

Supreme MK 1081

Chapter 1081: Promotion?_1

At least the people around here seemed to be somewhat surprised by the Dragon Commander's choice.

"Commander Dragon, how can this be?" Ruan Jinling couldn't sit still either, her eyebrows furrowed as she said, "Master Yang is a Slaughtering Devil Hero after all, and he has a deep understanding of the Prohibition Demon Clan. His strength has been demonstrated during the Dao Discussion Conference, and everyone has witnessed it. Assigning him to the small position of squad leader is simply too inappropriate."

Many people also discussed this matter.

Indeed, Yang Chen might not have achieved much, but he is still a Slaughtering Devil Hero. He defeated Lin Xi of the Earth Martial Realm Seventh Level with his own strength and the Giant Strength Demon at the peak of the Earth Martial Realm. Although his strength wasn't that strong, his combat power was somewhere between the Eighth and Ninth Level of the Earthly Martial Realm.

Anyone with discerning eyes could see that assigning only a squad leader position was indeed inappropriate.

However, Commander Dragon just laughed and said, "Saintess, what is wrong with this? Have you thought about Master Yang's strength? It's only the Earth Martial Realm Second Level, oh, I mean, it seems that he has entered the Earth Martial Realm Third Level now. But so what? There are too many people like him in the whole battlefield, and the positions have already been distributed. Where is there a vacancy available? Are you talking about a Slaughtering Devil Hero? Sorry, there have been too many heroes slaughtering the Prohibition Demon Clan from various regions lately. How valuable can his title be?"

As soon as Commander Dragon's words came out, his lackeys immediately echoed, "Yes, Commander Dragon is right."

"How much is a Slaughtering Devil Hero worth? Killing only two Prohibition Demons and thinking highly of himself. I have several more Prohibition Demons' lives under my hands."

"I have lost count of how many Prohibition Demons I've killed these past few days. Seriously."

Upon seeing this, Yang Chen sighed in his heart.

He could now almost be sure that this Dragon Commander was deliberately targeting him, otherwise, such a scene would not have happened. As for why he was targeting him, Yang Chen didn't know the reason, but he could also guess a few factors.

Ruan Jinling obviously did not want Yang Chen to be content with the position of squad leader. She opened her mouth and said, "Commander Dragon, Yang Chen's strength has increased now, and he has reached the Eighth Level of the Earth Martial Realm. Don't you think assigning him only the position of team leader is too inappropriate for him?"

"Hmm? Eighth Level of the Earth Martial Realm?"

"How is that possible!"

“It hasn’t been that long, has it?”

No matter if it was Commander Dragon or others, they were all greatly surprised and shocked.

They clearly remembered that not long ago, Yang Chen fought Lin Xi and the Giant Strength Demon in the Dao Discussion Conference, only being at the Second Layer of the Earth Martial Realm. Although it was rumored later that Yang Chen entered the Third Layer of the Earth Martial Realm, there wasn’t much time difference.

It’s been such a short time, and Yang Chen has entered the Eighth Level of the Earth Martial Realm?

That sounds ridiculous.

“It’s absolutely impossible. Saintess, don’t joke around.” Commander Dragon shook his head and sneered.

Is Ruan Jinling joking? Does she want Yang Chen to take up a higher position that much?

However, it’s a pity that Yang Chen encountered him as the Commander. Therefore, Yang Chen would always be inferior to him.

Yang Chen initially did not plan to show off the progress of his strength too much, as the Prohibition Demons were full of tricks, and no one could guarantee whether his strength would be known by outsiders if he showed it now.

However, since the Jinling Holy Girl has said it, he has no reason to conceal it.

Yang Chen clasped his hands and said, "Since everyone has doubts, then I'll let everyone see."

As soon as these words fell, Yang Chen revealed his strength, and his powerful aura spread out, showing everyone his strength at the Eighth Layer of the Earthly Martial Realm!

"Huh?"

"It's really the Eighth Layer of the Earth Martial Realm!"

"That's incredible. How long has it been? Even if he went to challenge the Trial Tower, he shouldn't be able to improve so quickly."

"This..."

Many people couldn't help but feel ashamed, because in comparison, Yang Chen was too young, and anyone who compared themselves with him would unconsciously feel a bit inferior.

Commander Dragon's complexion changed slightly as well, not expecting Yang Chen to really have reached the Eighth Layer of the Earth Martial Realm.

Ruan Jinling smiled and said, "Commander Dragon, don't you think that Yang Chen's strength qualifies him for the position of Chief Team Leader or something similar?"

Dragon Commander couldn't help but feel embarrassed. When Yang Chen was at the Second Layer of the Earth Martial Realm, he was more than a match for the Seventh Layer Prohibition Demons. Now that he has reached the Eighth Layer of the Earth Martial Realm, his combat power is even more unpredictable. Logically speaking, giving Yang Chen a position should be justified.

However, considering Yang Chen's recent rise to prominence and the grudges between Yang Chen and the Huangdao Sect, he scolded indifferently, "Saintess, your words are indeed not impolite. With Master Yang's strength level, it's not degrading for him to serve as a Chief Team Leader and manage a thousand soldiers. However, the difference is that I have already assigned these positions. Moreover, these positions are obtained fairly by these martial artists through their outstanding merit points. You should ask our brothers, do they want Master Yang to be in charge? If I really do that, it would be a breach of rules!"

After saying that, Commander Dragon immediately showed a righteous and impassioned look, then secretly gestured to his subordinates to speak up.

Seeing Dragon Commander's action, his men quickly understood and repeatedly said, "That's right, these positions were earned with our lives. How can we just give them to you if you want them? No way, in the battlefield, all positions are obtained fairly!"

“That’s right, Surnamed Yang wants to rely on connections to bypass the rules and regulations, absolutely impossible!”

“I object!”

Seeing his subordinates say so, the Dragon Commander felt very satisfied, and then he pretended to smile kindly and said, “Saintess, times have changed, and you don’t know the situation in the front lines. Nowadays, everyone on the battlefield is a Slaughtering Devil Hero. This Master Yang isn’t special anymore.”

Although it seemed like comforting words, in fact, anyone who wasn’t an idiot could hear the mockery and sarcasm in his words.

Ruan Jinling was about to get angry, but Yang Chen timely stopped her and said, “It’s nothing, Miss Ruan, Commander Dragon. I am willing to take the position of Squad Leader and work my way up from there.”

“But...” Ruan Jinling frowned.

It’s not in accordance with the rules. Yang Chen is a recognized talent and a member of the Donghuang Sect. If he only serves as a mere squad leader on the battlefield, wouldn’t it be a laughingstock?

Yang Chen didn’t care much about these positions. However, Dragon Commander’s deliberate trouble-making was real. Thinking of the upcoming battle, these people still had the heart to make things difficult for him. How could Yang Chen not be angry?

He looked at Ruan Jinling and said, "Miss Ruan, it doesn't matter. After all, as Commander Dragon said, as long as I have enough merit points, the promotion will be a trivial matter."

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After saying that, Yang Chen looked at Dragon Commander and laughed, "Isn't that right, Dragon Commander?"

Being stared at by Yang Chen like this, Dragon Commander suddenly felt an inexplicable wave of cold sweat and discomfort on his back. However, upon careful thought, what did he have to fear? Gaining merit and promotion was not that easy. He had arranged for Yang Chen to be a useless patrol team leader in a remote corner. He didn't believe Yang Chen could create any trouble there.

Nowadays, he had forgotten the overall situation and only thought about how to target Yang Chen.

"Hehe, Master Yang is right. Come on, people, give Master Yang his armor and Captain's token!" Dragon Commander said.

As soon as his words ended, someone immediately brought the armor and token to Yang Chen.

Yang Chen took the armor and token, waiting for Dragon Commander to continue speaking.

Dragon Commander slowly said, "Master Yang is now the captain of the 1,421st Southeast Army and responsible for patrolling the southeast corner. It's not a peaceful place; you must stick to your post and not leave your duty!"

Yang Chen read the conspiracy from Dragon Commander's eyes. He squinted and calmly said, "Thank you, Dragon Commander."

"Thank me?" Dragon Commander appeared calm, but in his heart, he was already ecstatic.

Who doesn't know that the southeast region is the most remote and war-free area, especially the southeast corner, where no one wants to go?

Very few members of the Prohibition Demon Clan appeared there, and there was no chance to earn any Merit Points. Moreover, even if there was a chance, it would be extremely dangerous and life-threatening.

So no matter what happens, Yang Chen would not end up in a good situation once he's there.

However, it seemed like this inexperienced youngster was completely unaware of it.

Dragon Commander waved his hand, "Yu Gang, you take Master Yang to the southeast area. Settle Master Yang well. Oh, I should call him Captain Yang now."

The subordinate named Yu Gang didn't show his feelings, and it was impossible to tell whether or not he was willing to help.

At this moment, he stepped forward and said, "Captain Yang, let's leave together."

"Young Master Yang." Ruan Jinling still couldn't accept it.

"Miss Ruan, I'll take my leave now. The battle ahead is dangerous, so you should return quickly," Yang Chen said slowly.

Ruan Jinling was unwilling but knew that saying anything now would be futile. So she sighed and chose to give up.

Yang Chen and Yu Gang left together and headed to the southeast region.

He could guess that Dragon Commander had no good intentions, but he was indifferent to these things. As the saying goes, one should fend off soldiers with generals and halt water with earth. He didn't think

that there would be anything in the Earth Martial Realm Battlefield that he needed to fear, as long as there were no Heavenly Martial Realm warriors intervening.

The entire battlefield was still vast, with humans and the Prohibition Demon Clan fighting each other all out. Although the war had not been going on for long, the teams and formations were well-organized and without any contradictions.

Within one day, Yu Gang had taken Yang Chen to the remote northeast region.

“Team 1421... Yes, that’s right, we will stay here. Um, where are the people?” Yu Gang coldly swept his gaze across.

He found that this mountainous area was uninhabited and angrily said, “Why aren’t you showing up? A bunch of ignorant fools, come out to meet me and see what this is!”

As the conversation ended, Yu Gang took out a dazzling golden token that was at least ten times more brilliant than the bronze token Yang Chen had received.

As soon as the token appeared, ten Earth Martial Realm warriors rushed out.

“So it’s General Yu, it’s an honor to meet you, General Yu. We were just a bit negligent, please forgive us. We are insignificant people in your presence,” the Earth Martial Realm warriors said one after another, full of fear, apparently frightened by Yu Gang’s token.

Yang Chen saw that the token was so effective and quickly glanced at the ten Earth Martial Realm warriors who suddenly appeared. He found that these ten Earth Martial Realm warriors were at least at the Second Level of Earth Martial Realm, while the strongest was even higher than him, reaching the Ninth Layer of Earth Martial Realm.

This wasn’t strange, as he believed there should be no shortage of peak Earth Martial Realm and Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm powerhouses in various teams.

After all, Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm and peak Earth Martial Realm warriors were not rare species. In the battlefield, it was a matter of who had more prowess. Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm warriors often had to fight multiple opponents of their level, so there were still quite a few of them.

Just like Yu Gang, during their journey, Yang Chen had indirectly learned a lot about him. It was said that Yu Gang, as a Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm warrior, could easily defeat a member of the Prohibition Demon Clan of the same level. That was why he was promoted to the rank of general.

“It seems that our Human Alliance doesn’t lack talent either,” thought Yang Chen.

Yu Gang sneered at this moment, “You useless people, well, I don’t want to waste my time talking to you. I brought your new captain here. From today on, patrol this area diligently and don’t be sloppy. If there is a problem, I’ll hold you accountable!”

“Yes, yes General...”, few people shouted one after another, but they didn’t even intend to ask Yang Chen about his new role as the captain.

Yang Chen couldn’t help but frown, knowing that these people’s acceptance of him as captain was entirely due to Yu Gang’s coercion.

Yu Gang didn’t bother to keep intervening. After announcing the matter, he said with an annoyed face, “Alright, I have important matters to deal with. Captain Yang, this area will be your patrol from now on. If anything goes wrong, don’t blame me for punishing you. Remember, this northeast region is under my management!”

“Yes, General Yu, I will keep your words in mind!” Yang Chen replied.

Seeing that Yang Chen didn’t have any fighting spirit and was respectful to him, Yu Gang raised the corners of his mouth, revealing a cold smile. So this was the so-called Slaughtering Devil Hero?

Turning around, he left without further ado. As the saying goes, a higher rank comes with more pressure, so Yang Chen would have to listen to him, wouldn’t he?

“What a fucking Slaughtering Devil Hero! Utterly stupid. Coming to this area and thinking he can turn things around? The Dragon Commander is really cruel, placing this brat in this spot. Kid, if you want to blame someone, blame your bad luck,” Yu Gang muttered to himself before leaving lazily.

Yang Chen didn't know what Yu Gang was thinking. After Yu Gang left, he turned his gaze to the ten team members.

Unfortunately, not one of them even bothered to acknowledge him. As soon as Yu Gang left, they immediately dispersed, seemingly planning to do their own thing.

This caused Yang Chen's expression to turn cold.

This was a battlefield, and yet what were these ten people doing? Thoughts of their lack of seriousness ignited anger in Yang Chen's heart.

Chapter 1083: Layers of Doubt_1

However, he didn't get angry immediately. Instead, he suppressed his anger and coldly said, “I want to ask you a few questions!”

Upon being questioned by Yang Chen, they still didn't seem to care, treating Yang Chen as if he were air.

This made Yang Chen's expression turn cold. He waved his palm, and in an instant, Shapeshifting Liquid Fire was shot out.

Now that the battle was urgent, Yang Chen believed that no one would care about the means he used, so he cast the Shapeshifting Liquid Fire. It directly blocked several people's path, rolling towards the ten of them.

Seeing that Yang Chen dared to do it, the Earth Martial Realm Ninth Layer Warrior, who was stronger than Yang Chen, immediately turned around and shouted coldly, “You damn brat, you don't appreciate our kindness and provoke us. We don't care about you, you're getting bolder, even daring to take action. Humph, if you had come here and ignored everything, we wouldn't have bothered you. But you don't even know the meaning of gratitude, we need to teach you a lesson so you know your place as team captain.”

As soon as his words fell, the yellow-haired old man in the Earth Martial Realm Ninth Layer made a move. His True Qi spread out, causing the air to explode in a chain reaction, aiming straight at Yang Chen.

It seemed that because the yellow-haired old man in the Earth Martial Realm Ninth Layer made a move, the other warriors felt relieved and didn't have any intention to respond.

However, just when they thought the outcome was already decided, suddenly, the yellow-haired old man screamed: "Ah, what kind of flame is this?"

Following that, his body was thrown backward.

"Elder Han, are you alright?"

"Elder Han, how are you?"

At this moment, the yellow-haired old man's whole body was burnt black. After wailing for a while, he said, "This kid has some skills. You guys team up with me and teach him a lesson."

"What, just a mere Eighth Layer Earth Martial Realm, how much of a threat could he be? Fine, let's all join together and take down his arrogance. He thinks being a captain can give him the power to trample over us ten!" A warrior shouted.

Then, without sending any signals, ten warriors rushed towards Yang Chen using various unique techniques.

However, Yang Chen still only used the Shapeshifting Liquid Fire. He wrapped a part of the flame around himself and sent the other part out to attack. Back and forth, both offensive and defensive, making it impossible for the other warriors to take advantage!

"What's going on? These flames are so strange." The warriors were all dumbfounded.

The ten of them tried everything, but they couldn't break Yang Chen's fire protection.

With an intimidating aura, Yang Chen said, "If you don't have any other means, I won't waste my time."

As his words fell, he threw a punch in an instant, causing thunder and lightning to roll out. The Thunderbolt Style surrounded the ten men, and as Yang Chen clenched his palm, the lightning struck them.

The ten of them wanted to defend themselves, but the lightning directly broke their defenses!

In an instant, screams filled the air as Yang Chen's Thunderbolt Style overpowered the warriors one by one until none were left.

"We surrender!"

"We surrender, please spare us, don't kill us, we admit defeat!"

For a moment, the ten warriors all surrendered, losing their previous temper and acting submissive in front of Yang Chen.

Seeing this, Yang Chen snorted coldly, but didn't push them any further. He withdrew his Thunderbolt Style and looked at them coldly.

"Get up, I've already taken back my attack." Yang Chen looked at the jittery warriors, knowing that they were scared by him, and didn't worry anymore.

Indeed, they were frightened by Yang Chen's Thunderbolt Style just now. They wanted not to be afraid, but Yang Chen's moves were too powerful. The ten of them could easily deal with a Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm opponent together, proving the power of numbers. But they didn't expect Yang Chen to easily defeat them with just the strength of the Eighth Layer Earthly Martial Realm.

The ten warriors working together and Yang Chen were not on the same level, which is why they had to beg for mercy and give up, realizing they couldn't win.

"Captain, we all acknowledge you as our captain now, please don't take any more action."

"Yes, captain, we admit, we all admit defeat!"

Seeing them like this, Yang Chen sneered and said, "Humph, why didn't you do this earlier? However, I'm not unreasonable. I can give you a chance. Just like before, I want to ask you a few questions. You need to answer me honestly."

"Definitely, definitely!" At this point, which of the ten warriors would dare to defy? Seeing that Yang Chen was about to ask questions, they all rushed to answer.

Yang Chen coldly said, "I want to know why you all have such an attitude towards me? Have I offended you before? You all seem unwilling to interact with me."

"This..." The warriors glanced at each other and then showed a bitter smile.

"Speak!" Yang Chen's tone was cold and harsh.

The Han Surname Yellow-haired Old Man stood up and said, "Captain, you don't know our difficulties. If you weren't here, we could slack off every day and not go on patrol, perhaps saving our lives. With you here, if you command us to go on patrol, who knows when we might die? Who dares to talk to you? Of course, we would avoid you!"

"Hmph, now that the war between us humans and the Prohibition Demon Clan is ongoing, and you are just here fearing death, what sort of attitude is this? If you don't dare to come, just don't come. What kind of behavior is this? Are you deceiving yourselves and others?" Yang Chen said with a tense expression and a gloomy tone.

The yellow-haired old man also lost his temper when Yang Chen scolded him. After a while, he said with grievance, "Captain, you don't know our troubles. Tell me, even though I'm not very capable, I came

here to contribute to our human race. If I die in the hands of the Prohibition Demon Clan, I'll accept my fate. At least I'll die with dignity, and it'll look like a proper death."

"But if I die without even seeing the face of the Prohibition Demon Clan, Captain, would you be willing?"

"Dying without even seeing the face of the Prohibition Demon Clan? What do you mean by this?" Yang Chen frowned, feeling that something was off.

"Captain, you don't even know this?" The yellow-haired old man was completely confused.

"What, is there something wrong?" Yang Chen was even more puzzled.

Chapter 1084: Yang Chen's Thoughts_1

A man standing nearby sighed and interjected: "Captain, it seems you are unaware of the situation. Initially, we were also excited to fight on the battlefield, hoping to achieve great feats and become grand heroes like the Slaughtering Devil Hero Yang Xilin, famous and prestigious. But what happened in the end?"

"In the end, our dreams were all killed by this harsh environment," the Yellow-haired Old Man grumbled, "Captain, wherever chosen as a battlefield, is always a place abandoned by both the Prohibition Demon Clan and Humans. These places are extremely harsh environments where natural disasters are very common. And the place we are in is one of the most disaster-prone areas. In this area, do you think the Forbidden Demon Clan could possibly appear? What's in it for them if they attack from here?"

Yang Chen stroked his chin and couldn't help but understand.

As such, it wouldn't be fair to blame these people for lacking enthusiasm.

He gradually understood and asked: "Are the natural disasters here very dangerous?"

"Dangerous is an understatement. If these places with natural disasters were normal, martial artists would have pacified them long ago. In the Ancient Era, there were so many places with natural disasters, haven't we Humans still overcome them, changing the environment and gradually evolving into what it

is today? The reason this place is abandoned is that the natural disasters here cannot be overcome. Captain, you can imagine how dangerous they are. Even for us martial artists of the Earth Martial Realm, a slight misstep could lead to death and it's completely normal!"

Yang Chen narrowed his eyes: "In that case, the previous Captain died due to these natural disasters?"

"That's right. Our previous Captain was actually very respected by all of us. Even after being placed in such a remote area, he still wanted to lead us to accomplish great things. At first, we were lucky and didn't encounter any trouble. But just a while ago, we encountered the Black Fog Dragon Wind. In order to protect us, the Captain lost his life fighting alone."

The Yellow-haired Old Man sighed: "Captain, think about it, do we still want to patrol? If there's an order from above, saying I have to exchange my life for that of a Forbidden Demon Clan member, I, Elder Han, would not hesitate and wouldn't be muddled. One life for one, Old Man, I wouldn't be at a disadvantage. But we've patrolled here for so many days and haven't even seen a shadow, only to be tormented by this hellish environment making us neither human nor ghost!"

"I understand." Yang Chen rubbed his eyebrows.

He sighed in his heart.

"I've guessed early on that the Dragon Commander had no good intentions, and sure enough, he still didn't arrange for anything good for me. He actually placed me in such a place."

The Dragon Commander clearly wanted to leave him with no achievements, and even had the intention to harm him.

"No matter what purpose the Dragon Commander has, I, Yang Chen, will not forget this vendetta," Yang Chen's expression turned cold.

Seeing Yang Chen's expression, the team members, who were no fools, all said one after another: "Captain, it seems that you too have suffered a great deal. With your divine power, you shouldn't have been assigned to a place like this. Now that you're here, you must have offended someone."

Yang Chen shrugged: "It's possible. I guess I've offended someone."

"This..."

"Captain, never mind us, but it's such a waste for someone as powerful as you to be staying here with us. With your talents, if you were really on the frontline, you would definitely be able to accumulate countless merit points."

At this point, they had already acknowledged Yang Chen wholeheartedly and had nothing left to say. Just from the display of skill Yang Chen showed just now, it was enough to subdue them.

Yang Chen slowly said: "Now complaining about this is meaningless, let's introduce ourselves first. You guys mentioned me just now, my name is Yang Xilin, and I just happened to gain some fame recently."

"What? You're Yang Xilin!"

"How is this possible? Weren't you just at the Earth Martial Realm Third Layer? How could you...?"

"It's just hearsay, you can't take it seriously," Yang Chen smiled slightly, too lazy to explain, and casually made up an excuse.

At first, they didn't believe it, but after thinking about it carefully, they felt it made sense.

That's right, where would they hear about Yang Chen's specific strength? Perhaps the person in front of them was really Yang Chen?

After all, with his strength, there was no need to joke with them. Moreover, his appearance and age were indeed a perfect match for the rumors. This couldn't be faked.

"Are you really Yang Xilin?"

“Master Yang, I’ve admired you for a long time.”

“I have too.”

Seeing their politeness, Yang Chen smiled faintly: “You guys are too kind, please introduce yourselves as well. In the future, we’ll be one team, and we need to take care of each other.”

“My surname is Han, and my given name is Cai!” The Yellow-haired Old Man introduced himself first.

Immediately after, the others introduced themselves one by one.

Yang Chen memorized their names in his mouth and nodded his head.

As everyone got to know each other better, the team’s morale grew bolder. They looked at Yang Chen with curiosity and asked: “Captain, what do you think about this patrolling matter...?”

“Captain, in my opinion, we should just make it look like we’ve done it. With the current situation, the main team has already abandoned us. We don’t seek merit, but just want to stay alive.”

“Yeah...”

At this point, the martial artists had completely lost their ambition, only wanting to preserve their lives, and couldn’t be bothered to think about anything else.

Yang Chen could see that they were still fearful of their previous Captain’s death and hadn’t moved on from the severity of the natural disasters. It wouldn’t be easy to get them to be motivated all of a sudden.

With this in mind, Yang Chen couldn’t help but smile wryly: “If I say we continue patrolling, what would you think?”

“Captain, we absolutely can’t do that.”

“Captain, you have no idea how terrible these natural disasters are!” The few people urgently advised him.

Yang Chen stroked his chin and then said: “I understand your concerns, but since we’re assigned here, the Forbidden Demon Clan would also assign a part of their people to the opposite side.”

“Captain, do you mean...” The others became curious about Yang Chen’s idea.

Yang Chen grinned and said: “Very simple, since we are assigned here, it means that there must be a chance that the Forbidden Demon Clan will appear!”

“Captain, the probability is too low. We haven’t met a single one in all this time,” Han Cai said, extremely distressed.

Yang Chen smiled: “Han Cai, you misunderstood me. What I wanted to say is that we are assigned in this place, which means that our counterpart will also be a harsh environment like ours. There will also be a team of Forbidden Demon Clan members assigned there, like us, who would complain about their whereabouts, not being loyal to the patrol, and wanting to take shortcuts...”

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Upon hearing this, the team members understood Yang Chen’s meaning when he said things were clear.

“Captain, do you mean...” Han Cai and the others couldn’t help but widen their eyes.

Yang Chen smiled and said, “It’s simple, our current state might be the same as that of the Prohibition Demon Clan. Why not risk crossing the dangerous terrain to catch them off guard? If they’re thinking the same as us and are too lazy to patrol, isn’t this a good opportunity for us?”

“Captain, your idea is good, but first, crossing this dangerous terrain is as difficult as ascending to heaven, it’s very hard to get past. Otherwise, wouldn’t we have been fighting with the Prohibition Demon Clan in this area long ago? Secondly, if we get there and there are no Prohibition Demon Clan

members, wouldn't it be like drawing water with a bamboo basket – in vain?" Han Cai pointed out the flaws in Yang Chen's statement.

Yang Chen didn't feel that these were flaws at all, and he smiled faintly: "Brother Han, what you said seems to be a problem, but in fact, think about it: you mentioned first that fortune favors the bold, wanting to gain merit without taking risks, is that possible? Even if you go to the frontline, it's still the same. Secondly, if there are really no Prohibition Demon Clan members guarding the place, that's even better news for us. We just need to report the information to the higher-ups, and it would be equivalent to us having a place to launch a surprise attack, which is equal to achieving a great feat!"

Upon hearing what Yang Chen had said, the team members fell into deep thought.

Taking advantage of the moment, Yang Chen continued, "Indeed, my guess might not be accurate, and I, Yang Mou, admit it myself. However, I want to tell everyone that even though dying in a catastrophic environment feels wretched, being at a standstill here is even more so. I don't know what you all think, but if you don't want to go, I will still choose to take a gamble: if I win, I'll gain fame and fortune; if I lose, I'll just accept my fate. Don't all of you even have a little fighting spirit to take this gamble?"

Upon hearing this, the several people looked at each other's faces.

How could they have no fighting spirit?

Who came here without the idea of gaining fame and slaying demons?

It's just that they haven't had the chance.

However, if Yang Chen's guess is correct, then it's the perfect opportunity!

"Master Yang, I, Chen Dao, am willing to gamble with you. If my head falls, it'll just add another scar, I've made up my mind. Damn it, I don't want to be stuck here until the war is over, without even encountering a single Prohibition Demon Clan shadow. What's the point of me being on this battlefield? Let's give it all!"

“My thoughts are the same as Brother Chen’s. Captain’s idea, I think it’s very likely to be correct. If we win the gamble, we’ll achieve fame and fortune. I don’t care what you think, but I’m willing to gamble!”

With the two of them starting, the others had to agree even if they wished to refuse. Who wants to admit they aren’t a real man?

Only Han Cai, the strongest of them, frowned and was still somewhat apprehensive: “But Master Yang, you don’t know. That hostile environment is truly terrifying.”

As he said this, the other team members also looked at Yang Chen, curious about what he would say.

“I have my guesses about this matter, but rest assured, if the environment is really too harsh for us to move even an inch, I will not let you all take risks. And as the captain, I will also be at the forefront, not putting any of you in a difficult position,” Yang Chen said, standing with his hands behind his back: “If you still have concerns, then I apologize, but I, Yang Mou, would rather go alone.”

At this point, if they still had reservations, it would be embarrassing. After all, Yang Chen has already said so much, so what do they have to worry about?

“Master Yang, you’re too polite. We are a team, sharing fortunes and hardships together!” Han Cai said coldly, “Although we might have had a little disagreement just now, in the face of real danger, whoever dares betray their comrades will be committing a crime punishable by everyone.”

Yang Chen and the team members nodded in agreement.

“Captain, when will we set off?” Someone asked.

“Rest for three days. During these three days, tell me everything you know about this environment and the information you’ve gathered. I’ll do the analysis,” Yang Chen said.

Thus, three days passed, and three days later, Yang Chen and the ten team members quickly left, flying towards the sky in a certain direction.

It was now evening, the waning moon hung high in the sky, and in the pitch-black surroundings, the howling black wind made it difficult for people to see objects too far away.

Seeing this, Yang Chen couldn't help but say, "The environment in this area is indeed harsh. With such a black wind, if it were a martial artist in the Spirit Martial Realm, their Protective True Qi would be shattered in an instant."

"Captain, that's just an ordinary black wind. The most powerful one is the Black Fog Dragon Wind. I hope our luck can be a little better, and we won't encounter that kind of calamity. Otherwise, this journey might not be so smooth," Han Cai sighed.

Yang Chen nodded, leading the way at the forefront, while the others looked around.

Suddenly, someone cursed, "Han Cai, you crow's mouth! Look over there!"

Han Cai couldn't help but turn his gaze, only to see a ferocious tornado coming at them from a thousand zhang to the left. This tornado was different from ordinary ones; it was shrouded in black fog, making the entire tornado black as well.

Wherever it passed, everything was devoured without exception, showing its terrifying power.

Looking at it, it was like seeing the wrath of nature!

"It's over, completely over. This time the Black Fog Dragon Wind is even bigger than last time. Is it the end of us?" Han Cai swallowed nervously.

"Han Cai, it's your crow's mouth causing this!" Chen Dao scolded angrily.

"How can you blame me?" Han Cai snapped.

Yang Chen remained calm: "Everyone, we are still a thousand zhang away from the Black Fog Dragon Wind, don't panic. If we flee now, we might still have time!"

“Have time? How could we have time? It’s all because of you, Yang Xilin! You deceived us by saying we’d achieve fame and fortune. It’s all nonsense. Today we’ve encountered the Black Fog Dragon Wind, and we’re all doomed.” A team member, seeing his impending death, simply cursed out loud.

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen furrowed his brows. He could see that the Black Fog Dragon Wind was frightening. It was still a thousand zhang away, yet all the team members were panicking, losing even the will to resist.

Han Cai, slightly calmer, let out a hopeless sigh: “Captain, you don’t know, but the Black Fog Dragon Wind is extremely fast. More importantly, it can instantly suck in everything within hundreds of zhang. Last time, the captain sacrificed himself to send us away. This time, the Black Fog Dragon Wind is even larger, and I’m afraid its suction power is even stronger than before. Can we escape? Where can we escape to?”

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen couldn’t help but examine the Black Fog Dragon Wind more closely. To his surprise, he became alarmed.

“It’s so fast,” Yang Chen exclaimed. Just moments ago, it was still a thousand zhang away, and now it was only seven or eight hundred zhang from them.

Moreover, he could feel an astonishing gravitational force pulling at him. He could still use his strength to resist, but the weaker team members were already struggling to hold on.

Chapter 1086: Absorbing the Black Fog Dragon Wind_1

Even Han Cai, who was at the Ninth Layer of Earthly Martial Realm, couldn’t control himself and was involuntarily drawn towards the Black Fog Dragon Wind. Only Yang Chen could barely stand firm, but it was clear that if the Black Fog Dragon Wind got any closer, even he would have trouble resisting it.

“Save me.”

“No, save me!” The team members struggled desperately, but their strength was insignificant in front of the Black Fog Dragon Wind.

Seeing this, Yang Chen's expression turned grim, and he couldn't help but sigh as he remembered what they had said earlier.

None of them wanted to die in this heavenly catastrophe and earthly calamity; they all had the heart to fight on the battlefield!

Left with no choice, Yang Chen took a step forward, abandoning the idea of escape, and launched a Shapeshifting Liquid Fire. Layers of liquid fire, like claws, firmly grasped the team members, and then were controlled by Yang Chen to throw them to the back.

Having initially thought they were as good as dead, the team members couldn't believe their luck when they were saved by Yang Chen at the last moment. However, they could see that Yang Chen was now in a precarious situation, and they couldn't help but be deeply shaken.

"Captain!"

"Captain Yang, you!"

Even the most oblivious could see that Yang Chen had put himself in danger to save them.

Although Yang Chen had saved ten team members, he was getting closer and closer to the Black Fog Dragon Wind. The gravitational force he endured grew increasingly terrifying, making it difficult even for him to resist.

But Yang Chen remained calm and said, "You guys don't have to worry about me. Just pick a direction, then run as far away as you can. I'll hold off the Black Fog Dragon Wind here."

Hearing Yang Chen's words, the ten team members dared not disobey his order.

"I can't believe I even insulted the captain just now. I, I'm less than human!"

"The captain is so young, yet he has a broad and forgiving heart. He risked himself to save us."

Han Cai gritted his teeth and said, "Captain is a hero among men. If we let him grow up, he would surely become a great talent. However, he sacrificed himself to save our worthless lives. I feel truly ashamed."

"Han Cai, there's no use in saying this now. Let's not disappoint the captain's kindness and retreat first!"

The ten team members discussed briefly and then retreated quickly.

Yang Chen watched the ten team members withdraw, feeling no sadness, as he knew that everyone had to fend for themselves. Moreover, their departure meant less of a burden for him, giving him a chance to study the Black Fog Dragon Wind thoroughly.

At worst, he had a means of escape, so he wouldn't be swallowed by the Black Fog Dragon Wind.

"Such a powerful wind!" Now, Yang Chen was almost swept into the environment of the Black Fog Dragon Wind.

Wherever his eyes glanced, everything was shrouded in a black mass. He could barely see his own hand in front of him.

The center of this black fog dragon wind should be about three hundred zhang away from me!" Unable to control his body, Yang Chen moved closer and closer to the Black Fog Dragon Wind.

Naturally, Yang Chen wouldn't just sit and wait for death; he first used the powerful Mountain Collapsing Style.

As soon as the Mountain Collapsing Style was deployed, the ground shook and cracked, demonstrating its terrifying power. Since Yang Chen had created the Collapse Mountain Cannon, his mastery of the Mountain Collapsing Style had only improved, striking the core of the Black Fog Dragon Wind with a single blow.

However, Yang Chen soon furrowed his brows.

That was because the Black Fog Dragon Wind remained unchanged.

“What...?” Yang Chen’s eyes widened in disbelief. “Such an incredible Black Fog Dragon Wind, able to withstand my Mountain Collapsing Style without any change. In that case, let me try some other methods.”

With that said, Yang Chen utilized other techniques like the Thunderbolt Style and Starfire.

However, Yang Chen had to admit that he was in an increasingly precarious situation. Despite using all his techniques, he could not defeat the Black Fog Dragon Wind!

“The power of this Black Fog Dragon Wind is probably enough to defeat those at the Third or Fourth Stage of the Heavenly Martial Realm. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be completely helpless against it!” Yang Chen contemplated gravely.

“Should I use the Slaughter God Spear?” He thought.

He had many ways to escape, either using the Slaughter God Spear or asking the purple-eyed Demon Monkey for help. In any case, he wouldn’t end up dying here.

“The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey only has one chance to help, which is precious and should not be used for now. As for the Slaughter God Spear, if I use it with my current strength, it would be more than enough to cut through the Black Fog Dragon Wind, and escaping would not be a problem. However, the Slaughter God Spear ultimately cannot be exposed. If it is not discovered by others, it’s fine. But if it is discovered, not only would humans reject me, other races would probably want to kill me as well.”

With these thoughts, Yang Chen decided to abandon the idea of using the Slaughter God Spear.

He considered other methods.

“Huh? Just now, I thought that the power of this Black Fog Dragon Wind was roughly equivalent to that of a Heavenly Martial Realm Third or Fourth Level master’s attack. If so, wouldn’t my Nine-Star Gourd be incredibly useful here?” Yang Chen suddenly brightened up.

Back when he was at the Second Level of Earth Martial Realm, he couldn’t absorb an attack equivalent to the Heavenly Martial Realm by any means. However, things were different now that he was at the Eighth Layer of the Earthly Martial Realm.

“Haha, let’s try the Nine-Star Gourd!” Yang Chen suddenly thought.

Now, he was only a hundred zhang away from the Black Fog Dragon Wind. He immediately took out the Nine-Star Gourd and opened its stopper.

The next moment, the Nine-Star Gourd displayed an immense suction force, rapidly attracting and counteracting the Black Fog Dragon Wind!

Though the Black Fog Dragon Wind reached a thousand zhang in height, everything changed drastically when the small gourd appeared.

The Nine-Star Gourd actually absorbed the Black Fog Dragon Wind, first taking in just a part of it, then continuously engulfing massive amounts of Black Fog Dragon Wind. The space inside the Nine-Star Gourd seemed endless. In less than a cup of tea’s time, the entire Black Fog Dragon Wind, which had reached a thousand zhang in height and caused thunder and lightning in the sky, was absorbed by the Nine-Star Gourd.

Looking at the sky now, it was clear and cloudless, as if the Black Fog Dragon Wind had never appeared in the first place.

“Good job!” Yang Chen laughed heartily, holding the Nine-Star Gourd and happily saying, “This is interesting. With this gourd, if I were to release the Black Fog Dragon Wind upon my enemies, what a spectacle that would be? Given the power of this Black Fog Dragon Wind, it would surely be invincible on the entire Earth Martial Realm Battlefield.”

However, just as this thought crossed his mind, a faint trembling suddenly occurred within the Nine-Star Gourd.

“Huh? What’s going on?” Yang Chen was instantly puzzled.

Chapter 1087: Penetrating the Enemy’s Front !_1

He began to observe carefully. Upon closer inspection, Yang Chen’s initial delight faded, and a bitter smile appeared on his face. He sighed, “It seems I was too optimistic. I almost forgot, Elder Yu Ban once told me that this Nine-Star Gourd can only absorb techniques related to True Qi. The Black Fog Dragon Wind is a Heavenly Disaster and Earthly Calamity. How is it related to True Qi? Its power can last at most ten days. After that, the Black Fog Dragon Wind will slowly dissipate within the Nine-Star Gourd and then turn into a mass of empty air. Moreover, no matter how the Black Fog Dragon Wind eventually dissipates, my Nine-Star Gourd will probably be unusable for at least half a year!”

This is the side effect of the Nine-Star Gourd absorbing non-True Qi techniques. Yu Ban didn’t tell him at the time, as he didn’t expect him to encounter such a rare Heavenly Disaster and Earthly Calamity, let alone absorb it.

“Forget it, it’s too late to regret now. Besides, if the Black Fog Dragon Wind is released from the Nine-Star Gourd within ten days, it won’t be useless. The only pity is that time is tight, ten days...” Yang Chen muttered.

While he was lost in thought, those team members who had originally fled thousands of miles away found that the Black Fog Dragon Wind had dissipated, and they couldn’t help but cautiously return.

Some of them were concerned about Yang Chen’s life and death, while others came because they had no choice. After all, they had to report Yang Chen’s life and death to their superiors, whether alive or dead.

“Eh, Captain!”

“Captain, is that you?”

“Captain, you still have a strong breath. You’re actually still alive.”

The team members were dumbfounded, some of them couldn't believe their own eyes. Yang Chen was actually still alive, and someone could survive in the environment of the Black Fog Dragon Wind.

"Captain!"

The team members shouted and rushed over. When looking at Yang Chen, they couldn't help but express their sincere admiration. Their admiration was partly due to Yang Chen saving them earlier. Yang Chen's heroic act of saving them alone made him a qualified captain.

Their respect for Yang Chen would never disgrace their honor.

Yang Chen saw the team members coming and smiled, "Are you all alright?"

"Captain, of course we're fine. How about you?" They asked worriedly.

Yang Chen nodded, "I'm fine."

"As long as the captain is fine. By the way, how did you manage to escape from the Black Fog Dragon Wind?" The team members were curious.

Yang Chen laughed heartily, "It's quite an interesting story. I originally intended to fight the Black Fog Dragon Wind to the death. But who would have thought that when it came within a hundred zhang of me, it suddenly turned its head and left at an extremely fast speed. As for me, I used some special techniques to avoid being swept away by the Black Fog Dragon Wind, thus saving my life!"

"So that's how it is. The Black Fog Dragon Wind can't travel in a straight line forever. Captain, you just happened to be at the right place at the right time. Haha, the captain is indeed a lucky man with Heaven's Aspect." Han Cai sighed.

"Thanks to Heaven's favors, I managed to escape death by a stroke of luck." Yang Chen laughed.

Of course, he couldn't reveal the matter of the Nine-Star Gourd.

Han Cai and the others didn't have any suspicions, and they amiably said, "Captain, we could say that we've survived a great disaster and must have good fortune to come. It's a miracle that we barely had any accidents. How about we set off immediately? The Black Fog Dragon Wind's appearance is regular. It won't appear again within at least two days after it appears today. We must seize this opportunity."

Han Cai was an experienced person; even if what he said was not reasonable, it couldn't be ignored.

Yang Chen said, "Brother Han is right, we should not delay. Let's set off now."

At this point, although the team members were not entirely willing, they dared not say anything since Yang Chen saved their lives. They quietly left.

Three days later...

After climbing over mountains and crossing ridges, they seemed to have come to the territory of the Prohibition Demon Clan from their own land.

Of course, this was just their guess. Yang Chen and the others didn't know for sure whether they had arrived or not.

"Captain, have we arrived at the Prohibition Demon Clan's territory?" Chen Dao asked.

Instead of answering hastily, Yang Chen carefully observed his surroundings, judging through his sense of smell, hearing, and the ability of his soul.

"You know, we've been off post for several days now, making us derelict in our duties. Our luck can't be so bad that we get caught, can it? If we return empty-handed, that would be terrible." Someone said.

"Stop it, if your crow's mouth words come true, we'll make sure to blame you." Several people said threateningly.

Han Cai shook his head, "Don't worry. That place is a place where birds don't poop. Who would bother checking on us there? Leaving for a few days should be harmless."

Yang Chen paid no attention to their conversation and continued to pay close attention to his surroundings.

"The air here smells different from our territory. Based on my understanding, the Demonic Qi of the Prohibition Demon Clan can infect the air and even contaminate the Spiritual Energy in the air. The Spiritual Energy around here is indeed infected to some extent, and there's no doubt that it's become Demonic Qi." Yang Chen thought silently.

This is also the reason why humans and demons cannot coexist.

Humans' ancestors left only one land for the Prohibition Demon Clan, not because they were unwilling to accept them, but because humans could not survive in a place where Prohibition Demons exist.

"Everyone, be careful. If nothing goes wrong, we have already entered the territory of the Prohibition Demon Clan." Yang Chen said coldly.

"What? We've arrived already?" Although the team members initially seemed brazen, upon hearing that they had already entered someone else's territory, they couldn't help but feel nervous and panicked.

"Why haven't we seen any Prohibition Demon Clansmen?"

"That's right, Captain. My Divine Soul Detection found nothing within ten thousand miles. No people, no trace of life. Shouldn't there be some patrol team or something?"

Yang Chen laughed, "Would you like to patrol?"

"No... We wouldn't." The team members answered honestly.

“If you don’t like patrolling, then perhaps the Prohibition Demon Clan dislikes it too. Haha, it may seem ridiculous, but it might be true. Let’s go ahead, but you must keep your breath concealed and follow my command.” Yang Chen said coldly.

“Yes, Captain.” After several days of getting to know him, the team members were completely submissive to Yang Chen. Whatever Yang Chen commanded, they obeyed without hesitation.

So, the team continued on their way for several double-hours, from day to night.

Yang Chen, on the other hand, had been closely observing the area within dozens of miles with his high-density spiritual sense.

However, he still couldn’t find the Prohibition Demon Clan as he wished.

“Is my judgment wrong, or is the Prohibition Demon Clan really as I thought? Do they think we humans can’t possibly trespass across the border, so they don’t bother patrolling?” Yang Chen wondered.

Chapter 1088: A Great Opportunity!_1

Everything will be revealed soon.

Yang Chen and the others proceeded cautiously.

With Yang Chen’s Divine Soul Realm, he was not worried about being discovered. His current Divine Soul Realm was comparable to the Heaven Martial Realm. Although he couldn’t be invincible in the entire battlefield, he was definitely not comparable to ordinary Prohibition Demon Clans.

In this way, the team continued to move forward for another two hours.

“Is there really no Prohibition Demon Clan here?” some team members discussed. “If that’s the case, won’t we return empty-handed...”

“Look on the bright side. If there really are no Prohibition Demon Clans here, it’s good news. At least we have gained a great opportunity to infiltrate the enemy’s territory!” Han Cai chuckled.

Yang Chen did not speak, because his soul spread out, and he suddenly sensed something.

“You guys, be quiet.” Yang Chen raised his hand and spoke with extreme sensitivity and alertness.

Seeing Yang Chen like this, everyone became serious and stopped talking, curious about what he had discovered.

Yang Chen’s soul swept out, and at first, he didn’t pay much attention, but after advancing a few dozen breaths, his soul seemed to have completely covered the area, and he detected more than a dozen strange-looking Forbidden Demon Clan members in his Sea of Consciousness.

“It seems my guess was correct.” Yang Chen’s mouth curled up, “Sure enough, there are Forbidden Demon Clans here, and they seem to be living quite comfortably.”

Among the dozen or so Forbidden Demon Clans, some were resting, some were chatting, and as for patrolling, it seemed to have been completely forgotten.

“Let’s listen to what they’re saying first.” Yang Chen condensed his soul, worried about being discovered, and secretly listened in on the discussions of these Forbidden Demon Clans.

There were several different types of Forbidden Demons, including one Giant Strength Demon, four Red Shura Demons, three Dapeng Demons, five Bat Demons, and two Red Flame Demons.

In total, there were fifteen Forbidden Demons with powerful combat abilities. The scattered lower-level demons were not a concern, but the Giant Strength Demon, whose strength had reached the Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm, was a completely hopeless existence for humans.

These Forbidden Demons communicated in their own language, leaving Yang Chen confused and unable to understand them for a moment.

“The language of the Forbidden Demons ...” Yang Chen shook his head helplessly, and then recalled the memory of the captured Red Shura Demon.

With the memory of the Red Shura Demon in mind, Yang Chen managed to piece together the language of the Forbidden Demons. Although he couldn't converse with them, he was able to understand their speech without any issues.

"Captain Hei Yong, it's our turn to patrol now. Should we go or not?" Several Forbidden Demons asked.

Hei Yong referred to the only Giant Strength Demon.

The Giant Strength Demon leaned against a small hill, using the hill as a pillow, and snored loudly. Hearing the query, he lazily replied, "Patrol? Hmm, in this godforsaken place, if you want to patrol, then go ahead. It's already troublesome enough dealing with those heavenly disasters and earthly calamities. We already have two team members who died on patrol. I won't go again!"

"Hehe, Captain, we've been waiting for you to say that. If you don't go, we won't go either. As for patrolling in this ghostly place, we've been assigned here to suffer, without even seeing a single human!"

"What if humans attack when we don't patrol?"

"Attack? It's surprising that you, a member of the Red Shura Demon clan, still can't think as open-mindedly as I, a Giant Strength Demon." Captain Hei Yong opened his big mouth, "There are numerous heavenly disasters and earthly calamities between our borders. Just the Black Fog Dragon Wind alone is enough to claim the lives of many Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm practitioners. How can humans dare to cross here? They'd most likely be turned into dust before they even arrive."

"Hahaha, if humans really are foolish enough to run over here, that would be just fine."

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Upon hearing these words, Yang Chen rubbed his eyebrows and smiled, "These Forbidden Demons really aren't very vigilant. They haven't even set up any surrounding formations or restrictions. If they had, I wouldn't have been able to eavesdrop on so much information so easily. Then again, if I hadn't

come here, I suppose the possibility of someone from the Forbidden Demon Clan going to our side wouldn't have been much different from these team members and demons."

Now that he had withdrawn his soul, the team members beside him couldn't wait to ask, "Captain, what happened?"

"There are Forbidden Demons," Yang Chen smiled. "Moreover, these Forbidden Demons are currently very careless and not expecting us to show up here at all."

"What, really? Captain, your foresight is amazing!" Han Cai was thrilled.

The other team members were also excited, realizing that this could mean big achievements. If they could subdue the Forbidden Demons here, it would be like opening a breakthrough, then they could launch a surprise attack, which would be a great accomplishment!

"It's nothing, I just happened to guess correctly," Yang Chen said.

"Captain, what are we waiting for? Let's attack as soon as possible, taking advantage of the fact that these Forbidden Demons have not yet realized what's going on, and defeat them decisively!" The team members were already boiling with excitement and eager to fight.

Seeing this, Yang Chen shook his head and said, "You are thinking too simply. There are fifteen Forbidden Demons, all stronger than us. Their combat power is also far above ours. Aside from a Giant Strength Demon captain reaching the Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm, which is extremely difficult to fight against, there are also three Forbidden Demons at the peak of Earth Martial Realm. The rest have different levels of strength, but even the weakest have reached the Earth Martial Realm Sixth Layer!"

"What!" Han Cai and the others widened their eyes and gasped at this revelation.

This combat power was too strong, an overwhelming gap in strength.

"What now?"

Han Cai gulped down saliva, then calmly and rationally made a choice: "Captain, although I am reluctant, if their strength is really as you said, my suggestion is to withdraw and return with more forces from other teams to encircle this place."

"How can that be? We went through so much trouble to find this achievement, and we can't just share it!" someone protested.

Han Cai smiled bitterly, "You guys don't think about it. Even though we have to share the credit, it's better than fighting a losing battle. You don't know how powerful that Giant Strength Demon is. Haven't you heard about it? The Giant Strength Demon is invincible in the Earth Martial Realm Battlefield. Without at least three martial artists of the same level, we have no chance to fight against it!"

"This..."

"Captain, how do you propose we proceed?" someone asked.

Yang Chen stood with his hands behind his back and said, "Han Cai, your choice is indeed rational. However, we do not need to go back and forth this time. If we really go back, there are too many variables. Firstly, we don't know if people will trust us; secondly, who can guarantee that we won't encounter any heavenly disasters or earthly calamities as we head back, and whether these heavenly disasters and earthly calamities will be as fortunate as this time and let us survive?"

Chapter 1089: Successful Ambush?_1

Hearing Yang Chen's words, Han Cai couldn't help but fall into deep thought.

Upon hearing Yang Chen, he realized that he hadn't considered far enough into the future. Yes, it would be simple to return, but would anyone believe their words?

Even if they managed to convince others after all this effort, would people join them in taking the risk? And on the way there, who could guarantee there wouldn't be any danger.

"Moreover, if we miss this opportunity, I'm afraid the Prohibition Demon Clan won't be so careless next time," Yang Chen said solemnly.

“Han Cai, I think the captain’s words make sense.”

“Once the opportunity is missed, it may not come again.”

“Captain, it’s true, but the key is whether we can defeat the Forbidden Demon Clan,” Han Cai said with a bitter smile. “According to your assessment of our combat strength, even with the element of surprise on our side, our chances of winning are slim.”

“Don’t worry, I won’t let you die in vain. Likewise, I cherish my own life. If I don’t have some level of confidence, I won’t let you follow me into this dangerous situation. Even if we can’t defeat them in the end, I am confident that we can all retreat safely!” Yang Chen confidently said.

Hearing Yang Chen’s words, the team members were not entirely reassured. They looked at each other and, after some time, chose to trust Yang Chen.

Firstly, if they could really take down the Forbidden Demon Clan, their merits would be boundless. Secondly, they had seen the effectiveness of Yang Chen’s methods, believing that he could indeed keep them safe.

“Captain, we will follow your lead.”

Yang Chen said, “In that case, thank you for your trust. But with you following me, I hope you can follow my orders throughout.”

“Of course, captain. You are the captain, after all, we will definitely listen to you,” a few team members said heartily.

Hearing this, Yang Chen nodded with satisfaction, and then said, “In that case, let’s set out!”

Under cover of night, they cautiously approached the fifteen Forbidden Demons.

The stealth skills of these team members were somewhat lacking. If they had attempted to infiltrate alone, they would have likely been discovered by the Forbidden Demons early on. However, with Yang Chen's help and his soul interference, the Forbidden Demons' souls failed to accurately detect their surroundings.

Yang Chen and the team members arrived above the Forbidden Demons cautiously after two hours, and hid.

"Can you see the Forbidden Demons now?" Yang Chen asked.

"Captain, we can." The ten team members took a deep breath, their faces full of excitement and agitation as they looked at the different types of Forbidden Demons nearby.

They had long wanted to enter the battlefield and fight against the Forbidden Demons. They wanted to kill at least a few Forbidden Demons to fulfill their dreams. However, they had always been stationed in desolate places without any opportunities.

As warriors, their greatest misfortune was being on the battlefield but unable to fight alongside others against the Forbidden Demons.

But now, the opportunity had come.

This was an opportunity given by Yang Chen!

They saw the Forbidden Demons.

Everyone's bodies were trembling slightly, forgetting the gap in strength, eager to fight against these Forbidden Demons.

However, the Forbidden Demons were extremely lazy, not vigilant at all, failing to notice the appearance of Yang Chen and the others.

“Remember, we will launch a sneak attack later, and it must be a surprise. Do not kill the Forbidden Demons, their weaknesses are in their horns. Break their horns, and they will naturally lose their combat power. If you have other methods to make them lose their combat power, you can use them too. But it’s best not to kill them; we need them alive for our grand plan!” Yang Chen said.

Hearing that Yang Chen had a grand plan, the team members’ eyes lit up.

“Prepare yourselves, and wait for my command...”

All the team members were ready to attack.

“Strike!”

At Yang Chen’s command, the team members quickly struck. In an instant, their attacks flooded the area. The sounds of the battlefield erupted, and the smoke cleared. In just a moment, four Forbidden Demons had been restrained, losing their fighting capabilities.

However, having subdued only four, Yang Chen was somewhat disappointed. After all, they had been striking from the shadows and the Forbidden Demons were caught off guard. It should have been easy for them to defeat opponents who were a few levels higher. The eleven of them should have subdued at least six!

Nevertheless, they had only subdued four.

The Giant Strength Demon that Yang Chen was most concerned about was still a threat, not showing any signs of weakness under his tactics.

“What, we’ve only subdued four!” Several team members panicked.

“Captain took down two by himself, and all of us combined only subdued two more!” Han Cai swallowed nervously, having seen everything clearly.

As they launched a joint attack, Yang Chen used his swift and powerful Thunderbolt technique against three targets: the Giant Strength Demon in the Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm, and two Red Shura Demons at the peak of the Earth Martial Realm.

The two Red Shura Demons at the peak of the Earth Martial Realm had their dual horns shattered by Yang Chen in an instant, and they passed out on the ground, losing their combat power.

Although the Giant Strength Demon captain, Hei Yong, remained unscathed, Yang Chen's performance was far superior to that of the others. The ten of them combined only subdued one demon from the Earth Martial Realm Seventh Level and one from the Earth Martial Realm Ninth Layer.

Even though they had subdued four Forbidden Demons, eleven Forbidden Demons remained!

"We're being ambushed!" bellowed the Giant Strength Demon Captain, Hei Yong. The other Forbidden Demons immediately reacted, stepping forward and surrounding Yang Chen and his team.

As they surrounded the group, a few Forbidden Demons who had initially been cautious now laughed openly.

"Hahaha! A bunch of humans came to sneak attack us, which really scared me. I thought it would be a formidable force. It turns out it's just eleven people who have a death wish, not even a single Half-step Heavenly Martial Realm human martial artist among them! I wonder who gave them the courage to attack us," laughed a Red Flame Demon.

"Captain!" The team members looked to Yang Chen, hoping that he could provide a solution.

At least Yang Chen's combat power displayed so far seemed very strong.

Yang Chen slowly said, "When you engage with these Forbidden Demons, remember to protect yourself and buy me enough time. I will find a way to deal with these Forbidden Demons."

Hearing Yang Chen's words, the team members felt incredulous. Wasn't Yang Chen being too optimistic, thinking he could reverse the situation by himself?

However, at this point, they had no other choice but to say, "Understood, Captain!"

Chapter 1090: Dragon Commander's Thoughts_1

At the same time that Yang Chen's team was confronting the Prohibition Demon Clan, Yu Gang appeared in the area where Yang Chen's team was responsible for patrolling.

As a subordinate of Dragon Commander, Yu Gang had already received the latter's order to target Yang Chen when he arranged for him to be in this vicinity.

Although the Dragon Commander's words were very vague during the sound transmission, how could Yu Gang not understand his intentions?

Now, Yu Gang led a large number of troops to this place and whispered, "Dragon Commander has never valued me and assigned me to the Southeast Region where there's hardly any war. How can I get any credit? To become famous in one battle is even more difficult. If I want to win the Dragon Commander's appreciation, I need to please him. Now he's targeting this surnamed Yang, so if I put in more effort, I'm not afraid that the Dragon Commander won't reward me."

With that in mind, Yu Gang descended from the sky.

He had already made up his mind to cause trouble for Yang Chen first, regardless of anything else. He didn't believe that Yang Chen could still cause any trouble with his current position.

As the saying goes, 'one level higher in rank can crush people.' He wanted Yang Chen to taste the bitterness of working under his hand!

"Where are the people?" Yu Gang came to this place with his troops, spreading his soul perception, but found that the surrounding area was empty, without a single person.

"Hmm?"

Yu Gang couldn't help but wonder, then commanded, "You all go search nearby, and see if they are on patrol in the vicinity during this time!"

“Yes, General!” The subordinates quickly dispersed to search. About one hour later, hundreds of search teams quickly returned.

When they returned, all of them came back empty-handed.

“General, there’s no one nearby!”

“General, did the patrol team in this area leave their post? We searched far ahead and did not find the patrol team!”

Hearing this, Yu Gang laughed. He couldn’t help but clap his hands in his heart.

What kind of crime is dereliction of duty? In minor cases, it’s a severe punishment, and in major cases, it’s a capital offense. Otherwise, wouldn’t there still be discipline on a battlefield?

If it was just laziness and not patrolling, it would be normal and difficult to constitute a crime. Even if it is dereliction of duty, it wouldn’t be a big problem because it is almost impossible for any mistakes to occur in this area. This is also the reason why the team members were willing to follow Yang Chen away, as they were not worried that someone would report a dereliction of duty when they came back.

However, even Yang Chen did not expect that the Dragon Commander was so targeting him, and was narrow-minded enough to not let him go after Yu Gang assigned his position.

“Yang Xilin, if you just behaved well and did your job here, I wouldn’t have been able to find any flaws in you. At most, I would try to find some small trouble for you. But you dared to leave your post, and if this charge is established... Heh, I’ll take your corpse to receive the reward from Dragon Commander, and by then...” Yu Gang became more and more excited the more he thought about it.

This was simply a wonderful thing.

With that in mind, Yu Gang immediately gestured: “You all saw today that this group of people left their post, and know what kind of crime it is! Two hundred of you stay here, and when this team comes back, remember to arrest them and report to me!”

“Yes, General.” The remaining two hundred people respectfully replied.

Yu Gang laughed heartily and left, feeling extremely happy. He led the people behind him and left.

Yang Chen didn’t know about these things, and he didn’t have time to deal with them. At this moment, he and his team members were all in trouble.

They were all on edge, surrounded by the Prohibition Demon Clan.

They discussed their strategy, as did the Prohibition Demon Clan.

The Giant Power Demon Captain, Hei Yong, scanned the group and locked his gaze on Yang Chen, then said solemnly: “This little human guy is quite strange.”

“Captain, he’s only at the Eighth Layer of the Earthly Martial Realm; there’s nothing to worry about. With your strength, a slap is enough to finish this kid off!” The Prohibition Demon beside him grinned.

Giant Strength Demon shook his head. His mind was rather rigid, so he was stubborn: “This little guy went up and defeated Hong Si and Ben, two Red Shura Demons to lose their fighting power. They both had the combat power of the peak of Earth Martial Realm. This kid fought two against one and managed to do so; it’s not that simple. Listen to me, the other humans are up to you, this little guy is mine.”

As soon as his words fell, the Giant Strength Demon suddenly struck with a palm.

Seeing this, Yang Chen immediately shouted: “You guys go and delay the other Prohibition Demons, there’s no need to fight them. Just buy time. I’ll deal with this Giant Strength Demon!”

“Captain, be careful! This Giant Strength Demon is very powerful.” A few team members uttered a sentence and wanted to help Yang Chen, but the next moment, other Prohibition Demons rushed forward and surrounded them tightly.

“Humph, all of you, die!”

In an instant, both sides clashed.

Yang Chen’s team quickly fell into a disadvantage, even including Yang Chen himself, who was dodging the Giant Strength Demon’s attacks. He didn’t find a suitable opportunity to attack for a while.

“Good fellow, this Giant Strength Demon is truly powerful. A half-step Heavenly Martial Realm Giant Strength Demon is even more brutal and terrifying than the one I saw last time. If it really fights, I’m afraid an ordinary half-step Heavenly Martial Realm cultivator wouldn’t be enough for him to play with.” Yang Chen exclaimed.

His eyes remained calm, without any panic, and he stared intently at the Giant Strength Demon. In the previous few rounds, the Giant Strength Demon attacked, and he dodged. Until this round...

When the Giant Strength Demon furiously threw another punch, Yang Chen finally displayed his own technique.

“Blazing Sky Sacred Fire!” Yang Chen unleashed the magma-like fire, instantly surrounding the Giant Strength Demon.

Although the Giant Strength Demon’s speed and strength were unparalleled, when it encountered the Blazing Sky Sacred Fire that could instantly envelop it, it immediately lost its temper.

“What is this?” The Giant Strength Demon roared loudly, trying to break the Blazing Sky Sacred Fire with a punch.

However, as Yang Chen's strength increased, so did the power of the Blazing Sky Sacred Fire. When the Giant Strength Demon threw a punch, although the Blazing Sky Sacred Fire shook, the Giant Strength Demon didn't gain any advantage.

Strange Fire inherently had a unique restraining effect on the Prohibition Demons, and the Blazing Sky Sacred Fire, being a yang strange fire, had an even more significant restraining effect on the inherently yin Prohibition Demons.

"Ouch, what kind of fire is this? It hurts so much!" The Giant Strength Demon looked at his burning hand, yelling in pain. After he finally put out the fire, he looked at the Blazing Sky Sacred Fire again, and there was more fear in his eyes.