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Chapter 518 16: An Era of Great Strife

"You're not here to talk about these things, are you?"

When Bai Shasheng said this, the look of affection on Yan Xi's face quickly diminished.

"The Venerable wants you to develop equipment that can mass-produce those air guns..."

"It's best to use stronger materials to shoot more powerful projectiles."

As Yan Xi spoke, she somehow pulled out a pistol completely out of place with this era.

It was a pistol made entirely of wood, with the barrel, slide, and magazine all constructed of wood.

The difference was that the barrel and hammer sections were made of special ironwood, providing enough strength.

"Moreover, Luofu Island has developed higher-strength projectiles that can withstand ten times the speed of 'Thunder Roar'..."

"So if possible, the Venerable also hopes you can quickly research high-strength 'Compressed Fire Qi.'

Taking the pistol from Yan Xi's hands, Bai Shasheng removed the magazine and looked at the position of the air intake at the bottom.

By infusing 'Fire Qi' through this air intake, the pistol could utilize the burst of power from the 'Fire Qi' to shoot high-speed projectiles.

As the creator, Bai Shasheng knew better than anyone the terrifying destructive power of those projectiles.

"The Venerable wants to create weapons capable of dealing with Divine Ability Users!"

Though phrased as a question, Bai Shasheng used a tone of certainty when he said this.

Because once the weapon proved effective against cultivators, the firearm no longer needed strengthening.

Enhancing range and shooting accuracy was the focus for further development of this firearm.

However, the Venerable's request for more destructive power indicated an initial target beyond ordinary cultivators.

"Yes, the Venerable has found another traitor."

"That traitor has cultivated the 'Golden Body Secret Record' of the 'Sun Scripture,' possessing a true Vajra Indestructible Body."

"To complete the assault, we must prepare weapons capable of breaking its defenses."

Yan Xi had no intention of hiding things from Bai Shasheng, knowing she'd never succeed in doing so anyway.

Rather than let Bai Shasheng guess, she'd prefer having him contribute ideas.

After all, Bai Shasheng was recognized within Taiping Tao as a Wise Man beyond his 'Skilled Hands' nickname.

Had it not been for his mortal status limiting his potential, Yan Xi would have introduced him to the Venerable long ago.

However, keeping Bai Shasheng away from the Venerable was also for the best.

Because if anything were to happen, with Bai Shasheng's status and position, he might have a chance to escape misfortune.

"If it's to target a Divine Ability User with a Vajra Indestructible Body..."

After silently looking at Yan Xi for a long moment, until she appeared puzzled, Bai Shasheng finally spoke again.

"In that case, I'd advise against using the pistol structure from the blueprint."

"I don't know what considerations the designer of that blueprint had to make such a small yet dangerous weapon."

"But from my perspective, pursuing increased destructive power and range is the correct path for this weapon over stealth and convenience."

Without giving Yan Xi a chance to retort, Bai Shasheng pulled out two new blueprints from behind him.

Those two new blueprints, derived from Li Hao's Air Gun Design Blueprint, showcased higher-speed, more destructive novel weapons.

If anyone from the Earth race saw these blueprints, they would likely gasp in shock.

Because these new blueprints clearly depicted a high-speed, high-precision, long-range rifle and a large firepower, large volume, intimidating cannon.

"This... You're truly a genius!"

As Bai Shasheng's partner, Yan Xi was certainly no fool.

She quickly identified the advantages of these two new blueprints, and soon her attention focused on the blueprint of the cannon.

"How much can this be enlarged?"

Having keenly observed the size indicators on the blueprint, Yan Xi asked, slightly shocked.

"If it can be made using the Qingmu Sect's Divine Tree or Celestial Meteorite Iron..."

"Then this firearm can withstand being enlarged two or three times its size."

After a slight pause, Bai Shasheng continued to add.

"However, driving this firearm requires custom 'Compressed Fire Qi'..."

"Which exceeds my equipment-making limits, requiring a few real cultivators to help refine the 'Fire Qi.'

After a brief reflection, Yan Xi agreed without hesitation to Bai Shasheng's request.

"No problem, I'll immediately request from the Venerable several cultivators from the Dan Ding Sect to assist you."

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Meanwhile, at the Celestial One Sect on Luofu Island.

"We... are overthrowing the existing order of this world..."

The Heavenly Taoist trembled as he gripped the modified firearm in his hand, his eyes filled with shock.

Even though the modified firearm was now useless, with the gun barrel exploded into a trumpet shape.

The shattered iron fragments in the distance, like an exploded watermelon, were enough to demonstrate the modified firearm's power.

A projectile fired at ten times the speed of 'Thunder Roar,' or ten times the speed of sound...

Even a true Divine Ability User would likely have to think twice about taking such a projectile head-on.

Under normal circumstances, a cultivator would need three to five decades of mastery in Thunder Skill to have equivalent destructive power.

By contrast, this firearm required nothing but wood produced by magic.

Without considering its 'Disposable' attribute.

Even manually crafting it would take no more than three to five days.

Not to mention, the Heavenly Taoist knew there were others in this world also researching and improving these firearms.

Once material issues are resolved, the cases of breaking after a single use could be prevented.

By then, cultivators would truly have to exit the stage of this era.

"Venerable, this time we will surely win!"

With a flash of resolve in his eyes, the Heavenly Taoist put away the already destroyed firearm.

Exit the stage of this era?

Cultivators, or rather the Tao of Celestial and Human, should have exited this world's stage long ago.

Back during the era of the Sun Star Monarch's reign in the Celestial Human Realm, the Heavenly Taoist had helped develop a special technology route known as 'firearms.'

Sadly, the Sun Star Monarch didn't apply 'firearms' violently, focusing more on them as tools for civil progress, leading to his downfall.

Today, the Heavenly Taoist firmly believes that only by tightly grasping power in hand can the Sun Star Monarch's tragedy be avoided.

Moreover, the birth of firearms merely symbolizes the shift in 'Martial Power Authority.'

Once cultivators stop oppressing mortals by force...

They could still Call Wind and Rain, ensure public welfare, perform divination to guide the present fate.

The only difference would be their no longer paramount status, living a different kind of life.

After all, the Sun Star Monarch never intended to eliminate cultivators entirely.