

## **Ice Age 961**

### Chapter 961: Faint Thunder

Zhang Yi brought Hua Hua and Lele to find a relatively intact building amidst the city ruins.

They entered the house, which remained dry inside, while the sudden heavy snow sealed off everything outside.

Due to the toxic miasma outbreak, people in the surrounding areas died quickly, leaving quite a few supplies preserved.

However, Zhang Yi didn't dare to eat any of that stuff.

He set up his portable tent and took antidotes before finally daring to sleep inside the tent.

The outside world was still enveloped by toxic miasma; without wearing combat suits, even skin contact would quickly poison a person.

So Zhang Yi, Hua Hua, and Lele had to take antidotes daily.

Hua Hua and Lele had better physical constitutions; as fierce beasts, they had stronger poison resistance. Zhang Yi simply didn't have that level of endurance.

When Zhang Yi slept, Hua Hua and Lele slept outside his tent.

These two were natural radar systems—any abnormal movement would be detected immediately, and they would wake Zhang Yi.

This was something ordinary people simply couldn't achieve.

As the saying goes, there was a reason Zhang Yi only brought these two with him.

At this moment, Zhang Yi didn't know that the superhuman unit [Hell's Lock] from the Colombian Navy had already dispatched superhumans to hunt him down.

That night.

The night was deep as water, the sky dark and gloomy, with hazy moonlight unable to penetrate Star Island's dense toxic miasma to reach the ground.

From deep within the massive fog, a faint air disturbance slowly approached.

A pair of sharp white tusks pierced through the toxic miasma, gradually advancing forward.

It was a giant black mountain boar over five meters tall and more than ten meters long.

Its rear end was raised high while its long snout sniffed frantically at the ground.

Beside it, a man completely covered in gray-blue combat suits walked with his hands naturally hanging down, following closely step by step.

"How about it, Magrian, can you pick up his scent?"

Hell's Lock member Hermit Boone softly asked his adjutant Rem Magrian.

The nearby [Mountain Boar King] Magrian replied, "Their scent still lingers in the air, very clear. Because I can smell the killing intent from beasts!"

"Killing intent from beasts?"

Boone glanced at him, "Are you saying the target is some frenzied beast?"

Magrian shook his head, "No, real beasts. That guy either has tamed exotic beasts with him or beastman-type ability users."

Boone shrugged, "How many they have doesn't matter to me. What's important is I need to lock onto their position."

Magrian nodded, "Yes, I understand! I can already determine their location."

"Excellent, then our hunt should begin."

As Boone spoke, he extended his right hand; his white glove could detect the most subtle changes in air humidity and temperature.

"The weather tonight is quite nice."

He looked up at the hazy moonlight, dark clouds shrouding the city sky.

"Faint thunder rumbles, gloomy skies overhead. May wind and snow come, to keep you here."

As if responding to his words, dark clouds slowly covered the bright moon.

The wind and snow intensified.

Meanwhile, inside the abandoned building where Zhang Yi was resting.

Hua Hua suddenly opened its eyes, quickly jumped onto Zhang Yi, and cried, "Meow!! Master, enemies have appeared!"

Zhang Yi instantly opened his eyes from his slumber.

Right at that moment, he seemed to hear a faint but terrifying sound rapidly approaching.

His Echo of Time instinct made him aware of the emerging danger.

High in the sky, a dense black cloud began gathering above their ruins.

Then a massive white lightning bolt suddenly struck down!

"BOOM!!!"

The white lightning struck from the building's top, directly piercing through the entire structure!

The entire building rapidly collapsed, rubble chaotically crashing down and burying the area.

But soon, those stones were blasted away by a tremendous force.

Deep within the thick dust, a spherical pure land formed, completely unaffected by any impact.

Zhang Yi had deployed the Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms, blocking all attacks at the critical moment!

Meanwhile, Hua Hua and Lele were already beside him, adopting combat stances.

"Never thought that while I've always been hunting others, now someone's come to hunt me."

Zhang Yi's gaze swept around, a cold smile appearing at the corner of his mouth.

On Star Island, you could encounter any enemy at any time.

He just wasn't sure whether they'd met by chance or specifically came to hunt him.

If it was the former, it wouldn't be too problematic, but if it was the latter, it meant he had already attracted the Colombian Navy's attention.

But in either case, Zhang Yi didn't care.

In fact, even if it was the latter, he wouldn't feel nervous—instead, he'd be pleased.

Because that way, he could freely hunt superhumans with higher superhuman ability indices!

Waiting for prey to come to him was much more convenient than tracking them down one by one.

"Boss, they're in this direction—two opponents. Distance approximately 5 kilometers!"

Lele's keen sense of smell detected the enemy's position.

Zhang Yi raised an eyebrow, "What did you say? They can attack me from 5 kilometers away?"

This surprised him.

How exactly did the enemy lock onto his position and strike with such precision?

Before he could think further, powerful lightning had already gathered again in the clouds above.

"Scatter!"

Zhang Yi wasn't foolish enough to take the attack head-on and immediately made a decision.

Hua Hua and Lele scattered around while Zhang Yi used spatial traversal to leave his position instantly.

The ground where he'd been standing was blasted into a massive crater by the lightning.

"The enemy's attack range exceeds mine! At this distance, I can't lock onto their position to counterattack, so I need to close in!"

After realizing this, Zhang Yi quickly arranged tactics.

"Lele, keep an eye on our surroundings to avoid potential ambushes!"

"Hua Hua, flank from my right to draw their attention! I'll break through from the left."

"Woof! Yes, boss!"

"Meow!"

Hua Hua and Lele had awakened intelligence, their wisdom no less than humans, and immediately coordinated with Zhang Yi's actions.

While Lele lacked combat strength, it excelled at sensing danger and tracking enemies.

As for Hua Hua, through continuous growth, it had become one of Zhang Yi's most important combat assets.

The cat and dog rushed forward from two directions while Zhang Yi activated spatial traversal, cautiously closing the distance.

Five kilometers away, Mountain Boar King Magrian suddenly looked up, cautious light flashing in his eyes.

"They're approaching at an extremely fast speed!"

Boone seemed surprised, "Oh? My attack wasn't effective?"

Then he coldly laughed, "It seems those daring to hunt superhumans on this battlefield indeed have some capability."

After speaking, he slowly closed his eyes.

As an invisible ripple began spreading from between his eyebrows.

In the sky above the surrounding area, that dark, dense cumulonimbus cloud grew even larger.

The moment Zhang Yi appeared from spatial traversal, a thunderclap struck straight toward his head like a sharp sword!

Chapter 962: Thor

Zhang Yi felt the hairs on his head standing on end.

This wasn't a joke - his hair was literally standing straight up.

Caught off guard, he might have been hit the moment he stepped out of the Dimensional Gate.

Fortunately, he possessed the bug-level passive time ability [Echo of Time], which could sense danger in advance, allowing him to dodge.

"Divine Power!"

It was too late to dodge, so Zhang Yi directly activated Divine Power with his right eye, distorting the space above his head.

As space twisted, that terrifying lightning bolt split apart as if doing the splits, then crashed "BOOM!" onto the ground.

The surrounding ground was blasted with dozens of terrifying craters, black smoke swirling around them.

"Boss, no ambush detected, you can proceed forward!"

Lele had already scouted ahead for Zhang Yi.

Hearing this, Zhang Yi used spatial traversal for the second time.

Boon had attacked twice consecutively only to have Zhang Yi neutralize both attempts, making his expression turn serious.

"Indeed a troublesome opponent!"

One second later, Zhang Yi was already just three kilometers away from him.

A white light flashed in his eyes as [Mind Domain] instantly activated.

Now he could see the opponent too.

"A humanoid guy, and a huge... elephant? But why is its trunk so short?"

Zhang Yi didn't waste time thinking.

He directly took out Thunderbolt and began aiming at the opponent.

The moment he pulled the trigger, both he and Boon simultaneously sensed immense danger approaching.

The silver Sacred Silver bullet, carrying overwhelmingly powerful force, shot from the barrel toward Boon three kilometers away!

Meanwhile, above Zhang Yi's head, an even more violent and terrifying lightning bolt was crashing down!

"SWISH!" "SWISH!"

The Sacred Silver bullet cut through the dense toxic miasma, leaving a long bullet trail in the thick fog.

As the bullet passed by, Boon's body suddenly transformed into a white lightning bolt and vanished from his position.

Zhang Yi was prepared this time, having already dodged the lightning attack with his thirty-times accelerated movement.

"A superhuman who can control lightning, huh? Operational range of at least five kilometers, and the power is absolutely terrifying!"

"Estimated ability index above 9600 points!"

Zhang Yi quickly performed a basic analysis and judgment.

"Better at long-range attacks than me, and not slow either. The question is how good is he at close combat?"

Thinking this far, Zhang Yi understood one thing.

Killing this enemy quickly definitely wouldn't be simple.

Therefore, he changed his approach.

Raising his sniper rifle, he switched targets to aim at his helper - that giant mountain boar!

However, Boon could also sense Zhang Yi's movements.

His pupils flashed with white lightning as thunderbolt after thunderbolt crashed down from the sky.

"This power doesn't feel like it's triggered by an ability. He can summon lightning from the sky to attack?"

Natural lightning possesses power that no superhuman's techniques can match, especially when used at such high frequency.

In other words, the opponent doesn't produce lightning - he's just nature's delivery man.

This time Zhang Yi wasn't the initiator; he was being hunted, so he lost the initiative.

But with ample combat experience, he immediately made a reasonable judgment.

Long-range attacks would struggle to inflict significant damage.

Because the opponent's movement speed was also extremely fast.

Then, he would close in and fight up close!

Zhang Yi put away Thunderbolt and used spatial traversal again to get closer.

This method of closing distance at such speed shocked both Boon and Magrian.

"No movement traces detected, it's like he suddenly appeared near us."

"He's a spatial ability user!"

Just as Zhang Yi closed in, Hua Hua had already rushed to their flank.

It opened its massive mouth and let out an ear-shattering roar!

"MEOWWW!!!"

The sonic waves dispersed the thick fog while simultaneously destroying numerous buildings within a thousand-meter radius, heading straight for Boon and Magrian.

The two were struck with splitting headaches, feeling dizzy and disoriented.

This was Hua Hua's ability [Beast King's Roar], which could severely affect enemies' mental state.

Caught off guard, Boon and Magrian experienced brief mental confusion.

But this brief moment allowed Zhang Yi to get close to them.

One kilometer.

Zhang Yi stopped here, not advancing further.

He raised his left arm, firing over a dozen micro-missiles at them!

The new model weapons crafted by Lu Keran, each with power comparable to a Tomahawk Missile! Terrifying weapons capable of destroying an entire street!

By the time Boon and Magrian regained their senses, the missiles were already exploding around them!

"BOOM!"

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The area where Boon and Magrian stood had the ground violently torn up, fierce flames shooting skyward, everything within several hundred meters completely destroyed!

The terrifying shockwaves forced even Zhang Yi to retreat to avoid being caught in the blast.

But before the explosions ended, a white figure shot out from the raging flames.

It was a white lightning bolt, taking human form, leaping in front of Zhang Yi.

The white lightning had only human shape, with no discernible facial features.

He stared intently at Zhang Yi, "A spatial superhuman with such powerful strength - you must be the Jiangnan Region's [Chaos] from Huaxu Kingdom, right?"

Zhang Yi quickly reloaded the missiles while simultaneously drawing White Owl with his left hand.

He thought to himself that if the opponent could energize his body, then Sacred Silver bullets would definitely work.

"And who might you be?"

Zhang Yi asked coldly.

Boon raised his right hand, "Remember my name - [Thor the Thunder God]!"

Zhang Yi had no time to remember his name.

Because the Sacred Silver bullets in Zhang Yi's hand were already firing toward him.

[Precision Shooting] locked and accelerated - the bullets from his barrel traveled at triple Mach speed, faster than supersonic fighter jets!

Boon's speed was also very fast, but he couldn't outpace Zhang Yi's bullets.

"BANG!" "BANG!" "BANG!"

Three bullets reached his body within a hundred meters in an instant, piercing through his body before the gunshots were even heard.

Boon glanced at his chest, where three bullet holes were visible.

However, Zhang Yi didn't see any blood flowing out.

"An energized body? Does that mean it's hard to find vital spots?"

Zhang Yi slightly furrowed his brows.

Boon murmured softly, "It does hurt a bit."

"Then have some more of my Sacred Silver bullets!"

Zhang Yi continued pulling the trigger, but Boon wasn't that foolish this time.

His body left a silver afterimage in the air, then instantly vanished from his position.

"Your speed is fast, but mine is faster!"

He wasn't lying.

Because when he started moving at high speed, Zhang Yi's eyes actually became somewhat blurry, unable to capture Boon's form!

He was lightning, and lightning's speed is indeed hard to catch.

Chapter 963: Thor's Hammer

Boon moved at high speed around Zhang Yi, the concentration of electric charges in the air growing increasingly intense.

His speed was so fast that even with thirty-fold acceleration activated, Zhang Yi couldn't clearly capture his figure.

"Rumble!!"

As Boon moved, massive electrical currents began writhing through the air like silver snakes, then frantically lunged to bite at Zhang Yi!

But the moment those terrifying lightning bolts approached Zhang Yi, they vanished into his Dimensional Space without creating even the slightest ripple.

Boon frowned: "So this is the power of [Absolute Defense]? A superhuman focused on defensive attributes does seem difficult to kill!"

But he didn't truly believe this.

There was no such thing as absolute defense—if it existed, it simply meant the attacking power wasn't strong enough!

Boon's body continued releasing electric charges, the lightning in his eyes growing increasingly brilliant. High above, that thick cloud layer actually began slowly descending.

Zhang Yi stood in place, White Owl in his left hand, Holy Judgment in his right.

He wasn't in a hurry to attack, instead contemplating how to respond.

He had already clearly gauged the attack power of this Hell's Lock member codenamed [Thor the Thunder God].

Although the power was formidable, it still couldn't reach the threshold needed to penetrate his defenses.

After all, with his superhuman ability index now reaching 9,800 points, the strength of his defensive capabilities was truly terrifying.

Meanwhile, in the area of the earlier explosion.

The sunken ground erupted with flying soil as a massive boar snout pushed through the blackened earth and emerged.

But when it raised its head, it saw a giant black cat demon appear before its eyes.

Black stripes covered its body, and a grayish-white "king" character actually appeared on its forehead.

Its sharp teeth exerted even more pressure than the boar's own tusks.

Hua Hua stared intently at it, opening its large mouth to let out a "Meow-roar!"

"Oink! Oink!!"

Wild killing intent filled the Mountain Boar King's eyes as it quickly scrambled out of the dirt pit and engaged Hua Hua in combat.

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Zhang Yi stood at the very center of the lightning, enduring Boon's continuous attacks.

He wasn't in a hurry to counterattack because his opponent moved too quickly—if he couldn't lock on, his own attacks would miss.

"Even if using the power of the Void Spear could inflict serious injury or even kill him, the moment I strike, with his speed he could completely evade it."

"That would still be meaningless."

Zhang Yi remained expressionless, his gaze sharp as an eagle's, continuously searching for the right opportunity.

Although it appeared he was constantly taking hits, in reality, none of Boon's attacks had caused him any damage.

The surging lightning continuously assaulted Zhang Yi's Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms, attempting to break through his spatial barrier.

However, no matter how terrifying the lightning, once it approached that transparent barrier, it would vanish like mud oxen entering the sea.

"Is this the strength of the Jiangnan Region's top expert?"

Boon frowned, then transformed his expression into a cold laugh.

"How boring! What kind of top expert only knows how to turtle up?"

Although he said this, the more he fought, the more alarmed he became.

Even experts within Hell's Lock wouldn't dare directly withstand his attacks, choosing instead to evade them.

Yet Zhang Yi, from beginning to end, hadn't avoided a single one, choosing to absorb them all!

Well, this was also related to Zhang Yi being unable to open the Dimensional Gate for displacement while maintaining the Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms.

But from Boon's perspective, this created immense pressure.

Ordinary forms of attack were already ineffective against Zhang Yi!

Boon suddenly shot high into the air, then pointed his right hand toward the cumulonimbus cloud layer that had descended to mid-air.

"Chaos, I've heard your defensive power is truly fearsome! I wonder if you can withstand this move of mine!"

He pointed his right hand skyward, looking down on Zhang Yi from his elevated position.

"Don't even think about dodging this move! Because lightning's speed surpasses everything!"

He formed a grasping motion with his right hand, and from the cumulonimbus cloud layer, a lightning bolt resembling a long snake suddenly surged forth, rapidly coalescing in his palm.

Finally, it transformed into a massive war hammer dozens of meters long!

Its shape also resembled a giant silver cross!

"Mjolnir!"

Boon had deliberately waited for favorable weather conditions for this hunt.

Under such cumulonimbus cloud layers, his combat power would increase by at least one tier!

Even if he encountered a superhuman with 9,900 points, he felt confident he could contend with them!

As Boon forcefully swung downward, that enormous Mjolnir, carrying terrifying power, came crashing toward Zhang Yi!

The lightning's power was too dreadful—the surrounding air crackled with electric discharges.

Zhang Yi stood in place, sensing the fearsome power of that Mjolnir, clearly perceiving how large an area it covered.

This move couldn't be dodged.

If he released the Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms, he would likely be struck during the displacement process.

So Zhang Yi's choice was very simple: use his Dimensional Space to withstand it head-on!

"Rumble!!"

The massive silver war hammer descended, appearing slow yet actually moving so fast it created perceptual illusions.

It descended from the high sky, crushing down toward Zhang Yi on the ground!

Before the war hammer even approached, the surrounding earth began cracking inch by inch, the ground deeply sinking downward.

Zhang Yi raised his head, his gaze fixed on Boon and that war hammer.

In Boon's cold, murder-filled eyes, the war hammer approached the Dimensional Gate!

"You actually dare to take it head-on?"

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

"Do you really think you're that bastard Cadillus?"

White lightning drowned out everything around them, the violent explosion making silver electric charges boil across Star Island!

The lightning shot skyward, visible even to people far away on Xuanwu.

Li Tianyang watched the images on the large screen, unable to avoid saying with grave focus: "Have high-level superhumans already clashed? This power is simply terrifyingly strong!"

He immediately ordered his subordinates, "Investigate who's in that area."

Soon, the subordinate's report came back.

"There don't seem to be any personnel from our East Sea Region near that area. Only the Jiangnan Region's Captain Chaos is there."

Upon hearing this, Li Tianyang's eyes immediately filled with amusement.

"Excellent! Let this guy pave the way for our East Sea Region!"

Then, a mocking expression appeared at the corner of his mouth, "However, if he's incompetent and gets killed by them, I'll solemnly mourn him!"

Meanwhile, the Colombian Navy also sensed that powerful energy fluctuation.

General Huo En looked somewhat surprised, "For Boon to use Mjolnir, it seems the opponent is also quite troublesome."

But he had no worries whatsoever about Hermit Boone's ability to complete the mission.

Boon might not be the strongest among Hell's Lock members, but his survival capabilities were certainly the most excellent.

Even if he couldn't kill his opponent, he could preserve his own life.

Although he only had a superhuman ability index of 9,600 points, if he wanted to escape, there were probably only two people in Hell's Lock who could kill him.

#### Chapter 964: The World in the Mirror

Huge thunderbolts carrying terrifying power descended from the sky, striking Zhang Yi on the ground with perfect accuracy.

The terrifying pressure swept outward, completely destroying everything within several kilometers!

Boon gasped heavily, as using this move was an enormous drain even for him.

"This time, even if you're the Absolute Defense, you'll lose half your life if you don't die!"

But when the sky full of lightning dissipated, Boon witnessed an utterly astonishing scene.

Zhang Yi hovered mid-air, his clothes spotless, his expression equally indifferent, even somewhat disappointed.

Zhang Yi looked at Boon and said calmly, "That move of yours looks intimidating. I thought it would be powerful! But in the end, huh."

The disdainful tone and completely unharmed appearance made Boon's mentality completely shatter!

"How can this be! Impossible, this is absolutely impossible!"

His proud ultimate move had actually caused no damage whatsoever to Zhang Yi!

Zhang Yi had already raised his White Owl, casually firing several silver bullets!

"Now it's my turn, right?"

The Sacred Silver bullets pierced through Boon's electrified body.

Boon was momentarily stunned, but then burst into laughter.

Although these Sacred Silver bullets could harm him, compared to his energy-based body, this damage was insignificant.

"As expected, you only have strong defensive capabilities!"

He spread his arms, forming two lightning spears in his hands, then shot them at Zhang Yi!

"Are you an idiot? Your previous attacks were useless against me, what can your current methods do?"

Zhang Yi calmly watched as the two spears entered his Dimensional Space.

Then, vector reversal sent the spears flying back.

Boon reached out, and the lightning dissipated in the air, returning to his body.

By now, he had gained some understanding of Zhang Yi's abilities.

"A superhuman space that can withstand powerful attacks, with natural defense against physical assaults."

"What a troublesome ability!"

Space-type superhumans were extremely rare because their abilities touched upon one of the highest physical laws.

At this moment, Boon began to consider retreat.

He knew that with his abilities alone, he couldn't defeat Zhang Yi—at the very least, he couldn't kill him.

"But this time, I've clearly understood your ability. When we meet again, the outcome won't be like this!"

Boon understood clearly that as long as he could find a way to restrict Chaos's troublesome space,

then he could easily kill Zhang Yi.

So he planned to retreat temporarily—after all, he had collected enough intelligence this time.

But just as he prepared to leave, Zhang Yi coldly said:

"Did I permit you to leave?"

Boon laughed loudly, "A mortal body cannot prevent lightning from departing!"

His figure flashed as he attempted to leave and take Magrian with him.

But Zhang Yi extended his left hand toward him, fingers gently spreading open.

"Mirror World!"

An invisible spatial fluctuation occurred.

Centered around Zhang Yi, twelve massive doorways suddenly appeared within a three-kilometer radius.

They had no physical form—even light could pass through them naturally—yet each was as enormous as heavenly gates.

These twelve doorways appeared abruptly, sealing off the area around Zhang Yi and Boon.

Boon remained completely unaware, his attention focused solely on Zhang Yi, only thinking about escaping quickly.

Transformed into lightning, he shot toward Magrian's location at multiple Mach speeds.

The lightning flashed through the air, then vanished from mid-air.

The next moment, he entered a strange space—completely white, with nothing in it.

For some reason, his body suddenly slowed down, his movements as if slowed by tens of thousands of times!

"What's happening to me? Where am I?"

"Is this still... Star Island?"

His body was infinitely slowed, yet his thinking ability remained intact.

The time flow within the Dimensional Space was far slower than outside, but it couldn't restrict human thought.

Therefore, when living beings entered the Dimensional Space, they would experience a living hell of sluggishness.

Their minds could survive for long ages, yet only face endless blankness and their own nearly immobile bodies.

This was torture worse than death.

Zhang Yi put away his Dimensional Gate. The twelve mirrors of Mirror World were his new ability developed to deal with high-speed opponents.

The inspiration came from his battle with Nirot.

It was like a sports car running at high speed—even hitting a small protruding stone could cause an accident.

Extreme speed wasn't necessarily a good thing.

Zhang Yi wasn't in a hurry to kill Boon either—let him suffer torment in the Dimensional Space.

Typically, a person would mentally collapse within two minutes.

For a powerful superhuman like Boon, possibly a professionally trained Columbus Ocean soldier with stronger willpower, he could endure more prolonged torture.

At that moment, rustling footsteps came from the forest.

Hua Hua walked over slowly, carrying a huge Mountain Boar corpse in its mouth, followed by its incompetent little brother Demon Hound Lele.

Lele looked ingratiating, wagging its tail, hoping Hua Hua would share some food with it.

Zhang Yi walked over, smiling as he stroked Hua Hua's large head.

"Well done! All that training during this period wasn't wasted."

"Hua Hua, someday you'll become an Epsilon-level cat too!"

Hua Hua proudly lifted its neck, looking quite arrogant.

Lele watched enviously from the side.

Zhang Yi smiled at it, "As for you, you're far behind. The talent gap is just too large."

Lele felt helpless, wagging its tail in grievance.

Zhang Yi's gaze turned toward the distance as he said seriously, "Members of Hell's Lock have all come. It seems I've attracted their attention. Interesting, truly fascinating!"

"We need to be more careful in our conduct. Even stronger superhumans might come later."

"Even," his eyes narrowed, "Cadillus might make a move!"

Although there was an agreement that Epsilon-levels wouldn't intervene, letting those below fight,

Zhang Yi scoffed at such notions.

Agreements on the battlefield were temporary. Once the Divine Source truly appeared, he didn't believe someone like Cadillus would follow rules.

Including Xuanwu, they might also take action.

Even though neither were masters on land, as powerful Epsilon-level beings, coming ashore wouldn't make them opponents Delta-level superhumans could provoke.

"I should be more careful."

"And then, kill more."

#### Chapter 965: Obtaining Intelligence

Zhang Yi didn't rush to kill Hermit Boone.

After defeating his opponent, his first move was to open the Dimensional Gate and leave the area immediately.

This prevented any reinforcements from arriving at that location.

Some time later, he arrived at a place over ten kilometers away from the battlefield.

"I hope this guy is still alive."

Zhang Yi's consciousness entered the Dimensional Space. Boone had now been inside for over five minutes, which meant his consciousness had experienced over ten years of absolute emptiness.

This kind of torture was unbearable for any normal human and could easily drive someone insane.

However, Zhang Yi didn't let his guard down.

His opponent was an elite of the Colombian Navy, whose willpower would definitely be far stronger than ordinary people's.

So the first thing he did was neutralize Boone's combat capability.

Zhang Yi opened the Dimensional Gate, leaving only an arm-sized gap, then pulled Boone's arm out.

Hua Hua's massive paw immediately pressed down on it.

Zhang Yi drew Holy Judgment and cut open the combat suit Boone was wearing.

Then he took out a dose of Compound No. 3 and injected it into Boone.

Intravenous injection worked much stronger and faster than oral consumption.

He had personally experienced this drug - it could completely suppress his superhuman abilities within one minute.

So Zhang Yi waited another five minutes, since people's physical constitutions varied.

Once five minutes passed, he finally released Boone from the Dimensional Space.

Boone now lay on the ground with vacant eyes, resembling a vegetable.

Zhang Yi had Hua Hua press down on his body. Even though he'd been injected with the drug, he had to prevent any potential drug resistance that might allow Boone to suddenly resist.

As it turned out, Zhang Yi's caution was unnecessary, but he'd rather do some extra work than make a mistake.

In battles between high-level superhumans, the smallest oversight could cost someone their life.

Zhang Yi activated the Absolute Barrier Between Two Realms, taking every possible precaution.

Then he forcibly fed Boone a bottle of Truth Serum.

The suffering he'd endured before wasn't wasted - it had given him plenty of battlefield experience.

This stuff was extremely useful for interrogating enemies and obtaining intelligence.

"Now, tell me how many of you came this time. And what each person's abilities are!"

Zhang Yi stared intently into Boone's eyes as he spoke.

If Boone made any strange movements, Zhang Yi would immediately decapitate him.

However, no reversal occurred.

Boone's mental state was nearly shattered, and combined with the Truth Serum's effects, he spilled everything he knew to Zhang Yi.

"This time, four factions landed on the island. The Colombian Navy dispatched Hell's Lock."

"The Izumo organization from Neon Pirate sent two top combatants from 【Pillar of the Gods】 - Tsukuyomi and Kagutsuchi."

"From the Pelican organization's 【Takamagahara】 came Amaterasu and Susanoo. We have no intelligence on their abilities."

"As for New Rohan and Malai, those trash are too weak - they're just here to make up the numbers."

Boone's tone carried calm contempt when mentioning New Rohan and Malai.

But he clearly regarded the Neon Pirate superhumans with much more respect.

Zhang Yi also realized that the Neon Pirate superhumans were evidently much stronger.

However, after experiencing the Moon of Corrosion uprising, he had already suspected this might be the case.

After all, Neon Pirate itself had a large population and considerable strength.

Analyzing from a power perspective, perhaps Neon Pirate's overall strength approached that of one major region of the Huaxu Kingdom.

"What about your Hell's Lock? How many came, and what are each person's abilities and superhuman ability index? Answer me!"

Zhang Yi demanded coldly.

"All Hell's Lock members came except for that bastard Cadillus."

"The members are Deputy Captain **【Billy the Kid】** Yasin Canero, superhuman ability index 9900 points. He's the Colombian Navy's true hidden boss, valued even more than Cadillus."

" **【Hunting God Ullr】** Vito Baldia. Superhuman ability index 9800 points, a hunting-crazed madman. No one he targets has ever survived."

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Zhang Yi listened silently to Boone's explanation, gaining a general understanding of the opponents he would soon face.

"This intelligence is very important to me. I should thank you."

Zhang Yi looked at the vacant-eyed Boone, a slight smile curling at the corner of his mouth.

If he hadn't obtained this intelligence and learned about his opponents' abilities in advance, he would have needed to expend great effort figuring out their abilities and weaknesses when they met again.

But Boone had perfectly solved this problem for him.

Perhaps the Colombian Navy themselves couldn't imagine that their powerful Hell's Lock members could actually be captured alive.

"Thank you very much for your contribution."

Zhang Yi stripped off Boone's combat suit.

After carefully examining it, he couldn't help but feel impressed.

The Columbus Ocean nation's military and technological power indeed surpassed the Huaxu Kingdom's.

Their military budget, several times larger than the Huaxu Kingdom's annual spending, wasn't wasted - even the superhumans' combat suits were better than Zhang Yi's.

However, this wasn't a major problem.

Now that he had obtained the combat suit, he could have Lu Keran replicate it later - this good equipment would belong to him.

Zhang Yi thoroughly looted everything from Boone's body, including the combat suit, close-fitting combat gear, and various other items.

To put it simply, he only left Boone with his Columbus Ocean underwear.

Then, Zhang Yi thrust his blade straight through Boone's heart, dark void flames igniting and devouring Boone's body.

Only after confirming that Boone wouldn't suddenly counterattack did Zhang Yi reach out to begin absorbing Boone's origin power.

Hell's Lock members were all high-level superhumans, their origin power exceptionally abundant.

This absorption felt like drinking a sweet milk tea to Zhang Yi - quite a substantial supplement.

It restored his consumed superhuman abilities to their original state.

However, the effect on enhancing his superhuman abilities wasn't particularly significant.

Zhang Yi couldn't help but sigh: "As expected, advancement becomes more difficult the further you go? Superhumans of this level are considered top-tier combatants in today's superhuman world, yet they barely provide significant improvement for me."

"Indeed, I still need to find more prey."

Thinking this, Zhang Yi immediately made a decision.

He took out the communication device from Boone's combat suit and sliced it with his blade!

Sparks flew everywhere - even the most durable materials shattered into several pieces under the Adamantine Metal's cutting edge.

Zhang Yi stood up, with the enlarged Hua Hua and Lele behind him - they had already finished devouring the Mountain Boar King.

"I'll be waiting here for you to come find me, Hell's Lock!"

A meaningful smile appeared on Zhang Yi's lips before he turned and disappeared into the thick toxic miasma.

He left Boone's now-empty skull lying on the ground where it was.

#### Chapter 966: The Difficulty of Promotion

Hermit Boone's communication signal was cut off.

Throughout the Colombian Navy's temporary command center, red alarm sounds echoed in the conference room, urgent and heart-racing.

This was an emergency alarm that only sounded when something very significant occurred.

An officer hurried over and reported to General Huo En, the operation's overall commander:

"General, [Thor]'s communication signal has been cut off! It should be a communication equipment malfunction."

Huo En suddenly raised his head, his gaze as sharp as a bald eagle's.

"Communication signal cut off? How is that possible!"

The communication equipment was all integrated into the combat suits.

And the combat suits of Hell's Lock were made from the highest-grade military materials.

Even if there was a mechanical failure, there were backups.

So this message meant that Boon was extremely likely already dead in battle!

The officer said: "General, while I don't want to say this, the intelligence indeed shows exactly that. And not long ago, Thor was pursuing that superhuman codenamed [Chaos], and..." He raised his head, cautiously glanced at Huo En, then continued: "They engaged in intense combat."

Huo En's large hooked nose uncontrollably flared slightly, his breathing instantly becoming heavy.

He turned his head and looked at the rapidly flashing red dot marking Boon's location area.

"You're saying Thor has already been killed, correct?"

The officer responded truthfully: "That possibility indeed exists. If not killed, then captured. I believe the former possibility is higher."

He couldn't imagine anyone being able to capture a member of Hell's Lock alive.

Huo En's expression was extremely dark as he stared at the location on the three-dimensional map, remaining silent for a long time.

Only the second day of the operation, and a member of Hell's Lock was suspected dead?

This created a huge deviation from their plan.

Lieutenant Colonel Micah Colludy walked over and, seeing General Huo En's gloomy expression, couldn't help but swallow.

When they originally sent Boon to hunt Chaos, they all considered it a sure thing. Even if he couldn't complete the mission, with Thor's abilities, if he wanted to escape, few could kill him.

Yet now, the iron-clad reality was before them.

Boon was most likely dead.

"General Huo En..."

Huo En didn't look at him, instead saying: "Pull up that Chaos's file! I want to see exactly how he could defeat Thor!"

Their collection of information about Zhang Yi wasn't comprehensive.

Because Zhang Yi previously had no notable combat record at sea.

And the naval personnel who had seen him fight were basically all dead.

Cadillus did briefly engage Zhang Yi, but Zhang Yi only displayed his powerful defensive capabilities, nothing more.

Therefore, the intelligence collection wasn't complete.

Huo En watched as his subordinates pulled up the file, his gaze profound as he stared at Zhang Yi's information.

"This guy, what exactly does he want to do?"

General Huo En's face was full of confusion.

"If he has such powerful strength, he should logically be competing for the Divine Source. So why is he hunting superhumans in the peripheral areas instead?"

"Could he be a decoy deliberately sent by Huaxu Kingdom to distract us?"

"No, impossible! Who would send such a high-level superhuman as a decoy? That would be equivalent to sending Navy SEALs to look for missing children."

Colludy offered his own perspective.

"Perhaps for him, hunting superhumans is more valuable than competing for the Divine Source."

"According to our intelligence, Chaos comes from the Jiangnan Region. And the Jiangnan Region's strength is weaker than the East Sea Region's, so this operation is led by the East Sea Region."

"Therefore, even if Chaos obtained the Divine Source, he might not truly possess it."

Hearing this, Huo En looked strangely perplexed.

"Does hunting still have meaning for him? His superhuman ability index must be at least above 9800 points, approaching the 10,000-point threshold!"

"Only the Divine Source can help him break through the Delta-level bottleneck."

Colludy pondered for a moment before slowly saying: "Perhaps he has no threshold?"

Huo En slightly frowned: "What do you mean by that?"

Colludy rubbed his chin, "Maybe his potential itself is Epsilon-level. So for him, he only needs to hunt high-level superhumans to complete his upgrade, rather than necessarily competing with others for the Divine Source."

Pausing for a moment, he added: "Just like [Billy the Kid]."

Hearing this, Huo En relaxed his furrowed brow.

"If that's the case, then it's even less reasonable. We all know that even superhumans with Epsilon-level talent find crossing that threshold not so easy."

"If it were really that simple, the number of Epsilon-level individuals in Colombia now would at least double!"

Colludy's face, however, revealed a strange smile.

"Oh, General Huo En. Maybe he simply doesn't know about this?"

"According to the intelligence we've obtained, this superhuman codenamed Chaos has a cooperative relationship with the Jiangnan Region, rather than being directly subordinate to the Jiangnan Region headquarters."

Huo En thought for a moment, somewhat surprised, and said: "You mean to say that Huaxu Kingdom's Jiangnan Region hasn't been fully cultivating him? So a superhuman who should have become Epsilon-level has delayed his own advancement due to internal friction?"

Colludy said with a smile: "Isn't that very common? Their place has always been like that."

"Capable people who don't demonstrate loyalty and become someone's trusted followers will definitely be underutilized due to suspicion."

"[Connections] are more important than ability there."

Huo En let out a long sigh and shook his head, saying: "I can't really understand it. But over the years, many outstanding talents from Huaxu Kingdom have indeed joined our Colombia."

Colludy, however, said: "This is good news for us!"

His gaze sharpened: "If Chaos really is a quasi-Epsilon-level superhuman, we can completely eliminate him before he fully grows!"

"This way we can eliminate a powerful opponent in advance!"

Huo En nodded, agreeing with Colludy's approach.

Moreover, Boon was dead. No matter what, they had to deliver a thunderous counterstrike to maintain the Colombian Navy's dignity and intimidate their opponents!

Huo En placed his hands on the workstation, his eyes fixed intently on the three-dimensional map before him.

"Billy the Kid still has important work to complete. Don't let anyone disturb him from obtaining the Divine Source."

"So the task of hunting [Chaos] will be handed over to Uller to handle!"

Chapter 967: Uller

Among the seven members of Hell's Lock, each was a top-tier superhuman selected from thousands.

Every one of them possessed extraordinary abilities.

The third-ranked member of the team, Vito Baldia with the codename [Hunting God Ullr], was a superhuman most skilled in hunting.

With a superhuman ability index of 9800 points, no prey he targeted had ever escaped.

If making a comparison, when comparing him to Dragon King Li Fengxian who also had 9800 points, his combat power completely surpassed Li Fengxian by one level!

Because he himself was originally a member of the most elite Navy SEALs from the Columbus Ocean, having undergone the most rigorous training.

Moreover, he was also a veteran who had participated in multiple battles.

Even back on the battlefield, the number of enemies who died by his hand exceeded triple digits, which was an extremely terrifying number in modern warfare!

Add to that the most advanced weapons and equipment provided to him by the Colombian Navy.

This made many people feel chills all over their bodies upon hearing his name.

Huo En recognized Chaos's fearsomeness, so he directly dispatched Ullr to hunt him down.

However, he also learned from previous lessons.

"Members of Hell's Lock all have their own tasks, so it's impossible to dispatch more than two Hell's Lock members simultaneously to surround and eliminate a single enemy superhuman."

"But the strategy of reinforcing piecemeal is absolutely not advisable."

Huo En ordered people to send messages to every superhuman from allied nations on Star Island.

He directly increased the bounty on [Chaos] to 1 billion points!

These points were enough to exchange for supplies worth 1 billion Columbus dollars.

Such an enormous bounty shocked every superhuman in the joint forces on the battlefield!

Even the officers in the command center looked astonished.

"Such a high bounty amount represents a huge expense even for our naval base! Should we first request instructions from Commander Douglas?"

Huo En's eyes fixed on the location where Boon had fallen, and he said coldly, "No! An enemy with Epsilon-level potential absolutely deserves such a bounty!"

He had to mobilize as much power as possible on Star Island to strangle this potential threat!

On Star Island.

Amidst the ruins, blood and corpses were everywhere.

A reconnaissance team from the East Sea Region that had arrived here early for exploration had already been completely wiped out.

On the crimson snow-covered ground, several huge gray wolves bared their teeth, scanning the surroundings with fierce gazes.

"There are no other enemies nearby anymore."

A man wearing grayish-white combat suits walked over. He reached out and gently stroked the gray wolf's head while holding a massive compound bow wrapped in gray cloth strips in his left hand.

He was the third-ranked member of Hell's Lock—Vito Baldia with the codename [Ullr].

Ullr was the hunting god in Norse mythology, also the snow god.

When winter arrived, he would replace the All-Father Odin's position and rule over the divine realm.

And this ice age seemed to belong precisely to his era.

As Baldia was stroking the gray wolf's fur with his glove, suddenly a command from the command center came through his communication device.

Baldia listened silently, a trace of mockery flashing in his eyes.

"Mm, I understand."

He ended the call, looked up at the sky, and suddenly sighed, "Hermit Boone, what a useless guy. Died so quickly!"

"However, it seems a rather interesting prey has appeared here."

He couldn't help but lick the corner of his mouth. The feeling of encountering a powerful prey made his entire being excited.

"Then, let the hunt begin!"

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After Zhang Yi killed Boon, he uploaded this information back to the command center.

After all, he couldn't possibly pass up the points for killing a high-level superhuman.

The command center quickly analyzed the superhuman he had killed based on the footage Zhang Yi sent back.

"It's a member of Hell's Lock, codename [Thor the Thunder God]! His superhuman ability index reached as high as 9600 points!"

The intelligence officer quickly reported this information to the high-level officials in the command center.

Situ Xin's eyes widened suddenly, his face unable to suppress overwhelming joy.

"Hehe, Chaos did quite well! To kill a member of Hell's Lock so quickly."

As Situ Xin spoke, he smiled and looked at the officers from the East Sea Region, especially Li Tianyang.

The officers from the Jiangnan Region also showed expressions of happiness and pride on their faces.

When standing, they straightened their backs even more.

From the beginning of the joint operation until now, the East Sea Region had always displayed an overbearing attitude, looking down on them.

Li Tianyang had even bluntly mocked them for lacking sufficient strength.

Yet now, the frequent victories on the battlefield were all from superhumans of the Jiangnan Region!

This was somewhat embarrassing for them.

Li Tianyang's expression indeed turned somewhat unpleasant.

"Chaos again?"

Previously, he could still say that those Zhang Yi killed were just small fry, not worth mentioning.

But he absolutely couldn't dismiss members of Hell's Lock as insignificant!

They had been dealing with the Colombian Navy at sea for many years.

They understood the strength of Hell's Lock members all too well.

It was precisely those people who forced them unable to leave the blockade chain and enter the ocean areas.

Although Li Tianyang's expression was unpleasant, this time he couldn't continue with his sarcastic remarks anymore.

He could only endure the discomfort in his heart and said coldly, "Well done! Announce this news to everyone, let them know that Hell's Lock isn't so invincible either!"

Soon, the news that [Chaos] had killed [Thor] spread throughout the entire Huaxu Kingdom superhuman forces on Star Island.

This news shocked everyone.

When Lu Huang, captain of the Demon Squad, learned this news, his eyes turned sharp.

"This guy keeps stealing the spotlight! I can't let him have all the glory!"

He clenched his fists, wishing he could immediately find a superhuman from the joint forces on this battlefield and engage in combat.

However, the entire toxic miasma zone was equivalent to three Tianhai Cities in size.

Unless one was a superhuman like Zhang Yi with special abilities, how could finding prey be so easy?

Everyone was cautiously advancing through the thick fog.

While searching for prey weaker than themselves, they also had to avoid encountering overly powerful opponents.

Just as Lu Huang was filled with fighting spirit, murderous intent swirling in his eyes, a soft, slender hand wearing silver gloves rested on his shoulder.

"Captain, you need to control your emotions, okay!"

Lu Huang turned his head and saw a sweet, gentle face smiling at him.

Lu Huang wasn't tall, only 160 cm.

But that delicate, lovely woman had to bend down to comfort him, which made her height somewhat exaggerated.

She was Li Yue, deputy captain of the Demon Squad, 180 cm tall with a slender figure, sweet face, and flowing long hair.

But none of that was the main point.

The main point was her exaggerated figure that could make the vast majority of women feel inferior, giving off a maternal aura everywhere.

Combined with her rare 180 cm stature, the visual impact was absolutely maximized.

Chapter 968: Billy the Kid

Li Yue's comfort brought a touch of rosy color to Lu Huang's face.

He coldly turned his head away to avoid letting others see his expression.

Lu Huang said, "I know that even without your reminder!"

He secretly clenched his fist.

But at this moment, the desire for slaughter within him was surging.

The most dangerous existence in this investigation team had been unable to suppress his inner wildness since the moment he set foot on the island.

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Other superhumans from the two major districts also received the news.

Some were shocked, some were envious, some just smiled slightly, thinking they should continue working hard too.

But without exception, they were all happy and greatly encouraged by Zhang Yi's achievement of killing Boon.

The Ironblood Squad was currently moving through a thick toxic miasma fog in Makipo City.

Captain Lilong was always completely wrapped up, with even his face firmly covered by a mask, not a single patch of skin visible.

He had just learned the news of Zhang Yi killing Boon, his dry throat emitting a hoarse sound.

"He's really a surprising guy."

He adjusted his white gloves and said calmly, "However, our mission isn't slaughter, but finding the Divine Source."

"If we can avoid battles, we should try our best to do so."

"Because in the coming time, battles will become increasingly frequent. Only those who successfully survive to the end will have the qualification to participate in the competition for the Divine Source."

The team members behind him were similarly completely wrapped in dark green combat suits, with even the style of their head coverings closely resembling old-fashioned gas masks.

Zhang Yi attracting the attention of the joint forces on the periphery had created favorable conditions for them.

Lilong led his team members, unhurriedly following the marks left by the reconnaissance unit.

But suddenly, Lilong's combat suit received an audio signal.

"Crunch—"

That was the sound of leather boots stepping on snow.

"Someone's coming!"

Lilong raised a hand, and all the superhuman team members stopped in a well-trained manner, then quickly deployed into formation.

Gunners raised their weapons aiming forward, while several burly enhancement-type empowered individuals stood in front of the team.

Lilong himself walked at the very front of the formation, his hands suddenly swinging out to both sides, revealing ten metal blades like claws and fangs from his combat suit!

All were weapons made of Adamantine Metal, which could even penetrate diamond.

Just from his weapons alone, one could tell this was an extremely dangerous close-quarters combat expert.

The toxic miasma slowly parted, and a Western man with a peculiar appearance walked out, appearing before the Ironblood Squad.

The reason he was described as having a peculiar appearance was because the style of his combat suit was very novel.

It was that retro Western cowboy style, with a large felt hat on his head and calfskin boots on his feet.

Two revolvers at his waist, one gold and one silver, both decorated with elegant golden gorse patterns.

"It seems I've found prey too."

The man's lips curved into a smile.

Since it was confirmed they weren't allies, they were enemies.

The Ironblood Squad members didn't hesitate in the slightest before launching their attack.

Lilong's [Ten Claws] opened with a "clang," crimson blood energy beginning to boil around him.

However, even though they attacked first.

Before they could even make their move, the world before them underwent a strange transformation.

Streaks of white light passed through the space before their eyes, as if dividing space into countless pieces.

Time seemed to slow down, as if an entire century had passed.

And the scene before each Ironblood Squad member was changing.

In their daze, they seemed to leave this toxic miasma-covered area, returning to their hometowns, seeing their childhoods and various past events.

Only Lilong, at the critical moment, dodged the fatal attack.

Yet in an instant, all his team members around him had their heads pierced through by that white light.

The reason they felt time slowing down was simply because they were dying.

Lilong's pupils sharply contracted; in his entire life, he had never encountered such a terrifying opponent.

From beginning to end, he hadn't even seen how the enemy before him had made his move, yet his team members were already dead.

But now, he had no time to think about that.

Because although he had dodged the bullet aimed at his forehead, his shoulder was still heavily hit.

That shot pierced through his combat suit, shattered his shoulder, sending metal components scattering through the air in disarray.

The cowboy still hadn't reached for his guns.

Or perhaps he had already drawn them, but his speed was simply too fast, so fast that these superhumans couldn't perceive him firing at all.

Nor could they perceive that they were already dead.

"Whoosh!" "Whoosh!" "Whoosh!"

Bullets cut through space, emitting sharp yet faint whistles; when facing life and death, the world before one's eyes becomes blurred and slow.

Lilong's body was pierced by three bullets, his arm, right chest, and waist simultaneously hit.

But what flew out were all mechanical components.

"BOOM!!"

Lilong's body underwent a violent explosion, his head flying high from his neck, then using the force of this explosion to quickly flee into the distance.

The cowboy looked somewhat surprised at the half-corpses remnant left before him: "An artificial human? How very cyberpunk!"

A leisurely smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.

But deep within that remnant, a red light was flashing frantically.

Soon after, the entire area was enveloped in dazzling white light, the shockwave from the violent explosion destroying everything within several kilometers!

Captain-level superhumans all carried such mutually assured destruction self-destruct devices.

Lilong, as an artificial human, had his bomb inside his body.

This move was his final trump card.

But after using it, he didn't pause for even a moment, instead quickly running into the distance.

Because he could sense that the superhuman he had encountered was terrifyingly powerful!

Just one encounter had left him completely unable to fight back.

Lilong never could have imagined his luck would be so bad.

The first enemy he encountered was actually the deputy captain of Hell's Lock, [Billy the Kid] Yasin Canero.

"I must escape, encountering such a monster, there's absolutely no possibility of winning!"

Before absolute strength, even his proud tactics had completely lost their effectiveness.

The other party had destroyed the entire Ironblood Squad with just one move. How was he supposed to fight someone like that?

But the next moment, a bullet shot from a distant place, piercing through Lilong's head.

Lilong's head was pierced through front to back, the most important part of his body now destroyed as well.

In his final moments before death, a kaleidoscope of lights flashed in Lilong's eyes.

He transmitted everything that had happened today to the command center.

Soon after, the cowboy walked over, reached out and picked up his head.

After just one look, he disappointedly threw it on the ground.

The head was completely destroyed, the origin dissipated, already useless.

Chapter 969: Destiny

The deaths of Lilong and the entire Ironblood Squad poured cold water over the command centers of the two major regions.

"Billy the Kid! This guy's strength is even more terrifying than before!" Li Tianyang said in a deep voice.

However, from the intelligence transmitted by Lilong before his death, they couldn't even obtain much useful information.

Situ Xin felt somewhat frustrated in his heart. An investigation team captain had died just like that.

Moreover, he was instantly killed by the opponent!

He looked at Li Tianyang. "Minister Li, who is this person?"

Li Tianyang replied, "The second-in-command of Hell's Lock, whose combat power is second only to the Lord of the Ocean."

"We've had several encounters with Hell's Lock at sea and have never gained any advantage against Billy the Kid."

Hearing this, Situ Xin immediately understood that the East Sea Region must have suffered losses at Billy the Kid's hands.

He walked over and said to the technician, "Slow down the video transmitted by Lilong before his death! I want to see exactly how he made his move."

The technician immediately began analyzing that segment of video.

Eight times, sixteen times, thirty-two times.

Only when slowed down by over a thousand times did they vaguely see Billy the Kid's movements.

He didn't do anything particularly special.

He simply placed his hands on his revolvers, then pulled the triggers six times in succession.

After that, he withdrew his hands.

There were no fancy maneuvers at all; it was just that his speed of execution was too fast.

After watching it, Situ Xin fell into a prolonged silence.

If someone encountered such an opponent unprepared, who could possibly dodge his bullets?

The first person that came to his mind was Zhang Yi.

Probably only Zhang Yi's defensive capability that almost ignored physical attacks could withstand it.

He looked at Li Tianyang, a faint, elusive smile playing at the corner of his mouth.

"Minister Li, facing such a powerful opponent, our Jiangnan Region's strength is too low, I'm afraid we cannot withstand him. Now we've even sacrificed an entire investigation team."

"I wonder if you have any methods to deal with such a formidable enemy?"

Li Tianyang glanced coldly at Situ Xin, snorted disdainfully, and proudly clasped his hands behind his back.

"Of course!"

"The Colombian Navy has their experts, but our East Sea Region also has strong individuals not inferior to theirs!"

"It remains to be seen who will emerge victorious!"

Situ Xin didn't express agreement or disagreement, but he began to feel somewhat worried inside.

If more than two captain-level superhumans were sacrificed during this operation, it would be a cost difficult for them to bear.

"Since things have come to this, we should quickly inform everyone about Billy the Kid's abilities. Let them take precautions early!"

Li Tianyang nodded. He naturally understood this point clearly.

However, facing that kind of simple yet formidable ability, even taking precautions might not necessarily be useful.

They could only routinely notify everyone and let them figure out how to deal with it when encountering Billy the Kid.

When Zhang Yi received the footage, he pondered for a moment.

In the end, he just said lightly, "I'm not going to compete with them for that so-called Divine Source anyway. It's irrelevant."

"But this guy... he looks like he'd be quite delicious."

Two days after landing on Star Island, captain-level figures finally began to die.

Zhang Yi killed Hermit Boone.

Yasin Canero killed Lilong.

This also made everyone on the island begin to feel an intense sense of crisis.

Top-tier superhumans who were once arrogant and domineering in the outside world could also die so simply here.

This also caused the movement speed of superhuman teams to begin slowing down.

Because advancing too hastily could potentially expose their position, making them targets for others' hunting.

However, some people still strode forward boldly.

For example, Billy the Kid Yasin Canero, Qinglong Xu Xiaolong, and an old acquaintance of Zhang Yi's, Dragon King Li Fengxian.

People from various forces began engaging in both open and covert struggles, hunting and killing each other in this misty forest.

Almost everyone's target was the ultimate Divine Source, except for Zhang Yi.

With a cat and a dog, after killing Boon, he continued to conceal himself in the darkness.

On one hand, to prevent retaliation from the joint forces; on the other hand, to wait for opportunities to continue hunting new prey.

The most ideal situation, of course, would be to ambush others while they were fighting.

However, as everyone began to be more cautious, such opportunities also started to become fewer.

Yet, in this area, there was no absolute safety.

Not long after Zhang Yi concealed himself in the darkness, at the battlefield where he had killed Boon, a huge gray wolf nearly as tall as a person slowly emerged from the toxic miasma.

It came to the spot where Boon had died. The bloodstains on the ground had long been cleaned up by Zhang Yi.

However, scent cannot be completely eliminated.

A gray wolf's sense of smell is extremely sharp.

It carefully sniffed the ground, and soon, more gray wolves emerged from the mist in other directions.

They gathered in this area, not letting go of any suspicious scent.

Behind the gray wolves walked out a middle-aged man holding a massive compound bow, with a robust physique.

He had tough stubble on his chin, and while not particularly tall, his combat suit-covered body gave off a solid, sturdy feeling.

Like the dwarves from myths and legends, possessing immense strength.

After he arrived, the nearby gray wolves automatically made way for him, bowing their heads to him as if showing reverence to a wolf king.

Hunting God Ullr, Vito Baldia placed his hand on the head of a gray wolf.

"Have you memorized that guy's scent?"

The gray wolves quietly gathered together, surrounding Baldia in the center as if paying homage.

They closed their eyes, and from the center of their foreheads, a hazy white mark began to appear.

Like fragmented puzzle pieces, they converged piece by piece onto the compound bow in Baldia's hand.

As the puzzle pieces slowly gathered, they gradually formed a silver-white hexagram that clearly flashed once.

Simultaneously, the same white hexagram lit up in Baldia's eyes.

"He has already been captured by the fate of death!"

After saying this, Baldia raised his compound bow and slowly drew it back with his right hand.

A silver arrow condensed between his fingers, nocked on the bowstring of that compound bow.

Baldia aimed the arrow toward the sky. In his eyes, he saw a white hexagram flashing in the air.

Baldia released his right hand, and the arrow shot toward the sky with a "whoosh!"

At this moment, Zhang Yi had just found a new hiding spot.

It was an inconspicuous apartment building. He brought Hua Hua and Lele, hiding in a room of over a hundred square meters.

Just as he had set up his sniper rifle and was planning to ambush passing superhumans.

Suddenly, a sense of crisis enveloped him.

Chapter 970: Locked

The night sky over Golden Phoenix City was illuminated by a massive hexagram shimmering above the toxic miasma.

Moments later, a streak of light like a comet piercing the moon shot through the hexagram, then arced through the air toward a location over ten kilometers away.

Zhang Yi looked up, "seeing" that point of light in the sky carrying lethal killing power, heading straight for him!

"Have I been discovered?"

Zhang Yi frowned. "As expected, being a hunter carries risks too!"

As he spoke, Zhang Yi had already opened a Dimensional Gate in front of the building. A massive spatial portal nearly enveloped the entire structure!

The streak of light arrived in the blink of an eye.

"Buzz—"

A strange ripple spread through the air as the glowing arrow vanished into Zhang Yi's Dimensional Space.

Zhang Yi closed the Dimensional Space portal.

But then something bizarre happened.

The arrow inside his Dimensional Space was rampaging wildly, not pausing for even a moment. Even though time was infinitely slowed, it still struggled forward relentlessly.

"What formidable power!"

Zhang Yi's gaze turned serious.

He didn't want to absorb this power, so he opened the Dimensional Gate and released the arrow.

But after the arrow flew out, it actually curved mid-air and shot toward Zhang Yi again!

"Lock-on attack?"

This was Zhang Yi's first encounter with such an outrageous technique, reminiscent of sidewinder missiles.

The arrow's speed was too fast, forcing Zhang Yi to open his Dimensional Space again for interception.

The arrow re-entered the Dimensional Space.

But its presence left Zhang Yi with a major problem.

It kept flying continuously, trying to find the exit from the Dimensional Space. And whenever Zhang Yi opened the Dimensional Gate, it would escape and continue attacking him.

"So this kind of attack can only be forcibly destroyed through combat power. It can't be reflected back like before?"

Zhang Yi murmured to himself.

At that moment, Hua Hua's warning growl sounded. Lele also looked up and emitted continuous low barks.

Zhang Yi turned to look at the sky.

At this moment, he saw a sky full of star-like rain approaching. Dozens of identical silver-light arrows traced perfect arcs through the air, shooting toward Zhang Yi!

"If it can't be absorbed, then it must be destroyed!"

Zhang Yi's eyes turned cold and sharp. He knew he had encountered a very powerful opponent this time.

The combat AI system had already determined the enemy's location through arrow analysis.

"Target distance: 13.8 kilometers from this position."

"So that's it. They can lock onto my position from half a city away and launch attacks. There's a real expert here!"

Zhang Yi directly activated spatial acceleration, drawing Holy Judgment with his right hand as fierce Void Black Flames enveloped the blade.

Facing the massive meteor shower, he swung his blade upward toward the sky!

The black flames roared fiercely, rising against the sky like a dark river that directly swallowed the dozens of arrows!

But moments later, Zhang Yi's pupils contracted.

Because he saw several arrows piercing through his defense line, breaking through the black flames!

"The power of these arrows is stronger than I imagined!"

The arrows were too fast and too powerful, so much so that Zhang Yi's Void Slash couldn't completely intercept them.

He made a decision and directly opened the Dimensional Gate.

The arrow inside instantly flew out.

Meanwhile, Zhang Yi simultaneously opened a second Dimensional Gate, instantly retreating one kilometer away.

The arrows maintained their speed without slowing, flying straight toward Zhang Yi.

Zhang Yi drew White Owl, firing several precise shots.

The silver Sacred Silver bullets, enhanced by Zhang Yi's ability, had reached Mach-level speeds. With just a thought, they could automatically lock onto targets within his field of vision.

"Bang!" "Bang!" "Bang!"

The Sacred Silver bullets collided with the silver-light arrows mid-air, producing violent explosions!

The tremendous kinetic energy from supersonic flight was so powerful it made people's ears ache.

Zhang Yi immediately understood the nature of these arrows.

They were pure energy entities.

So using Sacred Silver bullets against them was very appropriate.

And now, what he needed to consider was: who exactly was hunting him?

"Someone who can threaten me from over ten kilometers away—not simple at all!"

Zhang Yi gazed into the distance. The combat suit's intelligent system could provide distance and position based on the trajectory.

But Zhang Yi absolutely couldn't charge recklessly right now.

Because putting himself in the other's position—if he were a superhuman skilled in long-range attacks, he would never put himself in a position vulnerable to close-quarters assault before attacking.

"If it were me, I'd set up various traps around me sufficient to kill the opponent. Then wait for them to come to their death."

Zhang Yi quickly reached an answer in his mind.

"But if I don't approach, I can only become their living target."

The opponent's attack range was too large—attacking from half a city away, comparable to tactical missiles.

Even Zhang Yi couldn't achieve something like this.

He just didn't know yet how the opponent was locking onto him.

Meanwhile, in the distant location, Baldier looked into the distance. He could sense the arrows' echoes. As long as the hexagram hadn't disappeared, it meant the arrows hadn't killed their target.

Baldier showed no urgency at all, instead drawing his compound bow to full draw again.

Then a new wave of arrow rain burst forth like a waterfall!

Before Zhang Yi could figure out his next move, he saw hundreds of white light rains in the sky rushing toward him.

The attack was beautifully spectacular, like a meteor shower, but every arrow was saturated with terrifying power and killing intent!

This seemed to be some kind of rule-based lock-on attack. Even using Dimensional Space absorption couldn't completely eliminate it, and once the Dimensional Space opened again, it would still fly out and continue attacking Zhang Yi.

Meaning, facing this attack method, the only option was to confront it head-on, eliminating them one by one!

"What a hunter!"

Zhang Yi dual-wielded White Owl, maximizing his speed while using spatial power to lock onto every arrow.

Then, Sacred Silver bullets rapidly shot through the air!

"Hua Hua, go find him!"

Zhang Yi simultaneously gave the command to Hua Hua.

The opponent's attacks seemed to target only him, not Hua Hua or Lele.

So Zhang Yi would engage the opponent here while sending Hua Hua to locate their position.

Currently, Hua Hua's defensive capabilities had reached terrifying levels, with reaction speeds far surpassing humans.

In pure close-quarters combat, even Zhang Yi was no match for it.

"Meow—"

Hua Hua howled, then vanished from the spot like a whirlwind, charging toward the source of the arrows according to Zhang Yi's guidance.