

## Origin Powers 571

### Chapter 571 - A Fight to the Death\_2

He said, "The reason Anduin gave to the outside world is that Carlos was harmed by the Secret Realm people and was captured, so they must rescue Carlos, even at the cost of thousands of lives, they are willing to do this to demonstrate their humanitarian spirit."

Xu Lingjun said, "It's just an excuse."

"Although it's an excuse, it makes sense... because the video of you capturing Carlos has already been sent to us by Anduin, so this time, they are justified."

Han Xu Yang said, "Do you need reinforcements?"

"No need, we can handle it."

Xu Lingjun paused and said, "By the way, let's transfer those veteran warriors from the Qisha Military District currently on the Polar Star Battlefield, as well as those people from the Sun and Moon Bright Sect. That should be enough."

Han Xu Yang exclaimed, "Do you intend to use the Qisha Military District to fight against the entire Baoxue Empire?"

"I once used the Qisha Military District to wipe out the entire Chi Yu mysterious clan."

Xu Lingjun laughed and said, "I'm bringing them over not to rely on their combat power but because the first batch of cultivators has already matured, and I need to focus on training the second batch."

"I understand."

Han Xu Yang hung up the communication.

Three days later.

Another team of about ten thousand people, without anyone knowing, directly entered the depths of the Secret Realm through the Bei Xuanwu Martial Mansion's Secret Realm.

Now all the demon beasts within the Secret Realm have been recalled by the Ancient Tree.

There was no trace of demon beasts within the Miwu Ghost Forest, which once tested the disciples; the Secret Realm had almost become ruins...

No one noticed that over ten thousand warriors passed through here and entered the Secret Realm.

As they entered the Secret Realm...

Not only were they not attacked by demon beasts, but there were even many demon beasts actively showing up to lead the way.

Those warriors were quite doubtful, clearly not expecting that their Commander in Chief could be so powerful, having wiped out the Chi Yu mysterious clan and now conquering the Secret Realm.

After two days of travel.

When they arrived at the deepest part of the Secret Realm.

They were shocked to discover...

That within the depths of the Secret Realm, there stood human-like buildings.

And fort-like residences that were both inhabitable and defensible, hidden deep in the jungle, perfectly blending with the lush greenery.

It seemed like a small tribe.

"Colonel Li Jingjun from the Polar Star Battlefield, reporting to the officer."

When Li Jingjun appeared before Xu Lingjun, with her sleek ponytail and a fitted navy-blue military uniform accentuating her elegant figure...

Xu Lingjun was full of surprise and joy, exclaiming, "How did you come back?"

Li Jingjun slightly smiled and said solemnly, "There is temporarily no battle at the Polar Star Battlefield, so I requested a temporary leave from Commander Lin and am temporarily assigned to the Qisha Military District to follow your command!"

"Great, great, great, you came just in time, I have so much to share with you."

Xu Lingjun excitedly grabbed her hand.

Li Jingjun's strength had long reached the Peak Seventh Layer of the Profound Realm. Although her strength was no match for Han Yun City, it wasn't far behind. If she cultivated the Immortal Technique, wouldn't she become a strong ally?

Especially since Li Jingjun was his confidante; he could teach her how to get started in another way...

Enabling her to break through to the Grandmaster Realm as quickly as possible, adding another force.

Thinking of this, Xu Lingjun sincerely sighed, "You came just in time."

Li Jingjun naturally understood Xu Lingjun's words the best, and hearing his earnest tone this time, she replied seriously, "Always ready to receive orders!"

"Meow."

Daxiong had already flown over.

Rubbing and nudging against Li Jingjun, then looking up at her eagerly.

Li Jingjun looked at Xu Lingjun and said with difficulty, "Sorry, Daxiong, I left Pang Hu at the Bei Xuanwu Martial Mansion."

"Meow?!"

Xu Lingjun said, "You can go get it. This Secret Realm is safe inside; the demon beasts won't harm it."

"Meow~!"

Daxiong let out a cry of joy, its figure flickering several times, and disappeared into the depths of the Secret Jungle.

It headed towards the Bei Xuanwu Martial Mansion.

Xu Lingjun held Li Jingjun's hand to receive this powerful force, which once belonged to him, now enhanced with many new soldiers.

Without a doubt...

Looking at the eager eyes of these people gazing at him.

Xu Lingjun didn't say much, knowing that they were his most solid backing, including those disciples from the Sun and Moon Bright Sect. When they came into contact with the Immortal Technique, they would revere him like a god.

By then, the Source Value consumed by his Magical Treasures would undoubtedly be much lower.

He didn't say much...

Having the veteran soldiers lead the new recruits and selecting the martial artists among them at the Profound Realm to teach them the Immortal Technique.

And those with strength not yet at the Profound Realm, upon learning that reaching the Profound Realm would allow them to be taught the Immortal Technique... especially when they personally saw those powerful Grandmaster-level experts.

Currently among the young generation in Sun and Moon Bright Sect, except for Ji Roufeng, Yun Shangxiao is the main force!

Especially during this time, Yun Shangxiao has been training on the Polar Star Battlefield for several months.

Although the Polar Star Battlefield has increasingly stabilized, in fact... it's not that there haven't been battles happening.

The mysterious races of the heavens intend to reclaim their lost territories.

The friction between both sides is even more severe...

It's just that the Great Xia Empire's response is more intense and would not yield even an inch.

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Therefore, over the past few months, having gone through countless battles, Yun Shangxiao's strength has greatly improved.

Until now, he has reached the Seventh Realm of Profound Mystery.

Yet upon seeing Liu Shuang, who used to be his equal but now surpasses him... he is even more shocked.

Especially during their casual conversation, he learned that Liu Shuang had successfully broken through.

Grandmaster Realm?

How is it possible... he is at the same realm as the master?

And upon learning that all of this was dependent on the existence of the cultivation technique "Infinite Immortal Technique",

He was almost euphoric with excitement.

Immediately, he bowed his head to Liu Shuang without hesitation to learn from him...

Even the chief disciple was like this.

Naturally, the other disciples were neither arrogant nor reluctant, all humbly seeking guidance from the seniors... There was no way around it; those people described the cultivation technique as too high and lofty, which made them irresistibly tempted.

More than ten thousand disciples, in just two or three days, had already perfectly integrated into the Qisha Legion.

Attracting demon beasts, cultivating immortal techniques!

And those whose strength was insufficient focused on luring demon beasts and practiced diligently...

If one were to say who among them advanced the fastest, it would probably be Li Jingjun.

With Xu Lingjun's enlightenment, her strength increased significantly, especially with the spirit stones nearby, allowing her cultivation technique to run at almost the highest frequency.

Xu Lingjun was well-versed in the Wind Seeking and Snow Returning Technique and the Infinite Divine Demon Body Refining Technique, and in recent years, he had thoroughly mastered the Wind Seeking and Snow Returning Technique. Now, if the Infinite Immortal Technique was integrated into this cultivation technique...

For him, it actually wasn't considered a difficult task.

Thus, what Li Jingjun was cultivating was actually a completely customized cultivation technique tailored for her Li Family, unlike anyone else's.

If Li Fufeng knew that her momentary impulse to rescue brought such a great opportunity to the Li Family...

She might be smiling so broadly in the afterlife that she couldn't close her mouth.

In a short month or so, Li Jingjun's strength had already successively broken through.

Almost reaching the peak of Profound Mystery.

And during this period, although the entire secret realm appeared peaceful,

In reality...

They had long been ready for battle.

Until half a month later.

"They're here."

In the secret study room.

Next to Xu Lingjun, a small green plant in a pot gently waved its branches and leaves, then spoke a sentence.

Xu Lingjun's movements suddenly halted there, murmuring, "They finally came."

He asked, "Is Uther there?"

"Yes!"

The ancient tree said, "He is hiding very deeply, concealed among the strongest martial artists... According to the level division, he should be a grandmaster among you, but there are three others who seem strange to me; they give off an ominous feeling, more akin to that Uther."

"Are there also three Creation Realms? This time... is the Baoxue Empire using its peak force to deal with us?"

Xu Lingjun shook his head and said, "All four of them are hiding, seems like they're trying to catch me off guard."

The ancient tree said, "However, it's a pity they didn't expect that there's me within the secret realm."

Indeed, the capability of the ancient tree to transform into any plant actually resembled spiritual sense more closely... Xu Lingjun could sense its existence.

But Uther and others probably couldn't sense it.

They thought they were well-hidden, yet little did they know... from the moment they stepped into the secret realm, their whereabouts were already tracked.

"Since that's the case, let's do the opposite... Xu Lingjun, you don't need to take action for now, let the demon beasts handle it."

The ancient tree said, "This secret realm, although now half belongs to you, was once ours, the demon beasts'. If they dare to come, I must make them pay the price."

"Sure!"

Xu Lingjun pondered deeply in his heart.

Four Creation Realms.

Does this old guy have such good connections? He managed to invite so many helpers...

It seems a bit tricky now.

Fortunately, he currently holds the initiative, and there are plenty of opportunities to catch them off guard.

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This line.

The Baoxue Empire is determined to win, deploying the elite among the elite.

Unlike last time.

The Holy Cross Army is the most elite troop of the Baoxue Empire, those iron warriors who fight endless battles against the mysterious races of the heavens at the Desperate Great Wall.

It's especially unclear how they managed to transport weapons to the Land of Light and the Great Xia Empire.

But as Carlos brushed off at that time, it must have something to do with spatial teleportation technology.

Therefore...

To prevent being caught off-guard by them, this time, they did not carry any high-tech advanced weapons.

After all, as one of the Three Great Empires, their strength is formidable, having battled various mysterious races of the heavens for many years and still holding their ground...

Anduin has full confidence in his truly elite warriors.

The appearance of especially four Grandmasters of the Creation Realm further boosts Anduin's confidence.

One general can resist a million-strong army, and it's no joke.

Although Uther and the others candidly said that no matter what kind of terrifying attack the Holy Cross Army encounters, they will never act unless the King of the Secret Realm appears.

But Anduin didn't take these words seriously.

As long as the King of the Secret Realm is captured...

By then, with the secret realm leaderless, it would also be difficult to rival them. If the Baoxue Empire cannot handle a rabble, they don't deserve to stand on Blue Star for so long.

In fact.

The Holy Cross Army indeed did not disappoint Anduin's expectations, their combat experience is rich...

Though it's all positional warfare, with years of combat intuition, they quickly assumed the most suitable formation the moment they set foot in this Secret Jungle.

Supporting each other, cautiously advancing step by step.

No matter where the enemy is or from where they launch an attack, they can change formations in the first instance and deliver the most lethal counterattack.

Carefully moving forward...

Though the enemy did not reveal any traces, they know the enemy is here. Slow doesn't matter, being stable is key.

Not leaving the enemy any gap.

"It seems that the possibility of ambushing and utterly defeating them like before is very low now."

Xu Lingjun, although never formally led troops, had at least been in charge of the Qisha Military District for two years, having some understanding of the deployment of soldiers.

Just by listening to the description from the Ancient Tree, he knew that the ones who came this time were truly formidable enemies.

"It doesn't matter... this is our home ground after all, they have no flaws, then we'll create flaws for them."

The Ancient Tree said, "We are very grateful that you humans can come to aid us, but in fact, we demon beasts are not to be trifled with... Let us handle the first battle."

"Alright."

Xu Lingjun gave the Ancient Tree a deep look.

Feeling...

It seemed like she was deliberately proving their strength to him.

If so, he would just watch.

Though they had only received the cultivation technique for merely a few months, for the Secret Realm that had been dormant for over a hundred years, this cultivation technique was like a spark to a prairie fire for those demon beasts, enough to transform them in a few months.

Presumably, those demon beasts were also eager to act.

In one day, they advanced merely fifty miles.

It could be described as a tortoise-like pace...

But wherever they passed, any creature was discovered and slain by them.

The Holy Cross Army excels in defeating enemies honestly and squarely, not deigning to play with intrigues and plots...

The army of the rightful path, not giving the enemy a single opportunity to take advantage.

In the blink of an eye, three days had passed.

They had penetrated two hundred miles into the Secret Realm...

And left defenses in place wherever they passed, ensuring they could advance for attack or retreat for defense, with reinforcements able to continually arrive along the path they'd traveled before.

"If we continue to advance, we will gradually approach the enemy's hinterland."

The Holy Cross Army's leader Caesar looked gravely at the map of the Secret Realm that Carlos and the others had brought back, pointing to a key junction, and said, "So the enemy could still pretend to be inactive before, but at our speed, if they don't act soon, they'll completely lose the initiative. Tonight... there will certainly be an attack, and as long as the enemy strikes, there will be traces, at which point we can directly push into their heartland, straight for the throat."

He did not order his subordinates to be on strict guard.

Because ever since they entered the Secret Realm, their spirits have been in a state of heightened focus... always on guard against enemy attacks.

No matter when they come, it's all the same.

This point.

Obviously...

The Ancient Tree was also well aware.

"Attacking at any time, it's hard to catch the enemy completely off guard... since we can't catch them unprepared in terms of timing, we'll have to completely surprise them in terms of methods."

The Ancient Tree said, "Right now they are already gradually deepening, entering is easy, I want to ensure not one of them escapes."

"What unexpected method do you want to use?"

Ancient Tree asked with a smile in its voice, "Can you guess?"

Xu Lingjun shook his head and said, "We'll see."

That night...

The Holy Cross Army continued taking turns to rest.

Though they only got three hours of sleep each day, in fact, for these elite warriors, three hours was enough to recover their energy for a day.

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Everyone was armed and ready, never letting go of their weapons even during rest.

Outside...

The patrols were layered three thick, turning the place into a man-made steel fortress.

All was silent.

Until the moonlit sky was shrouded by dark clouds.

A tense and murderous aura began to fill the air...

The Demon Beasts made no attempt to hide their killing intent. Even from a distance, the Holy Cross Army felt that hair-raising chill.

Caesar raised his hand, saying, "Here they come, everyone, stay alert!"

Ranked first on the Holy Hall List.

Though his strength resided in the Grandmaster Realm, his prowess was already infinitely close to the Creation Realm.

Caesar naturally exuded confidence...

Even if it was just instinct, at times like these, it could serve as evidence.

Everyone instantly stood up, those with firearms carefully loading their weapons, while those in cover drew their melee weapons, cautiously scanning their surroundings...

Suddenly!

In the blink of an eye.

Hundreds of massive dark shadows suddenly appeared in the sky.

Ghostly Grey Wolves, Saber-Toothed Tigers, Claw-Splitting Leopards, Iron-Maned Lions, Blood Wolves, Thunder Eagles, Cloud Falcons...

Various Demon Beasts descended from the sky, from mid-air, and from the wild, simultaneously attacking the humans.

"Heh, indeed they're just beasts."

Caesar shouted, "Everyone, attack..."

The word "attack" had barely left his mouth.

The ground beneath his feet suddenly shook violently.

The previously solid earth instantly collapsed into a soft quagmire, swallowing hundreds of unsuspecting warriors.

The troops, though quick to react, promptly used their Light Body Technique to leap to distant grounds...

But amid this chaos.

The Demon Beasts had already bypassed the initial potential fire suppression, charging straight into the depths of the enemy lines.

A Level 8 Demon Beast possessed terrifying strength on par with a Grandmaster... even a Level 7 Demon Beast was a challenge for an ordinary Profound Realm Martial Artist.

Especially since they had received the augmentation from Xu Lingjun's Cultivation Technique, their power had greatly increased.

This formidable group of Demon Beasts thus charged into the midst of the army.

However elite a warrior might be, in the moment they lose footing, chaos ensues...

In just a few breaths.

The battlefield was filled with the sounds of tragic wails echoing one after another.

"Everyone, up the trees, jump!"

Caesar, after briefly sinking into the quagmire, leaped up, standing on the mud as if it were solid ground.

He shouted loudly.

Drawing from behind him a giant sword, as wide as half a person and as tall as a man.

With a resounding clamor.

He slashed the giant sword down onto the muddy ground.

The searing Holy Light Qi poured into the ground like a blazing flame.

The terrifying Qi Force instantly sent mud splattering...

In just a few breaths.

The ground was burned into a thick, solid layer.

Like stone bricks.

And amidst the scorching.

The Holy Cross Army followed the orders of their commander, leaping up immediately... upon landing, their muddy feet found firm footing on the ground.

In contrast, the Demon Beasts were scalded, hopping frantically.

"Kill!"

Amid the furious roars.

Even though caught off guard, suffering heavy casualties...

The Holy Cross Army, truly the most elite warriors of the Baoxue Empire, reacted swiftly, surrounding the Demon Beasts instead.

While their absolute strength might be inferior.

They made up for it with their numbers and coordinated efforts.

In just a few dozen breaths, they regained the upper hand.

"What formidable humans, the giant earthworm is a Level 8 Demon Beast, yet it can't withstand a full-on strike from that human!"

In the distance.

The Ancient Tree couldn't help but sigh softly, shaking its head, "It seems I can't stay hidden either."

Saying this.

Countless vines and tendrils extended toward the humans.

Wrapping around key points where the Holy Cross Army was most concentrated, dragging the struggling soldiers back into the depths of the jungle, like snakes seizing prey, retreating with their quarry.

This time, without Caesar having to say anything...

The warriors of the Holy Cross Army instinctively avoided those plants, focusing instead on the Demon Beasts.

Yet against their expectations.

These Demon Beasts proved far stronger than they had initially estimated.

Even though they were gradually gaining the upper hand, their supposedly lethal assaults only wounded but did not kill, failing to take the life of these creatures.

"This time, the Demon Beasts seem far stronger than other beasts of equivalent level."

In the distance.

Uther and the others, who had quietly maneuvered away at the onset of the war, watched the fierce battle, their eyes filled with solemnity.

"It seems they sensed a threat, so this time they're giving it their all."

Aemon suddenly sneered, "Going all out? Where are the Secret Realm People?"

His point struck home, and the other three fell into silence...

The Ancient Tree had already dragged hundreds of Holy Cross Army troops into the jungle, promptly snapping their necks.

Then repeatedly attacked.

Despite the unalterable tide of battle.

She helplessly watched the fierce struggle between Demon Beasts and humans...

The Holy Cross Army suffered heavy casualties, but the Demon Beasts also began to fall.

Clearly...

If not for Xu Lingjun providing the Cultivation Technique that vastly enhanced these Demon Beasts' powers, they might have already seen defeat.

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We must admit that, in the face of these elite human warriors, although the scattered Demon Beasts were individually much stronger, in war, the best at wearing down their opponents are those who swarm like ants to take down an elephant.

If we continue fighting.

The Demon Beasts might not have much of a winning chance... even the previous surprise attack, under Caesar's strike, turned from offense to defense, so retreating would not be difficult.

But if they want to retreat completely unscathed.

"How does it feel? War isn't as simple as you thought, even if they have been stripped of their most powerful weapon, they're still not easy to deal with."

Xu Lingjun patted the Ancient Tree beside him.

With a smile, he said, "You need support, rest assured, leave everything to us."

As his words ended.

He snapped his fingers.

Though it was a soft and deep sound, it contained a unique Spiritual Rate, instantly heard by those who shared the same Cultivation Technique with him.

"Move out!"

Han Yun City slowly donned the black Iron Blood Mask, a trace of a cold and severe smile appeared on his lips.

His current strength was at an extremely awkward stage...

He couldn't defeat Old Xu, but it wasn't satisfying enough.

Fighting others, the gap was too large to be satisfying...

This time, he hoped for a satisfactory opponent.

Countless black shadows darted out from the depths of the forest like lightning.

Some sprinted on foot, others rode mounts... apparently, they had already enticed the Demon Beasts, though not companions, the difference was negligible.

Yet, whether fast or slow, seemingly without formation, the killing aura surrounding them was faintly perfectly united.

Evidently, practicing the same Technique endowed them with a unique synergy far superior to anyone else!

In just a few breaths.

Countless pitch-black figures simultaneously charged out of the dark woods, rushing straight toward those Holy Cross Army soldiers below.

"The Secret Realm People have moved out!"

Uther and the others' eyes lit up.

Watching as thousands of black shadows, like a sharp lance, stabbed fiercely into the heart of the Holy Cross Army.

The two most elite teams from the Polar Star Battlefield and Desperate Great Wall.

Yet they unfolded the most direct confrontation in this human-inhabited world.

However... this duel had its victor determined from the very first moment.

Where the Qisha Legion passed, they swept all opposition aside like dead wood!

Even with prior precautions, when faced with the charging forces of the many Qisha Military District warriors, the Holy Cross soldiers still had their formation broken in an instant.

In a surprise attack, the focus is on quality, not quantity, thus those who came were all the elite warriors beyond Dongxuan, having practiced the "Infinite Immortal Technique"!

Where they went.

The Holy Cross Army's casualties instantly exceeded the total losses from previous skirmishes with the Demon Beasts...

After all, compared to the sharp bodily weapons of the Demon Beasts, the specialized weapons of the Qisha Legion delivered more potent damage.

"Kill!"

Amid Han Yun City's wild laughter.

He charged directly at Caesar, who seemed the strongest among them.

With a deafening crash...

It was like two missiles colliding together.

Amid the explosion of boundless Blood Qi and Holy Light.

Han Yun City seemed hit by a bull and flew backward, then laughed heartily once more, "Good, this has some force, again... hahaha..."

He laughed aloud, grasping a blood-colored Giant Sword in his hand.

Gathering all his strength, like splitting a mountain, he slashed downwards.

Another explosive sound, piercing everyone's ears.

This time, not only Han Yun City, even the spot where Caesar stood cracked open further.

The explosion of Qi Force flung dozens of Holy Cross Army warriors around violently...

Blood marks appeared on Caesar's tiger's mouth, and veins popped on the back of his hand.

He looked at the black-armored man opposite, also panting heavily.

Fear flashed in his eyes...

Just two strikes, yet it was as if facing a completely different person.

Moreover, his momentum continued to climb...

"Are you that so-called King of the Secret Realm?"

He looked up, only to see that with the entry of these Secret Realm People into the battlefield, allied with the Demon Beasts, the Holy Cross soldiers were beaten into constant retreat despite maintaining their formation...

But faced with this absolute power disparity.

They were being driven back step by step.

Clearly, they no longer had any chance to turn the tables!

Who would've thought the power of these Secret Realm People was so formidable? Even the Holy Cross Army couldn't withstand it?

Caesar became anxious, looking toward the distant treetops.

"Where are you looking?!"

Han Yun City shouted fiercely, transforming again into a cloud of blood. Though not present yet, he raised his hand, surrounding the area with countless blood-colored Sword Qi, sealing off every possible escape route.

Evidently, he intended to take this person down.

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"He is asking us for help!"

Among the four Grandmasters of the Creation Realm hidden in the shadows.

Caludia frowned slightly and said, "These people from the Secret Realm are even stronger than we imagined. Joining forces with these Demon Beasts and with the Holy Cross Army losing their most elite cutting-edge weapons, they are simply not a match. If we don't intervene, I'm afraid they won't even be able to escape."

Indeed, these Secret Realm people are very clever opponents.

They did not choose to attack at the beginning, but waited until the Holy Cross Army had penetrated deep into the Secret Realm to truly begin their assault on them...

Taking full advantage of time, place, and people.

One waited and rested, while the other, exhausted, suddenly faced battle... Although the Holy Cross Army is extremely elite, several sleepless days would not significantly decrease their condition, but it also depends on who the adversary is.

The enemy's strength was beyond their expectations.

Especially since the Baoxue Empire dispatched twenty Grandmaster Level experts this time, all of whom are inscribed on the Holy Hall List, so their strength is naturally not weak.

But unfortunately...

This group of troops, which was highly anticipated, was directly suppressed from the very beginning.

The enemy's cutting-edge strength was no less than these Grandmasters, although slightly lacking in experience, their methods were more miraculous...

In the fierce battle between the two sides, the Secret Realm people held the upper hand. They didn't push these Grandmasters on the Holy Hall List into complete retreat, but they firmly held the initiative, preventing them from freeing up hands to support the Holy Cross Army.

"These people possess not only strength but also high military literacy."

Caludia, the former General Commander of the Holy Cross Army, naturally has very rich experience.

He could tell that as the Secret Realm people joined the battlefield, they immediately divided the battlefield... fighting soldier against soldier, general against general, king against king.

Then, based on people and using beasts as lines, they formed sharp blades, unknowingly separating the enemy, preventing them from supporting and covering each other.

This method is very ruthless, leaving no room for any fancy tactics.

But if successful... the contest is simply one of absolute strength.

And within the enemy camp of the Secret Realm, if soldiers do not know their generals and generals do not know their soldiers, for the weaker party, the outcome would be very dangerous.

"These people are very strong. If we don't take action, the Holy Cross Army will eventually be completely overwhelmed by them."

Caludia said with a solemn expression.

"But now is not the time for us to act."

Uther's eyes were full of intensity. He forcibly lowered his voice, but still couldn't suppress the excitement in his heart.

He said, "Don't tell me you haven't noticed..."

Renault nodded and said, "Is it the fighting method of these Grandmaster Level experts? Indeed... the True Essence within their bodies seems to differ greatly from that of ordinary Grandmasters."

Aemon licked his lips excitedly, "It's not just a big difference; aside from similar strength, do they have any other similarities? It's almost like two completely different systems. Their True Essence is full of vitality compared to a Grandmaster's True Essence. I can't help but wonder how they would perform if they break through the Creation Realm..."

Uther said softly, "So, what we need, they can't give us. The real target has not appeared yet!"

"But if we don't act soon, it'll be too late."

Caludia said coldly, "It looks like we need to put some pressure on them. Otherwise, if these people achieve a decisive victory, our target still won't appear."

With those words...

He disregarded the opinions of the remaining three people.

Leaping out...

"Beasts, under the Holy Light, there is no place for you."

With a loud shout.

Caludia's Supreme Holy Light Qi erupted, transforming into a giant fist that struck the ground. In an instant, the previously solid ground, directly solidified by Caesar, was transformed into a scorching ocean under this blow.

Under this blow.

Both Demon Beasts and Secret Realm people, and even the soldiers of the Holy Cross Army hurriedly leaped to evade. The previously intense battle was abruptly split apart.

The ground reverted to a viscous state but became even hotter, resembling molten magma.

A slight carelessness would lead to certain death within.

The earlier enemy assault melted the ground, gaining absolute dominance, and Caludia, with an exceptionally broad perspective, melted the ground again with this blow, giving the Holy Cross Army a chance to catch a breath.

"Boy, let me meet you."

Caludia's Holy Light transformed into a giant hammer, striking towards Han Yun City.

The hammer was extremely large. As it fell, it was like Mount Tai pressing down.

It was thought that given Han Yun City's arrogance when battling Caesar, he would certainly charge head-on... but who would have thought that he would deflect the blow but use the momentum to swing far away.

His complexion slightly flushed.

But it was only a glancing blow, and he wasn't hurt.

With a powerful voice, he shouted, "Hard target, tight wind, let's scam!"

With those words...

The Secret Realm army, which had gained the upper hand, along with those Demon Beasts, suddenly scattered like birds and beasts, fleeing into the distance.

This was indeed a true scattering like birds and beasts.

"Don't run!"

Caludia gave chase.

Having been exposed, he took the opportunity to exploit the greatest advantage, forcing the Master of the Secret Realm to emerge...

At that time, Uther and others would certainly take action, and with the four of them joining forces, no matter how strong this so-called King of the Secret Realm was, it would be impossible for him to escape the encirclement and killing by the four of them!

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"Kill!!!"

Led by Caludia, everyone simultaneously chased after those from the Secret Realm.

A battle to the death...

Chasing and fleeing all the way, they clashed fiercely with that boy for dozens of rounds.

Facing such a strong Creation Realm expert, if not for the strategy to avoid direct confrontation, Han Yun City would have long been mad with excitement...

One must know, no matter how he tried to unleash the power of Emperor Blood Heaven Slayer, the opponent could always suppress it with absolute strength.

Wasn't this kind of opponent exactly what he was expecting?

Unfortunately...

Unfortunately, he had to give him to someone else,

While fighting and fleeing, Han Yun City couldn't help but feel regret.

His strength was still not on par with a Creation Realm Grandmaster, but if he was determined to escape, Caludia wouldn't be able to stop him for now.

Especially since Han Yun City's spiritual sense might not be as adept as Xu Lingjun's, but when used to assist in battle, it was truly second nature. It was as if he had grown an extra pair of eyes, always able to avoid deadly weak points just in time.

"I should join in too!"

Xu Lingjun lightly said.

With spiritual sense, he watched as Han Yun City fled, watching as Caludia and Caesar chased up...

They fought as they fled.

Meanwhile, Uther and the others did not move.

Apparently, though they lacked spiritual sense, they had another way of communication, and in their view, even if the King of the Secret Realm personally stepped in, he couldn't defeat Caludia in a short period. Even if it wasn't for his special constitution, Caludia might be stronger than that King of the Secret Realm.

After all, the King of the Secret Realm was too young.

So they let them go for the chase, driving these people into a dead end. Then they wouldn't believe that the King of the Secret Realm wouldn't step in... What they needed to do was to remain hidden until then.

"But if I want to kill, will you have a chance?"

Xu Lingjun smirked, his figure turning into a shadow and rushing straight toward the battlefield.

In just a few dozen breaths, he covered dozens of miles...

Xu Lingjun didn't slow down at all, like a cannonball, he didn't stop for a moment, directly overtaking Han Yun City and crashing toward Caludia.

He was already holding the Invisible Sword in his hand.

Fierce wind gathered on the blade, slashing straight at Caludia.

As soon as he attacked, it was with an earth-shattering momentum...

Boundless spiritual power enveloped, and the sword's pressure almost tore through space. Everywhere it passed, the surrounding Ancient Trees seemed to suffer a thousand cuts, breaking apart inch by inch.

"Good timing."

A sudden oppressive sword pressure was felt during the pursuit.

Just this one strike made Caludia feel pressure he hadn't felt in years.

But instead of being alarmed, he was pleased and raised his hammer to block.

He shouted, "Target appeared, quick support!"

He wasn't stupid; he wouldn't insist on some knight's combat.

If they could capture this King of the Secret Realm, then the national power of the Baoxue Empire would rise to an immense level...

One must know, these Secret Realm People could suppress the Holy Cross Army, thanks to the unique technique they cultivated, which was undoubtedly derived from the person in front of them.

"As expected, he appeared!"

Uther and the other three's eyes lit up, and without needing to speak, they rushed like arrows toward the direction where Caludia had left earlier.

Meanwhile, he fully blocked Xu Lingjun's strike.

Caludia's palm tingled slightly, but instead, he felt reassured...

This person's strength was indeed strong, strong enough to compete with a Creation Realm,

But he wasn't strong enough to overpower him... meaning as long as he held out for several rounds, and Uther and the others arrived, he wouldn't escape.

Without a doubt, holding off this person for a few rounds was not too easy for him...

As he strategized,

Caludia suddenly squinted, seeing his opponent's sword being blocked, yet seemingly unfazed, instead reaching out to grab his hammer, and then directly grasping him.

Meanwhile,

The enemy he had chased into a dead-end raised a very uniquely shaped weapon.

Was it a gun?

How laughable, with my strength, unless you use those powerful artillery, you can't hurt me with such small weapons...

Now that the target was in sight,

Caludia ignored Han Yun City, focusing only on restraining Xu Lingjun. He needed just ten breaths of time, just ten breaths...

This battle would be complete and utter victory!

At this moment,

Han Yun City fired.

A light circle appeared directly in front of them.

"What?"

Caludia's pupils shrank slightly, looking in shock at the white expanse in front of him... Clearly, it was the Secret Jungle, since when had it become a cold place?

As he pondered, only to hear a long laugh nearby.

"Get in there."

Xu Lingjun suddenly exerted force.

Though he looked thin and weak, in terms of strength, even two Caludias arm wrestling might not be his match.

Even if things seemed to be a bit unexpected...

But at that moment, as the two wrestled,

Caludia had no ability to resist, being lifted by Xu Lingjun and both plunged into the light circle, which then shrank and vanished without a trace.

This bizarre scene left Caesar and the others stunned.

"Hahahaha... Retreat... Quick retreat..."

Han Yun City and the others ignored them, as their objective was achieved, they laughed and fled into the distance.

Caesar and the others rushed to where Caludia had just disappeared... only to be shocked to find that their former legion commander had truly vanished.

Chapter 578 - Confused\_3

"Hahaha, King of the Secret Realm, today you have nowhere to run..."

At this moment, Uther pursued with a triumphant laugh.

But upon arriving here, the triumphant laughter abruptly stopped. Shocked, he saw that everyone was gone, leaving only the bewildered Holy Cross Army and the cold and mysterious forest—there was no sign of the King of the Secret Realm.

He asked, "Where is Caludia?!"

Caesar's eyes were filled with a dazed expression, and he said, "Got sucked away by a light ring."

"A light ring? What the hell is a light ring?!"

Uther asked, "And the King of the Secret Realm?"

"Got sucked away by the light ring with the corps commander."

"Together?!"

Uther's pupils suddenly constricted as he exclaimed, "Not good, Caludia is in danger!"

He instantly recalled the weapon that had appeared suddenly in the Land of Light and in the Great Xia Empire...

Could it be that this is their spatial teleportation technology?

Did they actually teleport the King of the Secret Realm, along with Caludia, to a completely unfamiliar place?

Uther asked coldly, "What about the Secret Realm People?!"

"They fled."

"Chase! Now the King of the Secret Realm should have already been teleported away with Caludia. Caludia's situation is dire, but given the current situation, the King of the Secret Realm is also not within the Secret Realm. They are leaderless, we need to seize this opportunity and strike at the very heart!"

Uther was so anxious that his eyes were turning red.

He was quite close to Caludia, but precisely because of this, he knew his strength well... If Caludia wanted to escape wholeheartedly, his enemies might not be able to hold him back.

But he feared that since the opponent chose to attack individually in this manner, there was likely some other insidious method waiting for him.

And he had no way to aid him...

The only thing he could do was make use of the opportunity Caludia left behind, take advantage of the enemy being leaderless, and directly strike into their Secret Realm, so that when the King of the Secret Realm returns, there's no room for any luck.

"Charge!"

Since the enemy was no longer in the Secret Realm, what value was there in hiding?

Under the guidance of three Creation Realm Grandmasters, the Holy Cross Army didn't even have time to rest before they once again pursued in the direction the enemy fled.

Meanwhile.

In a snowy, ice-covered land thousands of miles away.

Caludia, who was suddenly thrown here, was full of suspicion and unease, gripping his hammer tightly and staring intensely at Xu Lingjun opposite him.

In shock and anger, he said, "What have you done?"

"Just created a battlefield belonging to the two of us, and only us!"

Xu Lingjun slowly straightened, saying, "I need a Creation Realm Grandmaster to help me verify something... Your strength is decent, so it'll be you."

He beckoned slightly with his hand, smiling, "Come on, don't dawdle. My time is limited, and since I'm not in the Secret Realm now, Uther and those people have probably started to attack deep into the Secret Realm... Although I'm sure they won't find the place, just in case, I need to finish you off quickly and then head back."

Caludia's heart sank slightly.

Hearing this sentence, how could he not understand that from the very beginning, the fact that their four Creation Realm Grandmasters had entered the Secret Realm together hadn't escaped this person's notice?

And he didn't have the confidence to fight four alone, so he chose to defeat them one by one.

And he was the first.

Was this person truly so confident?!

Caludia's heart couldn't help but sink further as he looked at the calm and composed Xu Lingjun before him, only to find that the flawlessly handsome face before him had inexplicably turned terrifying.

Chapter 579 - You Only Have 10 Minutes Left

We've fallen into a trap.

Everyone felt a sudden heaviness in their hearts.

By now, how could they not understand?

From the moment they entered the Secret Realm, they had been under the enemy's surveillance.

They thought Caludia's mobilization was actually to lure the Master of the Secret Realm to appear... which was the correct tactic.

Otherwise, the Holy Cross Army alone wouldn't have been enough to put substantial pressure on the Secret Realm.

Little did they realize that the enemy was also waiting for them to disperse.

Currently, Caludia has been teleported to an unknown location, but wherever it is, one can imagine that it's filled with thorny traps on the other side, along with the Master of the Secret Realm following closely...

Even though Uther and Caludia shared a close friendship, he had to silently admit in his heart that Caludia was too aggressive and had fallen into the enemy's trap, facing grim prospects.

What they needed to do now was to ensure that Caludia's sacrifice wasn't wasted.

They had lost a Grandmaster.

But the intelligence gained was also crucial... this Secret Realm was not capable of dealing with four Grandmasters at once. Otherwise, they would already have stormed the enemy's headquarters; there'd be no reason for such a divide-and-conquer tactic.

Now that the King of the Secret Realm was away, the current Secret Realm must be poorly defended.

They must take this opportunity to gamble... gamble on whether Caludia would fall first, or whether they could reach the enemy's headquarters sooner.

Uther was confident that such spatial teleportation technology surely had significant limitations. Killing someone and then returning easily was absolutely impossible.

Otherwise, wouldn't it be easy to just use spatial technology to rush into the Baoxue Empire, kill Anduin, and then leave?

It was a battle of time now...

Unfortunately, the dangers within the Secret Realm were far greater than they imagined.

They hadn't pursued for long before completely losing the enemy's trail.

They couldn't even see their footsteps.

Moreover, along the pursuit path, vines would suddenly wrap around them like venomous snakes, choking some soldiers and snapping their necks.

The grass beneath their feet would unexpectedly harden like steel, piercing through the feet of the careless ones, blood gushing as they fell to the ground, only to be impaled through bloodied holes by the grass.

Yet if they carefully avoided the grass to tread on the ground, the ground would suddenly turn into a swamp.

Though just a seemingly ordinary Mysterious Jungle, at this moment, the entire forest held the deadliest hostility against them. It transformed into a lethal ancient beast, not only failing to catch their enemy but also costing them hundreds of lives.

These hundreds of lives should not be underestimated; they were all seasoned warriors who could rank among the top in the Academy and Martial Mansion.

Losing even one was a great pain for Caesar.

And now, lives were lost every moment.

He had no time to feel sorrow, as any inadvertent move might lead to more deaths.

What infuriated them most was...

"General, the enemy is fleeing quickly, and we've completely lost track of them. Shall we continue our pursuit?!"

Caesar looked at Uther.

Clearly, since Uther's arrival... Caesar had lost his authority to make decisions.

Nothing could be done; that's how the Baoxue Empire was. Seniority, position, and rank; any one of these could suppress a person.

"We can't give up!"

Uther said coldly, "The opportunity gained from Caludia sacrificing his life cannot be easily abandoned, or our mission will truly be in vain!"

"I do have a suggestion!"

Aemon suddenly spoke up.

Uther asked, "What is it?!"

"Isn't it obvious? The Secret Realm People clearly have ways to manipulate these plants."

Aemon said, "The enemy walks through without leaving a trace... yet we are hindered when we follow. I even suspect that under the interference of these plants, we might unknowingly be going around in circles."

"Indeed."

Uther felt it too; although they were diligently moving straight ahead, in fact, the gaps between the plants seemed pathless yet vaguely present... If the enemy truly had the power to manipulate plants, they might be forced unknowingly into circuits.

"What should we do then?"

"The three of us should fly over!"

Aemon suggested, "With low power, it is useless; the forest below is enemy territory, so we should bypass this area. With the strength of the three of us, we can easily handle any attacks from above."

Renault was silent for a moment, then said, "The three of us can't be separated again, or we might follow in Caludia's footsteps!"

Uther nodded and said, "Caesar, you lead the troops to camp here, cut down all surrounding trees and plants, and watch your steps. If you receive our signal, join us immediately!"

Caesar replied, "Understood!"

The three exchanged a glance and then shot up into the sky, flying swiftly towards the horizon.

Plans can never keep up with changes.

Previously, it was decided that the Creation Realm Grandmasters would remain behind the scenes. Now, however, they had no choice but to take the lead.

The very first battle resulted in the loss of a Creation Realm Grandmaster... A loss so great, the Baoxue Empire was deeply wounded.

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And now, the choice before them.

Either seize this opportunity and use Caludia to entangle the King of the Secret Realm, attack their territory, and then lie in wait, taking them by surprise.

Or, stick to the original plan.

Continue hiding behind, watching Caludia's sacrifice amount to nothing...

At this moment, everyone obviously knows what to choose.

Three Creation Realm Grandmasters flew straight into the sky, using Qi Manipulation, and headed towards the previous direction.

"It seems these people really possess the ability to manipulate plants. They might even be able to spy on our every move through the plants."

Uther flew in the air, looking gravely at the massive umbrellas of clouds below...

As they flew upwards, they thought the scene below would be fully visible. But unexpectedly, the branches and leaves of the trees spread wide like large umbrellas, blocking their view.

Although this maximized the avoidance of enemy attacks, they could not see the enemy's base at all!

Uther asked, "What should we do?"

Aemon rolled his eyes and said, "Just tough it out!"

Renault frowned and said, "I have a bad premonition. I feel that relying solely on the strength of the Holy Cross Army, it will be difficult to match those from the Secret Realm. Although our target is just that King of the Secret Realm, if the Holy Cross Army fails, we must assist, and in doing so, our strength will actually be weakened..."

"But with just four... three people attacking, we will be detected the moment we enter the Secret Realm!"

Uther perplexed, said, "Don't forget, although this Secret Realm is not as vast as the outside world, it still occupies more than a tenth of Blue Star's territory... With such a vast area, entirely monitored by the enemy, it's hard for us to find their tracks!"

"So will we just have to wait for them to deal with Caludia and then come to us on their own?"

Aemon, troubled, said, "To be honest, although we did see something completely different, we haven't even seen the face of that King of the Secret Realm..."

Before the words finished.

A streak of golden light shot up from the dense layers of leaves below, then surged mightily, slashing directly towards the three.

The vast forest trembled under this golden light, and the scorching heat burned everything it passed through to ashes.

"Beware, enemy attack!"

Uther let out a long howl.

The three simultaneously unleashed their full strength, their formidable True Power blasting towards the golden light.

In the booming reverberation...

The golden light shattered with a roar.

But the three's faces changed simultaneously; the power contained in this sword was already frightfully strong.

Though they smashed the immense Golden Sword Qi...

Yet they were in the air, unable to find leverage, forced to retreat incessantly by the impact.

And at that moment.

A giant figure appeared between heaven and earth, surrounded by brilliant golden light.

A giant arm stretched out from below... grasping a fist, smashing straight towards the three.

No place to leverage, no place to hide.

The three could only defend again...

This time, the force was so strong that the three felt as if they had been hit by a giant mountain.

Despite their earlier insistence not to scatter, they had been flung far apart by the tremendous force.

And the golden giant shadow vanished instantly.

As if its previous appearance was nothing but an illusion...

Xu Lingjun exhaled a light breath, took out an Immortal Bean, and put it into his mouth.

Recovering from the consumption of transforming into a Light Giant Race, he said, "Stick to the previous plan, Lu Ye, you've seen Uther in action before and know quite a bit about his tactics. Help me hold him off, Old Han, you all help me contain one person, and I'll kill one first!"

"Rest assured, if I can't win, I'll escape!"

Han Yun City nodded.

Xu Lingjun leaped towards the distance...

While Han Yun City looked at Xu Lingjun's retreating figure, a hint of shock in his eyes, muttering, "In just an hour, killing a Creation Realm Grandmaster and then flying back... Is his strength really this formidable now?"

"His strength is indeed strong, but not much improved, though his techniques are numerous. He probably used some means."

Ancient Tree pondered, tilting his head, and said, "Wait, how does he know my name is Lu Ye?!"

"Never mind, let's complete the task first."

Thinking of facing a Creation Realm enemy, Han Yun City trembled with excitement... knowing full well that he couldn't be an opponent with his strength alone, but with so many elite assisting, if they still lost, he truly had nothing to say.

And now.

The three had long since been blasted away by Ultraman Tiga's immense force...

Though they agreed not to scatter, the power was so overwhelming that they couldn't evade, and without a point of release... soon, they couldn't even tell where their companions were anymore.

"Damn!"

Just landed on the ground, Uther couldn't help but be startled, for they had indeed scattered.

The enemy's intent was clear without any thought of concealment...

They sought to defeat each separately!

No time to ponder where they got such confidence

Suddenly, a fierce wind curled behind Uther, and he swung a counterpunch backward.

In the resounding boom...