

Strongest As 521

Chapter 521: Building Luo Yue

Seeing this, Li Sandao's face changed, and he said, "That's the American prospector. He came about a week ago too, and now they're back."

"Does Freddy not care about them?" Ye Mo asked.

Li Sandao shook his head, "He doesn't dare touch them. I'm sure that if they seized Sai Na, Freddy would be the first to surrender."

"What do they usually do here?" Ye Mo nodded and asked.

"I think they want to build a huge touristic city; a money-making machine. Last time, they were checking the earth content in the forests." Li Sandao still had no faith in fighting the Americans.

Just as Li Sandao and Ye Mo were talking, more than ten people got off the plane. Other than the first few, most of them were fully armed. They had brought some US troops.

"Go over and take a look," Ye Mo said to Li Sandao. He didn't want the US to grab a hold of the territory before he occupied it.

30 to 40 men followed behind Li Sandao.

When the two parties met, a yellow skinned man glanced at Li Sandao and asked casually, "You're Li Sandao?"

Before Li Sandao could reply, he continued, "We will be prospecting here for a few days. You have no business here. Make sure your men don't walk around casually and tell Freddy to keep it down."

Then, he signaled for the men behind him to move, and they carried all sorts of equipments with them, taking the road to the forest.

Ye Mo really wanted to throw a wind blade over, but he knew that wouldn't solve the problem. He said to Li Sandao, "These Americans should leave soon. After they do, do as I tell you. Our men will arrive in 3 days. Also, if the Americans ask how their men died, tell them that people happen to suddenly die here and there without warning. Tell your men to say the same thing. Furthermore, you need to take control of Freddy's men as quickly as you can. Those who don't surrender - kill them."

Although he didn't know why Ye Mo had so much confidence, Li Sandao still did as he was told.

Seeing them leave, the Americans didn't care. In their eyes, Li Sandao was just a small time gangster, far from a match for the US government.

Ye Mo walked into the forest after these people. He was thinking, 'If only I had a ghost, it'd be a breeze to kill them all.'

But without it, he could only do it himself. After his targets entered the forest, he started conjuring his chi into needles he would kill with.

That way, no one be able to explain how they had died.

Before fully taking over Sai Na, Ye Mo wouldn't openly slaughter. Once he did, though, he would.

As the soldiers walked, they were looking around. Meanwhile, a few gunshots sounded but soon after, everything calmed down. After a while, Ye Mo figured that Li Sandao must have managed to control Freddy's men by then, so he started shooting his needle-shaped chi into the Americans' ears.

When the first soldier fell down, people just assumed there had to be some poisonous snakes nearby, hence they started injecting themselves with anti-venom and started watching out for snakes.

When the second and third soldier fell down, though, the Americans had to halt their movements.

When the fourth, fifth, sixth soldier died, they started to worry and retreated back to the outside.

"It's a curse, this is a cursed forest! Leave immediately and report the news," a grey-clothed American yelled. A curse was the best explanation. It didn't seem like anyone was attacking them, at least not that they could see. The dead soldiers didn't even have a wound. What else could it be other than a curse?

Ye Mo wouldn't kill them all. He needed someone to report back. He was sure that the US would send more people, but that would take a couple of days. By that time, he will have declared Sai Na to be his.

The Americans tried to carry the dead bodies at first, but as more people died, they didn't dare to and just dumped them in the forest.

By the time they made it out, only two remained. They had been spared by Ye Mo intentionally.

They stood outside the forest, still fearing for their lives. They wouldn't dare enter this forest ever again. To them, this forest was a demon's forest.

Ye Mo had predicted correctly. The first thing the two survivors did was to find Li Sandao. Li Sandao kept his people in check as the two Americans came over, and they communicated.

As Li Sandao heard that they only had two men left such a short time after entering the forest, he was shocked. He thought of Ye Mo's words and was sure that he had done this.

While silently admiring Ye Mo's power, he said exactly what Ye Mo had told him to say. That occasionally there were strange deaths around the area. Sometimes there would be none, and sometimes it would happen one after the other.

When they heard this, their face turned bad. They didn't ask any further questions as they would never imagine that Li Sandao would dare trick them.

After their plane left Sai Na, Ye Mo thought in contempt, 'This was the last time your plane was able to land in Sai Na. There won't be a next time.'

When Ye Mo got to Flowing Snake, everyone was already waiting for him. Even Luo Yin and Luo Fei had come. They didn't seem to be in any conflict anymore. Ye Mo didn't know how they had resolved things, but that wasn't what he cared about now.

There was a lot of content to discuss in the ensuing meeting, but everything was quickly settled. Xu Ping brought his couple of hundred guards to Sai Na first. Xu Yuehua would go there at the same time. As for the builders, they would all go on a big plane to Sai Na together. The big machines would be shipped, and Ye Mo would leave all dealings with the Chinese government to Ye Ling. Ye Ling would contact Ye Zifeng, and they would take care of everything on that front.

Luo Yue rented all necessary transportation vehicles. After all, they might be rich, but they weren't so rich as to casually buy so many planes and ships.

Other than that, Flowing Snake started a population tally. Those wanting to live at Sai Na would be getting permanent residence and once Luo Yue City was built, they would be citizens of and protected by Luo Yue City.

Flowing Snake had nearly 150,000 people right now, but most of them were businessmen. There weren't many long term residents, only about 60,000.

As soon as Luo Yue made their announcement, it swept through the whole world in a very short time. Some astute tradespeople quickly started making preparations for moving to Sai Na.

But what shocked people the most was Luo Yue's announcement to the world that they would be moving to Sai Na and changing the place's name to Luo Yue, building their own city, Luo Yue City. They also declared that Luo Yue City would not belong to any country and since it was founded by Chinese nationals, the Chinese would have special advantages when applying for permanent residence.

Luo Yue had dared seize ownerless land and declare it to the world. This took the US by surprise and shocked the globe.

What shocked people even more was that they stated that after the city was built, any armed forces nearing Luo Yue without Luo Yue's consent would be annihilated.

Chapter 522: Prepared to Reap the Benefits

"Should we send a document to the Commonwealth?" Xu Yuehua looked at Ye Mo worriedly. Although the construction had begun, it would take a few years to finish.

Ye Mo smiled, "Don't worry, all we need to do now is to earn money and build Luo Yue. We don't need to worry about anything else. Even if we gave them a document, do you think they would just accept us? Of course not. Since the US wants this place, they won't let us stay forever no matter what."

"I'm also afraid that the US would find an excuse to solve the matter through war," Xu Yuehua said with concern.

Ye Mo hesitated for a while before nodding, "Although documents like that are useless, maybe send one over after all, so that we have an excuse."

Ye Mo was preparing to go to the desert to find Luo Yue when he was free. If he could, that would be great, but if he couldn't, he would go find those four crystals and try to reach stage 5. Once he did, then even radars wouldn't be able to detect him. The US Navy and Airforce would be nothing to him.

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Although they were tight on money, Xu Yuehua still bought ten ships through all sorts of channels, buying a bunch of weapons as well. She couldn't rely on Ye Mo to solve everything. She also started expanding Luo Yue's airport.

Other than that, they started building a port. That would be the foundation of Luo Yue's wealth.

Li Sandao brought his men over, and they also joined the construction of Luo Yue City. Food, supplies, machinery were all being shipped incessantly to Luo Yue. Ye Mo just realized that even with a money printing business like Luo Yue, it still wouldn't be enough.

Ye Mo felt like he was going through really tough times. He either needed to borrow money or earn money. Otherwise, his Luo Yue would become the biggest joke on Earth. At this time though, Mo Kang brought his Hong Kong Mo Corporation over and joined Luo Yue, providing them with 5 billion USD worth of funds.

But that still wasn't enough!

Thus, Luo Yue made a third notice. Luo Yue formed the 'Luo Yue Immortal Treatment Hospital' and promised they could cure any disease at all, scaring the world. However, their price was also scary. The starting price was 100 million USD! They wouldn't cure for anything below that.

They also had 3 rules. First, as long as the person wasn't dead and you had the money, you can regain your health at Luo Yue. Second, if you're close to death, you can also ask to live longer - 100 million a year for at most 10 years. Third, if you want to keep your looks forever, you can also come and get the face preserving pill for 1 billion USD.

Ye Mo knew this was practically robbing money, but he couldn't help but invent such stringent requirements. If everyone went to the hospital for treatment, he wouldn't have enough time to treat them.

He was planning on going to find Luo Ying after prospecting Sai Na, but because of the Americans, he had to stay there until he officially owned the place.

The route to Luo Yue from Sri Lanka's airport was opened once more, but the conditions had changed. Back in Qian Longtou's time, the planes were rented, but now the planes belonged to Luo Yue. There was only one flight a day which was for the people seeking help at Luo Yue's hospital.

The news was like falling bombshells, catching the attention of the world as it caused much more astonishment than the beauty pill.

Ye Mo stayed in Sai Na, fearing the Americans would do something, or perhaps Kenya and Ethiopia, but even after a month had passed, there was nothing at all. Even other countries thought it strange too.

However, the Americans had indeed handed a document to the Commonwealth as soon as they could, rejecting the seizure of Sai Na by Luo Yue.

Meanwhile, Ye Mo got his first patient.

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In the White House.

The president and congressmen of the two parties, as well as other institute members, had all gathered here. They were taken by surprise how fast Luo Yue had taken over Sai Na. Now, they needed to find a good solution to the problem.

Luo Yue had taken a hold of over Sai Na before they could react and changed its name to Luo Yue, declaring independence.

If the Americans just let that happen, they wouldn't be Americans. Without US intervention, Sai Na would've long been taken over.

No one dared take food from the US's mouth, yet Luo Yue had slapped their face.

"We should drop the matter of the ghostly death of the prospector team and take back Sai Na first," the head of the NSA, Johnston, spoke. When he heard that a small corporation took over Sai Na, disregarding subtle international game rules, he was quite unhappy. If he were the Navy General, he would've ordered an attack already.

No one answered his words. Although everyone agreed to his opinion, Sai Na was no one's property. If they attacked now, they would have no justifiable reason.

Luo Yue was different from Nan Qing. Nan Qing were like natives to the US. When the US needed to excavate Nan Qing, they would send an army to get rid of them. But now Luo Yue had declared independence.

Everyone knew that Luo Yue would eventually leave under the pressure of the US, but it was a matter of how they applied that pressure. They couldn't just send their army over. After all, the US had to care about their reputation.

The president looked at Congressman Bills, and Bills walked over to a large map and pointed at Luo Yue, "I believe everyone knows where this is. We wanted this place because we found a uranium mine there in the first place. But even without that, it would be a good touristic area."

Bills paused and then continued, "This is a great port location and a good place for export. But no matter what we build there, it would still be quite far from the US. Luo Yue is different. Once they build their factories there and export their products, wouldn't it be like printing dollars?"

"So you mean to say that Luo Yue suits the place more than us, and we should just let them take it?" Johnston sneered.

Bills ignored him and continued, "A few days ago, our prospector team encountered an eerie event. More than 10 men died for no reason. I think God is just. Since Luo Yue took over Sai Na, why not let them find out what that thing was."

"Congressman Bills, if that's your conclusion after saying that much, we might as well have asked a random citizen on the road. Perhaps they could provide some more constructive ideas," Johnston said.

After no one spoke up for a while, someone got up and said, "I agree to Congressman Bill's words. Let them stay and build their factories. After they prepare everything and start shipping their products, we can go have our 'holiday' there. But before that, we should send something to the Commonwealth for our future plans."

His words woke everyone up. They could just let Luo Yue build everything and then take it all! What could earn more money in the world than Luo Yue?

Chapter 523: Treating Patients

Meanwhile, Ye Mo was unaware of the Americans' intentions. He was treating his first patient, an oil tycoon from Kuwait called Aimore. His condition was very serious and he was about to die. If he had had somewhere else to go to treat his disease, he wouldn't have come to Luo Yue.

Aimore's disease was that he couldn't stop sleeping. He had been all over the world to see specialists, but they couldn't cure him.

His disease sounded simple, but his condition was very serious - he could stay awake for at most 10 minutes, and then he would fall asleep again. Moreover, when he was asleep, his organs deteriorated at a rapid rate.

A famous doctor in Canada injected him a serum, but it had a side effect made him age very quickly. Now, he grew older even faster.

Because his family was too big and he had to deal with a lot of things, he had to keep injecting the serum and now, he was on the brink of death.

If Luo Yue's beauty pill wasn't absurdly potent, he wouldn't have trusted going to that new city for his disease.

His older son Jessy, his wife Anna and a few body guards came with him. Other than this, the famous CBS news channel also came to Luo Yue.

Jessy invited them. They had given that hospital a huge amount of money to have their dad treated, so they invited CBS in case of anything went wrong.

CBS was very happy to join them. They wanted first-hand news about Luo Yue, but Luo Yue didn't welcome anyone and there were more than ten ships patrolling.

Ye Mo had seen Aimore's disease before, but it was at a really advanced stage in his case. After cultivating, he had learned that it was due to the meridians withering. The only way to cure him was to inject chi into the meridian, allowing it to recover life force.

But before curing him, Ye Mo asked how much Aimore had. He knew that not all rich people could take out 100 million just like that. Of course, the real rich people didn't appear on Forbes.

At any place and time, the real wealthy people hid under the ground. Everyone was used to measuring someone's wealth through their assets, but this couldn't include everyone.

Aimore was like that. Through Xu Yuehua, he had found out that Aimore's assets didn't rank very high in the world rankings, he had around 10 billion. But Ye Mo knew that this figure wasn't accurate.

Seeing Ye Mo not talk for a long time, Jessy frowned. If it hadn't been for the constant fighting about the distribution of his wealth, he wouldn't bring his father there; but of course, if his father could really be cured, it wouldn't be bad for him.

"Doctor, can you cure my father's disease?" Jessy said.

Ye Mo nodded; "I can, but the medicine for it will be expensive. I need one billion." Ye Mo had thought about this, he couldn't stay there to treat people. In the past month, there really hadn't really been patients. He might as well do it, leave Luo Yue and focus on getting stronger.

"1 billion?" Jessy fell silent. That sum was no small deal, even for their family, but it didn't matter that much.

Ye Mo looked at Jessy and said, "You don't need to worry about me cheating you. CBS is here, if I wanted to avoid public outrage, I wouldn't cheat you. Of course, you can also pay after I cure your father."

Jessy nodded and agreed. Although one billion was a bit much, it was worth it if it could save his father.

Ye Mo was very straightforward. Since he gotten to an agreement with Jessy, he immediately started treating his father. Of course, he didn't let anyone see the process. He sent everyone out before using his chi to help Aimore recover his meridians.

Although Ye Mo was at stage four middle level, he still spent two entire hours on him. After recovering his meridians, Aimore fell asleep. Ye Mo then took out a small piece of the thousand year snow lotus and made a serum with that, which he fed it to Aimore.

After this, Ye Mo woke Aimore up with acupuncture and then opened the door.

It had been three consecutive hours. If Guo Qi's squad hadn't looked that ferocious, Jessy would've charged inside.

Aimore had just woken up and looked confused as his wife and son charged in. He clearly didn't know what had happened. Ana and Jessy looked at Aimore in disbelief. His face looked 10 years, they knew that Aimore was better than ever.

The family chatted and finally understood what was going on. When Aimore knew of the situation, he immediately crawled up to thank Ye Mo. Although a billion was a bit much, to him it wasn't. Even if it had costed 10 billion, he would have still paid it if it saved him.

Without any hesitation, Aimore made Jessy transfer the money to Luo Yue. He could tell how good his condition was, he felt very energetic and hungry. There was no way he wasn't healthy again.

CBS recorded the entire family's conversation and their gratitude to Ye Mo. Although CBS requested Ye Mo to take off his mask over and over, he refused. He still had a lot of enemies; and other than Northern Sand, there was America now.

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Xu Yuehua didn't stay around with the family, and they didn't want to stay there either. Aimore had too many things to take care of. If he hadn't woken up, his family and his whole business would've been completely devoured.

"This money was too easy to earn," Xu Yuehua got the one billion and sighed.

Ye Mo shook his head, "There won't be a lot of opportunities like this. After all, there are very few people who can spend 100 million USD just like that. Sister Yuehua, you need to speed up the construction of Luo Yue. Also, give a portion of the money to Xu Ping in order to build the army. We need the soldiers to swear loyalty to Luo Yue - also, we need to be able to protect ourselves."

"I know, I've already discussed this with Xu Ping. The project for building the army has been progressing very well, many people are willing to stay here. Modern warfare doesn't need a lot of soldiers, but rather money and scientists. We've been inviting all sorts of people from all over the world. In a few year's time, it will all have changed. I'm just afraid that the US might suddenly attack," Xu Yuehua said worriedly.

Ye Mo also frowned. He didn't understand why the US had done nothing after he had killed their soldiers. This didn't seem like them.

"Why hasn't the US come already?" Ye Mo subconsciously asked. He stayed there so that if any US soldiers came, he could kill them all, but they hadn't sent anyone. What were they doing?

"Will they wait until Luo Yue almost finishes its constructions and then look for trouble?" Xu Yuehua asked.

Ye Mo smiled, "Do you think this is a children's game? After we finish building everything, they plan to just come and ruin it all? They would never do anything that didn't profit them."

Suddenly, Ye Mo stopped. He finally understood why the US wasn't attacking Luo Yue for now.

"So that's it." Ye Mo breathed at easy instead.

Chapter 524: The Stone Pond that Disappeared

"What is it?" Xu Yuehua quickly asked.

Ye Mo sneered and said, "They probably want us to finish moving all of Flowing Snake's factories first and then take over the place. Before that, they won't say anything and other countries would never do anything either. In fact, they might even offer to help us."

Xu Yuehua soon understood what Ye Mo meant. Luo Yue was in Flowing Snake and even if the US wanted it, they wouldn't dare take it. At Luo Yue City though, it was different. They had an excuse to come at any time.

Ye Mo didn't mind at all and said, "As long as they give us time, it will be easy for us. You should hurry the construction of the city, but don't worry about bringing the factories over yet. When Luo Yue City is about to finish, only then will we build the factories. Drag out the time, make it big and grandiose and build lots. Just make sure that the Americans don't suspect that we've seen through their plan. But first, you need to tell Yang Jiu and Fang Nan to increase security around the factories."

After guessing the US's intentions, Ye Mo actually calmed down. This wasn't a bad thing for him. He would use the time to cultivate and try to initiate a breakthrough. If the US invaded them, the real fighting power would be him, after all. It would be a joke to depend solely on the Luo Yue Army to stop them.

"Sister Yuehua, I'll leave this to you. I need to go out now, but I'll keep my phone on me, so if anything's up, just call me." Ye Mo wanted to find those 4 stones.

He also told Xu Yuehua to try and keep the scientists that might come, if they come at all. Ye Mo finally understood why the Black Sun Empire wanted to kidnap scientists.

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At the same time as Ye Mo left, heated debate on Luo Yue City was held all over the world.

Aimore was a world class wealthy man and many people knew about the gravity of his disease. Many elite hospitals and doctors had declared his imminent death inevitable, yet after he spent a mere billion, he actually got cured in 3 hours. He was even 10 years younger! This was a miracle.

If anyone still felt suspicious about the matter, CBS's on-the-spot interview was the best evidence. According to the journalist, Aimore had called the expenditure the most worthy 1 billion dollars he had ever spent.

There were even reporters sent out to interview Luo Yue's CEO, Yu Miaodan.

Yu Miaodan's words were very simple, "This is the power of Luo Yue. As long as you believe in us, we will be able to show you miracles."

Many sick, wealthy people went to Luo Yue to look for a way to be treated at its Immortal Hospital, but the prices were simply too exorbitant. Average wealthy people couldn't afford it.

Although there very few people who could go for the treatment, that didn't mean there were none. Luo Yue City was seen more and more as a metaphysical and magical place. Many people even went to their website to check out the rules for becoming a resident.

How did you become a permanent resident? There were some requirements. For example, experts in special fields were welcomed especially. And there was one rule above all. Luo Yue City was not a haven for crime. Any criminals would be executed upon identification.

Despite the already severe requirements for joining Luo Yue, many people knew that it would only get more and more difficult in the future. It would be much easier to go at this time than later on.

What was the biggest news in the world? Luo Yue building a city, of course.

What was the biggest name in the world? Luo Yue Immortal Hospital, of course.

What was the biggest trend in the world? Joining Luo Yue City, of course.

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All sorts of news about Luo Yue spread out. Eventually the name Luo Yue City was ignored, and instead, many people called it Luo Immortal City.

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Ye Mo didn't go to the Mei Nei Snow Mountains right away. He went to the desert first. Since he had that photo, if he didn't go check it out, he wouldn't be able to sleep well.

Due to Luo Yue City, he was 1 month behind schedule.

The Taklimakan Desert was still the same as before, but Ye Mo's mood while being there was much different. Last time, he had been only stage 2 and surrounded by Qian Longtou's men, he was almost devoured by the desert, barely not dying of thirst.

Ye Mo landed inside a cave corroded by wind. He remembered this place clearly. It was in this cave that he reached stage 3 as he was nearing death.

Ye Mo had returned, and the cave was still there, but the yellow-dressed girl was not. Ye Mo stood in the cave for a long time and felt disappointed.

Ye Mo sighed and investigated the back of the cave. It was near the huge rock and pool of water that were there that he had given Luo Ying her birthday present. Although he didn't know that Susu was Luo Ying at the time, he had fallen in love with her nonetheless.

Now that he had come again, he was dazed. That huge rock was still there, but the rocky pond was gone. Who could possibly take away a stone pond in the desert?

He had given the stone pond to Luo Ying, yet now it had been taken away.

Ye Mo stood there, dazed and feeling empty, as though he had lost the most precious thing in the world.

Ye Mo suddenly thought, 'Who could have taken it away?' Other than Luo Ying knowing about it, who on earth could have found it?

"Susu..." Ye Mo whispered subconsciously. His master must have been here and taken the gift he had given her. It was definitely Luo Ying. Did she miss him? Why didn't she come looking for him?

Even though she was yellow level middle stage, he knew how hard it would have been to bring the stone pond from the desert. She wouldn't have found anyone to help her either. He really wondered how she had taken it away. Ye Mo's heart ached. It was as if he could imagine his master in her pale yellow dress, underneath the blazing sun in the endless desert, arduously pulling the stone pond.

So Luo Ying must have been there to take away the stone pond. Ye Mo felt as if his heart was struck by something hard. Luo Ying had also missed him a lot, but probably she thought that he was her brother and therefore didn't dare to see him.

This was all caused by Jing Xi, that old woman! Ye Mo's heart was filled with anger. Although he had already killed her, he didn't resent her any less.

After staying there for an entire day, Ye Mo left in sadness. No matter where she was, he would find Luo Ying.

Ye Mo didn't get on his flying sword. He just walked slowly across the endless desert. The autumn desert wasn't as hot as before, but it was more barren.

As the dusk sun shone on the desert, Ye Mo's shadow was stretched out very long. Nothing but his footsteps were left behind in the desert, emphasizing his loneliness.

Ye Mo stopped. He looked back at his lonely footsteps and suddenly understood that this was a path that only he dared walk in this world.

Ye Mo howled and was prepared to get on his flying sword, when suddenly, a familiar back appeared before his eyes.

Chapter 525: Genius Scientist

Ye Mo was too familiar with this figure. He had seen him on many pictures. This was the person Northern Sand wanted to capture. The designer of the Space Flower.

But all of a sudden, that person disappeared.

Ye Mo immediately appeared at where the figure had disappeared from and let out a breath of relief. There were so many unexplainable things about the desert that even he didn't dare to be careless now, but that place right there he knew all too well.

The area was just a barren, plain landscape, but he did find a large patch of Purple Heart Vine and a dried up spirit well. That figure had disappeared right here, so it had probably gone underground. This guy really knew how to hide. No wonder the Northern Sand people hadn't been able to find him.

Ye Mo kicked the fine sand away, which revealed a stone board. Ye Mo opened it, and it in turn revealed a stone staircase. As soon as he went down, there was a gunshot.

Ye Mo caught the bullet and looked at the man who had fired.

He looked very young, younger than 30, but was very skinny. His face was also very pale, and he had messy hair, but his eyes were very calm. He didn't seem shocked by Ye Mo catching a bullet with his hands at all.

What truly surprised Ye Mo was that there was a monkey-like animal next to the man, but upon further scrutiny, it appeared to be quite different from a monkey. Ye Mo soon recognized it. The reason why the man had been able to find this place was most likely this creature.

This thing must have ambushed him, and he probably chased it underground. This man had actually trained it. Both the monkey and the man were looking at Ye Mo vigilantly at the moment, though.

"If I'm not wrong, then you're the man wanted by Northern Sand?" Ye Mo said plainly.

"Who are you? Did Northern Sand send you here to capture me?" The man didn't seem worried at all.

Ye Mo shook his head, "I'm Ye Mo. I'm not from Northern Sand. In fact, I have a feud with them, because I stole something of theirs, although they don't have any evidence. However, I believe they will realize soon enough. So no, Northern Sand and I don't really mix."

"Oh, in that case, there's no conflict between us. Why are you on my land?" The man's pale face had a sliver of surprise on it. He imagined Ye Mo had to be quite capable, being able to take things from Northern Sand.

Ye Mo smiled, "You're a bit mistaken. First of all, we do have conflict. Secondly, this place isn't yours. I've been here before, but when I last came, there was a lot of Purple Heart Vine, and I used that spirit well behind you."

"You've been here before?!" The man looked shocked. He hadn't expected someone could have been to such a hidden place. If it weren't for his Small Ball leading the way, he would never have been able to enter the place.

Ye Mo waved his hand, "You don't need to be that anxious, I'm not here to kill you. If I were to change my mind, though, I could attack you in no time. But since fate let us meet and we have a common enemy, I believe we can work together. How about it?"

The inventor shook his hand, "No need. You're no match for Northern Sand. I won't work with you. If you really fought with Northern Sand, you'd stand no chance at all."

"Why?" Ye Mo asked. This man came from North Sand, so he probably knew a lot.

The man seemed to know that his gun couldn't threaten Ye Mo, so he put it away and said, "Northern Sand is a very strict organization. They have the most advanced weapons in the world and the most excellent engineers. They even have their own land. They can easily annihilate a country. Do you think you're a match for them? You would only make me die faster."

Ye Mo thought for a bit and asked with confusion, "Northern Sand has the most advanced weapons in the world? That's not necessarily true, how can a private organization have the most advanced weapons in the world? Are their arms even better than the US's?"

The man sneered, "The US is nothing! I designed many weapons and battle equipment for Northern Sand, how could I not know? You know the Space Flower the entire world is fighting over, right? That's not even the strongest thing I designed. The US truly is nothing."

Ye Mo frowned and looked at the man, "Who are you? How can you know technology so much more advanced than the world's standards?"

The man's face went more pale as he shook his head and said, "I don't remember who I am. I do have some recollection of coming from some country, but I can't even remember which one. I forgot a lot of the technology too. I can only remember 10-20%."

"How did you join Northern Sand then?" Ye Mo continued.

"Apparently, I was unconscious in a valley when a Northern Sand member saved me. I then quickly became their number one designer, but I felt like I was working too hard and our ideals were different. They wished for worldwide domination and to enslave the human race. So, I signed a contract with them that I would leave after finishing the Space Flower. But before I finished it, I noticed they regretted their decision, so I secretly made a flying device and escaped." The man then sat down, not wanting to discuss any further about it.

Ye Mo thought, 'Did this person also come from a different world like me?'

But this guy was really lacking in EQ. If Northern Sand actually let a genius like him go, they wouldn't be Northern Sand.

"But you can't just keep staying here, right? Are you going to stay here for the rest of your life?" Ye Mo asked with other intentions.

The man scanned Ye Mo, "Although it's harsh here, but with Small Ball, I can still live. I'm sure that as soon as I leave this desert, I'll be caught by them."

Then, he patted the monkey.

"I can take you to my territory. I want you to help me with some things, but you'll be completely free. How about it?" Ye Mo decided to just voice his idea. He couldn't let a genius like this pass.

"Your territory? You can promise me freedom, but can you promise me my life? I trust you won't kill me, but can you stop Northern Sand? Also, don't you understand that as soon as I step out of this desert, they will know?" The man looked at Ye Mo in confusion.

Ye Mo smiled, "Since I said it, I can do it. I made a company called Luo Yue, and I moved it to a place where I'm building a city. But there are some people scheming for my land, so I need a technological expert to help me."

Hearing the name 'Luo Yue', the man suddenly got up, "I've heard of this company, they are very powerful. Even I can't imagine the recipe for the beauty pill. Its designer is very good, did you make it?"

Ye Mo didn't answer directly but kept enticing the engineer, "My place is different from Northern Sand. They just want to dominate the world, but I simply want the people around me to live peacefully with no one oppressing them. I want my place to be a place where everyone can live happily without corruption or crime. So you can rest assured that I don't have those ambitions."

"Where did you move your company?" The man seemed interested not because of Ye Mo's ideals, but because of Luo Yue - that beauty pill was too absurdly powerful. Of course, he did also want to live the sort of life Ye Mo described.

"A place with the ocean on 3 sides and one part connecting to forest. It has an area of about 20,000 sq km, and we just moved there. We're still building the city. Hence, I'm on the weaker side now. If you can join us and help us design more advanced battle machines, I believe I can help you leave this desert and assure your safety," Ye Mo said.

The man smiled proudly, "If this land of yours is really as you say, then let me design it. I'm sure that even if the US were to send all their warships, they wouldn't be able to do anything."

Chapter 526: Ye Xing

"You can design a city? Can you design the defense mechanism of a city?" Ye Mo was overjoyed, he looked at the man with desperate eyes.

The man said with contempt, "I'm not the best at designing weapons. I'm better at designing cities and some other things. I don't like designing war machines, and making them doesn't come naturally. It's as if I have the ideas in my brain already."

Ye Mo made up his mind to take that person to Luo Yue. He felt he was the most suitable person to develop the new city of Luo Yue.

"I'm genuinely asking you to join Luo Yue City, you will also have a part of the city. This city belongs to everyone, and I know you're very capable so I hope you will agree. I'm certain that you can only live the life you want at Luo Yue City," Ye Mo said pleadingly.

The man could hear how serious Ye Mo was. He sunk into silence - he didn't want to jump into another pit after just getting out of one, but he also knew there was no point in staying in the desert. Although he didn't know how Ye Mo was going to get him out of there, since he believed his words, he was sure Ye Mo had a way. Moreover, he felt Ye Mo's tone was genuine and he didn't seem to be trying to trick him in anyway.

Ye Mo saw this and quickly said, "I won't force you, but even if you don't join Luo Yue City, I have my ways to go against Northern Sand. I know you must keep secrets in order to be able to design the space flower and run away from Northern Sand. Of course, I also keep some secrets since I can make the beauty pill and face Northern Sand. As long as you join Luo Yue City, I don't mind letting know some of my capabilities."

"Your capabilities?" the man asked with confusion.

Ye Mo nodded. If this man agreed to join Luo Yue city, he would have to take him with him away, which meant going on his flying sword. This would expose his secret, but for Luo Yue City, Ye Mo didn't mind.

Also, Ye Mo felt that although he was really good at technology, his EQ was really low. He wasn't afraid of that man betraying him.

"They call me Xing Worker. I don't know what my real name is. If Luo Yue is really as you say, then I will join you. I don't like hiding for my life, I want to be able to live openly, and my only condition is that I can leave whenever I want," the man said slowly.

Ye Mo rejoiced. He knew that if Xing Worker said this, he had decided on joining Luo Yue City. Of course, his last condition would only be possible if he worked with Ye Mo. Ye Mo was sure that with any other country, his last condition wouldn't work. He nodded to Xing Worker and said, "If you don't mind, you can have the surname 'Ye', like me. I'll call you Ye Xing from now on."

"That's perfect, I'll be called Ye Xing from now on. Even if I remembered my name, I wouldn't change it. Should I call you Ye Mo or City Lord?" Ye Xing said.

Ye Mo thought for a moment and said, "We are all working for the same goal. I'm a step ahead of you, so you can call me Big Martial Brother."

"Okay," Ye Xing agreed immediately.

Ye Xing felt the monkey beside him moving and said, "This is my friend Small Ball. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have been able to live in the desert these last few months. I want to bring him with me."

"No problem at all, I also knew about this place because of it. It's very fast." Ye Mo agreed. Although he talked a lot, Ye Xing was too useful to Luo Yue City.

Ye Mo took out a bracelet and gave it to Ye Xing, "This is my greeting gift, it can protect you. Take it." Ye Mo didn't want Ye Xing to die easily.

Ye Xing took the bracelet, and he stared at it for a while before wearing it.

"Do you think I'm lying to you?" seeing that Ye Xing wasn't asking him how it could protect him, Ye Mo asked.

Ye Xing shook his head, "No, from my perspective anything is possible. Many people are limited by their thoughts, so their potential is also limited."

Then, Ye Xing gave a bag to Ye Mo and said, "This is my gift to you. Northern Sand are trying to capture me mostly because of this."

Ye Mo opened the bag and saw two extreme energy stones. He immediately asked: "Extreme energy stones? You actually have this?"

"You know about it too?" Ye Xing was surprised.

Ye Mo also took out two crystals and said, "This is the thing I stole from Northern Sand, but I don't know where it comes from."

"You actually managed to take this from them?" Ye Xing looked at the crystal in shock. He finally understood what the problem between Ye Mo and Northern Sand was.

But before Ye Mo said anything, he said, "They are the same as mine, I brought them with me. I don't know where they come from either, I've forgotten a lot of things; but I do know they are very important. They are a very powerful energy source. Since Martial Brother have two of these, things will be much easier in the future."

"You can keep them. After all, you are the designer of Luo Yue City," Ye Mo gave them to Ye Xing.

Ye Xing took the crystals and said after a moment, "Martial Brother, you are indeed different to the people in Northern Sand. Don't worry, as long as you give me time and money, I will be able to build a city never seen before."

"Ok, in that case, we'll go to Luo Yue city now," Ye Mo was in a much better mood. Although he hadn't found Luo Ying, he had found an otherworldly genius.

"How will we go there?" Ye Xing followed Ye Mo to the surface of the desert and asked.

Ye Mo said, "My secret is that I can fly on a sword. Since you told me your secret, I will also tell you mine."

Then, Ye Mo picked up Small Ball and Ye Xing, and they all flew on the sword into the clouds.

"Flying? No wonder you don't fear Northern Sand," Ye Xing looked into the clouds below Ye Mo and said that one simple sentence, after which he didn't speak for a long time.

But Ye Mo could tell, Ye Xing was surprised that he could fly, but not as surprised as Ning Qingxue or Luo Xuan.

"Martial Brother, what were you doing in the desert?" Ye Xing soon calmed down and started chatting.

Ye Mo's eyes were full of despair, "I came to find my master, Luo Ying, she's also my wife. A few months ago, she came here but now she's gone."

"Are you talking about a woman in a pale yellow dress?" Ye Xing asked.

Ye Mo replied excitedly, "Martial Brother, have you seen her?"

Ye Xing nodded, "Yes, a few months ago I saw a woman dragging a huge rock, she was leaving the desert. So she was your wife. I wondered why she was carrying such a huge rock in the middle of desert."

Ye Mo sunk into silence. It was Luo Ying who had taken the stone pond indeed. As if he could feel Ye Mo sadness, Ye Xing didn't say anything.

By the time they got to Luo Ye, Ning Qingxue, Luo Fei and Luo Yin had already returned from Flowing Snake. There was no need to go to Flowing Snake much anymore, Yu Miaodan would be handling things there. Ye Ling didn't come back, she had gone to Beijing.

Ye Mo didn't announce to everyone about Ye Xing's arrival, he just told Xu Ping, Xu Yuehua and Ning Qingxue. He assigned him as the head designer of Luo Yue City, who would help Xu Yuehua build the city. Although Ye Xing was very capable, he wasn't good at socializing, so he needed to discuss some matters with Xu Yuehua.

Now that Ye Xing had joined them, Ye Mo could relax knowing that Luo Yue City was in good hands. He was sure that with enough time, even if Luo Yue City didn't have him present, they could protect themselves.

After leaving Ning Qingxue with a chi increasing pill, Ye Mo decided to go to the Mei Nei Snow Mountain to find a chance to ascend.

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Ye Mo didn't call Zeng ZHengxia. If he could find the crystals, he would give one to Zeng Zhengxia; if not, it would be a waste of time to make him go there.

With the map Zeng Zhengxia had left behind Ye Mo soon found the cliff. It was indeed where the Gourd Cave had been before, a place similar to where Ye Mo had been trapped.

Just when Ye Mo was about to jump into the valley and start digging, a white figure dashed across his eyes. It was that small fox, it was the third time Ye Mo saw the small thing.

The small fox saw Ye Mo and also stopped to stare at him closely.

Chapter 527: Stage Five Chi Gathering

Ye Mo really liked the pure white animal, it was very cute. Although Ye Mo didn't know why it was staring at him instead of running away, he wanted to catch it.

But just as Ye Mo was about to move, it suddenly dashed and disappeared into the rocks in the valley. It was many times faster than when he had last seen it.

Such a strange-spirited animal! Ye Mo's spirit sense locked onto the fox and saw it pass through the crevices in the rocks and disappear into a hole. The hole was very deep and Ye Mo's spirit sense couldn't reach its inside.

Was the spirit well Zeng Zhengxia had talked about in there?

It would have been very hard for ancient martial artists to dig open that place, but for an immortal cultivator like Ye Mo it really wasn't hard. An ancient martial artist would have had to clear all of those rocks, but Ye Mo only had to scan with his spirit sense and find the nearest tunnel.

He could even move the earth and stones with his spirit sense and chi. It was much easier and time-saving than using inner qi. Moreover, Ye Mo had a lot of sharp tools. He still had a lot of good weapons those earth level men had used.

Ye Mo took out his collection and started digging.

Despite this, Ye Mo still spent an entire day to dig out the tunnel and broke almost ten earth level weapons. No wonder Feng Wu and Zeng Zhengxia had given up. If they hadn't managed to dig out anything, it would have been a big waste of time. And even if they actually started to dig, it would have taken half a month.

The main thing was that if the spirit well was completely covered by rocks, then it would be useless even if they dug it out. And taking into account how much the mountain had collapsed, it was highly possible that the spirit well had been crushed.

Ye Mo stood at the entrance of the cave, from where he could see a huge stone wall of tens of meters. Ye Mo approached it and immediately knew that it wasn't natural, it was man-made. No wonder Zeng Zhengxia said it would take four people to open it.

If he simply destroyed the stone door, without the protection of the stone door the things inside might get damaged- the spirit well might not even work next time someone needed it. However, the stone

wall already had a huge crack on it due to the explosion. From the crevice, Ye Mo's spirit sense could scan a thin water creek. Was that the spirit well they talked about?

Ye Mo scanned around confused, and he saw four milky white crystals on the wall. He was immediately shook: they were spirit stones indeed. Although they were just a few especially low-grade spirit stones, they brought hope to Ye Mo. It motivated him.

If spirit stones could form there, there should be a spirit well. It was very precious in the cultivation realm for chi gathering cultivators, one couldn't imagine how valuable it would be on earth.

Ye Mo's heart started beating very fast, but he finally calmed down. He felt he had gotten too excited, it wasn't good for his cultivation. He just couldn't control his joy of finally seeing spirit stones.

Ye Mo calmed down for a while and then watched the inside with his spirit sense, after which he was dazed. He saw the small white fox, which was hiding inside the spirit well staring anxiously at the door. Clearly, he knew someone was here and that the place wouldn't be its from now on.

No wonder it had gotten so fast, it had been drinking spirit well water every day. Not even ge got that luxury.

Ye Mo took out his flying sword, hacked an opening on the stone door and went in.

The white fox was obviously wary of Ye Mo and stared at him closely, but it had no intentions of leaving. Naturally, it liked the place.

Ye Mo went to grab the four spirit stones immediately. The long-awaited feeling of spirit chi almost made him cry out of comfort.

"This is what I need," Ye Mo sighed. He then took out a small jade box and carefully placed them in it. If this had happened in the cultivation realm, people would have been laughing their asses off.

Ye Mo started looking at the place carefully. It seemed like a volcanic cave, and there was water seeping from the stone wall.

There were three stones bulging out. It was probably the place where the top three could cultivate at.

The four spirit stones had been formed by the water that seeped out of the wall. Ye Mo understood what was going on. He had suspected that there might have been a small spirit stone mine behind the stone wall, but when he scanned his spirit sense he realized there wasn't.

If it had been a spirit stone mine, then Ye Mo would dig the wall open immediately, but it wasn't. If he dug the wall open, it would destroy the source of the spirit well.

Ye Mo took out an egg-sized spirit stone, held it in his hand and sat in the middle of the spirit well. It was almost a luxury for Ye Mo, who had been accustomed to the deprivation of spirit chi.

The small fox saw that Ye Mo didn't touch the well and relaxed. It went to sleep in a corner of the cave and didn't disturb Ye Mo's cultivation.

Time flew by during cultivation, it was as though he was back in Luo Yue Continent and he was cultivating with his master.

Ye Mo just kept absorbing spirit chi, and he had to change to the next spirit stone after the first had been depleted.

His already achieved stage four middle level soon became stage four latter stage, but Ye Mo didn't stop at all. He just enjoyed the satisfaction of rapidly devouring spirit chi. His meridians were being nourished by spirit chi, they quickly became stronger and wider.

The powerful chi formed cycles in Ye Mo's body and when the third stone was almost used up, he reached the peak of stage four.

Ye Mo still didn't wake up. He subconsciously took out the fourth spirit stone and felt more and more spirit chi filling his meridians. He knew that the opportunity to breakthrough had come, so he increased his speed of taking in spirit chi.

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As his chi charged at the limit of his meridians in an attempt to breakthrough, it finally broke through the dam and bursted out, right when the fourth spirit stone was about to run out.

Impurities seeped out of Ye Mo's body and that long river of chi made Ye Mo acquire a new sense of power. He was at least twice as strong as before and also felt lighter. Ye Mo wanted to howl, he knew he had reached stage five.

When Ye Mo subconsciously wanted to take out another spirit stone to consolidate his power, he found that he had used them all up.

Ye Mo opened his eyes and saw that the spirit chi in the spirit well was much more diluted. He had used up almost everything there.

He had only reached stage five, how could have he used up so many resources? Ye Mo subconsciously looked for the fox, but it had already left.

Ye Mo quickly consolidated his power and stood up. It was too hard cultivating there, he had such good conditions but he had only reached one stage higher.

Ye Mo casually threw a wind blade and it silently cut a huge hole on the rock. It was much stronger than a regular stage five attack.

Chapter 528: Luo Yue Under Attack

Ye Mo was sure that if he were to fight Wang Lenchan again, he would be able to crush him head on with just a wind blade. His wind blade was still lacking for great heaven masters like Ren Pingchuan, though.

Looking back at the spirit well, Ye Mo didn't touch it. Perhaps in a few more years, he would be able to get a few more spirit stones. He had much more confidence in cultivation now. If he had found spirit stones once, who could say he wouldn't find them a second time?

When the Blue Flower Blue Leaf Grass had fully matured, then even without spirit stones he would be capable of concocting chi increasing pills and reaching the tertiary stage of chi gathering with them. Ye Mo was sure that even though he was still no match for great heaven now, once he reached the chi gathering tertiary stage, he would be able to slaughter them.

Ye Mo cleaned himself and left the stone hole. He let that small fox live here for now, it didn't damage the spirit well at all. It didn't know how to cultivate after all and only drank some water.

When Ye Mo blocked up the tunnel he dug out, Ye Mo felt a fit of hunger.

He didn't know how long he had been in the cave. His phone was long since out of battery. Ye Mo desperately wanted to know how Luo Yue City was, so he didn't even take the time to eat and just boarded his flying sword and flew to Luo Yue desperately.

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At this moment, in a newly built crescent-moon-shaped building, Xu Yuehua, Ning Qingxue, Xu Ping, Ye Xing, Zang Jiayan and Li Sandao sat by a round table with serious expressions on their faces.

Something had happened at Luo Yue City. Zang Jiayan was supposed to be responsible for things at Flowing Snake, yet even he had also come to Luo Yue for this.

Luo Yue was under attack. There were many masters in Luo Yue who were good at individual fights, but no one knew how to fight a war, so Zang Jiayan had moved here.

"We lost 3 of our 10 ships. If this continues, we will lose all of our ships soon," Li Sandao said worriedly.

Ye Xing raised his eyebrow, "If I had another year, or even half a year, the new warships I could design would beat their pirate asses."

Li Sandao frowned, "There's no use talking about that now. We're too close to the Yading pirates, and none of us are good at maritime warfare. It's natural that we're no match for them. We can only wait for the City Lord to come back."

"I'm very curious why these pirates only destroy our port and warships. Why do they not charge on land? What good does this do them?" Ning Qingxue really wanted Ye Mo to come back too, but she knew that Ye Mo had gone out to make a breakthrough. Once he succeeded, he would come back for sure.

Xu Ping immediately said, "Sister-in-law, you don't understand. These pirates might be dominant at sea, but once they're on land, they're timid. So they don't dare come on land, because if they did, even if I didn't do anything, Sandao alone could finish them off."

Xu Yuehua shook her head, "Second Brother Xu, I don't think you answered Ning Qingxue's question. These pirates would only do things for their benefit. Destroying our ports and ships holds no benefits for them. They would only get those benefits if they tried to reach land, yet they didn't.

I think Second Brother Xu is partially right, but there's another possibility too. They might have come to an agreement with someone and agreed to stop the construction of our city. Then there's yet another possibility. They might be waiting for backup. Once that backup arrives, that's when they would come on land and raid our city."

"Then what do we do, Sister Yuehua?" Luo Fei quickly asked.

Xu Yuehua sighed, "We can only hope Guo Qi and co. can stop them for a while and wait for the City Lord to come back. We can't stop the pirates' attack in any other way. We had too little time. If we had a year or two more, Ye Xing could design a Luo Yue that's like a metal bucket. Besides, do you really think they're mere pirates? I don't think it's that simple."

Guo Qi and Fang Wei stood on the deck of a ship as they looked at the pirate ships through their telescopes. They had never experienced a sea battle before. Although they had been in the special forces, they had usually fought in forests and knew nothing about sea battles.

"Brother Guo, when do you think their next attack will come?" Fang Wei walked over with red eyes.

Guo Qi shook his head seriously, "I don't know, but I'm sure that these pirates didn't use their full power yet. Their ships are better than ours. Where do you think they got such good ships? We've seen reports of the Somali pirates. They're just a bunch of criminals driving jet skis with a couple of rocket launchers. Since when do pirates have such fierce weapons? I'm sure some country is behind this. We're not good at sea battles, so we can only wait for Brother Ye to come back."

"You're saying that they haven't used their full power yet?" Fang Wei cried in surprise.

Guo Qi nodded, "Yes, if they had attacked with full power, we wouldn't even have lasted 'till today. We're lacking a commander for sea battles, and we have very few battleships. We don't have submarines nor planes. Without air support, doing sea battles is like being a bird without wings. Luckily, the pirates don't have airplanes either, or we would only be able to run."

"Captain, the radar shows signs of attack again!" A soldier ran up quickly and reported. Most of these marines were Li Sandao's men. Li Sandao knew sea battles better than the people from Flowing Snake after all.

"Cannons ready!" Guo Qi's face didn't look too good. He wasn't afraid of war, but he sure didn't like this feeling of being suppressed.

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After Ye Mo broke through to stage 5, he shot into the sky on his flying sword and appeared above Luo Yue only 20 minutes later.

The scene he witnessed, though, made him furious. A fleet of ships was charging towards Luo Yue fearlessly. It obviously had very strong ships.

Appearing weak meant getting beaten. He had only been out for a few days, yet people were already acting cocky at his doorstep. Although Ye Mo didn't know who would be commanding his side's fleet, he knew that no matter who was commanding it, they would be no match for the enemy.

The main ship of this black fleet looked around 100 meters long.

Although Ye Mo didn't know maritime warfare, he could guess that this ship had to be the commanding ship so without thinking any further, he charged down towards that ship.

At the same time, in that ship's command centre, a short-haired man stared deadly at the radar screen and kept frowning.

"What's going on, David?" an officer came in and asked.

"General Louis, I just saw a target on the radar, but it disappeared immediately. I'm sure that I didn't see wrong, though. This place is very eerie," David replied.

At this moment, Ye Mo had landed outside the command center and considered that if he went invisible, the radar might not detect him.

"David, has your head been stuffed by women too much? This battle is very simple; when Commander Shawn comes, we will be able to attack on land. I heard that there's quite a lot of beautiful women in Luo Yue, so at that time, you can enjoy as much as you want, haha!" Louis' joke didn't make David feel assured as he still looked at the radar carefully.

Ye Mo passed by many marines before entering the command center. Then he appeared and said, "No need to be attacking any land. You're called Louis? Why do you look like a pig?"

Ye Mo's sudden appearance sent the command center into chaos. Louis might be fat, but he reacted immediately and yelled, "Kill him!"

Two marines pulled out their guns, but before they could even raise it, they were sliced up by Ye Mo's wind blade.

Louis looked at the bloodied bodies and didn't know what to say. He was shocked.

Chapter 529: One Man Army

The sound of more desperate footsteps sounded as a few more marines charged in. Ye Mo didn't have any mercy and cut them all with his wind blades. He was stage 5 now, and he wouldn't feel pressured even if he used a hundred or so wind blades at the same time.

Louis saw that Ye Mo had just waved his hand and his fully armed soldiers fell down one by one, and he couldn't even stand up. He lied collapsed on the floor.

David and the two other technical engineers inside the room also witnessed this eerie scene in shock. Ye Mo hadn't killed the commanding officers in there yet, though.

The command center was bloodied, but no one dared make a sound.

"Does any of you here understand Chinese?" Ye Mo scanned the rest and asked.

A Half Chinese man stood up and said hesitantly, "I'm from China. I understand Chinese."

Ye Mo looked at the man in contempt and said, "Who's the commanding officer here? Make him make all your ships stop."

The man conveyed the message to the other two.

Then the fat man understood what was up and spoke in something that was obviously not English. Ye Mo frowned and asked the translator, "What did that pig say?"

The man quickly answered, "He asked who you are and why you came here, killing so many of our men. There's no way he would surrender."

"Oh-" Ye Mo waved his hand and a windblade sliced that Louis in half. Then, he turned back to the half-blood and said, "Ask who else doesn't want to surrender."

The man translated and the remaining two quickly said they would surrender.

Ye Mo gave them a few black pills and said, "I'm going to keep killing those who don't surrender for now. After you eat that, put up a white flag. This is poison. If you truly surrender, I will give you the antidote, otherwise you can go die."

The three all ate it and promised they would truly surrender.

Before they finished talking, though, Ye Mo had already dashed out of the command center.

"Who is he? God, he's a demon!" the tall skinny white man said after Ye Mo left.

David sneered, "Didn't I say there's a lot of people with magical powers in China? See, I was right! This person is definitely a mutant. I'm sure that it was him that the radar had scanned at first, but he could even hide from the radar. Li Lan, is he a mutant?"

Li Lan who was the half-blooded man shook his head and didn't reply.

Just as the three were getting anxious, Ye Mo came back and asked David, "Who's the commanding officer here?"

"The highest was Louis before, David is the second in command," Li Lan said.

"I see, you and David can come with me, then." Ye Mo pointed at the two. The two didn't dare resist at all and followed Ye Mo to the deck, notifying all crew members to gather.

"David, announce your surrender and make them put down their weapons," Ye Mo said coldly.

The couple of hundred people present heard that and exploded in fury. They clearly had the advantage and with one charge, Luo Yue would be theirs. Why surrender?

Many officers charged out and yelled, "Why are we surrendering? We want to see General Louis!"

Ye Mo wouldn't give them the chance to keep talking, so before they finished, Ye Mo sent out tens of wind blades, and they were all sliced in half.

The seawind spread the smell of blood, and the atmosphere on deck got quite ghastly. The boisterous scene from before turned extremely silent with the tens of bodies sliced in half laying around. This wasn't an era where war was common after all. This bloody scene was too much for a lot of marines to handle. Some even started puking.

This time Li Lan knew what he needed to do. He felt that Ye Mo didn't really like him, so he quickly called out, "This decision to surrender was made by Vice Commander David. Who dares not surrender, come forward!"

Ye Mo nodded in satisfaction. He thought that it was lucky for this Li Lan that he had some eyes, or he would be the first Ye Mo would kill.

"David, I'll leave this place to you. Make them understand the situation. You and Li Lan, come to the second ship," Then, Ye Mo went to the second ship.

As though sensing the anomaly on the commanding ship, the other ships were all ready for battle, but Ye Mo controlled the captains just like before and killed all those who resisted. Just tens of minutes later, Ye Mo had controlled the entire fleet.

An hour later, Ye Mo had acquired a patrol ship, two chasing ships, two normal ships and 4 guard ships. Two nuclear-powered submarines had escaped, though.

"We'll go back and fire at him. He's just one man by himself!" When one ship's crew realized that Ye Mo was just by himself, they wanted to turn back to him.

Ye Mo sneered and turned invisible before appearing on that ship.

The people aboard saw how Ye Mo was clearly on the other ship just a moment before, far away from them. How had he suddenly appeared on their ship? No one could even react.

Ye Mo knew that if he didn't keep killing, more people would rebel. Ye Mo had only killed 13 men before and there were still about 300 remaining. So now, Ye Mo flung out wind blades as the marines were like balls, either killed or kicked into the water.

A few people who reacted quickly had opened fire, but they still couldn't avoid their fate.

The other ship's captain who had also been planning to rebel subconsciously ducked his head and put away the gun in his hands. He had the feeling that the moment he opened fire, he would just be the first to die. He was screaming in his heart, 'Is this guy still human?' This was out of everyone's comprehension.

Seeing Ye Mo's ferocity, many marines who had still been struggling before didn't dare move anymore.

One marine saw that one of his colleagues was swimming to his ship and wanted to throw out a rope, but as soon as he did, he was sliced in half and fell into the sea.

Seeing this, no one dared move again at all.

Ye Mo had decided that if any other ship rebelled, he would immediately kill them all.

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Guo Qi suddenly saw that the incoming black ship had raised a white flag. Just as he thought his sight was getting blurry, his troops reported the same thing as well.

Guo Qi now realized that he had seen right. Was this a scheme? But what would raising a white flag do?

"Let's go over and check." Guo Qi waved his hand.

"It's Brother Ye, I can see him!" Fang Wei put down the telescope in excitement.

Guo Qi also saw Ye Mo and became excited. So their big boss had attacked! No wonder those fearsome pirates had surrendered.

"Go over as fast as possible." Guo Qi no longer felt stressed and waved his hand in excitement. It seemed that Ye Mo had controlled all of their ships and if this fleet joined Luo Yue, their maritime power would increase manyfolds.

Ye Mo waved his hand, "All these ships belong to us now. Take care of the surrendered marines and kill those who resist. We'll talk about other things once we get back to shore."

Chapter 530: The Masterminds

"Brother Ye, a Chinese man says that he has something very important to tell you," after all the ships had been controlled, Fang Wei rushed inside and reported this.

"Something very important?" Ye Mo thought. The ships were his and all the rebellious pirates had been killed. What was the matter then?

"Tell him to come over." Although he didn't know what it was about, he might as well hear the person. If it was some absurd request, he would kick him into the sea.

Soon Fang Wei brought a man that seemed to be in his 50s. Ye Mo estimated that he was only in his 40s, but due to staying in the sea for a long time he seemed older. His eyebrows were thick.

"I'm Huang Yinian, City Leader Ye," the man saluted with his fist.

Ye Mo nodded, "Huang Yinian, you're don't belong with the rest of the men that were on board, right? Tell me, what is the important matter you need to tell me? If you don't talk, then you'll be joining the others at the bottom of the sea."

"The main members of the black fleet aren't pirates. Although there are some, there are very few of them like me," Huang Yinian said.

Ye Mo nodded, he didn't doubt that.

Seeing this, Huang Yinian continued, "Ever since I heard of Luo Yue City, I always wanted to join, but I didn't have the chance. I had no means of coming here, so I couldn't leave my life behind."

"Although we do welcome all sorts of people to help build Luo Yue, not everyone can come. We don't welcome pirates like you," Ye Mo said plainly. He could tell that Huang Yinian was capable.

The reason Ye Mo captured the 2000 marines wasn't because he was merciful, but because he really needed a lot of people to build Luo Yue. These people were free labour. For those who truly and wholeheartedly surrendered, he could arrange for them to join the Luo Yue Navy.

Huang Yinian wasn't discouraged, he took a deep breath and said, "I know. Allow me to introduce myself. I was born in Da Lian, China, and I went with my parents to the US when I was 11. I joined the naval school at the age of 17, I started to serve in the 7th fleet when I was 21. Two years later, I went to war and gathered enough laurels to be appointed sergeant. Within the next eight years, I went to secret wars for the US and became brigadier general.

But because I was Chinese, the Americans had their concerns. Then, the next year I received an order to take a fleet to China for a mission. When I received the mission, I refused. I was still Chinese, despite serving in the US military."

Ye Mo smiled, "You managed to reach brigadier general in less than 20 years, I believe in your naval skills. The reason the Americans gave you such sensitive order at a time like this was probably because they recognize your skills and wanted to do more with you. They sent you in this mission to test you."

Huang Yinian looked at Ye Mo in shock. He had only realized that afterwards, at the time he had just refused that order.

He nodded in despair, "Regardless, I wouldn't lead a US fleet to attack china. After I rejected that mission, I wasn't given any more missions. The next year, my parents died in a strange shooting. I suspected that it had something to do with the government, but I had no evidence. I was tired of the country, I was prepared to sell all my assets and go back to China but then, I realized that my bank account had been frozen.

They said that my parents had been involved in money laundering and needed to be investigated. That year, my wife took my daughter and divorced with me. I was full of despair and I was prepared to give up my wealth to leave the US, but I was denied my leave."

Ye Mo sneered, "They somehow held you prisoner."

In the case of someone like Huang Yinian, even if the US couldn't use him, they wouldn't just let him go to another country, much less China.

Huang Yinian nodded, "Yes, I realized that when I was denied to leave the country, but I wasn't going to give up just like that. There months later I escaped the US on a cargo ship. This ship happened to be attacked by pirates, so I decided in that time to join the pirates. I didn't go back to China - I knew that even if I went back, I might be sent back to the US."

"So, you stayed a pirate for almost a decade?" Ye Mo asked.

Huang Yinian said, "Yes, however, I've been wanting to rejoin an actual fleet, the naval army I so passionately love all this time. I saw that Luo Yue didn't know anything about naval battles at all from this campaign, so I wish to join Luo Yue and contribute to the naval army."

Then, Huang Yinian looked at Ye Mo and said again, "Don't ask me why, I'm simply Chinese and so are you. You said that Chinese would have special considerations when moving to Luo Yue. I know of your ideals, and they're the same as mine. I don't want to stay a pirate forever."

Ye Mo thought for a moment and said, "I can let you join Luo Yue, but I still need to test you to see if you can become a part of our navy. If you're willing to be tested by me, close your eyes and let go of the control over your mind."

Huang Yinian did as Ye Mo said without hesitation. Ye Mo nodded and used his means to ask Huang Yinian a few questions. Everything was just as he had told him before.

Ye Mo woke Huang Yinian up and said, "Okay, Huang Yinian, since you're genuine, I will allow you to join Luo Yue City. You will be the commander of our navy, responsible for Luo Yue's power at sea. I hope you will do as well as you promise."

"Yes, City Lord!" Huang Yinian saluted. Although he had managed to join Luo Yue, he still felt fear towards Ye Mo for his means. Luckily, he had spoken the truth. If he had been a spy, he would be dead already.

Ye Mo called Guo Qi and told him that Huang Yinian would be the commander of their navy. Guo Qi was to return to land.

Guo Qi was very happy. He knew he wasn't made for navy battles and immediately handed Huang Yinian full control over the navy.

"Huang Yinian, do you know if it's the US who attacked Luo Yue this time?" Ye Mo voiced his suspicions. Huang Yinian shook his head, "This wasn't the US's fleet. I don't know which country sent them, though. I was only a small boss among pirates, so I wasn't let in on a lot of matters."

Ye Mo waved his hand. Then, he called David and Li Lan.

"Which country do you come from?" Ye Mo asked.

David and Li Lan looked at each other. Then David used his broken Chinese to reply, "Indonesia."

Ye Mo frowned. Why were they attacking Luo Yue, he hadn't offended them, had he?

"You're Indonesian? Why are you attacking us?" Ye Mo's face sunk.

"No, no," Li Lan explained, "We're not an Indonesian force, only a part of us are. We hail from the Blue Ray Corporation in Africa. We were hired. The Indonesians hate the Chinese, so since they heard that some Chinese had taken over Sai Na, they, they-"

Ye Mo was speechless.

Li Lan glanced at Ye Mo carefully and then said, "Us and the pirates were all just hired by Indonesia, except for Captain Louis and some Indonesian troops. They wanted to attack Luo Yue and then suck up to the US."

Ye Mo sneered. That would never have ended well. The US wanted nothing more but for Luo Yue to build faster, how could they appreciate these guys attacking Luo Yue. The decision maker for Indonesia was an idiot.