

## Leveling Up 171

### Chapter 171 – Acting Brazen When I’m Giving You Face

“Ding!”

Another crisp sounding system alert tone was heard.

Luo Tian was about to die from happiness upon seeing the progression bar for the Ten Thousand Beast Lineage.

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for gaining the blood essence of the Blue-eyed Toad. Will you be fusing with it?”

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for collecting 9,999 types of bloodline. You are now only 1 blood essence away from the Ten Thousand Beast Lineage!”

“Motherf\*cker!”

“I’m only missing one more!”

Luo Tian’s eyes seem to suddenly glow brightly as he became ecstatic.

Luo Tian had actually never thought of fusing with the Ten Thousand Beast Lineage.

What he really wanted was a bloodline that was considered undefeatable!

The Azure Dragon bloodline, the Vermillion Bird bloodline... the bloodline of the four divine beasts; those were the bloodlines that he wanted. Even though the bloodline from gathering the blood essence of ten thousand beasts should be strong, could it be stronger than an Azure Dragon's?

Murong Wanjian had the bloodline of a true dragon.

For Luo Tian to get the Ten Thousand Beast Lineage, wouldn't that be a bit inferior to his?

In order to crush Murong Wanjian, Luo Tian wanted to completely steamroll over him. Not only was it strength, martial skills and equipment, Luo Tian wanted to crush him with his bloodline as well. Luo Tian wanted to crush him to the point where he didn't even have time to gasp for air. This was what he truly wanted to accomplish.

There wasn't too much difference between the Azure Dragon's bloodline and a true dragon's bloodline; most likely just a level difference.

But Luo Tian wasn't going to give up.

He wanted the Azure Dragon, White Tiger, Vermillion Bird, and the Black Tortoise bloodline to be merged together. This way, it could surpass the true dragon bloodline by a mile so that Luo Tian could completely and utterly crush Murong Wanjian!

Even though Luo Tian didn't need all the blood essence...

There was someone else that did need it!

Feng Lei!

Fatty Lei made breakthroughs by devouring blood essence which showed his ability was very special for a human. When he was fighting Chen Zhong in Jade Mountain City, blood colored scales appeared on his arm. Luo Tian could tell that the fatty's transformation was not simple, so what would happen if he absorbed ten thousand different blood essences?

And these blood essences he would be absorbing were all from high ranked demonic beasts. These high quality essences contained a very powerful energy within them, so most likely when the fatty devours them...

Luo Tian was really looking forward to that day!

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“Achoo~ achoo~, who’s thinking about me?”

“Could it be that boss is thinking of me?”

At the entrance to Heavenly Sword City.

There was a burly looking guy with huge muscles filled with explosive power.

His height reached 2.5 meters and his body weight was nearly 300 jins (150kg ~ 330lbs). He was carrying a Tang blade made from the bones of a demonic beast that gave off a domineering aura. The whole image of him was very eye-catching which caused the people nearby to avoid him like they were afraid of messing with this angry looking Buddha.

This was the fatty – Feng Lei!

He had arrived at Heavenly Sword City earlier than planned!

At this time...

He was holding onto a little girl in white clothing with her face covered, while standing at the main gate.

Looking up at the wall that seemed to reach the clouds, he mumbled: “It’s so big and tall. So this is the legendary Heavenly Sword City huh?”

“Heh heh...”

“Boss, I’ve arrived here first.” Feng Lei grinned foolishly while his heart with filled with longing. He became emotional when he realized that there would still be close to nine months before he would meet up with the boss again. According to Luo Tian’s instructions, he had to break into the Profound Grandmaster realm within ten months time.

But he only required less than two months to break through!

This guy’s speed in making breakthroughs was also perverted!

“Brother fatty, quickly look at those candied haws! Candied haws, candied, haws, I want to eat candied haws...”

This little girl was naturally An Chunchun.

An Chunchun let go of fatty’s hand and ran off.

Feng Lei ran off to catch up to her while making a promise in his heart.

“Boss!”

“Before your arrival to the Heavenly Sword City, I will definitely carve out a territory for you! Heh heh...”

This was the reason Feng Lei came to Heavenly Sword City earlier than the appointed date.

He knew the reason why Luo Tian was coming to the Heavenly Sword City and counting on just them alone to rescue An Chunchun’s mother wasn’t realistic. Within the Great Tang’s imperial city, they needed their own sphere of influence!

But...

Wanting to establish a new force in the imperial city was extremely hard, to the point that it was nearly impossible!

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Ghostly Mountain Range.

With the flames burning and the meat grilling, Luo Tian currently had a leisurely expression on his face. He was only a single drop of blood away from the Ten Thousand Blood Lineage, and it was going to be fatty's big present. If he found out about it, most likely he would wake up from smiling in his sleep.

"So delicious!"

"It's so delicious, it's just too yummy! Heh heh heh..." Fan Zhangjian had an extremely satisfied look as he finish a whole thigh by himself. His stomach only showed a slight bulge, making Luo Tian question where all the food went.

Luo Tian faintly smiled and said: "Eat some more if it's good."

Fan Zhangjian burped before saying: "Let me rest a few minutes, then I'll definitely be able to devour the other thigh. Heh heh... Boss, are your cooking skills some type of ancestral teachings? The taste is simply too delicious."

It could be said that Fan Zhangjian has eaten many delicacies from the land and the sea in his life, but he had never eaten such delicious barbecued meat before.

"Of course it's been passed down to me from my ancestors."

“This is a secret recipe that has been passed down to me for over tens of thousands of years. There’s also a spell which is considered a secret skill. It must never be leaked that I possess this, do you understand?” Said Luo Tian while laughing his ass off secretly.

Fan Zhangjian became serious and replied: “I understand, I definitely won’t divulge this.”

Around this time...

A swishing sound came from the surrounding bushes.

Luo Tian lightly frowned...

And he became more cautious.

Also at the same time...

A gnome that was a few centimeters taller than Fan Zhangjian raised his head out of the bushes and shouted: “Your Royal Highness the Prince!”

“Huh?”

They could see an adult looking gnome quickly run towards them before kneeling down in front of Fan Zhangjian with tears in his eyes. “Your Royal Highness the Prince, you’re finally back! You parents have been looking for you everywhere!”

A joyous expression was seen on Fan Zhangjian. He immediately supported that gnome up and asked: “Uncle Kua Tai, are you words for real? Uncle Fan didn’t do anything to my parents right?”

This adult gnome was called Kua Tai.

His expression was slightly unnatural, especially when a trace of fakeness could be detected in his eyes.

Of course...

Fan Zhangjian didn't notice this because he was actually just a seven year old child. Only someone like Luo Tian who had lived two lives would notice this subtle expression.

Kua Tai immediately replied: "Nope, General Fan was fully persuaded by your parents so he won't be causing any trouble in the future. That's why I've been sent out here to look for you. You should quickly come back with me because your parents have missed you like crazy."

"Really?"

"I knew that Uncle Fan would never really bully my father."

Fan Zhangjian smiled happily.

"Good!"

"I will immediately go back with you." Fan Zhangjian was very happy. At the same time, he pulled Luo Tian's hand and said: "Uncle Kua Tai, this is my human friend. He's the one that has been taking care of me all these days so I want to bring him back with us to reward him with something."

"A human?"

Kua Tai's expression visibly changed as his eyes turned cold. He briefly glanced at Luo Tian and a trace of enmity could be seen in his eyes.

Luo Tian smiled politely and said: "My name is Luo Tian."

Kua Tai didn't even look at Luo Tian anymore as his voice changed and said: "Your Royal Highness the Prince, you should know that our rules forbid humans from entering our territory. Bringing in a human means you are breaking the laws of our tribe."

Fan Zhangjian's eyes sank.

He then looked up at Luo Tian in a depressed mood and mumbled: "Boss, our gnome race forbids humans from entering our territory. Even if I'm their prince, I cannot bring you inside. So what should we do?"

Luo Tian smiled in a tolerating manner and said: "It's fine, I could see you off until the tribe's entrance and then I just won't go in."

Kua Tai coldly harrumphed and said in a reprimanding tone: "Sending him off to our tribe's entrance is not possible either. It's best that a lowly human like you scam as far away from me as possible or else don't blame me for being impolite to you."

"F\*ck!"

"You little pipsqueak, acting brazen when I'm trying to give you face?!"

Immediately after...

Flames of rage filled Luo Tian's inner being!

Chapter 172 – Just Wait For Your Death

He had a look of a simpleton trying to show disdain with his eyes.

Luo Tian had seen this type of expression many times and because he has seen it so much, it naturally annoyed the crap out of him.

Therefore...

Luo Tian's anger immediately flared up.

Kua Tai glared at him and lectured: "Is a lowly human like you trying to court your own death?"

His tone of voice was extremely arrogant.

It was similar to a triad gang member taking in protection fees from a street stall seller. If you dare not to hand the money over, this daddy will play you to death!

And Kua Tai's expression was even more arrogant, completely looking down on Luo Tian.

Luo Tian didn't bother responding and directly slapped out while shouting: "This daddy IS courting death so you gonna f\*cking bite me?!"

"Pak~!"

The slap sent Kua Tai spinning over to the ground with a plop sound.

It was extremely embarrassing for Kua Tai when half his face was stuck in the mud from the fall.

If Fan Zhangjian wasn't present, Luo Tian would have followed up by stepping on his face.

Luo Tian sneered as he cursed out: "You damn dog thing, you really think this daddy's a vegetarian if I don't show you some of my powers huh?!"

Kua Tai struggled back onto his feet with an ugly expression on his face. He then stared at Luo Tian with strong hatred while his jaws and fists were clenched. He then relaxed himself while wiping off the mud from his face. Finally, he spat a huge glob of phlegm near Luo Tian's feet before smiling with the same disdainful look.

Immediately after...

Kua Tai's expression returned to normal and said to Fan Zhangjian: "Your Royal Highness, we should hurry back so that the king doesn't become anxious."

Fan Zhangjian nodded: "En, but what about my boss?"

Kua Tai revealed a benevolent smile and said: "If you want him to send you off, of course he should come along. You are the Prince so I'm sure the common people will understand it."

"Thank you uncle Kua Tai."

Fan Zhangjian smiled excitedly. He then grabbed Luo Tian's hand and made a mad dash for it. While running towards the gnome race's territory, he pulled out a strange looking gold coin and quietly stuffed it towards Luo Tian. He then whispered: "This is something my dad gave me. It's called the King's Seal so I want you to keep it safe for me."

Luo Tian was startled by this but secretly put it away. He then said to himself: "This little squirt looks young but is very meticulous."

It was clear that...

Fan Zhangjian sensed something wasn't quite right.

According to Kua Tai's personality, he would have definitely gone berserk from being struck. Yet he actually started smiling like nothing happened afterwards.

The most important part...

Kua Tai was someone that always stuck to his own principles yet suddenly agreed to let Luo Tian send him off. This clearly showed there was some conspiracy going on. When Fan Zhangjian thought of his parents, he couldn't help start worrying about them. He then looked up at Luo Tian and said: "Boss, you're going to help me right?"

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for triggering a mysterious quest!”

Quest rank: ???

Quest reward: ???

Quest time limit: ???

This was the first time Luo Tian had encountered a quest that was filled with question marks. “Is this some sort of random quest with random rewards? This is pretty awesome!”

Immediately after...

Luo Tian didn’t hesitate and replied: “Of course I’ll help!”

Fan Zhangjian had made those high ranked demonic beasts gather over nine thousand drops of blood essence for him. Fan Zhangjian also allowed him to experience a sense of prestige in front of those demonic beasts that even Profound Venerates or Saints could never enjoy. This made Luo Tian immediately agree to help him.

Luo Tian had a very straightforward personality.

For those that treated him well, he would pay them back a thousand or ten thousand folds without a problem.

For those that didn’t treat him well, heh heh... just wait for your journey to hell!

Fan Zhangjian lightly smiled and said: "Thank you!"

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"You despicable human being, you dare to hit this daddy? You just wait; this daddy will let you experience a living hell!" Kua Tai stopped while his countenance looked a bit green. His eyes were filled with thick killing intent while he waved his fingers in air and said softly: "Pass on my orders: Have everyone assemble the Hell Lotus Array in front of our tribe's entrance. Remember to activate the array only after the little prince goes inside safely. If you guys accidentally harm the prince, General Fan will not let you guys off!"

"We obey!"

A burst of buzzing sounds was heard in the surrounding bushes before they gradually disappeared.

Kua Tai's eyes turned vicious as his voice turned cold: "You lowly human, you're going to die very soon. Hahaha..."

Kua Tai then quickly ran forward to catch up.

It wasn't long before he caught up to Luo Tian and Fan Zhangjian.

Luo Tian was a bit surprised by this. The aura coming from Kua Tai showed he wasn't that strong which meant his cultivation level was rather weak. Or else why would he have taken that slap without doing anything back? But his speed was extremely fast, so does that mean every gnome in this world had very fast running speeds?

"Your Royal Highness, you should slow down a bit and not tire yourself too much." Kua Tai was revealing a very fake respectful face as he continued saying: "We should slow down and not rush so much. It's not good if you overexert yourself and harm your health."

Fan Zhangjian smiled and said: "Uncle Kua Tai, I'm not tired. I just want to see my parents as soon as possible."

Luo Tian glanced at Kua Tai and said to himself: "This guy was originally in a rush to return, but now he suddenly changed his stance. This old fogey must be preparing an ambush or something and needs time to complete it. What a f\*cking evil bastard..."

Luo Tian wasn't afraid.

But he was afraid Fan Zhangjian might get injured in the process.

Suddenly...

Luo Tian said with a smile: "Little prince, we should compete to see which of us is faster."

Fan Zhangjian secretly cooperated and said: "Sounds good! Uncle Kua Tai, you should join us. The speed of my boss is quite fast and isn't below our gnome race."

Kua Tai coldly harrumphed with a disdainful expression.

Luo Tian was too lazy to bother with him and said: "Let's start now."

The two of them ran off like a gust of wind.

Kua Tai could only rush after them desperately while thinking to himself: "The Hell Lotus Array requires some time to setup so I hope they can make it in time. This damn human needs to die soon because I don't want to see him a moment longer than necessary! Humph!"

Half an hour later.

Below a towering mountain that touched the clouds.

Fan Zhangjian stopped before it pointing at a cave halfway up the mountain. "Boss, that's the only entrance into our gnome race's territory."

Fan Zhangjian was pointing at it in a serious manner while looking at Luo Tian's gaze.

Luo Tian's gaze faintly darkened as he memorized the cave and all the surroundings. He then faintly smiled in a casual manner and said: "It's nothing but a simple cave. I can see it everything with a glance, so there's no need for me to pay too much attention to it."

Fan Zhangjian understood the meaning and gave Luo Tian's hand a squeeze.

Luo Tian reciprocated the action.

Kua Tai used a particularly icy voice and said: "The rules of our gnome race forbid humans and dogs from entering. You better quickly leave this place or else don't blame me for not warning you in advance! Humph!"

While saying this...

Kua Tai's eyes either intentionally or unintentionally started scanning the area.

Even though Luo Tian wasn't happy about this, he couldn't just throw a tantrum. He squatted down and gently touched Fan Zhangjian's head and said: "As a real and truly courageous man, one needs to shoulder their responsibilities. Don't worry, there's still me here if anything bad happens. If anyone dares to bully you, I wouldn't just beat them until they cannot shit, I will just directly kill them!"

As the word kill was said, the grim reaper's killing intent within Luo Tian exploded forth. The aura directly forced Kua Tai back several steps making his face pale and his body faintly shiver. But the anger in Kua Tai's eyes actually became more intense.

"En!"

“Thank you for your teachings boss.” Fan Zhangjian nodded and then said: “Uncle Kua Tai, let’s go.”

Kua Tai calmed himself down and briefly glanced at Luo Tian. He then used a really soft voice where Luo Tian was the only one who could hear: “Just wait for your death...”

Chapter 173 – Today, This Daddy Will Chop To My Heart’s...

Luo Tian frowned; his heart tightened as he put his guards up.

However...

Kua Tai was bringing Fan Zhangjian along until Luo Tian couldn’t see their backs anymore. At this time, he still didn’t sense any threats directed at him.

He spread his senses out further and still didn’t detect any humanoid auras.

“Huh?”

“Was he just trying to scare me?”

“Doesn’t seem like it.”

Luo Tian’s heart skipped a beat as he slowly turned around. It was at this moment a shout was heard underground.

“Activate!”

“Huh?”

“They’re underground!”

“Damn it, how come this daddy didn’t remember that gnomes usually lived underground?” Luo Tian frowned as he immediately activated Shadewind Steps and shot off. While in midair, he looked down at the original spot he was at.

Nothing had happened!

“Fuuu~...”

Luo Tian exhaled and said to himself: “These gnomes are rather crafty...”

Before he finished the rest of his sentence...

Two rows of gnomes appeared in the vicinity of Luo Tian.

They were making hand motions before leaping into the air as well.

“Humph!”

“A lowly human like you dares to intrude onto our gnome race’s territory? Simply courting death!”

“Hack him to pieces for me!”

“Haaa~!”

Those gnome soldiers all brandished their blades. They happen to be gliding through the air now instead of flapping their arms to fly.

Luo Tian's lips curved into a sneer as he shouted: "You guys are overestimating yourselves! I'll give you a single chance to live so scam away from me, or else don't blame this daddy for bullying you little midgets!"

Since these midgets weren't giving him any face, then there was no need to bother about them.

A lowly human?

This bunch of midgets all had vicious tongues!

"A damn human like you dares to call us midgets? We are the most perfect race out of all races! A despicable and insidious human like you should just go to hell!"

"Kill him!"

"A damn human that deserves to just die!"

Ten plus gnome soldiers all rushed forth.

Luo Tian didn't even place them in his eyes. His gaze underwent a slight change while saying: "Perfect your sister! A bunch of midgets like you are so shameless, you should all just go to hell then!"

"Level 2 Berserk!"

"Ommm~..."

Four times the attributes exploded forth. Luo Tian's eyes turned gloomy as he watched those gnomes rush at him. He didn't have the slightest intention of going easy on his enemies, even though they were weaker than him!

His fists started moving...

And dozens of fist images pummeled out.

This directly smashed the gnome soldiers flying back several hundred meters away.

Luo Tian had a faint feeling of being an adult that was bullying a bunch of three year olds.

In just a brief moment...

Those gnome soldiers had all been smashed flying all over the place. The only thing that made Luo Tian surprised was that none of them died. He originally thought it would be a direct instakill and never imagined any other circumstances.

But...

This was still good enough.

Luo Tian then coldly shouted: "Motherf\*ckers, why don't you act arrogant in front of this daddy again? Lowly human this, lowly human that; those words irritate the crap out of this daddy! Now who's the lowly ones huh? You little midgets keep calling me lowly but in my eyes, no one is more lowly than you guys!"

Luo Tian said this in an extremely annoyed tone.

It was at this time...

A chilling light shot down from the sky!

An arrow containing a force that was capable for ripping the sky apart shot straight towards the spot between Luo Tian's brows!

Luo Tian's heart sank as he quickly shot towards the ground while tilting away.

"Boom~!"

The arrow struck the ground and blew apart!

The result of that arrow attack created a large and deep hole. Luo Tian's mind shuddered as he unconsciously took a few steps backwards before cursing: "Who the f\*ck made that sneak attack?! Come out here for this daddy if you have the guts!"

"Boom~!!!"

"Hahaha..."

"He fell for it! He's already entered the middle of the Hell Lotus Array."

At this moment...

The world around Luo Tian started turning illusory. And in just a blink of an eye, everything completely changed.

"Humph!"

"Someone with your strength is merely courting death in front of our gnome race!" A black dot in the sky started descending. He was wearing eye-catching black clothes with a small delicate looking bow on his back. He was coldly staring at Luo Tian who had just entered the Hell Lotus Array with a face filled with contempt.

"Greetings to General Fan Er!"

Those little midgets that Luo Tian had sent flying all rushed up with pain on their face.

The black clothed gnome had a dark expression as he coldly shouted: "A bunch of trash! You guys couldn't even deal with a useless human? I really don't know why my elder brother bothers to keep you pieces of trash around, humph!"

All those gnome soldiers lowered their head without daring to breathe loudly.

Luo Tian's sight of the world around him gradually turned blurry. He looked at the black clothed gnome and directly cursed out: "You damn midget, just wait and see how this daddy is going to play you to death!"

"Humph!"

"A piece of trash like you wants to kill this General?"

"You should talk after you break out of this Hell Lotus Array. Lowly human, most likely you will never be able to go out ever again and will just directly die here!" The black clothed gnome showed a wildly arrogant expression and didn't even put Luo Tian in his eyes.

"Boom~!"

Everything before Luo Tian's eyes had turned illusory.

As things turn illusory in his vision, Luo Tian had already tried rushing out of the area. But he then realized no matter how much he ran, he couldn't get out and seemed to be stuck in this place. It was as if this area had turned into an inescapable deathtrap!

"Hell Lotus Array?!"

"F\*ck their sisters, it's another damn formation array thingy! This is annoying the crap out of this daddy!" Luo Tian was irritated because he unconsciously recalled the array inscribed on the ancient scroll. When it came to formations and arrays, he had no experience with them and was considered clueless on the subject.

“Fuuu~...”

Luo Tian breathed out to calm himself.

He did have an ancestor inside him that knew about arrays...

Wild Blade!

But Luo Tian didn't want to wake him up because Wild Blade had said not to disturb him unless all five elemental demon cores had been gathered.

Even though over two months have passed by, Luo Tian could feel that Wild Blade's soul hadn't recovered by that much. Or else that arrogant guy would've jumped out at Dark Mountain Corpse City for some fun already.

In addition...

Luo Tian wanted to use his own strength to solve problems instead of relying on others!

“Good!”

“This daddy will give your Hell Lotus Array a try!” Shouted Luo Tian while faintly frowning.

Immediately after...

He took a step forward.

“Boom~!”

The surrounding environment changed.

Petals of lotus flowers could be seen opening, causing the environment to change along with it. An infinite sea of fire that seemed to be from the depths of hell then appeared. Many Fire Demons containing a deathly aura started crawling out of the sea of fire while crying out ghostly wails.

Luo Tian could barely stand the heat as it became unbearably hot against his skin.

Seeing how the Fire Demons started pouncing over, Luo Tian's eyes narrowed as he shouted: "Magma Fire!"

"Level 2!"

Luo Tian's hands and feet turned into fiery magma which somehow offset the blazing hot environment. The only parts of his body still feeling the extreme heat was his chest and his head. Luo Tian then said to himself: "These little midgets don't have a lot of power, but they actually managed to create such a powerful array."

A Fire Demon pounced over and Luo Tian smashed his fist out.

"Bang~!"

As the Fire Demon was smashed flying, it would break apart to several heaps of small fires.

These heaps of small fires started igniting again before becoming more Fire Demons.

Luo Tian's heart sank. He tried several more times and discovered the more he fought, the more Fire Demons would appear. "F\*ck! How the hell am I supposed to break this array? You motherf\*cking black clothed midget, don't let this daddy escape or I will definitely play you to death!"

Luo Tian tried to calm himself down while his thoughts went on overdrive.

Eventually...

Luo Tian raised his right hand up and the one thousand eight hundred jin Blood Devouring Wild Blade appeared. He then swept the blade around and shouted: "This daddy wants to see how many clones you can create! Today, this daddy will chop up everything to his heart's content!"

Chapter 174 – Nine Lotus, Nine Kills

The gnome tribe.

A place where a real underground kingdom existed.

Inside Kua Tai's room.

A gnome guard entered the room and said: "Reporting to Lord Kua, that human has entered the Hell Lotus Array. It was General Fan Er that forced him into it."

Kua Tai's smile turned vicious before he laughed satisfactorily. "Hahaha... you dare to hit this daddy? This is the outcome of hitting me! This daddy will send you directly to hell! Tell General Fan Er that I, Kua Tai will owe him a favor. Oh right, send out my command that the little prince cannot know about this."

He could tell the relationship between Fan Zhangjian and Luo Tian wasn't simple.

The status of Prince in the gnome race was extremely high, so why would he call a human his boss?

In order to prevent any unknowns to happen, Fan Zhangjian definitely cannot know about this.

Immediately after...

Kua Tai revealed an extremely disdainful expression and coldly harrumphed: “You actually called a lowly human your boss? Simply losing face for our entire gnome race! You trashy brat, once you hand over the King’s Seal, you’ll be going to hell for a reunion with your parents! Humph!”

A brief flash of light appeared in Kua Tai’s eyes.

The facial expression of the guard beside him turned slightly grim as he said softly: “Lord Kua, the setup of the Hell Lotus Array was a bit hasty, therefore...”

“Out with it!”

Kua Tai coldly harrumphed: “Therefore what?”

Cold sweat appeared on the guard’s forehead as he said: “Because the time was too short, the layout of the array wasn’t completely perfect. We only used a normal demon cores as the core of the array. Since we had to hastily set it up, we didn’t have time to get a fire attribute demon core from the demon core mountain. Therefore...”

The guard paused for a bit. When he saw Kua Tai’s expression getting worse, he immediately added: “But we used a hundred normal demon cores so the power difference shouldn’t be too much.”

Arrays!

Any array in this world required an external energy as support.

One could use xuan stones, soldiers filled with profound energy, or demon cores.

The energy from a demon core was in a sense, more richer. Especially when it came to high ranked demon cores. Each demonic beast had cultivated for thousands of years before they became known as a high ranked demonic beast. The profound energy from the heavens and earth they’ve absorbed was incomparably thick and rich. A demon core from them could maintain a formation for a very long time. If the core was not destroyed, it’s possible for it to last for tens of thousands of years.

Hell Lotus Array!

It required fire attributed demon cores to maintain the entire array.

The stronger the energy inside the demon cores, the more powerful the array would become.

If other demon cores were used, the power will be a bit weaker but was still considered quite powerful. There was only a slight difference in the nature of power within the formation.

Kua Tai's brows quivered as he was about to vent his anger, but he then coldly laughed and said: "Even though it's normal demon cores, a trashy human like him can only dream of breaking the array! The Hell Lotus Array is a rank 4 array, and cannot be broken unless there are over a hundred people trying at once. Most likely that human is already dead inside, hahaha..."

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Inside the Hell Lotus Array.

A single person and a single blade.

He looked particular fierce as his face looked like an angry warrior Buddha while his blade was dripping with blood.

The more he killed, the more Fire Demons could appear. Even though Luo Tian had brought out the Blood Devouring Wild Blade, it was still useless in this situation. There were fiery existences surrounding him like they were intending on barbecuing him. His body had turned hot red while his sweat constantly sizzled when striking the ground.

"If this keeps up, my body is going to collapse from dehydration."

"This can't go on; I have to come up with a way to break out of here!"

Luo Tian frowned as he looked at the sea of fire surrounding him. There was nothing special in the area and he couldn't think of any ideas even after thinking things through!

The gnome race.

They were good at forging and hunting for treasures. They were even better at engraving arrays and creating formations. In the era where myriad of races lived together, they relied on their strong formations and arrays to safeguard their treasures. Even the super strong dragon race couldn't deal with them easily.

The Hell Lotus Array was developed during that era.

There were only two people that have managed to break the array since then.

One was Li Qing, whose intellect reached the heavens and his cultivation reaching the Profound Saint Realm. The other was the one known as the Demon King.

Those two were undoubtedly godly experts who stood at the pinnacle of this continent.

Luo Tian's strength was only at the Profound Spirit 8th rank, and had no inkling about arrays or formations. Him wanting to break this array was beyond difficult!

"Fuuu~... fuuu~... fuuu~..."

"Thump~ thump~ thump~... heh heh heh..."

Numerous Fire Demons pounced over with playful cackles.

"Motherf\*ckers!"

"Even you guys are ridiculing me?!"

The anger inside Luo Tian was already burning at the max. He swung his blade and rested it onto his shoulder. He didn't make any further moves because he was currently observing everything and trying to calm down.

The nearer the critical juncture, the calmer Luo Tian's heart became.

His spiritual senses were sent out to carefully observe his surroundings.

Seeing how the Fire Demons pouncing over were only several meters away from him, Luo Tian noticed the fiery heat had started burning his hair with sizzling sounds.

"All these Fire Demons don't have any aura of life in them."

"Wait, no life?!"

"Then they aren't real entities! This means in this sea of fire, there should be a real entity possibly hiding somewhere!" Said Luo Tian to himself. His brows formed a frown as these Fire Demons had already arrived in front of him. Each of these blazing embers contained a power that wanted to burn all matter.

Luo Tian leapt into the air...

While sending even stronger senses to sweep about.

Luo Tian methodically searched the areas non-stop. He firmly believed there must be a real entity hiding in the sea of fire.

Suddenly...

He noticed an ember of flame faintly tremble.

This flame was very small and was exuding a tiny amount of life.

In a blink of an eye...

Luo Tian instantly moved as his Blood Devouring Wild Blade struck down. "Motherf\*cker, this daddy finally found you!"

"Boom~!"

The Blood Devouring Wild Blade's path of slaughter power directly smashed down.

The small flame was destroyed with a single strike.

It was also at this time that the surrounding Fire Demons started emitting ghostly wails before quickly disappearing.

"Ding!"

"Congratulations to player Luo Tian for killing the Fire Demon. You have gained 15,000 experience points, 2000 profound energy..."

Luo Tian faintly smiled and said happily: "That's quite a bit of experience points!"

When the current him killed rank 6 demonic beasts, he only received a few thousand experience points each time which could no longer satisfy his need for leveling up.

The surrounding sea of fire disappeared and turned into pitch darkness. It was similar to floating in a void where one couldn't see anything around. Luo Tian couldn't help frowning as he said to himself: "Didn't this daddy break the array? How come I still can't get out?"

It was at this time the system gave an alert tone.

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for comprehending the level 1 esoteric of the Hell Lotus Array – Fiery Kill!”

“Ding!”

“There are only eight more levels of esoteric in order to comprehend the complete Hell Lotus Array!”

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“F\*cking hell!”

“This damn array has nine levels?”

“The first level was Fiery Kill, then what kind of kill is the next level? Nine levels with nine types of killing arrays... this is practically playing this daddy to death! Kua Tai you damn midget; you want to slowly play this daddy to death with this array huh? What a vicious individual!”

“Screw it; this daddy will take his time to break your dog’s fart lotus array!” Luo Tian shouted angrily.

He was extremely pissed.

But at the same time, he became serious.

He could terrify others when he went crazy, but he could also terrify others when he became serious.

Tens of thousands of years ago, the Hell Lotus Array was also called the Nine Lotus, Nine Kills Array!

## Chapter 175 – Ruthless To The Extreme

Luo Tian had turned serious.

His serious side might even be more terrifying than his crazy side.

Originally...

He thought by killing the real Fire Demon, it would allow him to break the array. Luo Tian never imagined it would only be the first level, which showed how badly Kua Tai had wanted to kill him. This also showed that by coming to the gnome race's territory, Fan Zhangjian was in danger!

Luo Tian's goal of coming to the gnome race's territory was to find the last two of the five elemental demon cores.

His goal remained the same.

But the circumstances have changed.

First of all, Luo Tian was enraged, so someone was going to be out of luck. At the minimum, it would be Kua Tai and that black clothed gnome who fired the arrow in a sneak attack. Those two midgets will definitely suffer for it.

Secondly, Fan Zhangjian had helped him.

Thirdly, Fan Zhangjian was calling him boss. If something happened to his little brother, how could his boss not step in? If Luo Tian didn't involve himself, he was unfit to be someone's boss. That title is not only for Fan Zhangjian because it involved Feng Lei and the others as well.

Fourthly, the quest was filled with all question marks!

This mysterious quest contained too many unknowns. Luo Tian really wanted to complete it to see what kind of rewards he'd receive. It might even be some random system reward! If that was truly the case, then Luo Tian would've struck it rich!

With all these reasons combined, Luo Tian had turned serious.

He took one step forward...

And the surrounding environment started changing.

An intangibly huge lotus descended like a bright light descending.

“Boom~!”

The dark voidless space had suddenly turned into a terrifying hell of one's imagination!

The second level – Ghost Kill!

Luo Tian laughed savagely while an ear piercing shrill came from the Blood Devouring Wild Blade. He then continued forward into the environment that exuded the desire for blood...

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Inside the gnome tribe.

In the center of the tribe, there was the tallest and most luxuriously decorated building.

The main halls of the gnome race.

The residence of the King.

At this time...

Fan Zhangjian was standing in the main hall and looking at the position his father usually sat in. The person sitting there now was the Uncle Fan Da he was most fond of when he was younger.

At this moment...

The bad premonition feeling Fan Zhangjian had was getting stronger and stronger. He was pretending to be calm on the surface while internally trying hard to calm himself down. He was pretending nothing unusual was going on with a naive expression that a typical seven year old was supposed to have.

Fan Zhangjian was giggling and said: "Uncle Fan Da, where are my parents? Weren't they missing me a lot? How come I don't see them anywhere?"

His voice was tender and filled with innocence.

His expression was typical of a seven year olds and his eyes incomparably clear. Anyone looking at him would not suspect anything out of place.

As he was asking that...

Fan Zhangjian ran towards a stone pillar and picked up a doll lying beneath it. He then sat down and pretended to be engrossed with playing it.

Fan Da's eyebrows faintly quivered as he seriously observed Fan Zhangjian's expression. He swept his gaze all over and didn't miss any suspicious movements. It was only after a long time did he say to himself: "A child is still a child after all; that's good too."

Fan Da walked down from the golden throne made of pure gold. He walked towards Fan Zhangjian and crouched down before saying: "Zhangjian, your parents are in closed door seclusion and won't come out for a while. They told me to manage the gnome race on their behalf."

“Oh!”

“So they’re in seclusion training.” Fan Zhangjian didn’t look up and continued playing with the doll. He then faced the doll and giggled: “My parents are in seclusion so you’ll have to play with me now, heehee.”

Fan Da gently patted Fan Zhangjian’s head and said kindly: “Uncle Fan Da will definitely play with you. You should know that Uncle Fan Da has doted on you ever since you were born. This doll was something that I gave you. I remember back then when your parents didn’t want you to have it because they thought dolls were something only girls played with. Eventually, I secretly gave it to you behind their backs.”

Fan Zhangjian looked up at Fan Da and laughed cutely: “I remember that. My dad wanted to smack my butt because of it but you blocked in front so my little butt didn’t have to suffer, heehee...”

“Has uncle treated you well?”

“En.”

“Then will you listen to uncle’s words?”

“Of course I will listen.”

“So obedient.”

Fan Da lightly smiled and said: “Your parents told me to manage the tribe but they didn’t give me the King’s Seal. There are some matters that I cannot do unless I have that seal. Zhangjian, do you know where your parents keep the King’s Seal?”

The King’s Seal was something the gnome race’s highest authority possessed.

The power behind the seal was even higher than the King himself.

A lot of gnomes of the tribe only recognized the seal and not the person.

Fan Zhangjian's father's personal troops were an example of those that only recognized the seal.

Therefore...

The King's Seal was very important to Fan Da.

In order to search for the seal, he almost flipped the palace upside down these past few days. In the end, nothing was achieved from his effort.

The only possibility was that it was on the little prince, that's why he sent out people to search for him everywhere. Now that Fan Zhangjian appeared before him, Fan Da's heart had started becoming excited.

Fan Zhangjian nodded and replied: "I know where it is."

Fan Da's eyes narrowed as his expression turned excited. "Quickly tell me where it is. Uncle will buy you a whole bunch of dolls afterwards."

Fan Zhangjian said in a serious manner: "It's with my father of course. Since he's the King, then the King's Seal will naturally be on his person."

"Huh?"

Fan Da's expression instantly turned cold. He glared at Fan Zhangjian while his eyes released a trace of iciness.

Fan Zhangjian was scared by this and said in a trembling voice: "Uncle Fan Da, what's going on? Did I say something wrong? But... but the King's Seal is truly on my father's person. This is something the whole tribe knows about."

Fan Da held down his temper and asked: "When you left here, did your father give you anything?"

"Give me something?"

"What thing?" Fan Zhangjian had a face filled with confusion. He then whispered: "Uncle Fan Da, I had snuck out of here. You mustn't tell my father about it or else he will beat my butt again."

Fan Da's eyes turned grim, and this time there was a trace of killing intent in his eyes.

Immediately after...

His right hand moved and made a reverse slap on Fan Zhangjian's face. He then angrily shouted: "A little mongrel like you dares to mess with me?"

"Pak~!"

Fan Zhangjian's little body was sent flying before crashing into another stone pillar. He then slid down from the pillar with a pale face while coughing out dark colored blood. He fainted momentarily for a few seconds but was then jolted awake by the pain.

Such a ruthless action towards a little child!

Fan Da was practically ruthless to the extreme!

Fan Zhangjian was lying on the floor while blood was pooling on the ground. He then started crying from the unbearable pain and still pretended to not know anything. "Uncle Fan Da, I, I, didn't lie to you. The King's Seal is really with my dad! This is knowledge that even the pet dog knows."

“Humph!”

“You’re comparing me to a dog? You’re courting death!”

Fan Da angrily glared before instantly arriving next to Fan Zhangjian. He then stepped down towards Fan Zhangjian’s head.

If Fan Da really stepped down with force, Fan Zhangjian’s head would definitely explode from the pressure.

It was at this time...

Kua Tai quickly ran up to Fan Da and urged: “General, you shouldn’t!”

Fan Da heavily exhaled before stomping on the ground instead. A portion of the ground turned to dust before he said: “Take him away and don’t feed him. Once this damn little mongrel starves, let’s see if he’ll tell us or not.”

Immediately after...

Fan Da then asked upon thinking things through: “How did you find the little prince? Was there anyone with him?”

Kua Tai responded: “There weren’t any fellow tribesman with him but...”

“But what?”

“But he was together with a human.”

“A human?”

“Don’t worry General, that human was forced by General Fan Er into the Hell Lotus Array that I had prepared. He’s probably dead inside the array by now.”

Fan Da’s expression sank as his eyes turned extremely icy. Cold killing intent started coming from his body as he mumbled: “A human? Could the King’s Seal be on that human?”

## Chapter 176 – Killing His Way Out Of The Array

Fan Da’s words gave Kua Tai a fright, causing his body to unconsciously tremble a bit.

A burst of icy intent then shook his mind.

Immediately after...

Kua Tai then said: “Even if the little prince is still immature, he still knows that humans are the enemies of our gnome race. Who on earth would give humans such an important item?”

Upon recalling the relationship Fan Zhangjian had with Luo Tian, Kua Tai started saying in his heart: “It can’t really be in the possession of that trashy human right? If that was the case, then...”

Cold sweat was appearing on his back.

Kua Tai was very clear on how Fan Da did things.

Fan Da maintained his icy gaze and faintly asked: “What’s going on with that human now?”

Kua Tai replied: “Most likely already dead. There are only two people that have ever broken through the Hell Lotus Array in history: Saint King Li Qing and Demon Emperor Ba Tian. A trashy Profound Spirit realm ranker like him would at most survive for a quarter of an hour. Now that it’s been several hours, I believe he should be dead already.”

Kua Tai hoped Luo Tian would die as quickly as possible.

That way, even if Luo Tian was indeed holding onto the King's Seal, Kua Tai wouldn't be blamed since the dead cannot bear witness.

Fan Da exhaled a lengthy amount of time. He didn't continue asking about Luo Tian and instead asked: "Where do you think the King's Seal is? Does the little prince really not know? Or do you think he's just pretending?"

Kua Tai's brows faintly formed a frown. After thinking some things through, he said: "General, just leave the little prince to me. I will definitely make him spill out where the King's Seal is, so don't worry about it."

"En!"

Fan Da nodded and said: "There are voices of opposition coming from all corners of the gnome territory, so it's best that we find the King's Seal as soon as possible."

"This subject understands!"

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Inside the Hell Lotus Array.

The seventh level, Soul Kill!

Luo Tian was covered in blood while gasping for air. He then mumbled: "Motherf\*cker, this array isn't something normal humans can break."

Others would find flaws to break the array.

Luo Tian was just killing his way out of the array.

These were two completely different methods!

Li Qing and Ba Tian broke through the array not with their strength but with their intelligence.

Who the hell would break an array using brute strength?

Moreover, can you even brute force it through?

Most likely Luo Tian was the only lunatic in existence that would kill his way through six levels. This was something no one would imagine possible, especially when it came to Kua Tai.

Because no one would use brute strength to break an array since it's practically screwing themselves over.

But Luo Tian was a transmigrator.

In his previous world, there was no rule that was unbending. That's why he didn't do things according to the common sense of this world. He was killing to overwhelm the killers; using strength to destroy everything before him.

There was no such thing in this heaven or earth that cannot be destroyed by one's strength!

This was his dao, to kill!

Of course...

Luo Tian was clueless about formations and arrays, so there's no way he could break it through normal means. That's why he could only keep killing!

Luo Tian used half a day's time in order to break through six levels of arrays, which was something Li Qing or Demon Emperor Ba Tian wasn't able to do back then. They had used up a full seven days to successively break one level at a time.

An important difference was that they didn't suffer any injuries.

While Luo Tian was covered in them!

Blood was dripping down his forehead and flowing into the corner of his mouth. Luo Tian lightly licked it before revealing a ferocious smile showing his blood stained teeth. His Blood Devouring Wild Blade was stabbed onto the ground next to him as he shouted: "Soul Kill huh? Come at me! This daddy wants to see what kind of tricks you can pull off!"

Luo Tian wanted to fight it out!

Motherf\*ckers!

Endless flames of anger were pent up inside his heart as he hated that midget Kua Tai deep to the bones.

Throwing out a damn irritating dog's fart of a Hell Lotus Array...

"Ommm~..."

A series of explosions was heard inside the array. Within the formless space, soul force that was visible to the naked eye started smashing down like dragon's attacking. Luo Tian's eyebrows scrunched up as he said to himself: "Since this is called the Soul Kill array, then it should be something related to spiritual attacks. If that's the case, then..."

Suddenly...

Luo Tian readied his spiritual will. Seeing how soul force was attacking from all directions, he directly emptied his will and directly absorbed everything into his sea of consciousness. He then coldly shouted internally: "Close the door, let the dogs loose! Uhh... that's not right. It should be let loose the grim reaper's path of slaughter!"

In an instant...

All the soul force was being crazily absorbed into Luo Tian's sea of consciousness.

Also at this time...

A killing intent with a scythe appeared in Luo Tian's sea of consciousness. It was filled with a dangerous aura of death and was smiling in a gloomy manner.

"Kill!"

"Kill all these f\*ckers for me!" Ordered Luo Tian with his will.

Those invading soul force inside Luo Tian's sea of consciousness faintly trembled. They never imagined the area of Luo Tian's sea of consciousness would be so large that it was similar to an ocean.

After experiencing the pain of the dispelling Gu, Luo Tian's sea of consciousness and spiritual will had increased by ten thousand times. His sea of consciousness was now stronger and larger than your typical Profound King expert!

As the grim reaper's killing intent rose up, the invading soul force was basically being crushed into nothing.

After several breaths of time...

Luo Tian's sea of consciousness resumed its calm. A sheen of cold sweat was on seen on his forehead while he gasped for air. "It's finally over... this daddy almost couldn't hold on anymore!"

"Ding!"

"Congratulations to player Luo Tian for killing Soul Force. You have gained 50,000 experience points, 5000 profound energy..."

"Ding!"

"Congratulations to player Luo Tian for comprehending the level 7 esoterics of the Hell Lotus Array – Soul Kill. You are only 2 more levels of esoterics away from comprehending the entire Hell Lotus Array!"

"50,000 experience points?!"

"The higher I go, the richer the experience points this array gives. This is way too cool; it's even making this daddy want to kill everything all over again." This made Luo Tian's heart pick up. The experience from each level was higher than the next, and it was definitely much more than what he'd get for killing demonic beasts.

The only bad thing about this was each level only gave him experience once. If there were several chances of getting experience here, Luo Tian would truly want to stay here for a few months. This way he'd probably exit the formation at the Profound King realm.

"Ommm~!"

A bright light in a shape of lotus descended.

"Level 8 – Yaksha Kill!"

There was no hesitation as Luo Tian stepped forward.

The eighth level was a large square with a stone statue in the center of it. The statue had claw like hands that was gripping onto a large steel fork. Its expression was exceptionally ferocious looking making it similar to an evil spirit from the depths of hell.

Apart from the stone statue, there was nothing else in this place.

“A statue?”

Luo Tian grinned and walked up to the statue without hesitation.

“Ommm~!”

A ripple of energy shot out from the statue.

The plaster began falling off the statue one piece at a time. Beneath the plaster was a life-like Yaksha, its eyeballs moving about like it was coming alive.

Not like it was coming alive, it WAS coming alive!

Luo Tian had expected this from the very beginning. Without waiting for the rest of the plaster to fall off, Luo Tian shouted: “Level 3 Berserk!”

“Boom~!”

Eight times the attributes exploded forth.

“Ghost Slash!”

“Second form, Motionless Hades Slash!”

“Kill!”

Luo Tian’s whole body leapt up into the air. His hands holding onto the blade was then viciously chopping down: “Die for me!”

“Boom~!”

The Blood Devouring Wild Blade shot out a huge bloody colored blade qi. The aura of the world’s most domineering blade had completely exploded forth as a single blade directly chopped the stone statue in half.

Instakill!

“Ding!”

Chapter 177 – Little Midget, You Better Scram Out Here

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for killing Yaksha. You have gained 80,000 experience points, 8000 profound energy...”

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for comprehending the level 8 esoterics of Yaksha Kill. You are only missing the ninth level’s esoterics until comprehending the entire Hell Lotus Formation!”

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Instakill!

He easily passed the level! This was way too easy!

If it was all like this, Luo Tian would only need a few more minutes to break out of this damn array.

Of course...

If it was anyone else on this continent apart from Luo Tian, they wouldn't be able to pass this level that quickly. Even if a Profound Emperor came wouldn't be able to solve it that fast. The people of this world would never think plaster peeling off a statue would result in the statue coming alive!

On the other hand, Luo Tian was very clear about this.

They were monsters in a petrified state. In his previous life, there were plenty of games that had such monsters inside them. Players would get close to these statues and they would come alive to attack you.

Before all the plaster fell off the statue, kill it with a single slash!

This was the best time for an instakill! It was experience that Luo Tian had accumulated through thousands of times during his gaming sessions.

That's why the opponent was so easily instakilled.

The stone Yaksha on the ground looked up at Luo Tian filled with confusion. Its empty eyes stared at Luo Tian as if it wanted to say: "Your sister! I haven't even made my appearance yet and you killed me already! At least give me a chance to show my face or something!"

Luo Tian directly stomped on its head shattering it. He then coldly harrumphed: "Looking at you annoys this daddy!"

Immediately after...

Another light in the shape of a lotus descended.

The ninth level opens!

“Level 9 – Fire Lotus Kill!”

“Ommm~...”

Luo Tian stepped forward without hesitation, and the surrounding environment started turning illusory.

However...

When Luo Tian stepped into the ninth level, he rubbed his eyes in shock. He then said to himself: “F\*ck, did I come to the wrong place? Could this be an illusion?”

There was nothing here...

Except for a pile of demon cores!

They were crystal clear demon cores that gave off a rich amount of profound energy.

There were nine different types of profound energy being emitted and drifting into the void.

Luo Tian carefully observed the area and said to himself: “Could this be the eye of formation of the legends?”

“Shit!”

“Who the hell cares?! With so many demon cores, who would waste such an opportunity? So what if it’s an illusion? This is all money and only an idiot would pass it up!” Luo Tian immediately ran up to it and shoved it all into his spatial plaque.

The moment when the last demon core was sent into Luo Tian’s storage...

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for comprehending the ninth level’s esoterics – Fire Lotus Kill. You have mastered the whole Hell Lotus Array!”

“BOOM~!”

The surrounding environment started to crack. The dark nothingness began to break off one piece at a time like space being shattered. In just several breaths of time, everything disappeared and Luo Tian had returned to the base of the mountain as if he never moved from the spot.

“Eh?”

“It was broken just like that?!”

Shock!

Luo Tian was extremely shocked and surprised. He thought the ninth level would be one huge intense battle and didn’t expect that taking the demon cores would end the formation. The person who designed this formation is rather too eccentric.

The ninth level of the Hell Lotus Array wasn’t supposed to be like this.

It was originally supposed to have a huge Fiery Lotus Demon that could spew hellfire, capable of obliterating everything in its path.

But...

The gnomes were too rushed in trying to lay down this array. Fire attributed demon cores were supposed to be used as its energy source but they only used normal ones. This was why the ninth level couldn't manifest the Fiery Lotus Demon, which was why Luo Tian was able to break through it so easily.

Moreover...

Most likely in this world, Luo Tian would be one of the few who would snatch up all the demon cores without any hesitation.

If those demon cores weren't taken away, the profound energy would continue fueling the array. The array wouldn't be broken so quickly and Luo Tian wouldn't be able to escape out of it.

This was the mentality of a transmigrator like Luo Tian, while others of this world would never have done this!

Luo Tian was extremely happy as he opened up the system to see his new stats.

Within the system, there was an extra selection.

Arrays: Hell Lotus Array

Grade: 4

Proficiency: 100%

Materials Needed to Setup The Array: Fire attributed demon cores (Power – 100%) Normal demon cores (Power – 60%) ...

“No wonder!”

Luo Tian was relieved when he saw that the formation was only at 60% of its power. If it was at 100% of its power, most likely he would never be able to escape from it. He then said to himself: "That was a very close call..."

Luo Tian looked up at the cave entrance halfway up the mountain. He then sneered and said unhappily: "You damn midget, this daddy is coming!"

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The tribe of the gnome race.

The place where Fan Zhangjian resided at.

Kua Tai did his best convincing tone: "Little prince, just tell Uncle Kua Tai where the King's Seal is. I will bring you lots of good food and I'll secretly bring you to see your parents. I know the place where your parents are undergoing seclusion training."

Fan Zhangjian's face was still pale looking.

There was too much power behind Fan Da's slap so he almost couldn't handle it.

Fan Zhangjian maintained his innocent and pure looking expression of a child: "Uncle Kua Tai, I really don't know where the King's Seal is. If I knew about it, I would definitely tell you. I really miss my parents. Uncle, can you bring me to see them? Just one look is enough. Once I see them, I might even remember where the King's Seal is."

Kua Tai's expression turned grim.

His eyes carefully observed Fan Zhangjian with calm looking eyes. He then said to himself: "Does this little devil really not know where the King's Seal is or is he pretending?"

He couldn't see through Fan Zhangjian.

Because Fan Zhangjian's acting skills were simply too good.

It was completely flawless!

If he was put in Luo Tian's previous world, he would most likely win the Oscar Awards!

In reality...

Fan Zhangjian was feeling very heavy hearted right now. The moment he asked to see his parents, he noticed the change in Kua Tai's expression. Just from that he could tell that his parents may no longer be living in this world. This made him cry inside like crazy.

He forcefully restrained himself so that nothing was revealed on his face.

Fan Zhangjian was holding back with all his might!

He almost couldn't do it anymore, but clenched his teeth in order to hold on. There was only a slight trace of hope in his heart right now, "Boss, quickly come for me. I almost can't do this anymore."

A seven year old child knowing that his parents were killed but couldn't cry. He couldn't even show any signs of pain from it. This type of feeling was extremely difficult for him to endure. It was at least a few hundred times more painful than when he was slapped flying by Fan Da's palm.

Around this time...

A gnome guard entered through the door.

The guard had an ugly look on his face as he went up to Kua Tai and said: "Lord Kua, the Hell Lotus Array was broken through by that human."

“What?!”

Kua Tai’s eyes widened and shock could be clearly seen in them. He then shouted: “Are you sure?! How can I trashy human like him break out from the Hell Lotus Array? Did you see the wrong thing?”

The guard shook his head and replied: “No!”

Kua Tai’s expression changed back as he coldly harrumphed: “So what if he broke the array? The entrance to our gnome race territory is one big array. There’s no way he can find it, let alone enter it.”

The guard’s expression turned uglier as he said: “Lord Kua, that, that, that human has already stepped foot onto our tribal lands.”

“What?!”

Kua Tai’s body faintly trembled and his face paled. When he recalled Luo Tian’s slap, he unconsciously touched the left side of his face.

At this time...

A deep and robust voice had spread out to the entire gnome race’s territory.

“Kua Tai! You damn little midget better scam out here for this daddy!”

Chapter 178 – Another Slap

“Kua Tai! Scram out here for this daddy you damn midget!”

Another loud roar was heard!

The entire gnome tribe felt like they were experiencing an earthquake within themselves.

The word midget was their reverse scale.

All the gnomes thought of themselves as the most perfect and noble race in this world. And when someone kept using the words damn midget and little midget, this was an insult to them. An extremely huge insult!

Flames of rage were shooting out from most of the gnome race here.

The all had ugly expressions on their faces.

When they found out the voice belonged to a despicable and greedy human being, their rage flared even higher.

“A damn human dares to come to our territory and act unbridled? Is he courting his own death?”

“He even dares to curse at our Lord Kua? Did he eat a bear’s heart of leopard’s gall?” 1

“Kill him!”

“Those damn greedy humans should be annihilated. Once they’ve been entirely destroyed, the entire world would be peaceful once again.”

In less than half a minute...

A large crowd of gnomes with various weapons rushed towards Luo Tian’s location.

Filled with killing intent, they kicked up lots of dust while heading towards their target.

Their momentum was exceptionally fierce!

Luo Tian managed to anger the entire gnome race.

Of course...

The gnome race was extremely angry, but Luo Tian's anger was no less than theirs. He almost didn't make it out of the Hell Lotus Array alive. If he didn't avenge himself, then his name wouldn't be called Luo Tian!

His tone of voice was a bit unbridled...

But he has always been crazy like that!

So what if he stirs up public outrage?

Luo Tian wasn't afraid of it!

Moreover, Luo Tian naturally had a hidden purpose for being so loud!

Luo Tian wanted Fan Zhangjian to hear his voice so that he knows his boss was coming to rescue him!

In addition...

If Fan Zhangjian was really the gnome race's prince, then something bad must've happened to his father. Since something bad has happened, Luo Tian wanted to use this opportunity to cause an even bigger ruckus because this was beneficial to Fan Zhangjian.

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Kua Tai's expression underwent many changes as hatred could be seen in his gaze. He then growled out: "You refuse to take the path towards heaven yet chose to break into the gates of hell. You dare to act wild in my gnome race's territory? Good, good, good!"

After saying good three times in a row, his expression turned serious as he shouted: "Gather the Iron Blood Corps; I want that kid to die without a burial!"

Immediately after...

One of the guards quickly left the main hall.

Kua Tai turned around and looked at Fan Zhangjian who had eyes showing some surprise and joy. Kua Tai then coldly said: "Little prince, do you really think that human can save you? Quit dreaming. In less than half an hour, he will die a very painful death! Humph!"

"You better obediently wait here; I'll take care of you when I come back!"

Kua Tai coldly shouted with a completely different expression from before.

Fan Zhangjian didn't make a noise as he started worrying about Luo Tian.

This is the gnome race's territory where their most elite forces reside. How can a mere human be their opponent?

"Humph!"

"My boss isn't going to die."

"He isn't just some normal human. He's a human that can grill the world's most delicious barbecued meat! How can a normal human be capable of that? Nothing will happen to him. Boss will definitely smash each and every one of them flying, humph!" Fan Zhangjian said to himself.

His tone was slightly lacking...

Because he was actually quite worried!

“Not good!”

“I need to find a way to get out of here and help boss.” Fan Zhangjian made up his mind. He then looked at the main hall’s entrance with four guards there as sentries. They happened to be all personal guards of Fan Da.

Wanting to leave by the main entrance was impossible.

Fan Zhangjian’s eyeballs quivered as a slight smirk appeared on his face...

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Luo Tian was standing on top of a large rock as he watched a huge amount of densely packed gnomes rushing towards him. He then grinned: “Holy shit, so many gnomes are coming over.”

He was a bit shocked...

Because he didn’t expect for so many of them to come at the same time.

And they all happen to look quite angry and aggressive. Could this be the beginning of a scene where he was ganged up on?

“He’s over there!”

“Beat him to death for me! This damn human dares to call us little midgets? We need to let him know that ten thousand years ago, we were taller than the dragon race! We are also taller than the nether sea race! He dares to call us little midgets? He’s practically courting his own death!”

“We’ve ridden on dragons; we’ve commanded giant titans; we are the world’s most perfect race!”

Countless angry shouts were heard.

But their words almost made Luo Tian laugh out loud.

He had no idea what the gnome race looked like ten thousand years ago, but he was definitely clear on their current appearance. The gnome race didn’t even reach his thigh and was even shorter than a dwarf, and they described themselves as tall?

Are they trying to make me laugh?

Of course Luo Tian didn’t laugh out loud because this would be adding disrespect on top of disrespect.

Around this time...

In the rear of the large crowd were two columns of soldiers in armor holding onto steel spears. They were rushing over with Kua Tai leading in front.

Kua Tai was wearing a robe embroidered with various birds and beasts which made him stand out from the crowd. Luo Tian spotted him immediately and sneered: “Kua Tai, you damn f\*cker finally decided to show up? You’ve made this daddy wait for a long time already.”

The flames of anger inside Luo Tian’s heart erupted upon seeing Kua Tai.

Thinking of all the injuries he suffered in the Hell Lotus Array, the flames of anger he was feeling couldn’t be suppressed anymore.

Kua Tai pointed at Luo Tian off at the distance and loudly shouted: “A damn human like you dares to act recklessly in our gnome race’s territory? This old man thinks you must be feeling that you’ve lived too long! Iron Blood Corps listen to my command!”

“Hoo~!”

Many soldiers roared in a mighty manner.

“Kill him for me!”

“Hoo~!”

Their steel spears moved in unison, all pointing towards Luo Tian’s direction.

A cold smile appeared on Kua Tai’s face as he said complacently: “You’ll be begging for your life in front of me very soon, hahaha...”

“Beg in front of you?!”

“You damn little midget, you’re over thinking things!”

Luo Tian smiled mockingly. Seeing how all the Iron Blood soldiers were rushing towards him, Luo Tian noticed there was no one around Kua Tai now. The ridiculing sneer on Kua Tai’s face was annoying the crap out of him.

In an instant...

Luo Tian shouted: “Shadewind Steps!”

“Level 2!”

A light breeze appeared around Luo Tian's feet before his body disappeared from the spot.

Multiple phantom images of Luo Tian were seen in the air heading towards Kua Tai.

A shocked expression appeared on Kua Tai as he shouted: "Quickly come back! That kid is flying towards me!"

Kua Tai almost shit his pants from fear and almost forgot to run away.

The speed of the gnome race was rather fast so that naturally held true for Kua Tai. But he was panicking from recalling Luo Tian's previous slap so he was instilled with fear. He was so scared that it even affected his normally quick speed.

Luo Tian had instantly caught up and landed in front of him. Luo Tian then revealed a grim reaper like smile and coldly said: "You damn f\*cker, keep running why don't you? Go on, keep running and acting arrogant."

"You lowly human, do you dare to kill me?"

"I am an official minister of the gnome race. If you dare..."

Luo Tian was too lazy to listen to the rest of his words and directly slapped out with a shout: "Go die now!"

Chapter 179 – Instakilling Kua Tai With A Punch

"Pak~!"

A loud slapping sound was heard.

“Bang~!”

Kua Tai was instantly smashed flying. He landed on his face causing his mouth to be shifted at an odd angle, blood seeping from his mouth, and several teeth falling out.

Kua Tai was completely enraged.

He opened his bloody mouth and was about to start cursing out a storm...

When at this time...

Luo Tian viciously stepped on Kua Tai's face and angrily asked: “You damn little midget, you want to keep blabbing on again? This daddy is too lazy to listen to you so I'll only ask you one thing: Where is my little brother Fan Zhangjian?”

A brief flash appeared in Luo Tian's eyes.

His eyes contained an icy cold killing intent.

After that, he slightly let off the pressure from his right leg. Kua Tai gasped for air first before glaring at Luo Tian and cursing: “This daddy's not going to let a damn human like you off! People come, kill him for me! Kill...”

Luo Tian didn't wait for him to finish his words and his right leg directly stomped down. Half of Kua Tai's face was now smooshed into the wet muddy ground giving him quite an embarrassing image.

“F\*ck!”

“Obediently respond to this daddy's question! If you dare to spout another sentence of bullshit again, I'll directly send you off to the afterlife!” Luo Tian coldly glared at Kua Tai while his eyes looked like he was going to eat him alive.

At this time...

The so called Iron Blood Corps of the gnome race had arrived while pointing their steel spears at Luo Tian. One of the leaders cursed out: "You damn despicable human, let go of our Lord Kua or else don't blame us for being impolite to you!"

Luo Tian sneered like he didn't hear a thing. He lowered his body and asked again: "I'm going to ask you again so you better answer me, or else I'm really going to kill you!"

Luo Tian's tone of voice was very low.

Kua Tai started smiling ferociously before shouting: "Wu Shan, kill him for me!"

Kua Tai thought Luo Tian was afraid of them all.

He had presumed that this was the gnome race's territory, so there's no way the human would dare to kill him.

He also thought that as the gnome race's official minister, Fan Da would not let him die.

He thought that with the Iron Blood Corps nearby, he could act however he wanted without any worries.

He thought that...

However, Kua Tai was the only person imagining this as if he was living in a dream.

Luo Tian lightly harrumphed while revealing grim reaper's smile. His right fist started forming a fist before aiming at Kua Tai's head and smashing down. "Motherf\*cker, did you really think this daddy doesn't dare to kill you?!"

“Boom~!”

Kua Tai’s head was instantly smashed open. Blood flew everywhere and splattered onto Luo Tian’s face.

Instantly killed by a punch!

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for killing Kua Tai. You have gained 1 experience point, 1 profound energy...”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for gaining a wind attributed demon core.”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for gaining a thunder attributed demon core.”

“Ding!”

“Undeclared value +1.”

A series of system alerts were sounding off in Luo Tian’s mind.

Luo Tian didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. He then spat on Kua Tai’s corpse on the ground before cursing: “F\*ck your sister, you only gave me one single point of experience? At least I got an undefeated value so that will be considered my consolation prize.”

“Huh?”

“Wait a minute; the gnome race also increases my undefeated points?” Luo Tian’s was a bit surprised by this. Excitement also rose inside his heart when he thought about the Azure Dragon bloodline, but he managed to suppress his killing intent.

This was Luo Tian's first time getting a single experience point from killing a monster.

The experience wasn't much, but the loots that exploded out were quite good – they were all demon cores with attributes. The only unfortunate thing was that Luo Tian didn't get the wood and water attributed demon cores he needed. But this also reinforced his belief that the gnome race definitely had the demon cores he wanted.

Such a low leveled monster would give him so many attributed demon cores, then what items would the corpse of a boss explode out with?

He was really looking forward to it!

Luo Tian's move made the surrounding area immediately become silent.

Even a pin drop could be heard!

There was absolutely not a sound!

Over these thousands of years, no human has entered their territory nor dared to kill a gnome race member. Didn't this human before their eyes know of the treaty between the gnome race and the human race? Didn't this human know how much the gnome race hated humans?

Daring to kill a gnome race member inside their own territory; was this guy a lunatic?

This guy wasn't far from his own doom!

"He actually killed Lord Kua..."

"This human actually killed Lord Kua."

“This damn human actually killed a member of our gnome race in our own territory.”

“...”

Each voice was louder than the next. Eventually, the eyes of all the gnome race present looked like they could spout fire. Their eyes glared with such hatred, it was like Luo Tian slept with their sister and tasted their mother!

Their gaze was similar to wanting to eat someone alive.

Luo Tian shrugged his shoulders and casually said: “This guy deserved his death. Besides, I did give him a chance but he didn’t take it, and he kept challenging my bottom line. For a person like him that didn’t cherish their own lives, I can only send him along to a better place.”

Luo Tian’s stature wasn’t that tall.

But when standing amongst the gnome race that was only half a meter in height, the saying a crane standing amongst chickens couldn’t be used anymore. He was more like an elephant amongst chickens right now.

He was like a giant.

How could a giant fear little midgets?

So what if the midgets looked fierce? If they dared to act arrogant, a single slap would send them to their deaths.

Of course...

Luo Tian didn’t want to do this. He didn’t have any deep grudges with these cute and narcissistic gnomes. Even if he was able to gain more undefeatable values, he didn’t want to become some type of crazy serial killer. If he had no qualms about it, he would’ve done that already in Jade Mountain City.

If he massacred a few hundred thousand people, he could've gained whatever bloodline he wanted.

This was something Luo Tian couldn't do.

He was capable of pinching all the soft persimmons around him, but he would only pinch his enemies.

"Furthermore...!"

Luo Tian cleared his throat. He looked at the gnome race inching closer towards him and took a few steps back before saying: "He was holding your gnome race's prince as a hostage, which is considered a serious crime. I was merely punishing him on your behalf. You guys should be thanking me for getting rid of an evil official."

"Nonsense!"

"What qualifications does a human like you have to exercise such rights?"

"Go together and kill him! We shall avenge Lord Kua!"

At this time...

The gnome race was like a dense colony of ants rushing towards Luo Tian.

Don't look down on how short these gnomes were. Their cultivation levels weren't weak as they continuously released their powers.

Luo Tian retreated backwards and shouted: "Don't force me to make a move!"

"The human is scared!"

“A lowly race like his dares to act unbridled in our territory? Play him to death!”

Many gnomes continuously landed in front of Luo Tian and started displaying their powerful skills. Luo Tian didn't fight back, which caused the anger inside him to keep rising higher.

Not very far away...

Above the palace's main hall.

Fan Da narrowed his eyes and a brief nefarious light flashed in them. There was a slight curve on his lips as he said to himself: “I couldn't find the King's Seal but the appearance of this human might be a good opportunity for me to take over.”

“Heh heh...”

Fan Da coldly chuckled.

Immediately after...

Fan Da said in a low voice: “Fan Er, send out some of our men and force that human to the brink of death. Force him to make a move and start killing; it'll be best if he causes blood to flow like a river. Then I'll appear to clean up the mess. By that time, the entire gnome race will thank me and treat me as the gnome race's hero. Then I won't need that damn King's Seal anymore, hahaha...”

Chapter 180 – This Daddy Can't Stand It Any Longer!

Rotten cabbage, rotten eggs, and stones were thrown at Luo Tian.

Those attacks didn't hurt his body but the anger in his heart was growing stronger.

Luo Tian had lost all face while being chased by these midgets, but he really didn't dare to randomly start fighting back. This especially held true when a portion of the gnome race chasing him were innocent civilians.

"Fellow tribesman, this human dared to kill a gnome in our own territory. An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. We must cut his head off and hang it outside our cave entrance. This will warn those lowly humans that we gnomes are a race that cannot be provoked!"

"Well said! Kill him!"

"Catch up to him and don't let him escape! We must avenge Lord Kua!"

More and more gnomes were joining the chase.

It was unknown when...

A group of gnomes in black eye-catching clothes silently squeezed into the rest of the crowd.

None of the other gnomes noticed this.

It was different for Luo Tian because he recognized those black clothes. It was the same clothes that black clothed midget was wearing when he made arrow sneak attack inside the Hell Lotus Array. Luo Tian's heart sank as he said to himself: "Those midgets aren't going to sneak attack me with arrows again right?"

Immediately after...

Luo Tian became extra cautious.

At the same time, he sent out his spiritual senses to look for Fan Zhangjian's aura. If he was able to find the gnome race's little prince at this time, then everything would solve itself.

Suddenly...

“Agghhh...”

A shrill cry came from someone amongst the crowd of gnomes.

A normal gnome civilian fell down in a pool of his own blood.

“Someone was killed!”

“That damn human killed someone!”

“He can use evil sorcery to kill people; everyone be careful!”

“That damn human killed another member of our tribe! Iron Blood Corps, what do you guys eat on a daily basis? Why haven’t you killed that human yet?”

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Rage.

Ever increasing rage.

First it was Kua Tai and now it was normal civilians. One must know that the gnome race was mostly made up of normal civilians without any battle powers. Now that this human wasn’t even letting normal gnomes off, this made their rage explode forth!

Luo Tian glanced back with a blank expression and didn’t bother explaining.

He was very clear that trying to explain to these gnomes was absolutely useless at this point. Even though he didn't make any moves, an outsider like him would naturally be blamed for all offenses.

“Agghhh...”

Another normal civilian fell down.

“Agghhh...”

“Agghhh...”

“...”

Several civilians fell down again, making the rage in everyone stronger.

But...

Luo Tian's eyebrows locked together in a fierce manner. He locked onto the auras of those black clothed gnomes and said to himself: “F\*ckers, you want to frame this daddy? You want to incite the wrath of the people and force this daddy to attack?”

“Such evil f\*cking bastards!”

Luo Tian was extremely irritated.

This must've been planned out in advance and hidden somewhere is the person pulling the strings.

“Kill him!”

“Kill him!”

The commoner gnomes were getting angrier and angrier as more gnomes participated in the chase. As for the Iron Blood Corps, they had somehow quietly retreated from the masses and were nowhere to be found.

On top of a tower of the palace.

Fan Da had a sinister smile on his face as he said: "It looks like the tolerance of this human isn't too bad."

"But..."

"My patience is quite bad."

"Secretly transmit my orders: Have the assassination team pick the women, children, and the elderly. The more they kill, the better it is for us. But make sure they aren't found out. They are free to become as crazy as they want when it pertains to other matters."

Fan Er's expression turned slightly grim as he said: "Elder brother, I don't think killing like this is too good. They are still the members of our gnome race, we..."

"You know nothing but a fart!"

Fan Da then angrily lectured: "Without the King's Seal, there's no way I can become the king of the gnomes. This is a great opportunity for me to become the gnome race's hero; an unprecedented hero! I want them to treat me as the gnome race's ultimate savior. This will be more useful than having the King's Seal in my hands."

In order to move up, Fan Da didn't care about the process.

In Fan Da's book, every regime change was built on blood and corpses.

His regime change had already succeeded halfway, and he was only missing on moving up to his rightful place.

“Execute my commands immediately!” Shouted Fan Da. He then continued: “Next time, no matter what I say, no one is allowed to refute my words. That includes you, understand?”

Fan Er lightly nodded and replied: “Understood.”

“Go forth!”

Fan Da’s expression turned ferocious and started laughing insidiously: “So what if a few people die? As long as I become the gnome race’s hero and become their new king, so what if even more people die? Hahaha...”

He had already gone nuts from his desire to become king!

Back to Luo Tian’s predicament.

Luo Tian personally witnessed those black clothed gnomes killing people. His eyebrows quivered as he said to himself: “I can’t let this continue or else all these deaths would put on me. When has this daddy ever suffered such injustice?”

“Motherf\*ckers!”

“They’re truly pissing me off!”

Suddenly...

Another small group of eye-catching black clothed gnomes slipped into the crowd.

They only totaled about a dozen people.

Amongst the thousands of gnomes here, they were like an inconspicuous drop in the ocean where no one would notice.

Gnomes continued dying.

This time, they were focused on killing children, women, and the elderly. Their actions were extremely cruel where throats were slit by a single action. They would then disappear mysteriously so that these normal civilians who hadn't cultivated had no idea what had happened.

In the eyes of the civilians, it was Luo Tian who had used some evil sorcery to kill them.

In their eyes, humans were equivalent to evil fiends.

It was humans that had forced them to such a mountain range where demonic beasts roamed freely. It was the human race that had forced them into living underground.

Humans were considered greedy, despicable, and evil. Amongst the gnome race, any negative or bad words were usually used to describe the human race. This kind of thinking was deeply ingrained into them since they were young, so it was impossible for them to suspect that it was their own tribal members currently killing them.

"Everyone attack together! I refuse to believe we can't kill him!"

"He didn't even let the children or the elderly off. This person deserves to be chopped up into thousands of pieces!"

"Agghhh... give me back my son!"

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Rage!

Complete rage!

Luo Tian was enraged because he couldn't find Fan Zhangjian's aura. If this kept up, he would be surrounded when they eventually forced him into a dead end. By that time, he wouldn't be able to escape even if he wanted to kill his way out. The flames of anger inside him rose to the sky as he shouted: "You're practically forcing this daddy to kill out of anger! Fine!"

"You f\*ckers have succeeded!"

"This daddy can't stand it any longer..."

Fan Da started laughing.

He had a big smile on his face as he laughed smugly.

He laughed and said: "He finally couldn't stand it any longer. Kill; kill; kill like crazy! The more you kill, the better it will be. Kill until blood flows like a river. By that time, I will become the gnome race's hero. I will become their new king, hahaha..."

Luo Tian's eyebrows were locked. His spiritual will was like the waves of the sea as it crazily surged out.

"Lock onto the target!"

"And smash him to pieces for me!"

"Boom~!"

The head of killer in eye-catching black clothes had exploded into mush.

Fan Da's gaze suddenly underwent a drastic change!