his pace to catch up.

It's often said that university is a small society and a microcosm of the broader world.

That statement couldn't be more accurate.

Compared to Shenzhao University...

The counties and cities surrounding Jingli Mountain went into complete chaos upon receiving news of the imminent eruption of Jingli Mountain.

Almost everyone stopped what they were doing.

No matter how important the task at hand was...

Nothing was more important than their lives!

After learning the designated evacuation location, they all swarmed toward it.

In an instant, the already narrow roads were jam-packed with cars!

"Beep beep beep—!!!"

"Beep—!!!!"

"..."

Car horns blared one after another.

Each honk was louder than the next.

It never stopped!

Looking ahead, it was just a series of back-to-back traffic jams. What was supposed to be a three-lane road was crammed into four lanes, and in some places, even five lanes emerged.

"Hurry up, what's causing this jam up front?!"

"Can you drive faster? If Jingli Mountain erupts, we'll all die here!"

"Was there an accident up front? Even if there was, is that important right now?"

"..."

Many drivers couldn't stand the congestion anymore, and several even abandoned their cars to proceed on foot.

And they were actually faster on foot.

Moreover...

The scenery they saw along the road was even clearer.

Cars ignoring traffic lights, driving recklessly, accidents where the involved parties just left without addressing the damage, and so on.

All kinds of unimaginable scenes were unfolding in real life.

At this moment...

The entire area around Jingli Mountain resembled the apocalyptic chaos depicted in movies—a truly chaotic urban environment.

But to speak of chaos...

The most chaotic place was Jingli Mountain itself!

The whole area around Jingli Mountain was the most chaotic!

"Dear visitors, we apologize for interrupting your trip, but we have an important announcement. Jingli Mountain is about to erupt!"

"However, please do not worry. The Jingli Mountain Tourism Department has dispatched sufficient and professional staff to guide you and assure you that everyone will be evacuated to a safe location before the eruption."

"Please do not panic to avoid stampedes..."

The mechanical sound of the loudspeaker echoed continuously over Jingli Mountain.

Although the broadcast was clear and precise...

But...

Faced with the enormous danger of an impending eruption, no one was willing to trust the broadcast. In fact, no one even listened to it.

Everyone only trusted themselves!

Believing that through their own efforts, they could escape faster than others!

"Move aside, move aside, let me through!!!"

"Oh, how rude of you! I'm from Atlantis, how dare you shove me?!"

"So that's why it got so hot on the mountain, it's going to erupt. Damn... I shouldn't have come!"

"What was I thinking? Spending all this money just to come to a place that might cost me my life!"

"Ahhh, stop moving forward, can't you see someone has fallen?!"

"Stop, just stop, if you keep pushing, people in front will fall off the cliff, are you trying to kill someone?!"

"I have money, lots of money, if someone clears a path for me, I'll pay you!"

"..."

Chapter 248: Lin Beichen, the World Focuses on You!

The sounds of quarrels and commotion echoed through Jingli Mountain.

The tourists, initially evenly dispersed throughout Jingli Mountain, now resembled the lower part of an hourglass. People covered the mountain slopes, all moving towards the base, eager to descend the mountain as quickly as possible, distancing themselves from the source that could erupt blistering lava at any moment.

At this moment, the staff sent by the Jingli Mountain Tourism Department couldn't even think of maintaining order; getting up the mountain was already a problem.

"Please don't push, don't panic, follow instructions, okay? I am a staff member of the Jingli Mountain Tourism Department, here to help everyone evacuate safely!"

"Please let us through, can you move aside for us?"

"Don't push me, I need to get up, don't act like this!"

"..."

People crowded together, surging down the mountain...

Even if they were prepared to face death, they couldn't climb against the flow of people.

Such chaos quickly divided the mountain, with the halfway point as the boundary.

Below the halfway point, the crowd was dense, squeezed together so tightly they could barely breathe.

Above the halfway point, it was empty, with not a single person in sight.

However, it wasn't entirely devoid of people.

For example, Lin Beichen, still cultivating by the volcanic crater.

And...

In the bushes were Hao Lianna and Kendia, along with their companions.

At this moment, although they were still a considerable distance from the summit, they had gathered from all directions of Jingli Mountain.

Each face was etched with urgency and hesitation.

Not to mention the loudspeakers from the Jingli Mountain Tourism Department kept broadcasting, ensuring everyone on the mountain could hear clearly.

Even if they didn't hear the broadcast, the noise from the crowd below had grown loud enough to reach here. They were well aware of the desperate news—

Jingli Mountain was about to erupt!

"What should we do now?"

"Do we continue climbing?"

"Going down the mountain now should still be possible. If we insist on climbing at this moment, then regardless of whether we capture Lin Beichen or not, we'll likely meet our end here."

"..."

Many were ready to give up.

After all...

It was a matter of facing life or death.

No one would be unafraid.

Hao Lianna and Kendia exchanged a glance, their eyes mirroring the gravity of the situation.

After a moment, Kendia turned to the others and asked, "Have any of you seen Lin Beichen or found any trace of him during the ascent?"

"No."

Everyone's response was consistent.

If they had indeed seen Lin Beichen or found his trace, they wouldn't be here. They would have used communication devices to call people to the location where the trace was found.

Kendia nodded, then analyzed, "Given the current situation, there are only two possibilities. One is that Lin Beichen descended from a blind spot, though this possibility is relatively small. The more likely scenario is that Lin Beichen is at the summit..."

He paused and then continued, "We all know Lin Beichen's uniqueness, but I don't believe that if he's at the crater, he can survive when Jingli Mountain erupts. If he stays on the mountain, he awaits death. Similarly, if we go up now, regardless of whether we capture him, we'll also face death. Given that, what's the point of us going up?"

Everyone was already reluctant to climb further, and Kendia's question struck the deepest part of their hearts.

"Yes, what's the point of going up?"

"It won't help; should we go up to accompany him in death?"

"Given this, I think there's no need to keep climbing."

"..."

The group echoed in agreement, satisfied with Kendia's reasoning, finding his rationale convenient.

As they spoke, they all turned their gaze toward Kendia.

Even though their ranks were entirely equal, Kendia had subtly become the leader in this situation.

Feeling their attentive stares.

Kendia suddenly felt immense pressure, with no sense of pride or joy in being the leader.

He knew...

If this matter wasn't handled properly, even if they returned alive, he would still be held accountable.

Of course, risks come with opportunities.

He also foresaw that if everything went smoothly, he would immediately be promoted upon returning, and his future path would be promising.

Kendia wasn't one to lag behind others. After a moment's contemplation, he decided to take on this pressure.

Take a chance!

Kendia had already formed a plan. He then raised his head, scanning the eager faces watching him, and said, "We're not going up..."

Upon hearing this.

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief, not just because they didn't have to go up, but mainly because someone had made a decision, lessening their responsibility.

Faces lit up with joy, but as they prepared to descend the mountain, Kendia continued, "But we're not going down either."

"??"

They were stunned, instinctively looking at each other.

Exchanging glances...

Confused faces!

"Not going up, not going down, then what are we to do?"

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"What do you mean, Kendia?"

"Do you want us to stay here?"

"What are we going to do here? The volcano is about to erupt, if we don't escape quickly, we're just waiting to die here?"

"If we're just waiting to die here, we might as well go up the mountain to see if Lin Beichen is really up there."

"What exactly is going on, Kendia, tell us."

"..."

Faced with everyone's chatter.

Kendia revealed a confident smile and said, "Everyone, don't worry. The reason I want everyone to stay here temporarily is not to let us wait to die. I thought about it; given our speed, we can definitely get down the mountain faster than others. Jingli Mountain won't erupt immediately. If we go down the mountain now, it will be basically crowded with people. In this situation, we might still encounter danger."

He paused and then continued, "Besides, if we go down the mountain immediately, what if Lin Beichen, fearing for his life, also comes down after we leave? Who would recognize him in the crowd? So, let's stay here and wait for a while. If he's afraid of dying, he'll come down and run into us, and we'll capture him alive. Of course, if we don't catch him, we can also calculate the time to go down safely. Later, we can come back up to see if we can recover his body. If the lava has burned it up... we'll deal with that then."

Hearing this, everyone nodded in realization, their gazes toward Kendia becoming increasingly different.

So, his thoughts were so meticulous!

They had never realized this despite working together for so many years.

"Kendia is right, so let's wait here for a while."

"Yes, if we can capture Lin Beichen alive, it will be much better than bringing back his uncertain remains."

"Although the situation is urgent, we still have some time to wait. Let's wait."

"..."

Everyone quickly nodded in agreement.

It could be said that it was unanimously approved!

Kendia was very satisfied; this was recognition of his ability.

One minute...

Two minutes...

Three minutes...

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Time ticked by, second by second.

During this period, Kendia and Hao Liena's group kept looking up at the mountain.

Despite the increasing temperature on the mountain...

They were already soaked as if they had taken a bath, sweat dripping from their faces, but they couldn't see a single figure.

"He's not coming down, could he be dead up there?"

"That's impossible, don't you remember he survived that huge explosion?"

"I don't know if he's dead, but if we keep waiting, I might die of heat. It's really too hot; I feel like I'm being steamed alive."

"Indeed, if we stay here any longer, forget going down the mountain, I might not even have the strength to stand up and walk."

"..."

The temperature on the mountain had risen to an unbearable level for ordinary people.

Even though they had received professional training, everyone started to complain in low voices.

Kendia was in the same situation as them, and the chatter made him even more irritable in the heat.

He couldn't stand it anymore!

He roughly calculated the time and decided it was time to leave, so he slowly stood up.

Although the others were chatting, their eyes never left Kendia. Seeing him stand up, they instantly understood his intention and stood up, stretching their muscles like him.

Seeing this, Kendia knew there was no need for further explanation, so he waved his hand and said, "Alright, let's go. If we wait any longer, we might also end up dead here. Down the mountain!"

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In this age of rapid internet spread...

The news of Jingli Mountain's impending eruption couldn't be hidden.

Within minutes, the news had spread worldwide.

It became trending on social media platforms in various countries.

In Great Xia, on Weibo.

#The world's largest active volcano is about to erupt# became one of the top trending topics.

As the largest platform in Great Xia, countless netizens were active on Weibo.

In an instant, millions of users saw the topic and started exploring it.

The most popular post within the topic was an announcement by a Divine Light Country account.

It wasn't so much an announcement as a picture.

On a pure white background was a row of black characters.

The text was divided into two parts: the upper part in Divine Light script and the lower part translated into Great Xia language.

The gist was that Divine Light Country detected Jingli Mountain's imminent eruption, which is estimated to be very large. However, the situation is currently under control, and the residents around Jingli Mountain are being evacuated to various shelters. The world need not worry, and if any relatives or friends near Jingli Mountain are unreachable, don't panic. They can be reported through the dedicated lines, and appropriate measures will be taken.

Apart from this announcement, the topic was mostly media accounts utilizing their resources in Divine Light Country, either live-streaming the situation or posting short videos capturing the conditions around Jingli Mountain.

No matter which Weibo post...

The comment sections were bustling.

"Oh my god, Jingli Mountain is going to erupt! Is Divine Light Country doomed?"

"It's an eruption, not an explosion. The area around Jingli Mountain, especially low-lying regions, might be in trouble, but it won't engulf the entire country."

"Divine Light Country barely had any peace, and now they have to start rebuilding?"

"My brother and sister are on their honeymoon at Jingli Mountain. I can't reach them now; I hope they're okay!"

"It's not like the announcement says. My dad works near Jingli Mountain; I just contacted him. He said the area is chaotic, like an apocalypse!"

"Hope everyone stays safe!"

"If Jingli Mountain erupts, will its beautiful scenery be gone forever? I was planning to save up and travel there next year. Now it's probably impossible!"

"Will Shenzhao University still exist? I was planning to study there and have been preparing for two years. It can't just disappear!"

"..."

The comment section grew more lively.

With such a large base...

The news spread rapidly, virtually reaching the entire internet.

As netizens commented, they also watched other media accounts' live streams.

During this time, regardless of the size of the media account...

Any live stream near Jingli Mountain was packed with viewers.

The closer the live stream to Jingli Mountain, the higher the viewership; the farther, the lower.

After all, everyone wanted to see the eruption and the core area's situation.

If someone could live-stream from the mountain top...

All the traffic would flood that stream.

Not just in Great Xia, but also in other countries, netizens were discussing Jingli Mountain and watching their social platforms for live updates on the eruption.

At this moment...

The world's attention was focused on Divine Light Country.

Or more precisely, on Jingli Mountain!

Chapter 250: I Play with Fire at the Volcano Crater

Especially in the Great Xia Kingdom, at this moment, regardless of whether they are seventy-year-olds or five or six-year-old children, everyone knows about it, and it's gone viral online!

Major internet celebrities are stepping up to explain the situation, with all sorts of bizarre and imaginative videos increasing by the thousands every hour.

Almost everyone on the streets is looking down at the news on their phones.

However, the viral news is quite different in the Divine Light Country, accompanied by the song "Today is a good day~ Everything I wish for comes true.....".

It's all very joyous!

Although natural disasters are merciless, the fact that it happened in the Divine Light Country has actually made people feel relieved.

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Now, an hour has passed, and the exit of Jingli Mountain is still swarming with people. A large number of individuals continuously squeeze out from the exit, showing no sign of decreasing.

This shows how popular Jingli Mountain is as a tourist spot in the Divine Light Country, and it would certainly rank high in any country, hence the explosive situation we see today.

At this moment, the staff of the Jingli Mountain tourism department are the most distressed, repetitively broadcasting messages to urge tourists to evacuate quickly with large loudspeakers. However, the tourists are too terrified. Amidst the screams and children crying, the loudspeakers, ordinarily very powerful, sound like ants shouting.

They are not very effective.

A stampede occurred, with dozens to hundreds of people falling, quickly piling up into a human mountain.

"Bang! Bang!"

"Woo Woo Woo!!"

Police sirens blare! Two gunshots accompany the sirens!

Dozens of helicopters approach with hurricanes roaring overhead!

"Look, Special Forces!"

"Oh my god, we are saved!!"

"What good is it coming? They are here to maintain order, not to extinguish the fire. If they have the ability, they should go and put out the volcanic fire!"

"Exactly, once the volcano erupts, the surrounding tens of kilometers, even hundreds of kilometers, will be affected. We haven't even escaped from Jingli Mountain yet, isn't this a sure death!"

"Oh god, why did I come to this damned place~~"

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Lamentations fill the air among the tourists, with some praying and some roaring.

However, with the Special Forces maintaining the evacuation order, the situation slightly improved. At least at this time, most people understood the choice between being shot dead immediately or facing the unknown eruption of the volcano.

At the same time, ropes drop from the dozens of helicopters, and armed personnel skillfully descend the ropes to the ground, cooperating with the Jingli Mountain tourism department staff to maintain order and clear obstacles from the evacuation routes.

With the assistance of armed personnel, the previously chaotic scene was brought under control. Narrow passageways obstructing the evacuation were blown open, allowing for wider routes and faster evacuations.

There were already countless buses at the foot of the mountain, responsible for transferring the evacuated tourists downhill.

As for the residents near Jingli Mountain, the Divine Light Country had already evacuated the crowd according to the highest prearranged plan.

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At the moment, at the volcano's crater.

The scarlet lava is as dazzling as the sun, and the wind sweeping through the crater feels like molten iron, scorching Lin Beichen's face.

If it were an ordinary person, they would have been charred by now without any chance of survival.

At least on the entire Earth, with the current level of technology, there is no equipment that allows a person to stay at a volcano's crater for an extended period without harm.

Kendia and the others should feel fortunate at this moment. As the temperature of the crater continues to rise, the lava boils like a cooking pot, with fiery bubbles occasionally bursting into the air.

In such a scenario, even if they chased Lin Beichen up the mountain, it would be doubtful whether they could withstand the intense heat to reach the summit, let alone kill him.

This was exactly what Lin Beichen had considered; it was an excellent opportunity to cultivate uninterrupted and comprehend the Fire Element in the lava of Jingli Mountain.

Although Lin Beichen was worried that if the volcano suddenly erupted, the ultra-high temperature of the lava would be too overwhelming for him, given his current level of cultivation.

He would surely die!

But the greater the risk, the greater the reward! The Fire Element he comprehended grew more intense with the rising temperature!

For now, the lava spurting from the crater seemed relatively steady. Although the volcanic conditions couldn't be directly observed from the foot of the mountain, Lin Beichen could see the crater clearly from his vantage point.

If it were to erupt, he could be the first to notice, giving him time to accelerate his descent using his special physique, far faster than an ordinary person.

Bang!

Bang!

Suddenly, two explosions echoed from Lin Beichen's body!

They sounded like muffled bombs, akin to balloons bursting underwater and bubbles rising to the surface.

It was right at Lin Beichen's heart!

Splurt!

Lin Beichen felt a sweetness in his throat, uncontrollably spitting out a mouthful of fresh blood.

"So painful!"

"The heart is much more fragile than the lungs or liver. The absorbed Fire Element slightly exceeded the limit, causing it to explode in the atrium!"

"Fortunately, the Fire Element cultivation reached the Second Realm before. If I had absorbed this rich Fire Element on the first day at the crater, I would have died immediately here!"

Lin Beichen swallowed the blood remaining in his mouth, muttering through the intense pain.

Then, using his sleeve to wipe the blood from the corner of his mouth, he steadied himself and once again immersed in his meditation, feeling the Fire Element between heaven and earth, not wanting to waste a moment.