

Ice Age 911

Chapter 911: Soft-Bodied Creature

Nirot's massive body plummeted toward the ocean—he was determined to drag Zhang Yi into his domain.

In his Thunder God Jellyfish form, he was nearly impossible to kill in the sea.

Zhang Yi just snorted contemptuously.

"I don't eat jellyfish!"

He suddenly opened his Dimensional Space.

In the next instant, several enormous cargo containers were retrieved from the dimensional void.

Zhang Yi immediately fired a miniature torpedo that struck one of the containers.

A violent explosion erupted instantly.

Moments later, the interior of the Thunder God Jellyfish began experiencing what resembled a snowstorm.

Countless white powdery particles fell like snow, mixed with blue-and-white packaging bags and container fragments.

Nirot, who had believed he held battlefield superiority moments before, suddenly let out a piercing shriek.

His massive body instantly began shriveling, rapidly decreasing in size.

"You fucking... sprinkled salt inside me!!"

Nirot never could have dreamed that someone could materialize tens of thousands of kilograms of salt out of thin air.

A jellyfish's body consists of 98% water.

When exposed to high-concentration solutions, it rapidly dehydrates and shrinks.

Thus, salt was a far more deadly weapon against him than any torpedo!

Truth be told, this salt attack made Zhang Yi's heart ache slightly.

His storage indeed contained substantial salt reserves—enough for his lifetime.

In this single move, he had squandered tens of thousands of salt packages.

But there was no time to dwell on such matters now.

He could always discuss with Zhu Zheng about acquiring a new salt supply when he returned to Blizzard City—that shouldn't be too difficult.

"As long as it works!"

Zhang Yi repeated the tactic, retrieving all remaining salt from his Dimensional Space and detonating it again!

This time, Nirot didn't dare absorb it directly into his body.

The sensation of having his stomach filled with salt felt like an absolute nightmare!

He rapidly released his grip on Zhang Yi and plunged into the ocean with a loud "splash!"

Zhang Yi didn't rush to pursue immediately.

Instead, he turned and charged toward Gunner who was aiming her sniper rifle at him from a distance!

Gunner had already taken her first shot, which was effortlessly blocked by the Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms.

Knowing she stood no chance against Zhang Yi in direct combat, she chose to flee.

But Zhang Yi's killing intent was firmly decided—he launched ten miniature torpedoes consecutively!

While these torpedoes lacked the destructive power of heavy variants, ten combined created terrifying force, maintaining high-speed mobility even underwater.

Gunner's underwater speed clearly couldn't outpace torpedoes.

She screamed as the violent explosion blasted her into the air!

Zhang Yi, wielding Holy Judgment, swept through the sky and sliced both woman and rifle in half with a single stroke!

He severed Gunner's head, stuffed it directly into his Dimensional Space, then raced toward Luoyan Island without looking back.

Now, it was just one-on-one between him and Nirot.

Zhang Yi dumped the unconscious Zhu Yunque on the ground while quickly retrieving Ability-Boosting Food from his Dimensional Space to replenish his depleted energy.

Though he appeared calm, the previous assaults had significantly drained his dimensional powers.

Sustained ability usage had consumed enormous energy reserves.

Being inherently cautious, Zhang Yi didn't rush to pursue Nirot immediately.

He remained uncertain about the Thunder God Jellyfish's underwater capabilities.

Better to first restore his condition fully on the island before engaging again.

When that time came, wouldn't the decision to fight or retreat be entirely his to make?

While Zhang Yi replenished his strength and recovered his condition, Nirot wasn't idle either.

Beast-type ability users possessed a unique skill:

They could restore physical strength and energy through predation.

After diluting the salt concentration within his body using seawater, Nirot began voraciously consuming marine life around Luoyan Island to restore his energy reserves.

Not long after, as Zhang Yi was still contemplating tactics on the island, he witnessed dozens of lightning bolts shooting skyward from the sea surface—each stretching tens of meters long!

They stood like white pillars rising from the ocean.

"Crackle! Boom!"

One lightning pillar after another sealed off the sea surface. Zhang Yi's eyes narrowed as he scanned his surroundings.

To his astonishment, he saw the entire perimeter of Luoyan Island completely encircled by these enormous lightning pillars! Content originally comes from novel·fire·net

From an aerial view, the scene would appear truly terrifying.

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Seeing these lightning pillars, Zhang Yi felt a headache coming on.

His spatial displacement range was limited to one kilometer.

Yet the lightning pillars formed an incredibly dense network—a single miscalculation of distance would result in electrocution.

He had witnessed Nirot's power firsthand.

Even the highest-grade combat suits would likely be pierced through.

Zhang Yi lacked the courage to test his body against high-voltage lightning.

"Boom!" "Boom!" "Boom!"

Several lightning pillars shot directly through Luoyan Island's shoreline, shattering rock and soil as they charged toward Zhang Yi!

Zhang Yi grabbed Zhu Yunque and swiftly dodged backward.

The island still contained unconscious crew members and survivors from Rockflow Island, plus he had this troublesome woman to handle.

If he chose to leave now, Zhang Yi felt fairly confident in his escape.

But these people would undoubtedly all be killed.

Zhang Yi glanced at Old Tian, Li Zongyu, and others lying unconscious on the ground, then exhaled impatiently.

"What a nuisance. Fine, I'll give it a try! If I can kill him, consider yourselves lucky to survive. Otherwise, well... just blame your misfortune."

Through consuming Ability-Boosting Food, Zhang Yi restored his physical condition to optimal levels.

He reloaded his torpedo launcher to full capacity and prepared to dive into the sea for the final confrontation with Nirot!

But while retrieving items from his Dimensional Space, a brilliant idea suddenly flashed through his mind.

A perfect solution emerged in his thoughts.

"Since we're dealing with seafood, maybe there's a simpler approach."

Zhang Yi indeed had a simpler method.

Uncertain about Nirot's underwater capabilities, his cautious nature prevented him from diving recklessly.

If he couldn't go down, why not force Nirot to come up?

Zhang Yi retrieved his stored fuel reserves from the Dimensional Space.

A significant portion had been originally requisitioned from the military supply department for their ocean voyage preparations.

Zhang Yi had requested surprisingly large quantities, intending to keep some for himself.

He never expected it would prove useful so soon.

He dumped thousands of fuel barrels into the ocean.

Upon contacting the lightning pillars, the barrels exploded immediately.

Oil rapidly spread across the sea surface, igniting into raging flames.

The massive Thunder God Jellyfish, composed of 98% water, found his body contaminated as the polluted water infiltrated his system.

The waters surrounding Luoyan Island covered a relatively small area, allowing the thousands of fuel barrels to quickly saturate the entire region.

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Recognizing his compromised condition made continued combat impossible, he swiftly swam toward the deep waters south of the island.

Chapter 912: The Diamond Armored Dragon

"Now, the tables have turned!"

Zhang Yi reversed his grip on the blade and leaped forward, flying toward the direction of Nirot's retreat.

This was shallow water, with depth less than a hundred meters.

Nirot's body was particularly easy to spot now, as wherever he passed, a large trail of oil slick remained on the water's surface.

A mocking smile appeared at the corner of Zhang Yi's mouth.

He calmly loaded torpedoes and began firing them underwater!

In this state, even though Nirot wouldn't suffer major direct damage from the torpedo explosions,

the chain reactions caused by the explosions would continuously burn him.

"If only I had better conditions, I'd definitely treat you to some nuclear wastewater."

As soon as Zhang Yi finished speaking, the torpedoes had already ignited the fuel inside Nirot's body.

Fierce flames burned underwater.

Even though the seawater quickly cooled the temperature, it still caused the soft-bodied creature to rapidly shrink, enduring massive damage.

Zhang Yi was extremely patient, unhurriedly chasing after Nirot's retreating direction from the air.

He still had thousands of micro-torpedoes in his dimensional space, enough to play with Nirot slowly.

Nirot finally felt the crisis of death now.

But he could only continue fleeing into the distance, trying to reach deep sea to resolve this crisis.

However, what awaited him was continuous torpedo bombardment from above.

To make matters worse, he didn't dare use his lightning ability now, as that would only ignite the oil inside his body, burning his form.

Zhang Yi's move was exceptionally vicious, perfectly targeting his weakness!

"To avoid complications, let's speed things up!"

Zhang Yi chased after Nirot with hundreds of torpedoes, watching as his body shrank to one percent of its original size.

Even so, it was still larger than a blue whale.

But this was still the ocean after all.

Zhang Yi needed to finish this quickly, to avoid reinforcements from other Tianlong Pirate Crew members.

Even more importantly, to avoid making too much commotion that might attract the Colombian Navy.

He raised Holy Judgment with his right hand and began condensing void power.

This was his most powerful killing move, though it consumed enormous superhuman energy.

Gathering all void power to unleash the most powerful strike.

Typically, each use would drain one-third of his superhuman abilities!

But now, facing the exhausted Nirot, Zhang Yi felt this move could serve as the finishing blow.

"Time to send you on your way, die!"

Zhang Yi raised Holy Judgment, void power began madly gathering on the blade, making the sword appear deeper than the night itself.

But just at this moment, a sudden change occurred.

A thunderclap suddenly roared across the sky.

"BOOM!!!"

The enormous thunder came from the highest heavens, and Zhang Yi's vision instantly darkened.

He felt an immense threat enveloping him.

Simultaneously, Nirot in the ocean released arrogant, relieved laughter.

"Hahaha! You're finished!!"

Above the entire sea area, fierce winds gathered dark clouds, and hundreds of miles of ocean suddenly turned gloomy.

Massive lightning bolts slithered through the dark clouds like silver snakes.

Wind howled and thunder roared.

A voice like a giant bell resonated from the high heavens.

"Are you 【Chaos】?"

Zhang Yi looked up toward the sky.

He saw only a coiled black dragon emerging from the swirling dark clouds, its massive dragon head high above looking down upon Zhang Yi.

"Dragon—King."

Zhang Yi said each word deliberately.

There was no need to guess who this was.

Throughout the entire Starry Sea Region, only this overlord of the pirate domain had the power to make Zhang Yi sense danger!

Tianlong Pirate Crew leader— 【Diamond Armor Dragon】 Li Fengxian!

Unexpectedly, his ability was actually transforming into a black dragon!

Those jet-black scales shimmered with metallic luster, appearing as if nothing could destroy them.

Zhang Yi's mood sank accordingly.

One-on-one, whether against Nirot or the Dragon King, he feared neither.

But one against two—he obviously wouldn't fight such an uncertain battle.

Though if he wanted to leave now, neither the Dragon King nor Nirot could stop him.

Thinking this, Zhang Yi changed the direction of his blade from targeting Nirot and slashed directly toward the black dragon in the sky!

Black flames that sliced through the sky instantly reached the black dragon.

Furious flames ignited in the Dragon King's eyes.

"You dare attack me? Seeking death!"

His roar triggered violent storms.

The Dragon King opened his massive mouth and directly spewed forth raging black flames!

The fierce winds made the flames even more violent.

These were true flames, completely different from Zhang Yi's void power that merely resembled fire.

But in terms of power, the two actually canceled each other out mid-air, with Zhang Yi's void flames surprisingly gaining the upper hand.

"Whoosh—"

The void devoured the Dragon King's black flames, eroding onto his body.

Yet that steel-black form suffered no substantial damage.

This phenomenon, however, made Zhang Yi slightly frown, sensing something amiss.

He wasn't specialized in offense, while the Dragon King's superhuman ability index reached 9,800 points, yet had fallen behind in their exchange.

Somehow, this Dragon King before him felt somewhat... off.

Seemed... a bit weaker than expected.

But he had no time to ponder this question.

Because his Echo of Time ability had already sensed Nirot's counterattack.

Taking advantage of Zhang Yi's clash with the Dragon King, Nirot burst from the sea surface, returning to human form.

Black oil slick gushed from beneath his feet, his entire body filthy and dirty, appearing exceptionally wretched.

But transforming back to human form allowed him to quickly purge the oil from his system.

Nirot pressed his palms together, aiming his finger-gun posture toward Zhang Yi.

"Lightning Spear!"

A white-purple lightning pillar shot toward Zhang Yi!

Zhang Yi already felt like retreating now.

One against two, and he didn't understand the Dragon King's abilities—while he might not lose, winning would be difficult.

No need to waste time here.

He used a void teleportation to evade Nirot's attack.

Just as he prepared to leave, the water beneath his feet began bubbling strangely.

Zhang Yi sensed no danger, so this sudden disturbance wasn't from an enemy.

Just as Zhang Yi wondered what this could possibly be, a giant bubble emerged from the seawater with a "pop."

It was a giant iridescent bubble.

After surfacing, it contained a massive steel warship inside!

The bubble burst, and the warship landed on the water with a "boom!", splashing water high into the air.

A woman wearing blue-and-white naval uniform, wide-brimmed hat, with a long sword at her waist smiled while examining Zhang Yi.

"Finally found you. Captain Chaos!"

Chapter 913: The Mirage Dragon

The warship that suddenly emerged from the sea startled all three people on the scene.

Hearing her call out his codename, Zhang Yi's gaze sharpened slightly.

Only when he saw the ice-blue rose emblem on her combat suit did Zhang Yi realize who had arrived.

One of the six major investigation teams from Jiangnan Region—Rose Squad.

And the person before him was undoubtedly Rose Squad's captain, Linghu Feixue. This content belongs to novel ★fire.net

Zhang Yi just hadn't expected them to actually be naval forces!

After appearing, Linghu Feixue smiled and greeted Zhang Yi, then turned her gaze toward the massive black dragon in the air.

"He's not the Dragon King's true form!"

"I've been tracking that guy's location for over several months now. He's extremely cautious, always holed up in some bunker somewhere in the Starry Sea Region."

"What we're seeing here is just his clone!"

Zhang Yi suddenly understood why the Dragon King before him didn't exert enough oppressive force.

So it wasn't the real body coming after all.

No wonder he had appeared on the battlefield so quickly.

The Dragon King was furious upon seeing Rose Squad.

"You damned woman! If I weren't wary of the forces behind you, I would have killed you long ago!"

Linghu Feixue wasn't bothered in the slightest. She pressed down her hat brim and said calmly:

"So what? Why make excuses for your cowardice. Since you dared to attack Jiangnan Region, you should have expected this day would come!"

The Dragon King breathed heavily, his massive teeth grinding audibly.

In his heart, he cursed Kanute repeatedly.

If that guy hadn't taken matters into his own hands and rashly sent troops to attack Tianhai City, would the Tianlong Pirate Crew have ended up in such a passive situation today?

"Arrogant!!"

The Dragon King opened his mouth and spewed a torrent of raging flames toward Linghu Feixue!

Linghu Feixue drew her sword with a ringing "shing" sound.

She spoke rapidly to Zhang Yi: "I'll handle the Dragon King's clone, you go kill Nirot!"

With that, she leaped forward toward the Dragon King.

She gently parted her lips, and a multicolored bubble enveloped her, lifting her into the air.

The black flames were intensely hot, rapidly raising the temperature of the surrounding sea for miles, melting the ice layer, and even causing fish to float to the surface unable to withstand the heat.

Linghu Feixue swept her sword through the air, creating a scene as beautiful and dreamlike as something from a fairy tale.

Countless multicolored bubbles, as if spraying from a bubble machine, rapidly flew toward the Dragon King.

But these seemingly gorgeous bubbles exploded instantly upon contact with the black flames!

"BOOM!!!!"

One after another, the multicolored bubbles exploded with terrifying force, directly neutralizing the Dragon King's flames.

Without hesitation, Zhang Yi reversed his grip on his blade and chased after Nirot.

Nirot was now terrified, realizing that in a one-on-one situation, he was no match for Zhang Yi at all!

So without hesitation, he dove back into the seawater.

However, after dehydration, to transform again he needed to absorb large amounts of water.

But the surrounding seawater was already contaminated, full of oil slicks, making transformation impossible.

He could only desperately swim toward the seabed.

Yet at that moment, Zhang Yi activated Three Thousand Worlds and dove into the water to pursue him.

Nirot took three sea-urchin-like naval mines from his pocket and threw them directly at Zhang Yi behind him.

Zhang Yi didn't even bother dodging.

The mines passed through him, emerging from behind, and by the time they exploded, Zhang Yi had already closed in on him.

In human form, Nirot's swimming speed was no match for Zhang Yi with his technological enhancements.

Holding his blade, Zhang Yi sent Void Power coiling toward Nirot like a serpent.

Unwilling to be captured without a fight, Nirot condensed two lightning chains in his hands to counterattack.

Void Power and lightning chains collided violently on the seabed.

Nirot's lightning chains were shattered section by section, dissolving into white points of light that vanished in the sea.

Zhang Yi had already closed the distance, firing torpedoes at him as if they were free.

Nirot dodged left and right.

Unable to transform into his Thunder God Jellyfish form, he was merely human and couldn't withstand such violent explosions.

He could bear it no longer and forcefully began absorbing surrounding seawater, attempting a second transformation.

Zhang Yi quietly detonated several dozen barrels of gasoline on the seabed, right around Nirot.

Nirot: "I &*@%#%# ¥ %....."

Zhang Yi watched him coldly underwater: "You've gained some weight now."

As he spoke, he fired another torpedo directly at Nirot.

A violent explosion occurred underwater. Nirot's transformation wasn't complete—only halfway through, his body not fully expanded—and half his body was blown away instantly.

Looking at his soft-bodied form, Zhang Yi felt troubled.

Where exactly was the core essence? This wouldn't be easy to absorb!

So he raised Holy Judgment and said to Nirot:

"Surrender, and I'll spare your life. You're talented. As long as you're willing to serve me in the future, I'll protect you."

Hearing this, Nirot quickly responded:

"Fine, show your sincerity first. Put away your blade!"

Zhang Yi narrowed his eyes.

"Stubborn as a mule!"

"Do you really think I can't kill you just because we're underwater?"

Nirot didn't respond.

Zhang Yi's combat power was indeed superior to his.

But in his jellyfish form, unless completely dehydrated, as a neural organism, he could regenerate as long as any part of his tissue survived.

Killing him wouldn't be that easy.

There was another possibility—draining all his superhuman energy, forcing him back to human form.

However, how could a top-tier Delta-level superhuman be easily drained to exhaustion?

Zhang Yi was growing impatient.

They were in the ocean, and Nirot kept fleeing toward deeper waters. If he really reached the deep sea, Zhang Yi would hesitate to pursue.

Because four to five months of navigation had taught him the ocean's terrors well.

Zhang Yi took a deep breath. "Fine."

He began condensing void energy again, gathering it on Holy Judgment in his right hand.

Nirot had seen the power of this technique—even the Dragon King's clone could barely withstand it, let alone him in his current state.

But Nirot couldn't escape. He could only hope this attack would at most sever his body.

However, he soon couldn't maintain even that delusion.

The void energy in Zhang Yi's hand grew increasingly intense, until finally it resembled a massive black sun appearing in the deep sea, making the depths even darker, as if plunged into endless night.

At the center of the gigantic black sun, Zhang Yi was the core, his cold eyes looking down on Nirot—the only white light in the eternal night.

Nirot finally panicked, as if seeing his death star shining brightly.

"I surrender!"

As soon as the words left his mouth, Zhang Yi's blade in his right hand came slashing down.

Above the sea surface, the Dragon King's clone and Linghu Feixue, locked in combat, suddenly heard an ear-splitting roar.

They couldn't help but glance sideways, seeing a massive trench over a thousand meters long suddenly appear on the sea surface!

Seawater frantically poured into it, creating a soul-shaking roar.

Chapter 914: Repelling the Heavenly Dragon King

A short while later, Zhang Yi flew up to the sea surface, carrying the shattered pieces of Nirot's body.

The void power had devoured the seawater while simultaneously draining all moisture from Nirot's body, preventing him from maintaining his transformed state.

Then, Zhang Yi decapitated Nirot with a single sword strike.

Witnessing Nirot's death in battle, the Dragon King roared furiously at the sky.

"Chaos! Moon Palace Fairy! You're seeking death!"

Linghu Feixue's official title was [Moon Palace Fairy].

An emission-type ability user, her ability codename was [Midsummer Night's Dream].

Zhang Yi looked up at the Dragon King's clone. It had been locked in combat with Linghu Feixue until now without either gaining the upper hand.

Zhang Yi estimated this clone possessed roughly seventy percent of the original's strength.

Linghu Feixue coldly laughed, "Are you loud just because you have a big mouth? If you truly had courage, you wouldn't have sent a clone here!"

She placed her left hand before her lips and gently blew a kiss. Countless rainbow-colored bubbles "popped" forth, surrounding the Dragon King's clone.

Violent explosions soon erupted one after another.

However, the damage inflicted upon the Dragon King's clone remained minimal.

Linghu Feixue felt helpless—this Diamond Armor Dragon's defensive capabilities rivaled those of heavy armored warships.

Even as just a clone, her wide-area AOE attacks struggled to cause substantial damage.

Zhang Yi quietly stored Nirot's head away.

"Let me handle this!"

As he spoke, his left hand began retrieving ability-boosting food from his dimensional space to replenish energy while his right hand gathered void power.

Having lost his right-hand man, the Dragon King had become utterly enraged.

Dark clouds swirled across the sky as fierce winds howled.

Bolts of lightning descended from the storm clouds above, striking indiscriminately like sharp swords toward Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue's position.

"Attack together!"

Zhang Yi raised his Holy Judgment, and understanding his intent, Linghu Feixue lifted her own longsword.

A black blade sliced through the air while Linghu Feixue's sword radiated rainbow-colored brilliance, creating a reverse rainbow that shot upward!

Their combined strike shattered the Dragon King's lightning and slammed viciously into his massive form!

With a loud "CRACK!", the giant clone developed web-like fractures across its body like glass, rapidly spreading everywhere. For original chapters go to novelfire.net

The Dragon King knew his clone could no longer be maintained.

Yet he still fixed Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue with his most venomous glare.

"Remember this! I will never let you off!"

"Sooner or later, I will bite you to death piece by piece and make you my nourishment!"

Unfortunately for him, after delivering these threats, the Dragon King's form completely disintegrated and vanished from the sky.

The sky gradually cleared as dark clouds dispersed, leaving the sea around Luoyan Island so calm it seemed nothing had ever happened.

Zhang Yi paid no heed to the Dragon King's warning.

He glanced at Linghu Feixue not far away, who was also studying him with an amused smile.

This was their first meeting, yet they had already joined forces to defeat an enemy—quite the fateful encounter.

However, even without Linghu Feixue's appearance, Zhang Yi theoretically could have defeated both Nirot and the Dragon King's clone.

He simply hadn't anticipated such clone techniques.

In actual practice, he might have chosen to retreat out of his characteristically cautious approach.

Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue descended onto the deck of the Blue Rose.

Only then did the members of the Rose Squad emerge from the ship's cabins.

They hadn't participated in the recent battle mainly because the enemy was merely the Dragon King's clone, and victory wouldn't yield substantial gains.

Thus, there was no need for a life-or-death struggle.

Zhang Yi glanced at them and confirmed the rumors were true—they were all women without exception.

And all were beautiful women wearing blue-and-white naval combat suits.

Aloof types, gentle types, petite and adorable types—they came in all varieties.

In the apocalyptic environment, forming a superhuman unit composed entirely of women was an extremely difficult achievement.

Yet Linghu Feixue had accomplished it, and the Rose Squad's exceptional strength made them equal to any of the other six investigation teams.

No one dared treat these female soldiers as mere decorations.

This commanded genuine admiration.

The female soldiers on deck were also studying Zhang Yi with curious eyes.

The codename [Chaos] had become too famous throughout the Jiangnan Region, with even other regions having heard of it.

Most people believed Zhang Yi was currently the strongest in the Jiangnan Region.

Women naturally admire strength, just as men naturally appreciate beauty.

So their enthusiastic gazes and barely concealed suggestive smiles were almost involuntary.

Linghu Feixue merely glanced at them without restraint.

Women looking at men they found appealing was their freedom.

She considered this a form of confidence.

Linghu Feixue sheathed her sword, stepped before Zhang Yi, and extended her right hand.

"Rose Squad captain, [Moon Palace Fairy]."

Zhang Yi took a deep breath and shook her hand: "[Chaos]. But honestly, I don't particularly like calling myself the Celestial Hound Squad captain. You know, it's just a temporary team. And I'm certainly no devoted follower."

Zhang Yi's humor drew an unreserved smile from Linghu Feixue.

"You're quite humorous. But I must admit, you live up to being the Jiangnan Region's publicly acknowledged number one expert."

"It's extremely difficult to kill experts like Nirot in the open sea."

Hearing the phrase "publicly acknowledged number one expert," Zhang Yi subtly raised an eyebrow.

He wasn't someone who chased empty fame.

But Linghu Feixue seemed to imply something more, making him genuinely curious.

"Publicly acknowledged? So you know someone stronger than me?"

Linghu Feixue's smile deepened.

"I might not necessarily be weaker than you either!"

Zhang Yi chuckled wryly but didn't press further.

Linghu Feixue's words either deliberately changed the subject or contained genuine hidden meaning.

"Anyway, thank you for coming to support us."

Seeing them here eased Zhang Yi's mind considerably.

Although he didn't know how the Rose Squad had found him, now that he had organization support, he no longer needed to worry about protecting the lives of those people on Luoyan Island.

"There's a group of people on the island that I brought back during my mission. Could you trouble yourselves to take them back to the Jiangnan Region? Just deliver them to Tianhai City. Commander Zhu previously promised me this."

However, after Zhang Yi made this request, Linghu Feixue gently shook her head.

"Returning now won't be so simple."

Zhang Yi showed a puzzled expression.

"Why?"

Linghu Feixue pressed down her hat brim and said seriously, "This incident has caused much bigger repercussions than you imagine!"

"The Colombian Navy has completely blockaded the sea. Even if our ship tried to return, they would detect us."

Chapter 915: Guanghan's Request

Zhang Yi slightly furrowed his brow.

Linghu Feixue continued: "It seems they care about you very much! An operation of this scale is the first I've seen in my life."

Zhang Yi certainly understood that the Colombian Navy's actions were justified.

Because the Divine Source could help superhumans achieve a genetic-level leap.

Once obtained, it could potentially create one, or even multiple, Epsilon-level superhumans.

Therefore, to obtain the Divine Source, major forces were willing to spare no expense.

However, Zhang Yi wasn't the least bit flustered.

He pinched the bridge of his nose and asked calmly: "What is our navy doing? Can't they come to provide support?"

Zhang Yi was naturally referring to the East Sea Region's navy.

Who knew Linghu Feixue would laugh dismissively.

"Do you think going to the East Sea Region's territory would be any better?"

She stared at Zhang Yi, her eyes emitting a cold, deep blue glow.

"The secrets in your hands—I believe the East Sea Region is equally interested. So if we seek help from them, we'll most likely be invited for some 'tea' at their headquarters first."

"At that time, if you don't fully disclose all your secrets to them, I imagine your tea-drinking days will last quite a bit longer."

Zhang Yi didn't deny this point.

Even though the Jiangnan Region and East Sea Region were two major forces within the same nation.

But even brothers compete with each other sometimes.

To persuade the East Sea Region to act, Zhu Zheng must have revealed information about the Divine Source.

Then, of course, they might consider keeping everything for themselves.

Zhang Yi was now facing a dilemma.

Even if he could use spatial traversal to return, the Rockflow Group members on the ship possessed intelligence about Star Island.

Once interrogated by professionals, the secrets of Star Island would definitely be discovered.

However, if Zhang Yi were to kill all the Rockflow Group members here, he was somewhat unwilling.

Unless it concerned his life or death, he didn't want to kill people who had no grudge against him.

After much deliberation, Zhang Yi finally said to Linghu Feixue:

"This conflict will resolve once I return to the Jiangnan Region and make a public appearance."

"At that point, the Colombian Navy continuing to blockade the sea would be meaningless."

"So I'll leave the people on your ship for now, and I'll return to the Jiangnan Region first."

Linghu Feixue looked at Zhang Yi in surprise: "Return? How will you return?"

Zhang Yi rubbed his nose, "Those who venture out naturally have some secret methods. You don't need to ask too much."

Hearing this, Linghu Feixue said no more.

She was only here under orders to support Zhang Yi; she wouldn't ask about things that weren't her concern.

So she nodded: "Alright then, where are all the people?"

Zhang Yi pointed toward distant Luoyan Island: "They're on the island, follow me. Commander Zhu's niece is there too."

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Deep within a bunker on an island in the Starry Sea Region.

Dragon King Li Fengxian suddenly opened his eyes, then clutched his head in pain.

His clone ability was called [Mirage Dragon]. Although it could project over great distances, once a clone was destroyed, he would suffer backlash.

"Dammit dammit dammit! These damned bastards have already destroyed three of my fleets! Are they trying to push me to the brink?"

He could only rage helplessly now.

Because he didn't even dare show his face.

Even as the overlord of the Starry Sea Region, the king among pirates.

Compared to truly top-tier forces, he was still pathetically weak.

Just one Death Reaper of Love could reduce this Pirate King to ashes.

"Power, I must obtain greater power to secure my position in the oceans!"

The Dragon King's headache lasted a long time before slowly subsiding.

Enduring the stabbing pain, he slowly recalled the intelligence Nirot had transmitted before dying.

Under his electroshock therapy, Zhu Yunque had revealed all information.

Although neither Zhang Yi nor Zhu Zheng had told her about the secrets of the Divine Source.

Having spent four to five months at sea with Zhang Yi and the Rockflow Group, she had learned some secrets to some extent.

For example, the secret about Li Zongyu was related to superhumans, possibly connected to causing mutations and strengthening superhumans.

For example, Li Zongyu came from Star Island.

When the Dragon King first received this information, he faintly detected some clues.

He was more sensitive about this matter than anyone else.

Because originally, the reason he could rapidly grow from an ordinary pirate in the Starry Sea Region to a pirate king dominating his territory was that he had once found a special substance in the deep sea.

Only after that did his path as a superhuman begin.

"I must seize this opportunity!"

"Once I break through my current bottleneck and advance to become an Epsilon-level superhuman, even the Huaxu Kingdom won't dare act recklessly against me!"

The Dragon King secretly made his resolution.

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Zhang Yi brought the Rose Squad members onto the island.

Seeing so many unconscious people on the island, Linghu Feixue let out a long sigh.

"What a massive undertaking!"

Her subordinates were already efficiently checking the condition of those people.

Zhang Yi said: "They seem to have been controlled by something. Although I killed the caster, there's no guarantee they won't develop complications. Be careful."

As soon as he finished speaking, a female soldier with neck-length short hair and her left eye covered by an eyepatch fished out a white worm from a passenger's mouth.

She held the squeaking white worm on the tip of her knife.

"This is a tongue-suppressing worm. It parasitizes under the host's tongue and controls their movements. The person you mentioned was probably Gunner from the 1st Squadron. We've fought her several times."

Zhang Yi smiled and nodded: "Since you understand this, I'll leave it to you to handle!"

The other crew members began clearing the tongue-suppressing worms from the passengers.

At this moment, Linghu Feixue called Zhang Yi aside.

"Captain Chaos, I have a request. I wonder if you could agree?"

Zhang Yi smiled: "Tell me first."

Linghu Feixue said: "You killed Nirot. I want his essence. Of course, I won't ask for something for nothing. You can set conditions—whether weapons, ammunition, food, or even superhuman drugs, I can give them to you."

Zhang Yi was taken aback.

He hadn't expected Linghu Feixue's request to be this.

"Do you hear what you're saying?"

"A superhuman essence with over 9000 ability index points, and you want me to give it to you?"

But Linghu Feixue said calmly: "At your current ability level, absorbing essence doesn't provide much effect anymore. But for me, it's just right."

Zhang Yi neither confirmed nor denied this statement.

He knew that most captain-level superhumans in the Jiangnan Region found it extremely difficult to improve after reaching 9000 ability index points.

For example, Deng Shentong, who received massive resource support back then, eventually stalled around 9300 points with slowing improvement speed.

However, he was different from Deng Shentong. UPDATE FROM novelfire.net

Zhang Yi sometimes felt his body was like a bottomless pit, and this process of absorbing essence for evolution was far from over.

Chapter 916: Danger Approaches

Zhang Yi had long known that his ability's upper limit was definitely not just Delta-level.

But just like Yuan Kongye back then.

The further one advanced, the more superhuman essence one needed to acquire.

And once one crossed that barrier and officially broke through to the Epsilon-level, their abilities would undergo a qualitative transformation.

This was something he had seen clearly in Yuan Kongye before.

So he unceremoniously rejected Linghu Feixue's trade request.

"Sorry, I still have uses for Nirot's essence. Maybe next time if there's an opportunity!"

Zhang Yi said with a smile.

Linghu Feixue's expression showed some regret.

This was a squadron leader-level essence after all!

How difficult it was to kill a squadron leader-level superhuman, she certainly understood.

Just taking this instance as an example—to kill Nirot in the open sea, if Zhang Yi's strength hadn't far surpassed his, it would have been impossible.

Even so, Zhang Yi had expended considerable effort.

"I really need this essence. You can name your price—anything I can afford, we can discuss!"

Linghu Feixue looked at Zhang Yi very seriously.

She wanted to advance too badly.

If it were anything else, Zhang Yi might really have been willing to offer it, just to make a friend.

After all, Linghu Feixue had come from afar and helped him out.

But a squadron leader-level essence was too precious; Zhang Yi couldn't possibly trade it.

Zhang Yi rubbed his nose. "Someone around me needs this thing more than you do. I hope you can understand."

Linghu Feixue sighed helplessly.

"Indeed, a squadron leader-level essence can rapidly nurture a Delta-level superhuman. I understand."

Though somewhat regretful, she didn't press further.

Zhang Yi watched as the Rose Squad members awakened Zhu Yunque and the others, then escorted them onto the ship.

However, after waking up, Zhu Yunque seemed to have become foolish.

Her eyes had gained a certain... wisdom, and she didn't even recognize Zhang Yi when she passed by him.

What Zhang Yi didn't know was that Zhu Yunque had suffered excessively heavy blows at Nirot's hands.

Gunner had ordered her clothes stripped off publicly, completely humiliating her dignity.

Nirot's electroshock therapy had caused serious problems with her brain.

The female soldier escorting Zhu Yunque onto the ship suddenly let out a surprised cry.

Zhang Yi looked back and was astonished to see a wet patch on the snow.

Zhu Yunque had actually lost bladder control.

After electroshock, this was indeed a very normal phenomenon.

Zhang Yi raised an eyebrow.

It seemed that although Zhu Yunque had kept her life, she probably wouldn't be able to take care of herself in the future.

"At least she's still alive. Zhu Zheng can't fault me for that."

Zhang Yi shrugged, not making a big deal of it.

Just as he was about to bid farewell to Linghu Feixue and leave Luoyan Island to return to Tianhai City, Gu Yufei, a member of the Rose Squad, suddenly clutched her head and fell to her knees with a pained expression.

"N-no... not good! They're sending me warnings!"

Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue looked at Gu Yufei.

Zhang Yi frowned. "What's going on? Who's sending warnings?"

But Linghu Feixue's expression turned serious.

Gu Yufei's ability [Arioso] allowed her to communicate with living creatures.

She could receive frequencies ordinary humans couldn't detect.

Right now, in Gu Yufei's ears, the pod of dolphins that had been helping her earlier was sending urgent warnings from far away.

"S-something... something terrifying is coming this way!"

"Escape quickly!"

Gu Yufei shouted loudly.

But shortly after she spoke, Zhang Yi also sensed changes in the seawater.

Around Luoyan Island, the sea level had suddenly risen significantly, flooding onto the beach.

From the direction of the ocean, a long white line was rapidly becoming clearer.

Linghu Feixue's face abruptly changed.

"Tsunami!"

An ordinary tsunami naturally wouldn't make the Rose Squad so wary.

In Zhang Yi's mind, one person flashed through his thoughts at lightning speed.

The person he feared most on the open sea.

The one Zhu Zheng had warned him about—the strongest of the Colombian Ocean Fleet, that Epsilon-level superhuman with a 18,000-point superhuman ability index!

But why would he appear here?

With just a moment's thought, Zhang Yi had his answer.

"The Tianlong Pirate Crew tipped off the Colombian Navy!"

These pirates who dominated the Starry Sea Region had always operated between major powers.

Having already offended the Huaxu Kingdom, they would inevitably attach themselves to the Colombian Navy now.

Without a second thought, Zhang Yi said, "I'm getting out of here first!"

He left those words behind and immediately activated spatial traversal to flee north.

But moments later, he returned to Luoyan Island, standing beside Linghu Feixue.

Linghu Feixue glanced at him and said mockingly, "Didn't expect you to be so righteous! Not running away alone."

Zhang Yi took a deep breath. "You think I didn't want to? It's impossible to escape."

Around Luoyan Island, in the waters about a dozen nautical miles out, an utterly terrifying scene was unfolding.

Dense beyond measure, countless hundreds of millions of giant sea beasts had completely surrounded the entire sea area.

The massive tsunami was caused by the movement of these deep-sea creatures.

No matter which direction Zhang Yi tried to escape, he would inevitably face an endless tide of sea beasts!

Each of those enormous sea beasts was terrifying in both size and presence.

Among them were even deep-sea mutated beasts comparable to Fin Dragon at the squadron leader level!

Zhang Yi had never witnessed such a frightening spectacle.

To put it bluntly, if such a massive force attacked the Jiangnan Region, without the Death Reaper of Love, Blizzard City wouldn't last two hours.

Without hesitation, Zhang Yi took out Nirot's head and began absorbing his essence on the spot.

At this moment, Zhang Yi also felt extreme pressure.

He hadn't even seen the controller of this sea beast tide yet.

Without a doubt, it was that mysterious Colombian Epsilon-level powerhouse!

The members of the Rose Squad also turned pale, though they displayed excellent combat discipline—not panicking but quickly preparing for battle.

The crew opened all missile launch bays; this Blue Rose warship was their greatest reliance.

Linghu Feixue's right hand rested on her sword.

When she inadvertently noticed Zhang Yi's actions, she couldn't help but pause.

"By absorbing his essence, can you still improve your strength?"

"Maybe."

Zhang Yi only gave this vague response.

And that single sentence made Linghu Feixue's pupils contract slightly.

She certainly understood what those words implied.

For her and most squadron leader-level superhumans, their lifetime limit was Delta-level. The source of this content is novel ★fire.net

They might never cross that 10,000-point threshold in their entire lives to achieve qualitative transformation.

So the further they progressed, the more difficult it became to increase their superhuman ability index.

But for someone like Zhang Yi—who hadn't received training from major factions yet broke through to 9,600 points at a terrifying pace and was still improving—there was only one explanation.

He was never a Delta-level existence to begin with.

"No wonder Commander Zhu assigned you this mission!"

She said softly.

Chapter 917: Absolute Power

Luoyan Island was completely surrounded by countless terrifying sea beasts.

Those massive figures rose and fell in the seawater, their sheer size alone causing soul-deep tremors in anyone who saw them.

Linghu Feixue blew a huge multicolored bubble that attached itself to Zhang Yi.

Soon the bubble layer conformed perfectly to Zhang Yi's body.

"This is my ability [Plating], which can enhance your defense and allow you to move and breathe underwater."

Linghu Feixue reminded Zhang Yi, not forgetting to apply the [Plating] ability to her own team members as well.

Zhang Yi couldn't help remarking, "What a comprehensive ability!"

Both offensive and defensive capabilities - truly impressive.

However, the current situation made it impossible for Zhang Yi to remain calm.

While the sea beast tide was certainly dangerous, it wasn't lethal to him.

If he unleashed his full power, he could still escape from the sea beast tide.

The problem was, he still didn't know where that mysterious Epsilon-level superhuman was.

Rashly using his full power to escape without understanding the opponent's capabilities might put him in grave danger.

As it turned out, Zhang Yi didn't have to wait long.

Soon, a whale as massive as a small mountain emerged from the sea beast tide.

All the sea beasts paid homage, respectfully making way.

Standing on the giant whale's head was a man wearing a mask and Colombian Navy combat gear.

He stood with arms crossed, his prominent double chin sporting sparse facial hair, looking down condescendingly at the Blue Rose below.

A natural arrogance radiated from him.

"Huaxu Kingdom's navy? Though judging by the uniforms, you're not from the East Sea Region."

"You're the ones who sank the Copernicus at sea, correct?"

[Lord of the Ocean] John Cadillus issued his inquiry with an indifferent expression.

Linghu Feixue responded, "You've mistaken us for someone else! That incident has nothing to do with us. We're coast patrol forces belonging to the Jiangnan Region."

A trace of contempt appeared at the corner of Cadillus's mouth.

"I don't care about any of that."

He pointed downward.

"Now, all of you kneel! If you want to live."

Zhang Yi said to Linghu Feixue, "Looks like there's no room for negotiation. What would happen if we were captured by the Colombian Navy?" Get full chapters from novelfire.net

Linghu Feixue gave Zhang Yi a surprised look.

But she still answered, "They would use every method possible to extract the secrets of that mission from you."

Zhang Yi shrugged.

Thinking to himself that if he were truly captured, he would never give them the chance for interrogation.

He continued asking, "Do you know his abilities?"

Linghu Feixue replied, "Currently we only know one ability. He can control marine life below Delta-level!"

Zhang Yi's mind quickly began analyzing the battle situation.

The superhuman ability index was a comprehensive assessment of superhumans.

This data came from official sources, and while not absolutely accurate, it represented the most reasonable judgment based on currently available information.

If Cadillus's ability allowed him to control so many sea beasts, it meant his personal combat power wouldn't be too outstanding.

Otherwise, his comprehensive ability would definitely far exceed 18,000 points.

Zhang Yi shared his speculation with Linghu Feixue.

Linghu Feixue glanced at him and said helplessly, "Even so, the fact that he dares to appear before us like this proves his personal combat power is beyond what Delta-level superhumans like us can handle."

"Moreover," her gaze swept across the countless deep-sea leviathans surrounding them, "these things alone are already difficult for us to deal with!"

But Zhang Yi had a different perspective.

He slightly narrowed his eyes, feeling more confident about escaping.

As long as Cadillus's personal combat power didn't vastly surpass his own.

Then with his current strength, he had a good chance of blocking Cadillus's attacks and making a quick escape.

The only problem was that in that case, the Rose Squad and everyone on the ship would surely perish.

No helping it - he couldn't afford to worry about others' survival.

Cadillus, seeing that Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue hadn't obeyed his command, frowned with annoyance.

"You're really not being obedient! I don't like naughty children. Time to teach you a lesson!"

He waved his right hand lightly.

In the next moment, many of the giant sea beasts surrounding Luoyan Island began preparing to attack.

Some opened their massive mouths, others had pupils that glowed with multicolored light, and giant shells several meters long opened up.

Terrifying energy began gathering - these mutated creatures ranged from low to high levels, but there were actually twenty or thirty captain-level auras among them!

Such an attack made even Linghu Feixue's expression turn grim.

"Madman!"

She hadn't expected Cadillus to immediately resort to heavy-handed measures.

Because according to conventional reasoning, the Colombian Ocean Fleet leadership would surely want to keep prisoners alive for intelligence gathering.

What she didn't know was that Cadillus was notorious for his madness within the Ocean Fleet.

If not absolutely necessary, Douglas wouldn't have deployed him.

Linghu Feixue gritted her teeth and decisively took Compound Five.

Facing even a casual attack from an Epsilon-level superhuman, captain-level superhumans had to exert their full effort to respond.

"Plating!"

Linghu Feixue took a deep breath, then forcefully blew out one huge multicolored bubble after another.

Layer upon layer enveloped the entire Blue Rose.

Simultaneously, she gave the order to launch missiles.

Even so, Linghu Feixue's heart sank.

She could only place her final hope on Zhang Yi.

Hoping that this top expert from the Jiangnan Region, known as [Absolute Defense], could make a difference.

Zhang Yi narrowed his eyes and also took Compound Two.

He hadn't reached the life-or-death moment yet, so he wouldn't use something as draining as Compound Five.

Then, within Linghu Feixue's plating, he deployed the Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms!

Missiles soared into the sky, trailing blue fiery tails as they charged toward the beast tide.

The sea erupted with astonishing vibrations, large numbers of sea beasts directly blown to pieces.

Even captain-level sea beasts would suffer heavy damage from such powerful energy impacts.

But controlled by Cadillus, they had long lost their self-awareness, not even having the thought to evade, only knowing to follow their master's will to destroy that warship!

The beast tide's energy attacks also instantly reached the periphery of the Blue Rose.

The ten layers of plating couldn't withstand attacks from dozens of captain-level sea beasts, not even lasting five seconds before shattering layer by layer.

The hearts of everyone in the Rose Squad leaped to their throats.

But those multicolored superhuman attacks gradually lost their brilliance before the final layer of defense - Zhang Yi's Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms - quickly shattering and vanishing.

Chapter 918: Lord of the Storm

Zhang Yi blocked the attack from the sea beast horde.

This caused the smile on Cadillus's face to fade considerably.

"To think there's actually someone like this?"

He couldn't imagine that his attack would be blocked by a Delta-level superhuman.

Meanwhile, Zhang Yi was also feeling the pressure from an Epsilon-level superhuman.

Cadillus could make these sea beasts attack without regard for their lives.

But Zhang Yi had no intention of risking his life against them.

He planned to escape.

"Goodbye, if fate allows we'll meet again! Good luck to you."

Without hesitation, Zhang Yi turned and ran decisively in the opposite direction from Cadillus.

This move of his obviously caught Cadillus's attention.

The corner of his mouth curled into a cruel smile.

"It seems the one who destroyed the Copernicus was you!"

In the sea, the beast horde surged violently, those mysterious and powerful sea beasts roaring as they launched attacks at Zhang Yi.

Zhang Yi paid no attention to the dense attacks, pushing his escape to maximum speed.

However, what he didn't expect was that Cadillus completely abandoned the Blue Rose and came chasing after him.

Cadillus dove into the seabed, moving through the water at an unbelievable speed.

【Water Walker】.

As a superhuman capable of commanding all marine life, he could also manipulate seawater, and his speed underwater was countless times faster than on land!

Zhang Yi's expression turned serious.

There were too many sea beasts around him, with various attacks flying his way, preventing him from opening a Dimensional Gate to escape.

And relying solely on his Skywalk ability to fly, he would soon be caught by Cadillus.

Zhang Yi raised his right hand, firing micro-torpedoes to create chaos.

But before the energy from the underwater explosions could spread out, Cadillus simply clenched his hands, causing the explosions to be completely enveloped by a mass of seawater and dissipate into nothingness!

Cadillus burst out from the seawater like a swordfish, shooting into the air with a long cry, then casually landing on the head of a giant sea beast.

A gel-like liquid appeared in his hands, rapidly expanding and growing larger.

As Cadillus gave a sudden shake of his hands, the gel transformed into countless droplets that shot rapidly toward Zhang Yi!

Zhang Yi, suspended in mid-air, felt this astonishing pressure and immediately deployed his Dimensional Gate for defense.

But in just an instant, he felt an intense tearing sensation.

That gel-like liquid was cutting through his space like knives.

"Is this the difference in power level?"

Zhang Yi's eyes began to show gravity.

The last time he faced such a huge crisis was during his confrontation with Yuan Kongye.

Only back then, he knew he had the capital to drag things out.

But here and now, even though he had become the top expert in the Jiangnan Region.

His opponent was also an Epsilon-level superhuman with more combat experience and even greater strength!

Cadillus put his hands on his hips, smiling to reveal a mouthful of white teeth.

"Oh ho~ I didn't expect you to be so tenacious. I can't help but look at you with greater respect!"

"However, you'd better obediently surrender now so I can take you back to complete my mission. Otherwise, if I accidentally really kill you, that would be an outcome nobody wants to see!"

He shrugged, putting on an expression of helplessness.

But in his eyes, there was clearly the teasing of a cat playing with a mouse.

Zhang Yi narrowed his eyes.

He still had one final card he hadn't played yet.

That was Compound Five.

He knew it was a drug that could stimulate human potential.

If that description was accurate, after using it, he could temporarily achieve a massive boost in power, reaching the Epsilon level.

In that case, even Cadillu wouldn't be able to stop him from escaping.

It was somewhat amusing - although Zhang Yi had always been resistant to Blizzard City's chemical drugs.

This thing could truly play a crucial role at critical moments.

Zhang Yi wasn't willing to entrust his life to someone else's hands.

He took out Compound Five from his Dimensional Space.

Just as he was about to take it, a sharp whistling sound suddenly reached his ears.

From the eastern horizon, a black light flashed by like a meteor.

But this meteor didn't disappear, instead rapidly approaching this area, growing larger and larger!

The whistling sound was coming from that mysterious object.

Cadillus's expression also turned serious when he saw that thing.

Zhang Yi looked at the black object with some astonishment.

The reason for his astonishment was that he didn't know what it was.

To the naked eye, it looked like a black top spinning rapidly as it flew toward this sea area.

In the blink of an eye, the black top arrived here.

Though calling it a top might be misleading - it was simply too massive, even larger than any sea beast that had appeared in this sea area!

"Thump!" "Thump!" "Thump!" "Thump!" "Thump!"

The black top rapidly skimmed across the sea surface.

In an instant, countless sea beasts were directly ground into dust!

Large chunks of flesh and blood flew everywhere, like a meat grinder charging into a pigpen.

Zhang Yi didn't even have time to react.

The enormous black top broke through the sea beast encirclement, then its spinning speed rapidly decreased.

Finally landing in front of him with a "BOOM!!"

Seawater splashed up hundreds of meters, almost splashing onto Zhang Yi's face.

Only then did he get a clear look at what it was.

A sea turtle.

An enormous sea turtle, several times larger than the Blue Rose, a giant black sea turtle appeared between Zhang Yi and Cadillus.

"You dare to attack someone from my Huaxu Kingdom. Lord of the Ocean, aren't you overreaching?"

The giant turtle actually spoke with a deep voice, in perfect Mandarin.

Only then did Zhang Yi understand.

The one who had come to support him was an Epsilon-level superhuman from Huaxu Kingdom!

Huaxu Kingdom's Second Theater Command, the East Sea Region possessed combat power second only to the headquarters Shengjing Region, and had the strongest navy.

They indeed also had Epsilon-level powerhouses.

When Cadillus saw the giant turtle, the smile disappeared from his face, his gaze clearly becoming much more serious.

"Big turtle, I didn't expect you to come too!"

Zhang Yi was still feeling shocked by the arrival of two Epsilon-level powerhouses.

Meanwhile, the Blue Rose had already sailed near him, taking shelter behind the giant sea turtle.

Linghu Feixue's face had maintained its composure throughout.

She looked at Zhang Yi and said, "When I came here, I already encountered Cadillus, so I knew he had been searching for your location."

"Therefore, I contacted the East Sea Region in advance and asked them to send reinforcements."

She glanced at the mountain-like giant black sea turtle ahead.

"He is one of the Four Spirits of the East Sea Region Navy, Xuanwu!"

Chapter 919: Invite You to Have Tea

Linghu Feixue's face showed an indescribable expression, but Zhang Yi knew clearly in his heart that when facing a superhuman like Cadillus whose level far exceeded theirs, seeking help from the East Sea Region was the only choice.

No one would gamble with their own life.

Xuanwu stood between Cadillus and Zhang Yi's Rose Squad, like an indestructible mountain.

However, how could Cadillus so easily abandon a mission that was nearly within his grasp?

He placed his hands on his hips and let out a cold laugh.

Then suddenly, he launched his attack!

Countless sea beasts emitted distant, terrifying roars and began gathering primal force, preparing to fire energy cannons.

Cadillus spread open his right hand, and countless gelatinous water droplets condensed behind him, shooting violently toward Xuanwu!

Xuanwu's eyes fixed firmly on him.

Facing Cadillus's assault, he opened that enormous mouth of his.

A black beam instantly pierced through the entire sea area!

The massive black light pillar was dozens of meters wide, effortlessly shattering the sea beasts' energy attacks and pulverizing all the sea beasts in that entire section of ocean!

At this moment, Zhang Yi felt utterly shocked.

The power of Epsilon-level was so formidable and transcendent.

Delta-level superhumans seemed pathetically weak before them.

Cadillus manipulated primal water, exchanging furious blows with Xuanwu, yet after their exchange, aside from the entire sea area being tossed by enormous waves and howling winds, neither had suffered the slightest injury.

Xuanwu said in a deep voice, "This isn't our first time crossing hands. Continuing to fight won't produce any different outcome."

"And," his eyes rolled upward, looking toward the sky, "if you don't leave now, our reinforcements will be arriving soon!"

Cadillus's expression also shifted slightly.

After all, this place was near the East Sea Region's territory.

With the East Sea Region's firepower coverage capability, they could absolutely conduct precision bombing against him from thousands of kilometers away.

Even an Epsilon-level superhuman must maintain reverence toward the Death Reaper of Love.

Moreover, with Xuanwu appearing here today, he truly had no confidence he could defeat Xuanwu and bring back that man.

"Fine, you got lucky this time!"

Cadillus gave Zhang Yi one deep look, then turned and flew swiftly southward like a fighter jet.

His speed was so extreme it even created massive ring-shaped sonic boom water mist on the ocean surface.

Xuanwu watched Cadillus depart into the distance before finally emitting a relieved, deep sound.

"Fortunately, I managed to bluff that guy."

Hearing this, Zhang Yi couldn't help but call out, "Is there some problem?"

Xuanwu's enormous eyes glanced at Zhang Yi as he said in a booming voice:

"Epsilon-level battles are extremely dangerous, and that guy is a notorious madman. I have no desire to engage in mortal combat with him."

"Moreover, if we were to seriously fight, you would have almost no chance of survival."

Regarding this point, Zhang Yi remained noncommittal.

He acknowledged that Cadillus and Xuanwu were incredibly powerful.

But if he truly wanted to escape, the residual effects of their attacks wouldn't be enough to kill him.

Cadillus fled with the sea beast tide.

But the remaining portion of sea beasts had just regained consciousness.

Xuanwu said, "I'm hungry."

Then without regard for Zhang Yi, Linghu Feixue, or the others, he directly pounced forward and began hunting bloodily.

Though his body was enormous, like a small mountain, he moved with exceptional agility in the seawater.

Those deep-sea leviathans could only submit to being hunted before him.

Even beasts rivaling his size were easily torn apart by his sharp claws.

Zhang Yi looked at that dark, pitch-black skin, feeling it was practically a steel fortress on the sea.

"It's time for me to leave."

Zhang Yi turned and flew northward.

But a booming voice like thunder exploded beside his ear.

"Isn't leaving without saying goodbye rather rude?"

As Xuanwu's voice faded, the sea before Zhang Yi actually began rolling up like a bedsheet!

Wave after wave, each over a hundred meters high, layered upon each other to block Zhang Yi's path.

In the sky, massive storms began gathering, descending from the heavens into the ocean, transforming into terrifying giant tornadoes!

Zhang Yi's body was buffeted by the fierce winds, his flight severely affected.

Looking around, the entire sea area was filled with enormous tornadoes, making spatial traversal impossible.

"These Epsilon-level beings are all monsters!"

Zhang Yi began to have a bad feeling about this.

At that moment, Xuanwu suddenly opened his massive mouth, aiming at Zhang Yi. A tremendous suction force emanated from within, pulling Zhang Yi back.

"Since you're here, why not stay and chat with me properly!"

Zhang Yi didn't sense any malice from Xuanwu, as [Echo of Time] hadn't issued any warnings.

And currently, he clearly lacked the strength to confront Xuanwu directly.

So Zhang Yi abandoned any thought of resistance, allowing Xuanwu to suck him inside.

He had originally assumed Xuanwu's interior would be a space composed of flesh and blood.

But after flying inside, Zhang Yi realized it wasn't that simple.

After entering through the throat, he noticed the throat passage on both sides was actually lined with extremely resilient metal.

Lights illuminated the walls, so it wasn't dark at all.

The fortified walls surrounding the throat passage spiraled downward, extending deep inside.

"Looks like an oversized cannon barrel," Zhang Yi thought.

Zhang Yi landed on the ground, instinctively surveying the surrounding space.

Not long after, Linghu Feixue actually flew down from above as well.

She landed beside Zhang Yi, looking around with an equally astonished expression.

At that moment, dense "clattering" sounds came from all around.

Zhang Yi felt alert but didn't dare make any rash moves.

From the corners of the passageway emerged a group of enormous crustacean creatures.

About the size of adults, they somewhat resembled crabs but had over a dozen more legs than crabs, with silver shells that appeared extremely sturdy.

"Chaos, Moon Palace, please come in!"

Such a voice came from deep within Xuanwu.

Zhang Yi was completely astonished.

"Could it be... Xuanwu is actually a giant mechanical sea turtle?"

Then without regard for Zhang Yi, Linghu Feixue, or the others, he directly pounced forward and began hunting bloodily.

A mechanical sea turtle of such enormous size couldn't be created without years of mechanical manufacturing.

And its movements were far too agile.

If it truly was mechanical, it could only mean the Huaxu Kingdom's military industry was centuries ahead of foreign countries!

With such curiosity, he and Linghu Feixue walked deeper into Xuanwu's interior, escorted by those crustacean creatures.

Before long, they arrived at an enormous white room.

Judging by the location, this should be the central abdominal area.

But instead of seeing intestines or stomach, they saw a massive and luxurious room.

Zhang Yi looked at that dark, pitch-black skin, feeling it was practically a steel fortress on the sea.

By the tea table in the room sat a youth emanating blue light all over his body, watching them with an amused expression.

Chapter 920: Compound No. 3

Zhang Yi inquired, "You must be Xuanwu?"

The young man slowly took a sip of coffee.

"I could be."

Zhang Yi: "..."

The young man gestured toward the sofa beside them, indicating for Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue to sit down.

Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue exchanged glances.

They had already reached Xuanwu's territory, so they might as well make themselves comfortable since they were here.

Thus they took their seats on the sofa.

Only then did the young man leisurely explain: "I am Xuanwu, but what you're seeing isn't my true form. As for my actual body, it's right outside you."

"Well, strictly speaking, you're currently inside my stomach."

Seeing Zhang Yi's astonished expression, the young man clarified:

"This giant sea turtle is my true form, while what you're seeing is my spiritual body. That's all there is to it."

Zhang Yi hadn't expected things to be like this.

This was his first time witnessing what people called a spiritual body.

However, his gaze fell upon the coffee in the young man's hand.

"Can spiritual bodies still drink coffee?" The source of this content is novel•fire.net

The young man smiled slightly and released his grip—the coffee cup actually transformed into a cluster of pixels and vanished.

Even the coffee table before him disappeared along with it.

"Although my spiritual form cannot drink coffee, I can experience the pleasure of drinking coffee through data transmission."

"The texture, flavor, aroma—all directly transmitted to my brain."

"And I don't even have to worry about the side effects of overindulgence!"

Xuanwu even crossed his arms somewhat proudly as he added: "I can even get the pleasure of orgasms directly through data! Pretty convenient, don't you think?"

Zhang Yi was utterly amazed upon hearing this.

"I never imagined... such things were possible?"

"But if this is your body, then..."

He glanced around at the various furnishings in the room.

Then he recalled those fortress-like steel structures within Xuanwu's body.

"Does that mean you can't return to human form?"

Xuanwu's eyelids lowered slightly. "Ah, that's correct."

"My mutation is irreversible. My true form can only maintain this giant sea turtle appearance, and I have to remain in the icy deep sea most of the time."

"But this doesn't seem so bad—I was originally a diver anyway. By the way, I also have an English name: Dave."

At this moment, Linghu Feixue crossed her legs and asked Xuanwu:

"Where exactly are you taking us?"

Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue were already under Xuanwu's control with no means of escape.

Zhang Yi could potentially try taking drugs to fight desperately.

But that would involve extreme risk, and even if successful, might leave him severely injured.

He wouldn't take such chances.

Hearing this, Xuanwu curled his lips into a mocking smile.

"Is that even a question? Of course I'm escorting you back—to the East Sea Region Naval Base!"

Linghu Feixue's gaze sharpened noticeably.

Zhang Yi maintained his usual composure, though his eyes grew more profound.

Just as he had suspected.

When dealing with external threats, the Jiangnan Region and East Sea Region could act like brothers.

But once external conflicts were resolved, competition between them would inevitably emerge.

Zhang Yi possessed intelligence about the Divine Source, so naturally the East Sea Region wanted to pry open his mouth and obtain that information.

Given that circumstances were currently against them, further discussion seemed pointless.

They could only wait to see how Zhu Zheng would communicate with the East Sea Region.

However, expecting Zhang Yi to keep his mouth shut and maintain secrecy under harsh interrogation was completely unrealistic.

For now, Zhang Yi needed to test the East Sea Region's stance.

Linghu Feixue stared at Xuanwu, then helplessly pulled down her hat brim.

In the face of absolute power, futile rage served no purpose—it would only bring unnecessary trouble.

Xuanwu snapped his fingers.

Soon, those giant crustacean insects came clattering over.

Two insects approached them, opened their carapaces, and surprisingly produced two blue syringes.

"I don't want unnecessary trouble, but I'll need you both to cooperate with my procedures. Agreed?"

Xuanwu smiled cheerfully at Zhang Yi and Linghu Feixue.

Zhang Yi glanced down at the syringe and asked, "May I ask what this is?"

Before Xuanwu could answer, Linghu Feixue spoke first.

"Compound 3!"

"A drug that temporarily strips superhumans of their abilities, turning them into ordinary people."

Zhang Yi considered for a moment.

Trying to fight Xuanwu desperately at this juncture would clearly be unwise.

The East Sea Region only wanted the intelligence he possessed—they weren't likely to harm his life.

So Zhang Yi directly took Compound 3 and injected himself.

Linghu Feixue glanced at Zhang Yi, then injected herself as well.

They were both intelligent people who understood that pointless resistance achieved nothing.

Linghu Feixue suddenly said, "Since we've fallen into your hands, we have nothing more to say. But could you at least let us contact our region? To report our current situation?"

Xuanwu spread his hands: "Don't be nervous—we're allies. And you two don't need to view me with hostility. I'm just following orders. Besides, I did save your lives, didn't I?"

"According to our agreement, the intelligence in Chaos's possession should be shared with the East Sea Region anyway."

Zhang Yi smiled: "If that's the case, then why resort to these methods?"

Xuanwu rested his chin on his hand, thinking for a second.

"Hmm... That's headquarters' decision. Perhaps the higher-ups feel it's better to maintain the initiative themselves."

"You're right about that."

Zhang Yi responded calmly.

He could already feel the power within his body being rapidly suppressed.

Compound 3 was a rare drug that even he couldn't obtain through regional exchanges.

He never expected it to have such potent effects.

No wonder it wasn't available to the public—this was clearly a weapon controlled by headquarters specifically for suppressing powerful superhumans.

He closed his eyes, secretly attempting to connect with his Dimensional Space.

Unexpectedly, it worked!

Zhang Yi thought to himself: Compound 3 can suppress the flow of supernatural energy within the body, but it seems ineffective against certain special zero-consumption abilities.

After all, it's only been developed for about a year—its capabilities aren't that comprehensive yet.

Zhang Yi now understood the situation.

As long as he could still use his spatial abilities, even if his offensive capabilities were weakened, his strongest defensive powers remained intact.

Xuanwu suddenly laughed: "Don't be so tense! I'm just following procedure with these measures."

"Perhaps someday, we'll all be fighting on the same battlefield for a common goal."

"Hmm... We still have some time before we arrive. Do you play cards?"

A strange light flashed in Linghu Feixue's eyes.

"Why not?"

Zhang Yi looked at Xuanwu.

"But what's the point of playing like this? Let's make it more interesting with some stakes."

Xuanwu looked at him curiously. "Oh? Are you up to something sneaky? But let me tell you upfront—I'm the most tight-lipped man in the world."

Zhang Yi smiled slightly: "Think of it as exchanging intelligence! As the highest-level combatants from our respective theaters, we each already possess information that would interest the other."

"Just as you said—we're allies, not enemies."

"Don't worry, you can refuse to answer any overly sensitive questions."

Xuanwu found Zhang Yi's proposal quite appealing.

He smiled and nodded. "That sounds excellent. Then let's begin!"