

The Lord's Empire

Chapter 36: Hunting

After returning to the Great Qin Village, Zhao Fu once again gathered his exploration team and added 5 new people. There were both males and females, and their Intelligence stats were relatively high. Now, there were 35 soldiers in total.

Zhao Fu first gave the 10 Goblin Warriors and 10 Infantrymen the Holy Light Techniques. Since they were at the front, they could hide behind the shields while casting the Holy Light Technique.

Because Archers were usually quite far away from the fighting, Zhao Fu did not give them any of the skills. After the Archers received Refined Martial Souls, their archery became incredibly sharp and precise. If the Skeletons were unprepared, the Archers could pierce through their heads each time with almost complete certainty.

As for the 5 new people, Zhao Fu gave them the Holy Light Bullet to learn.

Now, it was time to test the effectiveness of these skills. They went to a passage that had not been sealed and slowly advanced in the darkness. Soon, 10 or so Skeletons came to life and raised their weapons as they rushed over.

The Goblin Warriors and Infantrymen did not panic. The Goblin Warriors raised their shields and then cast the Holy Light Technique. Rays of blinding white light fell on the Skeleton soldiers, and white smoke started to rise from their bodies as they howled and retreated.

The rays of white light continued to land on their bodies, instantly reducing their fighting strength by a third. As the rays of white light appeared, the incredibly dark passage seemed to be as bright as day, and it was even slightly blinding.

At this moment, 5 orbs of white light flew from behind the shield wall, falling within the group of retreating Skeletons.

Bang! Bang! Bang...

The orbs of light exploded with blinding white light. More than half of the Skeletons howled before collapsing into a pile of bones, and the remaining Skeletons were barely still alive. The surviving Skeletons were easily killed by the Infantrymen with their iron hammers.

Now, the Skeleton soldiers didn't pose a threat to Zhao Fu's soldiers, and they suppressed whatever Skeletons they came across. As they continued onwards, they easily killed a few more waves. Even when they encountered Skeleton Captains, they were only slightly troublesome to deal with. Zhao Fu and his strongest subordinates did not even have to do anything.

Zhao Fu thought about it for a moment before leaving matters here to Li Wen. Zhao Fu told him to continue exploring and to notify him if he encountered any Skeleton Generals. Following this, Zhao Fu took Bai Qi and his other main subordinates aboveground to take care of other matters.

Zhao Fu now had an abundance of Refined Martial Souls, and he was not stingy with them. He gave them to his soldiers to use – after all, with the Heaven and Earth Refining Formation, he didn't have to worry about their grades.

After returning to the surface, Zhao Fu took Little Grey and some others to patrol around the area in the hopes of finding a village that he could annex. Right now, Zhao Fu's forces numbered less than 500, and he definitely wouldn't be able to defeat the Orc Village.

Zhao Fu left behind some soldiers to stand guard while he took 300 soldiers with him to patrol about. Now, with Little Grey, as long as there was even a hint of a human's smell, Little Grey would be able to follow it to a village.

Right now, Little Grey was pressed against the ground and sniffing around. Despite being a Wolf King, doing this showed that it was completely loyal to Zhao Fu. As it did this, Zhao Fu followed by its side.

"Awooo..." Suddenly, Little Grey seemed to detect something and howled before looking up at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu nodded. In response, Little Grey rushed off, and Zhao Fu called out for everyone to follow closely.

Zhao Fu and his soldiers started to run behind Little Grey until they came to a hill. Beneath them was a Human Village.

The village seemed to be an Intermediate Village, and it had 600 or so people. However, the defenses were quite weak, and the management was quite poor. The houses were not built uniformly, and there were very few plots of farmland. It was evident that the Lord had very poor management skills.

How should he conquer this village? Zhao Fu frowned. The only weakness of this village was its weak defense. This was an ordinary village, so poison wouldn't work because the villagers most likely cooked their own meals. The village also had some

farmland, so not many villagers would go out to hunt. As such, it seemed that the only method available to them was to attack directly, but this would result in many casualties.

In the end, they could only wait for an opportunity. The sun was setting, and it was getting darker. Zhao Fu decided to find a hidden place to make camp, and he wanted to see what they could discover the next day.

Even though the moon did not come out, the sky was lit with countless stars, which was quite a beautiful sight.

However, Zhao Fu didn't have the heart right now to marvel at the beautiful stars. Instead, he frowned as he asked, "Bai Qi, what are your thoughts about this situation?"

Bai Qi thought for a moment before replying, "If we simply can't find any openings, we'll have to wait until 3 to 4 AM when people are deep asleep or weary from standing guard. The village's defenses are quite weak, so the chance of success is quite high."

Zhao Fu nodded. If there was nothing else, they would have to make a direct attack.

It was early in the morning, and the sun rose slowly from the east. Zhao Fu got up early and looked down at the village.

After a while, a big, muscular, coarse-looking man, who held a saber and had a bow on his back, led 10 or so men with similar equipment out of the village. It seemed that they were going out to hunt.

After thinking about it, Zhao Fu immediately went to gather his forces.

"Big brother Hu! We definitely have to catch a big wild boar today so that everyone can have some meat!" One of the youths said excitedly to the big man.

The big man candidly smiled as he replied, "Alright, let alone one wild boar, your big brother Hu will catch three wild boars for you."

The youth looked at the man with respect as he said, "Okay! I believe in big brother Hu. Since you're the strongest person in our village, if you can't do it, then no one can."

The big man laughed cheerfully. However, in the next second, his smile died as he looked around with a serious expression.

When the youth saw the sudden change in the big man, the youth asked curiously, "What is it, big brother Hu?"

The big man looked around and said in a low voice, "Enemies!"

Everyone else also heard what he said and became alert. The hunters grouped together and looked around them, but they could not spot anything. Everyone felt that the big man was wrong and looked towards him.

“Sirs, there’s no need to hide. I’ve already detected you!” The big man suddenly yelled.

Even though they had not been fully surrounded, Zhao Fu knew that it was impossible for them to escape, so he revealed himself with the rest of his soldiers.

The big man and the other people in his group saw the long grass in front of them shake as Infantry, Archers, and Gnome Crossbowmen rose up, causing their faces to pale.

“Who are you, sir? Why do you want to kill the Great Tiger Village’s people?”

The big man’s face was quite pale – even though he had sensed danger, he did not expect there to be so many people. When he saw the arrows and crossbows pointed at them, he knew that there was no chance of escaping.

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Chapter 37: Valiant General

In a world where the strong preyed on the weak, asking why someone wanted to kill them was simply laughable. However, Zhao Fu still answered him, “For your village!”

Zhao Fu then looked over and ordered, “Leave a few of them alive!”

The Archers and Crossbowmen were about to fire when the big man quickly called out, “I’m the Village Chief of the Great Tiger Village, Zhang Dahu!”

Zhao Fu was quite surprised when he heard this. He hadn’t expected the big man in front of him to be the Village Chief, so he immediately called out, “Stop!”

Zhang Dahu let out a sigh of relief. He knew from listening to Zhao Fu and seeing how well-equipped and ferocious his soldiers were that the Great Tiger Village would face disaster if Zhao Fu attacked it.

At this moment, Zhao Fu was looking at Zhang Dahu and wondering what to do. How he could use this big chess piece to take the Great Tiger Village.

“Why do you want our village?” Zhang Dahu suddenly asked while looking at Zhao Fu earnestly.

Zhao Fu did not plan to hide anything and simply replied, "To stop the 5,000 Orcs that are 100 kilometers away!"

"What? 5,000 Orcs?"

Zhang Dahu and his people were incredibly shocked. As residents of the Heaven Awaken World, they knew how terrifying the Outlanders were.

Orcs normally never left Humans alive. If 5,000 Orcs came over and discovered the Great Tiger Village, not a single one of them would survive.

Since Zhao Fu's soldiers were well-equipped, perhaps they could stop the Orcs. In that case, joining Zhao Fu would not be too bad because Zhang Dahu was not skilled at management. However, if they joined just like that, the Great Tiger Village would seem much too weak. Furthermore, they didn't have to join – they just had to work together.

Because of this, Zhang Dahu decided to test Zhao Fu's strength as well as show his own power, so he pointed at Zhao Fu's soldiers and said, "The Great Tiger Village will not easily submit to anyone. I see that the pretty boy next to you seems to be a decent fighter. If he can beat me, I'll join your village; if I win, we'll only work together to stop the Orcs, and you'll need to supply us with equipment."

"Pretty boy?" Zhao Fu felt quite confused. He looked over and saw that Zhang Dahu was pointing at Bai Qi, and Zhao Fu couldn't help but smile, thinking, "This fellow dares to call Bai Qi a pretty boy and wants to challenge him? He's simply seeking death."

Zhao Fu thought about it, and since he benefited whether Bai Qi lost or won, Zhao Fu decided to agree. Plus, he was quite confident that Bai Qi would win.

Zhang Dahu took off his bow and pulled out his large saber. When Bai Qi started walking forwards, Zhang Dahu said, "Watch out, pretty boy, don't blame me if you get hurt."

Those who knew Bai Qi's strength said some prayers for Zhang Dahu.

The battle began!

Zhang Dahu raised his large saber and chopped down at Bai Qi ferociously. Bai Qi's expression was incredibly calm, and he did not move at all. Just as the large saber was about to hit him, a ray of sword light flashed.

Clang!

A metallic clanging sound rang out as Zhang Dahu felt a massive impact against his saber, almost causing it to fly out from his grasp.

In the next second, a cold light flashed as Zhang Dahu saw Bai Qi thrust his sword towards his neck. He quickly used his large saber to block Bai Qi's sword when Bai Qi spun, lashing out with a side kick and sending him flying.

Zhang Dahu fell to the ground and looked unconvinced as he got up. He rushed over at Bai Qi and was beaten down again in a few bouts. Zhang Dahu was dumbfounded. He was quite confident in his strength because the Great Tiger Village would have been destroyed by Outlanders long ago if it wasn't for him. How could this pretty boy be so strong?

"Wait, I admit defeat."

By now, Zhang Dahu's saber had long since been sent flying away, and Bai Qi didn't bother using his sword either. He smashed his fist into the big man's face repeatedly, making him feel immense pain.

Zhang Dahu knew that he should have surrendered long ago, so after taking a few blows to the face, he decided to finally surrender.

Bai Qi stopped attacking and returned to Zhao Fu's side when he heard Zhang Dahu surrender.

Zhao Fu couldn't help but smile. Zhang Dahu had dug himself a hole and had even jumped into it. He had even called Bai Qi a pretty boy – now, he had been taught a good lesson.

"You've lost. Do you still remember what we agreed on before?" Zhao Fu said to Zhang Dahu as he suppressed his smile and walked over.

Zhang Dahu sighed and knelt on one knee as he cupped his fists, saying, "Those who are prepared to bet must be prepared to lose. I respectfully greet Sir!"

Zhao Fu received a system announcement that asked him if he wanted to accept Zhang Dahu's surrender. Zhao Fu accepted and received 100 Achievement Points.

Following this, Zhao Fu looked at Zhang Dahu's stats with interest.

Name: Zhang Dahu

Grade: SS

Title: None

Profession: Militia

Achievement Points: Citizen (24/500)

Race: Human

Age: 31 (100)

Loyalty: 60

Stats: Strength: 10, Intelligence: 6, Constitution: 10, Agility: 8

Cultivation: Stage 0

Cultivation Technique: None

Skills: Basic Saber Technique

Equipment: Coarse Cloth Clothes, Cloth Shoes, Coarse Cloth Pants

Zhao Fu was quite shocked when he saw Zhang Dahu's stats. Zhang Dahu was SS grade, but he did not have a cultivation technique and his profession was only Militia, giving him only a basic skill. And yet, he did not look too weak. After joining the Great Qin Village and receiving all sorts of benefits, Zhang Dahu would become vastly more powerful, and he would become a valiant general.

Nearby, everyone in the peaceful Great Tiger Village suddenly heard a system announcement, sending the village into chaos.

Luckily, Zhang Dahu quickly returned and calmed everyone down. However, they still looked quite fearful when they saw Zhao Fu and his soldiers. It was because there were not only soldiers in plate armor but also Goblins and Gnomes among his 300 soldiers. After all, most Humans were quite afraid of Outlanders.

Zhao Fu went to the Village Hall and looked at the Great Tiger Village's stats. However, he felt slightly disappointed when he saw them. It was only a Normal grade Village, and it had only recently risen to Intermediate level.

The Great Tiger Village was about 15 kilometers away from the Great Qin Village, so Zhao Fu planned to take all of the villagers to the Great Qin Village to fill in the gaps he had.

After choosing to [Relocate] the Great Tiger Village, a system announcement sounded out, telling Zhao Fu that the Great Qin Village had received 540 EXP.

This was the most EXP he had obtained from Relocating a village, but because it was an Intermediate Village, it would go back down to a Primary Village. However, there was nothing Zhao Fu could do about this – the Great Tiger Village was simply too far away from the Great Qin Village, and if something happened, Zhao Fu would not be able to respond in time, so he had no choice but to relocate it.

A few hours later, Zhao Fu took the villagers to the Great Qin Village. When the Great Tiger Village's villagers saw how powerful the Great Qin Village was, they secretly felt delighted and safe. After seeing how well-organized and managed everything in the Great Qin Village was, Zhang Dahu felt quite embarrassed. He felt that his own village had been like a doghouse compared to the Great Qin Village.

Now that 600 or so people had joined the Great Qin Village, the Great Qin Village had 1,340 villagers. Considering the Orcs, Zhao Fu arranged for 300 of them to change professions, boosting his military to 600 soldiers.

As for Zhang Dahu, Zhao Fu did not mistreat him at all. He first allowed him to change professions before giving him a Refined Martial Soul, a Silver grade saber, and Blue grade armor.

After receiving so many benefits so suddenly, Zhang Dahu couldn't help but feel ecstatic, and his loyalty greatly increased.

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Chapter 38: Horses

Those 600 soldiers did not include the soldiers at the bottom of the large crack or the soldiers who were in charge of defending the village. In total, Zhao Fu's overall forces numbered around 720. However, even though their numbers had been greatly boosted, it was still far from enough to deal with 5,000 Orcs.

Zhao Fu gave the 300 new soldiers to Bai Qi to be trained for a few days, while he took some soldiers to continue exploring the Forest of Horrors.

Over the past few days, Zhao Fu explored 20 kilometers around the Great Qin Village and did not find any villages. However, he did find some small iron mines but no other resources. This made Zhao Fu feel somewhat disappointed. After regrouping at the Great Qin Village, he took his 600 soldiers and started to head outside of the 20-kilometer radius around the Great Qin Village.

Little Grey followed along and sniffed the ground. It had not found anything over the past few days, and the pressure on it was quite heavy.

"Awoo..."

Little Grey suddenly detected something and howled, waiting for Zhao Fu's command. After Zhao Fu gave the signal, it immediately rushed towards the smell.

Zhao Fu and his people followed behind it.

After running for a while, Zhao Fu felt quite pleased because he started to see horse tracks on the ground. From the very beginning, Zhao Fu had been looking for horses, and he had finally found some traces of them.

Zhao Fu excitedly ran behind Little Grey, and he finally found 10 or so horses on a grassy plain. The horses were tall and powerfully-built, and their hair was completely black. However, their eyes were slightly green, making them look quite strange.

After observing them, Zhao Fu received some information about the horses.

[Black Forest Horse]: Description: A type of horse that lives in forests and has good physical power. It is skilled at passing over obstacles.

After reading the Black Forest Horse's description, Zhao Fu felt that they were well suited to become warhorses. He thought about the method he had used to capture the Azure Oxen but realized that it wouldn't work.

First of all, these 10 or so horses were treasures. Moreover, their legs were not as strong as the oxen's legs, and if they were frightened, they would run incredibly quickly. As such, if they used the same method, it was possible that the horses would be crippled.

After thinking for a long time, Zhao Fu decided to go with the traditional method. He made lassos out of rope to throw around the horses' necks. This was often done in the real world and would not cause much harm to the horses.

However, catching horses through this method required great skill. Since the 10 or so Black Forest Horses hadn't discovered them yet, Zhao Fu chose 10 or so of his soldiers to practice for a bit.

Right now, they could only rely on these 10 or so people. If too many people went, it was likely that they would be discovered. Animals were not to be looked down upon.

After 10 minutes of practice, the soldiers gripped their ropes and slowly crawled towards the horses. The plan went quite smoothly, but when it came to throwing the lassos, things did not go too well. The Black Forest Horses were too alert, and they were only able to capture 8 of them while they missed 7.

Now that the horses had been frightened, they immediately started running incredibly quickly. Even the lassoed horses started to run, and because of how strong they were, they started to drag the soldiers along. Luckily, the soldiers who hadn't lassoed horses helped them. However, it still took two soldiers to slow down a Black Forest Horse, and they were still being dragged along.

Zhao Fu immediately ordered more soldiers to go and help. He rode on Little Grey, who was now about as big as a tiger and could carry Zhao Fu on its back as it ran.

Now that he had finally encountered horses, Zhao Fu did not want to let any get away.

Zhao Fu sat on Little Grey's back and hugged its body. Little Grey was very fast and had a sensitive nose, so it quickly chased after the Black Forest Horses.

After a while, Zhao Fu told Little Grey to stop because he heard many horses ahead. This gave Zhao Fu a pleasant surprise, and he silently crept up to have a look.

There was a grassy plain around 6 kilometers in diameter that had around 300 or so Black Forest Horses within it. What Zhao Fu was interested in was a stage made of brick that had a horse-shaped statue. Clearly, it was a Den.

Zhao Fu immediately rode Little Grey back and brought all his soldiers here. When Bai Qi saw so many Black Forest Horses, he cheerfully exclaimed, "It's time for the Great Qin to have Cavalry!"

Zhang Dahu also laughed cheerfully, "I want to have my own warhorse!"

However, Zhang Dahu's voice was quite loud, and he almost scared the horses. Everyone glared at him and he awkwardly scratched his head, gesturing that he would be careful in the future.

Liu Mei also excitedly came over and said, "I also want my own horse!"

After discovering so many Black Forest Horses, everyone felt extremely excited. The question they now faced was how to catch the Black Forest Horses. Even though Zhao Fu had many soldiers, they couldn't just charge over.

If they charged, the Black Forest Horses would attack as a group, and Zhao Fu's soldiers would be forced to fight back. Zhao Fu did not want to kill any of the Black Forest Horses.

Moreover, 300 Black Forest Horses were not the same as 300 Grey Wolves. If such a massive group of horses rushed at them, it would be quite dangerous, and there would be many injuries and casualties on Zhao Fu's side.

Zhao Fu looked around and saw a Black Forest Horse that was twice as big as the normal Black Forest Horses. It was jet-black and looked incredibly powerful, and it had a small horn that was a few centimeters long on its head. It was the Black Forest Horse King.

For most herd-type animals, as long as one could control the leader, it would be equivalent to controlling the entire herd. However, since the Black Forest Horse King was among the other horses, Zhao Fu couldn't do anything to it.

Perhaps they could find a way to lure it out. Zhao Fu thought about it and finally looked over at Little Grey. He stroked its head, and Little Grey naively did not sense what Zhao Fu was thinking and comfortably rubbed its head against his hand.

Zhao Fu smiled as he said, "Little Grey! How about you go and challenge the Black Forest Horse King to provoke into fighting you King against King. After that, lure it out."

Little Grey immediately took a few steps away from Zhao Fu and looked quite reluctant. As the Grey Wolf King, Little Grey was quite powerful, but there was no way that it could face 300 Black Forest Horses. That was simply suicidal, and it wasn't willing to do such a thing.

Zhao Fu lightly smiled, took out a small medicine bottle, and drew out two Little Spirit Pills. Zhao Fu walked over and fed them to Little Grey, and he stroked its head and said, "Don't worry; if it's dangerous, you can just retreat. I won't let you get injured."

After consuming the two Little Spirit Pills and hearing Zhao Fu's words, Little Grey thought for a moment before reluctantly agreeing. It leapt up and ran towards the horses from another direction.

"Awooooo!!"

Little Grey's howl could be heard from over one kilometer away, and Little Grey gave off the domineering airs of a king as it walked towards the horses.

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Chapter 39: Black Forest

As Little Grey howled, the Black Forest Horses all stopped what they were doing and looked towards Little Grey.

"Awoooo..."

Little Grey howled again, a clear challenge to the Black Forest Horse King.

Facing Little Grey's provocation, the Black Forest Horse King, who had been lying down at the Den, gracefully stood up and gazed at Little Grey. It whinnied, and just as Zhao Fu thought that his plan had succeeded, the 300 or so horses started to run at Little Grey instead of the Black Forest Horse King. The ground started to shake as if there was an earthquake, and the horses gave off a fearsome aura.

Little Grey was scared and quickly ran away. Luckily, Little Grey was completely prepared and ran quite quickly, or it would have been stomped into a meat paste.

After returning to Zhao Fu's side, Little Grey looked incredibly wronged as it howled pitifully. Zhao Fu awkwardly smiled and took out another Little Spirit Pill to comfort it. That plan had failed.

Now, he could only think of a new plan. Zhao Fu sank into deep thought, and after a while, Zhao Fu once again looked at Little Grey. Facing Zhao Fu's gaze, Little Grey was already quite wary, and it prepared to run.

Zhao Fu couldn't help but laugh, and he grabbed its tail and said, "Little Grey, what are you running for? Don't worry; you won't have to do anything this time but give commands."

Following this, Zhao Fu told his plan to Little Grey. After hearing the plan, Little Grey reassuringly howled, signaling that it agreed.

Apart from Little Grey, Zhao Fu also brought 6 normal Grey Wolves. This time, Zhao Fu ordered Little Grey to command the Grey Wolves to pretend to attack the Black Forest Horses in order to lure them out slowly.

Everyone else also made preparations and formed an encirclement. Once this was completed, the plan began.

"Awoo! Awoo! Awoo!"

The 6 Grey Wolves rushed out from within the forest and acted like they were going to attack. The Black Forest Horses did not take the Grey Wolves seriously. The Black Forest Horses obviously wouldn't attack with all 300 horses, and instead, only 20 or so horses started to gallop towards the Grey Wolves.

The Grey Wolves immediately turned and ran, and the 20 or so Black Forest Horses chased after them. Since the Grey Wolves immediately fled, the Black Forest Horses decided to return to the herd.

"Awoo! Awoo! Awoo!"

The Grey Wolves stopped and roared at them with a ferocious look, and they charged towards the 20 horses as if they were going to devour them. Facing the Grey Wolves' provocation, the 20 Black Forest Horses once again rushed towards them, vowing to stomp them into the ground.

The Grey Wolves once again turned and ran, and they looked incredibly devious.

These Black Forest Horses were very fast and filled with anger, causing them to run at their fastest speed. Soon, they started to catch up to the Grey Wolves.

At this moment, lassos flew out from the grass nearby, falling on the Black Forest Horses' heads. After being lassoed so suddenly, the Black Forest Horses panicked and turned back to escape.

However, the soldiers that threw the lassos quickly tied the other end of the rope to large trees.

Three of the horses that had not been lassoed tried to run, but in the next second, countless lassos flew at them and captured them as well.

Zhao Fu was quite happy to catch 20 or so Black Forest Horses in one go. When the horses tired themselves out, Zhao Fu's soldiers started taming them.

After this successful run, he continued using this method.

The 6 Grey Wolves howled as they rushed out from the forest. The Black Forest Horses were not too intelligent, and they did not wonder where the previous Black Forest Horses had gone. Another 20 or so horses went to chase the Grey Wolves.

After repeating this method many times, it gradually lost its effectiveness. Now, there were 100 or so Black Forest Horses remaining, and they all became alert. After so many horses had disappeared, they would have to be idiots not to realize that there was something wrong.

"Awooooo!" Little Grey howled again as it walked out from the forest. This time, it did not look as wretched as when it was running away, and its mouth was instead curved like a human's smile, making it look quite pleased.

The Black Forest Horse King looked at Little Grey furiously and understood that Little Grey was somehow involved in all of this.

The Black Forest Horse King whinnied as it led the charge towards Little Grey to crush the despicable wolf.

When Little Grey saw the Black Forest Horse King personally rush over with 100 or so Black Forest Horses behind it, Little Grey immediately ran away.

In the next second, a lasso flew towards the Black Forest Horse King and fell around its neck. Now that the Black Forest Horse King had been caught, the rest of the Black Forest Horses panicked.

The Black Forest Horse King whinnied furiously and leaping high into the air as it ran. The 5 soldiers gripping the rope lost their balance and were dragged behind it.

Another lasso fell around the Black Forest Horse King's neck. This time, Bai Qi also acted, yet they were still dragged away by the Black Forest Horse King.

“This Black Forest Horse King is so strong!”

Lassos continuously fell around the Black Forest Horse King’s neck. In the end, it took 30 soldiers, Bai Qi, and Zhang Dahu to finally stop the Black Forest Horse King.

After being caught by the lassos, the Black Forest Horse King continued to struggle, and they used all their strength to hold the ropes in place.

Zhao Fu moved his attention from the Black Forest Horse King for now and made sure that the other horses were caught as well before turning back to the Black Forest Horse King.

Even now, the Black Forest Horse King was still vigorously resisting. Zhao Fu was not in a hurry, and after waiting for a few hours, the Black Forest Horse King was tired to the point that it was lying on the ground and breathing heavily.

Only then did Zhao Fu walk up and try to use Taming. However, the effects were the same as when he had tried to initially use it on Little Grey, and the Black Forest Horse King stubbornly resisted.

At this moment, Little Grey rubbed against Zhao Fu as if it had an idea. Zhao Fu was quite surprised, but he allowed Little Grey to try.

Little Grey ran over and quietly howled at the Black Forest Horse King, and Zhao Fu had no idea what Little Grey said. In response, the Black Forest Horse King turned its head away, completely ignoring Little Grey.

Little Grey ran over and used its claws to hit the Black Forest Horse King’s head a few times, infuriating it and causing it to want to stand up and teach Little Grey a lesson.

However, it was already completely exhausted, and there were also many lassos binding it. As such, countless scratches appeared on its face, and there were many bites on its body.

Zhao Fu could tell that this was Little Grey’s revenge against the Black Forest Horse King for chasing Little Grey for so long. Zhao Fu smiled and called Little Grey to stop before going to the Black Forest Horse King’s side and looking at it. He stretched out his hand and said, “This is your last chance. If you don’t submit to me, I’ll have to kill you!”

Following this, Zhao Fu used Taming, and the light from his palm covered the Black Forest Horse King’s body. The Black Forest Horse King’s green eyes looked at Zhao Fu as if it was considering something.

Chapter 40: Returning to The Family

“System announcement! You have obtained the loyalty of a Chief class creature, the Black Forest Horse King.”

“System announcement! You have obtained 50 Achievement Points for subduing a Chief class creature.”

Finally, the Black Forest Horse King chose to give in, and Zhao Fu was able to successfully tame it. He felt quite happy as he opened the Black Forest Horse King's stats:

[Black Forest Horse King] (Chief)

Level: Stage 0-4

Grade: S

Stats: Strength:10, Intelligence: 9, Agility: 21, Constitution: 14

Skills: Horse King's Might (makes ordinary horses feel fear, making them submit), Nightmare Dash (runs at a very fast speed)

After looking at its stats, Zhao Fu felt that the Black Forest Horse King was quite similar to Little Grey, and the only difference was in some stats. He told his soldiers to remove the lassos, and after everyone heard that the Black Forest Horse King had been conquered, they were quite delighted and went off to pick their own horses.

After Zhao Fu went to the Den and touched the horse statue floating in the air, some information appeared in his mind.

[Den – Black Forest Horse]: (Primary 1400/5000), Grade: White, Description: The Den of Black Forest Horses, spawns 2-5 Black Forest Horses per day.

After seeing this information, Zhao Fu decided that if everything went smoothly, the Black Forest Horses would be the Great Qin's main warhorses, and they would conquer everything under the heavens with him.

After Zhao Fu chose to conquer the Den and [Relocate] it, the Great Qin Village received 140 EXP and he received 50 Achievement Points. Now, Zhao Fu already had 463 Achievement Points, and he was 37 away from being promoted to Esquire.

He had perfectly resolved the situation with the Black Forest Horses. At the end of it all, they had tamed 324 Black Forest Horses. Out of his 600 soldiers, Zhao Fu chose 200 to change their profession to Cavalry. Right now, the Great Qin Village was an Intermediate Village and would summon 24-29 new villagers per day. For now, Zhao Fu planned to increase the number of the other 3 professions before adding more Cavalry to keep a certain ratio of each type of soldier.

Just like before, after taking care of matters in the Heaven Awaken World, Zhao Fu returned to the real world. Just as he was thinking of boiling some water to eat some instant noodles, someone knocked on his door, and he opened it in surprise.

There were four men and one woman standing outside. The woman was wearing a suit and a short dress and wore a pair of sunglasses. She was holding a document folder and had good looks. The other 4 men wore suits as well and gave off deep auras. From that, Zhao Fu knew that they were not ordinary people.

Just as Zhao Fu opened the door, he became quite wary, and he asked, "Do you have any business with me?"

The woman slightly smiled and introduced herself, "Hello! My name is Ji Qin, an employee at the Ying Family Collective. Are you Zhao Meiling's son, Zhao Fu?"

Zhao Fu felt that this matter was not simple at all. He realized that there was no way of hiding since they had found him, so he nodded in response.

Ji Qin continued, "Mr. Zhao, you have the Ying family's blood flowing in your veins. According to the Ying Family Collective's orders, we are here to invite you to come with us to the Ying family. Don't worry; we won't hurt you, and this is a great opportunity for you. In the Ying family, you won't have to do anything, and the Ying family will give you a good life."

Zhao Fu instantly realized what this was all about. The powerful families were gathering everyone who had their bloodlines. After all, they were part of the same family, and these people could be beneficial to helping them grow and consolidate in the future.

The Ying Family Collective had most likely come to find him because his mother's relatives had gone and returned to the main family. The descendants of his maternal grandpa and grandma most likely had the Ying family's blood.

After entering the Heaven Awaken World, they would be notified of their bloodlines, and with the Ying family giving them such good treatment, why wouldn't they return to the main family? This was most likely how they had found out about Zhao Fu.

By now, Zhao Fu had more or less worked everything out, and his expression became calm as he replied, "No need, I prefer being by myself."

Ji Qin once again smiled, but her tone changed and became more assertive, saying, "Apologies, Mr. Zhao, but this is an order from the Ying Family Collective. All descendants of the Ying family must return to the family."

Zhao Fu frowned – it was a bit too domineering to force him to go with them. However, he realized that it was because the Ying family had not found the Legatee of Great Qin

after such a long time and was probably going mad over it, which was why the Ying family decided to do such a thing.

Now, Zhao Fu had 2 choices: to return with them to the Ying family or to escape.

The second option simply wasn't feasible. If he escaped, he would be a person of suspicion, and he would not be able to hide forever from a big family. He would be caught sooner or later, and if that was the case, it would be better to simply go with them now.

As such, Zhao Fu cooperatively nodded as he said, "Alright, please wait for a moment. I'll get my things."

Ji Qin smiled in a friendly way and nodded.

After going into his room, Zhao Fu looked around and felt that there wasn't much worth taking. He picked up a bag and put in a few sets of clothes and the important Heaven Awaken Stone before leaving with Ji Qin.

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In the Li family's villa, the butler had been monitoring Zhao Fu the entire time. As such, when Zhao Fu was taken away by the Ying family, the butler immediately heard about it and told the Li family's leader, Li Feng.

Li Feng was quite angry, but he heavily sighed as he said, "Who would have thought that he also possessed the Great Qin's bloodline. If we knew about this, allowing Zhe'Er to marry her wouldn't have been a bad thing. In fact, it might have given our families an opportunity to work together."

However, Li Feng's gaze became cold. That bastard child will definitely attain a good position in the Ying family considering his personality and abilities.

Now, Zhao Fu was able to slightly threaten the Li family, and it was possible that he would obstruct the Li family's growth and harm his darling grandson and the Great Tang Empire's future. The best thing to do right now was to kill him.

Of course, if they killed Zhao Fu, they might offend the Ying family, so Li Feng said with a serious expression to the butler, "Find someone else to take care of him, and make sure that the Li family is not connected to the death. Otherwise, the consequences will be terrible – even though the Ying family hasn't found its Legatee yet, none of the Five Great Families can be easily angered!"

The butler nodded with a serious expression and left the room to find an assassin to dispose of Zhao Fu.

On the other hand, Zhao Fu had no idea about any of this. Instead, he was completely shocked by the Ying family's resources. He was put on a private jet with some other people who had the Ying family's blood, and they flew to the Ying Family's headquarters in Nankou City.