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A man who had been quiet all along turned around and looked at them, saying, "Have you all forgotten what Chairman Han told us before?"

The noisy chatter instantly fell silent.

"Is that guy really as incredible as Chairman Han said?" The green-haired woman glanced around and murmured quietly, "Looking at him, he doesn't seem special at all. He's not even handsome."

"Exactly."

Those words immediately resonated with the red-haired woman, who curled her lips and said, "More than just not handsome, he's got a common face you'd lose in a crowd. Even our Xiaozhang looks better than him."

"Sister Qing, what do you mean by that?" An unhappy young man beside her said, "What do you mean even our Xiaozhang? I was the hottest guy in my high school class, you know?"

"Alright."

Leading at the front, Qin Jin suddenly slowed down, waiting until everyone caught up, then said seriously, "Haven't you heard the phrase 'Don't judge a book by its cover, don't judge the sea by its surface'? Chairman Li does look pretty average, but from him, I can sense a profoundly unfathomable aura. He's definitely an A-level Awakened, no doubt."

With those words, the group fell silent once more, their eyes averting.

Indeed, the strength gap between a B-level Awakened and an A-level Awakened is enormous, describing it as "crushing" is not an overstatement.

"Captain, can just those few people really stop over two hundred thousand Fierce Beasts?" someone asked.

"Not too sure."

Qin Jin shook his head, "However, since Chairman Han said so, it should be quite credible. Besides, this time he brought over three thousand Elite-level Fierce Beast materials to our association; there will only be more Mid to High-level Fierce Beasts. This kind of thing is hard to fake because once we reach Anshan City, just asking the locals will tell us what's true."

"True, what's real can't be faked, and what's fake can't be real. We'll know the truth just by asking around."

"Humph, if it's fake, I'll definitely report back to Chairman Han." The green-haired woman said complacently.

This guy surnamed Li doesn't just have an ordinary appearance; his aloof demeanor also annoys her.

Of course, considering the pay and Chairman Han's face, she would definitely cooperate on the surface unless she was out of her mind to openly disagree.

"And if it's true?"

"If it's true, then I'll pretend I never said anything." The green-haired woman shrugged.

If it's actually true, she wouldn't dare criticize the other party no matter how brave she was.

"You guys..." Qin Jin said helplessly.

"At this point, you're still doubting that person's strength. Haven't you noticed? We've been chasing for so long and haven't even glimpsed him."

His words caused their expressions to change dramatically.

Yes, as they talked, at least two or three minutes had passed, and during those minutes, they had been going all out.

Yet, their target was nowhere in sight.

"Now you know how formidable he is."

Qin Jin glanced at them, "Regardless of whether this is a test from Chairman Li, we must perform well. We have to reach Anshan City in two hours!"

"What! Two hours!"

"Captain! You'll kill us!"

Groans of despair filled the air.

More than an hour later, Chen Fan had already arrived at the Awakened Association.

"Chairman, you called for me?"

Hua Jun also rushed over and asked.

"Yes."

Chen Fan was looking at his computer as he said, "I need you to help me gather intelligence on the situations in cities around Anshan City since the Beast Tide broke out. Which cities have fallen, which are under attack, the types and numbers of Fierce Beasts attacking, with particular focus on those attacked by underground beasts. The more underground beasts, the better."

"Yes, Chairman, I'll get people on it right away."

Hua Jun hurriedly replied.

Though he didn't understand Chen Fan's intentions, he didn't ask, just followed orders.

The Beast Tide had significantly increased the difficulty of gathering intelligence, but with enough manpower, they could manage.

Soon, a large conference room was filled with over a hundred people, some browsing the web, some making phone calls, some typing away, everyone bustling.

Intelligence was soon being handed over to Chen Fan.

"A small city about 300 kilometers from Anshan City, Wang City, has fallen, with nearly 80% casualties, and more than half the Awakened there are dead or injured..."

"To the west, a small city about 200 kilometers from Anshan City, Shu City, repelled one wave of the Beast Tide, but over a thousand underground beasts suddenly appeared, including one at Commander Level. The city suffered heavy losses, even among the Awakened, and is barely holding off a second wave, currently calling for help but receiving no response."

"To the southwest, Stone City, about 400 kilometers from Anshan City, also faced a Beast Tide with around thirty thousand beasts, successfully repelling them for now. However, scouts report over two hundred thousand beasts assembling to attack Stone City."

"Stone City."

The name sparked some memories in Chen Fan.

This was where he had taken the Awakened Association's test.

He had a minor scuffle with the local Awakened over points back then.

"Over two hundred thousand beasts, I wonder how many of those are underground beasts."

If there were plenty, he could make a trip.

If not, he might skip it. With Beast Tides like wildfires across a vast prairie, he could only be in one place at a time. Save one city, another might fall, he had to choose wisely.

"Chairman, news just in!"

At that moment, Hua Jun excitedly walked in with intelligence in hand.

"Underground beasts, lots of them!"

"Let me see."

Chen Fan took it, quickly absorbing the details.

"A medium-sized city 500 kilometers southeast of Anshan City, Yu Feng City, is engaged in a fierce battle, with nearly a million beasts laying siege. Thousands of underground beasts, over six thousand, and more than three thousand flying beasts are attacking. Awakened and Martial Artists in Yu Feng City are fighting valiantly but can't stop the beasts pouring in through gaps in the walls, wreaking havoc with underground beasts. They're sending out constant distress signals for help from nearby cities."

"A million beasts, six to seven thousand underground beasts..."

Chen Fan took a deep breath.

In two days, the Beast Tide at Anshan City would be on par with this, or perhaps even more dangerous.

"With thousands of underground beasts, it's worth the trip."

He nodded and stood up from his chair.

"Chairman!"

Hua Jun was shocked, "You, you're going to aid Yu Feng City?"

A million beasts!

And Anshan City wasn't close; who knew if Yu Feng City would hold until the Chairman arrived...

His departure could be a death sentence.

"Yes."

Chen Fan nodded, "Keep gathering intel, I'll be back soon. Also, if six individuals come looking for me, give them this file."

He handed over an envelope.

"Six people coming?"

Hua Jun was taken aback but agreed, "Chairman, please be careful."

Everyone knew why Anshan City was still standing.

If anything happened to Chen Fan, it would be disastrous for Anshan City's people.

Chen Fan gave him a look, then vanished from the office.

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After more than an hour, seeing the city's outline in the distance, the War Soul Squad members finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Captain, ahead, that's Anshan City, right?" someone asked.

"Yes."

Qin Jin nodded, looking ahead, feeling somewhat anxious.

Along the way, they had encountered many dangers and were almost surrounded by Fierce Beasts. Fortunately, each person had Instant Teleportation Items, allowing them to escape without harm.

However, once inside Anshan City, the situation would be different.

No matter how many Fierce Beasts attacked, they would have to fight to the end, unless Anshan City fell or Chairman Li abandoned them, they couldn't expect to escape unscathed.

"Finally here, it wasn't easy." someone sighed.

"Yeah, traveling over a thousand kilometers in two hours. Once we enter the city, I'm definitely going to take a good bath and have a big meal." the green-haired woman laughed.

"Wishful thinking." the man next to her snorted, "Once we enter the city, we must first find Chairman Li. If he assigns us tasks immediately, we might not even have time to rest, let alone take a bath."

"Really? So heartless?"

"Alright."

Qin Jin glanced at them helplessly.

These guys hadn't even realized what they were about to face.

"Let's go, into the city."

After he spoke, he moved forward first.

The others followed quickly, and as they walked, they noticed the ground was covered with craters. With their experience, they recognized these were shell craters, indicating a recent fierce battle here.

Besides the craters, there were various footprints, some a few dozen centimeters, some one or two meters, and some several meters long, extending from behind them to the front, densely scattered.

"It seems a Beast Tide did indeed erupt here." someone in the team took a deep breath, "Not small in scale, at least over a hundred thousand."

"Over a hundred thousand. Looks like Chairman Li wasn't lying, and judging by these footprints, three thousand Elite-level Fierce Beasts should be about right."

"Look, such a large-scale Beast Tide seems to have only reached the city walls but didn't breach them, as there are no signs of damage on the walls."

"So, twenty thousand Fierce Beasts couldn't even touch the walls and were repelled?"

Everyone showed a look of surprise.

They had thought that although Anshan City blocked the first wave of the Beast Tide, it must have suffered significant losses. But from the looks of it, the city was completely unharmed.

A question emerged in their minds.

How did Chairman Li and his companions manage to achieve this?

The group arrived at a ruined area.

It was clear that this was once a gathering place, but due to the Beast Tide, it was now in ruins.

In the middle of the ruins, a few paths had been cleared leading to the city gate.

The group reached the city gate, and several guards cautiously approached, "Excuse me, which one of you is Mr. Qin Jin?"

"I am."

Qin Jin responded.

"Mr. Qin, Chairman Li instructed me to tell you, upon entering the city, go directly to the Awakened Association."

"Alright."

Qin Jin nodded.

"Please follow me."

The guard made a gesture of invitation and then moved forward.

Qin Jin and his group followed behind, observing the small city.

Indeed, the initial impression of Anshan City was quite good, orderly and well-organized.

"Friend, has Anshan City recently encountered a Beast Tide attack?"

Qin Jin asked with a smile.

"Yes."

The leading guard sighed, "I don't know how, but the Beast Tide suddenly erupted. We had no time to prepare. Fortunately, we have Chairman Li, who obliterated the tens of thousands of Fierce Beasts attacking Anshan City."

He spoke with pride in his voice.

"Tens of thousands? Wasn't it said to be more than twenty thousand?" the green-haired woman muttered.

"Heh, yes, it was more than twenty thousand, but for us, it felt like a lot. From the city walls, it looked like a dark sea."

"So how did your Chairman Li manage it?" the red-haired woman asked the most concerned question.

The others pricked their ears, listening attentively.

"It was amazing."

The guard licked his lips, showing admiration, "When the Beast Tide reached the city walls, about to storm in, Chairman Li stood alone on the wall and summoned thousands of Flying Swords in one go, slaughtering the Fierce Beasts below mercilessly."

"What? Flying Swords?"

"Summoned thousands of Flying Swords in one go?"

The group was stunned.

"I'm not lying."

The guard quickly explained, "He really summoned thousands of Flying Swords at once, well, maybe summoned twice more afterwards, but that's beside the point. The point is, the swords seemed to have minds of their own, each sword slashing several beasts effortlessly."

Even the Elite-level Fierce Beasts were killed with one sword slash by Chairman Li's Flying Swords. It was too shocking, to be honest. We privately call Chairman Li 'Sword Immortal.' Of course, I'm only telling you this, don't mention it to the chairman when you meet him."

Qin Jin and his group exchanged glances, bewildered.

What on earth?

Wasn't Chairman Li an Awakener?

His awakened Superpower was supposed to be speed enhancement, right?

This also explained why they were left far behind on the way.

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But the other party summoned thousands of flying swords in one breath, killing more than 200,000 Fierce Beasts without a trace. What the hell is going on?

Moreover, according to the guard, it seemed that from beginning to end, it was Li Ping alone who was making a move? But didn't Chairman Han say that this Chairman Li had a few helpers?

"Everyone, the Awakened Association has arrived, I can only take you this far." The guard suddenly stopped walking and apologized with a smile.

After all, he was just an ordinary Martial Artist and wouldn't usually dare to get close to this place.

"Alright, thank you for your hard work."

Qin Jin smiled politely at him and then led the group forward.

If his guess was correct, someone would be looking for them as soon as they entered the door.

And that was indeed the case.

As soon as they entered the hall, a man walked up to them, "Excuse me, are you here to see our Chairman Li?"

"That's right."

Qin Jin replied.

"Alright, please follow me."

The man led them to an office and knocked on the door.

"Chairman, the people have arrived."

"Good."

A stranger's voice came from inside.

Qin Jin and the others exchanged glances.

This voice didn't sound like Chairman Li's. Despite Chairman Li being a man of few words, their impression couldn't be that far off.

Could it be that this person had brought them to the wrong place?

"Click."

With a soft sound, Hua Jun appeared before them.

"You may leave now," he said to the man, then turned to Qin Jin and the others with a smile, "Please come in and let's talk."

The others' eyes all fell on Qin Jin.

"Alright."

Qin Jin hesitated for a moment before nodding and walking inside.

On the coffee table, six teacups were already set, clearly indicating that the other party knew they were coming.

Seeing this, they all breathed a sigh of relief.

It seemed they had not been brought to the wrong place, and Chairman Li's earlier words were true. Something urgent must have happened in Anshan City.

"Please have a seat."

Hua Jun smiled as he poured water into their cups, "I am Hua Jun, the Vice Chairman of the Anshan City Awakened Association. The Chairman had to handle some urgent matters, so he entrusted me with hosting you. I hope you don't mind."

"How could we mind that?"

Qin Jin smiled slightly, "Chairman Li had already briefed us on the road. Speaking of which, we are the ones lacking in skill and couldn't keep up with the Chairman. By the way, do you know what urgent matter Chairman Li is dealing with? Would it be convenient to tell us? We came all the way from Juque City to aid Chairman Li in defending Anshan City."

"What?"

Hua Jun was taken aback and glanced at them, "You came from Juque City?"

Juque City was a major city, a place that many longed to go to, including Awakeners.

And these people were Awakeners from Juque City?

Then their strength must be... certainly not just C-level Awakeners, at least B-level, and possibly even some A-level Awakeners among them!

"Of course, we are all B-level Awakeners from Juque City." The green-haired woman said proudly.

"All B-level?"

Hua Jun gasped.

He was right. This group of Awakeners was not weak. Any one of them could serve as the City Lord in a small city.

And he, being a C-level Awakener with unremarkable combat power, felt an immense pressure.

"Don't be nervous."

Qin Jin saw through his thoughts and smiled, "It seems Chairman Li left in a hurry and didn't explain much about us to you. But you don't need to overthink. Just treat us as comrades. Besides, if anyone feels the pressure, it should be Chairman Li."

"Well, he's actually quite easy to get along with," Hua Jun said with a wry smile, "He may be taciturn, but he is generous to his subordinates. For example, not long ago, he gave me a Celestial God Fruit worth 50,000 points."

"Is that so?" Qin Jin and the others were surprised.

For them, 50,000 points weren't unattainable.

But to give that many points to someone else was still painful.

However, considering that Chairman Li probably had five or six million points, it made more sense. Typically, even an A-level Awakener would consider owning a million points a remarkable feat.

"Ahem."

Qin Jin cleared his throat, realizing the conversation was deviating, "Chairman Hua, as we mentioned earlier, we are allies with a common goal. So, could you please tell us about Chairman Li's whereabouts?"

"Of course."

Hua Jun quickly said, "The Chairman instructed us to gather information about the situation in nearby cities after the Beast Tide broke out."

"Oh?"

They were surprised but soon nodded one after another.

Chairman Li was indeed farsighted.

Most people would only focus on their own territory, with no attention left for nearby cities.

"And then?" Qin Jin continued to ask.

"Then the Chairman learned that Yu Feng City was under attack by the Beast Tide and that there were several thousand drilling-type Fierce Beasts appearing in the city. He immediately went over."

"Yu Feng City?"

"Yu Feng City is under attack by the Beast Tide?"

"So Chairman Li went to rescue Yu Feng City?"

They were all incredibly shocked.

So, the urgent matter Chairman Li referred to wasn't in Anshan City but in another city?

But wasn't he the Chairman of the Anshan City Awakened Association? He went to save others even at such a time?

"Yes."

Hua Jun took a deep breath and nodded solemnly.

He had a hunch that the Chairman probably went because of those drilling-type Fierce Beasts.

Because earlier that morning, a group of drilling-type Fierce Beasts had appeared in the city, causing a lot of panic despite no casualties.

These drilling-type Fierce Beasts clearly didn't appear out of thin air but likely came from elsewhere.

The Chairman went to Yu Feng City probably to eliminate these creatures and prevent them from invading Anshan City after overrunning Yu Feng City.

But even if the Chairman only killed those drilling-type Fierce Beasts without dealing with other beasts, it would still significantly relieve Yu Feng City's situation.

From his understanding of the Chairman, the latter would likely go above and beyond to help.

"Chairman Li..."

Qin Jin was at a loss for words.

The rest of the team also fell silent.

Any dissatisfaction they might have had vanished completely.

"Yu Feng City, is it?"

At that moment, Qin Jin made up his mind.

"Chairman Li going alone is dangerous. Since we're here to assist him, we should go help him now."

"The captain is right. Truth be told, I've been looking forward to this Beast Tide all the way here."

"Let's go, Captain. Time is of the essence."

Others in the team also chimed in.

"Chairman Hua, we must take our leave now."

"Wait, Brother Qin, don't be in such a hurry."

Hua Jun panicked and stood up to stop them, "Brother Qin, please wait. The Chairman left a letter for you. You should read it before you go."

"A letter?"

"Chairman Li's letter?"

They were all taken aback.

It did seem like something he would do.

"Where's the letter? Let me see." Qin Jin said eagerly.

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Hua Jun took the letter out from the Spatial Ring and handed it over.

Qin Jin received it, opened the envelope, and a folded letter along with a map slid out.

"A map?"

Everyone was taken aback, somewhat surprised to find such an item inside the envelope.

"Is this Anshan City's map?" someone noticed the line of words at the top of the map, exclaiming in surprise.

"What, Anshan City's map?"

"Isn't Anshan City the place we're currently in?"

"I get it, Chairman Li gave us this map to familiarize ourselves with the terrain, so we can handle any unforeseen circumstances in the future."

Several people were left speechless upon hearing this.

If it was Juque City, that would indeed be necessary. The area stretches for hundreds of miles and has some obscure places that would be unknown to them without looking at a map.

But Anshan City, a small city, they wouldn't get lost even with their eyes closed, right?

"No, it's not that simple."

Qin Jin shook his head and pointed to the map, saying, "Look here."

Beside him, Hua Jun almost looked over too, triggered by the words.

He hadn't been particularly curious initially, but after hearing it was Anshan City's map, he couldn't help himself.

Now Qin Jin mentioned looking at the map, making it even harder for him to resist the urge to see what was special about it.

However, the map was left by the chairman for the people in front of him, not for him; sneaking a peek would be impolite.

Everyone directed their gaze towards the map.

The map did show a city, almost occupying ninety percent of the area, with what appeared to be mountain peaks around the edges.

Within the city, several places were circled in conspicuous red, and Qin Jin's finger pointed at one of them.

"Four locations in total, all specially marked by Chairman Li?"

"Captain, does Chairman Li mean for us to go to these places marked on the map?"

"Could there be Fierce Beasts? But when we came here, we didn't sense any Fierce Beasts within the city?"

Everyone talked one after another.

Qin Jin too felt puzzled; these locations were within the city. If Fierce Beasts appeared, they would undoubtedly cause panic, not remaining calm as if the waters were undisturbed.

Could it be that it's not Fierce Beasts, but dangerous individuals here?

It's indeed possible—wanted criminals, fugitives, or cultists might be concealed here, especially as the Beast Tide event shrinks their living spaces.

Smaller cities with weaker defenses are ideal for them to mix in unnoticed.

However, he didn't say anything but opened the folded letter beside him.

He believed that as long as he read the letter, he would understand what the four red circles on the map meant.

The office's atmosphere suddenly grew quiet.

Others in the team focused their gaze on Qin Jin, eyes filled with curiosity.

Suddenly, Qin Jin's pupils widened abruptly, and a look of disbelief emerged on his face.

"What's the matter, Captain?"

"Captain, what's written on the letter that shocked you so much?"

Qin Jin gestured with his hand, indicating it wasn't time to speak yet, and continued reading downward.

Everyone exchanged glances, growing more curious.

Hua Jun's heart also felt like it was being scratched by cat claws.

What exactly was written on the letter left by the chairman? It must be related to the circled locations on the map.

But what could it be?

Finally, Qin Jin set down the letter and took a deep breath.

"Captain!"

"Don't rush."

Qin Jin waved his hand, saying, "I'll now tell you what's written on the letter."

Everyone immediately sat upright and listened attentively.

"Ahem."

Hua Jun stood up and said with a smile, "I'll step out for a moment; call me when you're done talking."

"Chairman Hua, you should sit and listen too."

Qin Jin smiled at him, "This matter concerns you as well."

"Concerns me too?"

Hua Jun was stunned.

He then obediently sat down.

"You must have noticed that these four places on the map are not only circled with red, but there are also numerical labels beside them."

"Yes, and?"

The green-haired woman glanced at the map.

1, 2, 3, 4—four numbers correspond directly to the locations.

However, these four numbers were arranged in a somewhat random way, without clear sense.

"These four numbers aren't for counting, but indicate the sequence of timing."

"Sequence of timing?"

"What do you mean, Captain? I don't quite understand."

"Wait, I think I understand what the captain means." The red-haired woman's eyes brightened, pointing at the top right number one, saying, "Captain, does Chairman Li mean for us to first go here, then to the location marked as number 2, and then number 3, and finally number 4, right?"

The room instantly fell silent, all eyes turned towards Qin Jin.

"Exactly."

Qin Jin gave her a thumbs-up and said, "Xiaofeng, sharp as ever."

"Of course."

The red-haired woman crossed her arms, looking proud.

"But Captain," a man frowned and said, "What's the significance of this order? What happens if we don't follow it? Will there be consequences?"

Qin Jin shook his head, saying, "It's not that simple. The sequence is just one part; the other part is that we must go at specific times. Going too early will be a waste of time, going too late could have dire consequences."

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His words completely baffled the few people present.

What did he mean?

They still had to go at a specific time?

With so many requirements, what exactly did Chairman Li want them to do?

"Brother Qin, could you be more specific?"

Hua Jun couldn't help but speak up.

"Of course."

Qin Jin nodded and smiled bitterly, "The truth is, I didn't say anything earlier because I myself haven't fully processed some of the contents of this letter."

Before the others could ask, he pointed to the position of number 1 and said, "In three hours, this area will see the first wave of ground-boring beasts, numbering around three hundred, with over ten Elite-level Fierce Beasts among them."

"What?"

Upon hearing this, the people present were all stunned.

This place would see a wave of ground-boring beasts in three hours? And the number was specified? Could this be real?

How could Chairman Li know this information?

This was something that would happen in the future. Could it be that he possesses some form of precognition?

"Captain, what about the number 2?"

The green-haired woman pointed to the second spot.

"At 10:30 tonight, another wave of ground-boring beasts will appear here, reaching six hundred with almost fifty Elite-level Fierce Beasts among them."

"And number 3?"

"At 5 AM the next morning, there will be another wave of ground-boring beasts, similar in scale to the first."

Qin Jin's gaze turned to the last marked location, "At 1 PM tomorrow, a wave of nearly five hundred ground-boring beasts will appear, including one Commander-level Fierce Beast."

"Commander-level!"

Hearing this, the group took a deep breath.

If it was only one Commander-level Fierce Beast, they were confident they could handle it without much danger.

But if that Commander-level Fierce Beast had dozens of Elite-level ones with it, that would be a different story. The difficulty of killing the target as well as the likelihood of them getting injured would increase significantly.

However, before seriously considering these issues, there was a more important question to clarify: Are these pieces of information real?

"Why are you all looking at me that way?"

Qin Jin said helplessly, "These aren't my words; they're written on this paper. If you don't believe me, you can check it yourself."

Without hesitation, the group took the letter and gathered around to read it.

Sure enough, it was just as the captain had said: the times, places, and numbers were all clearly detailed.

"This..."

The group exchanged glances, not knowing what to say.

"Chairman Hua,"

Someone looked at Hua Jun curiously and asked, "Can your Chairman Li know about future events in advance?"

"Huh?"

Hua Jun opened his mouth wide.

After thinking for a while, he shook his head and said, "I... I don't know either."

He recalled an incident in the past when people from Jiulong City had come close to causing a massacre here.

If the chairman could foresee the future, there wouldn't have been a need for others to call and warn them.

But when the first Beast Tide erupted, the chairman seemed to be prepared...

"You don't know either?"

When they heard this, the group's brows furrowed simultaneously.

"Ahem."

Hua Jun coughed and said, "Folks, I really don't know if the chairman can foresee future events, but he is not one to speak without reason. I believe that since he wrote this in the letter, he must have certainty."

Qin Jin and the others looked at each other.

They didn't know much about Li Ping, and thus were skeptical of what Hua Jun said too.

But one thing was clear: they came here on Chairman Han's advice and with Li Ping's tasked mission.

Therefore, as long as the latter wasn't sending them on a suicide mission, they had no reason to refuse.

"Chairman Hua is right."

Qin Jin nodded and said, "Although we haven't interacted with Chairman Li for long, we can tell he's a reliable person. I believe what he says in the letter."

The others nodded as well.

During their journey, they had learned some details.

This Chairman Li was indeed a warm-hearted person despite his cold exterior. Not only did he protect Anshan City, but he also rushed to other places for rescue missions.

"Yes, yes."

Hua Jun nodded repeatedly, then looked at the map on the table, then at the group, and tentatively asked, "Folks, since the chairman said that these areas will be attacked by ground-boring beasts, we should quickly evacuate the residents living there, right?"

"Yes."

Qin Jin replied, "Chairman Hua is right. Please handle the specific arrangements for the evacuation. Once the beasts appear, leave it to us."

"This!"

Hua Jun was overjoyed and quickly said, "Thank you very much."

The city's C-level Awakeners had mostly left. Even if they were around, they wouldn't stand much chance against such a large beast horde.

Unless the chairman personally took action, there wasn't much they could do.

And these people in front of him were powerful individuals from Juque City, all of whom were B-level and well-coordinated as a team.

"Chairman Hua, you're too polite."

Qin Jin waved his hand and smiled, "As I said before, we came here to assist Chairman Li in protecting Anshan City. Clearing these beasts is our duty."

"The captain is right. This is what we should do. And it's just one Commander-level Fierce Beast and dozens of Elite-level ones. Taking them out is a piece of cake for us," the green-haired woman said proudly.

"Exactly. Dozens, even hundreds of Elite-level Fierce Beasts are nothing to us."

"Chairman Hua, take care of the arrangements. Leave everything else to us."

"Alright, alright, I'll get to it right away."

Hua Jun got up and hurried out.

Although they had three hours to prepare, the time would pass in a blink of an eye.

After he left, the people in the office looked at each other.

"Captain, do you really believe what's written on this paper?"

A man pointed to the page.

"Honestly, I'm not quite convinced."

Qin Jin shook his head.

"Captain, I think the same," the green-haired woman said in agreement. "How could anyone know what's going to happen? If someone could, they would be invincible."

"Exactly. Foreseeing the future? If someone could do that, it would be unbelievable. I remember Chairman Li's superpower is Speed Enhancement, not future predicting."

"Yes, I find it strange too."

"Maybe he cultivated some special technique?" someone suggested. "I heard that some special cultivation techniques could predict the future. Chairman Li's methods seemed to be those of a Martial Artist. Could he have cultivated a similar technique?"

"Could be."

The group nodded.

Even if they hadn't cultivated martial arts, they knew a bit about Martial Artists' capabilities.

"I think, instead of us guessing around here, why don't we wait for three hours to see if beasts appear at this spot?"

"Yes, if the beasts do appear, then the rest of the locations will likely have beasts as well. If not, we've followed the instructions, and Chairman Li can't blame us."

"Right, that's the way."

Qin Jin nodded slightly; it made sense.

The situation would be better understood as time passed.

He didn't know why, but he actually hoped the contents of the letter were true.

Chapter 606: Earth Dragon

"Help! Help! So many Fierce Beasts, so many Fierce Beasts!"

"Help! Help! Somebody save us!"

"The Fierce Beasts are coming, run! Run!"

"Don't chase me! No!"

On the streets of Yu Feng City, hundreds of people were frantically running forward, glancing back as they fled.

Just one or two hundred meters behind them, more than a dozen gray rats were chasing; they moved on all fours, swift as the wind. The distance of one or two hundred meters was closed in just a blink, and they pounced on a few stragglers.

Heart-wrenching screams followed, accompanied by the nauseating sound of chewing.

"Huff, huff..."

The people at the front glanced back, feeling their scalps go numb but also breathing a sigh of relief.

They were ordinary city dwellers who suddenly learned of the Beast Tide, and quickly followed others to a nearby shelter.

Because once the Fierce Beasts outside broke through the city walls and entered the city, if they remained in their buildings, they wouldn't survive. They would be like canned food waiting for the Fierce

Beasts to open. Thus, with enough food and water, hiding in underground spaces might give them a chance at survival.

What they never expected was that even the underground spaces weren't safe.

A large number of Fierce Beasts suddenly emerged from underground and started a massacre. Six or seven out of ten people in the shelters died, and the rest had to flee.

Who knew, even on the streets, there appeared large numbers of Fierce Beasts. Some of the beasts, smelling them, charged and started slaughtering them.

"Run! Keep running!"

Someone shouted loudly.

At that moment, the road ahead suddenly exploded with a bang, rubble flying everywhere. An earthworm-like Fierce Beast, over twenty meters long, lunged out from the underground with a fierce aura.

"This!"

The crowd was so terrified they stopped in their tracks, looking up with faces full of astonishment.

What was this creature?

Was it a Fierce Beast?

This beast was almost as tall as a ten-story building.

"Roar!"

The worm-like Fierce Beast suddenly opened its mouth, four or five meters in diameter, revealing a circle of sharp steel teeth, then plunged down, swallowing more than a dozen people in front of it.

The sound of chewing began, and blood flowed from its mouth like a small creek.

"This, this..."

Someone, scared pale, sat down on the ground with a thud, a puddle of liquid slowly forming beneath them.

Most around them were similar, their minds seemingly frozen, standing foolishly in place.

Only a few remained clear-headed. Seeing the path ahead blocked, they tried to escape in other directions.

But the next moment, two more similar Fierce Beasts burrowed up from the ground, swallowing another thirty people on the spot.

These two Earth Dragons were slightly smaller than the first, but they still stood about six or seven stories tall.

They worked together with the first, surrounding the people on the ground, trapping them in the center.

"Damn! It's the Three-headed Earth Dragon!"

An approaching figure, seeing this, turned pale.

The Earth Dragons, mutated from earthworms, could move freely underground. Even when they surfaced, their bodies covered in hard scales made them difficult to deal with.

These three Earth Dragons, all around ten meters in size, were clearly Commander-level Fierce Beasts. Especially the one in the middle, nearly twenty meters long; its strength was close to that of a Beast King-level Fierce Beast.

"Damn it, three Commander-level Fierce Beasts are too much for me alone. I need to call for help." The man gritted his teeth and quickly left.

He was indeed a B-level Awakened, but under normal circumstances, a B-level Awakened killing a single Commander-level Fierce Beast was already quite difficult, let alone three.

However, Commander-level Fierce Beasts posed a significant threat. If not dealt with swiftly, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Soon, over a dozen Awakeners arrived and engaged in fierce combat with the Three-headed Earth Dragon.

The same scenes were playing out in various parts of the city.

Only, in some places, resistance was taking place. In others, it was one-sided slaughter.

Every second, hundreds or thousands of people fell, staining the ground with blood. The air was thick with the scent of blood.

Meanwhile, at the city walls, the situation was even more harrowing.

Fierce Beasts surged from all directions like an ocean, and the forty to fifty-meter-high walls were filled with breaches. Innumerable Fierce Beasts swarmed through these gaps into the city, turning the buildings along the streets into rubble.

At the forefront of the beast horde, tanks blocked their path. Numerous Martial Artists and guards, wielding machine guns, fired frantically, barely holding the Fierce Beasts at bay.

On the city walls, cannon fire roared, and shells fell like raindrops into the Beast Tide below.

Each shell could explode and kill or wound dozens of Fierce Beasts.

Yet, facing the endless Beast Tide, it seemed to make no difference.

"City Lord."

On the city walls, someone spoke with a troubled expression, "If this continues, we won't be able to hold out."

"It wasn't supposed to be this bad. A million Fierce Beasts, our Yu Feng City could defend against. But who knew, at such a critical moment, an enormous number of Fierce Beasts would appear within the city, forcing us to divert our top fighters to deal with them. If not for this, the walls wouldn't have breached so quickly!"

One person slammed their fist on the battlement, speaking in a tone of bitter resentment.

Chapter 607: Earth Dragon_2

Yu Feng City was still considered a medium-sized city. Even if some people had already left, the number of B-level Awakened remaining in the association still exceeded ten. Counting the Awakened from the City Lord's Mansion, it was over twenty B-level Awakened. With the cooperation of the city's giant cannons, they should be able to hold on.

But then, the appearance of Fierce Beasts inside the city disrupted all their plans, forcing them to send out a large number of strong fighters to deal with them.

However, anyone with a clear mind could see that the situation would only continue to worsen.

When the gaps in the city walls continued to increase, the city would fall.

"City Lord, as the saying goes, where there's life, there's hope. We should leave while the city hasn't completely fallen. Otherwise, when the Fierce Beasts fully pour in, it will be much harder to leave."

"Yes, City Lord, we should leave immediately."

"City Lord."

Many people echoed the sentiment.

If they could hold on, they wouldn't mind taking the risk, because some of their families and friends were also in the city.

But knowing they couldn't hold on, why make unnecessary sacrifices?

It would be better to leave and take their families with them.

The man at the front of the crowd didn't respond. His gaze was fixed on the distance.

He could feel that another pair of eyes were watching him from there.

If he guessed correctly, it was at least an ordinary Beast King-level Fierce Beast, which was why he hadn't made a move.

But it seemed there was no need for that Beast King-level Fierce Beast to act; they were already struggling to hold on.

His family had long been transferred to a big city, and he had returned because he was emotionally attached to the city he had built with his own hands. This city had developed from a fortress to a small city, and now to a medium-sized city. He originally thought it could become a large city eventually, but...

"Earlier, I asked you to ask headquarters for help. What was the result?"

He turned around and asked.

"This..."

The people behind him exchanged glances, and one of them smiled bitterly and said, "City Lord, I was just about to tell you that after we requested aid from headquarters, they said they couldn't help because there were too many places under attack by the Beast Tide. They told us to take care of ourselves."

"Damn it!"

Someone was indignant upon hearing this: "It's not that they can't help, they just don't want to!"

"Exactly, all of our country's top-tier Awakened are in those three super-sized cities. If they just send an A-level Awakened, they could solve our predicament, right?"

"That's true, but it depends on whether they're willing to help."

Debate quieted down.

Indeed, headquarters was strong, but there were many medium-sized cities in Yan Country. They couldn't save them all. If they really wanted to save, they would save the more important or connected ones. If it were them, they would probably do the same. It's human nature.

"What about the requests for aid to other cities?"

"This..."

Again, the people behind exchanged glances.

"City Lord, we also contacted several nearby medium-sized cities. They sympathize with our situation, but when we asked for help, they made excuses, saying they were barely able to protect themselves or were also about to face Beast Tide attacks."

"Not a single one?"

Yang Ming turned, holding a sliver of hope.

They hadn't seen any reinforcements yet.

Thinking positively, perhaps the rescuers were on their way.

"Not a single one."

The speaker's face was filled with bitterness.

"Those bastards!" Someone exclaimed, "A few days ago, everyone agreed that if anyone first faced a Beast Tide attack, the others would come to assist. Now that we're in danger, their promises are worthless."

"That's right. We're the unlucky first ones to be attacked. What if it were them instead?"

"Such selfish jerks. Do they think they'll be safe if Yu Feng City falls? The Fierce Beasts will just come for them next!"

"Exactly, they're shortsighted and narrow-minded!"

The more they spoke, the angrier they got, wishing they could confront those people right now.

"Alright, everyone, calm down," the City Lord of Yu Feng City sighed. "Whether or not they support us is their right, not their obligation. Besides, their actions are understandable."

"The City Lord is correct. Each person for themselves, that's an ancient truth. If we were in their shoes, we'd likely do the same."

The crowd went silent.

The thunderous sound of cannons continued.

The Fierce Beasts, undeterred by death, launched relentless assaults on the city.

The casualties inside the city continued to mount.

"City Lord!"

Just then, several blood-soaked men appeared on the city walls, their voices filled with desperation.

"City Lord, there are too many Fierce Beasts inside the city. We can barely hold them off!"

"Yes, City Lord, there are over twenty Commander-level burrowing Fierce Beasts, and more than a hundred Elite-level ones. Their numbers are still increasing. We can't handle them anymore!"

"Many good brothers have already died. Some were even swallowed by those damn beasts. City Lord..." One man finished speaking and tears flowed down his face.

He had watched helplessly as his comrades from the past were swallowed by an Elite-level Fierce Beast.

Some met an even worse fate, crushed into a bloody pulp.

They paid with more than half their lives to eliminate a group of beasts, yet it felt like a drop in the ocean.

If they continued to fight, the only outcome would be total annihilation.

Everyone feared death, especially the Awakened. To die here seemed too worthless.

The atmosphere grew tense.

People on the city wall exchanged looks.

"City Lord, should we retreat?" someone finally whispered.

"Yes, City Lord, where there's life, there's hope."

"We should leave quickly, City Lord, it'll be too late soon."

Urgent pleas echoed.

At that moment, a large section of the eastern city wall suddenly collapsed. The guards on the wall had no time to react as they fell with the debris and were trampled into bloody pulp by the surging Fierce Beasts.

"It's bad! The Fierce Beasts have broken through!"

"Someone! Call for help!"

"Hold the line! Hold the line!"

Panic ensued.

But everything happened too quickly. In the blink of an eye, tens of thousands of Fierce Beasts stormed into the city, with even more following close behind.

"City Lord..."

A man behind retracting his gaze spoke urgently, "City Lord, you must decide quickly. Delaying will only worsen the situation."

"Yes, City Lord, if there weren't so many Fierce Beasts inside, we might defend. But now, the city is overrun, and there are countless outside. There's no way to hold them off!"

"City Lord, if we continue to fight, more people will die. City Lord!"

The Yu Feng City Lord frowned deeply, conflicted.

He knew Yu Feng City faced grim odds, but he was unwilling to give up.

This city was his heart and soul. He couldn't bear to see it destroyed.

But the fighters had lost their will. Forcing them to continue might be counterproductive.

"Is there really no other choice but to abandon it?"

He turned, looking out over the city.

Fires blazed, countless Fierce Beasts roamed, mingling with the cries and screams of ordinary people, creating a hellish scene.

Chapter 608: Who are you?

"Prepare for retreat."

After a long while, the City Lord of Yu Feng City spoke.

His subordinates were right; knowing the result, continuing on would only increase casualties.

It was better to preserve strength and move elsewhere.

The people behind him exchanged glances and breathed a sigh of relief.

The City Lord had finally made a decision; they wouldn't die here today.

"No need to rush the retreat."

At this moment, a strange voice rang out.

Everyone turned towards the sound to see a mysterious man had appeared nearby without them noticing.

"Who are you?"

The City Lord of Yu Feng City was taken aback, frowning as he scrutinized the stranger before him.

As far as he remembered, there was no one in that spot earlier.

"Now is not the time to discuss this."

Chen Fan's eyes turned towards the city, "Leave the Fierce Beasts inside the city to me, you just handle the ones outside."

Without waiting for any response, he headed straight into the city.

If these people cooperated, it would be best. After dealing with the tunneling Fierce Beasts inside, he would help alleviate their pressure.

If they didn't cooperate, it would just be a bit more troublesome.

"What?"

They looked at each other, bewildered.

"Who is this guy? Where did he come from? Does anyone know him?"

"I don't know him. I've never seen him before."

"Me neither."

"Same here."

Several people shook their heads in succession.

"No one knows him, and he speaks to us in that tone? Who does he think he is?" Someone grumbled in dissatisfaction.

An unknown person giving them orders? Did he think he was someone important?

"Could he be from another city, coming to support us?" someone asked curiously.

"Coming from another place to support us? That's impossible, isn't it? We were just told that headquarters and the nearby medium-sized cities all refused to help."

"Right, and even if there were reinforcements, it wouldn't be just one person, would it? What could one person do? It would be better if they didn't come."

"Exactly, exactly."

The crowd nodded repeatedly.

In the present situation, sending a team of B-level Awakened could have some effect, but sending a single person? It would be like sending a sheep to the wolves.

Another irritating point was that the attitude of this newcomer was very arrogant, as if he were some superior officer.

"City Lord, shall we go now?"

Someone urged.

The City Lord of Yu Feng City hesitated.

His intuition told him that this person's strength was not simple. The fact that he could appear unnoticed indicated significant ability.

But rationality told him that placing hope on a mysterious stranger was too risky.

"City Lord?"

Several voices prodded him.

"Let's wait and see."

The City Lord of Yu Feng City spoke up, "After all, he's here to support us. If we turn our backs on him now, it wouldn't be right, would it?"

"But..."

"City Lord, we can't let all our lives hinge on one person, can we?"

"Yeah, City Lord, if it's not working out, we can send a few people to bring him back."

People pleaded one after another.

"Let's wait a bit longer."

The City Lord of Yu Feng City said in an indisputable tone, "Let's wait a while, if he can improve the situation inside the city, we will keep holding on. If not, we'll prepare to retreat."

With that, despite their displeasure, no one dared to argue further.

Many of them were cursing Chen Fan in their hearts.

"Boom Boom Boom!"

The sound of gunfire continued.

Inside the city, of the dozen or so Awakeners originally fighting the Three-headed Earth Dragon, less than a third remained, and even those were injured.

Only one of the Three-headed Earth Dragon had been killed, and the remaining two, having been wounded, were even more ferocious.

One of them swung its gigantic tail, turning an Awakener unable to dodge in time into a blood mist. Several nearby buildings were snapped in half.

Countless rubble fell, crushing many surrounding Fierce Beasts to pulp.

"No!"

The remaining four or five people were shaken to their cores.

"No, I don't want to die! I don't want to die!"

Finally, someone couldn't bear the pressure anymore, and fled without looking back.

"Ren Xin!"

The others were stunned.

"Captain, should we retreat too?"

"Yes, Captain, if we continue like this, we will die here too."

"Watch out!"

As they spoke, another Earth Dragon opened its vast mouth to attack.

At the critical moment, a massive blade light descended, slicing the sixteen-meter-long Earth Dragon into two halves.

Blood spurted from the cut, reaching twenty or thirty meters high.

The front half of the Earth Dragon's body fell to the ground with a thud, convulsing in pain.

"What?"

The few remaining Awakeners were stunned by the sudden turn of events.

"Roar!"

The remaining twenty-meter Earth Dragon roared furiously and charged at a distant shadow.

This time, it was met with another brilliant blade light.

The blade cleaved through the Earth Dragon like a hot knife through butter, slicing its body in half. Blood spurted from every direction like a burst water pipe.

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"Boom!"

With a wail, the two halves of the Earth Dragon's body fell to the ground.

At the same time, another blade light fell, killing the struggling Earth Dragon on the ground.

"..."

The few people on the ground opened their mouths wide, looking at the figure on the high building not far away.

Were they dreaming?

The three-headed Earth Dragon that almost wiped them out was killed in just a couple of breaths by this person right in front of them.

Even if the two Earth Dragons were injured, they shouldn't have died so easily, right?

The next second, that figure disappeared from their sight.

"C-Captain," one of the Awakeners looked at the bodies on the ground, incredulous, "We... we're saved?"

"I-It appears so." The man who was asked nodded mechanically.

"Oh my God, killing a Commander-level Fierce Beast in an instant, what kind of power does that guy have? Could it be that he is an A-level Awakener?"

"What! A-level Awakener! Yes, only an A-level Awakener would have such power."

"So, an A-level Awakener has come to assist us?"

The few people trembled with excitement.

If that's the case, they were saved.

Not just them, maybe the entire Yu Feng City could be defended.

In another place.

Dozens of Martial Artists wielding swords and blades were surrounded by Fierce Beasts.

Hundreds of Fierce Beasts were besieging them.

"It seems like, we might meet our end here today."

Someone in the team said with a bitter smile.

As members of the city, they too couldn't escape unscathed.

But the number of Fierce Beasts was simply too many.

Initially, their numbers exceeded three hundred, including True Essence Realm and Meridian Refining Martial Artists. But as time passed, the dead died, the injured were injured, the missing were missing, and finally, only they were left.

"Whizz, whizz, whizz!"

The sound of swords resonated.

Thousands of flying swords flew from the sky like a long river, sweeping the surrounding hundreds of Fierce Beasts.

"Puff!"

"Puff!"

"Puff!"

Each sound was accompanied by the fall of several Fierce Beasts.

A few breaths later, the surrounding hundreds of Fierce Beasts fell to the ground.

"This?"

Dozens of Martial Artists were all stunned, their expressions extremely shocked.

Just moments ago, these Fierce Beasts were still baring their fangs and claws at them, looking ferocious.

The next second, they turned into a pile of corpses, dead beyond any doubt.

"What on earth is going on?"

"Yeah, weren't these Fierce Beasts fine just now? Why are they all dead now?"

"Could it be that someone saved us?"

"Definitely, otherwise how could these Fierce Beasts all die at once?"

"Where is the person who saved us? Where is he?"

Everyone looked around, but there was no one to be seen.

The same scene was being played out in various places in the city.

The turmoil in the city visibly diminished.

The people on the city wall gradually noticed this scene.

"Why does it feel like the commotion in the city has gotten much smaller?"

Someone muttered.

"It seems so, the commotion is not as big as before."

"Could it be that guy really took care of those Fierce Beasts inside the city?"

"That's impossible, right?" Someone retorted, "There are at least over twenty Commander-level Fierce Beasts in the city, and hundreds of Elite-level Fierce Beasts, not to mention those Mid to High-level Fierce Beasts. With so many, how could one person possibly handle them all?"

"Exactly, I think it's probably not the Fierce Beasts being eliminated but rather the people in the city suffering heavy casualties, and the Awakener teams we sent in have also been completely wiped out, right?"

As the words fell, the atmosphere instantly quieted down.

There was indeed such a possibility.

After all, the ordinary people in the city had no power to resist in the face of these Fierce Beasts. If any had survived by luck, they wouldn't dare to make a sound, lest they be found by the Fierce Beasts.

If the Awakener teams we sent were wiped out, it would mean that the city is indeed undefendable.

If this goes on any longer, we too will find ourselves in a dire situation, trapped between enemies on both sides.

"City Lord, didn't you say to wait a bit? I think we should probably leave now. If that person hasn't returned yet, it's likely they've met a bad end. We'd better retreat quickly!"

"Yes, City Lord, the city is likely already lost. If we delay any longer, we might not be able to leave even if we want to."

"City Lord!"

Suddenly, a group of people hurried over, their bodies bearing various wounds, but each had a radiant expression on their face.

"City Lord, good news, good news!" The leading person spoke excitedly, "The Fierce Beasts in the east of the city have all been cleared."

"What?"

Before the City Lord could ask, several exclamations rang out beside him.

"What did you just say? The Fierce Beasts in the east of the city have all been cleared, all gone?"

"Yes!"

The man who brought the news nodded like a pecking chicken, "There were over a thousand Fierce Beasts in the east of the city, including five Commander-level Fierce Beasts. We couldn't possibly resist them, not even protect ourselves, but just a few minutes ago, all those Fierce Beasts died, including those few Commander-level Fierce Beasts."

"What!"

"Over a thousand Fierce Beasts, all dead! Those five Commander-level Fierce Beasts also dead?"

"You're not joking, right?"

Everyone present was stunned.

"I'm not joking, we saw it with our own eyes," the man hurriedly said, "City Lord, if you don't believe me, you can ask the others."

"Reporting to the City Lord, we saw it too. All those Fierce Beasts are dead, the bodies are still there. If you don't believe us, you can come and check."

"Yes, City Lord, we all saw it with our own eyes."

Several people spoke in earnest.

"This?"

Everyone looked at each other.

From the looks of it, the few people who brought the news didn't seem to be lying.

"City Lord! City Lord!"

At this moment, another group of people hurried over.

Like the previous group, they were all beaming with joy.

"City Lord!"

The leading person climbed to the city wall and shouted, "City Lord, great news, the over two thousand Fierce Beasts in the north of the city are all dead!"

"What!"

Once again, everyone's pupils dilated.

Just now, someone brought news saying the Fierce Beasts in the east of the city were cleared, which they half believed.

Right after, someone else came saying the Fierce Beasts in the north were also gone.

Could there really be such a coincidence in the world? Probably not, right?

"Could it be him?"

The City Lord of Yu Feng City recalled the previous scene in his mind.

"Did you see clearly who did it?"

He hurriedly asked.

"Ah?"

The few people who brought the news were taken aback.

Among them, someone did see that person's figure.

But they thought that person was sent by the City Lord for support. They thought their City Lord was amazing, being able to invite such a master, but the City Lord actually didn't know?

"City Lord, that person, we didn't see clearly what he looked like, we only remember he was dressed in black, and seemed to be empty-handed."

"Black clothes?"

"Was it him?"

Exclamations rang out one after another.

Was it that guy?

"Black clothes, empty-handed?"

The City Lord of Yu Feng City was both shocked and delighted, because the person who appeared before was dressed exactly like this.

So, he wasn't boasting after all, but truly had this capability?

If he guessed right, then next?

"City Lord! Good news! Good news!"

Another excited voice rang out.

"City Lord! Tremendous good news!"

In an instant, several men arrived in front of everyone, "City Lord, the thousands of Fierce Beasts in the west of the city have also been eliminated."

"What!"

On hearing this, everyone's eyes widened once more.

The Fierce Beasts in three directions were all cleared by someone?

Could it be true?

Then the remaining Fierce Beasts in one direction, could they also have been cleared by someone?

And all of this was done by that person who appeared before?

Chapter 610: Accompanying Buddha to the West

"City Lord? Is... is this real?"

Someone's voice trembled as they asked, their tone a mixture of shock and joy.

If it weren't for the numerous Fierce Beasts that appeared at the beginning of the attack, catching them off guard, the situation wouldn't have deteriorated to this point.

"Yes."

The City Lord of Yu Feng City nodded, his gaze sweeping the city. "You can feel it too, right? The commotion in the city has lessened significantly, hasn't it?"

The people behind him nodded.

Despite the earth-shattering sounds of artillery around them, their senses were far beyond those of ordinary people, making them aware of the difference from before.

"So, did that person really make it happen?" someone asked.

There was a brief silence before the discussions picked up in a wave.

"I think it must be him. From their description earlier, it has to be him."

"But could one person really kill thousands of Fierce Beasts?"

"Not just that, among those thousands of Fierce Beasts, there were at least twenty Commander-level Fierce Beasts alone, not to mention the Elite-level Fierce Beasts. Even for us, to eliminate them would result in considerable casualties. More importantly, if we intervened, we wouldn't be able to fend off the Commander-level Fierce Beasts waiting outside the city."

"Yeah, indeed."

Echoes of agreement were heard all around.

They had known about the difficult situation inside the city but refrained from acting because of this consideration.

If they exhausted their trump cards dealing with the Fierce Beasts within the city, the safety within would be short-lived.

"From his appearance until now, how much time has passed? Just a few minutes, and he managed to kill so many Fierce Beasts? Even an A-level Awakened wouldn't have such power, right?"

"Indeed, to be honest, it's hard for me to believe."

"Instead of speculating here, why don't we send someone to take a look?" Someone suggested.

"Yes, yes, just go and see, and everything will be clear."

"I'll go." Someone volunteered.

"No need."

At that moment, a calm voice resounded.

"That voice?"

"It's him!"

The crowd was taken aback and turned towards the source of the voice.

It was still the same place, still that same figure.

The difference was, this time, the gazes of everyone present no longer held the arrogance from before, but were filled with caution.

"Indeed."

Chen Dan nodded slightly, casting his eyes over the crowd. "You did listen to my words instead of ignoring them."

"..."

The crowd looked at one another, unusually silent with no one daring to retort.

"May I ask if all the Fierce Beasts within the city have been eradicated by you?"

The City Lord of Yu Feng City stepped forward, cautiously asking.

The crowd held their breath, their hearts in their mouths, each straining their ears.

"What do you think?"

Chen Fan retorted.

A chorus of gasps followed.

The City Lord of Yu Feng City was stunned, his voice trembling, "In just a few minutes, you... you wiped out thousands of Fierce Beasts?"

Chen Fan cast him a glance, frowning, "I have no interest in answering such boring questions."

"Yes, yes, of course."

The City Lord of Yu Feng City quickly shut his mouth, though he was now ninety percent certain that everything in the city was indeed the work of the person before him.

He took a deep breath and saluted, "Thank you for your assistance. May I know your name?"

Those around him nodded repeatedly.

After realizing the power of the person before them, their curiosity about his identity grew. As mentioned earlier, even an A-level Awakened would find it difficult to kill a dozen or so Commander-level Fierce Beasts in such a short time.

Perhaps only a Quasi-S-Class or S-Class Awakened could achieve that.

There were only three S-Class Awakened in the entire Yan Country. Anyone affiliated with the Awakened Association would recognize their faces, and clearly, this person wasn't among them.

Thus, he was most likely a Quasi-S-Class Awakened.

"Instead of asking such questions, I'd rather hear what you plan to do next."

Chen Fan turned his head, overlooking the wave of Fierce Beasts surging towards the city.

In just a few minutes, several breaches appeared along the walls again. Although the city's defenses managed to intercept them, it was clear to everyone's eye that it wouldn't hold for long.

"What should we do next?"

The City Lord of Yu Feng City paused, then smiled bitterly, looking at the ground. "If you hadn't arrived in time, we would have left. We only managed to avert an immediate crisis thanks to you, but the situation remains grim."

He sighed deeply.

"The City Lord is right," a man behind him echoed, sighing. "The Beast Tide outside the city has only just begun, and not even a single Commander-level Fierce Beast has appeared yet. According to our assumptions, the mastermind behind this attack is no Commander-level Fierce Beast but a Beast King-level one."

"A Beast King-level... To put it bluntly, even with the City Lord, all of us combined might not be a match for it."

"Yes, yes, if a Beast King-level Fierce Beast appears, we truly have no confidence in defending the city."

Everyone's words came one after another.

What was once a somewhat relieved atmosphere turned somber quickly.

Even if they managed to repel the Beast Tide this time, Yu Feng City was now riddled with wounds and had suffered heavy casualties.

"I see."

Chen Fan sighed inwardly as well.