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Chen Mo still hadn't received any particularly useful information. However, judging from their surnames, he could somewhat tell that they probably weren't from an aristocratic family.

If they weren't from an aristocratic family, they had to be from the Academy Alliance or they could be aliens.

If they were from the Academy Alliance, it wouldn't be right for Chen Mo to harm them.

However, if they were aliens, they should be killed on the spot or captured immediately.

To confirm their identities, Chen Mo immediately contacted Jiang Yun.

He had previously added the three major alliance leaders to his contacts, in case he needed to reach them.

This was the perfect moment.

[Chen Mo]: Alliance Master Jiang, I've found a few people here who need investigating. Can you check if they're from the Academy Alliance?

[Jiang Yun]: Oh? Send me their information, and I'll take a look.

Chen Mo quickly sent over their images.

Jiang Yun immediately ordered an investigation.

「One minute later.」

[Jiang Yun]: These individuals are indeed members of the Academy Alliance. It's strange, though; they should be assigned to different areas and departments. Why would they suddenly gather in one place? Do you suspect they're aliens?

[Chen Mo]: I'm not sure, which is why I asked you to investigate.

[Jiang Yun]: Under normal circumstances, Academy Alliance members from different areas and departments wouldn't gather so far from the secure zones. That would only happen if they knew each other and were out on some business. Give me three minutes. I'll look into their interpersonal relationships to see if they're acquainted. If not, then these individuals are highly problematic and could very well be aliens.

[Chen Mo]: Alright. They're still nearby searching for me; they probably won't leave for a while.

「Three minutes later.」

Ban Rong returned to the surface and reported the intelligence he had discovered underground to Rangu.

Rangu was filled with questions after receiving Ban Rong's message.

He carefully reconfirmed Chen Mo's coordinates multiple times.

The location was indeed accurate; it shouldn't be off by that many kilometers.

That red-named individual might not be the one holding a divine artifact component. The true holder should be nearby, but why can't I find him?

Rangu was extremely curious. He had used top-tier detection methods; it was illogical that he couldn't locate the invisible person.

He had checked the Void Realm and underground. What other possibility was there?

Could he have transformed?

Realizing this possibility, he immediately said, "He might possess the ability to transform, perhaps into nearby plants, trees, or something similar. Attack the surrounding flora and trees. Indiscriminately destroy everything within a hundred-meter radius. That should force him out."

"Ah, so he might have transformed. That's certainly possible."

Upon receiving the reply, the three third-transition individuals all looked towards Ban Rong, the fourth-transition Mage.

This powerful Mage could easily obliterate anything within a thousand-meter radius, let alone a mere hundred meters.

As the magic wand appeared in Ban Rong's hand, a scorching Flame instantly erupted from it.

Thanks to the Divine Stealth Box, Chen Mo wouldn't sustain any damage while in invisible mode, so he wasn't bothered by whatever the others were planning.

At that moment, he was checking Jiang Yun's message.

[Jiang Yun]: I've completed the investigation. These four individuals are problematic; there's a high probability they're aliens! Give me their coordinates, and I'll send people to apprehend them immediately.

[Chen Mo]: Okay.

Chen Mo immediately sent the coordinate information.

Who would have thought that this Divine Power Mission I triggered would end up netting such a big fish!

After sending his current coordinates to Jiang Yun, Chen Mo also informed him about Rangu.

[Chen Mo]: Alliance Master Jiang, those individuals are a minor issue. I have an even bigger discovery.

[Jiang Yun]: A bigger discovery?

[Chen Mo]: Yes. It's very likely a high-ranking alien operative on our Earth.

[Jiang Yun]: Oh? How did you discover this?

[Chen Mo]: I triggered an extremely special mission. The other party and I are both participants, and I can see their coordinates in real-time.

Originally, I had no intention of approaching them directly. However, I was just minding my own business in the wilderness when I was suddenly investigated by three third-transition individuals and one fourth-transition individual. This made me suspicious. I suspect that the person who can also see my coordinates—just as I can see theirs—sent people to investigate after spotting my location.

Someone who can casually dispatch several third-transition individuals and a fourth-transition individual must either be extremely powerful or hold an incredibly high rank!

Since you've confirmed these four are aliens, the one who could deploy such powerful alien operatives must clearly be someone of great importance.

[Jiang Yun]: Interesting. Give me his coordinates. Chen Mo, if you've truly found a high-ranking alien on our Earth, I will, on behalf of the Academy Alliance, directly award you 100 million merits!

Chen Mo was very surprised by Jiang Yun's reply.

Merits were similar to academic credits in universities and could be used to exchange for many rewards.

Academic credits could be used to redeem rewards from the Academy Treasury.

Merits, on the other hand, could be exchanged for rewards from the Alliance Treasury.

The range of items available for exchange was extensive.

100 million merits was a huge sum, equivalent to at least 10,000 gold coins.

This was just a rough equivalent. In reality, even with 10,000 gold coins, it would be difficult to purchase some of the items available for exchange from the Alliance Treasury on the open market.

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Many precious materials, which rarely appeared even at auctions, were essentially stashed away in the Alliance Treasury.

They could only be obtained by earning merit.

Chen Mo had mostly advanced the ranks of his items to a fairly high level. Consequently, he was in great need of the materials found in the Academy Alliance Treasury.

This substantial merit reward could significantly reduce the time Chen Mo needed to spend collecting materials.

However, the chance to obtain such high rewards depended on whether he could catch the big rat this time.

As Chen Mo transmitted the coordinates to Jiang Yun, the scorching flame on the Brahma Wand suddenly transformed. It became a ring of fire that spread out at incredible speed.

Its spread was so vast that within a one-kilometer radius, not a single blade of grass remained.

After a wave of harsh CRACKLES...

Apart from the three alien third-transition professionals, the surrounding one-kilometer area had been scorched clean.

Yet, no signs of anyone unusual were spotted.

"Still no one?"

"How could this be?"

"Did the Commander-in-Chief make a mistake?"

Just as they were wondering, they suddenly received a message from Rangu.

[Rangu]: "Everyone, scatter and withdraw immediately! I just received a report that the Academy Alliance has launched a rapid investigation on you four!"

Upon receiving this message, all four of them were stunned.

What the hell? There wasn't any sign of anyone around here. Why were the four of us suddenly exposed? Suddenly investigated by the Academy Alliance? Didn't that mean the Commander-in-Chief hadn't made a mistake? There really was someone hidden nearby! But why couldn't this person be detected by any means? This was too horrifying!

Thinking of this, all four of them shuddered.

The three third-transition professionals looked at Ban Ruo and said, "Senior Ban Ruo, if you deploy your domain, can you sense anything unusual within its range?"

"I can't. Although domains possess some detection abilities, these differ from one to another. My domain is defensive, so its detection ability is even weaker. It's obviously not enough to detect something that's untraceable by any means."

"So what do we do now?"

"Hurry and retreat! The Academy Alliance might be here soon. Scatter and run to the most concealed places you can find. It's best if you can locate a Rift Dungeon to hide in first."

After saying this, Ban Ruo was the first to turn and prepare to flee!

As he was telling the others to run, Rangu, however, felt a growing sense of dread.

Now it wasn't just about those four being exposed. If they were exposed, then as the one who sent them, I was probably not far from being exposed myself. I might even have been exposed already. However, since the other party had first undertaken an investigation, it was clear they only had suspicions initially. Those four weren't originally exposed; it was all because of this incident. Since that was the case, what chance did I have of avoiding exposure, especially when my coordinates had been on the enemy's map the entire time?

Thinking of this, Rangu realized he had reached a dead end. He immediately contacted the upper echelons of the Yongming Star System.

"Sir, this is terrible! Our Earth Combat Department might be completely exposed!"

"Why so sudden?"

"It's due to a mission involving a divine artifact."

"A divine artifact!? What mission?"

It seemed the person on the other end was more concerned about the divine artifact than the Earth Combat Command being in trouble.

"The explanation is quite long, and we don't have time for details now. In essence, it's a mission where divine artifact component holders fight over the components. The crucial part is that it reveals the real-time locations of all holders. I am one of them, and astonishingly, there's also a holder in the Solar System."

"Why didn't you inform us of such an important matter concerning a divine artifact component beforehand?"

Rangu had no response to that. Everyone wants to possess great items for themselves. What if I had told them and they'd wanted to inspect it? They would have immediately known it could be traded. What if they had demanded it from me then? Who would willingly give away such a top-grade treasure? This is a chance to assemble a divine artifact! I also had no idea this thing would lead to such a disaster. After all, unlike Chen Mo, I hadn't collected two of them. Now he realized there was such a devastating pitfall in the mission, leaving him utterly stunned.

But this wasn't the time to discuss that. He quickly changed the subject, "Sir, the nature of the divine artifact component isn't the main issue now. If my location is exposed, it will be a huge blow to the entire Earth Combat Command. Our operations on Earth could be wiped out instantly.

"If our organization is completely paralyzed, then even triggering the rare Super Disaster we've identified would be pointless. We must rush to trigger a Disaster in the Solar System to create chaos. This will help our personnel continue to blend in and could buy us more time to hide across Earth. It will also deliver a heavy blow to the Solar System."

Upon receiving Rangu's reply, the other party evidently understood the crux of the matter.

"Understood. We will immediately dispatch someone to trigger a Super Disaster. If you manage to come out of this unscathed, you will then explain the divine artifact component matter to me in detail!"

"Certainly!"

As Rangu finished speaking, his sense of foreboding grew even stronger.

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If those four were exposed, his own exposure was not far behind.

If the other party knew his real-time coordinates and could suspect those four of being Aliens, they must also suspect him of being an Alien.

Rangu was feeling extremely frustrated at this moment. He had originally intended to find the enemy first and nip the problem in the bud. But unexpectedly, despite sending professionals, not only could they not find anyone, but their plan had also backfired, leading to his own exposure as an Alien. This outcome was truly beyond his imagination.

Still, this turn of events wasn't entirely illogical. Rangu had dispatched numerous people this time, equipped with a wide array of detection capabilities, and had considered things thoroughly. Logically, they should have been able to find their targets. However, the enemy's methods had surpassed his wildest expectations. Overall, Rangu's decision couldn't be called wrong; he had simply failed to account for abilities beyond his current understanding. After all, who could have imagined that a mere first-transition professional would possess a divine-grade invisibility ability?

Shortly after Rangu finished communicating with the higher-ups of the Yongming Star System, he received news that Ban Ruo and the others had been captured.

As for Chen Mo, seeing that the four were about to leave, he immediately dispatched an invisible Skeleton Monster to follow each of them, ensuring they could not escape.

If he had merely wanted to kill them, Chen Mo could have done it himself. He didn't act because he was waiting for people from the Academy Alliance to arrive and apprehend them.

With a ripple of spatial fluctuation, four fifth-transition powerhouses instantly appeared at the location for which Chen Mo had shared the coordinates.

"There's no one here? They must have escaped."

The four immediately began to sense their surroundings.

At that moment, Jiang Yun received real-time information shared by Chen Mo regarding the Aliens' escape route. Upon seeing this information, Jiang Yun shared it with the four fifth-transition powerhouses.

Soon, the four fifth-transition powerhouses were hot on their trail.

How could three third-transitions and one fourth-transition outrun fifth-transition powerhouses?

Naturally, they were easily captured.

As the three third-transitions scattered and fled desperately, they suddenly heard a buzzing sound from behind. The next second, a figure appeared directly in front of them.

"Fifth-transition!"

At this moment, these three had completely lost the will to resist. Whether they struggled or not, against a fifth-transition expert, they could be easily subdued. There was no need to struggle at all. They figured they might as well surrender, desperately deny everything, and claim they were legitimate Earthlings from some remote, obscure tribes. That way, there might still be a slim chance of survival. Otherwise, forget resisting; even if they wanted to commit suicide, it would be too late. They would be captured instantly by the enemy.

Meanwhile, with Ban Rong.

Although he was a fourth-transition, he felt utterly helpless facing a fifth-transition powerhouse. The difference of a single transition was like that between Heaven and Earth.

Pretending not to know what was happening, he looked at the fifth-transition powerhouse before him and said, "Junior Ban Rong greets Senior."

"Ban Rong, I need your cooperation in an investigation. Come back with me to the Global Academy Alliance Headquarters."

"Okay, but may I ask what this is about?" Ban Rong replied compliantly, then ventured the question.

"You don't need to know that for now. Just come back with me."

"Yes."

Ban Rong showed no outward resistance and prepared to accompany them obediently.

At this point, Rangu was prepared for a fight to the bitter end. After consulting with the higher-ups, he had already relayed the message to all Yongming Star System members on Earth, telling them to prepare for battle. As soon as Earth's Disaster arrived, they would immediately launch indiscriminate attacks. The more chaotic they could make the situation on Earth, the better.

Upon receiving Rangu's orders, many members of the Yongming Star System were extremely excited. Many of them had been living furtively on Earth for a long time and had grown weary of it. They had always longed for a day when they could go on a killing spree without restraint. And today, that day had finally arrived. They could finally slaughter to their hearts' content.

Just as Rangu finished transmitting his message, personnel from the Academy Alliance Headquarters arrived.

The Earth Combat Command Headquarters, despite being an anti-Earth department, actually operated as a legitimate business within the safe zone. Therefore, when the high-ranking officials from the Academy Alliance made their unannounced arrival, Rangu and his team, having already prepared countless contingency plans, naturally did not panic.

Even knowing he was 99% exposed, he could maintain his composure until it was definitively proven.

His subordinates even cooperated by dutifully presenting a report.

"Boss, important figures from the Academy Alliance are here to see you."

"Really? Please, show them in quickly."

Rangu immediately stood up, an excited expression on his face as if greeting esteemed guests, and moved to welcome the three fifth-transition powerhouses from the Academy Alliance.

"Esteemed sirs, I wonder what wind has blown you here today? Please, take a seat."

After gesturing for the three to be seated, Rangu returned to his own boss's chair and looked at them.

"Doesn't Mr. Lan know why we've come?" one of the three fifth-transition powerhouses asked, looking at Rangu with keen interest.

"Could it be that my humble Mercenary Group has the distinct honor of receiving a contract from the Academy Alliance?" Rangu asked, feigning confusion.

"Mr. Lan, your Mercenary Group seems to be managed quite well. Other mercenary groups frequently have disputes over remuneration, treatment, and various other issues."

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"Your Mercenary Group not only displays high efficiency and excellent results, but it also maintains internal harmony without any issues. Mr. Lan, you certainly know how to manage!"

"Oh no, it's all just to make a living. I try to satisfy my customers and my people. As the boss, I'm content if I can get a little something for myself."

"Such an understanding boss is hard to find these days. Given your empathy, Mr. Lan, we'd like to request your help in investigating some matters. I trust you won't refuse."

"Naturally. If the Academy Alliance requires any assistance, our Qi Lan Mercenary Group, from top to bottom, will cooperate fully."

"Excellent. Then please accompany us."

"How long will this take? If it's going to be a while, I'd like to first assign some tasks to my subordinates to ensure things are handled in my absence."

"No need. You'll be back very soon, within 24 hours," one of the three fifth-transition experts, a short-haired woman, said with a smile.

Seeing this, Rangu stood up without further comment. "Then let's go. We shouldn't delay the three of you any longer."

"Mr. Lan is indeed straightforward."

The three approached Rangu. The short-haired woman placed her hand on his shoulder, preparing to take him away, while the other two planned to remain at the Qi Lan Mercenary Group headquarters.

At this point, everyone in the Qi Lan Mercenary Group began to look uneasy; they were obviously growing restless. The moment the three fifth-transition powerhouses arrived, these Aliens knew there was no way out. If the investigation had already reached Rangu, how long would it be before the others were found?

Pretending to be normal was now futile, so they no longer cared about exposing themselves. Furthermore, Rangu had previously instructed them to prepare for a full-blown uprising, so they were already eager for action.

The Academy Alliance was undoubtedly aware of their intentions. Since Rangu was being taken, the entire Qi Lan Mercenary Group couldn't expect to escape easily, especially with suspicions so clearly upon them. How could the Academy Alliance possibly let these individuals go unchecked? With the presence of the three fifth-transition powerhouses and the coordinated efforts of numerous Academy Alliance experts outside, the entire Qi Lan Mercenary Group was now under lockdown—entry only, no exit.

It truly seemed they were about to be wiped out in one fell swoop. However, following Rangu's secret orders, everyone remained outwardly calm and composed.

Rangu wasn't worried at all. An incredibly severe Disaster was about to be deliberately triggered in the Yongming Star System by their side. When that happened, the people in the Solar System would be too preoccupied with their own survival to manage anything else, and all of the Academy Alliance's current plans would be thrown into disarray!

Everything seemed to be progressing smoothly. The four individuals in the wilderness had been apprehended, and Rangu was now also in custody, being taken to the Earth command center for this operation. It appeared the Academy Alliance was achieving unprecedented success in its campaign against the Aliens.

Just then, Chen Mo also received a message from Jiang Yun.

Jiang Yun: Chen Mo, the intelligence you provided this time was crucial. We've located a stronghold called the Qi Lan Mercenary Group, and it's highly probable this is the Aliens' primary base of operations.

Chen Mo: The Academy Alliance is incredibly efficient! You've already pinpointed their main base?

Jiang Yun: Not exactly. It's just that this Qi Lan Mercenary Group seems suspicious in every aspect.

Chen Mo: If they're suspicious in every aspect, why wasn't it discovered sooner?

Jiang Yun: You've misunderstood. When I say 'suspicious,' I don't mean they're careless or make many mistakes. On the contrary, the entire Mercenary Group operates with extreme competence, almost perfectly, without a single error. That's not something a normal corporate entity can achieve. I believe this is very likely the Yongming Star System's main headquarters here. Only professional spies could operate so flawlessly.

Chen Mo: Understood. By the way, can I head over there now? One of the individuals there has a quest item of mine. It's crucial that no one else touches it, or things could get very problematic.

Chen Mo definitely didn't want things to escalate to a point where allies turned on each other. More importantly, he didn't want some fifth-transition powerhouse to find the item, become greedy, and decide to kill him for it.

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Jiang Yun: "There are already three fifth-transition professionals watching over there, so you won't be in any danger if you go. However, if you go now, the other party might leak your information, allowing the Yongming Star System to prepare for you in advance."

Chen Mo: "Don't worry, they won't see me. Though, after he dies, I hope I can take his possessions."

Jiang Yun: "The entire Qi Lan Mercenary Group was taken down because of you, so naturally, there's no issue with your request. However, his possessions might contain numerous secrets of the two Star Systems."

Chen Mo: "I understand. I'll only take my mission items. Regardless of the quality of other things, I'll return them to the Alliance intact."

Jiang Yun: "Alright. But if this person is indeed the high-ranking official from the Yongming Star System you suspect, then we shouldn't kill him directly for now. Keeping him alive might allow us to extract more secrets."

Chen Mo: "I get it; I'm not in a hurry. Just notify me whenever the Alliance Hierarch is ready for the execution."

Jiang Yun: "Of course."

Just as Jiang Yun and Chen Mo believed they had caught a big fish and Earth was finally about to welcome a refreshing new environment, things took an unexpected turn.

Who would have thought that at this very moment, within the Tower of Eternity, people from the Yongming Star System were preparing to unleash a massive problem upon Earth?

At this time, Chen Mo was quite surprised to have suddenly uncovered an important hidden Alien base on Earth. This was especially true because it meant he had a high probability of receiving a 100 million merit reward.

This truly was a substantial benefit.

Just as Chen Mo was contemplating how to spend his 100 million merits, a sudden, eerie gust of wind swept through. The night sky over Earth's dangerous zones, previously pitch black, had turned a sinister, blood-red.

It looked exceptionally ominous and unsettling.

Many who saw it couldn't help but feel an inexplicable sense of dread.

After the sky turned blood-red, continuous, strange lightning flashed and thunder rumbled.

Seeing this, anyone with a bit of knowledge knew it was a sign of an impending Disaster.

Sure enough, the next moment, the sound of the great path resonated:

"The Yongming Star System's Professionals have used their Disaster-related privileges to trigger an SS level Disaster in the Solar System! This Disaster is extremely difficult. All Solar System Professionals must unite to resist it together. If this Disaster is successfully repelled, all Solar System Professionals will receive a generous reward!"

The sound of the great path broadcast this message three consecutive times, instantly striking fear into the hearts of people worldwide.

An SS level Disaster—a disaster of such immense difficulty had never occurred in history.

However, an S-level Disaster had occurred once.

Back then, Earth was not as powerful as it is now. There weren't enough fifth-transition masters; they were far from sufficient. That terrifying S-level Disaster resulted in the deaths of over 70% of the global population.

It was historically known as the "Great Disaster."

Now, over a thousand years had passed since the Great Disaster.

Earth's strength had finally accumulated to a respectable level, yet now an even more terrifying SS level Disaster had erupted.

In that instant, everyone across the globe was gripped by terror.

Even the three Alliance Hierarchs of the Academy Alliance were filled with dread.

They had reviewed the records of the Great Disaster; the details were still fresh in their minds. And now, an SS level Disaster, even more terrifying than the Great Disaster, had erupted.

How much devastation will this bring to the world's population!? They could hardly bear to imagine it.

This was despite there being far more fifth-transition masters now than before.

But previously, there were no Aliens on Earth; now, there were!

"Damn that Yongming Star System! How did they manage to actively trigger a Disaster upon us? And one of such terrifying difficulty!"

"Our development time within the Tower of Eternity has been too short. Our exploration of its depths is insufficient. We never expected there was a method to manually trigger a Disaster—we were too careless!"

One of the Hierarchs continued, "It seems we truly found their main base on Earth this time. Otherwise, the Yongming Star System wouldn't have been so desperate as to trigger an SS level Disaster. If they had triggered this level of disaster while many of our top professionals were trapped in the Tower of Eternity, unable to escape, the blow to us would have been maximized. But they triggered it prematurely. Doesn't this just prove we were right?"

"This is bad!" Markus interjected, a deep sense of unease washing over him. "They're likely prepared for a fight to the death! Once this Disaster descends, if the hidden Yongming Star System members strike simultaneously, the losses Earth will suffer will be incalculable!"

The thought of the devastating consequences if the Disaster coincided with an Alien uprising caused a ruthless glint to flash in Jiang Yun's eyes. He immediately issued a command:

"A high-difficulty Disaster is descending, and the situation is critical! All personnel, execute every Alien in your vicinity immediately! There's no more need to dig for secrets. Execute all Aliens at once! Quickly!"

Jiang Yun: "The Aliens will be executed immediately. You can go and retrieve the items you need now."

Suddenly receiving Jiang Yun's message, Chen Mo instantly understood.

The incredibly difficult Disaster was about to descend. If they didn't execute the Aliens quickly, how could Earth's top professionals focus on dealing with the Disaster?

Once the top-tier professionals left the safe zones, if the anti-social, the world-weary, and the remaining Aliens incited rebellion within those zones, the consequences would be unimaginable.

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Upon grasping the situation, Chen Mo immediately used his Divine Flicker to arrive at the target coordinates.

At this time, three fifth-transition warriors were preparing to attack Rangu.

With Chen Mo's sudden appearance, two of the fifth-transition warriors in the field failed to notice anything amiss.

Only the short-haired woman, a fifth-transition powerhouse, detected a peculiar fluctuation in the surrounding space.

Had her Divine Power not exceeded 20 points and had she not been equipped with an Invisibility Breaking Stone, she would not even have realized that Chen Mo had teleported over.

"Chen Mo?"

The moment she caught sight of Chen Mo, she was clearly taken aback.

Meanwhile, the surprise among the two fifth-transition powerhouses nearby was even greater, as they saw their companion talking to thin air.

Not only were they puzzled, but Rangu was also thoroughly bewildered. As the Yongming Star System's overall commander on Earth, he naturally observed everything with meticulous detail.

How could he fail to notice the expressions on the two fifth-transition powerhouses?

Clearly, someone, whom only the short-haired woman could see and the other two fifth-transition powerhouses could not, had appeared nearby.

This suddenly brought something to his mind.

He immediately pulled up the map to check. Astonishment instantly took hold of him.

The fellow who, just like me, possesses a divine artifact component is actually only half a meter from my current coordinates!

It's clear that the other party has already arrived here.

Yet, I can't see him.

What kind of invisibility ability does this fellow have that even a fifth-transition powerhouse cannot see him?

Witnessing this, Rangu promptly recorded the relevant information and simultaneously transmitted it to the high-level personnel of the Yongming Star System.

At this time, the three fifth-transition powerhouses had just received the joint command from the three Alliance Hierarchs, preparing to kill these Aliens.

The fifth-transition powerhouses would not obey the command of a single Alliance Hierarch; only a joint command from all three Alliance Hierarchs could mobilize them.

Otherwise, they would not accept the command of any single or two Alliance Hierarchs.

This was to prevent any rogue elements among the three Alliance Hierarchs from causing incalculable losses to the Solar System.

"Senior, please strike first and kill this man. Otherwise, he's likely to leak my information."

Chen Mo realized only she could see him, so he spoke only to her.

The short-haired woman reacted immediately, raising her hand, preparing to bombard Rangu.

The moment she revealed a hint of killing intent, a lotus suddenly blossomed beneath Rangu's feet, and a surge of incredibly powerful Rule Energy erupted from his body.

"This brat has an invincibility skill, damn him!"

"Everyone, farewell! Disaster is imminent, and you still have the leisure to bother with me?"

Relying on his invincibility, Rangu boldly took out a teleportation artifact in front of the three fifth-transition powerhouses, preparing to teleport away.

Seeing this, the short-haired woman and her two companions immediately deployed a spatial lockdown, intent on preventing Rangu's escape.

"It's useless. My Teleport ability isn't afraid of spatial lockdowns."

However, just as Rangu was delighting in his triumph, he suddenly received The Heavenly Path's Hint that he was being affected by a time stop.

However, the time-stop effects of the three fifth-transition powerhouses still had no effect on him.

"Time stop is useless too. Too bad for you, I have a treasure that resists time stops! So, to the three of you, I'll be taking my leave now," Rangu said smugly, looking at the three fifth-transition powerhouses as he prepared to escape in his Invincible State.

"As long as you can't leave Earth, you'll never truly escape!"

Seeing that they could do nothing to him, the short-haired woman could only utter harsh words.

With a flash of light, Rangu had already disappeared.

"Senior, don't worry. I can track him at all times."

After reassuring the short-haired woman, Chen Mo opened the map to check Rangu's current position.

「Rangu's current location.」

He had already teleported to a secret base in a dangerous zone.

The expression on his face was a far cry from the arrogance he had displayed earlier.

He turned to the two Aliens beside him and said, "Hurry up and kill me, then destroy the items I'm carrying, because one of them is a bound divine artifact component. It mustn't fall into the hands of the Earthlings."

"Kill you?"

The two Aliens were utterly baffled.

The man before us is the Yongming Star System's overall commander on Earth! How could we dare to kill him?

"Don't hesitate, be quick. That person can track my position at all times; we don't have much time."

It had to be admitted that Rangu was truly cunning.

As he was talking, he had already activated a Group Teleportation Talisman.

Soon, he teleported to another location with his two subordinates.

Now, Chen Mo had used Divine Flicker to arrive at their previous location, only to find they were already gone.

Playing hide-and-seek with me? You think you can be faster?

Instantly, Chen Mo used Divine Flicker again, arriving at their current location.

Indeed, Rangu had not yet left with his two subordinates, but at this time, he had already activated another Teleportation Scroll.

Simultaneously, he was sternly saying, "Act fast, don't hesitate anymore! This guy has a map-wide flicker ability."

Even though Rangu knew Chen Mo had arrived, he didn't care.

This was because while he appeared to be using a Teleportation Scroll, in reality, the moment he finished speaking, he had already activated an Instant Group Teleportation Talisman.

Just as Chen Mo made a move to interrupt his teleportation, Rangu had already fled with his subordinates again.

Because Rangu could see Chen Mo's coordinates in real-time, as long as he still possessed an Instant Group Teleportation Talisman, he could always escape Chen Mo's pursuit.

However, Chen Mo's Divine Flicker skill had no cost, while Rangu needed to consume a rare Instant Group Teleportation Talisman each time.

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If this dragged on, Chen Mo would ultimately win.

Chen Mo wasn't concerned. He once again closely followed his opponent's teleportation to the next location.

This time, Chen Mo wasn't fooled by the superficial activation of a Teleportation Talisman as before. He immediately activated the Life-And-Death Emblem, preparing to lock Rangu down.

Unfortunately, Rangu was observing Chen Mo's pursuit in real time on the map. The moment he saw Chen Mo approaching, he had already activated the Instant Group Teleportation Talisman and teleported away.

Rangu's speed was too great. For a moment, even the Life-And-Death Emblem couldn't lock onto him quickly enough to keep up with his escape.

Such a quick reaction.

At the next location, Rangu's two subordinates had been persuaded by him.

Now that Rangu had actively unequipped all his gear, his two subordinates could easily kill him.

Equipment accounts for the vast majority of a character's strength.

A fourth-transition individual without equipment is as fragile as glass before a third-transition one; they shatter at a touch.

If Rangu hadn't already tried and failed to destroy this divine artifact component himself, he would have done so long ago.

Rangu's desire for death stemmed from desperation.

As long as this divine artifact component was bound to him, any other Alien on Earth might be able to survive and hide during the chaos of the impending Disaster. Only Rangu could not.

After all, carrying the divine artifact component made him a beacon in the darkest night; hiding anywhere was futile.

Originally, the best option was to kill the owner of the divine artifact component on Earth. However, that individual was too elusive.

No matter how hard Rangu searched, he couldn't find any trace of that person. What else could he do?

He could only resort to this last, desperate measure.

As Chen Mo closed in again, Rangu activated another Instant Group Teleportation Talisman, shifting to a new location.

"Hurry up! I'm running low on Instant Group Teleportation Talismans. If he catches up a few more times, I won't be able to get away."

Rangu urged them immediately after escaping again.

Chen Mo was on his heels again, but Rangu used another Instant Group Teleportation Talisman to flee.

His two subordinates understood, but one of them suggested, "My Lord, can't you take out the item so we can destroy it directly?"

"It's useless. This isn't an ordinary SSS-level treasure; it's a divine artifact component. As long as its owner is alive, it cannot be destroyed. Even if you temporarily destroy it, it will regenerate immediately. If it could be destroyed, would I need you? I've already destroyed everything else in my backpack; this is all that's left."

"Then there's no other way."

"Stop wasting time! A few more words, and I'll be out of Instant Group Teleportation Talismans."

In the time it took to say those few words, Rangu had already used several more Instant Group Teleportation Talismans.

The main issue was Chen Mo's speed; he was catching up so fast that Rangu barely had time to speak.

Having confirmed there was no other way, the two subordinates finally prepared to make their move.

Just as they prepared to strike, Chen Mo caught up once more.

Rangu had to activate the Instant Group Teleportation Talisman again.

This time, his two subordinates were efficient and finally managed to kill Rangu.

But just then, Chen Mo caught up again at incredible speed.

Just as the two were about to destroy Rangu's backpack, Chen Mo activated the Space-Time Pearl.

Rangu possessed an ability to immunize himself from the Space-Time Pearl, but his two subordinates did not.

His subordinates moved swiftly, their destructive attacks already inches from the backpack.

But ultimately, Chen Mo froze them in place.

Just then, Rangu bizarrely rose to his feet again. Seeing his subordinates frozen, he had no choice but to resurrect and flee, despite his original plan to die without triggering his resurrection ability.

Fortunately, Chen Mo had anticipated this and immediately used the Life-And-Death Emblem on him.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have been locked by the opponent's "Life-And-Death Emblem". You have entered a Life-And-Death status. During this period, your All Attributes will be suppressed by 50%. Neither party can leave the 100-meter radius around the target, and neither party can damage units other than their Life-And-Death target. Only by killing the opposing party can the Life-And-Death status be lifted!]

"Let's see where you run this time."

Suddenly locked down, Rangu couldn't even see his enemy.

"Who the hell are you?"

Before dying, he tried to gather a little more intelligence for the Yongming Star System.

However, Chen Mo gave him no such chance. He had no intention of appearing and instead dispatched the Skeleton Monster to swarm Rangu.

Even though Rangu was strong, he was only a fourth-transition. Unable to see Chen Mo and overwhelmed by the Skeleton Monster's assault, death was his only escape.

As the Supreme Commander of the Earth Combat Command, he possessed a certain degree of pride.

He felt his status warranted at least a face-to-face meeting and a few words with his opponent, but unexpectedly, the other party didn't even grant him this courtesy.

He seethed, "If you're willing to show yourself, I can reveal some of the Yongming Star System's arrangements on Earth!"

Rangu wasn't lying. After all, everyone from the Yongming Star System on Earth had already decided to launch their full offensive today. What difference would it make if he revealed it or not?

He's really loyal. Even at death's door, he's still trying to gather intel on me.

But Chen Mo couldn't be bothered with him. Whether Rangu was a heavenly king or a mighty god, he was fated to die today.

At this time, the red light flashing in the sky became increasingly frequent, signifying that the Disaster was about to fully descend.

From the first signs of the Disaster to its full arrival took less than half a minute.

It seemed as if Chen Mo and Rangu were locked in an intense chase, but in reality, their pursuit lasted only about 20 seconds. It was all instantaneous pursuit and escape, over in the time it took to exchange a few words.

As Chen Mo caught up to Rangu, thwarting his plan to destroy the divine artifact component, the Disaster had already descended.

Chen Mo naturally had no time to waste bickering with Rangu. Once the Disaster descended, it would be a catastrophe for all of Earth. He needed to hurry back to protect those who needed his protection.

With Chen Mo in this mindset, Rangu, the major BOSS from the Yongming Star System lurking on Earth, died as inconspicuously as an insignificant underling.

For Rangu, this was an incredibly frustrating way to die.

He had envisioned various ways he might die after his cover was blown on Earth, but he had never imagined such a frustrating demise.

However, before his death, he managed to transmit the information about the divine artifact component and Chen Mo.

He had heard the name "Chen Mo" when the short-haired woman, a fifth-transition expert, shouted it into the air.

At that moment, he had a premonition.

He suspected the other party had noticed something he couldn't see.

Based on the information he quickly pieced together, he connected Chen Mo with the individual possessing the divine artifact component.

Unfortunately, evidence was lacking, data was insufficient, and his time was up. He could only transmit this ambiguous information back.

At least it would give the higher-ups in the Yongming Star System something to work with for countermeasures.

His dedication, even in death, stemmed from the fact that his family still lived in the Yongming Star System. Even if he couldn't survive, he hoped his family could.

As long as the Yongming Star System could absorb the Solar System's territory within the Tower of Eternity, the Yongming Star System could become twice as powerful.

A stronger home star system would naturally offer better security for his family's future.

After all, he had sacrificed himself here as someone who had rendered great service; the higher-ups would surely have to look after his family to some extent.

Otherwise, wouldn't it be disheartening? Who would be willing to lay down their lives in the future?

After Rangu died, Chen Mo immediately destroyed his corpse, then picked up his backpack and rummaged through it.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You have killed another holder of a divine artifact component. You have obtained their bound divine artifact component, "Invincible Lotus."]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: You now possess four divine artifact components. When you possess five divine artifact components, you will be able to view additional information about other divine artifact component owners.]

Invincible Lotus? Could it be the invincibility ability he used earlier?

Chen Mo immediately checked the attributes of the Invincible Lotus.

[Invincible Lotus · Mythical-grade]

[Item Passive Effect]: When carried, all invincibility effects activated by the owner gain a 3-second duration increase. (Effective even while in the backpack.)

[Item Active Effect]: Upon activation, grants self invincibility for 3 seconds. Cooldown: 1 minute (cooldown is not affected by any reduction effects). (Can be activated while in the backpack.)

[Important Note]: This item is a crucial component of a certain divine artifact. Please handle it with care!

[Item Introduction]: Rumored to be a treasure created by a powerful entity as a core component for a divine artifact, it was lost in the mortal realm during the upheaval of the Great Dao. If you happen to find it, please store it carefully. Perhaps one day you can find that divine artifact and regain its world-shaking Divine Power!

Outrageous! Six seconds of invincibility! No wonder Rangu's invincibility lasted so long earlier. It was the original 3-second effect plus the passive's 3-second boost!

Abilities like invincibility and resurrection are similarly heavily restricted by the Heavenly Dao. Even those of SSS-level quality face significant limitations.

Resurrection-type abilities generally have very long cooldowns.

Invincibility, on the other hand, typically has a very short duration.

This treasure, with its active and passive effects combined, could provide 6 seconds of manually activated invincibility. Moreover, its passive unconditionally extended any of the owner's other invincibility abilities by 3 seconds.

This was truly quite overpowered.

If one possessed enough invincibility abilities, they could chain them for continuous invulnerability, potentially even lasting long enough to cycle back to this item's active effect. The results would be astounding.

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Although the Invincible Lotus might last until its Cooldown finishes, it's unlikely to achieve perpetual invincibility. After all, not every invincible Skill possesses such a short Cooldown time like the Invincible Lotus. Most of them last for at least an hour or more. The Cooldown time of the Invincible Lotus is extremely short for an invincibility effect. If one could collect numerous invincibility abilities, they could, at most, prolong their invincibility only until the Invincible Lotus's own Cooldown ended once. But even that would be incredibly potent. Being able to maintain continuous invincibility for a minute—how powerful would that be?

Of course, even if one could achieve perpetual invincibility, the Heavenly Dao places significant restrictions on invincibility abilities. After using an invincible Skill, the next one will be subject to an invincibility Cooldown period. Using an invincible Skill during this period will not make it take effect, though it can still be activated. Upon the conclusion of the invincibility Cooldown period, the invincibility effect will automatically be reapplied. This Cooldown period increases with the frequency of invincibility Skill usage in a short time, up to a maximum of three seconds. Don't underestimate those three seconds; in a battle between experts, three seconds can often decide victory or defeat.

Putting away the Invincible Lotus, Chen Mo inspected the other items in Rangu's bag. He found the bag was completely empty, leaving Chen Mo speechless.

Did this guy really destroy everything except the Invincible Lotus? How could he be so ruthless?

As the Supreme Commander of the Yongming Star System on Earth, Rangu naturally possessed the decisiveness required for his position. The moment he ordered his subordinates to act, he had already resolved to destroy everything. Unfortunately, he simply couldn't destroy the Invincible Lotus, no matter what he did! He would rather die than let anyone from the Solar System gain any advantage.

Never mind, obtaining the Invincible Lotus means it wasn't a loss.

Just as Chen Mo was informing Jiang Yun that Rangu had destroyed all his treasures and there was no information left to examine...

WHOOSH! WHOOSH! WHOOSH! Suddenly, numerous dark red, rotating circular portals opened up in the sky. The next moment, terrifying torrents of Energy continuously poured out from these circular portals. Chen Mo clearly sensed the presence of Divine Power.

Is an SS-level Disaster this terrifying? Are there really so many monsters at fifth-transition or higher?

While Chen Mo stared at the sky in shock, the three Alliance Hierarchs had already gathered on the rooftop of the Global Academy Alliance Headquarters. They gazed with grim expressions towards the ominous red sky above the danger zone, where dark red circular portals were appearing.

"An SS-level Disaster, a level we've never encountered before. We don't know how many will survive this time."

"The most terrifying part is that the Tower of Eternity is also about to face an assault."

An SS-level Disaster of this magnitude would clearly be difficult to handle without a large number of fifth-transition experts. However, if a large number of fifth-transition experts were redeployed from the Tower of Eternity, its internal defenses would become dangerously thin, making it exceedingly difficult to allocate personnel rationally. But no matter what, Earth is everyone's foundation. Even if the foundations within the Tower of Eternity are destroyed, they must prioritize the safeguarding of Earth. They could only choose to recall most of the fifth-transition experts first.

"What did the aristocratic families say? Have they responded?"

"The aristocratic family has agreed to remain in the Tower of Eternity and dispatch some of their forces to eliminate the Aliens within. As for repelling the Disaster, they've left that to us."

"These members of the aristocratic family certainly know how to play their cards. Repelling the Disaster is the most dangerous, highest-risk task. They're unwilling to sacrifice their fifth-transition experts, so they let the disciples of the Academy Alliance shed their blood."

"It can't be helped; they are the aristocratic family. The continuation of their families is their foremost concern. Unlike us, we must protect the lives and safety of the entire global population. This difference alone is enough to become their bargaining chip."

"Hmph! When will our Academy Alliance finally be able to stand tall? Sooner or later, we'll eliminate these people. They control vast resources and cultivate elite talents, yet they always hoard them, unwilling to deploy them. Weren't they also born and bred on Earth?"

"That they're willing to send people to defend the foundations within the Tower of Eternity this time is already something. The impact this time will not be light. Although it's safer than clearing out the Disaster, there will likely be significant casualties. The aristocratic family will have to make a substantial sacrifice this time."

Across the globe, countless people stepped out of their homes, gazing at the terrifyingly ominous red sky above the danger zones. No one was untouched by a sense of dread. Disaster. Its arrival always brought a suffocating sense of oppression. And this time, it was an SS-level event, even more terrifying than previous catastrophes. For a while, everyone felt endangered, uncertain of what the future held.

Facing the Disaster, a large number of professionals had already formed an army array, poised for battle. Disasters were not like individual monsters descending one by one, which would be easier to handle. Perhaps weaker Disasters were like that. But Disasters of B-Class and above attacked as entire Calamity Legions. An individual facing such a Calamity Legion had virtually no chance to retaliate, only a path to certain death. Only when two legions clashed could they contend with each other.

And in this Disaster, most of the circular portals showed reactions of Divine Power, indicating that most of the Calamity Legions were led by powerful monsters of at least fifth-transition.

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This type of legion was even more terrifying.

As the circular passageways appeared, countless monsters soon began to fly out from within them.

Chen Mo sensed the massive number of emerging monsters, his brows knitting slightly. The weakest are all second-transition?

A legion where the weakest members were at the second-transition level—its formidable power was self-evident. This was clearly a force preparing to completely annihilate Earth!

As monsters continuously streamed from the sky, an image suddenly flashed through Chen Mo's mind.

When he had first arrived in the Dangerous Zone, he had seen his younger brother, Liu Yiming, adventuring there with a small team.

Damn it, Yiming is still in the Dangerous Zone! If the Disaster descends, he'll undoubtedly be killed!

At this thought, Chen Mo instantly used Divine Flicker and reappeared at the location where he had first spotted Liu Yiming.

After scanning the surroundings, he found that Liu Yiming's team was no longer in the vicinity, which made him somewhat anxious.

He hurriedly sent Liu Yiming a message.

[Chen Mo]: Yiming, what are your current coordinates?

Although Chen Mo had sent the message, Liu Yiming was so stunned by the cataclysmic vision unfolding in the sky that he had no presence of mind to check the Heavenly Path System.

Seeing no response from Liu Yiming as the Disaster loomed ever closer, Chen Mo immediately dispatched all nearby Skeleton Monsters to help him search.

「As for Liu Yiming's current location...」

He and nine companions of the same level were in a Mutated Land within a grassland area. When the ten of them first saw the eerie celestial phenomena, they had immediately turned and started running towards the Safe Zone. However, they hadn't run far before they saw circular passageways appearing in the sky, from which poured a flood of terrifying monsters. The sheer oppressive aura emanating from these beings terrified them so much their legs went soft.

Gazing at the Safe Zone, so distant it seemed on the horizon, a chilling sense of mortal danger welled up in their hearts. With so many powerful monsters, they realized there was nowhere left to run.

None of them came from wealthy families; they could barely afford a basic set of equipment and some healing potions, let alone expensive consumable items like Teleportation Talismans. Their only hope of escaping to the Safe Zone now lay in their own two legs. But it was painfully clear that the distance was too great; they would never make it back in time.

"We're done for. We're definitely going to die this time!"

"This is all Dong Yu's fault! What a terrible day he picked to go out monster hunting."

"How can you blame me? Who could have foreseen a Disaster today? Besides, you were the one who came to me first, saying you were close to leveling up and suggesting I organize some people to go out hunting monsters."

As disaster loomed, members of the team began to argue amongst themselves. The other teammates, however, had no time for their bickering. They were all about to die; who had the energy to argue about whose fault it was? Besides, going out to hunt monsters was a voluntary decision by everyone. Who could they truly blame? They could only blame their own misfortune and the utter despicableness of the Yongming Star System! To think it had actually unleashed such a terrifying Disaster upon the Solar System!

The Disaster was on the verge of its full descent. The slaughter in the Dangerous Zone had yet to commence, but bloodshed had already erupted within the Safe Zone.

All identified aliens from the Yongming Star System were being ruthlessly exterminated by the combined forces of the Academy Alliance and powerful experts from the aristocratic families. Even though some

were merely suspects, their prolonged association with these aliens made it difficult to dispel suspicions against them at this critical juncture. With no time for thorough investigations, the only option was to risk mistakenly killing innocents rather than allow any potential threats to escape. Otherwise, if even one slipped through, the resulting hidden dangers would be magnified tenfold, even a hundredfold. Although this approach was excessively inhumane, in such a desperate environment, they could only adopt methods that maximized their overall benefit.

For a time, blood flowed like rivers in the Safe Zone.

However, aliens within Earth's Safe Zone were not under the protection of the Heavenly Dao, so killing them did not result in the killer becoming red-named. It was only the wrongfully killed Earthlings whose deaths would cause their assailants to become red-named. Fortunately, this was a collective action, and this eventuality had been foreseen; the leadership had already brought items to cleanse red names. All these red-named individuals had their status swiftly cleansed. This was primarily to prevent these red-named individuals from being opportunistically killed by some profit-obsessed madmen during the ensuing chaos.

Although the Global Academy Alliance and the aristocratic families acted swiftly, the number of aliens concealed across the globe was by no means limited to those already exposed and eliminated. In every academy, one or two teachers were infiltrated aliens. Furthermore, many other aliens remained scattered and hidden in various parts of the world. They had only managed to eliminate the majority of them.

As this majority of aliens was being exterminated, the Disaster finally descended in its entirety.

Within each circular passageway was an army ten thousand strong. Globally, there were tens of thousands of such circular passageways. This meant that at least several hundred million soldiers of the Heavenly Disaster Army had appeared. However, the number of fifth-transition experts among them was not as high as one might have imagined. Among the tens of thousands of such armies, only about one percent were led by fifth-transition experts. Even so, this still amounted to over a hundred experts at or above the fifth-transition level. This number was already terrifying enough.

As fifth-transition monster leaders led their forces out of the passageways, the Heavenly Disaster Army commenced its indiscriminate attacks.

WHOOSH, WHOOSH, WHOOSH!! BOOM, BOOM, BOOM!!

As terrifying attacks rained down from above, the continuous sounds of tearing air and deafening booms resounded. The entire land could not help but tremble, shaking violently from the onslaught.