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Chapter 181: Crossing the River, the Daring Raid! Zhao Feng Achieves Extraordinary Merits!

"There are still over seventy thousand troops capable of fighting within the city. I refuse to believe these Wei Wu Troops are truly that formidable," Wei Quan said, gripping the sword at his waist without a trace of fear.

「In front of the city.」

The Wei Wu Troops advanced in an orderly march. Facing the rain of arrows from the Qin Army's archers, they raised their shields and pushed forward steadily. Even if someone was unlucky enough to be struck by a stray arrow, they continued their advance as long as the wound was not fatal.

Soon, they charged to the base of the city walls. A portion of them pushed the Siege Hammer, continuing to batter the city gate.

BOOM. BOOM. BOOM. The sounds of impact were incessant.

The majority, however, dispersed. With a shield in one hand and a siege ladder in the other, they began climbing toward the battlements. Their skilled movements and speed made it clear they had undergone countless training drills. Despite the boulders and arrow-fire raining down from above, the Wei Wu Troops, though suffering casualties, showed none of the chaos of the regular Wei soldiers. They continued their ascent, seemingly fearless of death.

They truly are the elite of the Wei Army.

Seeing these ferocious Wei Wu Troops, even Wei Quan couldn't help but feel a jolt of alarm. Their momentum alone made it clear that these soldiers were far stronger than the regular Wei troops.

"Worthy of being the strongest Wei Wu Troops of our great Wei!" Wei Bo exclaimed excitedly from his position in the central Wei Army. "Wei City will surely fall within a day! His Majesty should have sent the Wei Wu Troops much sooner."

The battle raged on. With the Wei Wu Troops joining the fray, the assault grew even more ferocious, and many of them had already fought their way onto the city walls.

"Brothers!" Tu Sui roared as he drew his sword and charged into the fray. "Kill the enemy and earn your merit! Qin will not forget the contributions of any of its soldiers! Kill!"

"We swear our lives to Qin!"

The soldiers on the walls also rushed into battle. For every enemy soldier who made it onto the wall, several of them would swarm forward to cut him down.

At this moment, the one hundred trusted aides Zhao Feng had specially left behind made their move.

"Brothers!" Zhang Ming shouted. "Give it your all! Kill the enemy!"

He charged forward. With a single slash of his sword, he met a Wei Wu soldier who tried to block with his shield. The soldier was sent flying by a tremendous force, crashing to the ground far below the city wall.

"Kill the enemy!"

The hundred trusted aides all attacked, channeling their Inner Strength and unleashing their full power. As Zhao Feng's personal guard and the trump card he had left to defend the city, each of them possessed the strength of Acquired Level 2 or 3, enough to take on ten men at once. When fighting alongside the defending soldiers, their combined might could be put to great use.

「Meanwhile, inside the city.」

Chen Tao and Zhao Tuo remained in the rear.

"General," a Sharp Warrior reported, rushing before the two of them. "The Wei Army has breached the walls! General Tu Sui and General Wei Quan are leading the men to engage them."

For nearly half a month, the two had remained in the rear without joining the battle, but they had been constantly sending men to scout the situation on the front lines.

"The Wei Army's combat strength has increased?" Chen Tao asked in surprise.

"This time, it's not the regular Wei Army, but the Wei Wu Troops from the state of Wei," the Sharp Warrior replied.

"What? The Wei Wu Troops?"

Chen Tao and Zhao Tuo exchanged a look, their faces filled with intense apprehension. How could they not know of the fearsome reputation of the Wei Wu Troops?

"The Wei Wu Troops have been deployed. The real bloodbath has begun," Chen Tao said gravely. "It seems we might have to take the field soon."

Hearing this, Zhao Tuo simply shook his head and waved his hand. The Sharp Warrior immediately turned and left.

"Have you not realized it yet?" Zhao Tuo said with a sneer. "Zhao Feng has no intention of letting us join the fight."

"Of course, I've noticed," Chen Tao retorted with a sneer of his own. "In the current army at Wei City, all his cronies have been promoted to Wanjiang. Wu Yue and Qi Sheng also follow his orders. Only the two of us have been isolated by him. Zhao Feng doesn't intend for us to earn any merit defending the city, so why should we bother? If the city falls, the blame will be his. If the city holds, the merit belongs to Zhao Feng and those defending generals. It has nothing to do with us."

What does he mean? Chen Tao frowned.

"If Zhao Feng can't defend the city with eighty thousand troops, why should we go up there?" Zhao Tuo stated plainly.

Hearing this, Chen Tao fell silent. Truth be told, he was filled with jealousy toward Zhao Feng. If not for Zhao Feng, the position of Deputy General would have been his. Because of Zhao Feng, not only did he fail to become the Deputy General, but he was even made his subordinate. In the eyes of many, Chen Tao had become a laughingstock.

"Don't be ridiculous," Chen Tao said, snapping back to his senses. "If things truly reach a crisis and Zhao Feng orders us to the walls, disobeying would be treason."

"And what if I told you Zhao Feng isn't even in the city?" Zhao Tuo said suddenly.

Chen Tao was shocked. "What do you mean he isn't in the city? Don't tell me he dared to flee?"

"I don't know the specifics, but I am certain Zhao Feng is not in the city. At least for the past few days, there has been no sign of him," Zhao Tuo said with conviction. "The ones defending the walls right now are Tu Sui and Wei Quan. I had my men investigate this specifically."

He's not in the city? Then what is he doing? Has he gone for reinforcements, or has he deserted his post? Chen Tao wondered. Deep down, he even hoped that Zhao Feng had truly deserted, which was a capital crime.

"Whatever he's doing is none of our concern," Zhao Tuo said with a cold laugh, having already planned his next move. "But if the Wei Army truly breaks through Wei City and the front-line defense collapses, we will simply lead our men and retreat. Afterward, we can defend against the Wei Army from another city while we wait for reinforcements. That itself would be a great merit."