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## 260 War

Alex and the others killed the rest of the soldiers. Because they had lost most of their comrades, including their leader, Alex's group managed to kill them pretty quickly, especially for Anna and Fabio, who were Martial Lords.

Alex finally felt the difference between humans and monsters. Luckily, this time they managed to surprise them with their prowess. If the leader knew about their power and approached them carefully, it would be a hard fight even with two Martial Lords in their group.

After all, quantity sometimes could win quality. Anna might be able to deal with ten peak Grandmaster simultaneously, and Fabio was also around that number. Of course, all of the soldiers were not a Peak Grandmaster. Most of them were in 3-7 Star Martial Grandmaster.

Most of all, because of their number, they recklessly underestimated Alex's group. Alex took advantage of it and made a series of combination attacks.

Of course, the spirits had known and fought together. Alex didn't need to order everything, and they already knew what they needed to do.

"We are moving first," Alex said.

"Yes, it is better not to stay in this place. We might encounter a search party for those soldiers, but I suggest to go slowly so we can restore our energy while moving.

"Considering their size, they might only be a scouting party. With the scale for this war, I'm afraid there might be another scouting party in front of us. We can also send Njomo and Ngina first to the front," Anna advised.

"Hmm... alright. Let's do that. But I'm wondering. The Southern Kingdom should have a big amount of territories and many cities before their capital city. But, the battle itself is near the capital city..." Alex just thought about it just now

Back in the lower world, he hadn't encountered such a case. But to penetrate the entire territory... It was a bit absurd, especially with numerous Martial Masters and Grandmasters.

He took out Nelson's card. "Nelson, what is the number of Zhou Soldiers?"

"One hundred thousand. Five Hundred Martial Lords, Twenty Thousand Martial Grandmasters, and the rest are Martial Masters or below."

"!!!" Alex immediately realized something after hearing the number. He murmured, "Two hundred thousand... Leoz said they should have five thousand Martial Grandmasters... !!!"

With the difference in number and the detailed power level from Nelson. He knew why they were able to penetrate up to this place.

The Zhou Kingdom detached elites to deal with the cities or towns in their way and let their normal soldiers wear Southern Kingdom's soldiers out.

The Southern Kingdom might have realized this, and they recruited loose cultivators as some sort of mercenary to fight with fifty thousand Zhou Kingdom's soldiers despite having eighty thousand Soldiers.

"They detached their elites to deal with the cities. At first, they might think it was just to occupy the cities so their soldiers can penetrate deeper. But now that I think about it. Because the ones they detached were elites. The cities might not be able to hold them, and they conquered the cities.

"Supposedly there are ten cities in their way and each city needs around five thousand elites. Their casualties won't be too much after conquering the cities, considering they are elites of Zhou Kingdom.

"After conquering the cities, just take two thousand casualties for each as an example, they regroup and make another special but hidden unit consisting of 40000 elites. If the Southern Kingdom Soldiers exhausted their energy here, then after they got attacked by those elites. It will become a one side slaughter."

On the other side, Nelson smiled. "Yeah, that's right. But most of the Martial Lords are 3-Star or below. In fact, Zhou Kingdom is already abnormal to have so many Martial Lords. I assume it is the work of Blood Pills in question.

"Anyway, the Martial Lords inside Zhou Kingdom that are above 5-Star, it is around a hundred. And from my assumption, the sect and other kingdoms have lesser that number. I am currently investigating this Blood Pill, and I found that they are distributing it to Soldiers, Prominent Families, and their royal family.

"They are very careful in this operation and even trade it only in an underground passage. No other influences have expected something like this. They must have planned something like this for many years or even decades.

"Judging from their speed, there might be a big movement in one or two years. This is only my assumption. I need to investigate so I could make a more certain conclusion.

"..." Although Alex had expected that this problem might be a grand problem as well as an involvement from another continent. Alex couldn't help but shock when hearing those numbers.

"Alright. I will just retreat from here if the situation becomes dangerous."

"May fortune be with you."

Alex stored Nelson's card again.

"We are going to observe the battlefield first. If needed, I might join the Southern Kingdom's mercenary camp."

He summoned Ngina the Lizard while Njomo came out of his shadow. "I want both of you to scout the area in front of us."

Both of them nodded and disappeared.

Alex and the rest also started moving, but their pace was very slow. Alex didn't mind about the speed as he didn't have any intention to join the war right away. He rather saw the condition and formulated the strategy first. If needed, he would summon Leoz.

They proceeded carefully for a couple of hours as they managed to get out of the forest. They could see the battlefield from the edge of the woods. Alex decided to move back a little bit, afraid to be spotted.

The battlefield was bizarre. Many soldiers fought in the air while flying, and most of them fought on the ground. Alex thought they didn't need to breach the wall as they could just fly to pass it.

Of course, there were many soldiers that were stationed on the wall to prevent that from happening. So, Zhou Soldiers proceeded with close combat first.

Because of this bizarre battlefield, there were many soldiers that yet to join the battle. After all, they might get any friendly fire, and from his observation, there were around five thousand people from each side.

Alex didn't need to try to find Leoz. As a Martial Lord and a battle maniac, he sure stood out from the rest. With his yellow hair and lightning spark, he skillfully killed the soldiers one by one.

Fortunately, the soldiers were only Martial Masters. He killed them instantly with his Martial Lord strength. From Alex's memory, Leoz should be able to kill many of them at breakneck speed. Surprisingly, he didn't.

Alex was a bit confused by this. After all, his opponents were just a mere Martial Master. Not long after that, Alex finally realized what he did.

Alex realized after he saw the enemy reserve soldiers. Other people might not be able to discern each of their strengths. Fortunately, Alex had his Spirit Eyes.

He could discern the opposite strength easily. Alex saw three 3-Star Martial Lords. They were eyeing on Leoz. Alex only saw a 1-Star Martial Lord from Southern Kingdom's side. In other words, Leoz was the only one capable of bringing down those Martial Lords.

If Leoz didn't conserve his strength, when those Martial Lords decided to kill him in an ambush, he couldn't do everything.

After another hour, Njomo and Ngina came back.

"Young Master, in Zhou Kingdom's side, there are around a thousand people stationed there. From a thousand, three hundred of them are Martial Grandmasters, and the rest are Martial Masters."

Alex nodded to Ngina's report. But when he heard about Njomo's report. He was speechless.

"Woof Woof!"

Unlike Sherry and Kyle, he couldn't understand anything from him. Ngina suddenly interpreted Njomo for him, "No one spotted, he said."

"Ahem... Thank you," Alex was wondering why Ngina could understand Njomo... Maybe it was because one of them was a Lizard, and the other was a dog while he was a human. Anyway, he decided to ignore it

He pondered for a moment. Ngina observed Zhou Kingdom's side of the forest while Njomo observed Southern Kingdom's side.

"A thousand... If all of them are monsters, I don't mind and will come to them immediately. But they are humans and if I recklessly attacked them. We might be at a disadvantage.

Ah, I really hate this. I rather fight ten thousand monsters who rely on their instinct and not humans. But thinking about the possibility of high ranking monsters will unlock their wisdom too and fight them in the future... I can't really hate this situation as it could become my training in fighting them."

Alex calmed himself down first. After a while, he asked, "Do any of you know how to extract Monster Blood for Array?"

Anna and the others immediately looked at Jeanne. Jeanne said, "I can, Master. After all, learning something like that is 'essential' for me."

When they heard her saying 'Essential,' they rolled their eyes as they knew why she said that essential.

"Uhm... Alright. Anna will accompany her to gather monster blood. I am planning to make this forest as our base. So, to anticipate Zhou Soldiers. I am going to make many arrays."

"Yes," Anna nodded her head.

"But Master, we don't have any bottle to store them," Jeanne said.

"Don't worry, I have many here," Alex took out many bottles from the system and space ring. It was his personal collection.

After using all the blood inside the bottle, Alex didn't know what to do with the bottles, so he stored it inside his System or Space Ring. Alex had at least ten empty big bottles and a few more, but it wasn't empty.

Alex then chose every bottle that stored Master Stage Monster blood or lower and emptied them. After all, he was planning to make rank 3 Array, and for that, he used Grandmaster Stage Monster blood.

When Jeanne took the bottles from Alex, she furrowed her eyebrows. "Master, maybe you should buy good quality bottles. Although these bottles might be able to store Grandmaster Stage Blood, I am afraid these bottles won't be able to store Lord Stage Monster blood."

"Is that so?" Alex tilted his head. In fact, he never bought a bottle for this. He only relied on his system, so he didn't have any knowledge about this. He nodded and said, "Alright, I will do so later."

"We are going now. Let's go, Anna," Jeanne grabbed Anna and left.

Anna only waved her hand to Alex for a goodbye. She wanted to shout goodbye to him, but they might be spotted if she did that.

"Vera and Greg will observe the battlefield situation. Njomo would go to your previous spot and inform me if something happened. Fabio will protect me when I set my array. Ngina will observe those soldiers to see if there are any movements."

"Understood (Woof)."

"I almost forgot," Alex suddenly said as he took out Nicole's card. "Nicole will go to the city alone. If the situation has stabilized, I will send Ngina to you."

"Understood," Ngina said. Then her wings and tail disappeared, and her appearance became that of a human. She bowed to Alex once again, then disappeared.

"Alright. Let's go."

According to Ngina, Zhou Kingdom's camp was about a mile from here. Alex only moved toward them for a half-mile. He only had around three bottles of Grandmaster Stage monster blood and one bottle of King Stage monster blood that he got before leaving Zwaka's place.

Alex made a series of Wistful Shackle Arrays and Fire String Arrays. He practiced these two arrays but didn't have the opportunity to use them. He thought he might never have a chance to use them, but this opportunity came.

Wistful Shackle Array was the upgrade version of Binding Chain Array that Alex used in his battle with Xian Tao long ago. As for Fire String Arrays, it will produce very strong strings capable of killing Martial Grandmasters if they hit their vitals. He even can infuse his Fire to those strings.

He made it in random order to confuse the enemy. If they went in this direction, some of them would be killed by Fire String Arrays, and some of them will be bound by Wistful Shackle Array. Then, Anna and others will kill them.

Because the array needs him to activate it, he will move around to activate them one by one. He was wondering if there was a way to activate it by remote.