

Complete Martial Arts Attributes

Chapter 1471: There's Hope for the Emergence of... (2)

Young warriors with a domain... They were the cream of the crop.

And Wang Teng had three domains. What is he?

A monster!

Definitely a monster!

Being heaven stage warriors, the experts suddenly felt they had disgraced the heaven stage.

After all, none of them had three domains.

"He has three domains and is able to amalgamate two of them to perfection. That is why the attack was so terrifying. Wang Teng is indeed a brilliant talent," Pei Tianzhou exclaimed with shimmering eyes.

"He fused two domains? Does that mean he created the attack?" Bao Dewen could not believe it.

"Who knows? I've never seen this skill," Pei Tianzhou replied.

Bao Dewen and Qi Yunxia exchanged glances. Their president said he didn't know, but his words confirmed Bao Dewen's guess to a certain degree.

If the president of the Great Qian Academy had never seen that skill, it could only mean it was either an ancient legacy or a self-created attack.

The former was beyond scarce, while the latter was equally rare.

No matter which one it was, it wasn't something an ordinary celestial warrior could achieve.

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In the military's giant battle fortress—the three eternal stage warriors, Fu Xinglan, Habakkuk, and Tang Wuwei, were also attracted by the commotion roused by Wang Teng.

Experts of their level, would seldom be moved by ordinary matters. They might not even register them as they happen.

During the League of Talents, the few people worth their time were probably the Crown Prince and the hope of the military, Wang Teng.

Even so, their eyes weren't glued to the screen. An occasional glance was good enough.

However, all three of them stopped their cultivation at the moment and stared at Wang Teng in Zone 2.

"The power of a domain," General Fu Xinglan said calmly.

"Two different domains making a single move." Habakkuk nodded.

Pei Tianzhou had to observe carefully to notice this, but eternal stage generals just needed a single glance.

"I remember he used a similar battle technique during the war on Defense Planet No. 29. However, he used space power back then," Habakkuk said.

"That's right. The move left a high-tier devil emperor severely injured." There was a hint of astonishment in General Fu Xinglan's voice.

"That means that there's a large gap between this move and the other." Habakkuk pondered out loud while observing the live feed, clearly surprised.

General Fu Xinglan looked at the Lightning Tornado and surmised, "This is very likely a self-created battle technique; a series where the power instilled is different. That is why the force is different."

"He's indeed talented, to have come up with such a powerful battle technique at his current age, being a celestial warrior no less," General Habakkuk said.

Fu Xinglan blinked and said, "I'd say he's on par with the monsters in the Seven Stellar Academies."

"That means there's hope for the emergence of..." Habakkuk suddenly stopped. He looked up to the skies and the universe beyond with a trace of longing in his eyes.

His expression betrayed the stage he was referring to. After all, what other realms could allow him to react in such a way?

"It's too early to say this." General Fu Xinglan shook his head but commented no further.

General Tang Wuwei was silent, but his gaze reflected the same emotion felt by the other two generals. They showed a hint of satisfaction and admiration for the young hero.

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On the Parkers family spacecraft—Furious Flaming Universe Lord, Valteru, and the other's expressions turned hideous. They stared straight at the screen with piercing and intense gazes.

Their understanding of Wang Teng's talent was refreshed anew.

They had always paid attention to him, but never expected him to mature as much in such a short period.

The previous time they sent a universe stage warrior to kill him and the assassin disappeared, they thought that something had happened along the way, or a formidable warrior had lent a hand, allowing the young one to escape.

From start to finish, they thought that Wang Teng relied on external forces to escape from danger.

They were bewildered by Wang Teng's great merits on Defense Planet No. 29, but they still treated him as a talent with great potential, instead of a formidable opponent worthy of their attention.

The Parkers were strong. Why fear a celestial warrior?

However, a chill crept up their hearts upon seeing the young fellow's indomitable attack.

If he was able to execute such a powerful blow while still at the celestial stage, what about when he reached the cosmos, or the heaven stage?

Would the heaven stage and universe stage warriors in their family be able to stop him?

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On the Cavendish family's spacecraft—an unusual brilliance sparkled in Olivia's eyes. She couldn't help but marvel, "Brother Wang Teng is so powerful!"

"A celestial warrior who can injure a high-tier imperial Great Lightning Monster? Wang Teng is monstrous." Di Qi was also taken aback.

Even the old universe stage warrior, Dubois, gasped and said, "I believe you now. He cannot be gauged with common sense. I feel that he's able to rival the Crown Prince."

"A rival to the Crown Prince!" Everyone was staggered.

"The prince has too many extraordinary qualities. We can only know for certain if they have a duel," Borla said.

Everyone felt the same way. The Crown Prince was a household name, while Wang Teng could only be considered a rising star.

They needed more evidence if they were to say they were comparable.

"My girl." Letitia suddenly grabbed Olivia's hand and said to her earnestly, "I won't stop you if you have any feelings towards him."

"Mom!" Olivia blushed instantly.

"Stupid girl, aren't you normally an easygoing person? Why are you being awkward now?" Letitia tapped her head lightly. "Since you like him, you have to be bold and express your feelings. You won't have any more chances once he enters one of the Seven Stellar Academies. As for the blind dates arranged by the family, I'll push them away for you."

"Huh?" Olivia was stunned. She was startled by her mother's fearless and straightforward ways.

Letitia pulled Olivia and said, "What do you mean by 'huh'? Come, let me teach you a few tricks so you can capture his heart."

She seemed even more impatient than her daughter.

"Hahaha..."

Borla and the others stared at Letitia strangely and burst out laughing.

However, they didn't stop the woman. Based on the previous performance, Wang Teng was worth winning over.

Of course, they wouldn't force the girl's hand if she didn't like him.

But since she did, they were happy to help.

The same thought crossed many people's minds.

The attitude of the other six dukedoms, the ancestors of the imperial family, and the formidable warriors of the various factions changed dramatically.

Many people were already thinking how to go about winning the young hero over after the match ended.

Three would be great benefits in the future if they could rope in such an exceptional talent before he matured.

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The storm in Zone 2 finally dissipated. All the energy was spent.

All gazes converged on that site.

Wang Teng floated in mid-air while stared grimly ahead.

A lofty figure gradually appeared amid lightning sparks. Soon, the energy dispersed and the vision cleared up. It was the Great Lightning Monster.

No longer raging and violent, wounds covered his blood-drenched body. His breathing was ragged, with shallow gasps as he stumbled, finally... falling to the ground.

Boom!

The ground shook. The tough and sturdy soil trembled violently due to the collapse of the massive beast, proving how heavy it was.

A ray of light landed from the sky and shone over the creature.

The giant body disappeared in a flash.

"Candidate Wang Teng receives 50,000 points!" said a calm voice that resounded in the air.

Wang Teng's points in Zone 2 skyrocketed, his ranking jumping to first place. He was more than 40,000 points ahead of the one in second place, Ling Yangxu.

Chapter 1472: You're Enlightened, I'm Enlightened, We're All Enlightened! (1)

The Seven Stellar Academies took action and the body of the Great Lightning Monster disappeared from Zone 2.

Many people noticed that the creature was still alive. It was just extremely weakened due to heavy injuries.

Wang Teng had completed the capturing mission.

The great academies had probably taken notice of him.

The voice announcing the score resounded in the entire Zone 2. All the martial warriors heard it; they were filled with envy.

Wang Teng now had a good chance to be admitted by one of the great academies.

They also noticed his rapid improvement. Many candidates were deterred by the fifty thousand points.

The gap was huge, and only two days were left. It would be impossible to catch up.

Furthermore, the original no. 1, Ling Yangxu, had already left. No one could take the throne away from our hero.

The candidates sensibly gave up fighting for first place, choosing to scramble for second and third.

However, the Jiang siblings—Jiang Weisheng and Jiang Chenxi—were holding those two positions, considerably reducing the chances of being surpassed. The participants wallowed in despair.

Of course, Wang Teng and Ling Yangxu's battle had ended.

The Virtual Universe Corporation was extremely efficient in handing out the bet earnings once the duel ended.

"I won! I won a bunch of money!"

"Hahaha. Thanks, Wang Teng! I knew you wouldn't disappoint me. I bet thirty thousand UC on him!"

"Sigh, poor me. That was everything I owned!"

"Oh no. I lost all my fortune. I'm going to jump off a building."

"Let's do it together!"

"Come to Mukun Planet. Our buildings are extremely tall."

"Tall enough to kill a celestial warrior?"

"Of course!"

"All right, I'll book a trip over immediately. Wait, I don't have money for it..."

"Oh my, poor little thing. I'll sponsor your traveling expenses."

"Thank you. I'll repay you, even if it means being your servant in the next life."

Silence.

"Amazing! I bet a hundred million UC on Wang Teng and earned a fortune. I'll be having some fun tonight."

"Oh my god, a hundred million? Brother, do you need a sidekick?"

"Just a hundred million? Come on, I bet five hundred million."

"Brother, do you want a cute sister? I can send one over to you tonight. She can warm your bed and whine..."

"Oh my god, there's a whiny monster here. Sneak behind her and press her down. Then... hahaha!"

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There were always the happy winners and sad losers when it came to gambling. The live chat platform was flooded with comments.

In the participants' zone—Ling Yangxu saw Wang Teng's Lightning Tornado and was flabbergasted by it. But then, a thought flashed past his mind and he sat down cross-legged with eyes closed. He had entered an enlightenment mode.

As for the things that happened after that, he didn't care.

To be expected of a genius. Ling Yangxu managed to understand many things after witnessing the fight between Wang Teng and the Great Lightning Monster.

Of course, his own battle produced some additional enlightenment too. He had executed his domain to its maximum potential, clashing head-on with the massive creature. The life-or-death situation helped him attain a deeper understanding of his domain power.

Numerous people noticed his actions and were stunned.

"No way, was Ling Yangxu enlightened just now?"

"I think so. I saw him eagerly getting ready to cultivate. Something must have inspired him."

"What? I was still worried about him feeling depressed after his defeat... He went straight to assimilate some enlightenment?!"

"A talent indeed."

"Achieving enlightenment even after defeat. This is real talent!"

"I'm jealous. I've been defeated many times, but I've never received any enlightenment."

"You? Come on, are you a talent?"

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On the Great Qian Academy's spacecraft, after a moment of absentmindedness—Pei Tianzhou and the others smiled in relief.

"Splendid. It's good that he wasn't discouraged by the setback." Bao Dewen felt elated.

"I think he gleaned some understanding during his battle. Who knows? The power of his domain might rise," Qi Yunxia said happily with sparkling eyes.

"Increasing the power of his domain may help him to be ready for a clash with Wang Teng in the next round; after all, he hasn't used his ultimate move," Bao Dewen said.

Pei Tianzhou didn't reply, but he gave their protégé a look of satisfaction.

In Zone 2—Wang Teng blinked after seeing the Great Lightning Monster's body disappearing.

What a pity!

He wanted to investigate the creature's body.

Fortunately, the fellow left many attribute bubbles behind; the young hero released his spiritual power and swept them over instantly.

Constellation Force (Lightning)*3600

Constellation Force (Lightning)*5800

Constellation Force (Lightning)*6300

Celestial Realm Spirit*2700

Heaven Realm Enlightenment*1800

Divine Level Lightning Talent*1500

Divine Level Spear Talent*2000

Lightning Battle Spear*3500

Lightning Spear Domain*4500

Lightning Domain*5200

Blank Attribute*23500

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The attribute bubbles merged into Wang Teng's body. A vast amount of constellation lightning Force coursed his limbs, causing his own reservoir to increase exponentially.

It used to be at the sixth level, but it rose to the seventh level after killing many lightning element star beasts with Ling Yangxu's help.

The lightning attribute continued to rise as it kept flowing through his meridians, jumping from the seventh to the ninth level of the celestial stage.

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Constellation Lightning Force: 90000/90000 (celestial stage ninth level)

Another Force reached the peak of the celestial stage, none other than the powerful lightning Force. Wang Teng was overjoyed.

He was also elated when he noticed that Ling Yangxu had dropped a divine level talent.

The lightning talent at the divine level!

It came as a great surprise.

It was embarrassing; Wang Teng's lightning talent was barely at the emperor level before.

However, the recent acquisition had allowed his lightning talent to instantly skip two levels and reach the divine level.

It was a veritable jump in quality.

Wang Teng had turned from a peasant to a millionaire. The difference was massive.

He felt the changes in his body, noticing that his sensitivity towards lightning Force around him had increased.

He didn't need to use any scriptures for the surrounding attribute to surge towards him.

He could absorb the power as easily as breathing.

Zone 2 was a lightning zone. It was bloated with lightning Force.

And thus, the feeling was stronger.

Divine Level Lightning Talent: 1500/50000

This isn't easy! Wang Teng sighed as he stared at his attributes board.

Lightning talents were rare, making the attribute remain stagnant for a while. It finally achieved a breakthrough.

But soon after, the sighs continued and he started to complain.

Why didn't Ling Yangxu have a special physique talent like Leng Qianxue?

It would have been perfect if he had one.

He wasn't afraid of his opponent being talented. He feared they weren't talented enough.

If Ling Yangxu ever knew what he was thinking, he could even ignore the competition rules and kill him.

Next, there was a divine level spear talent.

Similar to Leng Qianxue, Ling Yangxu had a divine level weapons talent.

Having those two divine talents, it was no wonder they became so powerful from a young age.

Wang Teng grabbed hold of that undeserved benefit.

Divine Level Spear Talent: 2000/50000

Wang Teng's spear talent used to be at the imperial-level. The increase was sizable.

The talent came with a special battle technique: the Lightning Battle Spear.

Wang Teng remembered the Great Lightning Monster's attack where he gathered bolts of lightning to form a long spear, which had to be the Lightning Battle Spear.

Lightning Battle Spear: 500/5000 (well-versed)

An image appeared in Wang Teng's mind as the attribute bubbles entered his memory. A giant stood erect between heaven and earth. He looked like a lightning creature, but there were some differences.

The main distinction was the pair of eyes. There was no madness in them; instead, they gave off an intelligent and majestic aura.

However, that was just a light, blurry outline, so Wang Teng couldn't see his face clearly.

Boom!

Suddenly, the lofty figure clenched his fist and bolts of lightning streaked down to his hand, which was condensed to form an ancient battle spear.

That battle spear was more defined than the one made by the Great Lightning Monster. It gave off an ancient vibe; it wasn't just an object made with lightning. It felt more like an ancient weapon taken from the battlefield of a historical war.

There were occult purple patterns shining on the spear's surface. Lightning crackled, radiating powerful fluctuations.

Some time later, the figure disappeared and Wang Teng's enlightenment was completed.

Is this the source of the Great Lightning Monster's bloodline? Wang Teng blinked in confusion, as the strange thought flashed past his mind.

The idea was soon discarded; his eyes were filled with happiness. The talent can reach the eternal stage? Not bad!

A battle technique able to reach the eternal stage. It was good stuff!

Who knew how many UC would be needed to purchase that rare attribute if sold somewhere in the universe.

He curbed his outburst of delight and kept examining the two different domains he had received.

One was the lightning domain, obviously dropped by the gigantic lightning creature.

This gain helped his understanding of the lightning domain to increase, going from the third to the fourth rank.

Lightning Domain: 2950/4000 (fourth-rank)

The other stat was related to the Lightning Spear Domain, dropped by Ling Yangxu.

The latter was a hybrid, created by combining the lightning domain and the spear element domain, which was much different from all his other domains.

That was the first domain with the enlightenment of a weapon merged with it.

It was none other than spear enlightenment.

It wasn't a weapon he normally used.

But...

Wang Teng went through the Lightning Spear Domain in silence as he wondered, Domains paired with weapon enlightenment seem to be stronger!

The Lightning Spear Domain couldn't be compared to his Netherworld Domain, or the Flaming Magnetic Meteor Domain he had devised after merging three domains; it was still powerful, though.

After all, it was a lightning domain; the element was known for its power.

The hybrid made with two domains was almost comparable with one made with other three domains, which proved its strength.

So, why didn't the domain feel powerful when Ling Yangxu used it?

The reason being: his understanding wasn't deep enough.

As the saying went, there weren't strong or weak battle techniques; only the person executing them was strong or weak.

The saying could be applied to domains, too.

Wang Teng blinked and decided to change his lightning domain to the Lightning Spear Domain completely. The zone was associated with lightning; it was extremely suitable for lightning-type enlightenments.

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Wang Teng found a peak and sat cross-legged on it.

Dark clouds hung over him like blankets. Lightning bolts sliced through the sky and stabbed the ground below like jagged blades. Ordinary warriors would be reluctant to sit in such a high position.

However, Wang Teng had chosen the place specially as a cultivation spot; all to have a clearer understanding of the lightning domain.

He decided to use the remaining two days to cultivate.

As for the blank attributes, spirit, and enlightenment attributes, he wasn't in a hurry to count them; he could wait until the end of the match.

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"???"

Numerous spectators were confused by Wang Teng's actions.

"Wang Teng has also achieved enlightenment?"

"Seriously? He's just a clone. Why is he doing something so inappropriate?"

"His true form was enlightened in Zone 1; now his clone is following him."

"I think I'm worse than a clone."

"Be confident and remove the 'I think' part."

"Anyway, both Wang Teng and Ling Yangxu achieved enlightenment; the small advantage he had is gone again."

"You're enlightened, I'm enlightened, we're all enlightened."

"Pfft... Let me pity Ling Yangxu for three seconds."

"Pity him for five seconds."

"Pity him for a minute."

"Pity him for three minutes."

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"Enough! He's pathetic enough as he is."

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On the Great Qian Academy's spacecraft—Bao Dewen and the others were silent.

The happiness gained from Ling Yangxu's enlightenment disappeared for some reason.

Once the battle in Zone 2 ended, the attention in that zone fizzled away; the audience shifted their gazes away. Many felt lost. Discussions were still ongoing.

The topic about the Great Lightning Monster was still open. They wondered what the Seven Stellar Academies would do with it.

Raise it?

Or cut it up for experiments?

No one knew, making their curiosity soar to the roof.

But, the matter was related to the great academies; the audience would not dare to probe deeper. They could only discuss this in secret.

Then, the people looked towards Zone 1 again. Time was tight. The competition in Zone 1 had reached a climactic point.

That was the place where the Crown Prince and the new rival Wang Teng were.

Before the match, no one felt that the latter could compete with the other talents in that zone.

However, his clones ranked no.1 in the other four zones. Following his outstanding performance in Zone 2, most of the people regarded him in a different light.

Someone raised the question, "Do you think Wang Teng is the Crown Prince's match?"

The chat platform became instantly silent when the question was posed.

None of them thought that the earthling was a worthy rival for the high noble. However, their confidence wavered at the moment.

Could a martial warrior who defeated a high-tier imperial star beast compete with the Crown Prince?

Don't forget it was just a clone. In that case... how powerful was his true form?

No one knew.

Wang Teng's ranking had now reached the tenth position in Zone 1. The star beasts dwelling at the bottom of the sea were more powerful, helping him gain more points and climb the ranks faster.

Of course, the path became harder once he reached no. 10, since the point difference between ranks was massive.

The difference between no. 10 and no. 1 was more than 180,000 points.

Such an appalling difference was only seen in Zone 1.

It was unimaginable to have similar results in the other zones.

"The difference is huge, and there's only two days left. Wang Teng might not be able to catch up."

"180,000 points means at least 3.5 high-tier imperial star beasts like the Great Lightning Monster."

"3.5? Where can you find a 0.5 monster?"

"It's just a figure of speech. I'm just making quick calculations."

"That's wrong. The Seven Stellar Academies added fifty thousand points because the Great Lightning Monster was special. If we consider normal star beasts, you would have to kill at least one from the fifth high-tier imperial level to get fifty thousand points. It's too difficult."

"Gasp... a fifth-level imperial star beast? I'm getting goosebumps just thinking about it."

"Most importantly, where can you find 3.5... I mean four of those high-tier creatures? That's impossible."

"Sigh, looks like he has no chance."

"What a pity. If he could gather all his clones in Zone 1, he would get into the top 3."

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Chapter 1475: You Can't See Me, You Just Can't See Me~ (1)

Zone 1.

Wang Teng moved along the sea trench and killed the surrounding star beasts.

The place was a good hunting spot. A constant stream of star beasts would appear.

Swoosh!

A mid-tier imperial beast lunged from the side, but was slain by his sword. Fresh blood spread around the dark seawater.

Wang Teng stored the body.

It was a huge lobster star beast. It looked delicious and filling.

The young hero looked around after picking up the dropped attribute bubbles, realizing that no more creatures were approaching.

After so many killings, the star beasts learned their lesson; they wouldn't foolishly go to check why there was a strong smell of blood.

Only the ones new to the area would do it.

However, it took a while for creatures to repopulate the sea trench, and there wasn't a specific timeframe for that.

To Wang Teng, time was everything at the moment.

He looked at his ranking again. He was still in tenth place, about twenty thousand points away from the next rank.

He shook his head and finally reached the edge of the sea trench. He decided to go deeper.

Just then, a few figures appeared in the distance, moving closer at a fast speed. They landed by the edge of the sea trench, about a kilometer away from our MC.

Both sides looked at each other from afar. Someone recognized Wang Teng; a glint of light flashed in the fellow's eyes.

The newcomers were talents from the Jin family. One of them was in the eight position—Jin Tiankuang. He was the Jins' most outstanding talent in his generation.

A faint voice was heard.

"Wang Teng!"

"Hmm?" Wang Teng's eyes flashed as he pinpointed the speaker. It was the genius from the Jin family.

"Leave this place. This place belongs to the Jin family now." The corner of his mouth rose as he spoke in a condescending manner.

The audience was somewhat delighted to see this situation unfold for some reason.

"It's over, it's over. Jin Tiankuang's over!"

"Jin Tiankuang's a little narrow-minded."

"Can't be helped. The ones contending aren't able to see the broadcast. Otherwise, he wouldn't be acting this rashly."

"Jin Tiankuang has always been wild. Many warriors in Zone 1 have suffered because of him, but now he's gonna get it!"

"I don't think Wang Teng can catch up with the Crown Prince, but overtaking Jin Tiankuang is a piece of cake."

"There's nothing to be afraid of. My Jin Tiankuang fears nothing."

"Jin Tiankuang isn't weak. Wang Teng might not be able to deal with him."

"It's hard to say who's the one who'll suffer."

"Fight, fight, fight."

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On the Jin family's spacecraft—the universe warrior Jin Xiangming was frowning.

Jin Tiankuang and the others won't suffer if they run into Wang Teng, right? The brat is too shameless, not easy to deal with at all.

In Zone 1's deep sea—

Wang Teng looked around after hearing Jin Tiankuang's words, and said in surprise, "Is your name written here?"

"Know your place, or I will kick you out," Jin Tiankuang said in a cold voice.

Wang Teng smiled faintly and raised an eyebrow. Why are the dukedoms talents all the same? Only a few of them are normal, the rest are just like the Parkers.

He didn't mind tormenting another person.

As for the dukedom family, he didn't fear them.

Having the military as backer, even if the dukedoms wanted to take a shot at him, they would have to weigh the costs to pay and see if it was worth it.

Besides, once the League of Talents ended, he could enter the Seven Stellar Academies. He wouldn't fear the dukedoms by then.

"What are you laughing at?" Jin Tiankuang frowned, feeling uncomfortable.

"You're out of your mind. You want to kick me out? Why don't you look at yourself and see if you have the ability." Wang Teng looked at him with amusement.

"You have a death wish!" Jin Tiankuang laughed back in anger. "In that case, you can tag along if you have the guts."

Without waiting for Wang Teng's response, the noble took his family talents and entered the sea trench.

Just as they were going in, they glanced at the young upstart with the hint of sneer in their eyes.

At that point, they seemed to think that he wouldn't dare enter the trench.

There weren't many who would end well after offending Jin Tiankuang and the Jin family.

Many talents had talked back and were kicked out of the elimination battle.

Sometimes it wasn't good to have a sharp tongue.

You needed to see who you were talking to, even when trying to uphold your dignity.

If you ever ran into someone who couldn't be messed with, it would be for the best to bow and protect the little bit of dignity you had left.

Wang Teng shook his head and ignored their words. He had to do what he had to do. His plan was to enter the sea trench even before their arrival, so he was going to do so without hesitation.

He didn't choose a different entry point; he just followed the Jin talents.

Since he was going to make use of them, losing them was a no-no.

The sea trench was surprisingly deep, with strong currents and high pressure. The coldness was trying to seep into everyone's bodies. Ordinary fighters wouldn't dare enter such a place.

The Jins continued their descent, their expressions becoming graver by the second.

"Brother Tiankaung, the coldness here is too great," said a woman from the group.

"It's colder here than outside. There should be something special about this sea trench." added one of the talents.

"Brace yourselves. Be careful," Jin Tiankuang said in a low voice.

"Yes!" Everyone hurriedly became alert.

"Is that Wang Teng fellow behind us?" Jin Tiankuang asked.

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"No, I don't see him," said the last warrior in the back.

Jin Tiankuang sensed his surroundings and scoffed. "Just a paper tiger. To think I was looking forward to what he would do."

Lady Jin Yujie said with a smile, "Haha, he'd be stupid if he followed us, knowing we're from the Jin family. A talent of the military? He just entered the top ten recently; he looks impressive but lacks real worth."

"I know him. He came from a backwards planet, so his foundation is limited." Jin Tiankuang snorted. An almost unnoticeable hint of jealousy flashed past his eyes as he continued, "I wonder how he got the National Military Medal..." No one noticed the emotion in his eyes.

"The National Military Medal?" The other talents turned silent when they heard this.

"Watch out!" someone shouted all of a sudden.

Boom!

A black shadow darted from the side and charged at the group.

Jin Yujie was the closest. She clutched her blue battle sword and slashed with an unhurried move. The sword glow cut through the water, but the shadow was surprisingly agile, shifting its body ever so slightly to evade the attack.

"Huh?" Jin Yujie raised her beautiful eyebrows. She turned her wrist and the battle blade formed an azure blue arc. The underwater pressure seemed non-existent as the sharp weapon slit through, releasing an even more powerful sword glow.

Howl!

The black shadow howled in pain. Fresh blood spurted out as it struggled to run away, only to stop after a certain distance. It had lost all vitality.

"That was a mid-tier imperial beast!" Jin Yujie said.

Jin Tiankuang smiled and asked, "Yujie, your water ultima has reached the eighth-level, right?"

"I can't be compared with you." She chuckled.

"This large trench is indeed a treasure trove with many powerful beasts. Poor Wang Teng. He found it first, but he hesitated to come down," Jin Tiankuang said with a contemptuous look.

"Huh!" Jin Yujie suddenly shouted.

"What is it?" Jin Tiankuang asked.

"My points, where are my points?" Jin Yujie frowned as she looked at her tally.

"Your points? What do you mean?" Everyone was confused. How can her points disappear?

"I killed that star beast but my points didn't increase," Jin Yujie said anxiously.

"Did you mess up your count?" Everyone was stunned.

"How's that possible? No matter how bad my memory is, I'm more than able to remember my points," Jin Yujie refuted angrily.

"Maybe the sea beast isn't dead?" someone offered.

Everyone was astonished, immediately turning to check on the creature. However, they soon confirmed that the sea beast was dead.

"What is going on?" Jin Yujie was puzzled. The monster was dead, but her points weren't added. Who was she supposed to turn to and reason about this?

"23333, it must be Wang Teng!"

"I knew they carved their own path."

"Poor guys. Their points disappeared and they haven't noticed that Wang Teng is there."

"Where did my points go? They went to their daddy."

"Wang Teng: You can't see me. You just can't see me~"

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The audience on the live chat platform was having a field day, laughing and teasing the Jin family when they saw their disoriented expressions.

On the Jin family's spacecraft—Jin Xiangming's brow was creased with fury.

Wang Teng, daring to scam members of my Jin family!

How dare he!

He was about to flare up when he remembered how Wang Teng had ripped off three warriors from the Parkers. Among those three, one would probably lose the chance to enter the next round. He didn't care about offending them.

Ever since the war between dukedoms, the Jins had endured a steep decline. They couldn't be compared to the Parkers, at all.

If Wang Teng wasn't afraid of that powerful family, why would he fear the Jins?

Furthermore, the fellow was supported by the military. Was it worth it to offend the military over such a trifling matter? The gain wasn't worth the pain.

These thoughts made him feel even more frustrated. He could only vent his anger on Jin Tiankuang later.

Why did this brat choose to offend the worst person to provoke?

Zone 1.

Jin Tiankuang frowned while scanning the surroundings. He said coldly, "Come out!"

The others understood, and glanced around. They wanted to find the person lurking about.

However, the only reply was silence. They couldn't find anyone, no matter how hard they looked.

Celestial warriors could pierce through objects with spiritual power, effectively noticing if there was life within.

Adding their noble background, they also had more secret and special skills compared to the ones accessible to normal warriors.

And yet, they couldn't find anyone.

The leader of the group frowned. The others looked at him, waiting for his decision.

If there was no one around, the points 'disappearing' was caused by something else.

"Let's go!" Jin Tiankuang snorted and continued his descent.

The others followed.

More beasts were found after traveling for some distance. This time, there were five of them.

Three of low-tier imperial level and two of mid-tier!

All the creatures attacked fiercely before the humans could react.

They had the advantage in that place, and were basically kings. Aside from prey, they had never seen other beings.

Hence, they instantly reacted upon seeing newcomers with intense Force fluctuations. They opened their hideous, large mouths, wanting to swallow them whole for a chance of taste.

"Charge!" shouted Jin Tiankuang as he glanced at the others, then charged at the incoming monsters.

The rest nodded, carefully paying attention to their surroundings when they fought. They were still trying to detect the hidden person, though.

The Jin talents were powerful, only taking ten breaths to deal with all five creatures.

However, none of them were happy.

Their points were gone again!

At first they had doubts about the involvement of someone in the shadows. Now, their doubts were cleared.

There was definitely someone playing tricks on them!

It was the only possible reason why their points weren't added.

They had hunted for more than twenty days and that had never happened before.

Jin Tiankuang and the others surveyed their environment with sharp gazes. Who's the bold fellow stealing our points?

Jin Tiankuang clutched his battle blade and shouted, "Move!"

Just as he said so, countless blade shadows hummed through the water in all directions, creating a turbulence in the depths of the sea.

Jin Yujie and the others retreated and observed their surroundings.

Such a method was in tune with their leader's character. Since he couldn't find anyone, he would lash out and clear the scene.

If someone wanted to steal their points, they would have to be close to them. The move could definitely help them find the culprit.

However, their surroundings remained empty.

Jin Tiankuang's ruthless attack only killed a few innocent fish and prawns. His efforts were futile.

The Jin leader was exasperated, his expression darkening.

He felt as if having tried his best only to realize there was no audience. It felt awkward.

Jin Yujie and the others stared at each other in bewilderment. If there's no one following us, where did our points go?

Jin Tiankuang gritted his teeth and ordered angrily, "Continue hunting. I refuse to believe we can't find the problem."

An hour later—

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The Jins' group were in low spirits. They had killed many star beasts, but none of the points went into their pockets. All of it disappeared...

Chapter 1477: Oceanic Unicorn Whale! (1)

The Jin family candidates finally experienced how frustrated the Parkers felt.

Having worked so hard to kill star beasts but gaining nothing. They were about to lose their minds.

They're too slow! Wang Teng shook his head in silence. He was displeased with their performance.

Actually, they weren't slow. They went around as a group, and the number of creatures they hunted exceeded what Parkers no. 1, no. 2, and no. 3 tackled.

Still, the gap between Wang Teng and the top nine was massive, making his current gains negligible.

"Something's not right!" Jin Yujie suddenly exclaimed.

"What is it?" Jin Tiankuang was in a bad mood, so he immediately questioned her.

"Wang Teng moved up to the ninth position," she replied in disbelief.

"The ninth?!" The Jins were astounded.

How did he rise from no. 10 to no. 9 so quickly?

Mind you, the difference between each of the top ten spots in Zone 1 was huge. The rankings wouldn't change as easily.

Jin Tiankuang frowned as he stared at the ranking. Wang Teng had indeed risen from his previous ranking.

The number '9' behind Wang Teng's name was making his eyes sore.

He previously looked down on the fellow, deeming him a harmless coward. And yet, unexpectedly, the guy climbed to ninth place in the blink of an eye, and was about to catch up with him.

It was like being slapped in the face!

The other Jin candidates remained silent, especially after seeing Jin Tiankuang's somber expression. They knew that there was a storm brewing in his heart.

Someone you belittled now possesses the ability to threaten you. How screwed up is that!

"6666, this is karma for looking down on Wang Teng. Jin Tiankuang, are you feeling the burn?"

"I'm not sure if he's anxious but I feel anxious for his sake."

"If Jin Tiankuang knew they were the ones who helped Wang Teng increase his ranking, would he fume to death?"

"Jin Tiankuang: Are you scared? Come out, you bastard!"

"Wang Teng: I'm not coming out. What can you do~?"

"Wang Teng is the most shameless person I've ever seen."

"What level is Wang Teng's concealing skill? None of the Jins can find him."

"I want to learn this skill too. I can watch my neighbor bathing with it!"

"Pfft, oh my god. You're a weird one."

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The spectators logged to the live chat platform were even more excited than Wang Teng himself, when they saw him moving up a rank. A heated discussion ensued.

On the Rodriguez family's spacecraft—the universe stage expert who confronted Jin Xiangming burst out laughing.

Amazing!

This feels amazing!

One Wang Teng was enough to anger all those Jin talents to such a degree. It was remarkable.

He felt obligated to thank Wang Teng properly. Never had he felt so refreshed, even after fighting with the Jins for so many years.

"I must invite Wang Teng over for a chat once the match ends. We need to have a proper conversation," the universe stage expert said to the person next to him.

"Whatever makes you happy," said the other, a heaven stage warrior, not knowing if he should laugh or cry.

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Zone 1, under the sea trench—

Jin Tiankuang and the others were considering whether to continue killing star beasts or find a place and wait for the competition to end.

Killing more creatures was a waste of effort. Giving up was better than to waste their strength.

"Brother Tiankuang, what should we do?" Jin Yujie asked.

Their leader was in a dilemma. Everyone was feeling uneasy; it would be inappropriate to ask them to continue wasting effort.

Actually, they already had spots secured for the next round, so hunting didn't matter anymore.

He was the sole exception. He wished he could improve his ranking to earn more benefits.

That was why he didn't want to give up.

Boom!

Just then, an explosion was heard somewhere further ahead of their location. It drew everyone's attention.

"What was that?" The Jin candidates were stunned.

"This sound... is someone fighting?" Jin Yujie wondered.

"Let's take a look." Jin Tiankuang's eyes lit up and dashed ahead.

Jin Yujie and the others were stunned when they sensed their de facto leader's excitement. Then, they snapped out of their daze and chased after him.

If someone else was there, the person could be the key to escape from their plight.

After the Jin group left, Wang Teng showed up. He blinked and decided to follow; his figure disappeared in the dark seawater, as if he didn't exist.

The sea trench was long and narrow. The currents churned and roiled like a cauldron full of wrath as the Jin candidates rushed forth.

They were like fish in the sea, moving with agility, leaving a trail of whitecaps behind them.

Wang Teng trailed behind them like a ghost, making neither sound nor waves, seemingly having merged with the seawater. No one noticed him.

A while, the currents became even more violent. Something seemed to be thrashing and writhing in the waters.

Wang Teng and the Jins even felt some Force fluctuations in the distance. There was indeed someone battling further ahead.

Chapter 1478: Oceanic Unicorn Whale! (2)

Just as Wang Teng and the Jin family candidates could enter the sea trench, other people could do so from different directions too.

When they were less than ten kilometers away, Jin Yujie suddenly shouted, "That looks like the Third Prince, with Strachey and Landon of the Parkers family. The people of the Ji and the Xiahou families are also there."

Jin Tiankuang and the others saw the situation further ahead. A bunch of people were surrounding a few giant sea beasts.

They were startled by the massive creatures.

What are those? Wang Teng was similarly astounded.

The giant creatures were three deep sea whales. Their skin was pitch-black, with a spear-like black thorn growing on their back. Their appearance was savage.

The beings were enormous. Their heads were facing our young hero, so he couldn't see their tails from his point of view.

However, their different sizes were evident. One of them was so huge the other two looked dainty, like its kids.

The horn growing from the greatest whale was curved, with complex blue-gold patterns faintly carved. The thing was stabbing upward with a minor slant, showcasing the beast's difference from the lesser two.

"Oceanic Unicorn Whales!"

Round Ball's baffled voice resounded in Wang Teng's mind.

Wang Teng naturally recognized that behemoth. Astonishment flashed past his eyes.

He didn't expect to see the species down there!

Furthermore, one of them had a fully developed horn, marking the creature as an adult. It was at least a high-tier imperial star beast.

He scanned the whale with his Real Eye; indeed, he found a glaring ball of light shining within the being. The monster was a true high-tier imperial beast.

The other two were at the peak of the mid-tier imperial level, also powerful in their own right.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The battle in progress was intense. The Third Prince and the crowd present had to join forces to hold the whales in check and prevent them from escaping.

Even then, they were still unable to kill the three monsters.

The beasts swayed their gigantic bodies. Immense amounts of Force surged out, pushing back the crowd with a rumble.

Roar!

Angry roars came out of their mouths. Soundwaves rolled out, striking their enemies with spiritual attacks.

The whales' roars were infused with spiritual attacks!

Boom!

The giant trio swung their tails. A few warriors from the Xiahou family were unable to evade in time and hurriedly released their Force to resist the blow. Their expressions changed tremendously.

Currents crashed onto the martial warriors from the Xiahou family with furious intensity. They vomited blood and were thrown backwards.

The Third Prince frowned when he saw this. Many were surrounding the three whales, but some of them were still being pummeled.

"What a huge sea beast!"

"What are they?"

"Oceanic Unicorn Whales! They are Oceanic Unicorn Whales!"

"Oceanic Unicorn Whales? I know them. They're a kind of deep-sea behemoth. The one with a horn is probably a high-tier imperial. It's another high-tier imperial star beast!"

"Isn't that the same level as the Great Lightning Monster Wang Teng met in the other zone?"

"Why is Wang Teng bumping into all those terrifying monsters wherever he goes?"

"But, the Third Prince already laid eyes on the Oceanic Unicorn Whales. Will Wang Teng dare to interfere?"

"That's right, this is the Third Prince we're talking about. Would he dare to trick the prince?"

"I really want to see Wang Teng try. It must be fun."

"He would be tempting fate!"

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On the live chat platform—the audience was appalled when they saw the Oceanic Unicorn Whale. Then, comments flooded the chat.

Zone 1, under the sea trench—

The Third Prince was stumped by the sea monsters. He had many people on his side, but there was nothing he could do.

Suddenly, he saw Jin Tiankuang and the others in the distance. An idea flashed in his mind and he shouted, "Jin Tiankuang, help me kill these Oceanic Unicorn Whales. I will remember the favor."

Cooperating was allowed in the League of Talents but only the one who made the kill would get the points.

Of course, the Seven Stellar Academies were watching, so it was up to them how to judge the owner of the points. They had their own ways.

And so, no one would collaborate to kill star beasts without a special reason.

There was no point in working together. The next round had to do with arena battles. The unqualified would still be eliminated eventually.

That was the reason why the Jin family warriors killed their own star beasts, even though they moved as a single group. The others wouldn't interfere unless the person was in mortal danger.

As for the Third Prince, he asked for help because he wanted the bigger whale's horn.

The latter was special; it was a natural material with both the water and the metal elements.

The creature was just a high-tier imperial, but the toughness and the power hidden within was comparable to that of a universe stage presence.

If the prince could get that rare material, he would be able to have a universe-level or even an eternal-level weapon forged!

Chapter 1479: Oceanic Unicorn Whale! (3)

Eternal level weapons would never decay. They could exist in the universe forever, and their power was indomitable.

Every single eternal stage expert would go to great lengths to find rare materials and forge those weapons.

The Third Prince was only at the celestial stage, but he already had plans for his future. He wanted to possess an eternal level weapon by the time he reached the heaven stage.

If he hadn't run into those Oceanic Unicorn Whales, he already had the thought of purchasing or searching for materials to have a mighty weapon forged.

Meeting those whales during the League of Talents was a pleasant surprise.

He didn't care about the pair of smaller whales. They had yet to develop a horn, so they weren't worth killing.

Still, he had to get his hands on the bigger, horned whale.

That was why they besieged and attacked the monster trio.

Jin Tiankuang's expression changed a bit after the Third Prince's request.

Although a member of one of the dukedoms, he still had to be cautious and respectful in front of his superior.

He didn't need the favor, but there could be a fall out with the prince if he rejected the offer.

The Jin family had been declining for many years, only recovering some of their power recently. They couldn't afford to offend the noble.

On the other hand, the favor might be a good thing for the family.

Many thoughts went through his mind. In the end, he nodded at Jin Yujie and the rest of the group, then darted forward.

"Be careful."

Jin Tiankuang had witnessed the power of the sea monsters, so he didn't want to put his family members in danger. He shouted a warning, using a voice transmission to remind them, "If you can't continue, just pretend to be seriously injured and stay back."

"Yes!" Jin Yujie and the others replied, also using voice transmissions. There was a strange look in their eyes.

With the addition of the Jins, the Third Prince and the Oceanic Unicorn Whales were at last evenly matched.

However, the whales' bodies were frighteningly tough. The attacks would only leave shallow wounds. They were unable to injure them.

The situation fell into a stalemate.

"The Third Prince probably wants the Oceanic Unicorn Whale's horn!" Round Ball guessed in Wang Teng's mind.

The latter was watching the battle with great interest, while planning how to steal points at the last moment. He was stunned by the little one's words. "Is that so?"

Then, he recalled that whale's special traits. No wonder the Third Prince is working so hard.

That's a real treasure. Wang Teng sized up the horn in awe.

"If you get the horn, you'll be able to forge an eternal level weapon once you become a supreme grandmaster blacksmith," Round Ball tempted the other.

Supreme grandmasters were right above the grandmaster level. Such experts could forge eternal level weapons.

Both Round Ball and Wang Teng were grandmaster blacksmiths; they had to grab hold of any good forging material they could find.

Furthermore, forging an eternal level weapon was something they had been dreaming and longing for.

The young hero's eyes shimmered. He was enticed.

He too wanted an eternal level weapon.

"He's the Third Prince. I don't think it's appropriate to snatch what he wants," said Wang Teng, touching his chin.

"You're not on good terms with him anyway." Round Ball rolled its eyes. It could tell that Wang Teng had already made his decision, but he was still putting on an act.

"Look at what you're saying. We just had some minor frictions in the past. But, he might kill me if I snatch this thing," Wang Teng replied.

"It's up to you then." Round Ball didn't want to bother with this.

"Sigh, as the saying goes, only those with virtue should possess the treasures. Just by looking at the prince's shabby appearance, one can tell he won't be able to protect the treasure, even if he gets it. Let me do the honors for his sake." Wang Teng shook his head and sighed.

Round Ball: →_→

The Third Prince looks shabby?

Why can't I see it?

This guy is shameless to the core. He's just finding lame excuses to rob the prince.

Chapter 1480: Wang Teng Disappeared! (1)

Wang Teng decided to snatch the Third Prince's treasure... I mean, he decided that the treasure should belong to the virtuous one.

Anyway, he didn't have a good relationship with that noble.

Still, the three Oceanic Unicorn Whales were hard to deal with. The two smaller ones were manageable, but the big one was a headache. It was at least a sixth level imperial, stronger than the Great Lightning Monster.

The latter had an exceptional lightning talent and an ancient bloodline; it was very powerful.

Similarly, the big whale was extraordinary. This kind of deep-sea star beasts were rare, and their talent was astonishing. The monster could control water to attack its enemies like a veritable king of the seas.

After watching the fighting crowd for some time, Wang Teng's expression turned strange. "These people are just putting up an act. They're not using their full strength."

"They only took action because of the Third Prince. Why do their best if it's not for their own benefit?" Round Ball replied.

"The prince won't be happy." Wang Teng shook his head.

They were all smart people. Would the prince allow them to slack off?

Obviously not.

As expected, after fighting for some time without any progress, the prince's expression turned cold. He glanced at the others and said indifferently, "Do you think my favor is that easy to gain?"

The expressions on the other martial warriors changed. They exchanged glances in silence.

"Hahaha, the testing period is over. Time for the real thing," said a warrior from the Ji family, adding an awkward laugh.

Everyone was speechless.

How fake can you be?

However, this did lessen the awkwardness for everyone's sake. They felt helpless as the massive whale was too powerful. They weren't confident about killing it.

Going head-on and ending seriously injured in the process would affect their future matches. That is why, no one dared to act recklessly.

They were all waiting for someone else to make the first move.

However, they couldn't dawdle any longer since the prince had spoken.

Ji Haochen scanned the crowd. He was the one who spoke, so he clenched his battle sword while his gaze sharpened.

No one saw him wielding his sword.

And yet, a blade glow was produced, surrounding him. A powerful water ultima exploded.

Tenth-level, perfected stage!

The Third Prince and the warriors from the other families looked over in shock.

It was extremely difficult to develop an ultima to perfection.

Most would never reach that state, even if they did grasp the power of ultima to begin with.

Still, Ji Haochen did it.

Looks like the enlightenment of that Ji talent is high, Wang Teng touched his chin and wondered, feeling surprised.

Many of his ultimas had reached the perfected stage, so he knew how hard it was.

Of course, I'm still much better. Wang Teng's narcissistic streak popped out.

Back on the live chat platform, many young ladies screamed in excitement when they saw the expert from the Ji family.

"Ah! It's Ji Haochen!"

"Ji Haochen has made a move."

"Ji Haochen is so handsome!"

"I want to make babies with him."

"But Wang Teng is still better than him."

"If only Ji Haochen and Wang Teng could get together."

"???"

"Hey, that sounds wrong!"

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Ji Haochen held the sixth rank. He was a powerful star from the Ji dukedom. So far, it was known that he had killed more than ten mid-tier imperial sea beasts.

There was a group of people with high hopes for the Ji family, so much attention was placed on them too.

Furthermore, Ji Haochen was handsome. Not as handsome as Wang Teng, but he was outstanding enough.

He was a talent and he looked the part.

Many of the ladies loved that type of man. That was why all those claims of baby making were thrown left and right on the live chat platform.

Ji Haochen launched his attack. He spun his sword in a dazzling arc, sending the perfected ultima with his sword glow that crashed onto the Oceanic Unicorn Whale's body.

Numerous crisscrossing wounds appeared on its back. Blue blood was spilled.

Roar!

The great whale felt the pain and opened its giant mouth, letting out a deafening roar, clearly angered.

Strachey from the Parkers family was covered in a strange... green flame. That's right, a green flame.

The flame moved across his muscular body, turning into green flame patterns enveloping his skin.

Boom!

He released fist attacks; and the Force-wrought fist marks slammed on the left side of the creature's head.

An ear-splitting explosion occurred.

The whale's gigantic head tilted to the left, having been violently hammered.

This proved how strong Strachey's punch was.

Another warrior from the Xiahou family took action. He was bulkier than Strachey; his long black hair was scattered behind him, making him look like a savage. He clutched his humongous battle ax, and swung it with fierce determination.

Boom!

The attack was terrifying. The battle ax sunk deep into the whale's body, spilling out its flesh and blood.

Fresh blood seeped out into the sea.

Roar!

The Oceanic Unicorn Whale twisted its body violently, stirring up seawater and forming powerful currents to prevent the enemy from getting closer.

Chapter 1481: Wang Teng Disappeared! (2)

The martial warriors from the Xiahou family were hit by the Oceanic Unicorn Whale's tail just then; all of them were heavily injured. Only Xiahou Zun managed to resist the attack and retain his strong combat power.

While the large creature flung its body furiously, he pushed against it with his feet and pulled his battle ax out. Then, he evaded the rapid currents around him, quickly escaping from the whale's attack range.

"Sigh!"

The Xiahou expert let out a soft sigh of relief after his move connected successfully.

The Third Prince didn't dally, moving right after everyone launched their powerful attacks. A sharp battle sword emitting strange fluctuations appeared in his hands.

If one were to observe carefully, it was an extremely sharp universe-level weapon.

Following the emergence of the battle sword, a dazzling gold light was radiated, particularly blinding amid the darkness of the seabed.

"This is... domain power!" said Ji Haochen while squinting. He was amazed.

Xiahou Zun, Strachey and the others were equally shocked. They stared at the Third Prince while in deep thought.

The Third Prince has a domain too. I wonder at what level it is. Wang Teng pondered while looking at the ongoing battle.

While everyone was lost in thought—countless golden sword auras blossomed around the Third Prince, creating a domain with only the sword element within.

An invisible Force field circled the noble.

The golden aura formed a halo around him, making him look like a divine and untouchable god.

Many would disregard the other princes because the Crown Prince stood out too much. Still, the power exuded by the Third Prince came as a surprise, startling everyone.

He was also a great talent.

Although subpar when compared with the Crown Prince, he wasn't someone to be ignored.

Boom!

The prince wielded his sword. The golden sword domain behind him swarmed out, engulfing the great whales.

Countless golden sword glows flew over from all directions, all aimed at the sea monster trio.

The golden light devoured everything.

An earth-shaking explosion echoed in the depths of the sea. The frightening Force impact made the waters roil and churn, blocking everyone's vision.

The others had no choice but to retreat. It was dangerous to stay close to the powerful currents.

The whole process might seem lengthy, but everything happened within a few breaths. The martial warriors' attacks landed continuously on the larger Oceanic Unicorn Whale's back.

The Third Prince and the others were staring intently.

The audience was holding their breath, gazes glued to the screen.

Will the Third Prince be able to kill the Oceanic Unicorn Whales with this attack?

Roar!

Just as the question appeared in everyone's minds—an enraged roar sent shockwaves in all directions. Visible ripples appeared in the water, lashing at the martial warriors.

"Oh sh*t!"

The expressions on the martial warriors' faces changed. They hurriedly used their spiritual power to resist the attack and retreat in a flash.

The Third Prince was unwilling to give up but he had to move back.

Even so, their spirits were still injured. Their faces were ashen, as they endured an excruciating headache.

A gigantic black shadow could be faintly seen amid the still prevalent golden light. The thing was tossing and turning in the water.

Boom!

The next instant, a harsh blue light exploded, surging towards the martial warriors.

"Move!" Ji Haochen endured the pain in his head and shouted to his group farther behind.

He had already started flying back at his fastest speed while issuing the warning.

The others turned pale and hurried to escape.

Those that couldn't run away in time were quick to admit defeat, disappearing from the sea in a flash.

The members from the Parkers and the Xiahou families went through a similar situation. They felt helpless upon facing the blue light and didn't dare to resist it.

The Third Prince was the first to react when he saw the blue light.

Unfortunately, he failed to escape. The blue light was mainly directed at him, and the impact range was wide so he was still injured. The Force shield around him shattered and he vomited a mouthful of blood.

The blue light kept on shooting towards him like a beam. His pupils shrank as he frowned and admitted defeat.

Everyone was dumbfounded.

No one expected the battle to end that way.

The dukedom talents ended up in a hideous mess. Many of them left the match, including the Third Prince.

The Oceanic Unicorn Whales were incredibly powerful!

The blue light took a few seconds to disappear. The humongous bodies of the whales were revealed once more.

Blood dripped down the larger one's body, with wounds everywhere. However, the injuries only seemed to have fueled its fury, every action a reminder that it was still a deadly star beast, even in a weakened state.

Everyone finally realized what kind of creatures they were.

Most of the spectators felt their hairs stand on end just by looking at the whales.

Indeed, a high-tier imperial star beast was not to be provoked easily!

They also understood how tough it was for Wang Teng to defeat the Great Lightning Monster.

Ji Haochen and the others appeared more than ten miles away. They glanced behind them with lingering fear.

They shouldn't have messed with that Oceanic Unicorn Whale!

Even though they had kept part of their strength, even when they used their ultimate moves, they still felt that they couldn't tackle such creatures.

A few warriors from the Ji family who remained moved closer and asked, "Haochen, what should we do?"

"What else can we do? Let's leave. We can't defeat it." Ji Haochen waved a hand and chose to leave.

The only reason why they attacked the monster was because of the Third Prince. Since the noble was no longer there, only an idiot would keep on provoking the monsters.

After Ji Haochen left, the Xiahou family warriors continued to stare at the horn on top of the Oceanic Unicorn Whale, unwilling to leave.

"Forget it!" In the end, Xiahou Zun sighed and also chose to leave.

By then the whales were already swimming into the distance. The two smaller ones didn't die, but their wounds were serious. They moved close to the larger whale and followed.

Strachey and Landon from the Parkers waited for some time, only leaving after the creatures disappeared from their vision.

The whales were too powerful. They had no confidence in tackling them, so they had to give up.

The battle came to an end. The audience on the live chat platform finally regained their senses and a fierce debate erupted.

"The Oceanic Unicorn Whales are so powerful. So many warriors attacked them but they were still unable to kill them."

"That's right. I didn't know such a powerful sea beast existed. It's like a universe behemoth."

"I didn't think much when I first heard about these monsters, but now I understand how strong they are. I can boast about this later."

"Too bad the Third Prince was eliminated."

"Wait, there's someone missing."

"Missing? Who?"

"Wang Teng!"

"Oh right! Wasn't he right beside them just now? Where'd he go?"

"He disappeared!"

"He really disappeared!"

"Did anyone see my Wang relative? He's lost!"

"Please inform me if you find him. I'll take him home."

"Anyway, why are we still following the whales? Is this the discovery channel?"

"It's rare to see such powerful star beasts. I'll give them more screen time too."

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The Third Prince was transported to the participants' waiting area. His face was black and gloomy, as if someone owed him a few billion UC.

His gaze landed on the departing whales on screen. There was reluctance and resentment in his eyes.

He underestimated their power!

Chapter 1482: Why Is He There? (1)

Wang Teng looked up. There was a dark-red patch of flesh in front of him, with sticky substances oozing out. It looked disgusting.

Below him was a bubbling green lake. Corpses of many star beasts were floating on the surface, sinking and rising with a tempo. Some bodies actually disappeared...

At the moment he was standing on top of an empty tortoise shell. The owner was already gone but the shell had yet to corrode.

He sized up his surroundings and complimented, "Gosh, the belly of this Oceanic Unicorn Whale is huge."

There was no one beside him so he spoke openly.

"Seriously, there are many other ways to kill this whale, and here you go, choosing to dive into its stomach." Round Ball's voice echoed in his mind. The fellow didn't show up outside but it was capable of checking the surroundings. It was sizing everything up curiously.

That was a bizarre, yet unique experience, to enter the creature's stomach.

"Why waste effort if there's an easier way to kill it?" Wang Teng replied calmly, "Besides, the gap between me and the one in first place is huge. I still need to kill more star beasts later, so I have to use my Forces sparingly."

"All right, that makes sense." Round Ball was surprised, not expecting the young man to think that far ahead. It then exclaimed, "You're aiming to get the number one position? The Crown Prince is not like the other warriors. It won't be easy to surpass him."

"I can only figure it out by trying," Wang Teng replied indifferently.

The Crown Prince was an insurmountable peak to many, but to him, he was just a martial warrior with greater talents.

He could even be considered an amazing attribute bubble ATM!

He didn't kill the Oceanic Unicorn Whale right away because he wanted to count his gains first. The warriors from the dukedoms and the Third Prince had dropped an endless amount of attribute bubbles during the recent fight and he caught them all before entering the whale's stomach.

Overall, the harvest was good.

The greatest gain was the domain attribute dropped by the Third Prince, the Golden Luminescence Sword Domain!

Not long before, Wang Teng received the Lightning Spear Domain, which was a combination of the weapon's enlightenment and the lightning domain.

Now, he received another domain that merged the metal domain with sword enlightenment.

Wang Teng felt that the League of Talents was like his welfare services.

He closed his eyes and sensed his domain; an image appeared in his mind.

Numerous golden sword glows floated around him. An invisible magnetic field rose and created a special region with the golden light; a sense of danger loomed over.

Wang Teng noticed that the golden sword glows were connected by invisible threads. Hence, instead of individual attacks, they were part of a larger attack. The force of the move increased many times over.

That was the charm of a domain.

After some time, Wang Teng opened his eyes. Gold sword light flashed past his eyes and the domain power created a mysterious field around him. He seemed divine.

A split second later, the domain disappeared, as if it had never existed.

Wang Teng blinked and smiled. He looked at his attributes board.

Golden Luminescence Sword Domain: 500/2000 (second-rank)

Unfortunately, he only received a few points for that domain, merely reaching the second-rank.

In truth, the second-rank was already good enough. What else did he want? The Third Prince had painstakingly developed such a domain, while our picky hero only needed to pick up the right attribute bubbles.

When compared to the time the noble took to understand his domain, the time Wang Teng used was negligible.

Once I have some time, I'll make a full merger of the metal domain with this Golden Luminescence Sword Domain. That way, the power of this new domain will increase. Wang Teng pondered.

The next attribute worth mentioning was the Dragon Blood Battle Physique dropped by the warriors from the Parkers family, as well as the Wood Polaris Flame, which was a special wood element flame.

No further explanation was needed for the Dragon Blood Battle Physique. It was a special constitution of the Parkers he had picked up before.

However, the one he grabbed this time was different. It was a third-rank physique!

The one he already had was merely at the first rank. The third-rank attributes picked, raised his constitution to the third-rank.

Dragon Blood Battle Physique: 1200/30000 (third-rank)

The constitution ranking was related to the purity of its owner's bloodline. The purer the bloodline, the higher the rank.

Looks like Strachey's bloodline is quite pure!

It was unlike all the Parkers' fighters he met in the past. They all had a lesser purity, so he could only grab a hold of the first-rank constitution.

"They say that the Parkers bathed in the blood of the legendary Blazing Giant Dragon and attained this physique. The bloodline weakens with time; only the ones with great talent will be able to awaken a higher-ranked bloodline power," Wang Teng guessed.

As for the Wood Polaris Flame, he knew of its origins after receiving it.

It was a special plant-type flame born within a spiritual tree called the Wood Polaris Tree.

The flame was as powerful as the beast flames he had, such as the Scorching Beast Flame and the Star Phoenix Flame.

Chapter 1483: Why Is He There? (2)

The Wood Polaris Flame had a special characteristic. It was mild; easy to tame and control.

This wasn't the case for the Star Phoenix Flame or the Scorching Beast Flame, which had animalistic traits and were more ferocious.

Still, it was all the same for Wang Teng.

Having a divine flame, all the other flames would act like a group of little brats that could only stay obedient.

An additional flame would help him increase the power of the Dragon Blood Battle Physique by a margin, which was also a considerable gain.

The attribute bubbles dropped by the other dukedoms' members weren't worth mentioning. They were just some Force, enlightenment and ultima attributes.

Unfortunately, Wang Teng's five element Forces and ultimas were already maxed out. There was no point in getting more attribute bubbles of their kind.

On the other hand, improving his enlightenment attributes would be beneficial.

There was never too much enlightenment for anyone.

Once he took stock of his gains, he no longer hesitated and decided to slay the Oceanic Unicorn Whale right then and there.

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On the virtual universe live chat platform, many were still following the monster's movements. The Third Prince as well.

"The Oceanic Unicorn Whale is going to leave the sea trench!"

"I didn't expect it to be that huge. But it isn't slow at all."

"The whale is so pitiful. It's bleeding a lot."

"I wonder how long it'll take to bleed dry."

"What? I told you it's pitiful and you're talking about it bleeding dry. Is that really the issue here?"

"It's not about that. If it bleeds dry, it'll die; I'm worried about it."

"...Makes sense."

"Where do you think it's going? Back to its den? Does the Oceanic Unicorn Whale have a nest of something?"

"If it does, it should be huge."

"By the way, the whale must be the overlord of the deep sea. No other star beasts would be able to kill it, right?"

"Who knows? There might be one."

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A bunch of boring people were discussing boring topics. Suddenly, everyone noticed that there was a violent wave surging towards the great whale.

A group of large sharks were charging towards it, although they weren't as large; at most some were a third of its size, but there were many of them.

Eight of them in total.

Among all the star beasts in the sea, eight of those star beasts were considered a large group.

"Oh no, the Oceanic Unicorn Whale is so unlucky."

"They look like Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks!"

"Damn it. The one who talked earlier is a jinx. He said it and it came true."

"...What does it have to do with me?!"

"Those sharks look fierce. The whale is injured already; can it deal with them?"

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In the depths of the sea—the Oceanic Unicorn Whale and the Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks ran into each other and there was a moment of recognition. A foreseeable clash was about to take place.

Everyone tensed up.

The sharks bared their fangs, eyes glowing red with excitement.

Roar!

They let out beastly roars and scared the two, slightly smaller Oceanic Unicorn Whales.

They then stopped and clung tightly to the largest creature, not daring to move forward.

The tiger sharks didn't hesitate and rushed towards their prey in an instant.

Roar!

Just then—the largest of the three whales let out a loud roar, while blue light burst out of its spiral-shaped horn on its forehead.

The Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks paused, feeling wary. They perceived the blue light as menacing.

However, at that moment, the large whale's body shook all of a sudden, with the blue light on its horn dissipating. Its pair of massive eyes widened in disbelief.

Boom!

There was a loud noise.

It was followed by a ray of bright purple light that pierced the back of the massive cetacean. That spot was where its heart was.

Roar!

The Oceanic Unicorn Whale roared unwillingly at the last moment of its life. It exhausted all its strength and finally died.

The sudden scene came as a shock to all the viewers.

There was dead silence on the live chat platform.

In the waiting area—the Third Prince was equally astonished. His head was in a mess as he looked at the abruptly killed monster. What happened?

Was it a hidden wound left by their previous attacks that just acted out?

That wasn't right, though. The purple light was related to a lightning Force attack. There wasn't anyone among the former group using lightning Force.

The Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks were just as stunned.

What did they do?

Why did the whale suddenly die?

The sharks froze in place, forgetting to attack altogether. Their minds were filled with questions.

A figure then appeared next to the dead Oceanic Unicorn Whale.

He didn't expect to find other star beasts nearby. The Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks surprised him somewhat.

"Wang Teng!" Everyone recognized him. Their minds were blown after a moment of confusion.

"How come he's there?"

"Oh my god. Did he kill the Oceanic Unicorn Whale?"

"Wait, that purple light just now, it looked like a lightning Force technique. Wang Teng is a lightning element warrior!"

"It must be him. Otherwise, why appear now?"

"My god! I know now."

"What do you know?"

"Wang Teng must have sneaked into the whale's stomach during the confusion and found an opportunity to pierce its heart from within, making an easier kill."

"...That must be it!"

"I was wondering where he had gone to, plus the Virtual Universe Corporation was specially following the whale during the broadcast. They normally don't focus on star beasts; it turns out that Wang Teng was inside its belly."

"Wow, he did it. He really caught me off guard!"

"Aside from Wang Teng, no one else would have come up with such a method."

"There's a risk of being digested if you enter the creature's stomach. No one else would dare to do it."

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Many people were quick in guessing the young hero's killing method, immediately stirring up waves.

It was really unexpected; the powerful high-tier imperial Oceanic Unicorn Whale was killed in such a way.

Killing it from the inside. It wasn't just something others wouldn't do; they wouldn't even consider it.

Who would have dared to enter the Oceanic Unicorn Whale's stomach?

If not careful, he would have put his life at risk.

Wang Teng dared to do it since he was adventurous.

In the end, the results were magnificent. He was unscathed, and even looked relaxed. The process of killing that big whale wasn't too difficult for him.

Compared to the Third Prince, the young hero's kill was simply beautiful.

It was a perfect hunt!

Another high-tier imperial star beast died in Wang Teng's hands. It wasn't just because of his absolute strength, but also wits that others lacked.

Wang Teng undoubtedly had a certain quality that other talents didn't possess.

The Third Prince turned pale as he saw the latter on the back of the whale. He then gradually became gloomy.

Someone whom he had never seen as a competitor was standing higher than him; and even stepping on his reputation.

Now, many were probably comparing him with Wang Teng.

Their failure would be ridiculed.

"Very well!" The Third Prince thought about it and clenched his fists. A cold light flashed in his eyes as he uttered those two words.

Chapter 1484: Almost Matching the Crown Prince in Ranking! (1)

While everyone wondered about Wang Teng's location, startled by his sudden disappearance—

He made his grand and unexpected appearance in front of the crowd.

The immensely powerful Oceanic Unicorn Whale, which the Third Prince and the talents from the dukedom families couldn't deal with, was killed by the young hero on his own.

Of course, those talents didn't do their best.

There was another round right after that, so they wouldn't expose their true abilities just for the Third Prince's sake.

Still, Wang Teng slaughtered the big sea creature without revealing his true strength, either.

All that people saw was a beam of purple light, not knowing the battle technique used to kill the monster.

Thus, they were unable to make an accurate judgment of his ability.

Zone 1. Deep under the sea—Wang Teng stood on the back of the whale corpse, which had a gaping wound. Blood was flowing from the wound like a crimson river.

The wound had pierced right through the whale's heart, taking its life away.

He let out a soft sigh. Finally, he managed to kill it; the process went smoother than he originally thought.

From the moment he entered the creature's mouth to the final move with the Lightning Battle Spear, not once did the Oceanic Unicorn Whale notice his presence.

Wang Teng was prepared for all kinds of scenarios but it was unneeded.

He glanced ahead and saw the eight giant sharks. He was stunned.

What kind of luck is this?

Eight big sharks went to find him, right after killing a high-tier imperial beast. He didn't even need to search for them.

The eight sea beasts were ferocious. Their heads were massive, while their powerful jaws were a fearsome sight. Their large and sharp, jagged teeth seemed capable of tearing through flesh and bone with ease. Even a celestial warrior could be torn to pieces by those gaping maws.

Black scales covered their bodies, giving off metallic glints like humongous metal boulders. They weren't beasts to be trifled with.

They're all at the mid-tier imperial level! Good, good! Wang Teng's eyes lit up.

The eight sharks suddenly felt chills running down their fins, not daring to go further.

Roar!

Roar!

Just then, the two smaller Oceanic Unicorn Whales finally reacted and roared in fury. Blue light started to gather in their throats, followed by two beams of blue light being fired at Wang Teng.

The larger whale was their mother. Thus, anger overcame their fear towards him so they attacked.

"Y'all can reunite downstairs." Wang Teng's gaze turned cold. A terrifying sword glow instilled with a tenth-level water ultima was gathered around his sword and he made a slashing motion.

Boom!

The sword glow collided with the blue beams, producing an explosion in the deep sea. Currents churned all over.

Wang Teng moved and evaded the residual impact. He reappeared on the back of one whale and punched its head.

Five-element fist!

The five elements invaded its head and erupted.

The Oceanic Unicorn Whale died on the spot.

"So powerful!"

"What fist skill was that? He managed to kill a mid-tier imperial star beast with it."

"I don't know. The whale burst with a single blow so I couldn't see anything."

Everyone was alarmed. Is this the power of Wang Teng's true form? I mean, he killed a mid-tier imperial star beast with a single punch! It's incredible!

Other talents were capable of such a feat, yet they couldn't do so that easily.

Wang Teng darted and appeared on the other whale's back, then used the same method to kill it.

Wang Teng clapped his hands and muttered to himself, "A family should die together. You're welcome!"

Everyone was speechless.

Are you expecting them to be thankful for killing them?

Shameless.

Wang Teng turned to look at the eight sharks. "Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks, right? I think they're quite powerful too."

Wang Teng didn't reveal his killing intent, but the eight sea beasts had still sensed his terrifying presence. They turned and ran away.

They were moving at the speed of lightning, displaying extreme agility.

"Trying to run?" Wang Teng sneered. Using Space Flash, he caught up with one of the sharks and punched it with his five-element fist, ending its life.

The remaining seven were appalled. They weren't stupid; it was clear for them that trying to escape would be useless. Instead, they turned and chose to attack the human.

Blue Force glow gathered in their maws and formed spheres of light.

Wang Teng frowned. He wanted to stop them but the sharks had already spat the energy.

"???"

He was stunned. That was fast.

Being fast wasn't a good thing!

There was no time to waste. The light spheres formed virtual Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks that swam towards him.

The shark forms were translucent, almost invisible in seawater; they didn't produce any Force fluctuations either, so they disappeared completely once they were released.

Wang Teng was stunned. He quickly turned spiritual power into strings, spreading them around him.

He would be alerted if any of them was touched.

The Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks' unique skill was exceptionally powerful and hard to predict in that environment.

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Unfortunately, the sharks' opponent was Wang Teng, a freak with superb spiritual power.

The seven Force sharks traveled through the water at great speed, and entered his spiritual net. Wang Teng detected their presence.

"Interesting!" His gaze turned sharp as he released punches continuously, his feet unmoving, creating currents that crashed accurately onto the seven virtual sharks.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

However, just when he thought he had succeeded, the seven attacks exploded and a terrifying shockwave was swept over.

Wang Teng was stunned by the blasts' astonishing power. He immediately took action, using Space Flash to escape to some place a few thousand meters away.

The explosion was enveloping the spot he was a moment before. The terrifying Force made the water churn, forming currents that pulled and destroyed everything in their path.

Wang Teng frowned, as he didn't expect the Force sharks to explode. He would have been injured by them if he hadn't moved in time.

He glanced around and noticed that the seven sharks had taken the chance to make a getaway.

They were more than ten miles away.

He wouldn't allow them to leave. Using a spatial move again, he reappeared on the back of another shark and slammed his fist down.

Boom!

The sea beast died on the spot.

Within a few breaths, the remaining seven Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks were killed. Wang Teng's speed was astonishing.

His points skyrocketed and his rank gradually crept up to no. 8, then to no. 7, to no. 6... And yet, it showed no signs of stopping, until it moved all the way to no. 2.

He rose eight ranks in one go, and was just behind the Crown Prince!

Everyone was mind blown, their jaws almost dropping to the ground.

Such a rise was too fast!

The leap entailed more than a hundred thousand points. That was an insurmountable gap to basically all of the candidates.

However, it felt extremely easy to Wang Teng; so easy it was unbelievable.

Strachey from the Parkers family exclaimed, "What happened? Wang Teng rose to second place!"

"He's only thirty thousand points away from the Crown Prince and twenty thousand points above the original no. 2 holder, Timothy from the Cavendish family." Landon was in disbelief as he stared at the points on the ranking board.

"Damn it, is he so powerful?" Strachey gritted his teeth, feeling frustrated. "No, I don't believe it. It doesn't matter if I lose to him this round; I will definitely show him the strength of the Parkers family in the next match."

There was only one and a half days left for that round to end. Strachey knew he couldn't catch up with Wang Teng, so he placed his hopes on the arena battle.

An elimination match wasn't the same as the latter. There were no one vs one fights, so it was hard to gauge a fighter's strength.

In another area—Jin Tiankuang and the others had also noticed the young hero's points and rank. Their expressions froze.

They had been looking down on Wang Teng, feeling he probably had a weak foundation because he had taken more than twenty days to squeeze into the top ten. Hence, they didn't view him as a threat.

But now, he surpassed all of them and reached a position they couldn't touch.

Jin Tiankuang's expression looked conflicted. He felt awkward.

"I was surpassed!" Timothy from the Cavendish family also knew Wang Teng. A sharp glint flashed past his eyes when he saw the change but he wasn't mad. Instead, he became more interested in Wang Teng's ability.

"Huh? Wang Teng?" Ji Haochen from the Ji family was shocked. "He jumped to no. 2? What did he do? Did he kill a high-tier imperial star beast?"

"Wang Teng!" Xiahou Zun's gaze turned sharp. There was a great upheaval in his heart, making it hard to remain composed.

The fellow was very famous.

He had seen the grand spectacle the military had put up before the competition.

However, he didn't pay much attention to it since the League of Talents was a contest of strength in the end. Such pre-hype was unnecessary, as they would ultimately have to fight to know one another's power.

Still, from the looks of it, this fellow is really strong.

I hope I can meet him in the next round!

There was a fighting drive in his eyes.

"The fellow in second place is that talent from the military!" Sawyer from the Perez family raised his eyebrows when he saw the change in ranking.

"Wang Teng, you really surprised me." The Second Prince was originally in third place, but he was pushed further down, now being in fourth place. He shook his head, feeling he had underestimated that youth.

In the participants' waiting area—the Third Prince was fuming. He felt as if trampled upon and was greatly embarrassed.

Most importantly, he had some conflicts with the young hero. At first, he thought that Wang Teng was just a talented warrior who could be easily ordered around.

However, the latter didn't accept his favor and even offended him.

The noble didn't take him seriously, seeing the young man as an impudent fool.

He was the Third Prince of the empire. What right did a baron with a celestial stage cultivation to talk back to him?

But, after seeing the young fellow surpass him, his haughty posture became a joke.

All the dukedoms' talents and the princes were arrogant people. Wang Teng's sudden appearance caused a tremor in their state of mind.

In the depths of the sea—hot air was rising up from the seabed. The water had turned crimson from the heat.

A figure stood there, disregarding the scorching heat around him. His face was covered in a faint glow, and his aura was outstanding. Divine light was shot of his black pupils, seemingly able to see through everything.

The figure glanced at the ranking and astonishment flashed past his eyes.

On the live chat platform—the audience finally reacted and started commenting furiously.

"Oh my god, Wang Teng jumped to second place!"

"This is the no. 2 of Zone 1! Unbelievable!"

"I thought his limit was no. 5 but he used half a day to climb to no. 2."

"This is heaven-defying!"

"Incredible!"

"Second place in Zone 1 and no. 1 in four other zones. Even if Wang Teng can't reach first place, I think he's on par with the Crown Prince."

"That's right. This is amazing."

"Amazing!"

"Remarkable! Spectacular!"

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Wang Teng became the center of attention again. Not even the Crown Prince could steal his limelight.

Of course, our hero didn't know what was happening and he didn't care. He only cared about his gains.

Countless attribute bubbles were dropped, following the death of the three Oceanic Unicorn Whales and the eight Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks.

That was the real business.

Wang Teng released his spiritual power and collected all the attribute bubbles floating in the water.

Constellation Force (Water)*8500

Constellation Force (Water)*12000

Divine Level Water Talent*6500

Oceanic Ultrasonic Beam*3800

Whale Swallow (fourth-rank)*6400

Oceanic Whale Whistle*4000

Water Domain*2500

Blank Attribute*36500

Force Shark Bomb*1000

Force Shark Bomb*1200

Force Shark Bomb*1500

Force Shark Bomb*1000

Blank Attribute*18800

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So many attributes! His eyes lit up, not knowing what to focus on as all the attribute bubbles merged into his body.

The constellation water Force was self-explanatory, and what he had previously accumulated was already at the perfected ninth level of the celestial stage.

He also got another divine level talent.

The divine level water talent.

Wang Teng's water talent jumped from emperor to the imperial level. It was worth celebrating.

Divine Level Water Talent: 6500/50000

He had to admit that, being among the most powerful existences in the sea, the Oceanic Unicorn Whales were indeed extremely talented.

If they were allowed to mature, they could reach the titan-level.

Once fully grown, the Battle Planet would be unable to stop them from leaving.

Moving on, three special battle techniques were among the attributes collected.

One was the Oceanic Ultrasonic Beam.

As the attribute bubble merged into his mind, Wang Teng gradually understood what the skill was.

The giant outline of a whale appeared in his mindscape. A dazzling blue beam of light blossomed and shot out from the spiral horn on its head.

That was the terrifying attack the great whale had performed some time before.

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Oceanic Ultrasonic Beam!

Wang Teng was amazed as he went through the Oceanic Unicorn Whale's unique skill in his mind.

He personally witnessed the attack's effect. The Third Prince and the other martial warriors couldn't resist it and had to run away.

Hence, it was a pleasant surprise to have picked it up.

Oceanic Ultrasonic Beam: 800/5000 (well-versed)

Similar to the Lightning Battle Spear, it was a battle technique that could reach the eternal stage. It was powerful.

The other battle technique was the Whale Swallow.

"This looks familiar." Wang Teng recalled for some time before he finally remembered where he had seen it before. Back when he was still on earth, he had killed a giant whale star beast that dropped the same battle technique.

However, he had never used it, so it was shelved and forgotten.

The Whale Swallow skill this time was at the fourth-rank, much stronger than the one he had.

Battle techniques with ranks meant that the skill had a massive potential.

Another image appeared in Wang Teng's mind as the attribute was assimilated. A humongous whale opened its mouth and swallowed an immense amount of Force.

The scene was spectacular. An ordinary star beast would never be able to suck in such a vast amount of Force.

However, the Oceanic Unicorn Whale could do this using that method.

Whale Swallow: 6400/40000 (fourth-rank)

The chance from the first to the fourth rank was on a qualitative level. Wang Teng then realized how powerful it was.

If he ever reached a place extremely rich in Force, or when his reserves were seriously depleted, he could use the technique to quickly absorb energy.

The third special battle technique was called the Oceanic Whale Whistle.

It was a spiritual sonic-based attack. It was similar to the Devil Soundwave and the Divine Sonicwave.

However, each had their own unique features.

As opposed to the imperceptibility and concealment of the other two, the Oceanic Whale Whistle was more direct, using a huge soundwave.

When the Oceanic Unicorn Whale executed the attack, the booming noise would almost shatter everyone's eardrums.

Oceanic Whale Whistle: 1000/5000 (well-versed)

It was a growth-oriented battle technique. The intensity of the attack depended on the ability of its user.

This would mean that the technique's power would increase as Wang Teng's spirit became stronger.

The next attribute was the water domain.

Wang Teng's water domain had morphed into the Netherworld Domain, so he also needed to do this for the just received water domain.

All those attributes had been yielded by the Oceanic Unicorn Whale. As for the Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks, they only dropped one special attribute.

It was another water element battle technique.

"It's the Force attack the sharks used just now!" Wang Teng was surprised after absorbing the attribute bubbles.

That's right, one could use Force to create a Hellish Sea Tiger Shark with that skill. The energy-formed sharks could be used for direct attacks or sent to self-explode. It was powerful.

Wang Teng was almost injured by that skill.

Fortunately, he had many techniques and used Space Flash to evade in time.

An ordinary martial warrior would have been caught and killed in the explosion, or at a minimum end up seriously injured.

"This battle technique is not bad!" Wang Teng touched his chin and chuckled. It was good for sneak attacks.

Force Shark Bomb: 3850/10000 (small achievement)

The eight Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks contributed 12,850 points of Force Shark Bomb, allowing the technique to reach the small achievement stage immediately.

The young hero didn't have many water-based techniques before; now he had an array of them.

There was the Oceanic Ultrasonic Beam, a confrontation-type attack, the Oceanic Whale Whistle, a spiritual attack, the Force Shark Bomb, for sneak attacks, and the Whale Swallow that could help him replenish his Force.

Perfect!

Wang Teng didn't count his blank attributes, but they wouldn't go anywhere.

Once the attribute collecting was done, he turned his attention to the horn of the Oceanic Unicorn Whale, which was good stuff.

He stored the shark bodies and then moved to the top of the big whale's head. He observed the horn carefully.

Up close it was evident that the latter was almost as long as he was tall. It was unique, forming a spiral; there were golden-blue patterns carved into it. The piece gave off a divine and holy aura.

"This is indeed a rare and special material!" Wang Teng flicked the horn, which produced a metallic ring.

"Of course. Why would I lie to you?" Round Ball's voice echoed in his mind.

"This Oceanic Unicorn Whale is strange. It's a water element star beast, but the horn has both water and metal elements," Wang Teng said.

"Rumor has it that there's a bone beneath the horn that can absorb metal Force in the surroundings; that's how this unique trait came to be. No other part of its body can absorb metal Force," Round Ball explained.

"The world is full of wonders and surprises," Wang Teng commented.

He pondered for a bit longer, then went ahead and stored the large cetacean.

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He didn't know that his action would ignite the flames of jealousy in the spectators' hearts.

"???"

"Did he just take that gigantic Oceanic Unicorn Whale?"

"Oh my god, I think he's secretly wealthy."

"How big must his spatial storage be to fit that giant whale?"

"I'm jealous. Wang Teng is definitely a wealthy young man."

"Strong, handsome, and wealthy. Is he the legendary tall, rich, and handsome man?"

"Hahaha, tall, rich, and handsome? You're a genius."

"Hello everyone, does anyone know Wang Teng's contact number? If you do, please tell me. I'll thank you personally when I become Wang Teng's partner."

"...Shameless!"

"Hello, I'm Wang Teng and I'm looking for a girlfriend. Anyone can apply but to show your sincerity... I hope that all ladies will give me three trillion UC. Please don't misunderstand. I'm not in need of money. I just want to test how sincere you are."

"Oh my god. I bow to you."

"I bow to you."

"I bow to you."

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Back in the participants' area—the Third Prince squinted when he saw the young hero stash the large monster corpse. No one knew what he was thinking.

Wang Teng released his spiritual power to probe his surroundings and dashed in a certain direction.

He was some distance away from the sea trench, so there was no need to go back.

There were numerous star beasts everywhere, so it didn't matter where he went.

It would be great if he could meet a few more mid-tier imperial sea beasts like the Hellish Sea Tiger Sharks; the difficulty level was just right and their points weren't low.

Another half a day went by. Wang Teng killed many monsters and his points increased by more than ten thousand, ever closer to the crown prince.

Only one day was left.

Everyone was holding their breaths. Is Wang Teng going to surpass the crown prince?

Suddenly, there was a round of shocks.

"Look at the crown prince's points!"

"What? What happened?"

"Oh my god, the crown prince's points increased by more than 30,000 points!"

"What? Wang Teng earned 10,000 points and the crown prince earned 30,000 points. The difference got wider instead of smaller."

"Wang Teng has no hope!"

"30,000 points? Did the crown prince kill a high-tier imperial star beast?"

"Quick, look at the crown prince's screen. He really killed a high-tier imperial star beast!"

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Everyone shifted their gazes away and looked at said screen.

Somewhere at the bottom of the sea, where the seawater was constantly bubbling, a giant star beast was lying in front of the famous noble. It had just been killed.

The creature was a deep-sea squid.

"What a huge squid!"

"Is that squid at the high-tier imperial level?"

"That's right. I saw them fight just now. Are you regretting it now? Why were you looking at Wang Teng and not the crown prince?"

"The crown prince is indeed powerful. He can kill a high-tier imperial star beast!"

"Squid: Why did you kill me? Who did I offend?"

"Pfft, what an innocent squid."

...

Wang Teng noticed the change in the crown prince's score with an impassive face. However, deep down, he was surprised.

This crown prince is indeed extraordinary. There were only two ways for him to gain thirty thousand points.

He either killed a high-tier imperial or a few mid-tier ones.

No matter the case, the noble was powerful. He might be only a bit weaker than him.

Their difference rose to forty thousand, more than before.

Wang Teng felt a sense of urgency, and immediately dove deeper into the sea.

"Hey, Wang Teng is heading to where the crown prince is!"

"You're right!"

"Are they going to meet soon?"

"Are they going to have a showdown?"

"I'm so excited. I want to see some bromance between them."

"You sound weird."

...

Everyone finally noticed where Wang Teng was heading. It was the place where the crown prince was.

The move was coincidental.

Wang Teng moved in that direction because of the high concentration of sea beasts there. He sensed a large amount of life force and energy fluctuations ahead.

Some time later, the young hero felt the temperature around him rise. Bubbles even started to appear.

Bloop...

The bubbles emerged from the seabed and popped after floating for a few seconds. A scorching heat was spread, increasing the water temperature.

"What is this?" Wang Teng frowned. He was startled.

He found it strange when he first sensed the fire Force presence in the area. It was incredible to find it in such a dense amount at the bottom of the sea.

Once he got closer, he discovered the reason.

"There's a submarine volcano!" Wang Teng and Round Ball's voices sounded in unplanned unison; the former mumbling to himself while the little one exclaimed in the former's mindspace.

"There might be some special fire-element sea beasts. Be careful," Round Ball reminded Wang Teng.

The latter nodded. He tapped his feet and bolted at the speed of light.

Boom!

Suddenly, an explosion resounded in front of him. Heat waves surged over, forcing him to stop.

Boom!

A beam of searing red light was shot toward him, cutting through the seawater and turning the entire space red.

Wang Teng shifted a meter to the side and evaded the beam.

The heat rolled past him, making his clothes and hair tumble about.

He could isolate the space around him, just like being on land.

He frowned and activated his Real Eye to observe the area.

The next instant, his eyes widened in shock as he cursed, "F**k!"

He turned and ran immediately.

"???" Round Ball was stunned, then asked curiously, "What happened?"

"There's a herd of star beasts charging towards us. I can't even count how many there are," Wang Teng replied grimly.

There were so many of them he didn't dare to stop. He moved as fast as he could to avoid being surrounded.

He didn't even want the points.

He didn't want to die there. It wasn't worth it.

"Did you see what they are?" Round Ball asked.

"I think they're jellyfishes," the young man replied.

"Jellyfish?!" Round Ball was taken aback.

The former didn't slow down while the conversation was ongoing. He kept escaping at a fast speed.

However, a large crimson glow appeared around him all of a sudden, enveloping him from all directions. He had nowhere to escape.

Boom!

An explosion was heard behind him. Wang Teng turned and saw a figure zooming over.

Soon, he floated right in front of the young hero and revealed his face.

The Crown Prince!

It was the Crown Prince!

Wang Teng's eyes widened when he saw the newcomer.

The noble was equally taken aback. He paused for a split second.

Wang Teng and the Crown Prince, meeting in such a peculiar situation. Countless crimson jellyfishes encircling them.

The creatures were translucent, with a red light shimmering inside their bodies, producing their outer coloring.

They extended a swarm of tentacles from their umbrella-shaped heads, which squirmed and swayed in the current. It was scary just looking at them.

"Giant Volcanic Jellyfish!" Round Ball cried out in bewilderment, "Wang Teng, they're Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes!"

"Huh?" Wang Teng dug out the information related to that star beast.

It was an extremely troublesome monster. The species would generally live near submarine volcanoes, and they had a high reproductive capacity. They normally moved in large groups.

Each group would have a few million of them. It was advised not to mess with them under any circumstances.

Why? Because they were known to hold a grudge!

Wang Teng swallowed his saliva and asked, "Did you provoke them?"

"It was an accident," replied the Crown Prince monotonously. However, one could sense a hint of helplessness in his voice.

Our hero glanced around and probed, "Can you talk to them and ask them to focus on you? I'm just a passerby. I'm innocent."

The Crown Prince: ...

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The situation... was a little awkward!

The Crown Prince never expected Wang Teng's response. This person is a bit unreliable. He wouldn't have been in such a miserable situation if he could make the Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes listen to him.

That's right, he was presenting a calm and composed stance, but his state was a little tragic compared to the start.

The two of them glanced at each other. Silence.

The audience wanted to laugh at their expressions, but they couldn't, as they noticed the densely packed jellyfishes around them.

"Gasp.... what are those? Jellyfishes?"

"I think they're called Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes. They move in large numbers; normal warriors will certainly die if they meet them!"

"All of them seem to be at the emperor level and above. This is scary."

"An emperor star beast would be the overlord of an area in my planet."

"Hey, which remote planet are you from? Do you sell slaves?"

Silence.

"Wang Teng is so unlucky. To actually get the Crown Prince implicated. What an unexpected mess."

"I feel like laughing. Is this karma?"

"I think so."

"Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes: Don't move. You're surrounded!"

"Stop making fun of them. The Crown Prince and Wang Teng are in danger."

"Danger! Danger! Danger!"

"Danger! Danger! Danger!"

"Crown Prince, run! Wang Teng, run!"

"They can't escape. There's too many of them."

...

Everyone had goosebumps as they watched the live feed. Just watching the screen was enough to give them chills.

On the imperial family's spacecraft—a middle aged man wearing a golden-purple robe stood in front of the screen, frowning when he saw the beast swarm. "How did he provoke them?"

"The Crown Prince is in trouble," said another elder wearing the same golden-purple robe.

The man was a universe stage warrior of the imperial lesser branches, but he remained respectful, his back bent as he stood behind the other man.

"There's nothing to worry about. He's in no danger considering his power," said the first man calmly.

"I don't wish those Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes will interfere with his current ranking," the elder said.

"The ranking is not important. The next round is where the contestant's true abilities will be displayed." The first man shook his head. The edge of his lips curled up slightly as he continued, "However, it's interesting to have the two of them meet at the very last moment, while both being surrounded."

The elder was surprised when he heard the first man talk about the two young men together; he seemed to be comparing the two.

"How can Wang Teng be compared to the Crown Prince?" the elder probed.

"Don't underestimate him." The middle-aged man didn't say much, but his smile grew increasingly mysterious.

Unfortunately, the elder didn't see it.

He blinked and looked at Wang Teng. Then, he shifted his gaze back to the Crown Prince. To him, their prince was the only one worth noticing.

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Within the military battle fortress—the three eternal stage warriors were drawn by the live broadcast.

"Interesting!" General Habakkuk laughed.

To him, the meeting of the two main candidates was an interesting affair.

"I didn't think they could meet each other," General Fu Xinglan exclaimed in surprise.

"The Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes are not easy to handle," said the reticent General Tang Wuwei. There was a strange emotion in his eyes.

"This is also an opportunity." General Fu Xinglan suddenly smiled.

"Hahaha, let's see if Wang Teng will kill more jellyfishes than the Crown Prince." Habakkuk's eyes glimmered as he laughed.

"Difficult!" General Tang Wuwei said.

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On the Great Qian Academy's spacecraft—Bao Dewen and the others gasped in shock. "This is troublesome. There's too many jellyfish."

The eight dukedom families were also dumbstruck by the scene. Many of them had different thoughts.

The members of the Cavendish family were worried.

"Do you think Wang Teng can handle that many creatures?" Letitia frowned.

Borla and Dubois exchanged glances and frowned. They saw pessimism in each other's eyes.

"I think... he'll be alright." Di Qi swallowed a mouth of saliva. He wasn't confident.

Compared to the sharks and the giant whales, the jellyfish were more terrifying. They weren't something that celestial warriors could defeat.

Could Wang Teng and the Crown Prince escape the siege?

Olivia clutched Letitia's arm tightly out of nervousness. Her heart was racing with anxiety.

On the other hand, Furious Flaming Universe Lord and the others from the Parkers family were laughing out of joy. They felt amazing.

"Karma! He deserves this!" Valteru flashed a sinister smile.

"Let's see how he dies this time," Sinclamon said with a cold shimmer in his eyes.

"But father, Uncle Sinclamon, the Crown Prince is there too," Andrais said softly.

Valteru and Sinclamon's expressions froze. Their hatred towards Wang Teng was overpowering.

Also, the young hero's talent frightened them. They wished they could get rid of him as quickly as possible.

For that reason they would ignore all others if Wang Teng was around, including the Crown Prince.

Chapter 1489: A Tough Battle! (2)

Both experts realized that Wang Teng wasn't the only one there. The Crown Prince was there as well.

Will the imperial family watch the Crown Prince be killed?

Obviously not!

Wang Teng's risk was greatly reduced as a result.

Should the imperial family intervene, the military could also move and rescue Wang Teng in a justifiable way.

"Don't worry. Talents like them wouldn't admit defeat so easily. They will definitely persevere till the end," said Furious Flaming Universe Lord.

"That's right. All talents are conceited; they wouldn't admit defeat that quickly. However, danger would still be there if he persists. Getting rid of those Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes is going to be difficult," Valteru said.

"Even if he does survive, he'll definitely be seriously injured. In the next round..." A sneer appeared on Sinclamon's face.

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Wu Xingyun, Old Han and the others watched as the young hero was surrounded by the red colored creatures, becoming increasingly anxious.

As they saw it, Wang Teng not only represented the Great Qian Empire and its military; he was also a figurehead for a remote planet in the Milky Way—Earth!

He managed to get to that point after so long. How could he lose there?

Wang Teng was the hope of planet Earth!

"The jellyfish swarm seems like a troublesome bunch," Old Han said in a solemn voice.

"They're not strong when alone, but there's too many of them. I wonder if he can hold on," Commander Hong wondered.

"The universe is a really scary place. We rarely see emperor level beasts on Earth, while there's such a terrifying group of them right there." Han Zhu and the others from the younger generation were stunned by the scene, and could feel how dire the situation was.

All the martial warriors on Earth were feeling extremely gloomy.

On the Battle Hearth Mercenary Team's spacecraft—Lin Chuhan clenched her fists tightly. A nervous look appeared on her delicate face.

No matter how confident she was in Wang Teng's abilities, her heart couldn't help but twitch when she saw how things were unfolding.

Somewhere else, on top of a mountain of a certain remote planet—a trace of worry appeared on the face of a person in a crossed leg position.

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Wang Teng and the Crown Prince were besieged by the sea monsters in Zone 1.

Our hero stayed quiet and looked away, to focus on the monsters encircling them with a grave expression.

There were too many of them!

The number of jellyfishes were such that they did pose a threat to him!

He couldn't even use Space Flash; the distance he could traverse was limited and he couldn't break away from the encirclement.

Buzz~

A buzzing sound was suddenly heard, while the temperature rose sharply.

Wang Teng noticed that the surrounding Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes were condensing their constellation fire Force and were about to attack!

The Crown Prince noticed this as well, and his face looked troubled.

Boom!

Beams of red light were shot from all directions.

It was a horrifying scene. The onlooker's perspective showed countless red beams enveloping the entire area, leaving no option to escape.

"Netherworld Domain!" shouted the young hero in his heart without hesitation. He activated the special domain, which covered a range of hundreds of meters with his body as center.

On the other side, the prince's body produced a growing bluish light region, which was also a domain.

It wasn't strange for the talented prince to have mastered a domain. No one was surprised by his move, as everyone took it as a matter of course.

Boom!

A loud explosion was heard as the red beams bombarded the two domains. All of them disintegrated in a flash, and disappeared from sight.

Domains weren't just means of attack. They would also work as defense!

Besides, offense was the best defense!

Wang Teng's Netherworld Domain expanded in all directions, and one by one, the Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes were pulled in.

The young hero was a veritable dictator inside his domain. A mere thought would summon an endless surge of gravity and pressure, and the monsters that were pulled in were crushed to death in an instant.

Bang, bang, bang...

Dull bursting sounds echoed inside the Netherworld Domain. No one knew what happened inside. The audience only saw the monsters enter the area of influence and never reappear.

In just a few moments—an empty space was formed around Wang Teng's domain. There wasn't a single Giant Volcanic Jellyfish there!

The rest of the area was still flooded with the critters.

Such a scene was astonishing.

A similar scenario was displayed outside the Crown Prince's domain on the other side. Large amounts of jellyfish were pulled in and slaughtered.

"Too powerful!"

"Both the Crown Prince and Wang Teng are really strong!"

"Forget about the Crown Prince. I didn't expect Wang Teng to be on par with the prince. Could it be that they're evenly matched?"

"I don't think they can be compared; but, for some reason I feel they are at the same level!"

"It is still too early to say for certain. The one who survives till the end will be the strongest. It's still unclear at the moment."

"That's right. Let's wait for the results."

"I was still worried about the two of them. Now, I'm worried about the jellyfish."

"Hahaha... The Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes ran into a tough block."

"Having said that, we still can't say if they can escape from that siege."

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Everyone was watching the battle broadcast while logged on the live chat platform. They were all shocked by Wang Teng and the Crown Prince's powers.

The battle was still ongoing under the sea.

Our hero looked at the Crown Prince's side and noticed that the noble was also killing the Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes quickly. His eyes then flickered as he rushed towards the creatures closer to him.

It was a crisis indeed, but it also presented a good opportunity.

There was a good chance to catch up with the Crown Prince!

The latter noticed the young hero's moves and also charged towards the monsters on his side.

Both of them had a rivalry.

Everyone saw what was happening and became even more excited.

The two geniuses had a chance to meet early in the competition. They were supposed to meet in the next round, but they unexpectedly met on the last day of the first round. It really was... fate!

The frightening Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes have then become the target of their massacres.

It was intense!

Everyone was excited, badly wanting to join in and compete with the awesome pair.

However, the Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes were vengeful creatures. They were enraged by the onslaught caused by the two humans. The monsters let out sharp cries as they desperately rushed towards their domains!

Their tentacles contracted, and beams of red light were shot to attack the domains.

Those jellyfish weren't that strong individually, but even the strongest domains would take a beating when they moved in numbers!

Furthermore, behind the emperor-level creatures were the low and mid-tier imperial beasts of their kind.

They were even larger, and the red beams they shot were more powerful. Every blow would make the two domains tremble.

The tables turned, and both talents were in a pinch!

"The situation's not good!"

Everyone had grave expressions. Wang Teng and the Crown Prince looked like they couldn't hold on any longer. Everyone felt nervous for the two.

Time passed gradually.

20 hours, 18 hours, 15 hours...

Everyone was counting down for their sake.

Both geniuses held on, killing jellyfish in a frenzy. Their points were constantly rising.

Someone noticed that Wang Teng's killing speed was going faster than that of the Crown Prince, with the gap between them shrinking gradually. It went down from forty to thirty thousand, and then to twenty-five thousand...

The situation was terrifying. It seemed that both were making progress at comparable speeds. However, Wang Teng was much faster than the Crown Prince.

It was unbelievable!

No one knew how the guy was doing it.

Is he going to catch up with the Crown Prince?

The thought emerged in everyone's minds and became more prominent.

Time passed. From twelve hours to ten, from eight hours to seven...

Many people clenched their fists, palms sweating.

Everyone was staring intently at the live broadcast.

When there was only three hours left—the Crown Prince's domain finally collapsed and exploded!

Chapter 1490: The End of the Elimination Round! (1)

The Crown Prince's domain couldn't resist the Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes' attack and collapsed.

Everyone was gobsmacked.

"The Crown Prince couldn't endure for longer!"

"Oh my, the Crown Prince collapsed first!"

"Wang Teng is still standing. Is his domain more powerful than the prince's?"

"What's Wang Teng's water domain? It's so strong!"

"Oh my god. Is the Crown Prince going to admit defeat since his domain was unable to resist the jellyfish anymore?"

"There's only three hours left and ten thousand points or so between Wang Teng and the Crown Prince. If he gives up, Wang Teng may have a shot at surpassing him."

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Deep in the sea—the prince reappeared after his domain collapsed and shot back at lightning speed.

Boom, boom, boom...

Crimson light beams landed on the spot where the Crown Prince was just a second before. Explosions rang.

Bubbles appeared in the water, evaporated by the blazing heat. However, they were soon engulfed by surrounding seawater

The noble clutched his sword and lashed out, killing a large patch of jellyfish.

Wang Teng glanced at him in surprise. The prince's domain was the same rank as his, but it collapsed sooner. This meant it was weaker than the Netherworld Domain.

However, that wasn't enough to underestimate the noble. Just like him, the Crown Prince was probably hiding some of his potential.

Actually, the two of them were just waiting for the competition to end. They weren't really pressed to escape from the siege; they would be automatically transported elsewhere at the end of the round.

Wang Teng didn't give this too much thought. There wasn't much time left and he was still ten thousand points behind the Crown Prince. He needed to hurry.

He executed his Netherworld Domain to the maximum and pulled numerous creatures into it. They turned into water droplets.

All the jellyfish that touched the domain's water were corroded, leaving nothing but a few water droplets behind.

Such a way to die was undoubtedly more bizarre than being squashed by the pressure of gravity.

However, outsiders wouldn't know how dangerous that domain was unless they entered it.

All the power within the Netherworld Domain erupted and the young hero's killing speed increased a few times.

This was how he closed the gap, from forty thousand points to ten thousand.

The Crown Prince's domain had already collapsed, and he showed no signs wanting to use it again. No one knew if it was a strategy, or that he couldn't use it.

That way, the score difference between the two continued to shrink. It went from ten thousand to eight thousand, six thousand...

Two hours.

One hour.

Everyone stared at the points. They were even more nervous than the Crown Prince himself.

He's going to overtake soon!

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He's going to overtake the Crown Prince soon!

The middle aged man and the elder from the imperial family, the military's generals, the formidable warriors from the dukedoms, and almost everyone watching the broadcast were staring intently at the points.

The time and difference in points were both decreasing steadily. It was like a competition to award the fastest runner.

The Crown Prince finally frowned a bit when he noticed the score gap. The astonishment in his eyes grew as he stared at Wang Teng again.

Swoosh!

Sword glows flashed through the air and swept across the sea. His killing rate increased.

However, he was still slower than his competitor.

Time flew, and they reached the last hour. Numerous jellyfish were killed, but there were still countless more moving toward them. There was no end to the hunting.

"Last ten minutes! There's only ten minutes left!"

"They're only a thousand points apart! Oh my god, my heart is coming out of my chest."

"A thousand points? How did Wang Teng manage to shrink the difference? This is unbelievable."

"How did he do it?"

"Faster! Wang Teng, faster!"

"I'm cheering for the Crown Prince. Don't let Wang Teng catch up in the last ten minutes!"

"Hahaha, Wang Teng, go! Crush the Crown Prince!"

"I like the word 'crush'."

Silence.

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The atmosphere was heating up on the live chat platform. Everyone was excited. Some cheered for the Crown Prince while others supported the military protégé. They hoped he could turn the tables.

A bigger proportion of people thought along those lines.

The Crown Prince was a high and mighty individual, born in the imperial cradle. He represented the highest status.

Wang Teng on the other hand—many had already done some research. They knew he had emerged from an underdeveloped planet, but he forged ahead with gusto and determination, eventually becoming a baron. Afterwards, he made a name for himself in the military, fighting hard on the battlefield before finally rising in the League of Talents.

Most people saw him as a role model and source of inspiration.

The rise of a common fellow!

They couldn't do it but they hoped that Wang Teng, one who shared a similar origin, would be able to.

"Go!" A bunch of people shouted with great enthusiasm on the live chat platform.

Wang Teng was unaware of the excitement. He was immersed in killing; all he could think of was to kill, kill, and kill!

As long as his blade was fast enough, he could catch up with the Crown Prince!

Time flew. Seven minutes, six minutes, five minutes...

Three minutes!

Two minutes!

One minute!

Up to the last second, Wang Teng kept going with the massacre. Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes were still dying within his domain.

As for the Crown Prince, he had already sheathed his battle sword and was at the moment gazing at the dark blue domain with an ambiguous expression.

Chapter 1491: The End of the Elimination Round! (2)

"The first elimination round has now ended!"

That was the message relayed by a massive sounding voice that was heard in outer space and the ten forbidden zones.

Wang Teng was stunned. He was absent minded for a moment before it clicked... the match was over!

He stopped and showed a bitter smile. Even at that stage, he was still overtaken by an intense desire to win.

His mindset wasn't good enough!

He waved a hand and the Netherworld Domain disappeared.

Wang Teng looked at the Crown Prince, who was also looking back at him. Their gazes met while still in the underwater trench.

The young hero's gaze was again calm. No one knew how crazy and unrestrained he had been just then.

Beams of light descended and all the candidates left the Battle Planet.

The two genius favorites were bathed by the light and were removed from the Giant Volcanic Jellyfishes' siege.

The jellyfish were confused. Then, they bellowed in anger, but were unable to find the two fiends who had killed numerous members of their tribe.

However, they gradually dove back to the depths of the sea, leaving no traces of the intense battle.

Ring 1's candidate waiting area—

Countless figures returned to the rings after the first elimination round ended. Some were injured, but they made it back and achieved good results, unlike those who would forever be buried in the forbidden zones.

Everyone wore different expressions. Some were happy, while others looked dejected...

Wang Teng and the Crown Prince appeared simultaneously, attracting everyone's attention.

Their gazes went past the Crown Prince and locked onto the military hero with conflicted looks.

Wang Teng was stunned. Why are they looking at me like this?

He was puzzled for a moment, but he quickly reacted and glanced at the ranking on Zone 1's stone plate.

His name was displayed right next to the no.1 rank!

The Crown Prince had gone down to no.2.

Their difference was only 560 points!

It was a close win!

The young hero had beaten the prince by a very small margin.

"I won!" Wang Teng mumbled while shaking his head. He wasn't feeling too happy for some reason. He was extremely composed at the moment.

His emotions were sublimated after recovering from the crazy slaughtering. He had entered sage mode and was incredibly calm.

No matter his great achievement!

He felt that there was nothing special or anything worth being excited over.

Still, that didn't mean that others wouldn't feel excited for his sake.

After a moment of confusion, the live chat platform became flooded with comments.

"He... won?!"

"Wang Teng is no.1!"

"No.1!!!"

"He won! He surpassed the Crown Prince!"

"Quick, slap me. Tell me I'm not dreaming."

"Hmph, it's too early to be happy. This is just the first round; the real show is the arena battle. We don't know who the ultimate winner is going to be."

"Don't be jealous. He won, and that's a fact. You can't change it."

"Look at the ranking. He's number one in five different zones. Who can compete with that? Not even the Crown Prince can."

"First place in five zones? That's never happened before!"

"Amazing, Wang Teng isn't human!"

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On the military's battle fortress—the three eternal stage warriors exchanged glances and smiled.

"Hahaha, we won!"

Powerhouses like them would seldom get excited. However, they felt overjoyed when Wang Teng surpassed the Crown Prince.

He had a good chance in the next round.

The military made the right bet!

On the imperial family's spacecraft—the middle aged fellow from the imperial family shook his head. What a pity. It was only a slight difference.

However, he wasn't surprised to see the young hero win. This young man is a bit unique.

"The Crown Prince lost!" The elder behind him widened his eyes in disbelief.

The latter had always felt that their prince was unmatched, not once expecting a martial warrior from a backwater planet to outperform him.

Even if it was just the first round of the competition, he couldn't accept it.

On the Parkers' spacecraft—Furious Flaming Universe Lord and the others looked grim. Wang Teng survived the monster siege, even snatching first place from the Crown Prince. This made them feel worse.

The more you don't want something to happen, the higher chances for it to happen.

Was Wang Teng sent to restrain our family?

On planet Yuming—Wu Xingyun, Old Han, and the others relaxed. They were elated.

"Hahaha, we won!" Old Han laughed.

"Good job. Wang Teng claimed glory to our planet." Commander Hong was full of smiles.

"It's too early to say. The real glory will come if he enters the top ten, or even first place in the next round," Old Han said.

"Wang Teng is making progress far too quickly. I didn't think that he'd be able to compete with the Crown Prince," Wu Xingyun exclaimed.

That was exactly what Han Zhu, Ji Xiuming, and the other young warriors thought; they felt troubled by such development. Some of them were excited, others envious, while the rest were filled with admiration...

On the Battle Hearth Mercenary Team's spacecraft—Lin Chuhan finally relaxed her tightly-clenched fists and stared at the figure standing in the limelight. All her attention was on him.

This fellow stands out no matter where he goes!

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Following the end of the competition, the remaining candidates turned to look at the rankings. They were quick to notice the problem.

Chapter 1492: The End of the Elimination Round! (3)

"Oh my god, why is Wang Teng listed in five different rankings and they're all on no. 1?" someone shouted.

There was an uproar.

The candidates in all three rings were stunned.

Five first places?

Seriously?

"Is this an illusion?" Someone rubbed his eyes violently but the result didn't change. Wang Teng's name was on five stone plates, and in the oh-so-conspicuous first place. Anyone could see it at a glance.

"It's true!"

"What's going on? Are the stone plates failing?"

"That's right, why would anybody have five different rankings?"

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No one believed their eyes. They had trouble accepting the fact for some time.

This doesn't make sense. How could someone have five rankings?

However, there were many images of Wang Teng's battles on the virtual universe forums, so they quickly found their answers.

Everyone was flabbergasted.

He entered five zones at once!

How confident was he to make such a mad decision?

Others would have opted to focus their efforts in a single zone to increase their chances of getting first place.

But, Wang Teng didn't choose that. He sent his clones to different zones. This was tantamount to splitting up his strength.

Even so, he still claimed the top positions in all five zones.

Terrifying!

Leng Qianxue stood in one of the rings, draped in a gown as white as freshly fallen snow. Her demeanor was cold and aloof, making those around her fear approaching her. She stared at Wang Teng in bewilderment.

The person who snatched my first place... is a little...

She didn't know how to describe it but she felt that the young hero was strange. She could not judge him with common sense.

At first she recalled how he had snatched his first place by tricking other candidates, which made her think he was a sly person without abilities, but from the looks of it...

He had to have the potential to get all five positions.

Looks like this fellow is a frightening opponent!

Ling Yangxu also noticed Wang Teng's ranking. He frowned.

He was pushed to second place because he was tricked by Wang Teng, and was ultimately incapable of catching up in the end.

His hatred towards Wang Teng was as intense as Leng Qianxue's for that reason. He wanted to regain his footing in the next round.

But, he was dumbstruck by the tricky rival's results in five different zones.

Is Wang Teng that strong?

He was able to compete with the Crown Prince and even get first place in Zone 1. It was absurd.

Soon, the astonishment turned into competitiveness.

Good!

The stronger Wang Teng was, the greater his desire to compete with him.

I won't lose in the next round.

As for the Crown Prince... he was perplexed. He stared at Wang Teng, having trouble believing he had competed in other zones.

What was he thinking?

He didn't understand why the military candidate would do that.

Was it for the ranking?

However, judging the young hero's unconcerned expression, the fellow didn't seem like someone who would do it for the ranking.

Does he have other intentions?

Multiple thoughts flashed through the prince's mind. Wang Teng's unexpected move created an emotional upheaval in his heart.

He had seen many talented warriors outside the Great Qian Empire's area of influence. Some were even stronger than him.

Still, there was no one like Wang Teng!

Chapter 1493: Let's Be Like Normal People!

Many names were displayed on the ten stone plates floating in the air.

Some names were ordinary. They remained inconspicuous among the endless listing, but some shone like the brightest stars in the universe.

Those names included the Crown Prince, Ling Yangxu, Leng Qianxue, Gaunt, Berkshire, Strachey, Ji Haochen, and so on...

However, the most outstanding was definitely Wang Teng.

He took the top positions of five zones. It was insane.

Many felt that this would be a record no one could ever break in the future. Wang Teng had left his mark on history.

"The top ten thousand candidates in the ten forbidden zones will move to the next stage: the arena battle!

"There are three rounds in the arena battle. The top ten thousand will proceed to the second round, while the top thousand from the second round will proceed to the third and final round.

"The current top ten in the forbidden zones will get a bye, and be directly counted in the top thousand.

"The third round will be the chance to fight to enter the top hundred, or the top ten!

"The second round will start ten days from now!

"Please make the necessary preparations!"

The voice echoed in space, resounding in the candidates' ears.

Everyone regained their senses, at last realizing that the first round was over. The ranking was final.

This meant that there were no errors in Wang Teng's ranking, and even the Seven Stellar Academies had acknowledged this.

"The first elimination round has officially ended. What a brilliant display!

"I feel relieved for some reason. Weak even."

"This has been the most exciting League of Talents' elimination round ever."

"How many leagues have you watched?"

"One!"

"...I thought you had watched more of them. Who gave you the face to boast like this?"

"Hahaha, anyone can boast. Me included."

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Many heaved sighs of relief after the round ended. They felt as if a rock weighing down their hearts had been removed.

There were still ten days for cultivation and recovery, but the rules stated that the participants of the next round were not allowed to leave the waiting area.

This was to ensure fairness!

Many warriors had suffered injuries in the first round, and ten days would be enough for them to recover. However, they wouldn't be allowed to use any external methods or objects to get back in shape. They could only depend on themselves.

No one could ensure this would be so if they left the waiting area.

That was especially so for warriors with powerful backgrounds. They had too many quick-recovery methods, which would be unfair to those without backers.

That was the reason why the rule had been instated. After all, restoration was also a metric to determine the strength of a martial warrior.

Meanwhile—the eliminated participants felt depressed as they were led away by the staff.

Those who didn't enter the top ten thousand had no fate to enter the next round. The League of Talents' ride had ended right there.

Soon, the remaining ten thousand candidates were gathered in Ring 1.

While everyone's eyes were on him, Wang Teng found an empty spot and again took out his chair and parasol. Just like in the beginning, he sat down and rested while enjoying drinks and fruits.

That was allowed. He wasn't breaking any rules.

He saw this as the best way to rest.

Besides, he wasn't injured and his health was in top shape; he didn't need to cultivate like the others to recover.

Everyone: ...

Although many were familiar with his antics, they were still frustrated when they saw what he was doing.

Is he even here to compete?

Can't he show some respect to the others?

Doesn't he know that they're hurt?

The participants felt insulted and were bashing him in their minds.

Everyone felt tense; he was the sole participant who seemed relaxed, still enjoying himself. Who could even tolerate this?

However, the young hero didn't care about their opinions. Those resentful eyes didn't affect him in the slightest. He was used to it.

As soon as he sat down—Song Yicheng, Hong Jinghou, Lu Jing, and several talents from the military gathered over.

"Hey, everyone's still here." Wang Teng's eyes lit up when he saw them arrive.

Song Yicheng and the others frowned.

What do you mean by still here?

That doesn't sound pleasant.

"Can't you be nicer to us?" Lu Jing sat down angrily, naturally grabbing a white fruit and gnawing at it; the juice was overflowing, with a strong fragrance wafting out. "This is so delicious. I almost couldn't make it; now I know how enjoyable it is to eat."

Wang Teng didn't mind. He glanced at her and said, "Looks like you've been through a lot."

"Not as much as you," she said, looking at the young fellow as if she were looking at a monster.

Song Yicheng, Hong Jinghou and the others also sat down around Wang Teng and looked at their 'host'.

They were still handling their disbelief.

No wonder he was waiting till the end when the competition started. He was keeping his big moves secret.

How confident was he to send his clones into the other forbidden zones. It was crazy to even think about it.

If it were any of them, they wouldn't have made such a decision. They wouldn't have even dared to think about it.

Even if they knew how to use clones, they would have sent them all to the same forbidden zone.

In fact, clones weren't suitable for the elimination battle, at all.

Clones would have limited capabilities, and would definitely be inferior in power when compared to the main body.

The more clones, the weaker they would be, and the strength of the main body would also weaken.

That was the main clone-usage principle!

This made them impractical for the elimination battle.

However, Wang Teng had smashed all logic. He and his four clones nabbed first place in their respective forbidden zones.

It was unreal!

There's only one explanation: Wang Teng is a monster!

Wang Teng laughed and changed the topic. "How's your rankings?"

"I got 16th in Zone 1!" Song Yicheng responded.

"I'm on the 20th!" Lu Jing said, a bit depressed. "It would have been higher if I hadn't met three mid-tier imperial star beasts, getting injured in the end."

"I'm a little lower. Rank 25." Hong Jinghou shook his head and smiled.

"Your rankings aren't bad," Wang Teng said in surprise.

Everyone was silent for a while, giving their leader a strange look. Lu Jing said, "Why do I feel like you're showing off?"

"No, I'm definitely not." Wang Teng was at a loss.

No one believed his sincere words, taking it as him boasting. Am I someone like that?

He was indeed surprised. The candidates from the military weren't at all weak and did well in the rankings.

They actually got those rankings in Zone 1. Had they tried their luck elsewhere, they could have been in the top ten!

"We underestimated the other warriors. We thought we could get a high ranking with our strength, even if we entered Zone 1. It was a surprise to find they were so terrifying." Song Yicheng smiled wryly.

"That's right. There were talents from the eight dukedoms and the major force; not one of them was easy to deal with. I used to be a talent from an unknown race. I could kill two mid-tier imperial beasts, but I didn't have any reputation before." Lu Jing shook her head.

"It's good to have many powerful competitors." Wang Teng's eyes lit up.

Everyone was speechless.

They were lamenting about the league's difficulty, but the guy only seemed to be excited about it.

Could this be the difference between us and peerless talent?

Do we have to be as abnormal as Wang Teng to have such abnormal power?

Ugh, thinking about it gave them the chills!

It was horrifying!

Let's just be normal people.

Wang Teng didn't know what the others were thinking. The reason why he was so excited was the prospect of having many attributes to grab in the next round.

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While everyone was resting... the Virtual Universe Corporation remained active.

They produced some wonderful highlights of the elimination battle and were busy publicizing them.

The talents in the League of Talents were rare; their techniques and battles would attract everyone's attention.

For instance, Leng Qianxue's battle. Being a goddess-level figure, she had indeed attracted a lot of attention. Her fighting style and posture exuded such beauty that made many of the male warriors go crazy when they saw her.

Gaunt was another example; scenes of him hunting star beasts was also worthy of attention. Many people were intrigued about warriors that used the poison element, and Gaunt was the perfect one to learn from.

Berkshire's fighting style was rough and direct, but it was exciting to watch, making it a good selling point.

There was also Ling Yangxu, a rare lightning-element warrior. His battles were always accompanied by majestic lightning bolts; adding that handsome face of his, many female warriors would be fascinated by him.

There were also Yuan Hong, Strachey, Ji Haochen, Jin Tiankuang, the Third and Second princes. All of them were powerful candidates who couldn't be ignored; every single one of them drew lots of attention.

Of course, the most popular were Wang Teng and the Crown Prince. The former's battles in five different zones were eye-catching. Besides, he was able to enter the rankings of all five, which was a great selling point.

The scenes of the young hero killing the Great Lightning Monster and the Oceanic Unicorn Whale were highly entertaining.

Finally, there was the scene of Wang Teng and the Crown Prince battling it out against the endless waves of Giant Volcanic Jellyfish. Two unparalleled talents fighting side by side, something rarely seen in the first round. It was impressive.

This also counted as a preview of sorts for the clash between the two outstanding talents in the next round of the competition!

Wang Teng won the first round by 560 points. It wasn't a clear gap, and there was even a bit of luck involved; it was impossible to judge who was the better one.

The following round would be even more interesting. Many were looking forward to the two candidates clashing. The final decision will be made by then!

The Virtual Universe Corporation distributed the news bits and their popularity exploded. Many people saw them and paid more attention to the competition.

Chapter 1494: The Virtual Universe Corporation's Contract! (1)

Something noteworthy was that you needed to pay to watch the short movie... erm, short clip made by the Virtual Universe Corporation.

The UCs required for every short clip was different. Videos of different lengths had different costs.

In any case, with more people watching, more money would be collected.

Furthermore, the candidates showcased in the video would have a lifetime in royalties.

This represented another income avenue for the warriors.

Warriors like Wang Teng and the Crown Prince—whose videos became popular after being watched many times—would be earning more.

It was something akin to the celebrity effect.

However, the 'celebrities' in this case were the talented fighters.

Wang Teng was elated when he heard about that unexpected gain. He readily accepted the copyright agreement the Virtual Universe Corporation had sent him.

Come on, only an idiot would reject a chance to make money.

He was terribly poor, almost in need to sell his body.

But now, he just needed to sell his face. Why not?

Wang Teng didn't know if others agreed, but he did so without any hesitation.

There was no need to worry about any scams since the company was trustworthy. He just needed to lie down and wait for money to reach him.

Furthermore, he was among the top three candidates for the League of Talents in the popularity polls. No matter how powerful the Virtual Universe Corporation was, they wouldn't dare trick a talent with great potential.

The top three candidates were chosen by the audience. The ones reviewed included him, the Crown Prince, and one to be chosen from the following: Ling Yangxu, Leng Qianxue, Berkshire, Yuan Hong, Timothy.

This situation occurred because the young hero and the heir apparent were exceptionally powerful, while the others were relatively weaker.

"Wang Teng, your profit sharing is very high!" Round Ball's surprised tone resounded in Wang Teng's mind after the latter signed the contract.

"How high is it?" Wang Teng asked.

He didn't take notice of the profit sharing clause since he left the contract handling to his little helper.

"Others have a 50-60% profit sharing, but you have... 90%!" Round Ball said.

"90%!" Even if unaware what the cut was for others, he knew that 90% was high. This left him in shock.

"That's right. This is a grand gesture. You'll be raking in a fair amount with a 90% profit sharing. Looks like they have high hopes for you, based on what they saw in the elimination round. It is a show of their goodwill," said the little one.

"Are they trying to make friends with me?" The young hero smiled.

"Of course. The Virtual Universe Corporation is a smart company. That's why they are able to stand firm in the universe after so many years," Round Ball replied.

"No one knows your abilities better than them, since they have broadcasting rights to the League of Talents. They're always able to invest accurately on a potential talent.

"They've used this method to befriend and keep good relations with countless talents over the years. Isn't it amazing?"

"Impressive!" Wang Teng exclaimed. Just by considering how powerful and mighty the previous talents had become, he knew how scary the Virtual Universe Corporation was.

"This is just the initial investment. Once the competition ends, they will send someone to contact the talents and provide them with all kinds of resources and benefits; that's the real investment. They will add more benefits to the pile depending on the future progress of the talents they set their eyes on," the helper added.

"Oh my god, how much money is that?" Wang Teng was startled.

Ample resources were required for talented warriors to mature; it was the case to make any form of progress at the cosmos, universe, and the heaven stage. The amount of resources invested by the company was unfathomable, considering the number of talents.

Most importantly, some of those candidates could die during their growing process; this would represent losses of time and capital.

"Well, they're rich. They can do anything," Round Ball said.

"I just realized that I'm just a poor guy." Wang Teng shook his head, feeling helpless.

"You're too naive if you think they're making a loss," Round Ball chuckled and explained, "they'll have considerable returns if just one of the talents grows and reaches the universe stage, or the eternal stage. This would give them back ten times or a hundred times more than what they invested; enough to cover up any losses caused by betting on the rest."

"That's a good plan." Wang Teng blinked. He finally understood the Virtual Universe Corporation's methods.

They would invest in talent based on potential. The ones with greater potential would receive more resources, while inferior talents would have less. This arrangement would minimize their losses, even if the ones with lower potential died.

The ones with greater potential had better chances of surviving, and would reach greater heights compared to the rest. This would produce more benefits for the company.

Profit was guaranteed.

"I didn't expect them to have such high hopes for you," Round Ball said, "I don't think the Crown Prince's ratio is as high as yours."

"Who cares. I'll just keep the money and take this chance to establish a good relationship with them; there's nothing to lose." Wang Teng was a sly fellow. He didn't take their kindness to heart, as he could tell it was just a trade. Those acting with sincerity would very likely stand to lose.

Chapter 1495: The Virtual Universe Corporation's Contract! (2)

"The Virtual Universe Corporation will probably look for you to personally invite you to join them," Round Ball said.

"To join their company?" Wang Teng was shocked.

"That's right. Where do you think all their powerful warriors come from?" Round Ball asked. "Investing is not enough. They would also push to bind your interests with theirs and pull you into their company."

"So that's how they gather all those powerful warriors." The young hero was enlightened.

He always knew that the company had many powerhouses; after all, their business would span to every single corner of the universe. This effort required lots of manpower.

Now, he finally realized that the League of Talents wasn't just an avenue for the Seven Stellar Academies to select students. It was also a way for the Virtual Universe Corporation to find new blood.

"Some are internally groomed too," Round Ball added.

Wang Teng nodded.

"Wang Teng, did you receive a contract from the Virtual Universe Corporation?" Lu Jing suddenly asked him.

"You received one of those too?" Wang Teng opened his eyes, ending his mental chat with his little helper.

"Yes. I got 40% of profit sharing. What do you think? Not bad, right?" Lu Jing's eyes were shimmering. She looked like a money grubber.

"How much did you get?" Wang Teng smiled and asked both Song Yicheng and Hong Jinghou.

"50%!" Song Yicheng replied.

"I only have 35%." Hong Jinghou looked at Song Yicheng with envious eyes.

"Song Yicheng, you have 50%?" Lu Jing widened her eyes as she exclaimed, "I thought you would get the same as me."

"Haha, the Virtual Universe Corporation probably thinks I'm better." Song Yicheng laughed. He was in a good mood.

"Damn it, you're better than me. I must catch up with you in the next round and have the company see my potential," Lu Jing cheered herself on. "This is all for the money!"

Wang Teng laughed and shook his head.

"It looks like you've received contracts." A figure walked over with a smile.

"Your highness!" Song Yicheng raised his eyebrows, surprised by the new arrival. He quickly got up and greeted him.

That was the Second Prince. He was part of the Great Qian Empire's imperial family, so they had to give him the respect he deserved, as they were also citizens of the empire.

Lu Jing and Hong Jinghou also got up.

"There's no need to be so polite. We might become classmates in the future." The Second Prince remained gentle and amiable, unlike the arrogant stance expected of the imperial family.

Wang Teng sized up the Second Prince curiously; they had some interactions in the past. Back then the noble had sent Zhou Jingtian to win him over. He didn't agree but their relationship didn't turn sour, and actually befriended the envoy.

Just when he was about to bow—the Second Prince stopped him. He smiled and said, "Baron Wang Teng, I can't accept your bow."

"Your highness, you must be kidding," Wang Teng said.

"No, I'm being serious. You have the ability and potential to have this right," said the noble in a stern voice.

The young hero was surprised, not expecting the Second Prince to regard him as highly.

"All right, I came to have a casual chat with all of you. It is not my intent to make the atmosphere awkward," said the Second Prince, waving a hand, "Do you mind if I sit here?"

"Of course not. Please!" Wang Teng disregarded formalities and invited the noble to sit at the table.

The Second Prince sat down, then noticed that Song Yicheng and the others were still standing. "Take a seat. There's no Second Prince here; I'm the same as all of you."

Since the noble had spoken, the warriors quickly sat down.

Before the conversation could continue—a few more people walked over.

"What are you guys talking about? Mind if we join in?" Timothy from the Cavendish walked over with smiles.

"Timothy!" The Second Prince was shocked.

"Your highness." Timothy bowed and looked at the young hero. "Wang Teng, Uncle Borla has been talking non stop about you."

"How's Uncle Borla?" Wang Teng asked.

"He's doing fine, enjoying life." Timothy laughed.

Another handsome youth squeezed in front and smiled. "Wang Teng, I'm Ji Haochen from the Ji family. Nice to meet you."

A talent from the Ji family? Wang Teng looked at the person and blinked. He had a good relationship with the Jis. The universe stage warrior, Ji Xia, had even helped him once.

He also saved his life before.

"Brother Ji, nice to meet you!" Wang Teng laughed.

"Erm...." Ji Haochen felt a little awkward. "Can you change the way you call me? Brother Ji (Ji Xiong in Chinese) sounds like chicken breast (which has a similar pronunciation, 'ji xiong', in Chinese). It's weird."

"Pfft!" Someone burst out laughing. "Big Brother Ji, you have a weird imagination too."

Ji Haochen turned and asked, "Sister Wan'er, what do you mean by 'too'?"

The young lady looked at Wang Teng and smiled.

"Ahem!" Wang Teng coughed awkwardly. Why are you looking at me? He rolled his eyes and changed the topic. "Wan'er, you passed the first round too? How's your ranking?"

"Not bad. I'm in Zone 4's second place," Situ Wan'er said.

"Second place in Zone 4?" Wang Teng was stunned. He never thought she was that powerful. It was hard to tell.

Following the introductions, he asked all of them to sit down, taking out extra tables, chairs, food and drinks. They looked as if they were having a party.

The onlookers were stunned by the scene.

Wang Teng has a powerful network. Look at all the talented warriors taking the initiative to talk to him. All of them had exceptional backgrounds.

Aside from the Second Prince, there were two people of the dukedoms.

While chatting, the topic of the Virtual Universe Corporation's contracts was naturally brought out.

"The Virtual Universe Corporation gave me a 70% profit sharing," Ji Haochen smiled proudly.

"Mine is a little higher than yours. I have 75%," Timothy said calmly.

"Me too." The Second Prince smiled.

Ji Haochen's smile dropped. "F**k, why are yours higher than mine? Is the company looking down on me?"

The Second Prince and Timothy laughed when they saw his expression.

"Wan'er, what's your percentage?" Wang Teng asked.

"I only got 60%." Situ Wan'er shook her head and looked at the others with envy.

"The Virtual Universe Corporation made careful calculations." The young hero laughed.

"This is just the start. They will decide the real investments in the next round," the Second Prince said.

"That's right. Sister Wan'er, don't feel bad. Make a great show for them in the next round," Ji Haochen encouraged her.

Situ Wan'er smiled and replied calmly, "With talents like you around, I wouldn't dare promise I can astound them."

"Oh right. Wang Teng, how much is your percentage? Did you get 80%?" Ji Haochen asked Wang Teng.

"80% is the highest anyone got in the past league. Only top talents can enjoy this benefit. I bet the Crown Prince got 80%," said the Second Prince, the last part in whispers after glancing at the prince heir, who was cultivating with closed eyes at the moment. The Second Prince seemed to know some insider information.

Timothy blinked and asked, "Wang Teng, did you get 80%? Your performance was as impressive as the Crown Prince's. I can't tell who's stronger."

"Erm, is 80% very high?" Wang Teng asked.

Ji Haochen nodded and said, "Of course. The company also needs to make profit. Granting an 80% means they're pressing their profit down to the minimum. That's their limit."

Our hero turned to ask the Second Prince, "No one has gotten more than that?"

"Nope." The latter shook his head. Then, he realized something and blinked. He probed, "Did you get a higher cut?"

The others were taken aback. They stared at the top military candidate.

"A bit higher than that," said Wang Teng, placing his thumb and forefinger together to show how small the difference was.

The Second Prince controlled his bewilderment and asked, "85%?"

Wang Teng chose not to keep them in suspense and told them the answer. "90%!"

Everyone: ...

Chapter 1496: The Second Prince Saw Through Everything! (1)

There was complete silence after Wang Teng spoke.

Everyone stared at him, with absentminded expressions.

90%?

That was an impossible number, yet Wang Teng said it.

People who didn't know what was going on could even think he was talking about 90 cents!

No one noticed the Crown Prince's reaction, who was sitting some distance away. His ears twitched.

Martial warriors had a good sense of hearing.

No one had made an effort to lower their voices, so those who heard it, heard it.

There was a layer of light covering the Crown Prince's head so no one could see his expression. However, the astonishment in his eyes was apparent.

His profit sharing ratio was... 80%!

He had lost to Wang Teng by 560 points in Zone 1, but he didn't take it to heart because he knew it didn't mean a thing.

However, the Virtual Universe Corporation's actions told him that they had higher hopes for Wang Teng!

That was his first time losing while others were present.

"Repeat that. I think I didn't hear you properly," said the Second Prince. His gentle expression had turned a bit rigid.

Wang Teng glanced at him strangely. The Second Prince seemed to be doubting his life.

He stared at the others. All of them had the same expression.

Is the impact of 90% that big?

"Really? Wang Teng, you got 90%?" Situ Wan'er widened her eyes in shock.

"You're not kidding, right?" Ji Haochen was shocked and bewildered.

Timothy still looked calm and composed a moment before. He had a 75% deal, so he didn't think that 80% was much. But, when he heard 90%... he almost dropped his drink.

Song Yicheng, Lu Jing, and the others were in a worse state. Their astonishment was evident. They were floored by the revelation.

They had been meaning to ask their leader the same question, but the arrival of the Second Prince had interrupted their plan. Hence, they left the matter to rest.

Their shares were between 40% to 50% so they felt that he could get at least 70%, given his potential. However, they had underestimated the fellow.

90%!

It was an unimaginable number!

"90% is similar to 80%," Wang Teng said in a lighthearted tone. He was trying to be humble.

"The difference between 50% and 60%, or 60% and 70%, is indeed not too much.

"However, between 70% and 80% it's not just a 10% difference.

"People like us have a difficult time hitting 75%. But, we're still a long way from reaching 80%, let alone 90%."

The Second Prince shook his head. He felt conflicted, not knowing if it was jealousy or something else.

The others felt the same. They agreed with the noble's assessment.

Most importantly, it was the first time seeing a 90% deal, and Wang Teng was the beneficiary. How could they not be surprised?

"Hmm, that makes sense!" Wang Teng said.

The Second Prince felt at a loss. This fellow doesn't regard his 90% as something important.

Actually, the money wasn't important for them. What they cared about was the difference in treatment.

90% would imply an unprecedented treatment!

"I didn't expect the Virtual Universe Corporation to have you in such high regard," Timothy lamented.

Everyone's gazes turned serious when they looked at the young hero again.

If the company viewed him so highly, they had no reason to act differently.

They willingly went to meet the hero because they saw his performance in the first round and felt that his potential was great.

Based on such a development, they would need to give him even more attention.

"Let's not talk about this. 90% is indeed a great sum, but the money wouldn't make a difference to any of you. It's nothing; no need to be so shocked." Wang Teng smiled and continued, "Besides, considering your abilities, all of you will definitely stand out in the next round. Getting selected by the Seven Stellar Academies is the main goal."

The other people wore bitter smiles. Wang Teng was honestly not taking the Virtual Universe Corporation to heart.

However, their attention was quickly drawn by the Seven Stellar Academies.

"It'll be great if we can enter one of the academies," Situ Wan'er said in a longing tone.

"That's right, they are the seven most ancient in the universe. They have strong foundations and long histories. Not even the Great Qian Empire can compare to them," said the Second Prince, looking up with hope in his eyes.

"Does anyone have a preference for any of them?" Ji Haochen asked.

"Choice? I'd be ecstatic to enter, no matter which." Situ Wan'er shook her head.

"The top ten have the right to choose, while the rest can only wait for the academies to choose them," said the Second Prince.

"The top ten are able to choose?" Wang Teng was surprised.

"That's right. The Seven Stellar Academies have the same heritage, but they were eventually split into seven institutions that were relocated in different parts of the universe. Their legacies are different too," said the Second Prince, glancing at Wang Teng as he explained.

"It might seem like the Seven Stellar Academies would do all the choosing, but the candidates can also have a say and select their preferred academies. However, only those incredibly talented have the right to choose.

"The top ten martial warriors will naturally have their own strong suits. Some practice blade skills while others are well-versed in sword skills. There are lightning-element warriors, wind-element warriors, and others with the five common elements."

Chapter 1497: The Second Prince Saw Through Everything! (2)

At this moment, the Second Prince looked at Wang Teng.

He had seen many of the short clips of the latter fighting in the five forbidden zones. The fellow was a multi-element warrior, and each element was equally powerful.

Although real, it was an absurd achievement, to progress that much at such a young age.

Every person had limited energy. A warrior would need to be extremely talented to train three different elements to reach Wang Teng's prowess.

And yet, Wang Teng had five. Only the word 'monstrous' could describe him.

"And based on that, choosing the right academy is very important. It would be a waste if a lightning-element warrior didn't enter the academy with lightning legacy. This could greatly affect his future achievements.

"Of course, the difference would be minimal to those with limited talent. The strong foundation any of the seven academies has is enough for their cultivation," said the noble.

"Which one should I choose?" Wang Teng started contemplating after hearing the explanation. He touched his chin.

The Second Prince was stunned for a moment. "Your situation is... a little special."

Timothy and the others remembered Wang Teng's abilities and gave him weird looks.

It's a tough choice!

"Wang Teng, are you planning to cultivate your elements evenly?" asked the noble in a stern tone.

"Is there a problem with that?" the young hero replied.

The Second Prince continued, "If I'm not mistaken, your five elements are all at the same stage."

Wang Teng's information was deemed top secret by the military. The Second Prince wasn't privy to it, so he didn't know that the young hero had more than five Forces.

Actually, the military wasn't fully aware of Wang Teng's abilities either. They could only record what they saw.

Wang Teng glanced at the noble and replied, "You can say so."

Timothy and the others were dumbfounded. They had made the same guess, but were still astounded upon hearing the fellow admit it personally.

"Then, you should know how difficult it is to raise all five elements to the celestial stage, right?" The noble gave him a knowing look.

"Erm..." The young hero didn't know what to say. Will I sound like I'm boasting if I say it isn't hard?

Well, I don't think the Second Prince will believe me even if I say so.

"You don't have to explain. I understand. The overturned carts in the past gave us many warnings," the Second Prince continued without waiting for the other to answer, "Some warriors didn't believe it. They wanted to develop all their different Forces at the same time, so they could become extremely powerful when they matured; they felt that having multiple Forces was their talent. Well, it was true in a sense, but maturing is an arduous process. In the end, the majority failed.

"This is why you should make a choice when you're about to break through to the cosmos stage. Choose the element most beneficial to you and forget the others. Of course, if you're confident, you can keep three of them, but that's the maximum; having more would be exhausting in the long run."

Wang Teng didn't know what to say as he stared at the noble's confident stance.

In the end, he chose to stay quiet and contemplate.

Both the illustrious noble and the others noticed how he went into deep thought, so they didn't interrupt.

In fact...

"Round Ball, which academy is more suitable for me?" Wang Teng asked in his mind.

"The seventh!" said the little helper, eyes rolling as it had foreseen the question.

"The seventh?" Wang Teng was surprised. "Based on what I know, the Seven Stellar Academies are ranked based on their abilities."

"You're right. The ranking of the academies will change, but the seventh stellar academy has been in that position for many years. They've never risen any higher," Round Ball said.

"So you mean... the weakest academy is the most suitable for me?" Wang Teng asked. He was at a loss.

"Do you know why they're always at the bottom?" the little helper asked.

"Why?" The hero didn't give it much thought, asking back right away.

"That's because this academy has many martial warriors who want to cultivate multiple elements. The result... you can imagine," Round Ball answered.

"None of them matured?" Wang Teng asked.

"There are a few who managed to grow. However, just as the Second Prince said, most of them can only cultivate three different elements at once, and their cultivation speed is much slower compared to others. Do you think the other talents would stop and wait for these martial warriors to make an appearance?" Round Ball replied.

The little helper knew what Wang Teng was thinking and added, "One slow step, and every step is slow. By the time you reach the heaven stage, your opponent would have reached the eternal stage. How can you compete with them?"

"All the warriors who can enter any of the academies are the cream of the crop. It's not easy to kill someone a stage higher."

"Is the difference that huge?" Wang Teng was shocked.

"Whaddya think?" the other replied.

"Do the Seven Stellar Academies have legacies for all Forces?" the young hero asked after pondering for a while.

"Yes, but that depends on whether you can get in." Round Ball knew it couldn't change the young man's decision, so it didn't try to persuade him. It was caught in a web of emotions as it continued, "There are rumors, but I'm not sure about the details; you can wait until the end of the competition to make your decision. The academies' representatives will show up by then; you'll be able to ask them personally."

Wang Teng nodded. He did feel that the seventh academy was more suitable for him, but he would find out more in the future.

The Second Prince and the others stopped chatting; they needed to rest and recover for the second round of competition.

Wang Teng then focused his attention on the attributes board. He received many benefits in the elimination round.

For starters, his wind, lightning, ice, and poison Forces had reached the perfected ninth level of the celestial stage.

That was worth celebrating. He wished he could pop open a champagne bottle.

There was the sensation of all the Forces tossing and turning inside his body. A smile crept up, formed with the corners of his lips.

Next were the ultimas. All his four corresponding ultimate moves had already attained the tenth level of the perfected stage.

It was a great accomplishment. Even the talented warriors with ultimas might not have achieved the same.

Ultimas were probably not as powerful as domains, but their stage was formidable once the perfected stage was reached.

Next were the domains!

Wang Teng received many domain attributes during the elimination round. Thus, all four corresponding element domains reached the fourth rank.

Wind Domain: 3180/4000 (fourth-rank)

Ice Domain: 3340/4000 (fourth-rank)

Poison Domain: 2150/4000 (fourth-rank)

The poison domain was originally at the third rank, and advanced to the fourth rank successfully within the past few days.

At the same time, his lightning domain had transformed completely into the Lightning Spear Domain.

Lightning Spear Domain: 1340/4000 (fourth-rank)

He also received the Golden Luminescence Sword Domain from the Third Prince, but the technique was only at the second rank; he hoped he could get more attributes from that noble.

Wang Teng thought for a moment, then glanced at the Third Prince.

The latter was recovering; he suddenly felt an evil gaze land on him. He opened his eyes abruptly, frowning as he observed his surroundings.

He didn't notice anything, but then pondered for a bit and stood up when he saw the young hero from the military.

Wang Teng raised his eyebrows. Did the Third Prince discover my intentions?

How is that possible? No one had ever noticed him collecting attributes.

The Third Prince got closer, while still pondering over some matter. He was straightforward. "Wang Teng, give me the Oceanic Unicorn Whale's horn and I'll owe you a favor."

Wang Teng was stunned. He thought of many reasons, but he didn't expect the noble to make such a request. He felt at a loss. "Your highness, how are you so confident? Do you think your favors are worthy? Why do you keep offering them?"

The Third Prince's expression froze when he heard the contemptuous answer. He felt anger boil in his heart.

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The Third Prince was furious!

Wang Teng didn't show him an ounce of respect.

He didn't expect the latter to be so disrespectful. He didn't even hesitate when he talked back.

Furthermore, there was a sense of mockery in the fellow's tone.

Is he looking down on me?

Since he was the Great Qian Empire's Third Prince, a noble grown used to being high above others. Not once had he experienced the feeling of being humiliated.

The Second Prince and the others were also astonished, and stopped their cultivation.

The elder prince's face changed somewhat as he said in a low voice, "Third Prince, do you know what you're doing?"

He had just established a good rapport with Wang Teng, but now his little brother was stirring things up. All his efforts would go to waste if Wang Teng ended up wanting to vent his anger on the imperial family.

Being a greatly valued talent, even by the Virtual Universe Corporation, there was no reason for the Great Qian Empire to give up on him.

However, the younger prince was cultivating elsewhere when they talked about Wang Teng's contract with the Virtual Universe Corporation. The young noble was infuriated by his brother's criticism. "Brother, mind your own business!"

"You!" The Second Prince's face darkened. He didn't expect the latter to be that clueless.

He had clearly seen Wang Teng's performance in the first round. Even an idiot would want to establish a good relationship with such a talent.

And yet, the Third Prince didn't care, and even went as far as to provoke the young hero. What is he thinking?

"Second Prince, don't mind him." Wang Teng stopped the Second Prince and looked at the offender. "Third Prince, the Oceanic Unicorn Whale's horn is very useful to me. No need to think about it anymore; I won't give it to you."

He paused for a while and continued with a calm tone, "Oh right. I have some words to give you.

"People should keep a modest attitude. Others might fear you, but not me!"

He wasn't speaking in a loud voice, but there was clear intent. He made eye contact with the arrogant noble with a calm grin, revealing his eerily white teeth.

"You..." The noble felt a chill in his spine for some reason. The chills moved to the rest of his body, and then he took a step back. His fear turned into anger as he said, "You have guts."

"I've always had guts." Wang Teng nodded in agreement.

The Third Prince choked for a moment, feeling he was just pummeling a ball of cotton. It was frustrating.

The older prince gave the young hero a weird look. This fellow really knows how to mock others. Those words stung.

The Third Prince took a deep breath and suppressed his anger. He left behind a short sentence and walked away. "Good!"

Wang Teng said, "Third Prince, stop selling your favors in the future. They only mean something if others are willing to take them seriously. Otherwise, they're worth nothing."

The younger prince's face turned black as he paused for a moment. He clenched his fists and kept walking, not looking back.

On the other hand, everyone looked at Wang Teng. This fellow is really sarcastic.

All the people present belonged to elite families, and had a more or less similar attitude as the parting Prince. They didn't really hold much regard for people of lower status.

Very few people were able to confront them.

However, they weren't as irritable as the Third Prince.

Wang Teng was different. Although not born a noble, he was a fellow with great potential. Even they would have to be cautious around him.

The Second Prince looked at his brother's retreating back and shook his head. "My brother has always been like this. He's too arrogant; don't take it to heart."

"I won't take it to heart if he doesn't trouble me," Wang Teng replied.

"I'll bring this up with the elders when I go back. They will handle this." The prince smiled bitterly. "All the princes are always competing; no one can control the other."

Wang Teng nodded in silence.

"Wang Teng, are you... okay?" Situ Wan'er asked via voice transmission.

"Don't worry. It's nothing," he replied, using the same means. He noticed her worried look.

Those words weren't suitable to be said directly in front of the Second Prince, which was why she had asked him in private.

Likewise, Song Yicheng, Lu Jing and the others also contacted him with voice transmissions. After all, that had been a clash with the Third Prince; offending him wasn't a good thing.

Wang Teng didn't care about the stubborn noble. However, he still replied to them since they were showing concern.

On the other hand, Ji Haochen and Timothy weren't worried about appearances and asked directly. They had the confidence, being members of the dukedoms.

Everyone was shaken up after the commotion with the angry noble. It was only after a while that everyone went back to cultivating.

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Time flew and ten days passed in a flash!

It was time for the duels to start.

At eight o'clock, Battle Planet time—the powerful and majestic voice resounded in the sky once more.

"The dueling round... begins!

"All participants, get ready and go to the Battle Planet!"

The participants opened their eyes and stood up as they stopped their cultivation, then looked at their potential opponents. Their battle intent could be felt.

The second round was finally about to begin!

The Second Prince, Ji Haochen and the others also stopped cultivating and exchanged glances. Their competitiveness could be seen in their eyes.

They had previously been talking and laughing together. But now that the competition continued, they would have to go all out.

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No one taking part in the League Of Talents wanted to lose.

The candidates smiled upon noticing the competitiveness in the others.

Suddenly, they realized that someone was missing. They lowered their heads and saw that Wang Teng was still cultivating; he wasn't unsettled by the announcement. The candidates gave him bitter smiles.

This fellow is exceptionally calm!

He could remain composed even at such a moment.

Just then, Wang Teng opened his eyes. A sharp glint flashed past his eyes as he stood up.

"The competition is about to start. Why are y'all still standing here?" Wang Teng was stunned when he saw all the people looking at him.

Everyone was speechless.

What right does he have to say this?

Sonic booms were heard and numerous figures took to the sky, dashing towards the Battle Planet.

"Let's go," the Second Prince said.

"Yes!" the others replied and flew toward the planet, turning into beams of light.

At the same time, on the live chat platform—the live broadcasting was resumed and the audience was on fire. The party was on.

"It's starting! The second round is finally starting!"

"Hahaha. Finally, after waiting so long!"

"I'm so excited!"

"Quick, show me Wang Teng and the Crown Prince on the screen."

"There they are! I see Wang Teng!"

"There's the Crown Prince! He's so handsome!"

"Wang Teng is more handsome!"

"No, the Crown Prince is more handsome!"

"We're adults. Let's not be so childish about it; I think they're both handsome."

Silence.

"I wonder who'll be standing at the end of this round, Wang Teng or the Crown Prince."

"It'll definitely be the Crown Prince. I dare say that he hasn't displayed his full strength; Wang Teng is just faster than him."

"What? How can you say that our Wang Teng is fast? Isn't it obvious that he has better stamina?"

"F**k, that sounds a little wrong."

"Brother, it's not just a little wrong. It's completely wrong."

"I think Wang Teng is stronger. He got first place in five zones. Would this be an ordinary warrior?"

"I think Wang Teng is stronger. No one is his match."

"Bulls**t, the Crown Prince is the strongest."

"F**k, have you forgotten about my Ling Yangxu?"

"And my Second Prince. My Second Prince got third place in Zone 1. He's just behind Wang Teng and the Crown Prince."

"You're right, the Second Prince is strong and amiable. He's my idol."

"Gaunt is powerful too. He's an unpredictable poison-element warrior. This gives him an edge in a duel."

"I stand with my goddess, Leng Qianxue. Her ice element is truly amazing; she's a strong candidate for the top ten."

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The audience was excited. They talked about all the talented warriors and cheered for their favorites.

Everyone had their own pick. For instance, most of the male audience loved Leng Qianxue; neither Wang Teng nor the Crown Prince could enter their vision.

What a genuine response!

On the Battle Planet—there was a giant piece of land in the middle of the sea. Contrary to the ten forbidden zones, it was a vast place devoid of star beasts; a suitable location for the arena battle round.

The entire piece of land would be used for the second round!

The martial warriors entered the scene and floated in the sky. None of them landed.

Wang Teng and the Second Prince arrived, then sized up the humongous territory. They were surprised and curious.

Our young hero wasn't surprised by the expanse, but by how barren it was.

No matter how dangerous the ten forbidden zones were, they were filled with star beasts and vitality.

However, that piece of land was completely different from the rest of the planet. It was spacious; aside from the candidates, there was no other sign of life.

The grayish brown earth was cracked like spiderwebs. Deep holes caused by meteors were also found.

The desolate landscape was a canvas of sorrow, with blood stains splattered across the barren earth.

A gale blew, sweeping through the dried soil. The participants hovered in the sky, their hair and clothes rustling loudly in the wind.

"Is that the arena for the battle?"

"I think so. The entire piece of land is their dueling ground."

"F**k!"

"This is getting exciting!"

"They're not restricting them to a standard arena. They will have the whole place to fight!"

"Interesting. Celestial warriors can destroy mountains; restraining them within an arena would have been atrocious."

"As expected of the League of Talents. This is a huge investment."

"Amazing. I can't wait to see them fighting. Let's get it on!"

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The audience was shocked by the sight of the vast piece of land. Enthusiasm burned in their hearts as they stared at the figures hovering above, wishing they could take their place.

That was a stage for talents!

Only the most outstanding geniuses in the Great Qian Empire had the right to step on that grand arena.

It was an unsurpassable honor!

The warriors who didn't pass the elimination round felt jealous by what they were seeing.

They would have been there, had they passed the first round.

What a pity!

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Regretful!

Parkers' warrior no. 1 was one of the candidates who got eliminated. He stood in front of the live broadcast screen, glaring at one of the figures displayed. He gritted his teeth furiously.

The person was Wang Teng!

If it wasn't for that fellow, he wouldn't be in that state. He, a member of the Parkers family, wasn't even able to make it through the elimination round.

He became a laughing stock, and who knew how much ridicule and mockery he would have to suffer through in the future?

This was all because of Wang Teng.

And yet, there was no way to vent that rage. He would never dare look for vengeance.

Their difference in strength was too great.

The hundred thousand warriors... wait, it should be 99,996 of them—arrived above the piece of land.

A barrier rose up from the ground and covered the land like a massive inverted bowl. The sight was majestic when seen from outer space.

Wang Teng looked up and saw the light screen.

Boom!

Just then, somewhere along the edges—the ground started to tremble and rise without any warning. The rocks formed stone seats, the latter making a circle; they looked like the spectators' stands.

Ten more platforms rose simultaneously and floated in the sky.

There were ten stone platforms, with ten seats on each platform. The seats had different heights.

Gasp!

All the audience was awestruck. How did they change the terrain and make seats out of nothing?

Not even a normal universe warrior could do that.

Wang Teng blinked in surprise. His Heart of Magnetic Essence would need to be at the heaven stage so he could perform such a feat and in that brief period of time.

It was unbelievable!

"All candidates, please find your seats."

"The top ten candidates from the first round may take your seats on the higher platform. Please sit according to your ranking," said the deep voice of the announcer, which echoed in the air.

All the candidates moved and headed towards the seats. The arena battle would be interesting; they had to choose the best seat.

Everyone craved the ten seats on the high platform, but knew it wasn't theirs; they had no right to sit on them.

Close to a hundred figures flew out and landed on the high platform floating in mid-air. They then took their seats.

Wang Teng was one of them. He arrived at the platform with the number '1' carved onto it, which represented Zone 1. Then, he casually sat on the highest seat available.

He could see far and wide.

This feels... amazing!

Wang Teng slouched his posture, finding a comfortable position for himself.

Flanking him were the Crown Prince and the Second Prince. They were a step lower.

The Second Prince smiled when he sensed Wang Teng's gaze.

On the other hand, the Crown Prince stared straight ahead. No one knew what he was thinking.

He probably wasn't in a good mood, since he was in a lower position.

Suddenly, there was a commotion.

"What's the matter?" The Second Prince and the others glanced around before turning, and giving Wang Teng weird looks.

"The number one spots of four stone platforms are empty!"

"Hahaha, I feel like laughing!"

"I'm sorry. I can't help it... Hahaha!"

"All those seats were prepared for Wang Teng, but there's only one of him."

"Pfft, there should be a hundred warriors filling the top 100, but there's only 96!"

Silence.

The audience on the live chat platform burst out laughing when they saw that funny scene.

The number one positions for Zones 2, 3, 5, and 6 were empty. The ones in the no. 2 seats felt awkward. That was the cause of the huge commotion.

Wang Teng felt awkward too. After giving it some thought, he waved a hand and four figures appeared next to him.

"Cough. Erm, take your seats over there and chat with the others," Wang Teng said.

The four clones flew towards the respective stone platforms and took the main seats. They looked like statues.

Everyone: ...

How is this possible?

His actions caught them off guard.

The Second Prince, Leng Qianxue, and the other warriors were speechless. No one expected such a response.

Is this something a human would do?

They couldn't help but curse in their hearts.