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Chapter 293 8: A Thousand Guns Roar (2/3)

"Is this the Pandora World?"

Accompanied by an unusual distortion of time and space, a massive steel worm suddenly appeared amidst a stone forest.

The eyes on both sides of the steel worm's head rotated, revealing curiosity mixed with vigilance.

As the fourth generation of Skeletons from the Shanhaijing Realm, intentionally altering himself into a vehicle form — Chidan is truly a battle-hardened veteran.

"Much more desolate than I imagined..."

Through Chidan's eyes, Wuhua inside also noticed the terrifying stone forest.

Transitioned from organic to inorganic, the surface of those stone forests still retained vivid patterns, giving the illusion they were still growing.

"Why do I feel something's amiss?"

A Meng also saw the terrifying stone forest, and an inexplicable chill surged through his heart.

Although the newcomer with the least experience among the trio.

However, A Meng's permission to leave the Mountain and Sea Realm also indicated he was a powerful Ascender.

Especially in terms of crisis sensitivity, A Meng was far superior to any radar.

"Why haven't we seen any native inhabitants of the Pandora World? Are they ambushing us?"

With a slight furrow of the brow, Wuhua clearly realized the seriousness of the situation.

Arms dealers never act without profit, and Wuhua evidently inherited this attribute from them.

Compared to Chidan, driven more by indignation than profit, Wuhua's shrewdness and self-interest were fully on display at this moment.

"If those natives lured us here to seize arms, make sure not to show mercy during the forthcoming battle!"

Chidan slightly rolled his eyeball, not responding directly to Wuhua.

Instead, A Meng beside him displayed an eager stance, seemingly impatient for the impending battle.

"Roar!"

At this moment, a beast-like roar echoed from within the stone forest.

The next second, various grotesque stone beasts appeared in sight and madly charged toward the steel worm.

"Either the natives leaked our landing spot, or those guys have been wiped out by these monstrosities."

A harsh glint flashed in Wuhua's eyes; he had seen too many similar cases.

In worlds invaded by the Godslayer Civilization, the resistance of the natives was always so weak and powerless.

Compared to those natives doomed to a helpless fate, at least the natives of Pandora World had resisted, and continued to resist.

"Just a bunch of small fry!"

The various implants within him swiftly activated, and Chidan's voice remained calm and collected.

Though the stone beasts had lost their life signs, through the perception of ground vibrations, Chidan effortlessly knew their numbers.

Click, click, click...

Amid the sounds of gears meshing and bearings rotating,

hundreds of tiny slits suddenly cracked open on the surface of the steel worm, and dark, slender cannon barrels extended from those slits.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The shocking sound of a thousand cannons resounding, the thunderous collapse of the stone forest.

The stone beasts charging couldn't even get within a hundred meters of the steel worm before being covered by the long-range firepower.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

The Skeletons were not accustomed to using physical shells, and Chidan was no exception.

What emitted from those dark cannon mouths was actually some frequency of sonic boom shockwave close to inorganic matter.

This area attack, purely consuming energy without depleting material, was the result of Chidan's deliberate modification of his weapon system after understanding Pandora World's specific situation.

The facts proved that Chidan's targeted modifications indeed achieved great success.

All stone beasts affected by the sonic weapon basically cracked and collapsed to death, without exception.

Most crucially, the sonic weapon modified by Chidan was only effective against inorganic matter of a fixed frequency and wouldn't harm other organisms significantly.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Continuous cannon fire, incessant rumbling...

In a matter of a few breaths, the massive stone forest was flattened by Chidan's bombardment.

The stone beasts hidden within could only desperately flee, attempting to avoid the terrifying sonic blasts.

As expected, Chidan precisely blocked every escape route of the stone beasts through the built-in ground vibration perception system.

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"Is that the 'Arms Dealer'?"

"What weapons are they using? They're incredibly powerful!"

"Where did you get in contact with this arms dealer? They seem much stronger than an average Ascender!"

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On a hill not far from the steel worm, a group of indescribable beings woven from plant vines were discussing animatedly.

These indescribable beings were all of Ashoron's kin, survivors still resisting in the Pandora World.

As for other natives?

Either they followed the Gods, leaving this world, or willingly became part of the stone beasts.

The former was destined to wander the heavens, like rootless wood or sourceless water, fated with no future.

The latter were mere lingering traitors, doomed to die upon the Godslayers' return.

"No matter what, the weapons they hold are exactly what we need."

Ignoring the companions' chatter, the first to contact Wuhua, that indescribable being stepped out resolutely.

To the astonishment of his companions, that native headed unhesitatingly toward the battlefield.

"Wait! It's very dangerous now!"

"We still don't know if we can trust that arms dealer, don't go over!"

"At least let them clear out the stone beasts in the area first before going over!"

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Facing his companions' urging, the leading native merely smiled wryly.

"It's our fault and responsibility for not keeping the landing site's exact location secret and letting those stone beasts know of the arms dealer's existence."

"If we don't show some responsibility now, how are we any different from those traitors?"

It wasn't a harsh interrogation, but his words left all his companions silent.

"Ashoron parted ways with us because we were fearful, losing the courage to move forward."

Continuing to walk forward, the lead native spoke almost to himself,

"We are the world's darlings, the bold and fearless Pawa..."

"I'd rather gamble it all again than cling to life."