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Chapter 556 - 26: Steel Fortress of the Hundred-Thousand Mountains

Ten Thousand Mountains, in a forest near a human village.

"Have the traces of those monsters extended to here?"

Silently and stealthily, a russet-colored fox emerged from a burrow and curiously surveyed the distant steel fortress.

As the cleverest among the new demons enlightened by the Demon King, Fire Fox had been closely monitoring human activities beyond the Ten Thousand Mountains.

However, precisely because of this close scrutiny, Fire Fox could not comprehend what had transpired.

Three months ago, a group of creatures more monstrous than itself appeared at the edge of human territory and began a "major infrastructure project" with some ordinary humans.

Clearly just commonplace items, but in the monsters' hands, they turned into all sorts of bizarre materials and tools...

And when those materials and tools came together, one after another, the steel fortresses and the broad roads connecting them emerged.

These steel fortresses were not just a figure of speech; they were genuinely super fortresses forged of steel.

Reinforced concrete rooted more than ten meters underground...

Various minerals smelted at thousands of degrees into alloy steel plates...

Most astonishingly, in just a few months, these steel fortresses nearly encircled half of the Ten Thousand Mountains.

Fire Fox had no military insight and knew nothing of tactical strategy.

It only knew that from the initially scattered few steel fortresses, to now where there was almost one every kilometer.

Those terrifying monsters were gradually penetrating the activity range of the Demon Race, like nails being driven into critical nodes of the demon's territory.

If these monsters' steel fortresses continued to extend inward.

It would not take long before these newly born demons would be eradicated in the cradle.

"Xiaoliu, report the situation here to the king immediately!"

"Xiao Jiu, go see what's happening in Commander Lu's territory!"

"Xiao shiwu, notify Tiger Commander at the rear that the monsters are already approaching its domain!"

After a brief moment of contemplation, the extremely crisis-aware Fire Fox turned around and loudly called out to its kin inside the burrow.

Along with a rustling noise, several foxes emerged from other exits of the burrow and quickly vanished into the forest.

"Where exactly did those monsters come from?"

Watching the backs of its kin, the perplexed Fire Fox again looked at the nearest steel fortress.

Even though it was enlightened into a demon by the Demon King, Fire Fox still retained memories of its time as a wild beast.

Having lived in the Ten Thousand Mountains for so long, Fire Fox believed it had encountered many humans.

But the construction technology those monsters were using couldn't possibly belong to humans.

As the forest turned into fortresses, as beasts' paths transformed into thoroughfares, Fire Fox's intuition told it that danger was near.

The current question was, where was this danger coming from?

"Is it those 'iron birds' in the sky?"

Looking up at the sky, Fire Fox couldn't see the drones released by the steel fortress.

However, Fire Fox knew clearly that just because it couldn't see them didn't mean those identical "iron birds" didn't exist.

These wingless "iron birds," flying higher than even eagles, were patrolling this forest.

The Eagle Commander at the front once tried to shoot down those "iron birds," only to be severely injured by the beams they shot, still healing from the injuries to this day.

Those terrifying beams had temperatures comparable to the sun, rendering even a genuine demon incapable of withstanding a direct hit.

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It didn't take long for the intelligence gathered by Fire Fox's reconnaissance to be compiled to the deepest part of the Ten Thousand Mountains.

The beast-headed, human-bodied Demon King sat on the throne, gazing disdainfully at the distant Central Plains, with no visible change in expression.

Unlike the architectural style of the Celestial Human Realm, nor the steel fortresses of the Mountain and Sea Realm...

At this moment, the forest where the Demon King resided had been directly twisted into a "palace" by a massive force.

Mountains and rivers formed a natural architectural ensemble...

Hundred-year-old trees transformed into the palace's columns...

The throne and furniture made of piled plants and flowers appeared so unconventional...

If observed closely, one could even find specialized beast nests within the palace.

This was He Ze, the Demon King, a legendary demon who ascended to become a Celestial Being tens of thousands of years ago.

"Your majesty, do we have to keep waiting?"

Surveying the silent demons around, the first to speak was a Wolf Lady with a wolf head and human body.

As the first Great Demon enlightened by the Demon King, this Wolf Lady not only possessed formidable strength but also commanded a valiant Wolf Guard.

If not for the Demon King consistently suppressing her bellicose desires.

It's likely she would have rallied her Wolf Guard to war the moment the steel fortresses were discovered.

"No more waiting, I have discerned their origin."

Slowly standing up, the Demon King's figure appeared so grand and imposing at this moment.

"They are an intelligent race from another world, an anomaly wielding a power known as 'technology'."

"In terms of conventional martial power, they possess an extremely formidable destructive capability and can attack you from beyond your sight."

"However, with the talisman armor produced by the beast nest, you need not worry about ordinary conventional weapons."

A slight pause in his tone, the Demon King seemed to recall something, then added.

"This kind of intelligent race wielding the power of 'technology' often neglects self-cultivation, so you might consider carrying out beheading operations against them."

"Moreover, although the number of these otherworldly visitors is not yet clear, it should generally not exceed one hundred."

"When necessary, even if it requires massive sacrifices, you must ensure their death."

With a stern and terrifying gaze, the Demon King understood that facing these reinforcements from another world, they must first strike pain upon them to prevent further reinforcements from coming.

"No problem! The Wolf Guard will definitely defend the king's dignity with our lives!"

Once again, it was the Wolf Lady who first raised her voice in response, followed by the other Great Demons eagerly pledging their loyalty.

Seeing this, the Demon King nodded in satisfaction, a cruel smile curling at his lips.

"Then, everyone, let the war begin!"

"Let those cowardly humans know that our Demon Race is the true master of this world!"