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### Chapter 181 181: Gravity Shaman

Man Suling tracked ahead with a touch of hesitation. She felt that the image of herself stretching her neck and sniffing around was somewhat unsightly and didn't want Prince to see her like that.

She was completely unaware that, in the era Chen Gu came from, a beast-eared girl who could also wag her tail was fatally attractive!

Chen Gu couldn't help but glance over at her. This was even more effective than her "superstar" status in capturing his attention.

The gorilla sulked beside them, repeatedly telling himself to prioritize the bigger picture. After this, he resolved, he would never allow this bad influence near his precious girl again.

The trio walked into a dimly lit area. The terrain here was extremely complex, piled high with various excavated waste. The ground oozed with fluids of unknown composition, emitting an unbearable stench.

The gorilla's expression changed. "It's the smell of rotting corpses!"

As they walked through mounds of waste, a cluster of hanged corpses suddenly appeared before them.

The corpses were bizarrely shaped. In the dim light, even the three Professionals couldn't see them clearly. It seemed the bodies had small wings on their backs. They had been dead for an unknown amount of time and emitted a nauseating stench.

The gorilla, looking at the shape of the corpses, speculated, "Are they Xenos, or humans mutated by genetic drugs?"

Genetic drugs were explicitly banned by the major Star Nations; even the military conducted its secret experiments with extreme caution. However, in the underground world, these substances were in high demand.

The blind man they had encountered earlier could hide his presence as perfectly as a venomous snake lurking in the grass, precisely because he had used some sort of genetic drug.

As they approached cautiously, poor Man Suling was so overwhelmed by the pungent odor that she sneezed repeatedly.

These corpses were hung on a long crossbar. A special symbol was carved at both ends, which the gorilla recognized. "It's the insignia of the Mad Demon King. These are the criminals he executed. That's why those cannibals don't dare to touch these bodies."

Chen Gu observed the corpses. Man Suling, despite being a Demon Mountain Werewolf, was still a girl at heart, and her eyes showed her revulsion at the sight.

The corpses' backs had been cut open. Their ribs were bent outward and broken, exposing the lungs within their chests.

From a distance, the corpses looked as if they had small wings. Those were their ribs.

Even in decay, expressions of terror and agony were visible on their faces.

Chen Gu shook his head. Such brutal punishment was indeed characteristic of the underground world.

Suddenly, the hanging corpses came to life! As if they truly had wings, they began to fly. The trio was astonished. Man Suling, remembering some frightening legends, let out a piercing scream.

Then Man Suling found that, like the corpses, she too had begun to float!

"A Professional!" Chen Gu shouted. He had already seen a shadow in the darkness charging toward them at a speed unattainable by normal creatures.

In its hand, the shadow held a sharp tactical short sword in a reverse grip. The straight blade was deep black and non-reflective, but its edge was as bright as a silver line.

Its other hand flashed with a silver-blue light—a rare weapon known as a "Palm Cannon." Powered by energy, it possessed formidable destructive power and an equally exorbitant price.

The shadow's target was clear: it was heading straight for the gorilla.

Among the three, the gorilla was at the Second Energy Level. The shadow didn't know the gorilla's Profession. It aimed to ambush and eliminate the strongest one first; a sound tactic, as some Professions, like Resonance Council Celebrity, are not suited for solo combat.

The gorilla generated massive vibrations, the void around him rippling with waves. After all, he was a former reserve Prophet with extensive experience in escaping.

The shadow burst into the vibrating area at high speed. It slowed considerably yet still moved toward its target at a pace far exceeding the gorilla's attempts to flee.

Man Suling's eyes instantly turned red. She roared and fully transformed into a Demon Mountain Werewolf. But she was floating in mid-air; when she powerfully thrust her hind legs, she only spun in place, unable to advance even half a meter to support her Gorilla-dad.

Chen Gu reached out and grabbed a nearby corpse. The slick, sticky sensation on his palm almost made him vomit.

But it gave him a point of leverage. He pulled hard, and the reaction force pushed him toward the shadow. Chen Gu threw a dinner knife while activating his Nuclear Combat Technique, reaching for the shadow's ankle.

The gorilla shouted, "It's a Gravity Shaman! Such a rare Profession! He must be from the Five Peaks Society—he's our target!"

The corpses "flying" up just now, and the trio's sudden levitation, were all because the Gravity Shaman had nullified gravity, plunging the area into a state of weightlessness.

And the Gravity Shaman's speed was greatly enhanced in such an environment.

The shadow swung its tactical short sword backward. The sharp blade could have easily deflected Chen Gu's dinner knife.

But the dinner knife suddenly slowed. The shadow's strike unexpectedly missed, and the knife hurtled toward its cheek. It could only twist its body to dodge. Chen Gu had already caught up and was about to grab its ankle and crush it!

But Chen Gu suddenly felt heavy as the vanished gravity returned. THUD! He crashed down, his fingertips merely brushing the target's ankle, failing at the last moment.

It wasn't just Chen Gu who fell; the gorilla and Man Suling crashed down too.

Because of this, the gorilla fell out of his protective vibration field. The shadow, however, was prepared and landed easily. It then lifted its left hand, activated the Palm Cannon's energy, and BANG! Fired a shot at the gorilla.

The gorilla was about to respond when he suddenly felt himself floating again.

This completely disrupted his movements. He could only watch helplessly as the Palm Cannon's energy projectile blasted toward him. The gorilla cursed in frustration as he was blown dozens of meters away, crashing heavily into a pile of rubble.

Man Suling howled and rushed forward. Her run was smooth until she got behind the shadow. Then, all gravity suddenly disappeared. She floated in the air, flailing as she helplessly slid forward. The shadow merely raised its elbow, the sharp edge of its tactical short sword positioned so Man Suling collided with it as if she had thrown herself onto the blade.

At the critical moment, another of Chen Gu's dinner knives shot over.

He had several dinner knives in his pocket.

The shadow snorted coldly, dodged the flying knife, and landed a heavy roundhouse kick on Man Suling's ribs. The sound of breaking bones echoed, and with a scream, she was sent flying.

The shadow efficiently dealt with two opponents and turned fiercely toward Chen Gu.

Seeing the dire situation, Chen Gu turned and ran, using the surrounding piles of rubble to evade the shadow.

The shadow, furious, pushed out with its hand. The pile of rubble Chen Gu was using for cover lost its gravity and began to float erratically.

Chen Gu cried out, swiftly throwing several more dinner knives before ducking behind another pile of rubble.

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The shadowy figure pursued, intent on killing. The moment gravity vanished from the debris pile, it swung its blade like lightning through the barrier of dirt.

WHOOSH—

As gravity faded, the entire pile of dirt, pressured by the fierce aura of its strike, scattered in all directions before the blade even made contact. This left Chen Gu's back fully exposed to the figure's blade.

Chen Gu shot out his last table knife with a backward flick of his hand and, as he too lost gravity, began to float upwards.

The shadowy figure anticipated Chen Gu's table knife. With a slight contraction of its body, it dodged the strike. Its tactical sidearm remained aimed straight at Chen Gu.

Just as it was about to cleave the weightlessly floating Chen Gu in two, its body suddenly jerked violently. Then, it deflated like a punctured ball.

Her neck had been pierced by a table knife. From the wound alone, it was impossible to tell if it had entered from the front or the back!

The Gorilla and Man Suling were both at a distance, and it was too dark to see clearly.

With a THUD, she collapsed to the ground. As the Gravity Shaman's powers faded, Chen Gu fell. He spread his hand and pointed at his opponent from afar. "Radiation Scouring" was activated at full force, rapidly inflicting damage and causing varying degrees of burns across her body—only when Chen Gu was certain his opponent had no strength left to resist did he deactivate his ability.

He immediately checked on the Gorilla. A shot to the belly had left a gory sight, his innards exposed, and he was struggling to inject himself with a life-saving medication.

Chen Gu wasn't worried. The Gorilla was rich and feared death, so he definitely had many tricks up his sleeve for survival.

The medication's effect was remarkably swift. It acted quickly upon entering his body, and the wound promptly began to close. The Gorilla sucked in a sharp breath with a HISS. "That was really close this time..."

Man Suling limped over, a look of defeat on her face, clearly dissatisfied with her performance in the battle.

She gritted her teeth, fiercely declaring, "I'm going to interrogate that one!"

She dragged over the gravely wounded Gravity Shaman, who had no strength left to resist. Only then did they discover their enemy was a woman.

Her face was covered in various totems. Her build was so robust she hardly seemed female, especially her well-developed latissimus dorsi muscles, which resembled a large butterfly.

Man Suling snapped the woman's shin with a stomp. "Where's the stuff?"

Chen Gu walked towards the darkness from where the Gravity Shaman had emerged. Indeed, in a hidden spot, he found the box she had concealed.

He checked it carefully, verifying that the six combination locks on the box were secure, then picked it up and walked out.

Upon seeing the box, Man Suling unhesitatingly executed the Shaman Wizard. All three knew this was an inevitable end; no one played the saint.

"We need to retreat immediately." The Gorilla's wounds had improved significantly. Chen Gu, carrying the box, headed toward an exit from the underground world, following the map.

The Shaman Wizard was incredibly cunning. She had used an ambush and the stench of corpses to greatly weaken the Mountain Werewolf's superior sense of smell, and she was masterful with her own abilities.

Unfortunately for her, she hadn't realized Chen Gu was an even more cunning foe. Besides being a Radiation Missionary, he also concealed his abilities as a Quantum Wizard. She should have targeted Chen Gu from the start. Regrettably, she instead went after the Gorilla, who was merely flaunting his showy but less potent Second Energy Level powers.

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Juglans stood over a pile of corpses, a long, deep wound under his left arm gushing blood profusely, drenching half his body red.

This was a parting blow from the Mad Demon King. Had Juglans been a fraction slower, he would be the one lying there, not the Mad Demon King.

But Juglans was the victor. The Mad King lay three meters ahead, a vivid wound on his forehead, crimson blood mixed with white brain matter oozing out.

The intense pain from the wound made Juglans's lips twitch. He slowly sat down to tend to it and injected himself with a healing drug. Afterward, he rose and went to the Mad King's body. Patting it down, he extracted a coin-sized bone badge from an inside pocket of the king's upper garment.

The badge was carved with the image of a strange giant beast, its head supporting a sphere of light.

The 'Roar of Mocosaro.' So, you did have it. Heh.

Still good for three uses, meaning three more lives. Looks like I should be able to survive this mission. Gascolin's assignments aren't easy.

That old blind fool is an idiot. I was supposed to kill two kings to get everything I wanted. Now I only need to take down one. What a gain!

He pocketed the bone badge, 'The Roar of Mocosaro,' discerned his direction, and set off in pursuit.

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"Wait!" Man Suling suddenly stopped, her nose twitching as she sniffed the air. "I smell something familiar..."

After sniffing again to be sure, she looked at Chen Gu. "It's your teammates."

Ahead was a fork in the road, shrouded in darkness. Electricity was scarce in the underground world, leaving most areas like this.

No sooner had Man Suling finished speaking than Chen Gu heard a series of rapid footsteps, followed quickly by a clamor of various noises approaching swiftly.

From one of the side passages, several flashlight beams stabbed through the darkness. Marcus and his two companions came hurtling out. Without stopping to get their bearings, they hurriedly fled into another tunnel.

Behind them, a horde of thugs from the underground world was in hot pursuit.

Leading the thugs was one riding an ancient motorcycle, ROARING through the crossroads. Melincha, holding a doll in front of her, fired back several times, accurately hitting the motorcycle. The bike crashed into a side wall with a WHINE.

The three took the opportunity to escape even further.

Behind them, bands of armed thugs chased after them in droves, taking quite some time to pass completely. By the time they had gradually moved away, Chen Gu estimated there were at least five hundred of them!

He couldn't help but worry about his team leader and the others. The Gorilla patted his shoulder. "This box is what's most important."

Chen Gu nodded, and the three of them emerged from their hiding place and continued their journey.

Along the way, relying on Man Suling's sense of smell and Chen Gu's 'Mind Belief' ability, they avoided one conflict after another, finally arriving near an exit.

The Gorilla sensed something was off. "These armed thugs are mobilizing too frequently. It's not normal. Could something we don't know about be happening in the underground world?"

Of course, neither Chen Gu nor Man Suling could answer him. The Gorilla shook his head and looked ahead. "Just a few hundred more meters, and we'll be out."

"Where is this exit?" Chen Gu asked.

The Gorilla laughed. "This exit is quite interesting. It's situated on a wasteland between 'Gods' Poison' and the Tai Ping Ring.

Legend has it that when Empire River Star was first developed, that area was a sports field, without any specific planning or buildings. After a day's work, laborers would spontaneously gather, form two teams, and start playing. Later, as the city's construction expanded and the number of workers grew, it actually evolved into a six-team amateur league."

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"Because there was an indigenous ancient tree next to the field, that empty space was known as 'The Great Tree Field,' and the league was called 'The Great Tree League.' After the construction was completed, those workers moved on to new planets and new cities to make a living, and the field became desolate. Historically, many merchants had their eyes set on this land, wanting to develop it, but as luck would have it, various accidents would occur. Later on, when the 'Divine Poison' formed, this land was trapped between the 'Divine Poison' and the Peace Ring, which of course made it even less attractive."

As the gorilla walked, he rambled on about this history, and only at the end did he answer Chen Gu's question. "A few years ago, a cunning steam mechanical creature somehow sneaked into that wasteland and dug holes everywhere. As a result, the underground world hunted down this steam mechanical

creature and accidentally discovered an opening it had dug. This opening just happened to connect to the underground world, providing this entrance and exit."

"Very few people know about this entrance and exit; it's a top secret within the underground world, and I had to spend a lot of money to acquire this information."

"And this exit, it just so happens, is right beside that indigenous ancient tree. So those fools in the underground world named this entrance and exit 'Redwood Hole.'"

Chen Gu was surprised. "Wuzhaoyin City has a history of thousands of years. Is that indigenous ancient tree still alive?"

"Of course, it's alive." The gorilla looked at him with a strange gaze, one Chen Gu recognized. It was the kind of look that silently screamed, 'What an ignorant fool, awestruck by the mundane'—a look he himself often directed at the gorilla, Ossosa, and Zhao Ji. "The indigenous species of this world are very long-lived, especially plants. It's no problem for them to live for thousands or tens of thousands of years. The last time I chatted with a Heavenly Emperor superstar who liked to collect useless trivia, he enlightened me that the oldest living thing discovered on this planet is a forest that has survived for millions of years."

Chen Gu had been feeling that the gorilla's behavior around him was strange recently. While the guy had always been quite silly, it seemed to have intensified lately. For example, talking about "spending a lot of money" or "chatting with a Heavenly Emperor superstar," it always felt like the guy was trying to show off to him.

Your dad has a billion; aren't you afraid your bragging will backfire?

The gorilla fancied itself clever. It intended to use 'identity,' 'status,' and 'wealth' to completely crush this silly wolf's wild ambitions and thwart his wicked scheme of snatching away its precious 'little cabbage'!

The light from the exit was already visible ahead. The three of them were invigorated; reaching the surface meant they were basically safe. He expanded the range of 'Mind Belief' to its skill's furthest boundary. He did not sense any threats and finally breathed a slight sigh of relief. The closer one is to success, the more dangerous it often is—they couldn't let their guard down.

Man Suling suddenly furrowed her brows. Her little nose sniffed the air, and she looked puzzled at a certain spot, but there was just an ordinary wall there.

"Anything suspicious?" Chen Gu also looked over there but couldn't detect anything unusual.

Man Suling shook her head lightly. "I can't quite say."

"Quick, let's move! We're about to get out!" the gorilla urged, and the trio quickened their steps. The cave mouth was just ahead, though a bit narrow. The gorilla squeezed out first.

Chen Gu followed behind him. As he stepped out of the hole, he suddenly felt his body plummet rapidly, and everything went dark before his eyes. Surprised, his first thought was: Another 'Gravity Shaman'?

But he quickly realized that wasn't it. This wasn't weightlessness; he was actually falling.

He immediately shouted back to Man Suling, who was behind him, "Don't come out!"

He then quickly moved to save himself. Unable to locate the enemy, he resorted to using 'Radiation Scouring,' sparing no effort to expand the skill's range, trying to encompass the hidden foe. Then, he couldn't worry about exposing his secrets, so he switched to Derek Kun Shen Ken's memories. Activating the Quantum Wizard's Quantum Teleportation, in an instant, he went from falling back to the position he was in just before stepping out of the cave mouth!

In that instant, the scenery before Chen Gu underwent a drastic change: the 'Redwood Hole' entrance, which should have been right in front of them and could be entered with a mere stoop, was gone. Instead, a dark and deep pit lay before them!

And Man Suling, seemingly oblivious to his warning, was about to step in!

An illusion? Someone created an illusion, causing the three of them to mistake the pit for the exit and unknowingly step into it. The gorilla has already fallen in; its life or death is unknown.

He grabbed Man Suling by the neck, causing all the hair on her body to stand on end as she braced for what she thought was an unexpected attack. Her originally swaying, adorable white tail transformed in an instant into a rigid iron broom, sweeping towards Chen Gu's waist! At the same time, her lithe wolfish waist twisted an unbelievable one hundred eighty degrees, her hands morphing into wolf claws that lunged straight for Chen Gu's face.

Chen Gu shouted lowly, "It's me!"

Man Suling paused for a moment. Her tail immediately softened and coiled around Chen Gu's waist, and her furry paws patted gently on Chen Gu's face. "What's happening?" Aside from Chen Gu's voice, she had smelled the familiar 'Prince scent,' confirming it was indeed Chen Gu.

"We have an enemy! They can create illusions! Close your eyes and rely on your hearing and smell."

Just for that moment, Chen Gu found that everything before his eyes had changed back, and he 'saw' the glowing exit once again. Chen Gu closed his eyes, but it was in vain—surprisingly, he could still 'see' the luminous exit ahead, beckoning him to 'hurry and leave.'

It's not an illusion! They're sending the false visuals directly into my retina!

Meanwhile, in the memories of the erudite Derek Kun Shen Ken, an occupation came to mind, and Chen Gu had a sudden realization. "It's a 'Quantum Operator'—someone who can arbitrarily cut, splice, and transmit the content of light and shadow, sending false images directly into our retinas! He can make us see whatever he wants us to see! Nothing we see can be trusted!"

The little she-wolf clung tightly to Chen Gu's waist with her tail, saying, "We can't separate. Otherwise, the enemy will surely exploit any opening."

Chen Gu was somewhat displeased. In previous collaborations with women, it had always been this Film Emperor who rode on \*them\*. Now \*she\* was hanging onto his waist—what was this about? This Film Emperor's prestige had certainly plummeted!

Chen Gu pricked up his ears—a figurative expression, but Man Suling literally perked up her ears, and her nose kept twitching. The physical conditioning of Professionals far exceeded that of ordinary people,

their hearing exceptionally acute as well. The two heard a faint sound from their side and rear almost simultaneously. Their coordination was impeccable, and they were about to pounce in that direction together when suddenly, as they strained their ears, something deafeningly exploded right near them!

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Both of them, in agony, clutched their ears and doubled over. Chen Gu felt blood flowing from his ears and, for a moment, he couldn't hear a thing.

Juglans's massive body appeared at the site of the noise. He satisfyingly mimed blowing smoke from a gun barrel and tucked the "Silent Tuning Fork" into his belt.

His class, "Electric Spark Operator," only targeted vision. If an opponent chose to combat him using hearing, he couldn't guarantee victory.

So he had "rented" the "Silent Tuning Fork" from the Night Demon King. This item could unleash thunder from silence. Although its power wasn't up to the standard of numbered items, it was perfectly suited to compensate for the shortcomings in his abilities.

He cleverly made some noise to set this trap, and in one fell swoop, destroyed the hearing of both his opponents.

However, he hadn't expected that one of his targets this time would be a "Demon Mountain Wolfman," whose keen sense of smell had nearly detected him earlier.

The she-wolf still retained her sense of smell, and there was still a chance she might detect his approach.

The safest option now was to maintain distance and use long-range weapons. But he hadn't brought any firearms or bows, and it was, of course, too late to search for them now.

After some thought, he still had "Morcosa's Roar." He crept forward silently, constantly changing his form to avoid being detected by the "Demon Mountain Wolfman."

However, as he neared the two, he suddenly felt his body become extremely heavy. The capillaries under his skin burst, and a strong burning sensation overtook him!

He was shocked and almost cried out, What in the world is this kid's class!

Even if he had screamed, Chen Gu and Man Suling wouldn't have been able to hear him now.

The moment Chen Gu fell into the trap, he had used "Radiation Scouring." But at the time, Juglans was far behind him, so "Radiation Scouring" hadn't reached him.

He only saw Chen Gu use "Quantum Teleportation" to escape his trap and assumed Chen Gu was a "Quantum Wizard." So when he barged in, he was harmed by "Radiation Scouring."

Although the damage wasn't fatal, it immediately made Juglans realize the situation was grim.

He retreated rapidly, while Chen Gu had already pinpointed his location from the feedback of "Radiation Scouring."

"Nuclear Combat Technique" activated!

With Man Suling on his back, Chen Gu's speed didn't diminish in the slightest. He dashed to Juglans's former position in an instant, but his punch met only air.

However, Chen Gu could still track Juglans's location from the continuous feedback of "Radiation Scouring." He pursued relentlessly, his "Biological Nuclear Explosion" skill held in a poised, unreleased state, ready to dispatch the enemy in one strike the moment he caught him!

Juglans's expression turned grave. He incessantly changed his position while inwardly lamenting, Gascolin's jobs are truly not easy.

He could sense that his opponent was diminishing the power of "Radiation Scouring" but continuously expanding the skill's range. Moreover, the opponent's speed was not the slightest bit inferior to his own, perhaps even greater. This indicated that the opponent's physical conditioning far surpassed his, especially since he was still carrying the she-wolf.

One fled and one chased, both at incredible speeds, covering hundreds of meters in the blink of an eye!

Eventually growing impatient with the chase, Juglans let out a cold snort and suddenly halted, launching a punch to clash with Chen Gu!

Without hesitation, Chen Gu unleashed "Biological Nuclear Explosion."

But as the skill was deployed, Chen Gu sensed something was amiss—a mysterious force had blocked his skill, preventing it from entering his opponent's body.

His skill had been nullified!

This was the first time such a thing had happened since Chen Gu obtained 'The Past of Four Hundred.' Previously, as long as he made physical contact, the skill had been infallible.

An item? Chen Gu guessed.

He had lost track of his opponent.

After their clash, the powerful force made Chen Gu take a step back, while his opponent used the recoil to accelerate his escape. The distance between them instantly increased significantly, taking Juglans out of "Radiation Scouring's" range.

Juglans touched "Morcosa's Roar" in his pocket; it could still be used twice.

Chen Gu was also at his wits' end. Man Suling, clinging to him, gently pinched him, a tacit understanding passing between them: Man Suling could still smell the opponent.

Chen Gu privately summed up the situation. My opponent is an "Electric Spark Operator," the kind of enemy that doesn't seem directly powerful in combat but is actually very difficult to deal with. He possesses an item that can block my "Biological Nuclear Explosion" skill, but it's unclear if its use is limited or unlimited. Moreover, both Man Suling's and my hearing have been temporarily destroyed. The "Electric Spark Operator" class doesn't have skills like that; even if they used special metamaterials during their class acquisition or promotion, any mutations would tend to align with the class itself and related professions. So, that "silent thunder" was probably also an item. Whether this item has other attack methods is currently unknown, and we must guard against it. On our side, the gorilla fell into the trap, his status unknown—whether alive or dead. I am currently blind and deaf, with only Man Suling's delayed and less acute sense of smell to track the opponent's movements. Our sole remaining advantage is my hidden third class: "Star Battle Instructor."

Chen Gu quietly switched to Griffin Wester's memories, hoping the battlefield master could find a way to break the stalemate.

Juglans hid in the distant darkness, as jittery as a startled bird, not daring to stay in one place for long. His legs moved lightly, constantly shifting his position.

He observed the remaining two targets, his mind filled with uncertainty. During that last clash, I escaped Chen Gu's "Radiation Scouring," but I clearly felt him send a "Biological Nuclear Explosion" my way. "Morcosa's Roar" formed an energy shield that shattered on the spot. I can now confirm that Chen Gu is a "Radiation Missionary." But what about the "Quantum Teleportation" he showed earlier? Could it be that he also has an item that can achieve an effect similar to that skill? That's the only explanation. Historically, there has never been a case of dual-classing. Even for interrelated classes, like "Multistate Special Agent" and "Desert Ancient Demon," holding dual classes has never occurred, as it would directly lead to the practitioner's body collapsing.

Therefore, Juglans guessed it was an item, which led to a slight misjudgment on his part.

He pondered how to deal with these two targets. Right now, the biggest threat to me is surprisingly the "Demon Mountain Wolfman." Although Chen Gu's "Radiation Scouring" can detect me within its range, such a skill can't be maintained indefinitely. I can gradually wear him down.

Juglans observed his surroundings. During their earlier chase, he and Chen Gu had strayed far from the entrance.

Behind him, dim lights were faintly visible. A slight smile appeared on Juglans's face.

He deliberately slowed his movements. As expected, Man Suling picked up his scent. Guided by Man Suling, Chen Gu pursued him.

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Juglans retreated in an orderly manner, like an angler playing a fish, controlling the bait so the fish couldn't swallow it whole, nor could it completely break free from the hook.

The distance is still a bit far, he calculated in his mind. A little closer.

However, before he could continue with his plan, Chen Gu had already charged forward rapidly, with a desperate, all-or-nothing momentum!

Juglans was shocked. They're already trapped! Why can't they just meekly submit to my control instead of resisting?!

He didn't dare to slack off at all. He still wanted to return to his Area 049 and resume his comfortable, leisurely life. Therefore, he was extremely cautious in this operation—after all, he knew how many powerful figures had ultimately fallen on their "last mission."

Juglans's figure leaped sharply in mid-air several times, moving with incredible speed and covering large distances, effectively evading detection by scent.

However, after completing this "escape," Juglans didn't see Chen Gu pursuing him. Chen Gu had actually fainted, pretending to pounce, but had instead turned and run back. He reached the edge of the trap and slid down, preparing to rescue the gorilla!

"FUCK!" Juglans cursed loudly. To think the hunter got pecked by his own quarry! That kid is so cunning!

He quickly gave chase. As he reached the trap, a strong sense of alarm suddenly arose within him. Several silver glints shot silently from beneath the trap at incredible speed.

Rage of Mocosaro activated again, and an energy shield enveloped Juglans. The dinner knives struck the shield with metallic CLANGS before falling away. This time, Chen Gu had no need for caution; Man Suling and the gorilla were out of sight.

Using Entanglement Control, he maneuvered the knives, making them trace various arcs as they continuously battered the energy shield.

Juglans retreated repeatedly while lightly flicking his Silent Tuning Fork.

That terrible roar once again echoed in Chen Gu's and Man Suling's ears. Even though their hearing had been momentarily destroyed, this roar directly assailed their auditory nerves.

Their heads buzzed, and blood trickled from Chen Gu's nose, but he clenched his jaw and continued to control the dinner knives' assault.

Having finally caught his opponent a second time, he couldn't let his efforts go to waste. Next time, he might be the one who was caught.

Seeing the dinner knives still charging through the chaos, albeit somewhat erratically, Juglans sighed with regret. It's not very effective after all. This kid's resilience is truly tenacious.

This time, however, Juglans wasn't very panicked.

Rage of Mocosaro had been triggered for the second time. Although it pained him to use it, the artifact was immensely powerful and could easily block the dinner knives' attacks. He swiftly retreated towards the dim lights.

Juglans had overlooked one detail: Chen Gu, while using Entanglement Control to command the dinner knives like flying swords, hadn't activated Radiation Scouring. If Juglans had noticed this, his assessment of Chen Gu might have been more accurate.

Chen Gu, carrying Man Suling, had already climbed out from under the trap and was in pursuit.

Juglans retreated quickly, seemingly worried that Rage of Mokosaro wouldn't hold. Chen Gu relentlessly pursued, determined not to let him escape.

But at a certain moment, Chen Gu suddenly sensed that Juglans had stopped running. Chen Gu abruptly realized something was wrong, but it was too late.

A thick bolt of electricity was drawn from the dim lights. Under Juglans's control, it split into two streams. One suddenly dispersed, each fork striking a dinner knife. The other, much larger, struck Chen Gu and Man Suling with lightning speed!

Juglans's control was precise; the point of electrocution was Man Suling's nose.

The Werewolf of the Cursed Mountain screamed as she was blasted off Chen Gu, her nose scorched black. She landed on the ground unconscious, her body still convulsing.

Chen Gu also collapsed stiffly. He instantly understood: There's electrical wiring nearby!

The Telegraph Operator ability was "Transferral," not creation. Whether light, shadow, or electrical energy, Juglans could only redirect it. For example, when Man Suling had previously discovered him, he had transferred the image of the wall behind him onto the retinas of the trio (Man Suling, Chen Gu, and the gorilla), concealing himself.

Similarly, he had transferred the image of light from a cave entrance onto the trio's retinas, luring them towards the trap he had set.

This ability, of course, had distance limitations. Electrical power was scarce in this underground world, and the nearest wires were some distance away. Thus, Juglans had to lure them near the wiring to utilize electrical attacks.

In fact, Juglans had been trying to do this all along, and this time, he finally succeeded.

Chen Gu felt no frustration. Even if he had known Juglans's scheme, he would have pursued him without hesitation. The situation was highly unfavorable for his side. Having finally cornered Juglans, he certainly couldn't give up so easily; he had to use all his strength to kill his opponent.

The outcome of this clash depended on whether Chen Gu's Entanglement Control could breach Juglans's energy shield first, or if Juglans could hold out until he reached the wires.

Chen Gu's "luck" wasn't very good this time.

Actually, Chen Gu knew it was because his preparations weren't as thorough as Juglans's. Juglans had two artifacts, while Chen Gu only had a set of dinner knives he'd swiped from the hotel.

If he had possessed a weapon like the Flame Banner, he might very well have been the victor.

Chen Gu couldn't be blamed. Everything had happened too suddenly. He hadn't known what he would face, nor had he been given time to prepare.

Chen Gu lay on the ground, blind and deaf, but he could sense the deadly enemy approaching step by step. Even if defeat seemed certain, Chen Gu wouldn't just give up; he would struggle to the bitter end.

His body was still somewhat stiff from the electrocution. He desperately switched his memory to Milna Katerina and first used Atomic Life on himself, attempting to recover as quickly as possible.

But then, another thick bolt of electricity slammed into his body.

After this strike, the wires behind the few dim light bulbs SIZZLED and completely burned out.

Juglans had forcibly drawn a large amount of power from the wires, and the poor-quality cables couldn't withstand such a drain many times.

Moreover, with the underground world's scarce electricity, even if the wires had held, he had already drained all the power from the immediate area.

Juglans looked at Chen Gu on the ground. This time, he was finally motionless.

Juglans smiled faintly and casually picked up a dinner knife Chen Gu had dropped. It had been melted and deformed by the recent electric shock.

He casually threw the knife, accurately striking Chen Gu's chest. Chen Gu still didn't move.

Juglans finally heaved a sigh of relief. Besides, his Rage of Mokosaro still had one use left. Even if there was a one-in-ten-thousand chance Chen Gu could still counterattack, Juglans wouldn't be killed by it.

He slowly walked over. When he was within three meters of Chen Gu, Juglans suddenly felt that intense, searing pain again!

Chapter 186 186: The Bird Catcher

"Radiation Scouring!" This guy actually still wasn't dead.

Without a second thought, Juglans pressed the "Roar of Mokosarlo" he held. With a VWOOM, a third energy shield appeared. However, the "Radiation Scouring" effect vanished instantly, and then a hard box abruptly materialized in Juglans's chest!

It was as if the box had originally grown from his chest, half embedded within, half protruding.

Juglans felt a square, solid edge pressing against his internal organs, an indescribably uncomfortable sensation.

His body teetering on the verge of collapse, he incredulously lowered his head. "How could this happen..."

Eventually, he could no longer hold himself up. With a THUD, he knelt, vomiting blood as his shattered organs sprayed out.

He didn't want to die. In Sector 049, a comfortable, easy life awaited him. He could live another hundred years, with endless good days ahead.

He struggled desperately, forcefully pulling the box from his chest. The intense pain nearly caused him to faint.

Then, he took out a pile of expensive life-saving medications to inject.

But then a pair of feet appeared in his field of view. Slowly raising his head, he saw his target: Chen Gu.

He stopped his actions, asking in confusion, "Was the second electric shock ineffective against you?"

If the second electric shock had been effective, how could Chen Gu have recovered so quickly? He didn't have a life-saving item like the "Roar of Mokosarlo."

Chen Gu shook his head slightly. It had been a close call.

When the second electric shock hit, he had quickly switched back to Derek Kun Shen's memories and used Quantum Teleportation to transport the current striking his body somewhere underground. Luck had finally sided with Chen Gu this time; the ability was successfully used.

However, it only transferred part of the attack. After all, the speed of electricity is unimaginably fast.

If Derek Kun Shen hadn't been a master of the Fifth Energy Level with extensive experience in using abilities, he would never have been able to use it so effectively.

Derek Kun Shen's most terrifying combat method had been his ability to constantly divert his opponent's attacks.

This greatly reduced the damage he received each time and significantly increased his chances of survival.

Chen Gu didn't waste words with Juglans, nor did he ask who had sent him. If he gave Juglans time to recover and use the "Electric Talk Operator" ability, Chen Gu might not win again!

He lifted his hand. A Nuclear Combat Technique strike slammed into Juglans's head, which burst with a BANG. His body fell to the ground with a THUD.

Chen Gu sat down heavily, catching his breath for a moment before checking on Man Suling's condition.

The first time he fell into the trap, Chen Gu had escaped using Quantum Teleportation and had tossed aside the box holding the remains. While Chen Gu was using Griffin Wester's memories to devise a strategy to turn the tide, he unexpectedly realized this very box might be his only chance. Indeed, during the battle, no one had paid attention to that box—Juglans would never have imagined that a simple, square box could become a lethal weapon.

Chen Gu had also been extremely cautious. Using Quantum Teleportation to send the box past the energy shield created by the "Roar of Mokosarlo" and into Juglans's body had also been an incredibly close call.

There were several critical risks. First, Chen Gu hadn't known if Quantum Teleportation could even pass through the energy shield, which had once blocked a Biological Nuclear Explosion. Second, the opportunity to deliver a "critical hit" was exceedingly rare; the slightest carelessness could mean that before he could strike his foe lethally, he himself would be struck down. Third, Chen Gu was still affected by the "Electric Talk Operator" ability, rendering him blind and deaf and unable to accurately pinpoint his enemy's position—Radiation Scouring had only detected the energy shield's location. Teleporting the box accurately was therefore incredibly difficult.

That was why he hadn't chosen to teleport it to Juglans's head, but rather to the larger target of his chest cavity. Chen Gu's plan had been for the box to completely penetrate the chest, but it had only ended up half-embedded.

Lastly, and most dangerously, the box contained a piece of mysterious remains. No one knew if something unexpected might happen to it during Quantum Teleportation!

Fortunately, the outcome was positive: Chen Gu survived.

He picked up the box and checked Man Suling's condition. The she-wolf looked miserable, her nose blackened. She was merely unconscious, however, and her injuries were not fatal.

Chen Gu administered a healing agent to her. The medicine quickly took effect. Aided by the robust constitution of the Werewolves of the Magic Mountain, Man Suling soon regained consciousness. After telling her to "be careful," Chen Gu quickly headed to the trap.

The trap was four meters deep. Crudely set up by Juglans in haste, its bottom was lined with sharp spikes. The ape had been impaled by two of them—one through the thigh and another through the right shoulder.

The creature was already unconscious. When Chen Gu treated him and pulled out the spikes, the pain woke the ape.

Amidst its agonizing cries, Chen Gu efficiently bandaged the wounds and administered another healing agent.

Then, before Chen Gu could catch his breath, he heard Man Suling let out a startled cry from above!

Chen Gu gestured for the ape to be quiet and scaled the edge of the trap like a large gecko.

Above, Man Suling was like a wolf poised to strike. Crouching on all fours, her tail held tightly behind her, she moved sideways before a group of people, menacingly baring her teeth. In truth, she was seeking an opportunity to pounce.

In front of her, a group of specially armed thugs was slowly closing in.

These individuals had evidently used some kind of genetic agent. Their limbs were insect-like—long and thick, somewhat out of proportion to their torsos. It was clear at a glance that they were far more dangerous than ordinary humans.

They were well-trained and didn't rush to engage Man Suling. Instead, they coordinated their approach, steadily pressing her. Man Suling grew agitated. She wanted to retaliate but was constantly threatened by multiple weapons, forcing her to retreat step by step.

Chen Gu vaulted over the edge. Man Suling growled resentfully at the strange figures before retreating behind Chen Gu, whimpering softly as if she were a beaten dog complaining to her master: They're bullying me!

Chen Gu casually stroked the wolf's head; the fur was soft and fluffy, a delightful sensation.

The insect-like figures stopped, then parted to form a path, allowing an old man with pale, vacant eyes, casually holding a peculiar handgun, to slowly step forward.

Concerned despite his injuries, the ape endured the pain and climbed up from below, joining Chen Gu and Man Suling.

The old man gave a single nod to the three of them. His manners were poised and polite, hardly befitting someone from this dark and barbaric underworld.

"Greetings to the three of you. I am the Night Demon King."

Ever since this seemingly peaceful old man appeared, Chen Gu's Mind Belief had been issuing continuous, frantic psychic warnings!

Chapter 187 187: Demonic Spear [Demon Moon]

Chen Gu didn't dare make any rash moves. After a great battle, his abilities had all dropped below zero.

The gorilla's expression changed. He gritted his teeth and asked, "Are you the Night Demon King? What do you want? We have money, lots of it, and I can give it all to you."

But the Night Demon King kept staring at the box in Chen Gu's hand.

"I've been curious from the start about what could make Juglans return to the underworld."

"To leave this place, he paid a price beyond the imagination of ordinary people."

"The reason that could bring him back here... must be extremely precious!"

He shook the gun in his hand and said to Chen Gu, "Throw it over—don't harbor any unrealistic fantasies. I can tell you clearly that I am also a Professional. My reaction speed far surpasses that of

ordinary people. This gun in my hand is a fine product from the Empire, specially designed for Professionals—the magic gun, 'Demon Moon'."

The gorilla's heart sank...

If Juglans were still alive, he probably wouldn't believe that the "old geezer" Night Demon King, whom he thought he could toy with, had been planning to be the mantis stalking the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind, right from the start.

If Juglans were alive, he would have even double-crossed Juglans.

Chen Gu turned his head and asked the gorilla in a low voice, "What's the history of 'Demon Moon'?"

The gorilla, teeth clenched, explained, "It's a legendary 'Intelligent Countermeasure Weapon.' Inside that gun, there's a piece of special super-life remains, on the same level as those used in generators. However, these remains are often too small to support a generator and were considered a kind of white elephant treasure in the past.

Later, an Empire lunatic came up with an idea to use these remains to create a miniaturized version of a generator. The experiment wasn't successful, but it did produce this type of magic gun!

'Demon Moon' contains a special intelligent module that can detect the Profession and abilities of nearby Professionals. Through calculations, it uses the remains to simulate abilities that counter those Professions.

You know, no Profession is perfect. If a Professional encounters an ability that counters their own, even a higher Energy Level Professional can be killed by a lower-level one."

He concluded, "This type of magic gun is specifically designed to suppress us Professionals, boasting an overwhelming advantage over lower Energy Level Professionals. However, they are scarce and outrageously expensive.

Of course, each 'Demon Moon' can only counteract a few Professions, but no one dares to bet that their Profession isn't one countered by the gun in front of them."

If Juglans knew that the Night Demon King's real trump card wasn't the 'Silent Tuning Fork' but this 'Demon Moon,' he would have cursed, 'Old fox!' while spitting blood.

Chen Gu became even more restrained. He tried to communicate with the Night Demon King, "This item... will only bring disaster to you. Probably only the power behind us can handle it. Let us go. We can offer a good price, one that will satisfy you, and we can transfer the money right now."

The Night Demon King seemed somewhat tempted. After all, his nature had always been to be cautious and patient, ensuring he was the one laughing last. In his view, taking the money and securing it was indeed far better than attracting huge trouble over an unknown treasure.

As the Night Demon King pondered, someone suddenly ran down the corridor behind him, then quickly whispered a few words in the Night Demon King's ear.

In the Night Demon King's blank white eyes, a bright light flared!

Chen Gu had an ominous premonition. As expected, the Night Demon King chuckled coldly and, without hesitation, raised 'Demon Moon,' aiming it at Chen Gu. "Throw the box over! I don't want to say it a second time!"

"Hand it to me yourself, or I'll kill you and take it myself."

Feeling helpless beside Chen Gu, the gorilla said, "The person who sold me the information could have sold it to others as well."

Damn it! Chen Gu cursed inwardly. This special remnant is something any Professional would want for themselves.

Chen Gu gritted his teeth. With fierce determination, he lifted the box high, his expression ferocious and crazed. "If we can't take this thing back, death is our only way out!"

There are six password locks on this box. Trying to force them open will trigger the Antimatter Bomb inside. It could flatten the entire underground world!

If you want to push me to my death, fine, we'll all go down together!"

He circled around with the box and marched aggressively toward the Night Demon King and his men. "Night Demon King, this belongs to the Five Peaks Association! Only we of True Knowledge Sin can withstand their retaliation. Even if you seize this, you could never stand against the entire Five Peaks Association!"

The Night Demon King asked calmly, "You are from True Knowledge Sin?"

Chen Gu shouted loudly, "Show him proof!"

The gorilla stepped forward, gathering power and secretly activating a badge.

BOOM...

A wave of special energy swept across the entire cavern, casting a massive glowing bow-and-arrow energy mark between the two sides. Under the cover of the mark, it seemed as if some true divine power was flowing subtly, though it was so faint that it was hard to grasp firmly.

This gorilla sure has a lot of tricks up his sleeve, Chen Gu thought. His face betrayed nothing, however, as he continued to glare maniacally and viciously at the Night Demon King—his acting was on point.

When the bow-and-arrow energy mark appeared, the Night Demon King seemed slightly taken aback and spoke leisurely, "You are from True Knowledge Sin?"

Chen Gu replied, "You should understand the way we from True Knowledge Sin operate. Now, it's time for you to choose: take the money and run, or stay and be buried with us."

"Ha!" The Night Demon King suddenly laughed. "Such a capable young fellow. No wonder the Bureau of Mystic Security can keep so many freelancers in check with special agents like you."

Behind Chen Gu, the gorilla and Man Suling's faces changed drastically. They hadn't expected the Night Demon King to be so well-informed, to already know Chen Gu's true identity.

Chen Gu was also momentarily stunned, then quickly tossed the box to the gorilla behind him. "Run, I'll hold them off!"

He lunged towards the Night Demon King, and suddenly, two spikes shot out from under his arms! He had hidden them there after snatching them while climbing out of a trap earlier.

The spikes whistled through the air, tracing a beautiful arc at an inconceivable speed. PFFT! PFFT! PFFT! They pierced the heads of those insect-like thugs, causing bursts of blood mist to erupt in the air.

But the Night Demon King's 'Demon Moon' remained locked onto Chen Gu. He shook his head in contempt. "Foolishly overestimating your own strength."

He pulled the trigger. A dark blue light, filled with mystery, rapidly glowed inside 'Demon Moon.' Then, BANG! A cloud of blue light enveloped Chen Gu, as beautiful as a nebula deep within the Star Sea!

Tears welled up in the gorilla's eyes, but he knew this was the opportunity Chen Gu had sacrificed his life for. He grabbed the box and pulled Man Suling as he ran.

Man Suling let out a dazed scream, struggling desperately, wanting to rush forward and save Chen Gu.

But she was forcibly dragged towards the exit by the gorilla, a Second Energy Level being.

"The remains are of great significance! Don't let Chen Gu's sacrifice be in vain! He's my sworn brother; we've been friends for decades! Do you think I'm not more heartbroken than you?!"

The Night Demon King no longer looked at Chen Gu but turned his gun toward the escaping gorilla.

But suddenly, a figure unexpectedly appeared right in front of him, their faces nearly touching!

Chapter 188 188: Big Tree Sphere Land

It was Chen Gu! The Night Demon King was greatly shocked, his blank white eyes quickly turning blood red, but Chen Gu had already raised his hands and forcefully pierced through his chest!

The Night Demon King's Adam's apple moved up and down with difficulty a couple of times; thick, fresh blood gushed out of his mouth like a spring.

He could never have imagined how Chen Gu had managed to break through the bombardment of the demonic spear "Demon Moon."

"You, you..." he wanted to ask, but Chen Gu's hands were already seizing his organs, entirely dispatching them to some unknown location using Quantum Teleportation; the blood-red light in his eyes quickly extinguished.

As a powerful professional, he hadn't even been able to use his abilities before dying such a suffocating death.

Chen Gu let out a long breath, feeling weak all over, his brain buzzing. It was even more painful than when he had been attacked by Juglans with the "Silent Tuning Fork."

Using his skills consecutively, he had once again surpassed his limit!

Chen Gu was secretly cautious. Last time, it was because of the reckless use of his abilities that he had left behind hidden troubles. If it had not been for Qing Ruyan happening to be a Brain Domain Hacker who had pulled him back from the brink of insanity at the Moon Ship Hotel, he would have mutated.

He withdrew his hands from the Night Demon King's chest, feeling quite proud. This battle, compared to his recent clash with Juglans under extremely unfavorable circumstances, was a reversal completely under his control—unlike last time, which had involved a certain element of luck.

He was pretending to be someone from True Knowledge Sin merely to confirm with the Night Demon King whether he knew his true identity.

The Night Demon King relied on the demonic spear "Demon Moon." While it had an overwhelming advantage against any professional, it was hugely flawed against Chen Gu, because Chen Gu had three professions!

"Demon Moon" needed to compute intelligently to determine the target's profession and then generate appropriate countermeasures.

If the Night Demon King didn't know his real identity and mistook him for a member of True Knowledge Sin, Chen Gu could choose any of his three professions at will. Then, after the Night Demon King fired, Chen Gu would quickly switch memories. This would transform him into another profession, rendering "Demon Moon's" counter ability ineffective.

But this method had its risks; a slightly slow switch could mean being genuinely countered by "Demon Moon."

Therefore, Chen Gu did not immediately use this tactic to charge at the Night Demon King. There was also another problem: if he used this method directly and the Night Demon King *did* know Chen Gu's true identity, then if Chen Gu happened to choose his own original profession to charge first, he would be running straight into the line of fire.

Earlier, one of the Night Demon King's underlings had come over to whisper to him. After this, the Night Demon King found out what was really inside the box. This made Chen Gu suspect that the old trickster was very well-informed and probably already aware of his real identity.

Indeed, after testing, he confirmed this.

Therefore, Chen Gu did not hesitate to choose the second plan. He charged at the Night Demon King with his original profession. At the moment the latter fired, Chen Gu switched to being a Quantum Wizard, ensuring it was foolproof!

The shot generated by "Demon Moon" to counter a Radiation Missionary had no effect on a Quantum Wizard. Chen Gu used Quantum Teleportation to pass through the light mist formed by the bullets, reaching the Night Demon King and killing him in one strike!

After running wildly, Ken heard a groaning call from behind, "You heartless bastard, where are you running off to so fast? Come back and help me."

But Ken kept running without looking back, thinking, "It must be one of the Night Demon King's abilities, imitating Chen Gu's voice to call me! That's 'Demon Moon'; Chen Gu must have fallen..."

Chen Gu was furious, "Bullshit! Your old man here is alive and well. Get your ass back here now!"

Man Suling turned her head to look, and instantly, her state of profound sadness shifted to ecstatic joy. Her furry little paws rapidly slapped Ken's shoulders, "Boss, Boss, King... Chen Gu is still alive! He really is; he's killed the Night Demon King!"

Ken's shoulders suddenly showed streaks of blood, making him hiss in pain, "Retract your claws!"

"Oh—" Man Suling apologized, retracting her claws with a SWISH.

Ken turned his head, still somewhat disbelieving, "Could it be another 'Electric Light Operator'? A fake image?"

Chen Gu was resigned, "Damn it, I'm really alive... Do you want me to prove it? I could tell you some of your secrets, the kind only the two of us know about..."

"Stop!" Ken, wanting to maintain his image in front of Man Suling, quickly scampered back. "I won't doubt you anymore. Such unscrupulous behavior is definitely you; no mistake."

Chen Gu saw him scamper back like a cat that had its tail stepped on, with remarkable speed, and couldn't help but voice his admiration, "You truly are an idiot!"

He snatched the box from Ken's hand and then took the demonic spear, "Demon Moon," from the Night Demon King. He instructed Man Suling, who was obediently wagging her tail at him, to search Juglans' body, where she found the "Silent Tuning Fork" and "Mokosaro's Roar." Only then did he help Ken up, saying, "Let's go."

Ken and Man Suling handed all the spoils of war to Chen Gu. Although Chen Gu didn't mention it along the way, Ken felt his old face burning with embarrassment.

He was a mighty Second Energy Level, but in both key battles, he had played no role...

Man Suling had been somewhat useful, but it also seemed she could have been dispensed with.

The two of them helped Chen Gu, and finally reached the cave entrance. However, they hesitated, skittish as birds startled by the mere twang of a bowstring, not daring to step out immediately.

Man Suling lifted her nose to sniff. "It's the smell of nature, no mistake. This is the real exit."

Only then did the three of them file out one by one. The warm sunlight outside was wonderfully comforting. Man Suling, a Mountain Werewolf, stretched her body toward the light, displaying her fine physique.

Chen Gu also felt as if he were a plant that, after months of rain, had finally received the warmth of the sunlight.

He was the first to notice, right behind the "Giant Tree Ball Field," a native plant. It extended its lush, maple-red leaves and branches, embracing the entire ballpark wasteland like a majestic father.

It was enormously thick and tall, a single tree forming a forest. Its trunk would take seven or eight people to encircle with their arms, and its spread of branches covered an area even larger than the entire field.

Despite not knowing how many years it had lived, the tree was still full of life, its bark not having that gnarled and mottled look of old age.

The entire tree, from top to bottom, was a comfortable maple-red to behold. The only difference was that the trunk, amidst this red, showed a hint of dark green, while the branches were a deeper shade of red than the leaves. The leaves themselves, somewhat resembling maple leaves, were a very pure, striking red.

From a distance, the tree faced the sunlight, shining with a crystal-like radiance, like coral or agate.

"It's beautiful, isn't it?" Ken came over and patted him on the shoulder. "If it weren't for the 'Poison of the Gods,' the sight of this tree alone could have turned this place into an upscale residential area or a world-famous park. What a pity."

Shaking his head, Ken urged, "Let's move on. We should hurry back."

Chapter 189 189: The Son Takes Action

The retreat route for the three of them had already been planned by Gorilla. They passed through the Great Tree Ball Ground, then moved forward along the foundation walls of the Tai Ping Ring, where they could be protected by the military forces stationed on the Ring. Even the Five Mountains Coalition was wary of this military power.

After circumventing the Divine Poison of the Gods, they entered an adjacent large district. Gorilla had arranged a maglev vehicle there, allowing the three of them to return to the branch office quickly.

The trio sped along the Tai Ping Ring, as awkward as three mice scurrying close to the wall. The garrisoned troops above, not numerous in non-wartime, looked down curiously at the three individuals. One lieutenant even suspected they were escaping prisoners. He scanned their faces with his equipment, searching the system for any criminal records.

The system BEEPED, and a dark blue notification box popped up: TOP SECRET: INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE!

The lieutenant was startled. Should I take my men to offer protection? he wondered, but then worried about making a blunder. While he hesitated, the three had already gone far.

When Gorilla saw that they had finally left the Divine Poison of the Gods behind and entered the neighboring safe district, he heaved a long sigh of relief.

Taking the lead, he said, "There's an out-of-business repair shop over there. The car I prepared is inside."

But just as they reached the entrance of the repair shop, Chen Gu and Man Suling suddenly grabbed him, both staring cautiously at the shop's tattered metal mesh gate.

CLANG, CLANG—

The gate suddenly rattled, and a figure shrouded in a black robe appeared behind it.

He had his head bowed and wore a long hood. Even though sunlight bathed the land, standing seven or eight meters away from him, the three still felt waves of chilling cold.

Gorilla and Man Suling saw an emblem embroidered on the chest of his black robe: a bow and arrow glowing with a dark silver light.

The figure slowly lifted his head. From under the shadow of the hood, two scarlet mechanical eyes lit up, accompanied by a series of electronic sounds that made one's skin crawl, "HEH HEH HEH..."

"To think, there's an unexpected bonus. Aside from this Divine Bone, there are also you two traitors."

"This trip has been quite fruitful."

SHRED—

The black robe instantly disintegrated, revealing a gleaming black metallic body underneath. This divine body, originally human-like in appearance, began to bloom from within!

Each component of the body transformed into a shape resembling chrysanthemum petals, continuously splitting and reassembling. Amidst a strange GRIND, GRIND, GRIND sound, it morphed into a colossal Medusa, four meters tall, with a head of metallic snake hair!

Unlike the Medusa of myth, she didn't have just one snake tail. Behind her sturdy torso trailed five snake tails, each tipped with a different weapon: an energy cannon, a high-powered chainsword, a plasma capture net, a sonic mine, and a kinetic heavy-metal crossbow.

Her head's structure was the most bizarre. Only her brain was a normal biological organism, encased in a transparent sphere filled with a light blue, viscous fluid, embedded among the metallic snake hair.

Gorilla and Man Suling couldn't help but shiver. "It's Reaper! One of the Angel Envoys!"

They had gathered thorough intelligence on True Knowledge Sin and knew this was one of the most terrifying Angel Envoys, with numerous confirmed kills of professionals.

All three of them were already seriously injured, yet now they faced such a fearsome enemy. Gorilla clenched his teeth and moved to the front, his hands trembling slightly, readying his abilities.

Chen Gu sighed inwardly. I'm on the brink of danger, he thought. Unleashing my power again will likely plant the seeds for a future descent into degeneracy.

However, the enemy before them was clearly beyond what Gorilla and Man Suling could handle.

He raised his hand to pull Gorilla back when, as if by telepathy, his gaze suddenly shifted to the side.

Along the street running in front of the repair shop gate, two figures slowly approached: Chen Jixian, with Mei Lixue in tow.

The older son, eyelids half-lowered, casually unbuttoned and removed his uniform jacket as he walked, tossing it to Mei Lixue, who trailed behind him. She caught it deftly.

Chen Jixian loosened his shirt collar and cuffs, rolling up the latter to allow for easier movement.

Then, he extended his right hand. With a SNAP, a metal rod sprang out from the side of his boot. He grasped it firmly and pressed down. BZZZT— A vivid blue energy erupted from one end of the rod. Eight thick beams of energy poured out for over ten meters, then rotated and converged on the rod, forming a square hammerhead the size of a watermelon.

Chen Jixian gripped the energy warhammer. With a stomp, CRACK! The ground beneath his feet shattered as he launched himself forward like a cannonball.

CLANG! He smashed open the closed metal mesh gate and swung the warhammer in an upward arc.

THUD!

The energy warhammer accurately struck the metallic Medusa's chin, blasting her into the air, her snake hair and five tails flailing wildly.

Chen Jixian twisted his body in mid-air, ascending rapidly in a spiral, the warhammer tracing a helical path of light around him. Then, he plunged from hundreds of meters above. With a BOOM, the hammer slammed down, precisely striking the transparent spherical container in the metallic Medusa's head.

With a thunderous CRASH, the metallic Medusa was smashed into the ground. The earth split open, and the entire repair shop sank dozens of centimeters. Buildings collapsed, and dust billowed upwards.

Gorilla and Man Suling watched, dumbfounded. Chen Jixian's fighting style was extremely decisive and clean, without any flashy skills or profound combat techniques. It seemed he excelled at just two things: brute force and high speed.

The metallic Medusa possessed various abilities and weapons, but she simply couldn't keep up with Chen Jixian's speed and could only endure the beating.

Chen Jixian spun the energy warhammer in his hands. Beams of energy burst forth from the square head, and then he brought the hammer down with immense force...

The ground of the entire repair shop sank another half meter. The metallic Medusa's advanced-technology prosthetic body was completely smashed into an iron pancake. The transparent spherical container shattered, its brain-like contents now nothing more than a mushy pulp.

Mei Lixue's eyebrows twitched. What a waste! Such a high-ranking Angel Envoy... how many secrets of True Knowledge Sin were hidden in his brain! Smashed into sludge... even more wasteful than Marcus.

She could scold Marcus, but she didn't dare criticize her own boss.

A surge of pride welled up in Chen Gu's heart.

He glanced at the pile of scrap that was once the metallic Medusa and gave a mocking smile. So much for your grand entrance. Is this all?

Chen Gu gently patted Gorilla's shoulder, showing off to his old friend with a mix of reserve and pride, "That's my son!"

Gorilla felt a wave of despair. What can I do? I don't have a son! Oh, right, I don't even have a wife... How desolate.

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Chen Jixian's body contracted, and he landed on the ground. Twisting his right hand, the energy hammer instantly retracted, reverting to a silver rod. Releasing his grip, the rod WHIZZED as it was magnetically drawn back into his boot.

Gazing at the scrap metal on the ground, his eyelids lifted slightly in dissatisfaction. "Star Mansion's customs officials should all be dismissed and investigated! During this time, just how many True Knowledge Sin lunatics have infiltrated our Wuzhaoyin City!"

Chen Gu did some mental calculations and realized it was truly one wave after another.

He suddenly turned to look at the Gorilla. The Gorilla and Man Suling also quickly realized the same problem: The Angel Envoys had suffered casualties, so how did they know where Chen Gu's group had hidden their vehicle?

Grinding his teeth, Chen Gu said, "I'm afraid Changban Xionsan is the problem!"

Chen Jixian's mouth twitched slightly. "Changban Xionsan, the biggest information broker in Wuzhaoyin City? He has lost his mind, daring to interfere even with Bureau of Mystic Security matters!"

The Gorilla had no choice but to spill everything, "Changban Xionsan actively sold me the information on this mission—he knows my undercover identity, and for that, I have to pay him 6,000,000 Starshields every year as hush money.

"The car here was also arranged by him. He must have sold the news to the Night Demon King and True Knowledge Sin as well.

"And before long, I think he will sell it to the Wuyue Association too."

Chen Jixian waved his hand, and Mei Lixue brought over his coat. The Director fastened his coat and commanded, "Director Mei, immediately draw up a plan. The Bureau of Mystic Security and the City Police Bureau will join forces to raid all of Changban Xionsan's operations. I will communicate with the local garrison and, if necessary, ask for their support!"

"Yes, sir!" Mei Lixue immediately accepted the command.

The Gorilla knew that once Chen Jixian decided to deal with Changban Xionsan, the fate of Wuzhaoyin City's biggest information broker was already sealed.

The only question was whether, under this inescapable net, Changban Xionsan could manage to escape Wuzhaoyin City alive.

Sirens were already sounding in the distance. Chen Jixian said, "Let's head back to the bureau first."

This was the first time Chen Gu had witnessed his adult son issuing commands. It left him in a daze, and an odd thought bubbled up in his heart: My son has really grown up...

They all took Chen Jixian's maglev car back to the branch building. Chen Jixian did not return to his office but instead, with everyone in tow, headed straight for the most secure chamber at the very bottom of the building—hidden hundreds of meters underground.

Then, Chen Jixian turned his gaze to what was in Chen Gu's hand. "Is this the relic?"

Chen Gu handed him the box, its six password locks intact. Chen Jixian examined it intently. Chen Gu then suggested, "I recommend directly detonating the Antimatter Bomb within it in outer space. During the explosion, if this relic really can communicate directly with the Evil God, it will surely trigger certain phenomena."

There was no need to say the rest. If those phenomena did not occur, it would indicate that the Gorilla's information was incorrect. This would not only mean the Wuzhaoyin City branch had acted without Head Office authorization but also that they had destroyed a precious relic that could have been used to create a generator.

Even if his other responsibilities were not pursued, just compensating for the relic... with Gao Mengjiu's and Man Suling's fame and strength, it would likely take them 100 years, without eating or drinking, to repay it.

But Chen Jixian did not respond to him. Instead, he gently raised both of his hands and pressed them softly onto the box.

CLICK—

Chen Gu heard the sound of a lock opening, which startled him. Nearby, Man Suling's tail clenched tighter, and her ears drooped.

Chen Jixian paid no attention to the others, focusing entirely on his abilities.

Beneath his hands, light invisible to everyone else transformed into countless threads finer than hair, continuously entering and exiting the second password lock, attempting to unlock it.

Chen Gu suddenly understood. "You are an Abyssal Blacksmith, and all six locks are mechanical?"

The others came to a realization. The Wuyue Association must have been worried about hackers breaking electronic locks, so they had chosen mechanical ones. An Abyssal Blacksmith, with his terrifying talent for all things metal and mechanical, could certainly open mechanical combination locks. However, very quickly, everyone, including Chen Gu, felt something was amiss: if they used mechanical locks, weren't they afraid of Vocationals?

Chen Jixian said indifferently, "It's a lock core that combines mechanical and electronic elements—but it doesn't matter. My hacking skills are quite decent."

Chen Gu panicked on the spot and urged, "Don't try to be a hero! The method I just mentioned is also viable. Worst comes to worst, we can have the Gorilla compensate our Bureau of Mystic Security for the loss; after all, he's got the money..."

The Gorilla: "???"

Chen Jixian remained unmoved, persisting in cracking the second password lock. He was terrifyingly calm while working, completely unaffected by personal emotions.

Chen Gu moved toward the door, "How about we go out first, so we don't disturb you here?"

Chen Jixian said coldly, "No one is to leave!"

Chen Gu was so irritated he rolled his eyes. What's with him? Does he want \*me\*, his old man, to accompany him in death?!

Just then, with a CLICK, the second password lock opened. Mei Lixue whispered to Chen Gu, "I've looked through the Director's files. When he was fourteen, he was in the top ten of the Confederation's Youth Computer Competition."

Chen Gu still rolled his eyes. My son is a genius, sure, but that's because of my good genes.

Nearby, Man Suling let out a low growl from deep in her throat, staring at Mei Lixue with hostility. What are you doing so close, old witch? Trying to be a cougar?

The Gorilla was incredibly troubled and pressed her head down firmly, "Stop it."

For two whole hours, Chen Gu passed the time in trepidation. Finally, the sixth password lock was cracked open. Chen Jixian, too, had not found it easy; sweat beaded his forehead. Yet, his expression was very relaxed as he gently moved his hand, and the box opened.

The Gorilla was the first to rush forward. At the sight of the relic, his face turned pale. "It really is that piece..."

The relic was irregular in shape, pocked with depressions, and had several twisted holes, somewhat resembling Taihu rocks from the era of their home planet.

Its surface was covered with mysterious black patterns that seemed to possess a life of their own, giving the impression that they were constantly writhing under one's gaze.

After the box was opened, the radiation from the relic was very strong, even exceeding Chen Gu's Radiation Scouring. Everyone took a glance and then subconsciously stepped back a bit.

Chen Jixian closed the box lid, blocking the radiation. Mei Lixue said, "The problem now is how we can be sure that this thing can indeed communicate directly with the Evil God."

The Gorilla took a deep breath and said, "I'll do it."

But neither Chen Jixian nor Mei Lixue made any indication of agreement. Clearly, for such a significant matter, they did not trust an outsider like Gao Mengjiu.