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Chapter 251 - 221: Fusion! The Terror of the Super Energy Warrior

"Remember, don't lie to me!" Gao Xiaomeng nodded.

At the fourth tier and fused with Gao Xiaomeng.

Gao Neng had no idea how strong he would become. But at the very least, he felt he would have a fighting chance against these thousands of aliens. For a short while, he would no longer need the Furious Giant Ape's protection.

'That should make things easier for Shen Ning'Er.'

"Ning'Er, I've broken through to the fourth tier; I don't need your protection anymore! This is the Spring of Life, find a chance and drink it!" With that thought, Gao Neng immediately threw the Spring of Life toward the Furious Giant Ape.

The Furious Giant Ape was controlled by Shen Ning'Er's Spiritual Power.

It naturally caught the bottle with ease.

"ROAR!" The Furious Giant Ape glanced at Gao Neng, then leaped up and smashed a fist down at Mu Feifei from midair.

Mu Feifei was already at a slight disadvantage against Shen Ning'Er.

Now the Furious Giant Ape had joined the fray.

Mu Feifei immediately fell back.

Her gaze, however, was fixed on Gao Neng.

'He broke through to the fourth tier?! Don't tell me... he really was low-tier before?' Mu Feifei couldn't believe it, but she had no time to dwell on the thought.

She had only one thought in her mind!

Kill Shen Ning'Er.

Kill Gao Neng.

"Attack together!" Mu Feifei's resolve hardened.

"KILL!" The sixth-tier aliens, who had been keeping their distance because of Mu Feifei, roared upon hearing her command, their faces twisting with killing intent.

'Mu Feifei is finally willing to join forces with us.'

'Shen Ning'Er's death is certain.'

As the sixth-tier aliens charged forward...

Shen Ning'Er didn't waste time thanking Gao Neng.

Nor did she hesitate.

She downed all the remaining Spring of Life in the bottle in a single gulp.

Gui Zian, currently surrounded by twenty high-tier opponents, felt his face fall. An inexplicable chill crept into his heart...

'It wasn't that I wanted to fight Shen Ning'Er for the Spring of Life.'

'But couldn't you have at least asked?'

'I came all this way to save the day, after all. And I'm single-handedly holding off twenty high-tier opponents. Was asking if I wanted a drink too much to ask?'

"Hang in there, Teacher Gui! We'll come save you as soon as we deal with these guys!" Fang Tangtang yelled at that moment, simultaneously pulling out a handful of capsules.

"Don't worry, I can hold on!" Gui Zian gritted his teeth. As a teacher, even though he was incredibly annoyed, he didn't let it show on his face.

BOOM! A loud explosion rang out.

Gui Zian was knocked to the ground, sent rolling by the impact.

But he quickly scrambled to his feet and resumed twisting his hips to dodge the high-tier opponents' attacks.

He truly had no strength left to fight back.

The high-tier Hill Giant was putting immense pressure on him. With such a shield blocking his path, he couldn't get around it, even with his ability to "swim" through the air.

All he could do was defend and dodge.

「Meanwhile...」

Gao Neng and Gao Xiaomeng had finally completed their fusion.

The familiar sensation returned.

And it was several times more intense than the last.

He could clearly feel a powerful energy surging from Gao Xiaomeng's body and flowing rapidly into his own.

As his energy radiated outward, his perception strengthened immensely.

Once Gao Xiaomeng's energy entered his body,

Gao Neng felt his range of control—originally only three to five meters—instantly expand to an enormous degree. The radius now reached at least several hundred meters!

A several-hundred-meter radius of control!

Combined with his innate affinity for the elements.

'I'm so strong right now,' Gao Neng thought. 'Ridiculously strong.'

However, with the Furious Giant Ape gone, the aliens no longer held back. They swarmed forward, and at least ten fifth-tier combatants launched a simultaneous attack on Gao Neng.

"Fifth-tier?! Bring it on!" At his thought, Gao Neng's Spiritual Power solidified into a long blade in midair. This was an attack using his Soul Seal.

CRACK!

A fifth-tier alien was struck by the Soul Seal's blade. Its eyes went vacant and dazed, and then its body crumpled to the ground.

'Just as I thought. Within my domain, the Soul Seal can be used as an offensive weapon!' Gao Neng's experiment had succeeded. Fifth-tier opponents were no longer a threat to him.

"How did this Gao Neng suddenly become so strong?!"

"Attacking directly with the Soul Seal without waiting for the soul to escape... isn't that a high-tier technique?"

"How can this be?"

The twenty-odd Princes watching from the sidelines all showed a flash of surprise, but it vanished as quickly as it came.

After all, they still held the absolute advantage.

'If the fifth-tiers can't handle Gao Neng,'

'Then we'll just send some sixth-tiers over!'

"A few of you, go deal with Gao Neng!" one of the Princes yelled.

"Sir!" Three sixth-tier aliens immediately broke away from the group surrounding Shen Ning'Er and charged toward Gao Neng.

The sixth-tiers were making their move!

But Gao Neng didn't wait for them to reach him.

The aliens' main strength lay in close-quarters combat.

Although he too excelled at close combat, with his energy now radiating outward, keeping a medium distance was the best way for him to fight.

Unfortunately, he hadn't yet learned any mid-range combat techniques.

But it didn't matter!

'My grasp of theory is excellent!'

'If I don't know any mid-range techniques, then I'll just go for total annihilation!'

'It was the simplest logic!'

RUMBLE! The ground under Gao Neng's feet began to crack.

'What are rocks made of?'

'The main components are silicates. Beyond that, red rocks usually contain iron, green ones contain copper, and there are even some sulfides...'

If he were to do this the old way,

He would have extracted a few types of Elemental Energy from the surrounding rocks.

Like iron, or copper, or sulfur...

But not this time. He decided to forcibly extract every single element contained within the rocks. On top of that, he would also forcibly extract the elements from every tree within a five-hundred-meter radius!

'In my domain, I am the master of all!' A brief thought about exposure crossed Gao Neng's mind, but he couldn't afford to worry about that now.

'So what if I'm exposed?'

'Death is the only thing to fear!'

'My hidden talent is powerful, so I'll use it. As for whether I'll be captured and studied for it, well, we'll see if anyone has the guts to try.'

"Come on!"

"Weren't you all just calling me weak?!"

"Weren't you all screaming about killing me?"

"Now, I'll show you what a real Super Energy Warrior can do!"

RUMBLE!

Chunks of rock began to rise from the already cracked earth. Not just rocks, but the very soil itself—all of it lifted into the air.

"Extract all Elemental Energy!" Gao Neng barked.

The rocks shattered!

Dust filled the air.

The solid rocks instantly liquified. Streams of liquid energy of every color mixed together, forming a torrent like a mudslide.

"What is Gao Neng trying to do?!"

"He... how did he do that?"

"..."

At that moment, the Princes' eyes went wide with disbelief.

'They had never seen a fighting style like this. Extracting all the soil and rocks from the ground? How is that even possible?'

'Normally, a human can only extract a portion of the elements.'

'Like iron, copper, sulfur, and so on!'

'But Gao Neng?'

All the rocks and soil floating in midair had completely transformed into liquid energy. Not a single speck of other material fell; there weren't even any impurities.

A scene like this didn't just shock the Princes.

Even Mu Feifei, locked in combat with Shen Ning'Er, was taken aback.

She had fought Gao Neng once before.

During that fight, Gao Neng had used two techniques: one was an air compression cannon, and the other was extracting all the Elemental Energy, like iron and copper, from the underground factory.

But that had merely been an extraction of iron and copper.

But this time?

Gao Neng had extracted the rock and soil, all of it, in one fell swoop.

A dark, oppressive mass of mixed liquid energy floated in the air. The sight was simply inconceivable, something that should have been impossible.

Unless... there was one possibility.

Gao Neng's hidden talent included every element found in rock and soil—even the rare ones!

(The training session ends tomorrow night. Double updates will resume the day after tomorrow!)

Chapter 252 - 222: All-Out Counterattack, Domain Control

What did this mean?

It meant Gao Neng's talent was terrifying enough to make one's heart shudder.

"Is he really a Super Energy Warrior?!" It was the only term Mu Feifei could think of. A new class had emerged among humanity.

A class built upon the foundation of Energy Warriors!

They were called Super Energy Warriors.

Although she had only seen one so far—Gao Neng—if there was one, there would be a second. Once they were fully developed...

'Simply terrifying!'

"We can't let humanity truly 'evolve'! Quick, kill Gao Neng, no matter the cost!" As she spoke, Mu Feifei finally abandoned her plan to kill Shen Ning'Er first.

Because in her mind...

Shen Ning'Er was a super-genius, but Gao Neng was even more terrifying!

...

Mu Feifei turned and attacked Gao Neng.

Shen Ning'Er tried to give chase but was quickly intercepted by a group of sixth-rank aliens.

She had already drunk the Spring of Life!

Her body was already starting to change.

Unlike the furious energy erupting from Gao Neng, the energy around Shen Ning'Er felt more condensed. It wasn't flaring out, but it was even more terrifying.

However, it seemed she still needed time to absorb it.

"Kill her!"

"Kill!"

The sixth-rank aliens swarmed her in a frenzy.

But Shen Ning'Er quickly sent them flying back, one by one, with thrusts of her spear. With the Furious Giant Ape guarding her with its life, not a single alien could get close.

Without Mu Feifei, even a hundred sixth-rank aliens couldn't kill Shen Ning'Er in a short amount of time.

PFFT!

An alien looked down.

A spear had pierced through his chest. Then, it was withdrawn.

Blood sprayed out.

Then, the Furious Giant Ape was upon him. A single punch smashed down, driving his body into the ground like a turnip.

Meanwhile, Mu Feifei had already charged toward Gao Neng.

Gui Zian, of course, saw this happen. Even though he was besieged, his mind was reeling with shock.

'He forcibly extracted all the elements from the stone?! This guy... he's definitely not just someone with five talents over 80%. Because with only five talents, it's impossible to do this!' Gui Zian also had five hidden talents exceeding 80%, but could *he* do it?

He couldn't do it at all!

'Forcibly extracting all the Elemental Energy from a stone?'

'This guy's talents... I'm afraid he has more than... twenty of them, right?'

'And that's assuming his talents just happened to perfectly match the stone's elemental composition. If you ignore that possibility, the number of hidden talents he must possess is truly horrifying.'

'Most importantly, complete extraction means Gao Neng has talents for trace elements.'

'Which means he could very well have talents for rare elements!'

'An Energy Warrior with talents for rare elements...'

"I'll protect him even if it costs me my life!" Gui Zian gritted his teeth. An Energy Warrior with talents for rare elements was an absolute treasure.

And if that treasure was also a super-genius...

...that was just unbelievable.

In the hundred years since the Great Cataclysm, throughout the entire history of human development—from the age of nations to the formation of the Alliance—no one like him had ever appeared.

FWOOSH!

Gui Zian fired a signal flare.

He didn't know if the people in the Fortress of Hope East District would see the signal, but he knew one thing for sure. If they did, they would rush to the rescue with all their might.

Because the words displayed by the signal were...

"Humanity's Future!"

...

What kind of wind was this?

A chilling wind!

Right now, Mu Feifei felt a chill run straight down her spine.

Because the mixed energies that had been pulled into the sky were now crashing down.

Like a massive mudslide, it surged into the fourth and fifth-rank soldiers of the Alien Race Alliance Army. It was a natural disaster of immense destructive power.

What was even more terrifying, however, was that this natural disaster was under Gao Neng's control.

That's right!

Gao Neng had made his move.

After he forcibly extracted all the Elemental Energy from the stone and soil, the three sixth-rank aliens who'd been the first to charge him had arrived. At the same time, the fourth and fifth-rank Allied Army soldiers surrounding him and Fang Tangtang had also become extremely frenzied.

However, Gao Neng didn't give them the chance to attack together.

RUMBLE!

The mudslide crashed down.

The Alien Race Alliance Army soldiers within a several-hundred-meter radius were all engulfed.

And then came the slaughter.

The area covered by the mixed energy was practically a meat grinder. Anyone who stepped in was instantly grabbed by countless hand-like appendages.

Then, they were violently dragged inside.

At least a hundred soldiers from the Alien Race Alliance Army were dragged in almost instantly.

These were all fourth-rank soldiers.

Their strength was relatively weaker.

Once caught, they had no way to escape.

They struggled, trying to leap out.

But the mixed energy quickly solidified, and the iron and copper within it transformed into countless minuscule needles, becoming deadly weapons.

This was no ordinary mudslide.

It was a mudslide filled with razor-sharp needles.

The fourth-rank soldiers dragged inside were like people swimming through a pile of iron and copper needles; they were quickly pierced through and through.

Even the fifth-rank aliens could hold on for a moment, but not for long, because the mudslide of mixed energy was also solidifying around them.

"I can't move my feet!" an alien shouted.

BOOM!

A rock smashed into his forehead.

The alien's head swam.

Then he was swallowed by the mudslide.

"Damn it, this isn't enough to stop us!" The three sixth-rank aliens threw their punches at the same time, blasting away the mixed energy that was closing in on them.

But the energy simply turned back into a liquid.

A fist struck home.

Chapter 253 - 222: All-out Counterattack, Domain Control (Part 2)

It was like slapping the surface of water.

It made a splash.

But it had no effect.

Solid and liquid states, converting at will.

Moreover, all the other races surrounding Gao Neng noticed another problem. Without realizing it, they began to find it difficult to breathe.

"Could it be that this Gao Neng can also extract..."

"Oxygen—all of it, extracted!" Gao Neng's voice answered their question. He had no more reservations. Hiding his talents was bullshit at this point.

He had already come this far.

It was almost a certainty that he would be suspected.

So, he decided to be more direct.

After extracting the elements from stone and soil, his target shifted to the air itself. He was going to turn the several-hundred-meter radius into a true death zone in one go.

Because he could already clearly feel the energy in his body depleting at the speed of a rocket.

The fusion!

It was powerful!

Truly powerful!

But his time was limited. Even the sip of the Spring of Life he had taken wasn't enough.

So, while controlling the mixed energy, Gao Neng was also continuously swallowing Energy Pills—stuffing them into his mouth by the handful.

'I have plenty of fucking Energy Pills, and I earned every last one of them myself!' Gao Neng actually had a great many Energy Pills on him right now.

He had received a thousand from his last mission.

He'd used some while cultivating, but still had several hundred left. Then, before coming here, he had procured more, bringing his total back up to a thousand Energy Pills.

Furthermore, some of them were even mid-grade Energy Pills.

Down the hatch with a satisfying CRUNCH.

"Kill!"

Gao Neng roared, and the mudslide turned into a rolling tidal wave, crashing out in all directions.

The tall trees all around them snapped and broke.

BOOM!

BOOM!

One after another, the trees came crashing down.

The instant the trees fell, the mixed energy engulfed them. Then, new energy surged forth from within the mixture.

Wood!

When fighting in a forest, which element is most abundant?

Definitely not iron!

It's wood!

What elements is wood composed of?

Essentially, trees are also carbon-based life forms. Their main component is carbon, making up 44% of their mass. Besides that, there's about 6% hydrogen and 42.5% oxygen.

Finally, there is less than 0.5% nitrogen and less than 1% mineral content.

So, he would extract it all!

As for why he waited until the trees had fallen to extract their elements, it was because of a certain principle.

That principle was...

One cannot directly extract Elemental Energy from within a living organism.

There are many scientific explanations for this, such as: bio-electric waves, life signatures, a sixth sense, or something of that sort...

Because of this, when one living organism forcibly extracts the elements from another, the two inadvertently become a single "entity" connected by these waves.

In that case, when you extract the elements from a tree, you are effectively extracting the elements from your own body—a suicidal act.

However, the trees had been snapped in half.

This meant the upper portions had lost their life signature. They could no longer produce the "waves" a living organism should have, as those waves only existed at the root.

Gao Neng's academic performance had always been excellent. Of course he wouldn't make such a fundamental mistake.

Air, trees, mud, and stone!

Gao Neng never did things by halves. If he was going to do it, he would do it thoroughly.

Within a radius of several hundred meters.

He spared nothing. He extracted everything!

"That kid... he's even extracting the Elemental Energy from the trees?!" Gui Zian was actually some distance from Gao Neng, so he didn't know that Gao Neng had also extracted the oxygen and other elements from the air.

He could only see the destroyed trees being dissolved.

Meanwhile, in the distance, the pressure on Shen Ning'Er had suddenly decreased, and she too noticed the situation on Gao Neng's side. All she could see was a world blanketed in energy.

"Liar! You actually lied to me, saying you only had eight talents over 80%?! It's obviously more than that..." Shen Ning'Er's pretty face was flushed with a hint of anger. Then, she executed a sudden reverse-thrust with her spear.

A sixth-rank member of the other races fell to the ground.

"That's for lying to me!" Shen Ning'Er cursed again. She stomped on the face of the sixth-rank alien, continuing to grind her foot down as she spoke, "If I'd known, I wouldn't have come to save you! Liar, liar, liar..."

"AH! AHHH..." The sixth-rank alien screamed repeatedly. He could understand what Shen Ning'Er was saying, but he was bewildered. What had he lied to her about?

But none of that mattered anymore.

Because he wouldn't need to figure it out.

Shen Ning'Er quickly ended his suffering, piercing his head with her spear.

'If I don't die, I'll definitely...' Shen Ning'Er's gaze swept her surroundings. In the end, she just tightened her grip on her spear. 'Let's talk about it after we survive this!'

"Kill!"

Shen Ning'Er, coordinating with the Furious Giant Ape and clad in a set of golden feathered garments, was like a Slaughter God, charging in and out of the ranks of the sixth-rank aliens.

As for Fang Tangtang, who had been standing behind Gao Neng this whole time...

...her eyes were now wide.

She had broken through!

This was a joyous occasion. Moreover, she had a performance planned for this moment—a performance she had been imagining for several years.

It was a spectacular one, capable of raising her combat power by at least two or three tiers.

But before she even had a chance to perform...

...Gao Neng had already completely stolen the show.

"We both broke through to the fourth rank, so why are you so different from me!"
As Fang Tangtang shouted, she finally crushed the various capsules in her hand.

They were capsules of copper and iron elemental energy.

But they contained more than just copper and iron; there were other metallic elements as well.

Most importantly, this copper and iron weren't liquid energy. They were a finished product, just like the No. 4 Electromagnetic Cannon—a manufactured item.

And this finished product was a bunker.

That's right!

A metal bunker.

It materialized above Fang Tangtang and enveloped her entire body, leaving only a few embrasures from which electric currents crackled.

"I'm so mad! I'm Death God Fang Tangtang, you know! Can't you even spare me a glance? Look at my enhanced Electromagnetic Cannon!" Fang Tangtang shouted as she fired the weapon.

BOOM!

The Electromagnetic Cannon fired from one of the current-filled embrasures.

The originally blue pillar of light had, in this instant, turned purple.

BOOM!

A massive explosion.

Three fifth-rank aliens were hit by the blast. They were turned to ash before they could even scream.

"It's strong, right? It's really strong! And it protects me really well! Most importantly, it can move according to my will. A mobile bunker that can also amplify the power of the Electromagnetic Cannon... I'm really amazing!" Fang Tangtang lifted her head and puffed out her chest.

She thought Gao Neng would at least have to look at her now, right?

But the truth was...

...Gao Neng didn't.

Because, high above his head, a red figure was already diving down. It was incredibly fast, its two longswords flowing with a dazzling light.

"Die!" Mu Feifei's eyes had turned completely red.

'You never learn. Have you forgotten how I crippled you a few months ago?!' Gao Neng's eyes narrowed. Mu Feifei's diving posture was all too familiar.

So familiar that he didn't even need to think of another move to counter it. He simply directed all of the mixed energy on the ground to surge up and meet her.

SPLAT!

It was as if she had plunged headfirst into muddy water.

Mu Feifei crashed headlong into the mixed energy. Then, the energy began to compress, its volume shrinking as the liquid transformed into a solid.

"You really think I wouldn't dare kill you just because you're some Ninth Princess?! Humans and the other races are in a fight to the death. If I kill you, what can your Celestial Race possibly do to me?" Gao Neng snorted coldly.

Meanwhile, the Princes standing in the distance were dumbfounded.

"Oh no! The Ninth Princess is in danger!"

"This Gao Neng... just what in the world is he?!"

Chapter 254 - 223: Creative Technique: Death's Sealed Space

The Princes all knew about energy extraction.

But they had never seen or heard of anyone using energy extraction like this.

It was terrifying!

"BOOM!"

Just then, Mu Feifei finally burst out from the mass of energy in the sky, her body already covered in several cuts.

Her ice-blue battle armor protected her body.

However, some parts, like her arms, still showed cracks in the armor. The exquisite long dress she wore underneath was clearly torn, with a few strips of fabric left dangling.

"AH! GAO NENG, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU! I MUST KILL YOU!" Mu Feifei shrieked as she dove down again, Blood Mist erupting from her body.

But it was no use.

Gao Neng had already sent a second wave of mixed energy surging up to meet her.

SPLAT!

It was as if Mu Feifei had plunged into a mud pit all over again.

She was in agony!

She was furious!

She refused to accept it!

But it was still no use. The Gao Neng of today was no longer the ordinary Gao Neng. He was the *super* Gao Neng, post-fusion—an entirely different being.

Gao Neng couldn't possibly let Mu Feifei get near him.

He wasn't an idiot.

'You're already up there, so just stay up there and squirm. Thinking of coming down? Not a chance!' As the thought crossed his mind, Gao Neng began compressing the mixed energy again.

Soon, a sphere formed in mid-air.

'Squeeze, squeeze, I'll squeeze with all my might! You still won't be crushed to death?!' Gao Neng showed no mercy, continuously compressing the liquid energy.

He was going to crush Mu Feifei to death.

But soon, a red ray of light burst out from the sphere.

"BOOM!"

The sphere exploded.

Mu Feifei burst out again.

This time, however, the dangling strips of fabric were gone. Large patches of her skin were exposed, covered in puncture marks and scratches.

In short, she was a complete mess.

What's more, a few feathers had even fallen from her wings.

And yet, she still hadn't sustained any serious injuries.

'She's this strong? I remember getting rid of her this way last time. Why isn't it working so well now?' Gao Neng was a little surprised.

The mudslide of mixed energy could no longer handle Mu Feifei.

'What should I do?'

He had no choice but to quickly send a third wave of mixed energy surging up to meet her.

SPLAT!

Mu Feifei was enveloped for the third time.

She was fuming!

So angry she could spit blood!

Meanwhile, Gao Neng was also feeling a little unsettled.

He hadn't learned any Mid-Tier Fighting Skills yet, so while this energy looked terrifying, its actual lethality was limited.

And this Mu Feifei had eaten a Blood Crystal Fruit.

Her strength was nearing the high tiers.

Trying to just crush her to death like this was too difficult.

After all, even last time, when he'd borrowed a real 'magnetic pile,' he had only managed to force Mu Feifei into retreat.

'I have to think of a solution. But before that, I should kill some of the Tier 4 and Tier 5 aliens first!' Gao Neng quickly calmed down.

Killing Mu Feifei would require even greater power.

And this 'destruction' method he was currently using was actually more like a wide-area 'Magic' spell.

He could kill Tier 4s at will. Tier 5s required a bit more effort, but as long as they stepped into the area covered by his energy, he could still find a way to kill them.

As for the Tier 6s...

That was a bit more difficult.

Mu Feifei had already broken free twice in a row. He estimated it wouldn't be long before she escaped a third time. On top of that, the other three Tier 6s were also slowly closing in on him.

Tier 6!

They were very hard to kill!

At the very least, he couldn't kill them instantly!

'But the Tier 4s and 5s are much easier!' Gao Neng decided to first slaughter the Alien Race Alliance Army members until they were terrified, forcing the Allied Army to collapse.

Out of the several thousand soldiers in the Alien Race Alliance Army, there were over a thousand Tier 4s, several hundred Tier 5s, about one hundred Tier 6s, and twenty high-tier combatants.

"Kill!" While continuing to use his Spiritual Power to compress the sphere in the air, Gao Neng turned his attention to attacking the other Tier 4 and Tier 5 aliens.

"Die!"

"Die!"

"Die!"

As Gao Neng attacked with wild abandon,

the surging energy engulfed the Tier 4s and 5s like a tidal wave. Soon after, bursts of blood blossomed from within, accompanied by agonizing screams.

"Damn it! We already have over a hundred casualties!" The Princes' faces paled. Of the several thousand strong Alien Race Alliance Army, over a hundred had died in an instant. It was an astonishing number of casualties.

And the casualties were still mounting.

Any Tier 4 or Tier 5 soldier from the Allied Army who stepped into Gao Neng's range simply vanished, completely powerless to resist.

"BOOM!"

"BOOM!"

Fang Tangtang was also blasting away indiscriminately.

Purple bolts from her Electromagnetic Cannon shot out from the mobile bunker. Every hit meant the death of an alien, completely incinerated to ash.

It was incredibly brutal.

Just then, however, Mu Feifei burst out from the compressed sphere in mid-air yet again. She was now less than ten meters away from Gao Neng.

Extremely close!

'I can't let her keep charging like this. I have to think of something... But what? The sphere isn't working... No, that's not it. It's not that the sphere isn't working, it's that her attack power is too ferocious. This mixed energy alone can't hold her; she breaks out too quickly. Unless... she gets lost inside?'

Wait!

Get lost?!

That's it!

As this thought struck him, Gao Neng suddenly came up with a technique.

He had never learned a Mid-Tier Fighting Skill, it was true. But he could invent one himself. Based on his current abilities, he could create a Mid-Tier Fighting Skill that was uniquely his.

"Come forth... Super Cube!"

Chapter 255 - 223: Creative Technique: Death Sealed Space (Part 2)

RUMBLE!

At Gao Neng's command, a massive cube suddenly appeared on the ground.

It was a solid cube formed entirely from mixed energy, over a hundred meters in diameter, that had simply materialized out of thin air.

"Unlimited Creativity, Geometric... Annihilation!" Gao Neng named his cube.

He called it: Geometric Annihilation.

Also known as: Knowledge Changes Destiny.

And also: The Deadly Sealed Space.

Of course, the name wasn't important. What mattered was that it killed aliens fast.

After the solid cube appeared, all the liquid energy surged out as if drawn by an invisible force, wrapping itself around the solid structure.

Some aliens who were caught where the cube materialized were instantly enveloped. At the same time, hands shot out from the cube's surface, grabbing nearby aliens and dragging them inside.

In a single moment, several were dragged into the cube.

And then...

There was no "and then."

The aliens dragged inside didn't even have time to scream.

"What is that thing?!" The Princes instinctively took a few steps back. Most of them were only at the Fifth Order.

There weren't many at the Sixth Order among them.

"This is the real deal!" Gao Neng wasn't foolish enough to tell the Princes that the inspiration for his Deadly Sealed Space was... a Rubik's Cube!

In reality, within this hundred-meter-diameter cube were countless smaller cubes, each one an independent space.

And each of those small cubes was a prison.

Once you were inside...

...death was almost certain. They were all sealed, airless spaces. Even if you could break out of one, you would immediately fall into another.

All Gao Neng had to do was...

...make the smaller cubes inside form a shifting maze. Break one, and there's another. Break that one, and there's still another...

An infinite cycle.

Now, he just had to figure out how to drag Mu Feifei and the other three Sixth-Orders inside.

However, accomplishing that was difficult.

Gao Neng tried twice, but he couldn't get a grip on Mu Feifei.

Before Mu Feifei, the grasping hands were like a child's trying to pull an adult. Could a child really move a grown-up?

"Die!" At that moment, Mu Feifei finally reached Gao Neng.

BOOM!

With a tremendous bang, Fang Tangtang's mobile bunker shielded Gao Neng as she fired her Electromagnetic Cannon.

But the shot missed Mu Feifei, who easily dodged it.

At the same time, Mu Feifei's sword slashed down on Fang Tangtang's mobile bunker, cleaving it in two like a watermelon sliced by a cleaver.

"Whoa?! This Battle Angel is this strong?" Fang Tangtang was clearly startled. Without a moment's hesitation, she prepared to flee sideways.

But in that instant, a hand of mixed energy grabbed Fang Tangtang and began pulling her toward the sealed space.

Fang Tangtang was too stunned to react.

She had no idea what Gao Neng's giant cube was for...

...but she did know that many aliens were now inside it, and so far, not a single one had come out. Not a single sound had been heard.

"Ah... Gao Neng, are you crazy?! I'm Death God Fang Tangtang, don't drag me in! AHH... Gao Neng, please, don't kill me!" Fang Tangtang cried out, terrified.

But it was no use.

She wasn't a Sixth-Order.

It took hardly any effort for Gao Neng to drag her in.

Just like that, Fang Tangtang vanished into the cube.

The moment she disappeared, Gao Neng leaped to the left and, without hesitation, charged into the cube himself.

If he couldn't drag Mu Feifei in...

...then the next best thing was to go in himself!

As bait!

"Ning'Er, get over here! Come into my 'Deadly Sealed Space' with me!" Gao Neng shouted as he rushed in.

As for Gui Zian...

It wasn't that he didn't want to call him, but he didn't know if his ability could contain a high-order being.

'Best to let Gui Zian keep stalling them outside for now. Every second he can buy is precious. If he can keep the high-orders occupied, that would be ideal.'

"Hmm?" Shen Ning'Er glanced back, then charged forward without hesitation, following Gao Neng into the Deadly Sealed Space.

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"What is this place?" Fang Tangtang was on the verge of tears when she saw Gao Neng and Shen Ning'Er appear before her.

Then, her vision cleared. She found herself standing on top of a massive cube, a full hundred meters high.

She was standing on the surface of the cube.

"It's hard to explain in detail. Have you ever played with a Rubik's Cube? This is just a giant one!" Gao Neng, aware of Fang Tangtang's intelligence, opted for the simplest explanation.

"A what cube?" Fang Tangtang looked utterly baffled.

She was a rich young lady, after all!

Growing up, she was accompanied more by mechanical dolls and electronic gadgets. A Rubik's Cube... she couldn't even recall what it was at first.

"A giant Rubik's Cube? I understand!" Shen Ning'Er grasped the concept instantly. She continued, "You're planning to lure them in and then pick them off one by one?"

The difference in their intellect was immediately apparent.

"Exactly. I can control all the smaller cubes inside, and I've evacuated all the air. Fourth and Fifth-Orders won't last long, but I don't know how long a Sixth-Order can survive in a vacuum!" Gao Neng genuinely wasn't sure if a Sixth-Order could die from asphyxiation.

"A Sixth-Order should be able to survive for fifteen minutes," Shen Ning'Er answered.

"Fifteen minutes?!" Gao Neng's expression changed. His first magnetic core was already turning white, and it had been less than ten minutes.

At this rate of consumption, he couldn't replenish his energy fast enough even by gobbling down Energy Pills. If nothing unexpected happened, he could hold out for another eleven or twelve minutes at most.

"How much longer can you maintain this Deadly Sealed Space?" Shen Ning'Er saw right through him.

"Twelve minutes, max... definitely not more than fifteen!" Gao Neng gritted his teeth. This was truly his limit, and that was with the cube's diameter controlled at just one hundred meters.

If he had made it two hundred meters...

...he probably would have collapsed from exhaustion in three or four minutes.

"Understood. Then from now on... leave it to me!" Shen Ning'Er nodded, her eyes growing exceptionally bright.

ROAR!

A clear dragon's cry echoed.

Then, a massive dragon wreathed in flames materialized before Shen Ning'Er.

It was at least twenty meters long. It coiled on the surface of the cube, its two crimson eyes staring down at the battlefield below.

"Another energy manifestation?! She can control two at once!" The other Princes were shocked when they saw the dragon. They already knew Shen Ning'Er was formidable...

...but they never imagined she was this powerful.

To control two manifested energy beasts at once!

That wasn't something a normal human could achieve through mere effort.

"Next, I'll find a way to pull the Sixth-Order aliens in. Your job is to create one-on-one combat opportunities for me. As for Mu Feifei... trap her if you can!" As Shen Ning'Er finished speaking, the twenty-meter-long dragon launched itself from the cube.

It charged straight toward the group of Sixth-Order aliens.

BAM!

A whip of the dragon's tail!

At least three Sixth-Order aliens were struck.

"Damn it!"

"Don't go into that thing!"

"..."

The three Sixth-Order aliens were horrified and tried to halt their momentum in mid-air, but just then, six hands shot out, each one grabbing a foot.

In an instant, the three Sixth-Order aliens were dragged into the cube.

A brutal massacre...

...had officially begun!

(Something came up... won't be able to get the second Chapter out today. I'll make it up with three Chapters tomorrow! If I fail, I'll chop off my junk!)

Chapter 256 - 224: The Aliens' Greatest Weakness

Gao Neng naturally knew what Shen Ning'Er was thinking.

If Shen Ning'Er had to face dozens of Tier Sixes simultaneously, she would certainly kill them slowly. But in a one-on-one fight, coupled with her impossibly stealthy surprise attacks, she could achieve a near-instant kill.

"Give me fifty-nine seconds!" After saying this, Shen Ning'Er dove straight into the cube.

Gao Neng quickly separated the three Tier Six aliens inside the cube, then immediately teleported Shen Ning'Er next to one of them.

But regarding what Shen Ning'Er had said, he felt a bit exasperated.

'Is there any difference between fifty-nine seconds and one minute?'

'Would it be so shameful to just say one minute?'

Of course, now wasn't the time to be thinking about that. He wasn't idle either. His gaze fell on Mu Feifei, who was floating in mid-air, and he beckoned with his finger.

"Mu Feifei, come on over!"

"..." Mu Feifei gritted her teeth. As a Tier Six Powerhouse, she shouldn't have hesitated, but her instincts told her that if she went over, she would very likely fall into a trap.

"Don't you dare? Fang Tangtang, fire the Electromagnetic Cannon over there!" Seeing Mu Feifei hesitate, Gao Neng casually pointed at the distant Princes.

"Huh? Aren't we supposed to shoot this Battle Angel?" Upon hearing Gao Neng, Fang Tangtang instinctively aimed the Electromagnetic Cannon at Mu Feifei.

But instead, Gao Neng was telling her to shoot the Princes?

'What the hell?'

"Shoot her? Can you even hit her? It's much better to shoot these idiot Princes. They're easy targets, and they're loaded with treasures!" Gao Neng was truly frustrated with her lack of foresight.

Mu Feifei wasn't just powerful; she was also extremely fast and could fly. Trying to hit her with a direct, overt blast from the Electromagnetic Cannon was next to impossible.

But shooting the Princes was a different story.

Most importantly, Gao Neng could clearly sense that Gui Zian really couldn't hold on much longer—two or three more minutes at most.

'What's the right move in this situation?'

'Go after the high-tier fighters?'

'That would be truly stupid!'

The reason high-tier powerhouses were called 'high-tier' wasn't because they were tall... It was because they were genuinely strong. Confronting them head-on was the most foolish course of action.

The classic strategy of "besieging Wei to rescue Zhao" was the correct approach.

As long as they started picking off these Princes, the high-tier powerhouses would be forced to abandon Gui Zian and come to their rescue.

"BOOM!" Scolded by Gao Neng, Fang Tangtang immediately understood. She only lacked experience, she wasn't actually stupid. The moment she grasped the plan, she fired.

A beam of light shot out from the Electromagnetic Cannon.

It lanced straight toward the distant Princes.

"Look out!"

"It's the Electromagnetic Cannon..."

"Get out of the way!"

The twenty Princes instantly scattered, fleeing in all directions.

One Prince who reacted a fraction too slow was struck. Half his body vanished. He collapsed to the ground, letting out horrifying screams.

"Agh, my leg... my arm! The Electromagnetic Cannon blew off half my body! Ah... save me!"

"Prince?!" One of the high-tier powerhouses besieging Gui Zian saw this, and his heart sank. If he failed in his duty as a guard, he would be executed.

Not even his high-tier status would spare him.

Without a moment's hesitation, he broke away from the fight and sped toward the injured Prince.

The other high-tier powerhouses were also horrified.

If the Princes weren't in danger, they would naturally be focused on crushing Gui Zian. But the moment the Princes were threatened, they could no longer remain calm.

"Protect the Princes first!"

"Prince, I'm coming!"

"Idiots, get back here! If you stop now, all our progress will be for nothing!"

A few high-tier powerhouses began to retreat, while others cursed at them. This was clearly Gao Neng's plan, designed to make them abandon their assault on Gui Zian.

"You can still crush this human even with two of us gone! You guys keep at it, I'll go help protect the Princes for you!" one of the retreating high-tiers shouted without looking back.

"Damn it, like I'd trust you!" another high-tier cursed. Then, after a moment's thought, he also yelled, "I'm going to help protect the Princes too!"

"Me too!"

"Ten of you is enough to kill this human! The ten of you, stay here!"

"Wait for me!"

Soon, even more high-tier powerhouses broke away from the fight.

It wasn't that they couldn't see the trick; it was that, faced with their personal predicament, they had no other choice. After all, their primary duty was to ensure the Princes' safety.

"Don't panic! Calm down and follow a unified command!" The Beast Race's Third Prince grew anxious as he watched. He wanted to stop the high-tier powerhouses from pulling back to defend.

But just then, another Prince spoke up.

"Hurry and save me!"

There were cowards among the Princes, too.

After one cried out, a second followed, then a third...

Soon, three or four Princes were screaming for help.

In an instant, the high-tier powerhouses surrounding Gui Zian fell into disarray. They retreated one after another, drastically reducing the pressure on him.

"Fang Tangtang, quick! Aim for that Prince from the Hill Giant Race! That's him, shoot him in the face!" Gao Neng immediately ordered.

"Hahaha, in the end, it's up to me, Death God Fang Tangtang, to save the day!"
Fang Tangtang laughed, thrilled that she had made a crucial contribution.

"BOOM!"

Another shot rang out.

It flew straight for the Hill Giant Race Prince's face.

The Prince of the Hill Giant Race stood a full five meters tall, making him an enormous target. He yelped in fright as the blast hurtled toward him and scrambled to dodge.

"KABOOM!"

The shot missed.

But it nearly scared the piss out of him.

"Prince!!! I'm coming to save you!" Seeing this, the eyes of the high-tier Hill Giant leading the charge turned red. 'The Prince can't die here!'

The Hill Giant Race already had a small population.

This Prince was exceptionally talented.

If he were to die here, it wouldn't matter even if they killed Gui Zian.

The high-tier Hill Giant bolted.

The pressure on Gui Zian instantly plummeted. Without the high-tier Hill Giant tanking the damage at the front, he immediately found an opening.

"SWISH!"

With a nimble twist of his body, Gui Zian appeared before one of the high-tier aliens.

His hands became like fangs that could tear steel. He lunged forward and bit into the alien's throat, causing blood to gush from the wound like a fountain.

"Fuck this, everyone's running. I'm not fighting anymore either!" Seeing how the tables had turned, another high-tier alien turned and fled, shouting, "Prince, I'm coming to protect you!"

"..."

"Damn it all!" The Beast Race's Third Prince seethed with frustration.

'This is obviously a ploy!'

Yet he was powerless to stop it. This, after all, was the greatest weakness of the Alien Race Alliance Army: its members all fought for their own interests and could never be truly united.

If not for this...

...the Human Alliance would have likely ceased to exist long ago.

"Hahaha... Come on! Bring it on!" Gui Zian roared, his fighting spirit surging. Though he was at the end of his rope, he stubbornly refused to fall.

The Princes were shaken.

The high-tier powerhouses fell back one by one to guard them.

The other Tier Five and Tier Four aliens were naturally affected as well. They exchanged glances and began to quietly retreat.

Over four hundred were already dead or injured!

That was nearly one-sixth of the entire Alien Race Alliance Army!

And all of them were elites.

Nearly three hundred Tier Fours and almost a hundred Tier Fives had died.

Even two high-tier powerhouses were dead!

This was a devastating number of casualties. Especially considering the "peace" of the last eighteen years, losses on this scale were almost unheard of.

"Prince, we only came to propose a marriage!"

"That's right, Prince, there's no need to fight to the death here..."

"If all our guards die here, it will be hard to answer for when we return!"

"Yes, Prince, please be cautious! This is the Eastern District Battlefield, not our West District... Wasting our strength here brings us no benefit!"

The high-tier powerhouses and guards began to voice their dissent one after another.

The alien races were assigned to different battlefields. A large portion of them didn't belong to the Eastern District Battlefield. The Beast Race's Third Prince wanted to press the attack because the Beast Race was native to the Eastern District.

But they weren't!

They still had their own enemies to face. What was the point of dying in the Eastern District?

"This is so frustrating!" one Prince said through gritted teeth. He truly couldn't accept it. An Allied Army thousands strong had been thrown into chaos by just a handful of humans.

'Is there any justice in this world?!'

"THUD!"

"THUD!"

"THUD!"

Just then, three bodies were ejected from the cube.

They were the three Tier Six powerhouses who had been swept into the cube by the dragon's tail earlier.

Then, Shen Ning'Er reappeared on top of the cube, landing beside Gao Neng and Fang Tangtang. Blood dripped from the spear in her hand.

"Three at the Tier Six Early Stage. Forty-nine seconds in total. Faster than I expected," Shen Ning'Er said nonchalantly, as if it were nothing.

"Sister Ning'Er, you're amazing!" Fang Tangtang immediately revealed her merchant-like nature, knowing the perfect time to lay on the flattery.

Gao Neng actually wanted to praise her a bit too.

However, he lacked the talent for it and wasn't nearly as practiced as Fang Tangtang. He'd missed his chance. Left with no other option, he could only feign a cool and profound demeanor.

Then, he casually added a thought to himself.

'Simps never get a happy ending. Sucking up isn't fitting for a handsome and dashing man of mystery like myself. All I need to do is keep being handsome!'

"ROAR!"

The giant dragon roared again.

It resumed its charge into the ranks of the Tier Six aliens.

This caused the expressions of the Tier Six aliens to change drastically. Three of their rank had died in less than a minute? If this continued for another ten minutes, would any of them survive?

"Protecting the Prince is what's important!"

"Right! Protect the Prince!"

"We'll protect the Prince to the death! We won't retreat!"

The Tier Six powerhouses shouted their slogans, then, without a backward glance, they all flocked to the sides of the Princes.

At that moment, Mu Feifei's expression turned utterly livid.

She wasn't unaware of the problems within the Alien Race Alliance Army, but she had never imagined that a mere handful of humans would be enough to expose them so thoroughly.

And the one who had exposed all these problems...

...was Gao Neng, someone who had just broken through to Tier Four!

"If he does not die today, he will surely become a major threat in the future!"

Chapter 257 - 225: Wow, It Can Even Fly

A Super Energy Warrior.

He had only just broken through to the Fourth-Rank, yet he could already control such a vast range of mixed energy. Not only that, he could even shape it into an "unknown fortress."

This was truly a terrifying thing.

Mu Feifei gritted her teeth. After the three Sixth-Rank warriors fell, she had a strong suspicion that there was some secret hidden within this unknown fortress.

Otherwise, it was impossible for three Sixth-Rank warriors working together to be killed so quickly!

In less than a minute, all three Sixth-Ranks were dead...

There was only one possibility: they were fought one-on-one, and they might have even been ambushed.

"What in the world is this thing?!" Mu Feifei's eyes were blood-red.

Without this unknown fortress, the combined assault of the Fourth and Fifth-Ranks could have killed both Gao Neng and Fang Tangtang. It would only have been a matter of time.

But with this unknown fortress, the Fourth and Fifth-Ranks couldn't even get near them!

This unknown fortress was like a "nail" driven into the Alien Race Alliance Army. If you couldn't break it, you could only be endlessly attacked by it.

The already formidable Shen Ning'Er became even more terrifying with this unknown fortress, because you could no longer use numerical superiority to suppress her.

And Gao Neng had cleverly chosen the twenty Princes as his targets, which forced the high-rank warriors onto the defensive and ultimately threw the Alien Race Alliance Army into chaos.

So, the root of the problem was still Gao Neng.

As long as they killed Gao Neng, this unknown fortress would collapse on its own. At that point, Shen Ning'Er, Fang Tangtang, and Gui Zian would all die.

But how were they to kill him?

The numerical advantage of the Fourth, Fifth, and even Sixth-Ranks was useless against this unknown fortress. The only ones they could rely on were the high-rank warriors.

But these high-rank warriors were all focused on protecting the Princes.

They couldn't be mobilized at all.

Unless...

'Send all these Princes inside. That way, the twenty high-rank warriors will definitely go in to save them!' A plan flashed through Mu Feifei's mind.

But she quickly dismissed the idea.

It wasn't that she couldn't do it. But if she really did, a few Princes would certainly die. When that happened, the Celestial Race would become the public enemy of all the other races.

The price was too high.

It could even lead to the annihilation of the Celestial Race.

In that case, the only remaining option was... to defend!

"Hahaha, how ridiculous! Truly ridiculous! An Alien Race Alliance Army of several thousand, twenty high-rank warriors, and over a hundred Sixth-Ranks... with this kind of fighting force, we can only defend against a few humans?!" Mu Feifei laughed, but it was a laugh of pure rage. This couldn't be described by the word 'humiliation' alone.

"Ninth Princess, we'll leave the matters of the Eastern District Battlefield to you and your Eastern District. This Prince will be taking his leave!" a Prince called out from a distance, preparing to retreat.

"You dare!" Mu Feifei's expression turned cold.

"Hmph, is the Ninth Princess trying to threaten me? Let me be blunt: you aren't in a position to threaten us. Let's go!" The Prince snorted coldly and turned to leave.

"Are you willing to accept this?! To just let these few humans go? What about the honor of your race? On future battlefields, will you bear a lifetime of humiliation for what happened today?" Mu Feifei's tone was ice-cold.

"..." The Prince stopped, his fists clenched tight.

He wasn't afraid of threats, but just as Mu Feifei said, he couldn't abandon his dignity, much less bear such humiliation forever.

"We are not far from the Elf Royal City, nor are we that far from my Celestial Race Royal City. We'll hold our ground!" Seeing the Prince hesitate, Mu Feifei immediately spoke again.

"Hold our ground?!" All the Princes looked at Mu Feifei.

"As long as you help us hold them here and prevent their escape, when the reinforcements from the Elf Royal City arrive, I, Mu Feifei, am willing to offer up a treasure of my Celestial Race!" Mu Feifei said.

"A treasure of the Celestial Race?!"

"All we have to do is hold them here?"

"We seem to have no reason to refuse such an offer."

After a moment of silence, the Princes all spoke up.

Attack!

It would cause them heavy losses.

However, if they switched their strategy to defense, that was a different matter. Defending wouldn't cost them troops... Most importantly, it would allow them to preserve their dignity.

"Then we'll defend! Surround them until they're dead!"

"Alright!"

"Ninth Princess, please send the signal to the Elf Royal City at once!"

The Princes instantly reached a consensus.

Meanwhile, a cold smile played on Gao Neng's lips.

It had to be said, this was an excellent strategy. It was perfectly tailored to his current situation. After all, what Gao Neng lacked most was time.

The only prerequisite was...

...that they could actually hold them!

'Since they're scared, we'll be the ones to attack!' Gao Neng quickly made his decision. He couldn't let the Alien Race Alliance Army surround them.

If they were truly surrounded...

...death was certain.

So, what he had to do now was force a breakout before the Alien Race Alliance Army could complete its encirclement!

"Break out?! How do we do that?" Fang Tangtang was a little dumbfounded. She had also realized that they were like a nail driven into the Alien Race Alliance Army's formation.

So, how does a nail break out?

Gao Neng showed Fang Tangtang with his actions...

A nail!

Can move!

He had created the cube. It could rest on the ground, so naturally, it could also float in the air. It could even accelerate forward. This wasn't a nail stuck in the ground; it was a nail that could fly at any moment.

SWOOSH!

The massive, hundred-meter-wide cube moved.

This scene undoubtedly startled the distant Princes. Even Mu Feifei's expression became somewhat dazed at this moment.

"This thing... it can move?"

"It's not just moving, it's flying!"

"It's really f*cking flying... And it's so fast!"

"This is bad, they're about to break through the encirclement!"

The Princes were shocked. But by now, it was too late to stop them. They all knew just how terrifyingly lethal this cube was.

The Fourth and Fifth-Rank warriors of the Alien Race Alliance Army didn't dare to block it.

They were terrified of being dragged inside.

It cut a path through them as if no one was there.

Mu Feifei's fists clenched so tightly they crackled. The plan she had just devised was shattered in an instant? This was something she had never experienced in her entire life.

"Why can this thing fly as well?!" Mu Feifei thought she had been remarkably patient, but as she watched the cube about to fly away, she finally couldn't hold back any longer.

"Don't you dare leave!"

Mu Feifei made her move.

"Ninth Princess, be careful!" the Princes all shouted.

Meanwhile, Shen Ning'Er stood firm in front of Gao Neng. Her golden-feathered robes radiated a dazzling brilliance as she pointed her long spear straight at Mu Feifei's throat.

"Fight me!" Shen Ning'Er's two words carried a supreme aura.

BOOM!

A spear and two swords clashed.

No matter how unwilling Mu Feifei was, she could only fly back in retreat.

Just then, Fang Tangtang seemed to recall something. Her gaze shifted to the distance, and she saw a figure swimming rapidly toward them.

The only one who could swim through the air...

...was, of course, Gui Zian.

The high-rank aliens who had been surrounding him had all chosen to fall back to defend. When he saw Gao Neng and the others about to break out, he had naturally rushed over at the first opportunity.

"You've worked hard, Teacher Gui," Gao Neng said sincerely.

"As long as I'm not dead... I'm fine. But, don't you think you owe me an explanation, kid? Can you tell me how you made this thing?" Gui Zian said, gasping for breath.

"Strength," Gao Neng replied. He had long guessed Gui Zian would ask this.

"Strength?" Gui Zian gritted his teeth. 'What the hell? That answer is no different from not answering at all, right?' The key thing was, he was too embarrassed to press the matter further.

After all, the man had said it was due to his strength.

What else was there to ask?

"Gao Neng, you have more than the five hidden talents you mentioned, don't you?" Fang Tangtang, however, was fearless in her ignorance and immediately asked.

"Of course I do. But that's my secret, so I can't tell you," Gao Neng replied again.

"Tch, you think I, Death God Fang Tangtang, would want to know?" Fang Tangtang pouted, then blinked her eyes. "Sister Ning'Er, do you know how many hidden talents he has?"

"Tangtang, open fire!" Shen Ning'Er ignored Fang Tangtang and pointed behind them.

"Huh?"

"Now is not the time to discuss this. We haven't escaped yet, they're catching up, and Gao Neng can't hold on for much longer!" Shen Ning'Er quickly replied.

"Gao Neng, how much longer can you last?" Hearing this, Gui Zian's expression immediately turned grim. Although he didn't know what Gao Neng's so-called secret was...

...now was definitely not the time to be discussing it.

Escaping with their lives was the priority!

Chapter 258 - 226: Mission Prompt: Shapeshifting

"I can hold on for eight minutes, tops!" Gao Neng had already started drawing on the power of his second magnetic core. He estimated it would be completely drained in eight minutes.

But he was still taking Energy Pills.

'Eight minutes... That's enough time to replenish a tiny bit of energy in my first magnetic core.'

"Eight minutes?" Gui Zian glanced behind them. They had technically broken through the encirclement, but they hadn't truly escaped.

The cube was too large a target.

Several thousand soldiers from the Alien Race Alliance Army were in hot pursuit.

"This isn't going to work! With the four of us together, we're too big a target!" Gui Zian was no stranger to the battlefield and quickly came to a decision.

"Yeah. We need to split up." Gao Neng also glanced back at the Alien Race Alliance Army. He knew this wasn't sustainable.

"Everyone, recover what energy you can, quickly." Gui Zian gritted his teeth, then turned to Fang Tangtang. "Tangtang, give me a Life-saving Pill. I know you have one!"

Gui Zian wasn't bothering with pleasantries.

Fang Tangtang looked annoyed but quickly fished out a Life-saving Pill and handed it to him.

"Teacher Gui, that's not right! Extorting a student? Are you even a teacher anymore?"

"If I make it out alive, I'll pay you back." Gui Zian swallowed the Life-saving Pill in one go. "My speed is fast enough to escape, but I can only take one person with me."

"Then please, Teacher, take Fang Tangtang." Gao Neng understood what Gui Zian was getting at.

"Alright, I'll take Tangtang and make a break for it. Major Shen—oh, wait, it's Lieutenant Colonel Shen now. Can you guarantee Gao Neng's safety?" Gui Zian nodded and looked at Shen Ning'Er.

"I can't." Shen Ning'Er shook her head decisively, then added, "But if we both have to die, I'll be the one to die first."

"Alright, let's split up!" Without waiting for Gao Neng's reply, Gui Zian grabbed Fang Tangtang and shot off, his backside wiggling back and forth. He looked like a large fish carrying a smaller one.

It was a very strange sight.

But he was genuinely fast.

At least twice as fast as Gao Neng's flying cube.

Gao Neng was speechless. "..."

'The Bald Shark really is fast, huh? In a situation like this, shouldn't the younger generation escape first?'

Of course, he didn't have time to dwell on it. Since he had to make a run for it eventually, he might as well save some energy for the actual escape.

With that thought, Gao Neng walked over to Shen Ning'Er. He gently reached out his hands and slowly wrapped them around her waist.

"Is this how you carried Tangtang while burrowing underground into the Elf Royal City?" Shen Ning'Er clearly knew a few things and didn't stop him.

"Well..." Gao Neng's face flushed slightly.

"So you need to hold me properly, not just put your hands on my waist, right?" Shen Ning'Er glanced down at his hands.

"The Flying Earth Dragon's grip is limited..."

"Then what are you waiting for? Hold me!"

"Oh... okay, here I go." Gao Neng grabbed Shen Ning'Er and pulled her into his arms. At the same time, he summoned the Flying Earth Dragon again.

Shen Ning'Er was powerful, but when it came to escaping by burrowing, he was the stronger one. So, it was only natural for him to carry her.

The only problem was...

...his fusion with Gao Xiaomeng would have to end prematurely.

But the priority now was to escape. Even if he stayed fused with Gao Xiaomeng, he couldn't last ten minutes. Once his energy ran out, death was certain anyway.

Since that was the case, there was nothing to hesitate about.

"This is bad, Ninth Princess! They've split into two groups and are running!" one of the aliens at the front of the pursuit noticed their plan and shouted immediately.

"Ninth Princess, Gao Neng and Shen Ning'Er went inside that thing!"

"They're trying to escape separately!"

"Which group should we chase?"

"Go after Gao Neng! As for the other two... intercept them if you can!" Mu Feifei gritted her teeth. If she had to choose, she absolutely wanted Gao Neng dead. The fact that he was with Shen Ning'Er only solidified her decision.

It was an easy choice.

However, chasing Gao Neng, who could burrow underground, still required the help of the Lizard Race.

So, after giving the order, Mu Feifei turned her gaze to the Lizard Race's prince. "Fourth Prince!"

"Understood!" The Lizard Race Prince knew exactly what Mu Feifei meant. He immediately ordered his Lizard Race Warriors to dive underground and begin tracking them.

SWOOSH! SWOOSH! SWOOSH!

One by one, the Lizard Race members began to dig into the ground.

But finding the tunnel Gao Neng had dug was proving difficult this time. A massive, hundred-meter-tall cube was still in their way.

The instant the Lizard Race members dove into the ground.

The hundred-meter cube stopped moving, trapping a dozen of them inside.

"Quick, get away from this thing!" one of the Lizard Race shouted.

BOOM!

Just then, the cube exploded.

Countless fragments of mixed materials flew everywhere, along with the suffocated corpses that had been thrown inside.

"ARGH! DAMN YOU, GAO NENG!" The Lizard Race Prince was enraged. He had just lost over a dozen of his elite Warriors. The most infuriating part was that the cube had now exploded.

What did that mean?

It meant he didn't even know how his people had died.

...

Gao Neng burrowed through the earth.

With Shen Ning'Er in his arms, he actually felt much more at ease.

It wasn't because her body was soft—he wasn't that shallow. He was more concerned with what was on the inside. For example, Shen Ning'Er's incredible strength.

The two of them together, even after his fusion with Gao Xiaomeng ended, would face almost no threat as long as they didn't encounter any high-rank opponents.

And right now, those high-rank opponents were all sticking close to the princes, not daring to leave their sides. So, for the moment, there was no threat.

"How did you get the Earth Dragon to evolve?" Shen Ning'Er finally spoke, her question blunt and to the point.

"If I said I just imagined it, would you believe me?" Gao Neng had expected her first question to be about his hidden talent. He never thought she'd ask about the Earth Dragon.

For a moment, he wasn't sure how to answer.

"Dr. Lan hasn't seen you in a while. She misses you. If we survive this, I think you should go see her." Shen Ning'Er's breath came out in a warm, fragrant puff.

The golden feathered robe she wore had been retracted, revealing a black military uniform underneath.

She didn't say anything about the impropriety of a man and woman being so close. Instead, she simply let Gao Neng hold her, a bewitching smile playing on her lips.

"Dr. Lan?" An image of a woman in glasses immediately surfaced in Gao Neng's mind, sending an inexplicable chill down his spine.

'That Dr. Lan is something else! I'd rather not see her if I can help it.'

"Ahem, it was actually an epiphany, really... I saw a lot of different alien races in the Elf Royal City. Then, I had a realization. I thought, 'If it's possible, why not add a pair of wings?' And just like that, the Earth Dragon evolved into the Flying Earth Dragon." Gao Neng quickly changed his tune.

"An epiphany?" Shen Ning'Er glanced at him, then let out another faint, fragrant breath. "Why am I suddenly feeling a little sleepy..."

"Sleepy?" Gao Neng froze.

"Yeah, my head feels a little groggy. What was that you gave me to drink earlier?" Shen Ning'Er shook her head, as if trying to clear it.

"I gave you the Spring of Life... Wait, don't tell me you're about to undergo a metamorphosis? You're transforming *now*? I..." For a moment, Gao Neng was at a loss for words.

He was the one who gave Shen Ning'Er the Spring of Life. The goal was to boost her power so she could fight Mu Feifei.

But the battle was over, and now a new problem had emerged. Shen Ning'Er had fully absorbed the Spring of Life and was actually starting her metamorphosis?!

'What am I going to do? We're still on the run! There are thousands of soldiers from the Alien Race Alliance Army chasing us!'

"A metamorphosis? From the Spring of Life..." As Shen Ning'Er spoke, her eyes gradually fluttered shut, and her breathing became slow and even.

'Did I pick the wrong person?' Gao Neng truly hadn't expected Shen Ning'Er to start her metamorphosis now. His plan had been that carrying her would be the safe option.

'But look at the result! If I had known she was going to transform, I should have taken Fang Tangtang!'

'Having Teacher Gui fly Shen Ning'Er to the Eastern District Fortress would have been much safer than me burrowing underground with her, wouldn't it? This is a classic case of the best-laid plans going awry.'

And that wasn't all...

He discovered another problem.

Gao Xiaomeng, who had been clinging to his shoulder, seemed to have fallen into a coma as well. And her body was also starting to change.

Silk-like strands of green energy began to appear on Shen Ning'Er's body. The energy constantly overflowed, wrapping itself around her. 'She's forming a cocoon.'

Gao Neng had experience with this. But compared to Shen Ning'Er's transformation, the changes happening to Gao Xiaomeng were leaving him dumbfounded.

Because Gao Xiaomeng, on his shoulder, was gradually growing larger. Or rather, it couldn't be called normal growth.

To be more precise...

It was a shapeshift! A transformation from a cat into a human.

Strands of silvery-white hair sprouted from the top of Gao Xiaomeng's head. In addition, her body began to gradually stretch out.

Soon, she had become a naked young girl.

A head of silver hair.

Her body was a lustrous, snow-white, and incredibly slender.

The only thing he couldn't see were her eyes, because they were shut tight.

"Holy crap... What the hell is going on? Gao Xiaomeng turned into a person!" Gao Neng considered himself quite knowledgeable, but a cat turning into a human was definitely not covered in any normal curriculum.

(Author's Note: Third update today, sorry to disappoint all you devils who wanted to see a bird get chopped! Also, recommending another book, "I Possessed the Demon Emperor," by August Flying Eagle. He's a good friend of mine, highly recommended. I've read it, and the book is fantastic!)

Chapter 259 - 227: Wrong Door, 3-Race Allied Army

Wait!

Why did Gao Xiaomeng look so familiar?

Gao Neng suddenly remembered. On his way to the Celestial King Group with Fang Tangtang, he had seen a short-haired girl being pursued in the City of Hope.

If he wasn't mistaken, that short-haired girl looked exactly like the Gao Xiaomeng before him now.

'So, Gao Xiaomeng is that young woman!'

Or rather...

'Gao Xiaomeng didn't actually evolve because she consumed the Spring of Life. Could she have been able to turn into a human all along?'

'Something's wrong. There's a big problem here!' Gao Neng instinctively felt that this matter might not be so simple. Just before he and Gao Xiaomeng had merged, he had faintly heard Gao Xiaomeng think about a "bad state" and her "mom taking care of her."

The current Gao Xiaomeng was clearly in a "bad state."

But the first "bad state"...

...had been in the Forgotten Land!

'If I follow this line of reasoning, Gao Xiaomeng was only able to take human form after merging with me. Does that mean one merge equals one evolution?'

'Wait a minute!'

'Something's not quite right again.'

'If it really was one merge, one evolution, then Gao Xiaomeng shouldn't have refused to merge with me. But she clearly did refuse just now.'

'So, where does the problem lie?'

'Why could Gao Xiaomeng evolve into a human after the first 'bad state'? But looking at her now, there are no signs of evolution.'

'Weird!'

'This is too weird!'

Gao Neng was utterly confused. He had a nagging feeling that all of this was somehow related to his mom, Xu Zilan, but Xu Zilan was just an ordinary person, right?

'Could an ordinary person make Gao Xiaomeng evolve into a human?'

'That's impossible!'

Gao Neng shook his head. He decided to set aside what he couldn't figure out for now. He would just ask his mom, Xu Zilan, during the school's winter break.

Of course, that was all on the condition that he survived this ordeal.

With this thought, Gao Neng gradually sobered up. He began to spread his Spiritual Power, searching for the best escape route.

'The Lizard Race members can't travel underground as fast as I can. And right now, the high-tier ones are all protecting their Prince. Does that mean I can escape directly toward the City of Hope?'

'That's right! I can just make a run for it in a straight line!'

'Shen Ning'Er is undergoing a metamorphosis, and Gao Xiaomeng is unconscious. This is definitely not the time to have a direct confrontation with the Alien Race Alliance Army. It's better to escape back to the City of Hope!'

'As for the pursuers behind me... I'll just ignore them. The Eastern District Fortress has experts! I'm not afraid!'

'I just don't know what the hidden objective for the next part of that epic-level quest is.'

'Forget it. Staying alive is the priority!'

Gao Neng quickly made up his mind. He controlled the Flying Earth Dragon to continue moving forward underground, ignoring the Lizardmen behind him and the Alien Race Alliance Army running overhead.

He had only one goal now.

Return to the City of Hope with all his might.

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While Gao Neng was racing underground at full speed, a large army charged out of the Eastern District Fortress of the City of Hope. Leading them was none other than the Deputy Commander of the Eastern District, Shen Ning'Er's grandfather, Shen Changsheng!

Gui Zian's signal had successfully reached the Eastern District Fortress.

Shen Changsheng had made a call to the Military Department but was rejected. He then charged out of the city alone, kicking Chen Yichuan to the ground when he tried to block his path.

Helpless, Chen Yichuan could only scramble to his feet, follow him, and immediately summon a large army to act as an escort.

Openly defying orders wasn't important right now. What was important was that Shen Changsheng absolutely could not be allowed to die. If something were to happen to this old master...

...the entire Eastern District Battlefield would descend into chaos!

Shen Changsheng, a Tier Nine Late Stage powerhouse, was stationed at the Eastern District Fortress. Along with the other three powerhouses stationed in the South, West, and North Districts, they were known as the Four Celestial Kings.

A title like that wasn't earned for nothing.

Because these four were publicly acknowledged by the Alliance as the four strongest individuals in the Military Department. Moreover, they were also among the candidates most likely to break through to the rank of Strongest within two years.

"All of you, get back and guard the fortress! I'll save my own damn granddaughter myself!" Shen Changsheng's speed was extremely fast; he had no intention of waiting for Chen Yichuan and the escort army.

"Deputy Commander, you can't do this! If you're allowed to go deep into the Elf Race's territory alone, then even if I died a hundred times, it wouldn't be enough to atone for it!"

"Cut the crap and scram!"

"Deputy Commander, wait for me!"

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As the army from the Eastern District Fortress marched out, the Royal Cities of the Dark Night Elves, the Celestial Race, and the Beast Race also mobilized their entire forces.

The Dark Night Elf Royal City's forces were personally led by Elf Queen Una. The perfectly unified Elf army marched majestically out of their Royal City, advancing toward the Eastern District Fortress.

And behind the Elf army, Angels clad in battle armor were flying out from the Celestial Race Royal City. This was the Celestial Race's most elite unit, the Great Angel Corps.

Their target was also the Eastern District Fortress.

As for the army from the Beast Race Royal City, they were a bit slower than those of the Elf and Celestial Royal Cities, but their strength lay in their sheer numbers, a black mass that blotted out the sky like dark clouds.

Three races, launching an attack at the same time.

This was something that had never happened in eighteen years of peace. But this time, they deployed their troops without hesitation, and soon, they merged their forces on the plains at the border of the Celestial and Beast Race territories.

The Celestial Race King, 'Mu Ying', was clad in golden battle armor, six snow-white wings beating behind him. His gaze swept over the massive Three Races Alliance Army before him.

"I have already made the purpose of gathering the Three Races Alliance Army clear. Do you two Clan Kings have any further questions?" Celestial Race King 'Mu Ying' said, his gaze landing first on Elf Queen Una.

Chapter 260 - 227: Wrong Gate, Three-Race Allied Army (Part 2)

"This human has humiliated my Dark Night Elf Clan beyond measure. I will not be able to sleep at night until I have my revenge!" Una's fists clenched.

She had already received the report.

The Thirteenth Prince who participated in the spouse-selection ceremony was actually a human in disguise. Furthermore, the same human was responsible for the Seventh Princess's prior abduction and for framing the Celestial Race for it.

This was a humiliation she simply could not tolerate!

"And the Beast King?" Celestial Race King Mu Ying nodded, his gaze shifting to a middle-aged man beside him with a mane of hair like a lion's.

"Fight! Enough with the chatter! My third son sent the signal. For this battle, my Beast Race will take the vanguard!" The Beast King gritted his teeth.

"Good. With our three races united, victory in this battle is certain!"

"Victory!"

"Victory!"

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「Three hours later.」

Gui Zian fled back to the Eastern District Fortress with Fang Tangtang.

Almost at the exact moment he entered the fortress, its alarms began to blare. A large enemy force had been spotted in the direction of the Beast Race's territory.

"It's the Three Races Alliance Army!"

"They are less than a hundred li from the Eastern District Fortress. They are expected to attack in two hours at most. Red alert! All soldiers of the Eastern District Fortress, man the walls and prepare for defense!"

"Alert, red alert!"

"Quick, report to the Vice Commander!"

"The Vice Commander led the troops out of the city, and even Vice Commander Chen is gone..."

"What are we going to do?"

"Don't panic... Vice Commander Wang is still in the fortress! Notify Vice Commander Wang immediately!"

"Yes, sir!"

"..."

"Teacher Gui, the Three Races Alliance Army is coming to attack us? I didn't mishear, did I?" Fang Tangtang blinked, looking at Gui Zian with a shocked expression.

"Vice Commander Shen is out? What's going on?" It was as if Gui Zian hadn't heard Fang Tangtang at all. He was more concerned about where Shen Changsheng had gone.

'Could it be that Shen Changsheng left the city to look for them?!'

At this thought, Gui Zian's expression changed drastically. If that was really the case, then the Eastern District Fortress was in grave danger this time.

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「Eastern District Fortress, on the city wall.」

A figure in green robes was silhouetted against the setting sun.

Ghost Eyes Li Tiannan stood quietly under the banner of the Eastern District Fortress's Military Department. He didn't look at the soldiers standing guard below, nor did he take command of the fortress's defense.

"The Three Races Alliance Army, hmm? It's been many years since that last happened..." Li Tiannan glanced into the distance, then pulled a white slip of paper from his robes.

His fingers moved gently.

Lines of faint, shimmering characters appeared on the slip of paper.

After doing all this, Li Tiannan began to fold a paper crane...

He was folding the paper crane with great concentration. From start to finish, it took him a full thirty seconds before the paper crane was complete.

Then, his eyes changed.

From within his originally pitch-black eyes, something like a 'ghost' seemed to overflow and slowly seep into the paper crane in his hand.

FLAP FLAP! The paper crane flapped its wings, and with a WHOOSH, it flew into the sky. In an instant, it vanished without a trace.

If Gao Neng had seen this, he would have definitely exclaimed.

"Wow! An Immortal!"

But unfortunately, he hadn't yet tunneled his way back to the City of Hope and couldn't witness this shocking scene. And, as expected, he had gone off course again.

He wasn't too far off course, though.

Fifteen degrees at most.

'That's not so bad, is it?'

After all, when you're tunneling rapidly underground, it's not that easy to calculate your direction with perfect accuracy. As long as he could escape back to the City of Hope, nothing else mattered.

Shen Ning'Er's body had now completely formed a jade-green cocoon. It had no energy fluctuations, but it was filled with the aura of nature.

As for Gao Xiaomeng...

Gao Neng was feeling a little awkward.

Because Gao Xiaomeng was stark naked, and with her delicate skin pressed tightly against him, he still felt a bit unnatural, even though he knew she was a cat.

After all, even though Gao Neng was super handsome, he was still rather inexperienced when it came to matters between men and women.

"She's a cat, she's a cat... Right, she really is just a cat..." Gao Neng muttered to himself over and over while tunneling with all his might.

According to his calculations, he should be arriving soon.

Listen...

The ground was still vibrating.

'Huh? Why is the ground shaking?' Gao Neng's Spiritual Power seeped out from the earth. He discovered that there was nothing on the surface, just a field of man-high weeds.

Weeds?!

Weeds!

'I'm near the Eastern District Fortress!'

Only this place has this kind of man-high red weeds.

Gao Neng's heart leaped with joy. He had actually escaped death! It was simply a miracle. He stopped tunneling and shot up to the surface.

'What about the pursuers behind me? Huh? They're still there?' Gao Neng glanced back and clearly saw a rolling cloud of dust less than a li away.

'An army of several thousand people can make such a huge commotion? Are these people chasing me, or are they cleaning up a battlefield? So strange...'

'Wait a minute... an army of several thousand couldn't possibly create a dust cloud like that, could they?' Gao Neng's expression turned extremely strange. 'What's going on?'

And there was another small problem...

The surrounding scenery seemed a little different from when he left the city.

'Which gate am I at?'

The Eastern District Fortress was backed by the City of Hope, but it didn't just have one gate. It had a total of three main gates, each connecting to one of the three different sectors of the Eastern District.

As for the reason...

It was very simple: the area the Eastern District Fortress defended was very long.

The three main gates formed a triangle. When the foreign races attacked any one gate, they would be met with a response from the troops at the other two.