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Old friends and past lovers all came.

Everyone was naturally delighted.

Within the Secret Realm, it had completely become Xu Lingjun's territory...

Especially during this period, even though Xu Lingjun was in seclusion, those warriors of the Baoyan Army Legion didn't idle around.

Since Xu Lingjun intended to bring these Demon Beasts under his command, the priority was naturally to benefit his own people first.

Therefore, he was not in a hurry to send these Demon Beasts to the Polar Star Battlefield.

Although he didn't personally command... there was no doubt that Han Yun City understood his good intentions.

Implying to those warriors of the Baoyan Army Legion not to waste the most crucial time.

During this time, they became very friendly with these Demon Beasts...

Serving them with all sorts of delicious food and drink, with ulterior motives, of course.

After all, following the Commander in Chief for two years now, they naturally knew that the Commander kept a big cat, which though usually lazy, was quite fierce on the battlefield.

Or was forced to be fierce...

In two years, they witnessed Daxiong go from pitifully meowing while being chased by the Chi Yu mysterious clan to later being able to easily tear a Chi Yu mysterious clan's wing.

Who wouldn't want such a growth-type companion Demon Beast?

Although those beasts in the Secret Realm had already grown and could not become companion Demon Beasts, as long as they gained intelligence, they had heart.

With a heart, they could be warmed...

We could form an agreement and become battle partners.

Tiger Knight, Wolf Knight—such titles sound nice, like having comrades to entrust your life to.

Among the Secret Realm Demon Beasts, probably only the Ancient Tree and Snow Leopard Xiaoyun really knew what these humans were up to.

But they were actually happy to see this happen.

At least the humans valued them and would certainly cherish the lives of their battle companions.

To some extent, this could also ensure the lives of their clans...

Or rather, the lives of their clans' beasts.

And for those Demon Beasts that had awakened intelligence but weren't too cunning...

Ah ah ah, how can these humans be so enthusiastic?

He even helped me hunt...

He even grilled meat for me, and it smelled so good; I don't want to eat raw meat anymore, ah ah ah.

The naïve Demon Beasts hadn't learned how to refuse this burning enthusiasm... much like an inexperienced girl unable to resist the charms of a rogue lover.

A harmony between humans and beasts.

In just a short dozen days, many in the Baoyan Army Legion had successfully enticed Demon Beasts...

Especially those newly initiated, innocently simple and adorable beasts, it was easy to fool them.

They even formally signed agreements, one for each human and beast, to be carefully kept. If abused, they could seek justice from the Commander in Chief or their chief sister.

As for those powerful Demon Beasts...

Although none had been tricked yet, their perception of humans had improved significantly.

And the direct influence was...

"Since you're here, make yourself at home. Leizi, sit."

Xu Lingjun truly felt like he had returned home.

Arriving at a very spacious treehouse.

Holding Ji Roufeng's hand without letting go, he let her sit beside him, and Ji Roufeng obediently complied throughout, as if she came just to see Xu Lingjun.

Meanwhile, Li Lei sat down unceremoniously, watching two squirrels entering with trays on their heads.

On the trays were fresh fruits.

He exclaimed in surprise, "Old Xu, you... you really conquered the Secret Realm?!"

Xu Lingjun smiled and replied, "I only made an agreement with the Master of the Secret Realm. In the future, the Great Xia Empire and the Secret Realm will be as close as family."

Li Lei pondered for a moment and asked, "May I ask a bold question, Old Xu, answer me honestly... is the Master of the Secret Realm female?"

Xu Lingjun replied speechlessly, "She's a tree!"

"A mother tree?"

"Well... they all call her big sister, so she should be female... wait, do trees have genders?"

"Oh, now I understand."

Li Lei suddenly realized and laughed, "I get it; Old Xu, your charisma is as strong as ever. It's expanded beyond humans now..."

He clicked his tongue, "I feel like our Blue Star isn't far from venturing into the cosmos, Old Xu, all thanks to your charm."

"Get lost."

Xu Lingjun laughed and scolded. This guy always misunderstood him. It wasn't his looks; it was undoubtedly his inner character charm, that's intrinsic.

The two laughed and joked for a while.

Li Lei then mentioned the reason for his visit.

"Like with the Cuowu Sect, you want to send disciples from the Sun and Moon Bright Sect under my command for training?!"

Xu Lingjun was not surprised by their visit.

He thought for a moment and said, "That's not an issue, as the strength of the Sun and Moon Bright Sect is no less than that of the Cuowu Sect. I'd be glad to have them enhance my Baoyan Army Legion... just for now... let's do this: send them to the Polar Star Battlefield first for a year to hone their temperament, then they can come under my command. At that time, I will have big opportunities for them."

The success of the Infinite Divine Demon Body Refining Technique.

Made cultivation no longer a dream.

Xu Lingjun had already planned to spread the cultivation technique, starting with his subordinates.

But, of course, the initial benefits naturally go to those closest to him...

Li Lei and Ji Roufeng were undoubtedly the closest, his own woman and his own brother.

But the thing is, the Baoyan Army Legion, Bei Xuanwu Martial Mansion, and Cuowu Sect had been with Xu Lingjun for several years already.

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In both public and private matters, the Sun and Moon Bright Sect cannot just arrive and stand shoulder to shoulder with them...

This is also to increase the disciples' sense of reverence.

In just a moment, he thought through the intricacies involved.

He said, "I am currently trying a new cultivation technique. If it succeeds, martial arts might no longer be the only pathway for humans to strengthen themselves, and grandmasters will no longer be the high and mighty ones. This method is about to succeed, and I will initially spread it among my own followers. If they can withstand the test, they can be the second batch of testers!"

"A new cultivation technique?"

"Yes, cultivation!"

Xu Lingjun smiled at Ji Roufeng, but didn't make a move.

Ji Roufeng was taken aback, feeling as if a hand gently caressed her face, lifting a strand of her smooth hair.

She exclaimed, "This... this is..."

"Spiritual sense, a very powerful auxiliary ability."

Xu Lingjun smiled and said, "To be honest, half a month ago, I fought and killed four grandmasters alone. This was because I cultivated a new technique."

Ji Roufeng exclaimed, "Four... four grandmasters?"

Li Lei called out emotionally, "Dad..."

"Rest assured, when the time comes, you certainly won't be left out."

Xu Lingjun said, "But your strength is probably insufficient for cultivating this technique. You might need to reach the Profound Realm to be qualified, Leizi; you've let Dad down a bit."

Even if he has the Talent Source, he cannot create a pure cultivation technique.

It's better to advance into the path through martial arts.

In some ways, this might be stronger than a pure cultivation technique.

Hence the foundational requirements are also particularly high.

The minimum starting point is the Profound Realm...

Upon hearing this, Li Lei lowered his head in shame.

Huichuan Peak!

He had once been smug about his strength, but now realizes he doesn't even qualify to start cultivating the technique.

He earnestly said, "I will work hard."

"Actually, when your strength reaches the Huichuan Realm, what's needed is intense battle. Leizi, I suggest you also go to the Polar Star Battlefield to train, experiencing life and death to progress. Flowers grown in a greenhouse can't withstand wind and snow."

"I understand!"

Xu Lingjun looked at Ji Roufeng and smiled, "I can teach you first, then, but you need to keep it secret for the time being... In any case, the Sun and Moon Bright Sect will surely be ahead of the public, as long as they are willing to join me."

Ji Roufeng nodded seriously, "I understand!"

She softly added, "And besides, I don't care much about that anymore. I don't have the high ambitions like Sister Yaya and them; as long as I can be by your side, martial arts is important to me, but not the most important."

Xu Lingjun nodded.

He understood that Ji Roufeng had received a rather traditional education since childhood.

Although she discarded the dross.

The trait of being content as a supporting role, seeing her husband as the sky, still got passed down to her.

This may not be a good habit...

But if Xu Lingjun is that man, hmm... how wonderful.

Then, Xu Lingjun invited Li Lei to stay in the Secret Realm.

He then hinted to him, if he has the ability, he could trick a demon beast to leave from here.

Li Lei immediately brightened up and went off excitedly to choose his target.

Though the Secret Realm was vast, the number of demon beasts was even greater.

There's naturally no need to vie for them...

Though the success rate wasn't encouraging, he was determined to try.

Meanwhile, Xu Lingjun took Ji Roufeng's hand to find a secluded, quiet corner to have a heartfelt talk about the times they were apart.

Inside the Secret Realm.

A scene of peace.

Yet who could predict that outside, due to the Baoxue Empire's heavy defeat, the entire Blue Star fell into chaos.

"Is that so? The Baoxue Empire has deployed troops on the border and set up numerous Star level weapons?"

Great Xia Empire.

Imperial Capital.

Han Xu Yang listened to the news brought back by his secret agents. In front of him, many important figures among the civil and military officials had gathered, all with grave expressions on their faces.

Han Qingxue seriously said, "Previously, your son received a communication from Baoxue Empire, saying it was a military parade. But I believe, deploying troops at the border, there might be a possibility of demonstrating against us; it seems Baoxue Empire also felt threatened during this time."

She only thought that the people of Baoxue Empire were showing their fangs because they felt threatened after Great Xia Empire expanded the Polar Star Battlefield.

She suggested, "I propose that we also conduct a military parade to show them how trivial we see their so-called threat."

"Hmm, possible, but not perfect."

Han Xu Yang sneered, "Send troops, embark on a campaign, order them to retreat, and if they don't, we shall go to war!"

"What?!"

The moment Han Xu Yang said this.

Everyone was stunned.

It's known that while the three nations have had their frictions, external threats prevented them from easily starting a war. For over a hundred years, they have never waged war.

Could it be that Your Majesty wants to conquer Blue Star just after scoring some achievements outside?

"Your Majesty..."

Zhu Zhengdao stepped forward and said, "Your Majesty, this move is inadvisable..."

"Look at what I hold in my hand."

Zhu Zhengdao paused at his words, nodded, and said, "Understood!"

He then intended to step forward.

Han Xu Yang immediately became speechless, saying, "I meant all of you, my dear ministers, not just you, Zhu Qing..."

Zhu Zhengdao's face turned beet red at this.

At that moment, the officials stepped forward and looked at the various weapon designs in Han Xu Yang's hand.

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The weapons are sophisticated, with their barrels and assembly infused with futuristic technology, distinct from those of the Great Xia Empire.

Yet in the photographs, these weapons appear in residential areas.

They appear in towns.

They appear on bustling streets, and even in the Great Xia Imperial Capital, there is one.

Han Qingxue exclaimed in surprise, "These weapons..."

"You should have heard the rumors by now. In recent times, dozens of powerful weapons have appeared out of nowhere within the borders of my Great Xia. These weapons are unmanned, yet they emerge inside my Great Xia Empire... I was quite perplexed before; what is the intention behind the sudden appearance of these weapons?"

Han Xu Yang coldly said, "But now, I know the intention. While these weapons appear within my realm, the Baoxue Empire is massing troops at the border, using the pretense of military parades to deploy numerous high-energy Star level Weapons at our Great Xia border. How can I not connect these two events together?"

He shouted, "So, mobilize the army. I demand an explanation from Anduin, is he trying to incite a war between our two nations?"

"Yes!"

Knowing the enemy's weapons have come right to our doorstep.

Even those most reluctant to stir a war no longer dared to mutter a word... Are you joking, this is a real slap in the face.

Looking at Han Xu Yang's indifferent expression.

Everyone could imagine that His Majesty's anger was already scorching, having been utterly insulted by the Baoxue Empire.

Who would dare to stroke the tiger's whiskers at this moment?

Little did they know, Han Xu Yang was desperately warning himself not to laugh in his heart, not to laugh, under any circumstance not to laugh, lest all this effort go to waste.

But the amusement in his chest seemed to take physical form, about to burst forth...

He trembled as he said, "Court dismissed! This time, I require an explanation from the Baoxue Empire. If they cannot provide one, hmph hmph... my Great Xia Empire is not so easily bullied!"

Everyone immediately understood.

Indeed, His Majesty had been infuriated to a point where even his words faltered.

Han Qingxue worriedly said, "Father."

"It's alright, your father is fine."

Han Xu Yang waved his hand and said, "Go ahead, Qingxue, to the Zhanzheng Academy, mobilize all the mechas there. This time, I want to give them a gigantic surprise!"

"Yes!"

Everyone dispersed.

After ensuring there was no one around, Han Xu Yang burst into laughter, guffawing, "Xu Lingjun, you truly are my lucky star, this justification is flawless. The Spirit Stone is now in the hands of my Great Xia, but if your Baoxue Empire doesn't pay a price, don't dream of getting away unscathed... A taste of the soup? Not only will I not give you a taste, but I'll also bleed you dry!"

And at this moment.

Within the Land of Light.

"What? The Baoxue Empire is massing troops at the border? What is he trying to do? What on earth is he trying to do?"

No need to awaken their king.

The Crown Prince and Chief Instructor of the Guard, Tairuo, angrily said, "First, they threw various weapons into our Land of Light, and now they start massing troops at the border under the pretense of military parades... Could it be that the Baoxue Empire intends to provoke a war?"

"Provocation, this is blatant provocation, and we will not tolerate their audacity!"

"Perhaps the previous weapon-dropping was merely a prelude to the current situation?"

Captain Zophie of the Guard coldly said, "Did they only drop weapons? Perhaps it was also some remote control devices, with mere close-range control required, maybe these weapons could unleash

tremendous destructive power upon our Land of Light... No matter the adversary's conspiracy, we cannot allow them to succeed!"

"The Land of Light's million guards are fully mobilized, the time for sacrifice and dedication for the Land of Light has come. Tears won't save the Land of Light, strength will."

"No matter what kind of scheme the Baoxue Empire is planning, they will ultimately end in failure!"

In an instant, the Three Great Empires, surged with turmoil!

Gales of change converged, threatening the edges of the Secret Realm!

Chapter 544 - Are You Overreacting?

Inside the Secret Realm, all is calm.

But because of the Secret Realm...

The entire outside world is in chaos.

When Carlos, full of ambition, led tens of thousands of troops, driven by revenge, aimed all the Star level Weapons at the edge of the Secret Realm.

His mood was joyous.

No matter how strong you are, what does it matter... after all, you are just mere mortal humans.

I refuse to believe you can directly absorb the energy of the shells I fire!

With this shot, I will ensure the annihilation of all living beings within the Secret Realm.

However, after this shot, the other two Empires might soon detect something unusual, realizing they are not witnessing a military parade, but instead, a military action against the Secret Realm...

Therefore, it is crucial to take advantage of the time difference then.

They must be the first to rush into the Secret Realm, find the treasures inside, and extract them as quickly as possible.

Then, when faced with the reproach of the two countries, at worst, offer some compensation...

After all, the treasures have already been seized by them, claiming great benefits, what's the harm in making some concessions?

It's perfectly fine.

And Anduin had already thought of a reason, claiming that it was suspected that the Secret Realm contained weapons of mass destruction, so to protect the safety of the Baoxue Empire, they reluctantly had to extinguish this Secret Realm with weapons of mass destruction.

As for the damage caused to Blue Star... this is also easily resolved.

We are also very sorry.

But there was really no other way, people should look forward, past actions should not affect future diplomatic relations.

After all, as long as they bide their time appropriately, and completely absorb the treasures within the Secret Realm.

Then, it will be a time when the Baoxue Empire unifies Blue Star.

Thinking of Anduin's plan, Carlos couldn't help but cheer secretly for Your Majesty's wisdom.

The plan was perfect, even flawless.

They had firmly seized the initiative, hardly believing there could be any possibility of failure.

Therefore...

When their weapons were not even set up, they were directly subdued by the soldiers from the borders of the other two Empires, Carlos was dumbfounded.

He didn't even know where the problem lay.

Wasn't this supposed to be a parade?

They happened often before, why such a major reaction this time...

Even the Great Xia Empire was fine, but the Land of Light came fiercely, striking hard, many Baoxue Empire soldiers were directly killed by the Land of Light's guards.

This time, even Han Xu Yang couldn't help but be stunned.

He pretended to be confused, but actually knew very well what the real reason was... So this move was actually just a performance.

But what is it that the Land of Light is trying to pull now?

But since the Land of Light took the lead...

Upon hearing of this event, Han Xu Yang simply cooperated with their performance.

Also striking ruthlessly.

Even resorting to such fierce hands, as if dealing with an enemy nation's sneak attack... if they do not surrender, kill immediately.

The reason was quite sufficient.

Your weapons are already mounted, a slight negligence and they could hit us on the head... Wouldn't we have the right to retaliate in self-defense?

Parade? Performance?

Sorry, we don't believe it.

Thus.

The originally tri-border area, where the armies of the three countries were all lined up...

The tension was palpable, ready to erupt at any instant.

So much so that when the order reached the Baoxue Empire's Imperial Palace.

Anduin was equally as puzzled.

This doesn't make sense.

How did these people become so sensitive all of a sudden...

Firstly, ordering Carlos and the others to abandon their weapons, to avoid friction at this critical moment between the two Empires.

Now is not the time yet.

Furthermore, he personally wrote letters to the sovereigns of the two countries, indicating that there might be a misunderstanding.

And before Han Xu Yang replied, he specifically met with the Crown Prince of the Land of Light, Tairuo.

Inside the temporary military camp.

The leaders of the two countries met.

Perhaps due to having a common enemy, the atmosphere was unprecedentedly harmonious.

And Han Xu Yang's purpose, naturally, was to probe into the reason for the Land of Light's forceful stance...

"Need I say more?"

Facing Han Xu Yang, Tairuo replied coldly, "There has been a frequent appearance of Baoxue Empire's advanced weapons within my Land of Light. I didn't know why at first, but now this impeccably timed parade makes me realize that these weapons are likely a vanguard, equipped with auto-start function. Once Baoxue Empire's parade begins, they'll immediately activate those weapons within our Land of Light, thereby causing us great damage."

He shouted, "Baoxue Empire is trying to provoke a war!"

"Is there such an explanation?"

Han Xu Yang thought this was indeed a good reason, a reason he hadn't thought of before... Indeed, these weapons must be remote-controlled, targeting us the Great Xia Empire.

So actions can certainly be a bit more brazen.

"Then about this three-party meeting proposed by King Anduin this time..."

"Attend!"

Tairuo said coldly, "I want to properly ask him why Baoxue Empire's most advanced weapons appear in our Land of Light, and what kind of explanation he can give me."

Explanation?

The explanation lies with us, what explanation can he give you.

Now Han Xu Yang fully understood the happiness of pretending to know but acting ignorant... Hmm, from the look of it, the Great Xia Empire doesn't need to rush forward too aggressively, after all, the Land of Light is charging ahead.

Therefore, he might be more curious than Tairuo to see what kind of explanation the other party will ultimately provide under these premises?

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Anyway, what he needed to do was to strive for as much time as possible.

Even to the point where the Baoxue Empire could no longer act against the Secret Realm...

The longer they held out,

The greater the benefits they could acquire.

But this way...

After having a deep conversation with Tairuo, Han Xu Yang, upon his return, dispatched someone close to him and whispered a few commands.

The person respectfully obeyed and then swiftly turned and left.

Meanwhile,

Xu Lingjun received a reply from Zhanzheng Academy.

The letter was handwritten by Wang Qingya herself...

But it contained not a trace of longing, instead, it was full of serious content.

Ji Roufeng curiously observed Xu Lingjun holding and reading Wang Qingya's letter for a long time and asked, "What did Sister Yaya say in the letter?"

"Nothing much, it's just that the research I asked her to help with previously has made progress."

Xu Lingjun sighed deeply and said, "Sorry, Feng'Er, I might not have time to accompany you."

"It's okay, you go ahead with your work. Now that things are done, I'm planning to leave too."

Ji Roufeng smiled and said, "Actually, my visit this time was quite unnecessary. Li Lei alone would have been enough, but I missed you, so I took this opportunity to come and accompany you... Being by your side these past few days has already made me very content."

"Alright, once things are done here, I'll go to the Sun and Moon Bright Sect to see you."

Xu Lingjun smiled and said, "Then I'll openly propose to the Sect Leader of Tomorrow."

"Alright, I'll wait for you."

Ji Roufeng held Xu Lingjun's hand, seriousness written all over her face.

Seeing off Ji Roufeng and Li Lei together...

Then, Xu Lingjun immediately said to Xiaoqing, who was always by his side: "Jun Qing, go call Old City to see me. Tell him it's something very important."

"Yes."

Jun Qing quickly left.

A moment later.

Han Yun City hurriedly rushed over, looking very fatigued... Clearly, he had been extremely busy during this period.

Since Xu Lingjun needed to focus on cultivation techniques, no one dared to disturb him. Thus, Han Yun City took it upon himself to handle all the work.

Indeed, whoever dared to disturb Xu Lingjun, he would kill them...

These were his straightforward words to the members of the Baoyan Army Legion.

His first words upon arrival were...

"So, how's the matter with the cultivation technique?"

"Cultivation technique? What cultivation technique?"

Xu Lingjun was taken aback and replied in confusion.

"Don't tell me you've been so distracted by that little girl that you've forgotten about the cultivation technique?"

Seeing Han Yun City's face instantly about to explode with anger, Xu Lingjun immediately realized what was happening and quickly said, "How could that be, how could that be... The cultivation technique, of course, I remember, almost there, just a few more days... But now, there's an unexpected situation."

"What unexpected situation?"

"Carlos's blood!"

Xu Lingjun said seriously, "About half a month ago, I sent Carlos's blood back to Zhanzheng Academy, and now, there's a result."

"What are the results?!"

Seeing Xu Lingjun's expression, Han Yun City seemed to have realized something and asked.

"According to Sister Yaya's description in the letter, Carlos's blood no longer contains any blood cells, meaning that although his blood looks fresh, in reality, apart from its color, it has nothing similar to fresh blood."

Xu Lingjun said, "Now, Carlos can't even be considered a carbon-based life form; at best, he's a silicon-based life form!"

Han Yun City asked, "Turtle-based?"

"It's silicon-based."

Xu Lingjun shook his head and said, "Explaining in too much detail, you wouldn't understand, but let me put it this way: because of the anaerobic nature of silicon-based lifeforms, it's impossible for silicon-based life to naturally evolve in a place like Blue Star, which is filled with oxygen."

"So this is technology from the Mysterious races of the heavens?"

Han Yun City sighed in relief and said, "Previously, it was just a hypothesis, but now that it's confirmed, I'm not surprised at all."

"In detail, Sister Yaya hopes I can capture a sample for them to thoroughly study, as we need to determine whether this technology was developed by the Baoxue Empire itself or given by the Mysterious races of the heavens proactively."

Han Yun City said speechlessly, "Does this even need verification?"

"We need evidence."

Xu Lingjun shook his head and said, "If the Baoxue Empire truly collaborated with the Mysterious races of the heavens, then we must take control of the Desperate Great Wall; otherwise, no matter how substantial the expansion of the Polar Star Battlefield, it would all be meaningless."

"In that case, the timing is just right. My father recently sent me a message, saying they intercepted the Baoxue Empire's attempt to conduct a large-scale bombing on the Secret Realm, and told me to use this as a favor-pushing with the Ancient Tree."

Han Yun City glanced at Xu Lingjun.

Xu Lingjun nodded, saying, "From the looks of it, I might as well take this chance to make a trip and see just how many silicon-based life forms the Baoxue Empire possesses."

"And the matter of the cultivation technique..."

"I'll hand it over to you when we meet."

Xu Lingjun said, "But right now, the affairs within the Secret Realm..."

"Leave it to me, I have experience leading soldiers in battle, and I'm leading the most elite forces which have been well coordinated due to your recent delegation... With such a team, I can win a hundred battles!"

Han Yun City sneered, "With my father around, they can't conduct large-scale attacks from the outside, but if they dare to enter, I'll make sure as many come in as perish."

"Remember not to expose your identity."

Xu Lingjun advised, "The Clawed Dart, Cold Whip, and Iron Blood Mask I left with you, make sure to keep them safe. Don't face those warriors of the Baoxue Empire with your real identity!"

"Understood."

"No time to waste, I'll be on my way now!"

"Alright, be careful on the road..."

Just as he finished speaking, Han Yun City tapped his own mouth and sighed, "By now, perhaps no creation is your match? Just a few Spirit Stones made you transcend..."

"Do you know how long I've waited for these Spirit Stones?"

Xu Lingjun smiled and turned to leave, his figure quickly disappearing into the depths of the forest like a soaring rabbit.

As for Daxiong...

No need to take it along; it's already bonded with Jun Qing, and this place is more suited to be its home.

In the blink of an eye, three days passed.

At the edge of the Secret Realm, where the three countries intersected.

The Three Lords were convening.

This was a phenomenally grand event.

Especially this time, as it was due to the parade held by the Baoxue Empire, which had sparked initial conflict. If not handled carefully, it could lead to a major war between the three countries... Clearly, this was something no one wanted.

Although Anduin's initial intent was just to have a serious talk with Han Xu Yang and the Crown Prince of the Land of Light, Tairuo.

The identity of the three meant that this meeting would be anything but simple.

And so...

A sturdy fortress rose in those three days.

Each critical location within it was guarded jointly by soldiers from the Three Great Empires...
Eliminating any possibility of accidents comprehensively.

And before the arrival of the Three Lords,

The surrounding area, within dozens of miles, was meticulously inspected with various facilities.

The perimeter was further surrounded by an army of over half a million.

The Three Great Empires, each equipped with their finest weapons...

Particularly the Great Xia Empire, whose towering and massive mecha among the weapons captivated everyone's attention.

As artistically beautiful as they were, no one dared to doubt their power... Whether it was the gigantic cannons mounted on their backs or the swords attached to their bodies.

They all inspired awe and respect without even trying.

"Hahaha, it seems the technological advancements of the Great Xia Empire over these years have been tremendous. No wonder they've been defeating the Mysterious Clan's forces at the Polar Star Battlefield so unanimously... What's this... mecha, right? Not bad, really not bad, interested in selling, 4 billion per unit, I'll buy!"

Anduin laughed heartily, taking the lead to stride towards Han Xu Yang and Tairuo.

But upon seeing them, he couldn't help but feel a slight heaviness in his heart...

These two were standing together.

In international relations, even just a stance could reveal many issues.

Like now...

Anduin thought to himself, have I become the target of everyone's arrows?

But what's going on... I have designs, but I haven't revealed anything yet, just brought some weapons through a ceremonial parade.

Is there really such a big reaction?

He frowned, instinctively sensing that there might be something important he had overlooked.

Chapter 546 - What else can I say? Whatever I say is wrong

The Sovereign of the Land of Light, Kaine, is not in good health and has long since retired behind the scenes to enjoy his later years...

The reason why his son, Tielo, has not yet ascended the throne seems to be related to a secret of the Land of Light. He once made a vow that unless he slays a person who had a connection with his late mother, he would never inherit the throne.

So currently...

Crown Prince Tielo remains just a prince in status, but essentially everyone knows that although he is a prince, he exercises the authority of regency, no different from the Sovereign.

At this three-nation meeting, Tielo's personal presence was no different from the Sovereign's personal involvement.

According to the rules...

Each person may only bring two guards into the meeting.

Tielo briefly introduced the names of the two guards behind him.

Captain Zophie of the Guard, and guard member Ace.

The sense of déjà vu was so strong that Xu Lingjun almost couldn't help but recognize them on the spot.

Behind the sovereign of the Baoxue Empire, Anduin, followed Carlos and another Grandmaster Level member introduced as Tulayang.

Both were at the Grandmaster Realm, silent and quietly following Anduin.

Behind Han Xu Yang...

Followed Xu Lingjun and another Grandmaster Level expert who had been safeguarding the Imperial Family for many years, Yun Che. According to Han Xu Yang's introduction, Yun Che was very powerful and had been a Guiyuan Grandmaster for many years, only a step away from the Creation Realm.

Yet, it was precisely this step that had hindered him for a full thirty years.

And now, he was unable to make any further progress.

Nine individuals entered the fortress and were promptly sealed within.

The specially constructed fortress could even withstand the impact of a nuclear explosion.

After all, with the leaders of Blue Star gathered in one place, if they were wiped out by a Secret Realm or the mysterious races of the heavens, it could lead to chaos or even the brink of extinction for Blue Star. Naturally, they had to be careful and cautious.

With the sealing.

The three sovereigns took their seats.

The other five guards wore grave expressions, alertly watching each other, clearly fearing that the other side might suddenly erupt in attack.

Only Xu Lingjun maintained a laid-back demeanor.

But in reality.

No one noticed that Xiaoya, sitting on Xu Lingjun's shoulder, maintained a motionless posture, resembling a figurine, except this figurine's gaze was fixed on Carlos and Tulayang.

Clearly, ever since they knew Carlos was likely a modified being...

The most perplexing question in Xu Lingjun's mind...

Was how many such modified beings as Carlos were out there.

Though few entered this fortress, Tulayang was an excellent subject for detection.

"Let's begin."

Anduin, as the initiator of this meeting, naturally took the lead.

With a displeased look, he said, "The Baoxue Empire has always been at peace and friendly with its allies, and I really don't understand why Xia Country and the Land of Light reacted so intensely. We merely conducted a military parade, and the reason we deviated from the Baoxue Empire was simply because we were worried about the weapon's power being too great, affecting the Baoxue Empire's internal ecosystem, which is why we conducted a weapon test and parade beside the Secret Realm."

Saying this, Anduin paused slightly and looked at Tielo.

Clearly...

The reaction from the Land of Light was much more intense than that of the Great Xia Empire.

Thus, his main focus this time was on Tielo, asking, "Crown Prince Tielo, did our Baoxue Empire's actions cause you any misunderstanding, leading to such a big reaction?"

"Good question."

Tielo sneered, "From King Anduin's words, it seems as though these weapons were aimed at the Secret Realm?"

"Indeed, if we're testing weapons, we can't very well do so on the territory of any of our three countries. The Secret Realm is the best choice..."

"But why do I feel that if not for the timely response of our Land of Light's guard team, these weapons' ultimate direction would have deviated towards our Land of Light?"

Tielo sneered, "King Anduin, you truly have a noble demeanor, being caught red-handed yet still looking so composed... It seems you've long prepared an explanation in your heart, no?"

"An explanation? What should I explain?"

Anduin couldn't help but be taken aback, realizing something was amiss...

"Humph, an explanation for the origins of those weapons that suddenly appeared within our Land of Light's borders!"

Tielo raised his hand, and behind him, Ace handed over a stack of photos.

He said, "King Anduin, please take a good look."

Anduin skeptically took the photos and only looked at the top one.

And his pupils involuntarily contracted.

On the photo, the background was a bustling city, and the camera's focal point was apparently on a turret with a sleek, futuristic sci-fi design. Though the side of the turret was obscured, close scrutiny revealed remnants of the Baoxue Empire's emblem.

Only now, the emblem had been scraped off, lending an air of ugliness to the originally flamboyant weapon, much like a stunning beauty with a band-aid stuck on her face.

However you looked at it, it felt awkward...

Anduin, Carlos, and others all had their pupils contract.

Carlos, disregarding any sense of hierarchy, rushed forward, flipping through the second photo, the third...

Undoubtedly, the items in these dozens of photos were all quite similar, featuring various of Baoxue Empire's latest weapons, each with significant firepower capable of causing major damage even to Level 8 or 9 Exotic Beasts.

But now...

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The background of these weapons' appearance is within the borders of the Land of Light.

Moreover, the national emblems have been deliberately scraped off...

"King Anduin, could you please explain why these weapons have appeared within our borders?"

Having said that, before Anduin could respond, Tairuo continued, "We were quite curious when these weapons suddenly appeared within our Land of Light. We didn't know what was happening... But as you might have seen, only two of these weapons appeared in the bustling marketplace, while the rest were in the deep mountains and hidden ravines within our territory. If we hadn't known about these weapons in advance and conducted a nationwide search, we might never have found them."

"At first, we couldn't figure out the purpose of these weapons appearing here until I noticed that right after these weapons appeared, you also stationed troops at the border under the guise of a military parade."

Tairuo sneered, "King Anduin, you first sent these weapons into our territory by some unknown means, and now you suddenly station troops at the confluence of the three nations. I have every reason to suspect... these weapons were just a vanguard. If we hadn't discovered them in advance, you would have used some method to trigger these weapons to cause widespread destruction within our borders."

He shouted, "The scraped-off emblems are evidence. If you weren't guilty, why scrape them off? Or do you plan to simply deny that these weapons are yours?"

Anduin and Carlos were dumbstruck.

Indeed, these weapons were theirs.

In fact, the emblems were scraped off because, after all, it was for combat within the Secret Realm, so it was best not to reveal their native identity.

Even if others clearly knew their identity, the last layer of cover should not be removed.

But now, these weapons had appeared within the Land of Light?

Carlos suddenly remembered that during their intense battle, their artillery support abruptly vanished... the weapons had been stolen.

Was it the people from the Secret Realm?!

It had to be them.

And now it seems, these weapons were not used for themselves, but to frame others.

"Actually, I have the same confusion as Crown Prince Tairuo."

Han Xu Yang slowly opened his mouth, and since Tairuo was already furious, he naturally didn't need to charge ahead.

He said, "During this period, many advanced weapons have appeared within our Great Xia Empire's borders as well, injuring quite a few civilians... Initially, I didn't think much of it, but later I realized these weapons were discovered one after another, and many officials advised me, saying it was a conspiracy by the Baoxue Empire to move against the Great Xia Empire. At that time, I reprimanded them."

Han Xu Yang said righteously, "I sternly rebuked those civil and military officials, saying that King Anduin is a person of great strategic and tactical prowess. Given that all Three Great Empires are troubled by attacks from the Outer Heaven Mysterious Clan, how could they possibly handle those and still have leisure to move against the Great Xia Empire? Unless they have colluded with the Mysterious races of the heavens?"

Anduin and Carlos' hearts skipped a beat.

After a pause, Han Xu Yang sighed deeply and said, "Those subjects were originally convinced by me, but you suddenly pulled such a stunt at the border. You say it's practice for the Secret Realm, but the timing is just too coincidental, so much so that I have to believe the subjects' advice... Could it be that you really..."

"Hahahahahaha, how could that be."

Anduin laughed heartily, saying, "How could I collude with the Mysterious races of the heavens? King Xia overthinks it."

"King Anduin overthinks it, I never said it was King Anduin colluding with the Mysterious races of the heavens. What I said was, could it be that your Baoxue Empire is really planning to move against our Great Xia Empire? As for those weapons, they are your vanguard... Crown Prince Tairuo's concerns are very valid."

Han Xu Yang sighed, "Otherwise, King Anduin, we are waiting for your explanation."

He paused.

Han Xu Yang said, "Also, King Anduin, you better not say these weapons were actually to deal with the Demon Beasts of the Secret Realm, but were sabotaged by the Demon Beasts, bringing your weapons onto our territory... Hahahaha... Apart from a bunch of stinky Demon Beasts, there's nothing else in the Secret Realm worth attacking, this reason doesn't hold up."

Anduin: "....."

Indeed, it doesn't hold up, but this is the real reason.

Of course, this reason absolutely cannot be revealed.

If said, given the cleverness of these two fellows, they would surely guess that there is a treasure within the Secret Realm enticing to the Baoxue Empire.

By then, the decades of hard work by their Baoxue Empire would end up benefiting these two countries.

"Speak up, we are all waiting for your explanation."

Han Xu Yang said, "The Three Great Empires are interdependent. As long as your explanation makes sense, we are not averse to believing it. After all, such a method is truly miraculous; suddenly appearing

within our nation, if you truly intended war, you could directly detonate bombs internally. It's no wonder you have the confidence to simultaneously start wars with two great empires."

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Anduin: "....."

What else can I say? No matter what I say, it's wrong...

He no longer knows how to explain.

After a long silence...

He slowly said, "Crown Prince, Your Majesty, perhaps you should carefully consider that if I truly intended to wage war against both your nations simultaneously, there would be no chance for you to take these photos, nor would you have time to collect these weapons. This action of mine, apart from... apart from..."

Anduin clutched his chest with a pained hand, yet still forced himself to speak, "This action of mine, aside from providing your two great empires with a pile of extremely advanced weapons, does it serve any other purpose?"

Tairuo, fixated on conspiracy theories, said, "That's because you made an error. Most of the weapons appeared in extremely secretive, desolate places. Only two giant cannons might have appeared in crowded areas due to incorrect transportation methods, and that's how we discovered them. What if we hadn't discovered them?"

"Even though gifting us some weapons indeed makes us quite grateful, after all, your Baoxue Empire's technology is worth learning from."

Han Xu Yang said, "But the motives behind it are impure, and we cannot accept this explanation."

Anduin and Carlos exchanged glances.

At this moment, how could the two not understand that the Yanhuang Clan in the Secret Realm had set a big trap for them...

Unless they explain the cause and effect of the situation, unless they reveal the Secret Realm.

Otherwise, with these weapons mysteriously appearing within another's borders, if the Baoxue Empire were in the same position, it would have already erupted.

From this perspective...

These two countries have shown enough restraint, probably also fearing to trigger a real three-nation war.

But how to explain it?

Without the cause, how to explain the effect...

Sweat gradually formed in large beads on Anduin's forehead.

And Carlos also looked troubled, followed by another long silence.

Carlos, from behind Anduin, said, "This is a misunderstanding... As you mentioned, these weapons appeared mysteriously. In fact, Baoxue Empire has recently developed teleportation technology, which can transport weapons to anywhere within Baoxue Empire's borders. This is also to deal with the possible future chaos of Secret Realm Demon Beasts, to ensure that these weapons can be sent to where they are needed at the first moment."

Anduin's eyes lit up, hastily interjecting, "That's right, it's a misunderstanding, and part of the military parade... However, since this technology is very new, mistakes were inevitable, resulting in these weapons being teleported to the Great Xia Empire and the Land of Light. It was a mistake by the technicians, and I will have them adjust it immediately. As for the weapons sent over, I am willing to buy them back at a high price..."

"No need, those weapons killed quite a few of our citizens, and I've already dismantled them."

"Same here, our Great Xia Empire also suffered significant casualties."

The two naturally refused.

What a joke... The technology contained within these weapons represents the most advanced of the Baoxue Empire.

Acquiring these weapons, with enough time, one could develop weapons to counter the Baoxue Empire based on this foundation.

No amount of money could make them sell.

Seeing the two refuse...

Anduin felt a surge of frustration.

This time, not only did they fail to obtain the treasures within the Secret Realm, but they also exposed their technological advancements... Once revealed, a single action can affect the whole situation, and even if exposed, changing it is not something that can be resolved quickly.

It seems that even before the battle begins, their fatal flaw has been known.

How to fight this war now?

"Since the misunderstanding has been cleared up, our military parade..."

"Impossible!"

Han Xu Yang seriously stated, "You just said this technology is still immature, how can you casually conduct a military parade? Moreover, with teleportation technology at your disposal, massing troops at the border suddenly poses a great threat to us. This is no longer a parade but a threatening military exercise, and I will not allow it."

"Indeed! I will not allow it either!"

Tairuo stated seriously, "Unless you share the teleportation technology with us. Otherwise, the Land of Light will consider any weapons approaching our borders as military aggression. The Land of Light's guard unit is never afraid of war..."

Anduin: "....."

He also wants to share.

But how to share... No, what needs to be considered now is to absolutely not prepare any more powerful weapons to enter the Secret Realm.

The Yanhuang Clan within the Secret Realm somehow managed to send these weapons to the other two countries,

If transported again...

Without a doubt, by then, Baoxue Empire would have thoroughly offended these two countries.

But at present...

Before obtaining the Secret Treasure, it's not yet time to go to war.

For a moment, Anduin was truly filled with frustration!

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Afterwards, leaders of the three nations erupted into an intense argument reminiscent of an unruly dispute...

Of course, Tairuo was the one at the forefront, charging ahead.

Meanwhile, Han Xu Yang mended the gaps from behind.

With an old fox like Han Xu Yang around, Tairuo's impetuous remarks were always supplemented with logical perfection...

Leaving Anduin without a shred of retort.

Especially since Anduin was already at fault.

The explanation for that so-called time-space teleportation device, although it managed to brush off the issue, was actually quite the foolish explanation...

After all, by saying this, it signaled to everyone that the Baoxue Empire had developed an extremely advanced time-space teleportation device capable of directly transporting weapons into the enemy's stronghold.

At such a time, deploying those powerful Star level Weapons in the Secret Realm was completely out of the question.

Unless he could truly explain how these weapons appeared in their Secret Realm and confirm that the Baoxue Empire didn't have a space teleportation device at all...

But if he were to explain, the secret of the Secret Realm would absolutely not be kept.

So Anduin could only suffer in silence, with grievances untold.

He had to agree to the extremely reasonable conditions set by the other two nations...

Never again casually display weapons on the border, and not even reveal these weapons without permission. If they found Baoxue Empire's weapons on their lands again, it would be deemed a direct provocation, met with a stern response.

Agreed...

He could only agree, even as Anduin himself couldn't figure out how the weapons got there...

preventing this possibility means ensuring those enemies never got their weapons.

It was a very humiliating meeting.

Carlos was so angry, his brow veins almost popped. To him, positioning these weapons and bombarding the Secret Realm would avenge the previous defeat.

Yet the two empires firmly held their ground, starkly warning, "If you dare fire, we dare to start a war..."

The Three Great Empires had enjoyed a century of peace.

Is it truly because they didn't want to dominate Blue Star?

They simply couldn't bear the consequences of starting a war...

Especially for Anduin, who believed, knowing the Secret Treasure issue now, was not the right time to initiate war until acquiring the treasure.

After all, he didn't want to end up with a damaged Blue Star.

In this mindset...

As long as the demands weren't too excessive, he would basically comply.

Under his deliberate concessions, an understanding quickly emerged among the three nations.

Weapons teleported into the territories of the Great Xia Empire and the Land of Light would be confiscated as lethal weapons.

The citizens harmed by these lethal weapons would receive compensation: victims would receive 5 million Snow Coins each, and the injured, 1 million each.

Even though Anduin was secretly cursing those lethal weapons, "Lethal weapon my ass... Does your family throw cannons as weapons?"

Moreover, this compensation is outrageously high, isn't it?

The death benefits for our country's warriors aren't even a tenth of this.

But in this situation, he knew if he wanted to continue the Secret Realm campaign, he mustn't offend the Great Xia Empire or the Land of Light, or else the Baoxue Empire would indeed become Blue Star's public enemy.

He was not afraid to become a public enemy, but couldn't afford it now.

He had to begrudgingly agree to everything.

And so.

The talks ended in a harmonious and good atmosphere.

"That's all we can think of for now; any reasonable requests in the future will be supplemented at that time."

"Yes, but once more, I'd like to warn you, I don't wish to see this level of military display... I have a constant feeling that any shots fired would end up on our territory."

"Apologies, it was my oversight."

Anduin thought today's patience was all for the Baoxue Empire to one day become the Blue Star Empire.

So I endure.

Everyone stood up.

But Carlos kept his gaze fixed on Xu Lingjun.

Suddenly asked, "And this is..."

His question came abruptly.

After all, this was a leaders' meeting of the three nations. Carlos might have a significant position, but clearly, here he had no right to speak.

That's why when he spoke up, everyone was momentarily stunned.

Xu Lingjun slightly knit his brows. Had he not seen fear in Carlos' eyes, he might have thought he was exposed.

Han Xu Yang smiled, "Oh, you mean Xu Lingjun? He's the Commander in Chief of the Polar Star Battlefield, in charge of the Nine Major Military Regions... But, being young and inexperienced, I brought him here to observe and learn."

Anduin, while puzzled by Carlos' intention, understood that his subordinate might have discovered something important from their many years together.

He praised, "Such a young Commander in Chief? Truly enviable. Seems like Xia Country will have another Grandmaster in a few years."

Han Xu Yang laughed heartily, "Hahaha, young people shouldn't be too flattered, or they'll get arrogant."

Carlos said, "Commander Xu, have we met somewhere before?"

Xu Lingjun smiled, "I don't think so. I've always been stationed at the Polar Star Battlefield, engaged in combat with the Chi Yu mysterious clan. Before successfully eradicating the Chi Yu mysterious clan, I never left the Polar Star Battlefield, having no time to concern myself with the internal intrigues of Blue Star..."

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This statement is quite straightforward.

Even somewhat insinuating.

But Carlos seemed as if he didn't hear it, and laughed, "Commander Xu, you're truly a young talent, worthy of being a nemesis of the mysterious clan... By the way, Commander Xu, I have a small request. Could you help me with it?"

"What small request?"

"Could you say two words for me, preferably with disdain..."

Carlos thought for a moment, and said, "I mean, with an extremely disdainful tone, say to me, 'just this'."

Xu Lingjun was suddenly shocked, thinking to himself, does he really suspect me?

Impossible, I was wearing iron blood armor all over, with a mask on my head, and even gloves on my hands... not a bit of skin was exposed.

Such tight protection couldn't even hide my charm?

No... he should just be suspecting, otherwise, with the terrified look in his eyes when I slayed him, he couldn't be so calm now.

Xu Lingjun lightly pinched Xiaoya on his shoulder and said, "Although I don't understand why General Carlos would have such a perverted hobby... but I can..."

As he spoke.

He opened his mouth and said, "Just this?"

The voice was low, with a slightly sharp edge.

No one noticed that as he spoke, Xiaoya, completely buried in his neck, also spoke with perfectly synchronized voice, "Just this?"

Their voices at that moment achieved perfect resonance.

Making Xu Lingjun's voice faintly indecipherable between male and female, but paired with his stunning face, it was not awkward, rather it added some demonic eeriness.

And as the words fell, everyone couldn't help but shudder, though it was just two words, the disdain seemed to directly strike their souls, though it wasn't substantial harm.

After speaking.

Xu Lingjun apologized, "Sorry... that may have been a bit rude."

"No... it's nothing."

Carlos said.

He couldn't help but silently laugh at himself for being so paranoid... How could he have had such an absurd idea?

Suspecting that the Commander in Chief of the Great Xia Empire was the leader of the Yanhuang Clan.

How could it be...

You know, our Baoxue Empire paid a huge price, even shared almost our entire technology tree with people, only then obtained this crucial information... and sacrificed countless lives for it.

How would the Great Xia Empire get such important information from the mysterious races of the heavens?

They couldn't have just casually caught a mysterious race of the heavens and extracted the information from them?

Absolutely impossible.

Furthermore, even if they obtained the information, how would they ally with the demon beasts in the Secret Realm?

If others don't know, they would... the warriors of the Great Xia Empire have always been training against the demon beasts in the Secret Realm.

The slaughter between them is extremely fierce, there is no possibility of unity.

And this Commander Xu, obviously just in his twenties, no matter how strong, could he be stronger than that terrifying black-faced man?

That was a terrifying monster capable of crushing no less than four grandmaster-level experts...

Carlos couldn't help but ridicule himself for thinking too much, truly once bitten by a snake, ten years afraid of a rope, whenever he sees a strong fighter, he instinctively thinks it's that terrifying monster.

The Great Xia Empire is still fooled by us.

A bunch of fools.

The meeting concluded.

Both sides dispersed and left the fortress.

Anduin had been pleasant throughout, but when he left the sight of Han Xu Yang and Tairuo, his face quickly turned sullen at a visible pace.

Evidently... this matter was greatly unexpected to them.

"Your Majesty, what should we do next?"

"What to do? Do nothing."

Anduin said coldly, "Damn it, these detestable bastards ruined my plans..."

"But we can't give up on the excavation of the Secret Realm."

"Naturally, with so many sacrifices made before, if we stop now, wouldn't it all be in vain?"

Carlos said worriedly, "But the enemy is too strong, if we can't strike from a distance, how do we deal with them..."

"I'm afraid we can only use the foundation of our Baoxue Empire."

Anduin at this moment seemed like a gambler about to lose everything, with red eyes wishing to wager everything.

Even if the opponent set unfavorable rules for him, he still thinks of making a comeback... has to make a comeback...

"Let's go, discuss further when we return."

Anduin said coldly, "Take those weapons back first, can't let the Secret Realm people get in touch with these weapons, otherwise, we really won't be able to explain... damn it, we were framed, and can't even say a word."

"Yes."

Carlos responded.

Anduin asked, "By the way, why did you ask Commander Xu those questions earlier..."

"Nothing, I just had some misconception, thinking back, it seems laughable too, maybe was a bit overly concerned."

"I see."

Anduin accepted this explanation.

Everyone returned...

At this moment, Han Xu Yang bid farewell to Crown Prince Tairuo.

This meeting not only successfully curbed the ambition of the Baoxue Empire, but also incidentally befriended the Land of Light.