

# The Lord 131

## Chapter 131: A Single Strike

“Brother, is there some enmity between you two? If you want to kill him, just do it. Isn’t this method a bit too roundabout?” Without even thinking about it, the big man knew that someone who had only cultivated for a few days going up against someone at Stage 0-3 would simply lead to death. He did not believe that Ge Nia would be able to live, so when he heard that Zhao Fu wanted him to find a Stage 0-3 opponent for Ge Nia, he thought that Zhao Fu wanted to use someone to kill Ge Nia!

Zhao Fu smiled and did not reply to the big man. Instead, he turned to look at Ge Nia and asked, “Do you feel confident enough?”

“Yes, young master!” Ge Nia said resolutely as he lowered his head and cupped his fists together.

Because it was not very convenient for his subordinates to address him as ‘Your Majesty’ when outside, Zhao Fu had ordered everyone to call him ‘Young Master’ when they were outside. This sort of address was quite common, so it would not raise any suspicions.

Hearing this, Zhao Fu turned to look at the big man and said, “Just look for opponents around Stage 0-3!”

Since Zhao Fu kept insisting, the big man could only give in and look at the list. The big man said, “There’s a match later against someone at the peak of Stage 0-3 called Evil Tyrant. Brother, are you sure about this? If you are, I’ll arrange it. Don’t blame me when he goes to fight though.”

The big man continuously tried to talk Zhao Fu out of it. After all, he had accepted Zhao Fu’s money, so he felt a duty to act in Zhao Fu’s best interests. Normally, he wouldn’t care, as the fighters’ deaths had nothing to do with him.

Zhao Fu nodded before heading with Ge Nia to the preparation area for fighters and started to wait.

Time gradually passed, and people started to fill up the Arena. By the time the battles started, the Arena was packed with people.

At this moment, a person walked onto the stage and said with a loud voice, “Good morning everyone, I’m Lone Wolf, the MC for this Arena. I’ll now introduce the first fighters for today. We have the notorious ‘Evil Tyrant,’ whose cultivation is at the peak of Stage 0-3; I’m sure everyone’s familiar with him. Last time, he used his massive hatchet to split a person with Stage 0-4 cultivation in half.”

As the MC spoke, a man with a ferocious-looking face walked out with a large hatchet in his hand. Seeing him walk out, countless spectators yelled out his name. It seemed that he was quite popular here.

Hearing these cheers, Evil Tyrant grinned. He enjoyed the feeling of thousands of people looking at him and cheering, and he waved back before walking to the MC’s side.

The MC then continued, "Next, I'll introduce Evil Tyrant's opponent. He's someone who has only cultivated for a few days, and he has not reached Stage 0-1 yet; his name is Sword Training!"

Following this, Ge Nia walked out while wearing his black cloak. However, as soon as he walked out, the cheers stopped, and many people started to complain. They were here to see brutal fights, not boring massacres.

"Why the hell is there someone who has only cultivated for a few days fighting here?"

"That's right! What's the point of this fight? Isn't this just suicide? Hurry up and finish it so we can move on to the next fight!"

The MC felt quite awkward. However, Ge Nia did not react at all, and he went next to the MC.

Following this, the MC started to announce the betting odds: if Evil Tyrant won, those who bet on him would earn a bit less than double, but if Ge Nia won, those who bet on him would earn 30 times what they bet. It was obvious that no one believed that Ge Nia would win.

The spectators all believed that Evil Tyrant would win, so after the MC finished making the introductions, everyone placed his or her bet on Evil Tyrant, as everyone thought that it would be easy money. Seeing this, Evil Tyrant felt quite pleased, and he looked towards Ge Nia and harrumphed. Ge Nia ignored this provocation, remaining cool and expressionless.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu couldn't help but lightly laugh. He took out 1,000 gold coins and bet it all on Ge Nia!

Zhao Fu felt completely confident in Ge Nia, and if it wasn't for the fact that bets were limited to 1,000 gold coins per match in order to prevent people from going bankrupt, Zhao Fu would have bet all of the money he had on Ge Nia.

Following this, after everyone made their bets, Evil Tyrant and Ge Nia entered the 100-meter wide cage from opposite sides.

The MC loudly announced, "Let the battle begin!"

At that moment, the countless spectators yelled, "Hurry up and kill him, Evil Tyrant! Finish it quickly so we can move on to the next battle! Give us an easy win and we'll keep betting on you!"

Hearing the shouts from outside, Evil Tyrant grinned in satisfaction. He was completely confident that he would defeat this person, who had only cultivated for a few days, and he called out, "Oi, if you kowtow three times, I might just spare your life."

Ge Nia did not reply to Evil Tyrant, and he continued to stand still. The only thing he did was take out his sword, and he did not even take off his cloak.

The cloak could hide his appearance and body, but it would restrict his movements, especially when fighting.

This caused Evil Tyrant and all of the spectators to loudly laugh. They all thought that this person was here to commit suicide.

The MC watched on and said to the big man in charge of registrations, “Bro, did you make some sort of mistake? Why did you put this person, who has only cultivated for a few days, against Evil Tyrant?”

The big man felt quite helpless as he replied, “I didn’t want to do this, but the man in charge insisted that he fight against someone around Stage 0-3!”

“Really?” The MC was quite surprised and looked at Ge Nia. Because of the cloak, he couldn’t tell much, so he didn’t place much hope in this person.

Facing Evil Tyrant’s arrogance, Ge Nia did not react at all. He held his sword with one hand and did not move, making him look like a piece of wood.

Seeing that Ge Nia did not react at all, Evil Tyrant felt quite displeased, and he coldly harrumphed and said, “Since you want to die, don’t blame me!”

Evil Tyrant raised his large hatchet and circulated his cultivation power as he rushed at Ge Nia. Evil Tyrant was quite strong, and he gave off the airs of a massive wild beast.

Soon, Evil Tyrant arrived in front of Ge Nia!

The spectators were all here to see bloody battles, and when they saw Evil Tyrant’s hatchet descend towards Ge Nia, they were all certain that Ge Nia was doomed, so they all cheered loudly.

Evil Tyrant was also certain that Ge Nia was about to die, and he laughed savagely as he swung downwards with his hatchet. At this moment, Ge Nia slowly raised his head, and his icy eyes caused Evil Tyrant’s body to pause.

At that moment, Ge Nia finally moved.

Shing!

Ge Nia’s sword hummed as an arc of sword light flashed momentarily. That sword strike was incomparably fast, and most people had not been able to see it clearly.

Chi!

Evil Tyrant’s body froze, a confused look on his face. Blood started to spurt out from his neck, forming a bloody mist, while Ge Nia, who was wearing a black cloak, gave off a terrifying aura.

The raucous Arena instantly became deathly silent.

## **Chapter 132: Sword Demon**

Bang!

A thud echoed as Evil Tyrant’s body half-kneeled before collapsing to the ground, and blood started to flow out from him. His expression before he had died was one of disbelief – he had died at the hands of someone who had cultivated for only a few days.

Everyone present also looked incredibly shocked. All they saw was Ge Nia raise his hand, and an arc of sword light flashed before everything had ended. It was just that simple, just that fast.

“Is this really possible for someone who has only cultivated for a few days?” The audience could not believe their eyes. The feeling that Ge Nia gave them was one of an extremely strong expert, not that of a newbie.

Some who were perceptive could tell that Ge Nia had indeed only cultivated for a few days, and after they saw the sword light he had unleashed, they could tell that his power came from his sword techniques. From a single glance, they could tell that he was on the level of a master, and he could even start his own sect.

Indeed, Ge Nia was this powerful because of his sword skills. Back then, Ge Nia was one of the most famous swordsmen under the heavens, and he pursued the way of the sword his entire life. That experience seemed to have passed on to this life.

“What powerful sword skills!” the MC said. Even the MC couldn’t help but gasp when he saw those sword skills.

The big man in charge of registrations stared at Ge Nia with wide eyes, and he was incredibly shocked. He had never expected Ge Nia to be so powerful, and he had thought that Ge Nia was doomed. Hearing the MC’s words, he couldn’t help but nod.

All of the spectators’ attitudes immediately changed upon seeing how powerful Ge Nia was. After a brief spell of silence, all of the spectators started to shout his name, “Sword Training! Sword Training! Sword Training...”

It was extremely lively within the Arena, and Zhao Fu stood with his hands behind his back as he looked at Ge Nia and smiled. He wasn’t shocked at all that Ge Nia could kill Evil Tyrant so easily – this was all within his expectations.

The MC walked to the stage and yelled, “As everyone can tell, the victor... is Sword Training!”

However, what came next left most people feeling quite bitter. Almost everyone had bet on Evil Tyrant, and since Ge Nia had won, most of them had lost quite a bit of money.

However, Zhao Fu had made quite a large sum. Because the odds were 30 times for Ge Nia, Zhao Fu’s 1,000 gold coins had turned onto 30,000 gold coins.

Since the battle had ended quite quickly and the spectators were still quite excited, the big man and the MC quickly talked between themselves. The big man ran to Zhao Fu’s side and asked, “Brother, do you want your subordinate to fight a few more rounds?”

Hearing this, Zhao Fu thought about it. That match could not even serve as a warmup for Ge Nia, so he nodded as he said, “Find five Stage 0-4 people and get them to fight him together!”

Hearing this, the big man was quite shocked, but he still agreed nonetheless. After all, he realized that he could not gauge Ge Nia’s true strength at all.

Following this, the second match started. Ge Nia’s opponents all looked quite different: some were tall; some were short; some were decent-looking; and some were quite ugly. However, they all had one thing in common, which was that they had extremely savage and evil looks in their eyes. None of them were good people.

Some of them had only just broken through to Stage 0-4, while others were at the peak of Stage 0-4 and were incredibly close to stepping into Stage 0-5. Originally, when the big man had asked them if they would like to fight Ge Nia, they had refused. However, after finding out that it would be the five of them fighting him together, they readily agreed.

With five of them, they felt quite confident. No matter how powerful Ge Nia's sword skills were, he was still a newbie who had only cultivated for a few days. They thought that Evil Tyrant had been too careless, and they were certain that they would not make the same mistake.

If it was before, the spectators would have cursed angrily if they saw five Stage 0-4 people fighting against someone who was not even at Stage 0-1. They would have said that the match was rigged or that the fighters were being shameless.

However, all of them stared at Ge Nia and wanted to see just how strong this mysterious, cloaked person was. All of them were filled with hope and expectation.

As the MC announced that the battle had begun, the five people turned into black blurs and charged at Ge Nia, immediately surrounding him.

Despite being surrounded, Ge Nia continued to stand his ground, holding his sword by his side and looking like a block of wood.

The five people looked at Ge Nia seriously, walking around him and looking for an opening, but they could not find anything.

The spectators also watched seriously, and they did not say anything because they knew how amazing this fight was going to be.

After a short while, one of the people finally acted. He raised his large saber and chopped at Ge Nia from behind.

At this moment, Ge Nia also moved. He spun and slashed out with his sword, creating an icy sword light. The person who had attacked Ge Nia felt a chill in his heart and his hairs stood on end, and before he was able to hit Ge Nia, his head flew high into the air.

Another person grasped this opportunity, and he tried to stab Ge Nia with his sword.

In response, Ge Nia turned his body, causing the sword to stab past him. He then swung his sword downwards, causing that person's body to be split from his left arm to his waist. Blood flew into the air as the two halves of that person's body separated and fell to the ground.

Immediately afterwards, a third person attacked, driving his spear towards Ge Nia. The spear shot out as fast as lightning towards Ge Nia's heart.

This was the person who was incredibly close to breaking through to Stage 0-5, and his gaze was incredibly vicious. He had attacked the instant that Ge Nia had started to retaliate against the second person, and he had attacked incredibly quickly. Seeing this, the spectators couldn't help but gasp.

However, just as the spear was going to drive into Ge Nia, he flipped backwards. Not only did he dodge the attack, but he also slashed out with his sword in mid-air.

Chi!

A sword light flashed, and a bloody line appeared across that person's face as he fell to the ground.

Another one of the fighters also rushed up, but in the next second, Ge Nia landed and did not even bother looking at him before thrusting his sword into the person's neck. That person held his neck with his hands and struggled on the ground in pain for a little while before dying. Finally, Ge Nia coldly looked at the last person.

This person was a relatively skinny youth who had only just broken through to Stage 0-4. He had joined for an easy victory, and he hadn't expected Ge Nia to be so powerful.

Feeling Ge Nia's icy gaze fall on him, a wave of terror spread through his body, and he started to tremble. He threw down his weapon, knelt on the ground, and begged for his life, screaming 'surrender.' Seeing this, Ge Nia did not make a move against him.

In the blink of an eye, yet another battle had concluded. The Arena once again fell completely silent, and the spectators stared wide-eyed at the cloaked, mysterious person, who was holding a sword dripping with blood and giving off a cold and murderous aura.

The spectators now no longer called him Sword Training but Sword Demon!

### **Chapter 133: Battle City Legend**

Ge Nia participated in a few more battles, and he came out as the victor each time. Now, all of his opponents were Stage 0-5 or above. Anyone below that cultivation level would, without a doubt, die, and after these battles, Ge Nia's status token upgraded to an iron token.

At the same time, more and more people learned about Ge Nia's powerful sword skills, and the name 'Sword Demon' started to spread. Many people heard that an expert skilled in the way of the sword had come to Battle City, and this was only the first day of Ge Nia's Battle City legend. In the future, his name would become more and more famous, making him respected and worshiped by all.

After watching a few battles, Zhao Fu left Ge Nia at the Arena and told him to keep refining his sword skills. Zhao Fu then went alone to one of the lots he had purchased and prepared to set up his restaurant. The building was currently being renovated and decorated, and it would soon be open for business.

Just like before, Zhao Fu hired some players as waitresses, and as for the chefs, Zhao Fu had already nurtured a group of chefs.

In order to prevent his chefs from being lured away, Zhao Fu started to nurture his own chefs. Of course, these chefs were all Great Qin's subjects, so they were much more loyal to Zhao Fu. They would not be as easily lured away by money as player chefs would.

Zhao Fu could accept it if his chefs left to join other restaurants – if it came to that, he would just find new chefs. Rather, what Zhao Fu was worried about the most was his chefs being bribed to sabotage their dishes.

If such a thing happened, the restaurant would be doomed. What's more, this sort of thing now happened quite regularly, so to protect himself, Zhao Fu started to nurture his own chefs.

As for this restaurant, Zhao Fu naturally did not name it Westfall Restaurant. After all, it would be too suspicious for there to be Westfall Restaurants in the Forest of Horrors and in Little Valley as well.

The restaurant already had three managers, who were from the Business Department. All of the managers had business experience, so they would be able to take care of matters here quite well.

Because the advertised salary was quite good, there were already many female players in line to apply as waitresses, and it took Zhao Fu some effort to get past them.

Seeing Zhao Fu walk in, the three managers quickly stood up and bowed, saying, "Young master!"

Zhao Fu nodded and replied, "Don't mind me, I'm just here to take a look!"

The three managers continued to do interviews, and when the girls realized that Zhao Fu was the boss, they looked over at him curiously.

Zhao Fu only watched for a short while, and just as he was about to leave, he suddenly saw someone who he knew among the interviewees. She had a delicate, pretty appearance, and she was quite slim. She was also roughly the same age as Zhao Fu.

She was called Sun Qin and one of Zhao Fu's former classmates at university. Zhao Fu never thought that he would meet a former classmate because everyone was sent to random places within the Heaven Awaken World. Even if two people were right next to each other in the real world, they would be split up in the Heaven Awaken World.

Zhao Fu thought about it – as he opened up more paths into other regions, he would meet more and more people he knew. Zhao Fu didn't really have an opinion on this, and he was only normal classmates with Sun Qin. They had only spoken a few times, but he had a decent impression of her.

Sun Qin felt Zhao Fu's gaze and looked at the mysterious, cloaked figure, feeling a sense of familiarity. However, considering her low status, how could she have met such a grand figure before?

From what she knew, this was the first player-owned restaurant in Battle City, and just the land alone would have cost 80 or so gold. 80 gold in the real world would be \$8 million. Even though currency in the real world was now greatly devalued, \$8 million was still a massive figure.

Sun Qin took Zhao Fu to be the young master of a large family, so when facing Zhao Fu's gaze, she did not dare to say anything or hold his gaze. After all, such a large figure could kill anyone he wanted quite easily.

Zhao Fu withdrew his gaze. He remembered that Sun Qin was someone from the countryside, and she had 4 younger brothers and sisters. Her family was most likely in financial trouble for her to be working in the Heaven Awaken World.

Zhao Fu went over to one of the managers and told him to accept Sun Qin. The manager respectfully nodded and looked over at Sun Qin, making her feel quite strange. After saying this, Zhao Fu left – when it came to things like this, Zhao Fu would help if he was able to.

After Zhao Fu left, the manager came over to Sun Qin and smiled as he said, “Congratulations, you’ve been accepted!”

“What?” Sun Qin was shocked – she had not even been interviewed yet, so how had she been accepted? When the manager approached her, she thought that she hadn’t been accepted, as there were almost 300 women here. With this sort of competition, Sun Qin did not have much confidence.

However, what she did not expect was that she would be accepted. She felt that this had to do with the mysterious boss looking at her, and she wondered if she really knew that person.

“Miss Sun, you can start work tomorrow,” the manager said to Sun Qin in a friendly tone.

Sun Qin came back to her senses and quickly nodded. Even though she didn’t know why she had been accepted, working here would earn her a large sum of money. This would go towards her tuition and help out her family, so she naturally felt quite happy.

“Thank you! I’ll be going now!”

Sun Qin thanked the manager and left. After going out of the Heaven Awaken World, she told the good news to her family.

Zhao Fu went to another building that was being renovated, which belonged to the Merchant Alliance that Zhao Fu had created. The Merchant Alliance was called Drizzle Merchant Alliance, and it would manage all sorts of businesses. It was directly managed by Great Qin’s Business Department.

This Merchant Alliance would own many different businesses, and it would generate massive profits. As such, it would be quite attention-catching. Zhao Fu planned to create four Merchant Alliances that would open up at different places and different times so that people wouldn’t suspect that they all belonged to the same person.

At the same time, Zhao Fu wanted to create a few factions that mostly consisted of players. There would be many uses for them, and Zhao Fu would control them from the shadows, never revealing himself. However, Zhao Fu still hadn’t met anyone who could help him with this plan, so he could only put this plan on hold for now.

After looking around Battle City, Zhao Fu went to the three other main cities and repeated the same things. Afterwards, he returned to the Great Qin Town feeling satisfied, and he prepared to open up a path to another region.

## **Chapter 134: Divine Soldier Soul**

With his experience from the first time, Zhao Fu didn’t take that many people this time. In total, he took five Scholars, who now specialised in building teleportation channels, and three normal soldiers.

This path was to Hundred Bamboo, and the method used was essentially the same as before: teleporting 20 or so times and finding a cave before using a City Creation Stone and connecting to Hundred Bamboo’s four main cities.



Hundred Bamboo was, of course, named after its bamboo trees. There were lush, jade-green bamboo forests everywhere, making it seem as if there was a massive green ocean. It was both beautiful and majestic.

There were also many different types of bamboo, and some even grew tens of meters tall and were as wide as buckets. Here, bamboo had replaced normal wood materials, and most structures were built from bamboo, giving the place an elegant feeling.

Zhao Fu went to the four main cities and started to look for land to buy. After doing this, Zhao Fu had some time to walk around the main cities, and he saw what specialty products there were.

After walking for a while, Zhao Fu indeed found something. The bamboo rats here were incredibly big and tasted abnormally delicious, and many dishes used bamboo rats. Because there were countless bamboo trees here, there was also an abundance of bamboo rats. There was never a lack of bamboo rats, and they were quite cheap. A 2 or 3-kilogram bamboo rat cost only 30 copper coins.

Zhao Fu decided to buy some and take them back to make some dishes with. As time passed and factions grew, more and more people would rise to the rank of Baron, and they would be able to purchase properties in main cities. If they also started restaurants, Zhao Fu's restaurants would be greatly affected.

If he could make special dishes that no one else could make, he would have an advantage over the others. This was how restaurants competed against each other.

After this, Zhao Fu returned to the Great Qin Town and found that Li Wen was waiting for him with a strange look of joy on his face.

There were now two teams exploring the underground passages, and because they had so little information, it was quite dangerous. As such, Zhao Fu had ordered Li Wen and the teams to be especially careful. Even though this meant that they had to slow down, Zhao Fu's priority was their safety and lives.

Li Wen was normally in the underground passages, so Zhao Fu would rarely see him. When Zhao Fu saw that Li Wen was waiting for him, he curiously asked, "What is it, Li Wen?"

Hearing Zhao Fu's words, Li Wen first paid his respects to Zhao Fu before smiling and taking out 10 orbs from his spatial ring. These orbs all gave off a faint white light, and they had a soldier's image within them. Indeed, they were all Soldier Souls!

Seeing so many Soldier Souls, Zhao Fu was quite happy because with the Soldier Souls that he already had, he now had 103 Soldier Souls. This meant that he could now form a General Armament!

Zhao Fu had wanted a General Armament for a long time, so now that he could finally form one, he was especially happy.

"Owner! I want it!" the Sky Demon's voice said in his mind. Such a large number of soul-type items would be great nourishment for it.

However, Zhao Fu immediately refused because Soldier Souls were quite rare. Zhao Fu wanted to obtain 24 General Armaments as soon as possible to form a King Armament.

Zhao Fu's King's Ring had been formed using the ancient King Armament Shard, which contained only a fragment of a King Armament's power. How powerful would a true King Armament be?

The Sky Demon immediately became quite unhappy, and it retreated within the sword to sulk.

Following this, Zhao Fu took out Soldier Souls and started to fuse them together. He started off by fusing two Soldier Souls together; however, the resulting Soldier Soul wasn't much different. The image became clearer and the energy it gave off became stronger, but that was it.

Following this, Zhao Fu continued to fuse the Soldier Souls – a third, a fourth, a fifth... as Zhao Fu fused more and more Soldier Souls together, the image of the soldier within the orb seemed to become corporeal, and it gave off a mighty power. This was after Zhao Fu had added a tenth Soldier Soul.

Zhao Fu looked at the orb's stats and found that there were changes.

[Divine Soldier Soul]: An item combined by fusing many Soldier Souls. It can enhance equipment or can be used as a summoning item. It can also be fused with a formation or structure to become a guardian spirit.

Divine Soldier Souls were much more useful than Soldier Souls. It had a summoning ability, and Zhao Fu guessed that it was similar to a Soul Crystal in that regard, such as the Soul Crystal Zhao Fu had used to summon the Ironback Demon Bear.

However, the Divine Soldier Soul did not seem to have summoning restrictions, so it could most likely be reused.

After looking at the Divine Soldier Soul's stats, Zhao Fu tried to continue fusing Soldier Souls into it, but he received a system announcement that he could not do so!

"What's going on? Didn't it say that fusing 100 Soldier Souls could form a General Armament? How come it won't let me fuse anymore?"

Zhao Fu stared at the Divine Soldier Soul before coming to a sudden realization. Rather than fusing 100 Soldier Souls together, he needed to fuse them into 10 Divine Soldier Souls and then fuse the Divine Soldier Souls together. Finally, someone with a General profession would have to do the actual fusing.

Realizing this, Zhao Fu asked someone to bring Bai Qi over. Many people heard that a General Armament was going to be formed, so they came over to watch, curiosity written all over their faces. Their first encounter with a Soldier Soul was after they took down a Skeleton Captain, which had seemed quite powerful back then. They could all tell that it was something extraordinary, and all of them had been eagerly awaiting the day that the Soldier Souls could be fused into a General Armament.

"Your Majesty!" Bai Qi hurried over and cupped his fists respectfully.

Zhao Fu looked over and smiled. He handed the 10 Divine Soldier Souls to Bai Qi, allowing him to do the final fusing.

Bai Qi knew why Zhao Fu had called him over, so he was not too surprised. He was also curious about General Armaments, and he eagerly started to fuse them.

The 10 Divine Soldier Souls gave off a brilliant light and floated in the air, forming a circle of orbs around Bai Qi.

The light coming from them became brighter and brighter until they became 10 massive orbs of light in the air.

BOOM!

An explosion sounded out as the 10 massive orbs of light exploded out with energy, seeming to cause the heavens to quake. In that instant, the clouds swirled, and a massive storm gathered with Bai Qi at the center.

At this moment, the 10 corporeal images of the soldiers within the orbs of light melted like ice and became traces of violet air as the 10 orbs of light started to spin.

BOOM!

Another shocking explosion sounded out as a massive violet star, which gave off a noble light and a boundless aura, appeared above the Great Qin Town.

In that instant, countless espers and ability-users seemed to detect something, including He Xianru. They looked towards the violet star that had appeared in broad daylight, and they couldn't help but say to themselves, "A General Star has returned!"

### **Chapter 135: Seven Murders Star**

"How could someone have his or her General Star return so quickly?" Countless espers and ability-users looked up at the violet star and felt completely shocked.

The return of a General Star symbolized an aligning of Fate, and it meant that one would become a great General. Such Generals were extremely powerful and versed in both civil and military matters. They could help govern the nation and lead an army, supporting their liege in various ways. They also gathered a lot of Fate.

Since ancient times, Fengshui masters had said that those who had a General Star would have an extraordinary future, and they would become a person with great power and authority.

Examples were Han Xin, Zhuge Liang, Qin Qiong, and so on... these people were all pillars of China's history, and all of them had made great contributions to their respective lords.

When the Heaven Awaken World was opened, many historical heroes were brought back, but their General Stars had been sealed. When their General Stars were unsealed, espers and ability-users called this the 'return' of their General Stars.

Of course, a violet star appearing in the sky also symbolized a General Star 'entering' one's life. A General Star 'entering' someone's life and 'returning' were different: when a violet star appeared upon one's birth, it meant that the General Star was 'entering' his or her life and that one was destined to be a great General. The General Star 'returning' meant that one's General Star had been unsealed.

Currently, no one in the Heaven Awaken World had been discovered to have a General Star 'entering' his or her life. However, this did not mean that it was impossible: usually, General Stars only entered one's life during massive rises and falls of Fate.

During extremely chaotic times, there were many people who had General Stars entering their lives, and they became great Generals. Similarly, this often happened when the country was unstable and there were outer forces attacking it.

They appeared during the rise and fall of nations, and the Heaven Awaken World was currently in an extremely chaotic state. Therefore, many people with General Stars entering their lives may appear.

Right now, the espers and ability-users believed that the violet star was a General Star returning instead of entering one's life, as the changes still had not stopped and the star gave off an ancient feeling.

Back at the Great Qin Town, at the center of the massive storm and under the violet star, Bai Qi slowly drew the Star Slashing Sword at his waist and pointed it up towards the sky!

"Ahhh!!!" Bai Qi roared as a massive aura exploded out from his body, and a blood-red aura rushed out from him.

By now, the storm had become many times stronger, causing sand and small rocks to fly everywhere. Those who had been watching did their best to resist the wind, but they were still blown far away. Zhao Fu unleashed a black screen with dragon inscriptions in front of him and was able to resist the wind.

BOOM!

A massive explosion sounded out as a few arcs of blood-red lightning flashed around Bai Qi. Following this, a massive blood-red pillar of light rushed up from Bai Qi towards the violet star.

As the blood-red pillar shot towards the violet star, the violet star, which shined with a noble light, was dyed with a blood-red color and gave off a cold and murderous aura.

The instant that the countless espers and ability-users saw this, their pupils contracted and cried out, "Seven Murders!"

Out of the 13 General Stars, the Seven Murders Star was the most wrathful, and it was also the one most oriented towards killing. Moreover, when the Seven Murders Star shined with the Voracious Wolf Star and the Army Destroyer Star, the formation was called the 'Murder Destroyer Wolf.' Once these stars were gathered, great changes would happen underneath the heavens.

The Seven Murders Star gave off a blood-red light as it hung in the blue sky, creating a strange scene.

At this moment, the blood-red pillar of light around Bai Qi started to weaken before it disappeared, and an explosion followed this.

BOOM!!!

A blood-red pillar of starlight descended from the Seven Murders Star and fell on Bai Qi's body, causing the surrounding air to explode. This massive impact caused the ground to crack, and even Zhao Fu took a step back. Luckily, the storm had stopped by then.

Under the blood-red pillar of starlight, Bai Qi continued to point his sword towards the sky, and the starlight started to cause changes to his body. His eyes shot out a cold, blood-red light, and his long black hair blew in the wind. The killing intent he exuded seemed to reach the heavens, and he was incredibly terrifying.

At this moment, the 10 orbs of light slowly floated towards Bai Qi and entered the sword he was holding.

After the orbs of light entered it, the silver Star Slashing Sword turned into a noble violet color; following which, it became a blood-red color. The color was just like that of the Seven Murder Star, and it radiated a cold killing intent.

The words 'Seven Murders' were carved by themselves on the blade. After that, the transformation was complete.

The pillar of blood-red starlight slowly disappeared, as the blood-red Seven Murders Star also faded.

After all of these abnormal signs disappeared, the ground was left in a completely disordered state. Bai Qi stood in the center, and because his killing intent was almost corporeal, no one dared to approach.

Right now, Bai Qi seemed to have become the Bai Qi that was recorded in the annals of history: 'Killing a single person makes one a murderer; killing ten thousand makes one a hero! Killing 9 million makes one a hero among heroes!'

During ancient times, Bai Qi had a Seven Murders Fate. He fought on the battlefield for 37 years, took down more than 70 cities, and killed millions of enemies. However, in the end, Bai Qi was eventually seen as a threat, and he was ordered to commit suicide.

Zhao Fu couldn't help but internally sigh when he thought about that. That had been the First Emperor of Qin's fault, not Bai Qi's. Zhao Fu definitely wouldn't do such a thing in the future.

As the blood-red star slowly faded, the countless espers and ability-users looked away, resisting the urge to perform a divination. The backlash from doing such a thing would only be slightly lower than divining someone with an Emperor's Fate, and if this General belonged to the person with the Emperor's Fate, the backlash would be three times greater. After all, since this was the return of a General Star, the person most likely already had a liege.

"Who was that person? Who is his lord? He was the first person to unseal the Seven Murders Star, and his name will definitely resound across the world in the future."

Suddenly, the espers and ability-users realized that the Seven Murders Star had appeared in the north!

Upon realizing this, the espers wondered to themselves, "Surely this Seven Murders Star doesn't belong to Great Qin?"

Because the northern region of Midland Continent was quite big, that Seven Murders Star may not belong to Great Qin. However, there was at least a 50% chance that it did.

## **Chapter 136: Six Effects**

Upon realizing that Great Qin had gathered most of China's Fate and had obtained the Seven Murders Star, many of the famed espers and ability-users determined that Great Qin would become an incredibly powerful faction in the future. As such, some of them even started to have thoughts of joining Great Qin.

As for the ones who already had lords, they reported this matter with serious expressions on their faces to their Legatees, causing that ear-piercing name, Great Qin, to once again sound in their ears.

The matter about Great Qin gathering the Fate of China had already caused a lot of anger and dissatisfaction, and now, the last thing the other Legatees wanted to hear about was Great Qin. However, it wasn't likely that the Seven Murders Star belonged to Great Qin, so the waves caused by this information were not as great. However, it still resulted in some worry.

He Xianru stood on the balcony of a building and looked towards the Great Qin Town. She couldn't help but beautifully smile and say, "Your Majesty, you didn't disappoint me at all!"

"Beautiful teacher, what are you doing out here? There are things that require your attention in the kitchen!" Hue Qing asked curiously when he saw He Xianru standing outside.

He Xianru turned around and looked at Huo Qing before shaking her head and saying, "I'll leave whatever needs to be done in the kitchen to you; I need to go out of the Heaven Awaken World for a short while!"

"Okay!" Huo Qing replied as he watched He Xianru's body slowly fade. He looked towards the kitchen, and now that he was in charge, he laughed happily. He wanted to see how his skills had improved.

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Zhang Heng was currently riding his donkey towards Battle City, and while looking at the disappearing Seven Murders Star in the sky, his expression became serious and solemn as he said, "Great Qin is destined to become one of the most powerful nations in the future!"

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Within Demon Tree City, an elderly person and a young person, both from the Mohists, watched the Seven Murders Star disappear. The man called 'Uncle Lin' sighed as he said, "What powerful killing intent. In the future, that man is bound to draw a lot of blood."

"Mm!" the youth beside him agreed as he said, "He gives me a very uncomfortable feeling!"

Uncle Lin nodded and replied, "Mohism believes in universal love, the condemnation of offensive war, economy of expenditures, the will of heaven, and ghosts. It is only natural for such killing intent from a General Star to make your Heavencraft Ink-Eyes feel uncomfortable."

The youth nodded and did not say anything, and he continued to play with the wooden puppet in his hands.

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After everything ended, Bai Qi looked at the disorderly scene around him and apologetically cupped his hands towards Zhao Fu as he said, "I apologize, Your Majesty."

Zhao Fu lightly laughed – how could he blame him? He shook his head to show that he did not mind, and even Zhao Fu hadn't expected a General Star to appear when fusing a General Armament. Zhao Fu was confused about all of this.

As such, Zhao Fu curiously asked, "Bai Qi, how does it feel to have your General Star unlocked?"

Bai Qi thought for a moment before replying, "Your Majesty, my stats haven't changed, but I feel much stronger than before."

After listening to his vague answer, Zhao Fu realized that unlocking the General Star must have changed Bai Qi's Fate, which could not be seen through physical means, so he didn't ask him any more questions about it.

Zhao Fu turned to look at the blood-red sword in Bai Qi's hand. Zhao Fu was quite interested in it, as it had fused with a General Armament and seemed to possess a connection with a General Star. As such, its effects should be quite extraordinary, so Zhao Fu took it and had a look.

[Seven Murders Sword]: Grade: Epic, Stats: Strength +25, Intelligence +15, Constitution +15, Agility +15, Description: A Half-Legendary grade weapon that has become rusty over time. However, after fusing with a General Armament and the power of the Seven Murders General Star, it has become a General Armament, and it has six powerful special effects.

Special Effect 1: [General's Power]: All soldiers led will receive all stats +5. This effect can be stacked up to four times, but the effect will be decreased with each additional stack.

After looking at just the first effect, Zhao Fu was quite happy because all stats +5 was equivalent to 20 points of stats. This was on the same level as a low-grade Gold grade piece of equipment. When Bai Qi led soldiers, it would be as if all of them had a free piece of Gold grade equipment – anyone would be overjoyed at this.

The most shocking thing was that the effect could stack up to four times, but the effect would decrease with every stack. For example, if Zhao Fu had multiple Generals with General Armaments, the first would give all stats +5; the second would give all stats +4; the third would give all stats +3; and finally, the fourth would give all stats +2.

If he had four General Armaments, that would be a bonus of 56 points of stats for every soldier, which was simply monstrous. It would almost be as if every soldier had a Legendary grade piece of equipment. However, right now, it was impossible to obtain so many General Armaments.

Special Effect 2: [General's Courage]: Greatly raises morale and increases soldiers' mental fortitude. Increases resistance towards illusions and formations by 200%. This effect can be stacked up to six times.

This effect was also quite good. In future battles, they would definitely face people who were proficient in illusions and formations, which would make this effect quite useful. After all, it could reduce the effectiveness of illusions by 200%, and it could stack six times. This meant that illusions could be 12 times less effective.

Special Effect 3: [General's Light]: Increases soldiers' recovery rates and has a slight healing effect. This effect can be stacked up to 12 times.

Special Effect 4: [General's Soldiers]: Increases the limit for one's Unique Military Profession, and all soldiers with the Unique Military Profession will have an additional 50% bonus to Special Effects 1, 2, and 3. This effect cannot be stacked, and the bonus only applies to the base Special Effect.

This meant that Special Effect 1, Special Effect 2, and Special Effect 3 would be 50% more effective to those who had Bai Qi's Unique Military Profession. However, if, for example, there were two General Armaments, causing Special Effect 1 to have an additional stack, the 50% bonus would only apply to the base all stats +5 and not the additional stack from the second General Armament.

Special Effect 5: [Soldier Aura Formation]: Each soldier gives off his or her own soldier aura, and the soldier auras can fuse to form a powerful weapon or beast.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu realized how powerful the fifth Special Effect was. It could gather every soldier's aura and fuse them all together. For example, if a thousand soldiers' auras were fused into a tiger, it would have the might of a thousand soldiers and be an utter killing machine on the battlefield.

Next was Special Effect 6!

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Special Effect 6: [Slaughter]: Causes soldiers to go into a crazed slaughtering status, and all soldiers in this status become 5-8 times stronger and obtain Seven Murders' Power. Because the Seven Murders' Power belongs to the Seven Murders General Star, the soldiers also receive Magic Damage -30%, Mental Damage -80%, and become immune to illusions and mysterious arts. However, once the effects disappear, the affected soldiers will lose their minds.

This was the Seven Murder Sword's sixth Special Effect, and it was created by the Seven Murders Star. This Special Effect was incredibly powerful, as it increased the affected soldiers' strength by 5-8 times, gave them the Seven Murders' Power, and gave them immunity to many things. In this state, the soldiers would become incredibly devastating human killing-machines.

However, the downside to this effect was clearly quite severe. The soldiers would lose their minds afterwards. This meant that the soldiers would not be able to be controlled so easily, and apart from someone with the Seven Murders Sword and the Seven Murders General Star Fate, it would be difficult for anyone to suppress soldiers who were so filled with bloodlust.

The sixth Special Effect could only be used in dire circumstances.

After looking at the Seven Murders Sword's stats, Zhao Fu returned it to Bai Qi. Now that Bai Qi had the Seven Murders Sword, Zhao Fu anticipated fusing a King Armament after obtaining 24 General Armaments even more.

Now, the Great Qin Town had two pieces of Epic grade equipment: the Seven Murders Sword and the Sky Demon Sword. This was quite the achievement, as apart from Zhao Fu, no player faction had obtained an Epic grade piece of equipment yet.

After this, everything returned to normal. Bai Qi was in charge of the exploration teams; Wang Jian was in charge of defending the Great Qin Town; Li Si was in charge of managing internal affairs; and Ba Qing



was in charge of managing the businesses. Now, every task had someone specialized in taking care of those matters, and Zhao Fu could somewhat relax.

Apart from going to the various main cities to buy land, he could leave almost everything else to others. He had already opened up two paths, and since it took three days to spawn a new Void Beast, Zhao Fu had nothing to do for now.

As such, Zhao Fu wandered around the Great Qin Town for a while before arriving at Rising Qin Academy.

Zhao Fu was surprised to see Asani wearing a scholar's robe. Her appearance was no longer as mystical and fantasy-like, and she instead had an elegance and dignity to it, looking much more like a teacher.

Even though conditions in Rising Qin Academy were quite tough, the students were all very diligent. Usually, the rarer something was, the more people would treasure it, and only with great pressure was there great motivation.

In turbulent and troubled times, people would often study to help their nation rise again, but in a time of great material prosperity, studying was just a way for one to have a comfortable future.

After looking around, Zhao Fu found that there was not much to do, so he returned to his room and sat cross-legged on the bed. He swallowed a few Little Spirit Pills and spent the rest of his time on increasing his cultivation.

Time gradually passed, and soon, it was the next day. Zhao Fu breathed out and slowly opened his eyes – now, his cultivation had reached Stage 0-9, and he was a Step away from breaking through to Stage 1. Zhao Fu was not quite sure what would happen when a player reached Stage 1.

When Zhao Fu realized that he hadn't left the Heaven Awaken World in a while, he decided to return to the real world.

Just as his consciousness returned to his body, the familiar sense of hunger assaulted his body. This was the downside to staying in the Heaven Awaken World for a long time. If one didn't leave the Heaven Awaken World, one would really starve to death.

Zhao Fu asked the security guard outside to bring him some food, and he heard that Wu Qingniang had come to find him. Zhao Fu was confused as to why she would come looking for him, but the security guard said that she left after she saw that he was in the Heaven Awaken World. Zhao Fu guessed that the matter she was going to talk to him about wasn't very important, so he didn't pay it much mind.

Zhao Fu ate his food while looking through the Heaven Awaken World forum, and he saw that things had really gotten out of hand. His hands trembled, and he almost dropped his bowl and chopsticks. Only now did Zhao Fu realize how much of a commotion he had caused.

The very top thread on the Heaven Awaken World forum, which had countless replies on it, was about Great Qin.

"What's going on?" Zhao Fu didn't know that Great Qin had received so much attention – Zhao Fu always kept a low profile, unlike the other Legatees who did things in a high-profile way. No matter what they did, they were watched by countless people and would often be mentioned in the top threads.

The benefit of acting in a high-profile manner was that it greatly affected the public. It was like creating an ad for oneself, and the more famous one became, the more support one would receive. Even though villagers could be spawned in the Heaven Awaken World, ordinary people from the real world made up a large portion of the total population.

These Legatees could act in a high-profile way because they had large families supporting them, and after modern China's power had been exposed, it also started to act high-profile. Threads about modern China often appeared on the front page of the Heaven Awaken World forum, and they often talked about modern China displaying the soul of the Chinese army and where the Chinese army was attacking.

Zhao Fu was too weak in the real world, so he had to act low-profile. In order to avoid being discovered by others, he always tried to remain mysterious so that people would not pay much attention to him. However, threads about him continuously made it to the front page, and more and more people were starting to pay attention to him.

Zhao Fu guessed that it was because he had gathered China's Fate. Even though he was somewhat prepared, when he clicked on the thread, he was still shocked.

Many Prime Ministers and Kings wanted to meet him? Just what was going on?

What's more, it wasn't just foreign leaders, but even China's highest authority had praised him as a young talent and expressed that he wanted to discuss national matters of importance with him!

Great Xia, Great Shang, Great Zhou, and Great Han's Legatees all said things to the effect of: "Great Qin, don't get too arrogant. We won't be any weaker than you."

"A worldwide poll has ranked Great Qin's Legatee as the biggest mystery out of the 10 top mysteries."

"One of the most famous actresses, Su Yuyan, has expressed that she likes the kind of domineering man who wishes to conquer the world. She also said that she pretends that he is her boyfriend, breaking countless fans' hearts!"

"Recently, countless foreign media outlets have fought over information about Great Qin, which has become one of the big questions on everyone's mind. Great Qin has greatly boosted China's power, and it will spur the spread of Chinese culture to the rest of the world! Countless hot-blooded youths have been shouting Great Qin's praises!"

"Thailand's super internet celebrity, who is acclaimed as the number one drag queen, has bravely expressed his love to Great Qin's Legatee, and he wants to give his body to him. He wants to meet at a certain place and time and has started a 24-hour broadcast so that everyone can watch the blissful moment if Great Qin's Legatee comes. He also said..."

Zhao Fu felt a chill go through his body and couldn't read on, so he skipped further down.

## **Chapter 138: Qin Resistance**

There were many more replies, and Zhao Fu skipped over most of them, choosing only to read the more important ones.

There was a reply about the Ying family's leaders publicly expressing that they would hand over all of their factions and resources to Great Qin's Legatee. They also said that they would make him the patriarch of the entire Ying family if he returned to the Ying family. They believed that Great Qin's Legatee would bring Great Qin to unsurpassed glory, and they had even promised that they would meet tragic ends if they had deceptive intentions.

For these people to make a public declaration and such a promise, one could see their sincerity. However, regardless, Zhao Fu did not plan on revealing himself.

Would anyone really hand their life over to someone who had made an unenforceable promise? Even though the Ying family's factions and resources were extremely tempting and they seemed quite sincere, Zhao Fu was simply too weak in the real world. He was unable to protect himself, and he didn't believe that his enemies would have mercy on him. Before he had the power to protect himself, he would not reveal himself.

The second thread was about the Legatees of a few small nations in the northern region of Midland Continent. There were the State of Wei from the Warring States Period, the Kingdom of Qi from the Sixteen Kingdoms, Later Zhou from the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms, and the short-lived Great Shun. The four of them spent every day and night in terror because of Great Qin. As such, they gathered all of the Legatees in the north and formed a Qin Resistance Alliance.

Because China had an extremely long history, there were many small nations, and because they belonged to different dynasties, there would often be overlapping names.

This second thread caused Zhao Fu to frown, as this was simply too early. Most factions were only at the Town level, and they had not yet upgraded to cities. Most of them could not even leave their region, and the system factions were the sovereigns right now. They wanted to make an alliance to resist Great Qin already? What sort of joke was that?

"Even though Great Qin has gathered China's Fate and is one of the Five Great Empires of China, he's only dangerous on the surface!"

Could Great Qin go over and destroy all of them right now? Impossible. And yet, they had all decided to start resisting Great Qin. Zhao Fu hadn't expected this.

However, only six people had joined the Qin Resistance Alliance so far, while all of the other factions in the north had remained silent. After all, this was like a public declaration of war against Great Qin!

Everyone else understood that although Great Qin was the greatest threat, they knew that standing up against Great Qin at this point in time was incredibly irrational. After all, development should be the main focus right now. The other factions saw those six factions as little children who were publicly provoking an adult – they were simply asking for a spanking.

Even though it seemed that the Qin Resistance Alliance wouldn't be able to harm Great Qin right now, its existence was dangerous enough. Zhao Fu could even feel something strange, and it was as if someone was starting to plot against Great Qin.

The only ones who would be able to do something like this so early on would be the School of Vertical and Horizontal. After all, this was clearly the 'Vertical Alliance' system that had been employed against the original Great Qin in ancient times.

Zhao Fu felt quite angry about their conduct. Since this generation of the School of Vertical and Horizontal had decided to set themselves up as enemies of Great Qin and wanted to use Great Qin as a pawn in their chess game, Zhao Fu wouldn't show a hint of mercy to them.

Back then, Su Qin allied the Six States together, forcing the State of Qin to abandon its plan to become Emperor and making it so that Qin didn't dare to cross Hangu Pass for 15 years. Zhao Fu wanted to see if they had the ability to stop Great Qin from rising!

The third thread was titled: 'Seven Murders Star has appeared! Does the General Star belong to Qin?'

Zhao Fu had never thought that the matter about the General Star would have received so much attention and that people would have already guessed that it belonged to Great Qin. Luckily, they had no way of verifying this and could only guess that it was most likely Great Qin.

Right now, Zhao Fu truly didn't want to do anything extremely eye-catching that would draw too much attention. This would make things very inconvenient for him, and it would be detrimental to Great Qin's development.

There were many replies, and they said that they were from the Maoshan Sect, Qin Mountain's Zhang family, and Nanjiang's Miao family. They stated that they were willing to serve Great Qin. Of course, Zhao Fu ignored these replies – perhaps they were capable, but they were equally likely to be useless.

After looking through this information, Zhao Fu quickly finished his food. Just as he was about to enter the Heaven Awaken World, his maternal grandma called him. She told him that it was his grandpa's birthday and that they wanted to have a family dinner together.

If it was a normal matter, Zhao Fu could have politely declined, but since it was his grandpa's birthday, he decided that it would be best to go even though he had just eaten.

He brought along his personal bodyguard and bought a gift before heading to his grandparents' residence.

Zhao Fu had complicated emotions attached to his relatives because he felt that he wasn't very close to them. He wanted to leave after giving his grandpa his present, but they kept him there by chatting with him. They even asked if he had a girlfriend, and they wanted to introduce someone to him.

Even though they talked for a long time and most of the content was pointless, Zhao Fu felt closer to them, and their relationship felt more like family.

After staying there for a while, he went into the Heaven Awaken World and spent a day there. A new Void Beast had spawned, and after taking its Void Crystal, Zhao Fu started to prepare a third path.

This time, Zhao Fu planned to open up a path to Red Plum Plains. He once again continuously used teleportation channels before using a City Creation Stone. After arriving at Red Plum Plains, he obtained 10 Achievement Points.

Come to think of it, it was possible to farm Achievement Points like this. If everyone got 10 Achievement Points every time he or she stepped into a new region, it would be incredibly easy to reach Baron status. Then again, stepping into a new region was incredibly difficult to normal people.

However, it was now incredibly easy for the Great Qin Town. They could open up a new path every three days, and Baron status was 1,000 Achievement Points. Therefore, they would have to step into 100 new regions to get 1,000 Achievement Points.

Zhao Fu looked at the people he had brought, and he found that even though they were indigenous residents of the Heaven Awaken World, they also received 10 Achievement Points each time they came with him to a new region.

However, opening up 100 paths would require 300 days, which was quite a long time. There were also other ways to obtain Achievement Points. One could gain Achievement Points from killing Elite magic beasts and conquering villages, so getting three people to Baron status to upgrade to a City would be quite easy for Zhao Fu.

### **Chapter 139: Horse Jade Soul**

However, Zhao Fu felt that these methods were definitely limited, so he had to try them out before seeing how they worked for indigenous residents of the Heaven Awaken World.

Zhao Fu then turned his attention to Red Plum Plains. It was mostly covered with grass and filled with short trees with red, plum-like fruits, which was how it got its name. Moreover, because it was a plains area, there were many types of horses, and many players went into the plains to catch horses.

The most common horse was a type of brown horse, and there were many of them. Zhao Fu looked to see if they would be useful, but they were inferior to his Black Forest Horses in terms of both body and strength.

However, there was a type of horse called the Red Lightning Horse, and those horses were completely red. They were extremely fast, and they looked like red bolts of lightning when running as fast as they could. They seemed to be faster than the Black Forest Horses by a bit. However, in terms of avoiding and going over obstacles, Black Forest Horses were superior, as the environments that they lived in were quite different.

The Forest of Horrors was filled with trees, creating many obstacles, while the Red Forest Plains were mostly plains, so the horses could run as fast as they wanted.

Zhao Fu was interested in the Red Lightning Horses, and he hoped to find a Den if possible.

Following this, Zhao Fu started to go about his proper business. Red Plum Plains had three main cities, which were Great Ancient City, Dangle City, and Green Grass City.

The structures here were made from a combination of stone and wood, and they made Zhao Fu feel like he was in a completely different country. The first place he went to was Great Ancient City, and he bought 20 lots of land and prepared to open a restaurant.

After doing this, he started to wander around Great Ancient City to see if he could find anything of value. As he walked around, he found a stall with many people crowded around it, and he went over to take a look.

Zhao Fu saw a young man who looked 24 or 25 years old, and he sat cross-legged and wore black clothes. There was a large saber on his back, and he gave off a sharp saber aura. It seemed that he was a swordsman.

Zhao Fu was surprised to find that he was a player, as it was rare for players to have such a sharp aura. Zhao Fu would normally only feel this sort of aura from indigenous residents, and most of them were from ancient martial families or were great generals who had trained from when they were young to have such a powerful aura.

There was a faint blue-colored oval-shaped jade. It was quite smooth and had a picture of a horse's head engraved on it.

It was this thing that had drawn so many people over, and Zhao Fu looked at its description.

[Horse Jade Soul]: An exotic item that can be used on horse-type Dens. It strengthens horses, increases spawn rate +15, and increases the chance of spawning higher grade horses +30%.

This item was quite good, as it could strengthen horses by increasing their strength, speed, recovery, and endurance. What's more, it increased the spawn rate by 15 – if a Den spawned five horses per day, this item would increase it to 20 per day.

The third stat was even more important, as horses with higher grades would have greater potential. This sort of item was quite rare, so Zhao Fu decided to buy it and use it on the Black Forest Horse Den.

"What's your price for this?" Zhao Fu asked.

The young man looked at Zhao Fu before calmly replying, "I'm not selling it! I'm only exchanging it for Gold grade material!"

So he wanted Gold grade materials, not money. Only then did Zhao Fu realize why it still hadn't been sold yet despite being a good item. Even though Zhao Fu already had Epic grade equipment, Gold grade equipment was still quite rare to the masses, and it would normally only appear at auctions. In fact, even finding Gold grade material was quite difficult, and normal shops wouldn't have any.

Hearing this, Zhao Fu thought about it. The Horse Jade Soul was a strategic item and could improve a Den, while Gold grade materials were not very important to Zhao Fu. Therefore, he did not mind exchanging Gold grade material for the Horse Jade Soul.

As such, he nodded and replied, "That's fine!"

Following this, Zhao Fu took out a large monster paw. It was black and gave off an icy light that caused one's heart to tremble. As soon as Zhao Fu took it out, it gave off a powerful and ferocious aura, and those who saw it couldn't help but take a step back and cry out, "A Lord grade beast material!"

A hint of emotion finally appeared on the young man's calm face. He looked at Zhao Fu with delight as he said, "My name is Leng Wu; I owe you a favor!"

Even though Zhao Fu felt that using this bear paw to exchange for the Horse Jade Soul wasn't worth it, that was only to him. To everyone else, they thought that he was taking a loss, as Gold grade equipment was quite rare and considered to be a treasure to normal people. What's more, the Gold grade material that Zhao Fu had taken out was something that had come from a Lord grade beast, which was much rarer than normal metals, so it would be worth more.

What's more, the Horse Jade Soul was only useful for players who were Lords, and they needed to have a Horse Den. Most people would not be able to use it, so it seemed that Zhao Fu had lost out. However, Leng Wu was not one to take advantage of others or accept charity from others, so he had said that he owed Zhao Fu a favor.

Hearing Leng Wu's words, Zhao Fu felt quite surprised when Leng Wu said that he owed Zhao Fu a favor so sincerely. However, it seemed that Leng Wu's background was not ordinary and he seemed quite strong, so perhaps this favor would come in handy some time. As such, Zhao Fu did not refuse and nodded as he replied, "My name is Zhao Xin!"

Leng Wu nodded to express that he remembered his name, and the two of them didn't say anything else before they left. Leng Wu took the bear paw and Zhao Fu took the Horse Jade Soul.

After this, Leng Wu left, while Zhao Fu walked around Great Ancient City for a while. He did not find anything else, so he decided to go to the other main cities to look around and to buy some properties.

Zhao Fu turned to head towards the teleportation channel when a dirty little beggar, who looked around 12 years old, wore tattered clothing, and looked extremely famished, shakily bumped into him.

After bumping into Zhao Fu, the little beggar came to his senses and quickly bowed, saying, "I'm sorry, sir!"

After saying this, the little beggar ran away with a scared expression on his face. Zhao Fu stood still and calmly watched as the little beggar disappeared from view.

Within a dark alley, the little beggar smiled with delight as he took out a piece of jade.

Suddenly, a ghost-like figure appeared in front of him and clamped its hand on his throat. The hand raised the little beggar's entire body, and he felt the aura of death as he struggled in fear.

#### **Chapter 140: Sickly Girl**

Only when one felt the most confident and pleased would falling from those heights be engraved in one's heart. Zhao Fu's eyes coldly looked at the little beggar as his hand started to slowly squeeze his neck.

The little beggar felt his neck being crushed, and his face became red from being unable to breathe. His hands clawed at the hand that was holding his neck, but he was unable to resist at all. By now, the little beggar was nearly out of breath, and his legs furiously kicked in the air.

"Let go of my little brother!" two figures suddenly appeared as a voice called out.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu saw a boy and a girl who both looked 14 or 15 years old. They had delicate looks and looked quite similar, and they were most likely twins. They each held a dagger and glared at Zhao Fu hatefully.

Seeing their youthful faces, Zhao Fu lightly laughed and casually threw the little beggar at them, causing him to hit a wall. After sliding down to the ground, he immediately fainted.

Seeing this, the twins furiously rushed over with daggers in their hands. They were surprisingly fast, and it was to the point that normal people would only see two blurs rushing towards them.

In just a moment, the boy reached Zhao Fu and swung the dagger towards him. Even though this boy was incredibly fast, his speed was nothing in front of Zhao Fu. Zhao Fu did not even bother using a weapon, and he used his King's Power instead, causing a black light to appear around his fingers.

He then struck out, leaving a black arc of light through the air.

Clang!

The dagger and Zhao Fu's fingers clashed, and a look of shock appeared on the boy's face. Zhao Fu's fingers broke the dagger's blade, and he then pushed out with his palm, sending the boy flying. After hitting the ground, the boy was unable to get up.

Seeing that her brother had failed, the girl moved around Zhao Fu abnormally quickly and stabbed towards him with her dagger. Zhao Fu once again waved his fingers, but because she was a girl and he only wanted to teach them a lesson, not kill them, he attacked to the side of the girl, deliberately missing her.

However, the girl had thought that Zhao Fu was going to launch another attack, so she dodged right into his attack.

"Ahh!!" a cry sounded out as Zhao Fu's sword-like fingers slashed through the girl's clothes. Zhao Fu was quite shocked when he the white, slightly exposed part of the girl's chest.

The girl quickly covered her chest and retreated far away, her eyes reddening. She looked incredibly wronged, and it was to the point that she was about to cry.

Zhao Fu felt quite awkward. He had only wanted to teach them a lesson – it was good that they had met him because if they had angered someone else, it was possible that they would have lost their lives. Following this, Zhao Fu picked up the jade that the little beggar had stolen.

Zhao Fu normally put things in his King's Ring, and he only wore this piece of jade because it was the jade that He Xianru had given him that could hide his Fate. Zhao Fu could not afford to lose it.

Just as Zhao Fu was thinking about leaving, a fist, which brought a lot of wind with it, shot towards him, and Zhao Fu instinctively punched out with his own fist.

Boom!!

An explosion sounded out as Zhao Fu took a step back in surprise, while the other figure took seven or eight steps back before stopping.



Zhao Fu saw that the person was a girl who looked about 17 or 18 years old. She had delicate and pretty features and also wore tattered clothing. However, her face was quite pale, making her look quite sickly.

“\_This girl’s so strong!\_” Zhao Fu had only used 10% of his strength in his punch because he could feel that his attacker’s cultivation was not very high. However, he hadn’t expected the power within her fist to be enough to cause him to take a step back.

“Sir, I don’t know how my little brothers and sister offended you, but please take it out on me and let them go.”

The sickly girl wiped away the blood coming out from her lips and looked at Zhao Fu with a serious expression. From the collision of their punches just then, she could tell that the black-cloaked figure’s strength was unfathomable, and she was not a match for him at all. She had used her full strength and even caught him off guard, yet he had only taken a single step backwards, while she had been lightly injured. She simply couldn’t imagine how her younger siblings had offended such a powerful figure.

Zhao Fu was quite interested in the sickly girl, and he felt that the power she had came from some sort of bloodline or special constitution. There wasn’t a lot of information about bloodlines and special constitutions that originated in the Heaven Awaken World, so Zhao Fu did not know much about them.

Hearing the sickly girl’s words, Zhao Fu realized that this was the first time that he had met such a special resident of the Heaven Awaken World. He understood how special she was – her cultivation was no more than Stage 0-3, yet she had such immense strength. Such a talent could be greatly nurtured in the future.

With Zhao Fu’s strength, he could use her three younger siblings to blackmail her to submit. However, such a method would be too underhanded, and she would never be truly loyal to Great Qin.

Zhao Fu did not hide his interest and lightly laughed as he said, “I’m very interested in you!”

The sickly girl’s expression became serious as she asked, “Are you saying that you’ll let my younger siblings go if I submit to you?”

“You can think about it that way. However, I won’t use their lives to threaten you – I never planned on killing them. It’s up to you if you want to follow me, so think about it carefully,” Zhao Fu replied.

The sickly girl thought for a while before replying, “You really won’t harm them?”

Zhao Fu nodded sincerely.

“Alright, I can agree, but you have to give my younger siblings some money and prepare a safe place where they won’t be harmed.”

The sickly girl agreed because the black-cloaked figure in front of them was simply too powerful. Their lives were completely in his hands, and she knew that her younger siblings would have been dead a long time ago if he hadn’t held back greatly. Moreover, she could sense that he was not an evil person, so after thinking about it, she decided to submit.

“Big sister Qing! We don’t want to be separated from you! We don’t care about money!” The 14 or 15-year-old girl held her clothes together with some string, covering her chest. Hearing the words between

the mysterious black-cloaked man and 'big sister Qing,' the young girl quickly ran over and pulled on her arm.

The boy held his chest and struggled to his feet before saying, "Big sister Qing, you said that the four of us would always be together! We don't want to leave you!"

Hearing their words, the sickly girl felt a warmth within her heart and felt quite touched.

At that moment, Zhao Fu agreed to accept the three others as well. Even though they were quite young, they were already more powerful than most normal people, and they deserved to be nurtured as well.