

Old Gods 77

Chapter 77: Ruyi Ruyi

The crisis was averted, but only temporarily.

It was the night of the fifteenth, and the hours stretched long; silence once again engulfed the area outside the school building's main entrance.

Everyone was on full alert, vigilantly surveying their surroundings.

"I'm sorry."

The girl's voice came unexpectedly.

Lu Ran turned his head and saw Bai Manni with her head slightly bowed, softly apologizing, "I shouldn't have said those things."

Lu Ran smiled, "It's okay, you were just being kind, not wanting us to run into trouble."

Bai Manni lifted her eyes to Lu Ran, surprise flickering in them, as if she was seeing a classmate in a new light.

Undeniably, Bai Manni had always viewed squad number 98 through a biased lens.

From the moment at noon when Lu Ran and the others were carefree on the swings, Bai Manni found fault with them.

In her view, Jiang Ruyi and Lu Ran were the undisputed Heaven's Chosen.

Such individuals often bore many labels, such as arrogance, conceit, haughtiness, and being difficult to associate with, to name a few.

However, Bai Manni realized upon further interaction with Lu Ran...

His attitude was unexpectedly pleasant.

Lu Ran continued, "You just don't understand my combat style; misunderstandings are inevitable, but it'll get better over time."

"Mm... Mm." Bai Manni nodded gently.

Lu Ran suddenly said, "Can you give me a Heart Clarity Spell? I just finished off a Ghostly Eyes Ghost and feel a bit uneasy."

Bai Manni found his request somewhat familiar.

The beautiful and kind-hearted Jiang Ruyi had also used this approach to take care of her dignity and feelings.

Involuntarily, Bai Manni muttered softly, "You two really are a pair."

Lu Ran's eyes lit up, "Sharp insight!"

On the side, Jiang Ruyi, who had been secretly eavesdropping all along, couldn't help but blush faintly.

"Hoo~"

Bai Manni placed her hands in front of her and formed a seal.

A phantom "Clarity" character spread out, and suddenly, everyone felt mentally refreshed and their minds clearer.

The only downside was that Jiang Ruyi had been forcibly calmed, no longer secretly blushing.

No fun anymore~

"Enemy attack! Two o'clock direction!" Suddenly, an alert from a Moon Gazer came from above.

The group instantly looked in the southwesterly direction.

With the help of the street lamps, they saw several wild dogs moving in groups, sneaking into the playground enclosure.

Compared to the others, Lu Ran had a clearer view!

Ever since advancing to the Stream Realm, Lu Ran's Evil Technique·Evil Recognition had improved from Mist Grade to Stream Grade.

Now, in the dark of night, his vision was even clearer.

Blood Disaster Dogs?!

"Bark!"

The leading Blood Disaster Dog, as soon as it entered the playground, had already opened its mouth wide.

A pillar of fire shot towards the school building!

Zhang Feng stretched out his hands, projecting petal-shaped shields to intercept the pillars of fire.

The female team leader observed, "Seven Blood Disaster Dogs, their strength ranging from Mist to Stream Realm."

"Can we engage?" Chang Ying gripped her Mountain Opening Axe, loudly volunteering for battle.

This was a golden opportunity to score points!

"Go for it, but be careful." Lin Yue nodded in consent.

Bai Manni, as the team commander, did not issue a forceful order but sought the opinion of squad number 98:

"How about our squad flanking from the left?"

After successive care from Jiang and Lu, along with Lu Ran's exceptional performance, Bai Manni had completely come to rely on them as the central figures of the team.

"Sounds good." Jiang Ruyi rushed forward, her fingers drawing a talisman, "Tian Tian, activate Lotus Nine Petals!

We'll advance head-on and draw the enemy's firepower."

"Yes!" Tian Tian's short little legs fluttered fast, running with all her might to be in the forefront.

However, whether it was Jiang Ruyi's long legs or Deng Yutang's sturdy legs, neither could be outpaced by Tian Tian.

Not to mention the lamb kid, who "hissed" as mist sprayed from beneath its feet.

The more she ran, the further behind Tian Tian fell behind.

Fortunately, her lotus petals could hover and fly, which made them much faster than members of the Human Clan.

Jiang and Deng had seen this advantage, which was why they dared to charge forward rashly.

"Clink~"

On the other side, Chang Ying charged with squad number 18, once again summoning a tube of divining signs.

Really...

Fortune-telling had made its way to the battlefield.

"Hoo~"

A Spiritual Sign shot out abruptly, hovering over Chang Ying's head.

Immediately, streams of mist fell, chasing Chang Ying, trying to merge into her body.

Assist Sign·Divine Power Talisman!

"Ah, no..." Chang Ying's face fell, drawing out an unhappy, drawn-out whine.

Clearly, she was not fortune-telling, but casting the Divine Technique-Five Treasure Signs.

Among the output, defense, control, support, and summoning signs, she had drawn the most useless one at the moment!

We haven't even started fighting; what use do I have for you to restore my divine power?

The methods of the Spiritual Sign Sect were quite special; once every 180 seconds, one could draw a sign.

Caught in the "unable to do anything" awkwardness during the 3-minute skill cooldown, Chang Ying was out of options.

"Focus!" Bai Manni shouted sharply, forming a seal with her hands.

Divine Technique-Tightening Spell!

A series of small phantom characters "tighten" suddenly appeared among the Blood Disaster Dogs.

The "Tighten" characters connected into a chain of rings, looping towards the dogs' heads.

"Bark!"

The Blood Disaster Dogs opened their mouths to spit fire, frantically shaking their heads, trying to burn away the phantom characters.

Several "Tighten" characters did fade, but still, a good nine block characters remained, fitting around the dogs' necks.

It turned out that the Tightening Spell didn't necessarily have to be placed around the head; it worked just fine constricting the neck!

"Whimper~"

The Blood Disaster Dogs were suddenly strangled by the neck, letting out a suffocated whine, nearly choked of breath!

The fires they had been spewing turned into mere wisps of flame.

It was quite a peculiar scene, and quite comical.

"Meh~~~"

At the same time, from behind the pack of dogs, a sheep's bleat echoed faintly.

This bleat was major trouble!

The Blood Disaster Dogs, who had been firing at the school building, suddenly turned their heads together, sweeping pillars of fire in unison.

Two of the Blood Disaster Dogs were hit squarely by their companions!

"Oh no." Lu Ran was startled and darted away in a flash.

"Yutang!" Jiang Ruyi exclaimed sharply.

"Team Leader?"

"Step on it!" Jiang Ruyi spoke while leaping up high, her foot stepping onto Deng Yutang's shoulder.

Deng Yutang felt a weight on his shoulder, he reacted swiftly, immediately shrugging with force.

Jiang Ruyi's graceful figure soared even higher!

From her fingertips, sparks flew, her slender fingers flicking viciously at a nearby dog.

Stream Grade Divine Skill·Blast Flame Talisman!

A white jade board quietly took shape, carrying flame runes, bombing directly at the center of the dog pack from above!

"Boom!"

An explosion thundered, with fire erupting and air waves churning among the pack!

The Blood Disaster Dogs were blown apart.

Some howled in rage, and others wailed in agony, their attack was noticeably halted.

"Die!" Chang Ying swung her Mountain Opening Axe, fixating on a Blood Disaster Dog that had been blasted towards her; she chopped down fiercely.

The Mountain Opening Axe split the Blood Disaster Dog in half.

Blood sprayed out, drenching the girl.

"Damn it!" Qian Hao cried out in shock.

A half-dog corpse flew straight at him, plunging into his arms!

And with the Blood Disaster Dog's blood still dripping, as Qian Hao yelled out with his mouth open wide, he swallowed a big mouthful of dog blood.

"Spit... Spew!" Qian Hao frantically threw away the dog meat from his arms, vomiting blood.

Those in the know understood it was dog blood.

Those who didn't thought Qian Hao was dying...

At the same time, a short figure darted out from Chang Ying's side—Hu Dingtian!

In front, a disoriented Evil Dog was blown away, struggling to rise, Hu Dingtian pounced directly.

His fists lit up, energy surging upon them!

Mystic Ape Divine Skill·Mystic Ape Fist!

Hu Dingtian's fists, bizarrely, revealed two dark shadowy fist imprints.

The black fist shadows were gigantic, even larger than a human head, and they smashed out, crashing into the dog corpse.

"Thunk."

Hu Dingtian fell heavily to the ground, while the Blood Disaster Dog pulverized by the fist shadows was blasted obliquely into the ground.

"Zing—"

A phantom darted back and forth across the smoky battlefield.

Where the dual blades passed, dogs' barking ceased abruptly, leaving only the sound of blades slicing through flesh.

"Bark!!"

The surviving Blood Disaster Dogs went utterly insane.

Enemies were everywhere, and so were delicious humans!

Suddenly, the blood patterns on the Blood Disaster Dog's body started shining with a deep red glow.

Eerie, allure.

Evil Technique·Blood Pattern Fire!

Once unleashed, the dog's blood patterns would turn into countless fire whips, lashing wildly in indiscriminate attacks!

Lu Ran's expression changed from afar.

He had just activated Immortal Hoof, aiming to slaughter this Blood Disaster Dog, but seeing this, Lu Ran repeatedly stomped his feet, attempting to brake.

The distance was still far, and Lu Ran didn't plan to take the risk.

"Crack!!"

The sound of breaking ice filled the air as frost encroached.

The dog's body was saturated with snow, the blood lines rapidly dimming.

You want to rage? First, you must ask if Lady Ruyi agrees!

Jiang Ruyi's eyes flashed with rare ferocity, and after throwing the Frost Talisman, she didn't make another move.

"Nice one!" Lu Ran shouted, no longer holding back his charge, mist rising from his feet again.

That talisman, its timing could not have been better!

"Zing—"

The phantom swiftly traversed the field of battle.

The Silent Night Blade rose, and the dog's head flew.

Jiang Ruyi twirled her slender fingers, wiping away the bits of frost.

She could have used the Blazing Talisman to blow up the Blood Disaster Dog, but she was a tad worried it might affect someone.

"Ruyi, Ruyi..." A muttering voice came from not far away.

Jiang Ruyi turned curiously.

She saw Lu Ran with his eyes closed, a look of satisfaction, murmuring to himself,

"Ruyi, Ruyi, follow my will~"

Jiang Ruyi: ???

Her beautiful eyes slightly widened, and after two full seconds, a spark of electricity flickered at her fingertips.

"May it quickly manifest..."

Lu Ran quickly jumped away, dodging an Electric Shackles Talisman with barely any force behind it.

He turned to look at the pouting girl not far from him and quietly added a word to his chant:

"Spirit~"