

## The Growth 558

Chapter 558 - 28: Steel Azure Dragon and Drones?

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Watching the aggressive charge on the battlefield, Xiang Yao couldn't help but blink.

It felt that the opponent must have misunderstood something; those drones were definitely not any "Exotic Individuals."

However, Xiang Yao had no intention of clarifying this misunderstanding to the enemy.

After all, without a production line, even with Xiang Yao's capabilities, manually crafting drones of this specification would require a vast amount of time and effort.

Therefore, in the short term, these drones could not yet be considered as disposable weapons that could be recklessly used.

"However, why do I feel something isn't quite right about this situation?"

It was, after all, the elite that had traversed countless battlefields.

Watching the Beast Tide Army launching a collective charge without a word, Xiang Yao's heart was filled with an inexplicable unease.

If it were just a group of pure wild beasts, a collective charge without any provocation would naturally not be an issue.

But they were clearly a regular army specially trained by the Demon King, making this unprobed charge appear a bit too odd.

Thinking of this, Xiang Yao suddenly tapped its Brain-Machine Implant, activating the squad's local network.

This local network was different from the [Cyber Network] and the [Mountain and Sea Network].

It was a temporary network set up by Xiang Yao to keep in touch with the squad members, covering only the areas between various Steel Fortresses.

"Communications request for the Twenty-First Fortress!"

"The Twenty-First Fortress is under attack by the Beast Tide, and the enemy's behavior is unusual!"

"Please other fortresses be on high alert, it's necessary to..."

Before Xiang Yao could finish speaking, he heard signals from commanders of other fortresses as well.

"The Thirteenth Fortress is under attack..."

"The Seventh Fortress is under attack..."

"The Fifteenth Fortress is also under attack..."

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Listening in astonishment, Xiang Yao discovered that the Demon Race forces had launched attacks on most of the Steel Fortresses simultaneously.

The Twenty-First Fortress, which Xiang Yao was defending, was merely one of their targets.

"Has that Demon King gone mad? How dare he?"

As Xiang Yao pondered what the Demon King was planning, a deafening roar suddenly came from the outside.

"By the command of the Great King! Mountain Shifting Giant Spirit, fall in line!"

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Under the indiscriminate fire defense net of the Steel Fortress, the blood of the slain Demon Race seeped into the deep ground.

In the next second, a giant Blood Spirit Array formed under the control of the Tree Demon, summoning the main powerful figure of this expedition.

Rumbling...

The earth cracked, and the mountains rose.

Under the stunned gaze of countless people, stone giants towering over a hundred meters high slowly emerged, formed, and launched a real offensive in the direction of the Steel Fortress.

These Mountain Shifting Giant Spirits were summoned with the blood of the Demon Race, so they could naturally recognize "demons."

Other species, apart from the demons, that dared to stand in front of these Mountain Shifting Giant Spirits would be destroyed by them.

And the first to bear the brunt, undoubtedly, was the nearby Steel Fortress.

"So... this is your trump card?"

At that moment, a thunderous roar came from the sky.

Soon after, a Steel Azure Dragon over a hundred meters long finally stopped hiding its tracks, appearing out of nowhere among the clouds.

This Canglong was the vanguard of Xiang Yao's team.

It had undergone special cyborg modification in the Mountain and Sea Realm, replacing all of its scales with stronger metal alloys to enhance its battlefield survivability.

Moreover, on the back of this Canglong, horrifyingly shaped Lightning Rods protruded, serving as artificial conductors, capable of harboring and absorbing billions of volts of electricity.

With the combination of these factors, this Steel Azure Dragon was a fierce Ascender even within the powerful Azure Dragon Race.

However, besides the steel-covered appearance,

the swarm of drones orbiting around the Steel Azure Dragon like satellites was another standout characteristic.

The drone that had been shot down by the Fox Race Great Demon earlier was just one of the dozens of drones orbiting the Steel Azure Dragon.

It could be said that, to ensure the priority of intelligence, Xiang Yao had allocated almost every available drone from his team to be used by the Steel Azure Dragon.

"That brat... acted impulsively again!"

There was no time to delve into it further; Xiang Yao immediately took over the master control system of the Steel Fortress.

"Everyone, prepare for battle!"

When Xiang Yao's order was transmitted through the communicator across the entire Steel Fortress, other members of the "Weihe Combat Team" responded one after another.

"No problem! I've been ready for a long time!"

"Haha, didn't I say that kid's scouting wasn't up to par!"

"He's clearly a vanguard, yet insists on acting like the main attacker. Next time, swap my position with his!"

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Amidst a series of successive banters, the entire Steel Fortress seemed to come alive.

Following the Steel Azure Dragon, the second member to step into the spotlight from the "Weihe Combat Team" was the actual main attacker of the team—Horned Rat.

Click! Click! Click!

With the sound of mechanical transformations, a piece of the Steel Fortress voluntarily "fell off."

As everyone looked closely, they saw a mecha no less in size than the Mountain Shifting Giants step into view.

Its overall structure was directly linked to a neural pathway, with Horned Rat's true form as the pilot hidden inside the Steel Fortress.

This kind of remote-controlled mecha combat style was the specialty of Horned Rat, the main attacker.

Since there was no concern over the pilot getting injured or dying, the mecha controlled by Horned Rat could often exhibit a Berserker-like combat effect.

Even if the mecha was damaged, Horned Rat would simply switch to a new mecha and continue fighting.

If necessary, Horned Rat could even risk burning out his neural paths to operate multiple mechas simultaneously.

"Those two guys still love to show off..."

Silently and discreetly, liquid metal blobs suddenly emerged behind the soldiers of the "Pingchuan Overlord."

Soon, those liquid metals morphed into semi-humanoid forms, then nodded and smiled at the soldiers with astonishment in their eyes.

This was the third member of Xiang Yao's team—Water Domain.

This is a special Race capable of assimilating with liquids, and this Water Domain chose to assimilate with liquid metal.

With the Immortal attributes, the ability to clone, plus its outstanding wisdom...

This Water Domain served as the logistics support role in Xiang Yao's team, specializing in cleaning up and assisting teammates.

Skeletons, Canglong, Horned Rat, Water Domain, Ya Yan, Fei Lian, Netherworld...

Following this Water Domain, the other members of Xiang Yao's team appeared one after another, emerging in every corner of the Steel Fortress, executing different assigned tasks based on their roles.

Each of them was an elite of their Race, elite warriors who had fought alongside Xiang Yao on countless battlefields.

Especially in this End of the Dharma environment, the squad formed by these warriors could even contend with some low-combat power True Gods.

The curtain of the entire grand battle was thoroughly raised at this moment.