

# The Lord 511

## Chapter 511: The Search for Great Qin

Luckily, the Ying family had not accepted many women, only the four from earlier. Otherwise, many large families would have come to demand their people back. It was impossible that everyone would put their faith in Great Qin and stand against the other factions.

The Ying family paid a great deal of attention to this matter, and the family leaders came to Zhao Fu's villa. However, after hearing that he was still in the Heaven Awaken World, they did not disturb him because they knew that things would be quite chaotic for him in the Heaven Awaken World.

As such, they told the bodyguard to alert them immediately when Zhao Fu woke up.

After hearing about this news, the four women did not react too greatly. Before, Liu Ruyan and Pan Yuling held onto a trace of hope that their families would take them back, but after hearing from their families, they could only give up completely.

From that moment onwards, they resigned themselves to the fact that they belonged to Great Qin and Great Qin's Legatee.

Feng Shiyu paid a great deal of attention about Great Qin's Legatee, and after hearing the news, she ran to Zhao Fu's villa, wanting to hear about Great Qin's Legatee's condition. After all, she already thought of herself as Great Qin's Legatee's woman, but she was stopped by the bodyguard.

On the other hand, Li Muqing showed the least reaction. She continued to do what she normally did, which was reading books and occasionally painting. She occasionally talked with Liu Ruyan about music and acted as if she hadn't heard about the matter.

Back at the Forest of Horrors, all of the shops related to Great Qin were closed. Since they had chosen to fight, the system main cities would not hold back.

Luckily, Great Qin had already recalled all of its people, so there were not any injuries or casualties.

However, Heaven's Choice was not so lucky. Its headquarters was surrounded by countless players, and most people chose to leave the faction. Only a small portion of people chose to remain loyal and resist, and they were all killed.

It could be said that all of Great Qin's factions in the Forest of Horrors had been destroyed, and nothing affiliated with it had survived.

However, even though Heaven's Choice had been destroyed, its core members had already been sent to the Ying family's residence. Nevertheless, Heaven's Choice would cease to exist from now on.

This was because after dying, people would be randomly sent to another location, so it was almost impossible for the core members to be sent to the same place, making it impossible to re-establish the same Heaven's Choice. Only after the regions were all opened up would Zhao Fu be able to re-establish the same Heaven's Choice.

Apart from destroying Great Qin's factions, the three system main cities also gave out quests to start conducting a blanket search to seek out where Great Qin was.

Through the abnormal signs caused by Great Qin, the three system main cities could guess roughly which direction it was in, so they hoped to find it through a large-scale blanket search.

Now, all of the players were willing to do their bidding, so this was a good opportunity to find Great Qin. If they could really find it, they would be able to quickly get rid of this menace. Only after they destroyed Great Qin would they be able to feel safe.

In actuality, the players were not doing their bidding but the Dynasty Legatees'. They had just received massive rewards from the various Dynasty Legatees, so they were incredibly happy and were naturally willing to obey them. Just as the three system main cities wanted to destroy Great Qin, the Dynasty Legatees did too.

The reward for finding Great Qin was incredibly alluring: the three system main cities offered a reward of 300,000 gold coins while the Dynasty Legatees offered a total of \$1 billion in the real world and would allow them to become a core member of one of their factions and receive protection.

Those rewards were incredibly tempting, and many people went out to madly search for Great Qin.

"Damnit!" Zhao Fu gnashed his teeth in fury as he slammed his fist onto a table. Everyone in the hall lowered their heads, not daring to make a sound, and the atmosphere within the hall was quite oppressive.

After Great Qin retreated, Zhao Fu gathered all of his Generals. After receiving various pieces of news, he felt incredibly furious.

Every time, it was ordinary people who had been a grave threat to Great Qin. Zhao Fu had never wanted to kill ordinary people, only those who opposed him. However, now, he wanted to kill all of the ordinary people as well.

He could not allow them to threaten Great Qin time and time again. Zhao Fu's eyes gave off a cold glow, thinking whether he should cause another catastrophe.

However, that was not quite possible – he had promised the Sky Desolation Azure Dragon that he wouldn't do anything that would destroy the Heaven Awaken World, and even if he broke that promise, the Sky Desolation Azure Dragon would definitely step in again. Right now, Great Qin was unable to resist it.

Apart from the Sky Desolation Azure Dragon, there were also three other Guardian Beasts that would definitely step in. Just the Sky Desolation Azure Dragon alone was incredibly powerful, let alone the others.

Zhao Fu felt that Great Qin was simply too weak right now, and it was as if it could be easily destroyed by anyone without much resistance. Zhao Fu hated this feeling – only by throwing away everything else would they be able to continuously grow more and more powerful.

At that moment, Zhao Fu's handsome face became quite savage, and his eyes became even redder, making him look quite berserk. Everyone who saw him trembled.

Within the boundless darkness, the gigantic devilish star suddenly gave off an incredibly intense blood-red light, and an energy filled with an aura of destruction gradually formed. The Chaotic Imperial Star seemed as if it was no longer bound by the laws of the universe.

What was even more shocking was that a large amount of a black aura started to rise up from Zhao Fu's body – this was his King's Power and his King's Fate, and at this moment, it started to turn blood-red.

Within Zhao Fu's soul, that demon god attribute slowly unleashed its power, causing Zhao Fu's soul to change.

A chilling feeling spread out, making everyone feel as if they had fallen into a bottomless abyss, and their expressions became ones of shock as they looked at Zhao Fu.

Immediately, they found that Zhao Fu's appearance started to become inhuman – two fangs started growing out of his mouth, and his ears became sharper. His black hair slowly became blood-red, and his noble and domineering aura became one of bloodlust and slaughter.

Standing beside Zhao Fu, Xianru looked quite serious and walked over, stretching out her hand. A five-colored light shined on her palm as she lightly patted Zhao Fu's back, saying, "Your Majesty, you're the ruler of Great Qin; you can't allow yourself to be affected by other powers."

Immediately, Zhao Fu felt as if he had been woken up from a dream. He looked up and hazily looked around him, returning to his former self.

This allowed everyone in the hall to release a sigh of relief. They looked at Xianru with gratitude – if it wasn't for her, none of them would have been able to stop Zhao Fu.

No matter what Zhao Fu became like, they would still follow his orders absolutely.

Xianru knowingly smiled and slightly lowered her head, acknowledging the Generals' looks as she returned to Zhao Fu's side.

"Your Majesty, what should Great Qin do about the blanket search being conducted?" Bai Qi said, drawing Zhao Fu's mind to something else.

## **Chapter 512 - Traps and Ambushes**

Hearing Bai Qi's words, Zhao Fu thought about it and said, "Send out all of our Assassins to hunt down anyone who searches. The Forest of Horrors' terrain is quite suitable for them.

"However, they must not wait until the people have reached Great Qin's territory before acting; they must actively search out people and attack them in different places to confuse them. Otherwise, they'll be able to pinpoint Great Qin's location.

"Also, Bai Qi, I leave all of the soldiers and one million residents to you. I want you to set up a large number of traps around Great Qin's territory.

"Even though we have 2.8 million residents, making it difficult for them to take down the Great Qin City, the other villages might be in danger, so we need to set up traps to deal with a large number of people."

"I will do as you said, Your Majesty!" Bai Qi replied.

Following this, Zhao Fu said, "Finally, order Bai Shan to see if he can research a way to attack people in the real world. Unless those ordinary people's lives are in danger, they won't feel any fear."

Even though Great Qin had the Reality Fruit Tree, it only grew five Reality Fruits per day, which was equal to 50 in ten days. This was not of much use, so Zhao Fu wanted Bai Shan to research a way to attack people in the real world.

Zhao Fu gave out a chain of commands, and the Generals all left to take care of those matters.

In the end, it was just Zhao Fu and Xianru left in the hall. Zhao Fu thought back to how he had almost lost control of his soul. Back then, his mind had been incredibly hazy, and he looked at Xianru and asked seriously, "What just happened?"

Xianru lowered her head and answered truthfully, "Because Your Majesty fused with a demon god's divinity and unlocked the Chaos Imperial Star, this is one of the side-effects. If Your Majesty is able to stick to your ideals, there won't be any problems. However, if they start to guide and control Your Majesty, there will be some unknown effects.

"Even though I don't know what the final product of the combination of a demon god's divinity, the Myrtle Imperial Star, and the Chaos Demon Star will be, the three of them are incredibly powerful and will turn Your Majesty into a forbidden existence."

Speaking to there, Xianru's tone became even more serious as she said, "Your Majesty, you must pay attention to this matter and keep your emotions in check!

"In fact, if Your Majesty can increase your contact with women, that would be for the best. This is especially so for the women whom you've made your Imperial Concubines. Their Phoenix Qi is not only good for Your Majesty's body, but it can also refine Your Majesty's Fate and neutralize some of the demon god's attributes and the Chaos Imperial Star's effects.

"If Your Majesty is unwilling to lay a hand on them, women like Liu Mei, Daisy, Ly Qinqian, Liu Subai, and Asani are all quite good. However, the ones who I think would be best are Ba Qing and Tuoba Qing.

"Both of them have immense Phoenix Qi; in fact, the amount of Phoenix Qi that Ba Qing has can rival the amount of Phoenix Qi your Imperial Concubines have combined, and Tuoba Qing has a bit more than Ba Qing. However, there seems to be some sort of power interfering, making it difficult for me to see it clearly.

"Tuoba Qing's background is definitely quite extraordinary, so Your Majesty, I would recommend her. Of course, if Your Majesty chooses both, that would be for the best, and if Your Majesty needs supplements, I can refine for you some special medicinal pills from the School of Yin Yang!"

Ahem... somehow the topic had turned to this. Hearing Xianru mention refining special medicinal pills, Zhao Fu couldn't help but cough. What was going on? Normally, subordinates urged their lieges to stay away from women, yet Xianru was trying to throw women at him!

In the end, Zhao Fu could only say, "I'll have a think about it."

Seeing this, Xianru inwardly sighed, but she could not say much else.

Just as both of them stopped talking, a flirtatious voice suddenly said, "Owner, hurry up and do me! I've been waiting for you day and night, and I've started to leak fluids..."

This shameless voice caused Zhao Fu and Xianru's faces to both turn red. The only person who would say such a thing would be the Sin Dragon, Long Xiaoxiao.

Zhao Fu could only helplessly reply, "Didn't I say to be quiet normally? Look how quiet the three other swords are!"

In response, Long Xiaoxiao harrumphed, "They don't have needs, but I do. Every day, I want to use all sorts of positions..."

Hearing these incredibly shameless words, the three other swords couldn't help but step in. The Sky Demon called out, "Perverted dragon, can't you be more prudent? Why are you thinking about these sorts of things every day?"

Zhao Fu nodded in agreement, approving of what the Sky Demon had said.

This made Long Xiaoxiao quite displeased, and she cried out in protest.

Beside them, Xianru couldn't help but lightly laugh, saying, "Your Majesty, this sword's grade is extremely high, so make sure you take care of it."

Hearing that there was someone on her side, Long Xiaoxiao felt quite happy. Just as she was about to say something, Zhao Fu hurriedly cut her off. If this went on, Zhao Fu wouldn't be able to take it anymore.

Elsewhere, Great Qin's 30,000 Assassins followed Zhao Fu's commands, and under the leadership of the 12 Assassin Leaders, they started to move out.

In the face of massive rewards, countless people wanted to find the super treasure chest that was Great Qin. There were people all over the place searching because once they found Great Qin, the reward would belong to them.

Given the dangers of the wilderness, which contained ferocious wild beasts as well as Outlanders, some people decided to make groups of ten or so people to stay safe.

Countless people started madly searching, and if they continued like this, Great Qin would be discovered sooner or later.

The Forest of Horrors was filled with all sorts of strange trees and plants, and massive trees blocked out the sun wherever they were. This made the lighting quite dim, and the terrain was filled with obstacles, making it difficult to move around in the wilderness.

Most people with battle professions felt quite uncomfortable in such an environment because it was difficult for them to move around or attack.

However, to Rogues or Assassins, this was their playing field. They could use their agile bodies to dart about completely unnoticed.

Great Qin's 30,000 Assassins started to move out. In complex terrain like the Forest of Horrors, a numerical advantage meant nothing. Of course, if it was on open, flat ground, Zhao Fu would not have even sent the Assassins, or they would have been slaughtered in an instant.

Right now, the countless people had not noticed any danger, as they were not clear as to what methods Great Qin would use. On the other hand, they were still drunk on their victory – after all, they had just defeated Great Qin, and there were countless threads on the internet about how mighty they were and how Great Qin had run away from them.

Moreover, because there were so many of them, they felt that they had nothing to fear, so they swaggered about without any caution. It was as if they did not put Great Qin in their eyes anymore and thought that they would be able to win against it again.

Soon, Great Qin's Assassins would clash with them for the first time!

### **Chapter 513 - Night of Slaughter**

A group of seven people walked through the forest with a big man leading the way. The big man happily said, "How great would it be if we discovered Great Qin's location? We wouldn't have to worry for the rest of our lives. The real world is becoming more and more chaotic, and if we have the protection of a large family, we won't have to worry about safety anymore."

Another youth said excitedly, "That's what I was thinking about. If we find Great Qin, not only do we not have to worry about our safety, but we can also have anything we want!"

Suddenly, a plain-looking woman said worriedly, "Great Qin retreated, but now that we're daringly searching for it, won't Great Qin counterattack?"

"Hmph!" One of the youths coldly harrumphed and said mockingly, "Great Qin's nothing now, and there's nothing to be afraid of. It ran away like a scared dog when it saw us."

"That's right. There's nothing to be afraid of anymore. We players have all come out to find it, and facing so many of us, Great Qin is definitely hiding in fear. You don't need to worry," a middle-aged woman laughed as she said.

Hearing this, the plain-looking woman didn't say anything else because she felt that what they said was true – with so many people, what did they have to be afraid of?

Chi!

Suddenly, a soft sound could be heard as a warm fluid splashed on the woman's face. The woman, who had been looking down and thinking to herself, brought her hand to her face and found that it was blood.

She quickly looked up and saw that the six others' throats had been slit and were lying on the ground completely dead.

Just what was happening?

Before the woman could react, a hooded figure appeared behind her and covered her mouth as a cold voice said, “Great Qin is not something you group of ants can resist!”

After saying this, the person’s other hand mercilessly slashed her neck with a dagger, causing blood to spurt out. The woman felt a sting of pain in her neck and gurgled before dying.

After killing the seven people, a few hooded figures appeared and dragged their corpses into the bushes and covered them up before leaping into the trees and disappearing.

These were only a few people at the head of the player army, and those behind them had no idea what had happened. This was because every team was quite far away from each other – if they were too close to each other, once one team found Great Qin, the other teams would also know.

Because of this, it was much easier for Great Qin’s Assassins to act.

After killing those seven people, the hooded figures found another group of six people. Whenever they found small groups like this, they would attack immediately.

They found an opportunity and suddenly darted out from the thickets. Before the six people could react, their throats had been slit, and their hearts had been pierced. The group of Assassins easily killed these people and dragged their bodies into the bushes again, covering them up.

This was to prevent other players from noticing anything, because after seeing the corpses, they would become careful, making it more difficult for Great Qin’s Assassins to attack.

The people at the front of the player army were continuously hunted down by Great Qin’s Assassins, while those behind had no idea what was going on and continued onward.

Great Qin’s Assassins had killed countless people, and the sky gradually darkened. The moon and stars were not out tonight, making it quite dark. Now, it was even more ideal for Great Qin’s Assassins to act.

The players started to become more alert and lit torches, but that only revealed their positions and made it easier for Great Qin’s Assassins to find them.

As the night went on, most of the players started to rest or started to cultivate, and some of them left the Heaven Awaken World to return to the real world for a while before returning. This was because there was a big time difference between the Heaven Awaken World and the real world.

After returning to the real world, some of the players wanted to go to the Heaven Awaken World forum to look at threads of people praising them, but the forum was instead filled with threads about other things.

“Fudge! This elder was looking for Great Qin’s position when I suddenly saw a black blur and was killed!”

“I was the same! I didn’t see anything before being pierced in the heart from behind. I didn’t even see who killed me! That feels so bad!”

“You guys as well? Everyone in my team was suddenly killed by a few people from the bushes. Those people were incredibly strong and fast, and we died before we could even react.”

Seeing these threads, all of the people in the Forest of Horrors felt as if a bucket of cold water had been poured over their heads. Their pleased smiles immediately froze – how could so many people have died without them noticing anything?

They were all in the wilderness right now looking for Great Qin. In that case, they would most likely be attacked as well. When they thought of that, countless people quickly returned to the Heaven Awaken World.

Some people were quite lucky – after waking up, they saw some traces of blood and discovered their teammates' bodies within bushes. They had narrowly escaped disaster.

However, some were not so lucky. They quickly told their teammates about what had happened, but they were quickly surrounded by people in hoods and died shortly after.

The front of the player army was immediately gravely wounded, but those behind quickly spread the news, scaring some people into immediately running back to the system main cities.

Great Qin's Assassins continued to hunt them down. Now that people knew about them, they did not have to act as secretly. Pained howls tore through the night air, making the night seem incredibly terrifying – indeed, this was a night of slaughter.

Early the next morning, the red sun slowly rose over the mountains and cast an orange glow on the ground – a new day had come.

Countless players escaped back to the system main cities in terror, breathing raggedly. The previous night had been too terrifying – there had been hooded figures darting about all over the place, madly killing any players they saw.

Three million players had gone out, but only 2.6 million or so players had returned. In other words, in just a single day, they had lost 400,000 people.

This figure was simply too shocking, making many people's faces pale. They all stopped being so arrogant and realized just how terrifying Great Qin was.

Last time, Great Qin had only performed a tactical retreat – this did not mean that it was weak. Only after clashing with Great Qin again did they realize just how monstrous it was.

In actuality, 400,000 was not a lot. Zhao Fu had sent out 30,000 Assassins, which meant that each person had killed roughly 13 people.

That was over an entire day, and the forests were the most ideal terrain for them. Adding on their powerful cultivations and equipment, killing 13 people each in a day was not that impressive.

However, after that bloodbath, no player dared to come out to look for Great Qin anymore.

## **Chapter 514 - Clown Bone**

Many factions had expected this slaughter. Facing four million people, Great Qin had weighed the costs and benefits and wisely chosen to retreat. However, this made the ordinary people naively think that

Great Qin was defenseless, which was completely wrong. Once they became scattered, Great Qin was able to hunt them down easily. With the ordinary people's power, facing Great Qin meant death.

Now, they had been arrogant to try to find Great Qin's headquarters; how could they not face resistance? After looking around, countless ordinary people had been massacred without any resistance.

Within a day, 400,000 players had died, greatly reducing the players' morale. All of their expressions were quite dim, and none of them dared to continue to oppose Great Qin.

However, the 400,000 players had not died for nothing. There were many ability users and espers, and they gathered information from where they had died and had been able to make a few guesses as to Great Qin's rough location.

This was incredibly good news, and the various factions and Dynasty Legatees once again gave out large rewards to motivate the players to find Great Qin.

They once again gathered a massive army. Even if they couldn't destroy Great Qin, they would be able to heavily wound it and level the playing field.

In the face of massive benefits, the ordinary players were once again moved. Their low morale was boosted high because this time, they would be gathered together instead of split up. Now that they had a better idea of where Great Qin was, they just had to stick together and move.

After hearing about this, the three system main cities moved out as well. With the support of three system main cities, the countless players became even more confident.

Very soon, the army once again formed, and three million or so people headed towards Great Qin.

Great Qin quickly received news of this, and Zhao Fu looked at Bai Qi and asked, "Has everything been prepared?"

Bai Qi slightly smiled and nodded.

Zhao Fu felt relieved and looked at soldiers as he said in a loud voice, "Set out!"

Great Qin's soldiers started to advance towards the player army with high morale.

The player army excitedly advanced incredibly quickly and reached Great Qin's territory. Immediately, they were greeted with all sorts of presents.

Some fell into pits and were impaled on sharp wooden spikes, while others were crushed by falling objects. Others were stabbed by countless bamboo spears that shot out of nowhere.

There were all sorts of traps, and they instantly caused many deaths, causing the player army to pause in its tracks.

Seeing the countless traps and the 40,000 to 50,000 players who had died in an instant, the three City Lords frowned and gave the order to advance carefully.

Moreover, there were isolation barriers everywhere, making it impossible to use teleportation channels to skip past the countless traps.

The tools that they had used to break the isolation barriers were connected to their system main cities' teleportation channels, so it was impossible to use them here.

However, just in case, Zhao Fu had ordered people to be stationed in high places to send alerts of people using teleportation channels to teleport over. Once this happened, they would immediately be surrounded and killed.

The player army advanced with great difficulty because there were simply too many of them and too many traps. Soon, the casualties had reached nearly 100,000 players.

This was not that great of a number – after all, these traps had been created by 1.45 million people, which was quite shocking. This was the benefit to defending.

The player army continued to advance forwards and soon reached a large lake. The lake covered a few kilometers, and the water was a dirt-yellow color and quite murky. However, it was not very deep, being less than half a meter deep, which made it easy to wade through and did not seem very dangerous.

After suffering much just then, the three City Lords and various leaders did not dare to be careless, and they wanted to go around it. However, there were mountains on either side of the lake, and it would take a long time for so many people to climb over the mountains.

There was also a narrow ravine, but that was a perfect spot for an ambush. Moreover, with so many people, they would be at a great disadvantage in such terrain and would suffer great casualties.

As such, they decided to wade through the lake. Of course, they sent people to scout the way first. Seeing that the scouts were able to make it through, everyone let out a sigh of relief.

Following this, the player army started to enter the lake. Surprisingly, people easily made it to the other side without any issues, and they all started to relax, thinking that they were too alert and that this was just a normal lake.

Soon, one million players had crossed over, and everyone let down their guards and felt quite safe.

However, at that moment, something surprising happened – countless waves started to surge towards the people within the water.

Immediately, pained cries sounded out. Countless people felt something biting at their feet, causing them to instinctively raise their feet. However, this sent them off balance, causing them to completely fall into the water while the things in the water ferociously bit at their bodies.

Blood quickly dyed the murky water red, and everyone else became quite startled and quickly retreated.

The three City Lords' expressions became grim, and they simultaneously acted. An incredibly powerful force hit the surface of the lake, causing ugly little fish with sharp teeth to splash out of the water.

They were Clown Bone Fish, which Great Qin had obtained during the Divine Fish Festival and had been raising this entire time. After such a long time, there were now hundreds of thousands of these fish, and they had incredibly sharp teeth that could even bite through iron. They were incredibly frightening, and they were why so many people were afraid of Seeping River.

These Clown Bone Fish were incredibly weak, and they all died under the three City Lords' attacks.

The rest of the players quickly saved those who were still alive. Most of them had not died, but their feet had been mostly bitten off. The players immediately realized Great Qin's plan and couldn't help but curse at Great Qin for being so insidious.

This was because they realized that Great Qin's goal was not to kill them but to get rid of their battle power. Those who had their feet bitten off were unable to walk anymore.

In just an instant, another 400,000 people had lost the power to walk or fight. Adding on the 100,000 or so people lost from the traps, that was 500,000 people in total, and combined with those killed by Great Qin's Assassins, that was 900,000 people in total.

Now, they only had around 2.7 million people who were still able to fight. They had lost so many people without even seeing Great Qin, making them wonder if they wanted to even continue.

## **Chapter 515 - Arrow Rain**

After thinking about it, they decided to continue advancing. They had not even seen the shadow of Great Qin yet, but they had already lost so many people. Who knew what they would encounter if they continued onwards?

Moreover, Great Qin had an army of 450,000 people, and if they went off the assumption that a faction had five residents for every soldier, Great Qin had at least 2 million residents. If that was the case, they no longer held a great numerical advantage, and if they advanced, they would most likely lose a large portion of their army, which was not worth it.

When the time came, who knew whether it would be them destroying Great Qin or Great Qin destroying them. As such, they could only sigh and prepare to leave.

Swish, swish, swish...

Suddenly, the sound of the air being torn could be heard as arrows streaked towards the player army.

The player army was still close to the lake and were on open ground, making them an extremely easy target.

The players, who could not react in time, were instantly hit by arrows. Some soldiers quickly raised their shields, but under the immense rain of arrows, many people were still injured or killed.

This was especially so for those whose feet had been maimed – they were unable to even dodge, and those who were carrying them were completely unprepared and hit by countless arrows.

"Ahhh..." Countless cries sounded out continuously as blood flew everywhere, dyeing the ground and lake even redder.

Rumble...

As the arrows landed, a massive rumbling could be heard, causing the ground to tremble. Countless people looked over and were shocked to see a massive beast tide ferociously rushing towards them.

There were many wild beasts, such as Azure Oxen, as well as wild boars, deer, and goats. They were the livestock that Great Qin had been raising and were preparing to sell.

Currently, all of these animals' eyes were blood-red, and they madly charged forward.

"Hurry up and fire arrows!"

Countless people fired arrows in terror, but because the animals were charging out from a dense forest, many of the arrows struck branches or leaves. Moreover, because some arrows were too weak, they were unable to cause any damage.

At that moment, the system main city soldiers revealed their true strength. They drew their bows fully and released powerful arrows, which turned into black blurs that shot into the animals' bodies, causing them to die without any resistance.

Because these animals were all ordinary animals, how could they defend against attacks from Stage 1 soldiers?

The system main city soldiers reduced the incoming beast time by one quarter and greatly reduced their momentum.

"Hurry! Shields!"

Despite the system main city soldiers firing arrows, the massive beast tide continued onwards. The players started to come to their senses and raised their shields. It was impossible to run, so their only hope was to resist.

Seeing the beast tide flooding over, the three City Lords were about to attack when suddenly three powerful attacks shot towards them, forcing them to defend.

Boom!!

A massive explosion rang out as the gigantic beast tide smashed against the wall of shields. The wall of shields was instantly destroyed, but this greatly reduced the beast tide's momentum and slowed it down, allowing many people to rush up with their weapons.

A great battle between humans and animals began, resulting in massive sounds. The battle was quite chaotic – the various animals gored and sent players flying while players continuously stabbed into the animals' bodies.

Roars of pain could be heard, and blood continuously flew through the air. In the end, the player army was victorious. Not only did they have massive numbers, but the system main city soldiers were also able to kill the animals incredibly quickly. With the ordinary players' cultivations, they were able to barely defend against the animals as well.

However, the beast tide of around 400,000 animals was still able to cause nearly 300,000 players' deaths.

The three City Lords looked at the three people in the distance seriously. They could tell that these three people were also system main city City Lords, but why would such people be here? Moreover, they seemed to be helping Great Qin.

The various factions and Dynasty Legatees did not tell them Great Qin's true power in order to make them believe that they had the ability to defeat Great Qin and go all-in to heavily injure it. As for the survival of the three system main cities, they did not care at all – all that mattered was fulfilling their goal.

That was why the three City Lords felt so surprised upon seeing those three other City Lords.

Boom!!

Another explosion sounded out as ten black pillars of light shot into the clouds, causing the sky to shake. A massive black magic formation appeared, giving off a boundless deathly aura and black light.

Immediately, all of the animals that had died suddenly started to go through changes: their skin and flesh slowly started to wither and fall off, revealing their skeletons. Black flames lit up within their heads, and they slowly stood up from the ground again.

The countless players were incredibly shocked and quickly retreated. However, because that battle had only just concluded, many players were still beside these corpses. As soon as the countless animals' bodies turned into Undead, they immediately started to attack the people around them.

Many people were completely unprepared when they were suddenly attacked, resulting in many deaths. The people and animals once again began to fight.

However, the players still held the advantage, as the Animal Skeletons were not very strong. In fact, after becoming Skeletons, they had become weaker. The Skeletons that the Disaster Cavalrymen summoned were more powerful than ordinary Skeletons, but the Skeletons were still slightly weaker than how strong they were when they were alive.

After all, no skill could make Skeletons more powerful than when they were alive, and perhaps even gods couldn't do this. This was because turning a corpse into an Undead required a large amount of power, and this was taken from the Skeletons themselves. Unless their strength was boosted by someone else, they would always be weaker than when they were alive.

Swish, swish, swish...

Suddenly, yet another dense wave of arrows shot out from the forest, giving off an incredibly sharp aura.

However, the players were currently fighting with the sudden onslaught of Animal Skeletons, so they were unable to defend against these arrows, resulting in many more people dying. The more powerful auras seemed to be directed at the system main city soldiers, resulting in many of them perishing.

"Retreat!"

Upon seeing this, the various leaders and City Lords could only loudly call for the army to retreat. The players and system main cities had suffered disastrous losses, and if this continued, they might be annihilated here.

However, even though they wanted to retreat, the countless Animal Skeletons refused to let them go, and the continuous rain of arrows made it even more difficult for them to safely retreat.

Even though the three City Lords wanted to help out, whenever they tried to act, they were stopped by the three other City Lords, making it impossible for them to intervene.

In the end, some of the members of the player army were able to wretchedly escape, but they had suffered heavy losses. Only about two million players survived, and 50,000 system main city soldiers had died. Luckily, the system main city did not send any residents, or their casualties would have been even greater.

#### Chapter 516: Demon Tree

Now, the Forest of Horrors still had two million players, and with the system main cities' population and soldiers, they had roughly three million people. If everyone went to attack, Great Qin would not be able to defend very easily.

This operation had been a failure, and the three system main cities went from an offensive position to a defensive position.

With this experience, they no longer dared to casually attack Great Qin, as they understood that they were not powerful enough to destroy Great Qin. As such, they could only go on the defensive.

News that the player army had been defeated quickly spread into the real world, causing many people to feel disappointed.

However, most factions had expected this – with Great Qin's monstrous power, they had never hoped to destroy it. They had only wanted to heavily wound it.

However, even though they had failed, they had still successfully made Great Qin seem less scary. Now, they knew that as long as enough people banded together, Great Qin would not dare to attack.

Since Great Qin would not dare to attack them and they had the power to resist, why did they still need to fear Great Qin?

As such, even though the player army had failed, they still made everyone less fearful of Great Qin and motivated people to resist Great Qin's tyranny.

The Forest of Horrors' three system main cities went into full defense mode, and Great Qin did not dare to casually attack, resulting in a period of peace within the Forest of Horrors.

There were much fewer people on the streets now within Holy Light City. Looking at the destroyed Westfall Restaurant, Jiang Rou looked quite worried. What had happened to Zhao Xin?

In order to destroy all of Great Qin's factions, the three system main cities naturally shut down any shops that they thought were associated with Great Qin. However, Great Qin had many shops, and because some of them were run by others, it was difficult to tell just which shops belonged to Great Qin.

However, the three system main cities would rather shut down the wrong shops than let Great Qin off, so even some innocent shops were dragged in as well.

Jiang Rou heard about Great Qin being in the Forest of Horrors due to such a big thing happening. Even if she didn't care about the matter, she would still hear about it from other people.

However, Jiang Rou still hadn't realized that there was a connection between Zhao Fu and Great Qin. She thought that Zhao Fu's restaurant had been wrongly shut down, so she was quite worried about him.

As Great Qin continuously developed in other regions, Zhao Fu's fake name, Zhao Xin, was gradually forgotten by everyone.

Barely anyone would be able to guess that Zhao Xin, who was Zhao Fu, was Great Qin's Legatee. It was impossible for Jiang Rou to guess such a thing, that Zhao Xin, who treated her so kindly, was Great Qin's bloodthirsty Legatee.

"What should I do?" Jiang Rou felt incredibly worried, but there was nothing she could do. This was because she normally went to the Westfall restaurant to find Zhao Fu, but now that there was no one there, she could not find any information about Zhao Fu.

After looking around the Westfall Restaurant, Jiang Rou could only dispiritedly return to her own tailor shop and pray that Zhao Xin was fine.

Jiang Rou truly thought of Zhao Fu as a friend and felt incredibly grateful to him. After all, it was only because of his help that she was able to live her own life.

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Back at Great Qin, they had successfully defended against this attack. This was the first time that Great Qin had been on the defensive, and it had suffered some losses. For example, all of the Clown Bone Fish that they had been raising for so long had been killed.

The livestock that they had been raising had also all died, which meant that Great Qin would not be able to eat their own meat for a while and would have to eat other types of meat. If things came to it, they could buy meat from other regions as well.

Now, Great Qin had to consider how to attack the system main cities. They couldn't allow the situation to drag on like this – the system main cities would spawn new players every day, and if this continued on, they would regain the players that they lost during that last fight.

Great Qin had spent a great deal of effort getting rid of those players, so they couldn't allow the system main cities to regain their player force. If that happened, Great Qin would be in an even worse spot, and it would be even more difficult for them to defeat the three system main cities.

However, Great Qin now knew that the system main cities had ways of breaking through isolation barriers. If Great Qin attacked a system main city, the two other sides would immediately send people to pincer Great Qin. This made it quite difficult for Great Qin to attack, and Great Qin could only act once it thought of a sure-fire plan.

That was what the factions within the three system main cities were thinking as well. With the three system main cities as shields, they did not have to worry about Great Qin or fear Great Qin.

They only had to wait a bit for new players to spawn, and they would be able to once again attack Great Qin. They had obtained great benefits and were willing to do this for the safety of their factions.

They had failed this time, but they had only been disappointed for a short while. After returning to their system main cities, they calmed down and did not fear Great Qin. After all, they knew that Great Qin would not dare to attack, so they were quite safe.

Before, countless people would surrender before Great Qin even attacked. They would plead to negotiate, but now, such a thing would not happen.

As for the ordinary people, because they had just gone through much suffering, most of them stayed within the system main cities and did not dare to go out because they feared an ambush from Great Qin.

However, they did not feel depressed because even though they had lost, they still received some rewards from the large factions, which was still quite good.

Regardless, even though the three system main cities had lost this fight, they did not seem like they had lost – instead, they held their heads high and felt completely unafraid, not putting Great Qin in their eyes at all.

On the other hand, through much thinking, Zhao Fu thought of a good plan. It was not to send his army to attack but a more shameless method. He didn't know whether it would be effective or not, but it was worth a try because they would not lose anything if it failed.

Zhao Fu took his 12 Assassin leaders and Xianru along to his first target, Demon Tree City. Demon Tree City's City Lord was an elder, whose body and strength were weaker than the two other City Lords'.

There was a fairly high chance of success, and because Zhao Fu had no qualms about attacking the elderly, he set his sights on Demon Tree City's City Lord. After making some preparations, they waited until night fell to begin their operation.

There was a full moon that night, which was quite bright, making it not too hard to see in the night. Zhao Fu and his group of people moved out – their goal was to assassinate the City Lord.

Since they could not win in a direct fight, they would have to act in secret. If they could assassinate a City Lord, things would become much easier, but Zhao Fu was not completely confident that they could pull this off.

## **Chapter 517 - Nothing is True**

Because Zhao Fu and the 12 Assassin leaders all had the Assassin profession, it was quite easy for them to sneak into the system main city. The only person who didn't have the profession was Xianru, but with her Yin Yang techniques, she was able to get in without any trouble as well.

It was already late in the night, and most people were already sleeping. The system main city was completely dark and very quiet, and there was only the occasional cry of a bird.

Zhao Fu led his group straight to the City Hall. It was likely that it would be heavily guarded, so they all became quite careful – if they alerted anyone, their plan would fail.

Zhao Fu was currently the most powerful Assassin because he had not only passed a higher grade trial than the others but also had the Assassin Lord Ring. He could use the 12 others' powers, and with the Stealther's abilities, Zhao Fu could easily enter the City Hall.

The City Hall was quite big, and the City Lord was most likely at the center. Zhao Fu went in first to look around, and after confirming where the City Lord was, he came out and ordered the others to start acting.

The patrolling soldiers had no idea that some people had snuck in. By now, all of the 12 Assassin leaders had at least Stage 2 cultivation and their equipment sets' power, making it difficult for the soldiers to detect them.

Now, Zhao Fu's party headed straight to the center of the City Hall!

Currently, the green-robed elder had his eyes closed because he was sitting on a cattail mat as he cultivated. He had been quite surprised that three City Lords had been willing to help Great Qin's Legatee, which had been quite detrimental to them. In terms of high-end battle power, they had lost.

The other side not only had three City Lords, but it also had a Dynasty Legatee, which meant that if they fought, the Forest of Horrors' City Lords would be at a disadvantage.

What the green-robed elder didn't know was that Great Qin actually had ten City Lords and had only sent out three to give them some pressure and not reveal all of their cards.

Even though the other side had four high-end powers, with the three City Lords' strength, they would not dare to easily attack. However, the green-robed elder never expected the other side to come assassinate him right now.

Zhao Fu and his group did not dare to make any big movements, as once the alarm rang, it would be quite difficult to assassinate the City Lord, resulting in the failure of the plan. After all, once the alarm was raised, the other two City Lords would hurry over, making the situation quite bad for Zhao Fu's side.

A light breeze passed by, and the ten or so soldiers standing guard outside the room had their throats slit, and they instantly died. Their corpses were quickly put into spatial rings, and Zhao Fu's people also did their best to hide the smell of blood.

However, at that moment, the green-robed elder's eyes suddenly opened, giving off a cold light as the doors flew open and black blurs shot towards the green-robed elder.

Time was of the essence, and they could not waste even a single second.

Seeing these people shooting towards him, the green-robed elder showed an expression of disdain. Even though they were a group of Assassins, they only had Stage 2 cultivation while he had Stage 4 cultivation and a City Lord Seal. As such, he did not put them in his eyes at all.

He casually waved his hand, causing a green light to shine as 12 green leaves, giving off an abnormally sharp aura, flew towards the 12 people. The leaves contained immense power, and if hit, a person's body could be split in two.

Tuoba Qing understood how powerful this attack was, so she swung her large blood-red sword, giving off a blood-red sword light to defend against the leaf coming towards her, while Little Sha used his agile

footwork to dodge. Everyone else also used one's various methods to defend against or dodge the green-robed elder's attack.

The green-robed elder felt quite surprised upon seeing this. Even though he had not used his City Lord Seal's power, he was still a Stage 4 cultivator, and normal Stage 2 cultivators should have been killed by that attack – these people were quite strange.

Seeing these people continue towards him, the green-robed elder stood up and wanted to use his full power to kill these people. He did not put these Stage 2 people in his eyes at all; as long as he unleashed his full power, he would be able to kill them in an instant.

However, at that moment, the 12 figures rushed to the side and stood around him. Each of them stretched out a hand towards him as a gray light enveloped their hands, and a magic formation suddenly formed beneath the green-robed elder's feet.

This magic was quite complex and made out of 12 circles. It gave off an incredibly cold and murderous aura and formed an invisible domain. This was the combined ability of the 12 Assassin Equipment Sets, 'Nothing Is True!'

Anyone within this domain would have one's speed and power reduced.

The green-robed elder was quite shocked that this domain could weaken his power. He did not hesitate anymore and immediately planned to use his City Lord Seal to blow these people into ashes.

However, just as he was about to attack, another figure appeared – it was an extremely beautiful woman in a violet dress. Her body gave off a strange light as she quickly performed hand seals. Ten violet talisman papers hung in a row in the air and gave off a mysterious violet light.

"Amnesty!" Xianru called out as the ten talisman papers turned into ten rays of violet light and shot towards the green-robed elder with terrifying power.

The green-robed elder could tell that these ten talisman papers were not ordinary. He unleashed his City Lord Seal's power and turned his attention to those incoming talisman papers.

Chi!

The sound of a sharp weapon piercing into flesh could be heard. Without him knowing, a black-hooded figure, who was eerily smiling, had appeared behind the green-robed elder.

Immediately, the green-robed elder felt the aura of death seep into his body. Even though the dagger that had stabbed him had not hit any of his vitals, the deathly aura corroded his lifeforce. The green-robed elder's expression fell, and he tried to use his City Lord Seal's power to suppress the deathly aura, but a lethal poison also started to spread throughout his body.

The green-robed elder coughed up a large mouthful of blood before he stumbled and fell to the ground.

By now, many soldiers had sensed that something was off and rushed over. Everything seemed to have happened incredibly quickly, and less than three minutes had passed.

Seeing the soldiers charging over, Zhao Fu said to the others, "Hurry and leave!"

The others knew that the situation was quite urgent, so they obeyed Zhao Fu's orders and quickly vanished.

Zhao Fu looked at the green-robed elder on the ground. He had never expected the plan to go so smoothly – he had used the 12 Assassin leaders to make the City Lord lower his guard, then had Xianru attack from the front to distract the City Lord while he, the real attacker, attacked from behind.

Another reason why the plan had gone so successfully was because Zhao Fu had used the Death Dagger, which required the user's lifeforce. He had used it once when killing god Kerr's clone, and the effects had been quite good.

The final reason was because he had used the Poison Dragon Liquid, which would be able to take down even a dragon. Zhao Fu had obtained this during the Divine Fish Festival and finally found a use for it.

### **Chapter 518 - Won't You Surrender?**

The green-robed elder on the ground was on his dying breath, and blood continuously flowed from his mouth. If it wasn't for his City Lord Seal's power stemming his injury, he would have died a long time ago.

After all, Zhao Fu had used the Death Dagger, half a year of his lifespan, and the Poison Dragon Liquid to kill the green-robed elder.

Seeing the system main city soldiers rushing over, Zhao Fu did not hesitate and squatted down, tensing his hand into a knife hand strike and piercing into the green-robed elder's abdomen. He took out a shining green City Lord Seal, and the green-robed elder howled and immediately died.

It was not just because of Zhao Fu's attack; it was also because he was unable to stop the invasion of the deathly aura and poison after losing the City Lord Seal.

Following this, Zhao Fu put away the green-robed elder's corpse and turned into a ray of light as he flew towards where the City Heart was. Everyone in the system main city was greatly shocked as they received system announcements that their City Lord had died, causing Demon Tree City to immediately erupt into chaos.

"You killed our City Lord; I'll kill you!" Demon Tree City's three Great Generals flew towards Zhao Fu, and one of them, a big man, roared as he looked at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu turned to look at the three people and coldly laughed as he drew the Sky Demon Sword. He casually swung out, sending out a massive black sword light that hit the three Great Generals and sent them flying back. It was unclear whether they were still alive or dead.

Trying to attack him without a City Lord Seal was simply seeking death.

However, Zhao Fu ignored the three of them and rushed to where the City Heart was, and he quickly chose to conquer the city.

"System announcement! Congratulations, you have conquered a system main city and obtained 5,000 Achievement Points."

“System announcement! Because you are a Legatee and have conquered a system main city, you have obtained a large amount of this region’s Fate.”

“System announcement! You have relocated a system main city and obtained 860,000 EXP.”

“System announcement! Congratulations, you have obtained 200 War Points.”

Zhao Fu ignored those system announcements and kicked off the ground, turning into a ray of light that shot into the sky, breaking through the roof of the City Hall.

Boom!!

A spear light and a sword light suddenly flashed, containing immense power as they shot towards Zhao Fu.

The other two City Lords had arrived!

Zhao Fu dodged the attacks, but he was forced to stop. He looked at the two City Lords behind him, who both looked incredibly furious, and it was as if they were determined to kill Zhao Fu.

“Right now, you don’t have an advantage anymore. If you submit to Great Qin, I can spare you!” Zhao Fu said confidently.

However, the two City Lords coldly harrumphed and chose to directly act.

In response, Zhao Fu turned and flew away, not showing any intention to fight with them. They weren’t alone, as there were also countless soldiers charging over, so Zhao Fu was not so stupid as to fight to the death with them.

Swish, swish, swish...

Countless arrows flew over like bolts of lightning, and Zhao Fu immediately cast his King’s Domain. The arrows hit the King’s Domain like raindrops, and because there were so many of them, they caused the King’s Domain to slightly crack. Seeing this, Zhao Fu used his City Lord Seal’s power to increase his speed.

In response, the two City Lords also activated their City Lord Seals and continued to chase after him.

However, very soon, Zhao Fu had flown outside of the city and stood in the air looking at them. The two City Lords stopped, not daring to step out because they could sense some danger.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu lightly laughed, “What, are you not going to chase me anymore?”

Soldier Forest’s City Lord coldly harrumphed and said, “Just call out the people you have waiting; we won’t fall for your trap.”

“Really now?” Zhao Fu asked, but he did not ask for his hidden City Lords to reveal themselves.

He then asked, “Won’t you two surrender? If you surrender, I’ll treat both of you and all of your residents as subjects of Great Qin, and you will continue to be City Lords. We won’t have to continue fighting like this. You won’t have to die, nor do your cities have to be destroyed!”

“We’ll never agree!” the woman in white replied icily.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu gave up on trying to make them submit. Now that there were only two City Lords left, they were at a complete disadvantage. If he had been able to convince them to surrender, Great Qin could have united the Forest of Horrors and would not have had to continue fighting like this.

Such a stalemate would not be beneficial to either side, and it would instead benefit the other Dynasty Legatees. After all, not developing meant going backwards because all of the other Dynasties were rapidly developing. If Great Qin continued this stalemate, their growth would be greatly slowed.

Since Zhao Fu knew that they were unwilling to surrender, there was no use in trying to convince them. He decided to fly away, but the two City Lords refused to follow him.

Seeing Zhao Fu casually fly away, the two City Lords could only angrily gnash their teeth, but they could do nothing about it.

After Demon Tree City's City Lord died, Demon Tree City's residents and players all panicked, not knowing what to do. Now, only two system main cities remained in the Forest of Horrors.

Seeing these players and residents, the two City Lords decided to each take half of them, making the players and residents incredibly grateful. This was because after losing their city, they would be defenseless if Great Qin attacked again.

The sun gradually rose over the horizon, and the rays that fell on the players' faces revealed a completely different expression – they were no longer as confident and worry-free.

In just a night, they had lost a system main city – how could they still feel as confident? It was an incredibly grave blow to them.

Even though they had not lost any people, they had lost an incredibly solid defensive position, making it more difficult for them to group together. Now, many of them became like a pile of loose sand that was easy to blow away.

The players desperately prayed that nothing would happen to the remaining two system main cities. Now, the City Lords and factions leaders all met together to discuss what to do.

Not only did they have to prepare defenses, but they also had to be ready for battle. If Great Qin came and attacked, they could not be as relaxed as they were in the past. If they lost another system main city, they would be doomed.

Back at Great Qin, Zhao Fu had already re-established Demon Tree City and given the City Lord Seal to Xiao Jian. Now, Great Qin City had 11 City Lords – eight of them were the City Lords of system main cities, while three of them were City Lords of Basic Cities. Great Qin had once again become a bit more powerful.

At the same time, Zhao Fu also heard about Demon Tree City's players and residents taking refuge in the two other system main cities.

Each of the remaining system main cities now had at least a battle force of 1.7 million people, and this was not including the countless player villages that could help.

Zhao Fu thought about getting rid of the player villages in the wilderness – this way, they would not be able to help the system main cities, but after thinking about it, he decided to give up on that idea.

## Chapter 519 - Evil Spirits

This was because the player villages were scattered all over the place in the wilderness, and they would require a lot of time to find. Moreover, after destroying a few, the rest would most likely send all of their people to the system main cities, which would make their job in attacking the system main cities even more difficult.

As such, Zhao Fu decided that they would first attack the system main cities before getting rid of these player villages – that way, they would not have any way to resist.

However, now, each system main city had a battle force of around 1.7 million people, which was not to be taken lightly. In that case, should they do another assassination? After what had happened, they would most likely be incredibly wary, so it was unlikely that such a thing would work again. Moreover, the players and residents would make things quite difficult as well.

Zhao Fu could not think of anything, so he asked for all of the information on the two system main cities and looked into them in detail, hoping to find something of value. However, after looking through them, Zhao Fu still had nothing, making him feel quite frustrated.

“Your Majesty, your tea’s ready,” a female attendant said as she brought up a pot of tea.

Suddenly, Zhao Fu thought of something – he ordered his people to go to the various regions and buy all the lethal poisons they could get their hands on. Their target this time was the ordinary people.

Even though the City Halls would be heavily guarded, making it difficult to sneak in, because of how big system main cities were, it was impossible to secure every area. As long as they were able to sneak in and put poison into the water wells, they would be able to poison the ordinary people.

Moreover, Zhao Fu had the 30,000 Skeleton Mages and the Disaster Cavalrymen, so combining them together, he would be able to greatly reduce the other sides’ forces.

Thinking to there, Zhao Fu discussed this with his Generals in order to prevent any oversight on his part.

Afterward, Great Qin started to buy in bulk all kinds of lethal poisons. In total, they had bought 100,000 vials of poison and spent a lot of money.

However, this money wasn’t much to Great Qin – what Great Qin lacked least was money, and if spending money could resolve this issue, they would be more than happy to spend it.

This time, Great Qin would once again be relying on Assassins and as well as the Disaster Cavalrymen and Skeleton Mages.

There was no need to send in too many Assassins, as sending in too many would result in them being discovered. Zhao Fu chose 200 elite Assassins and gave them spatial rings filled with lethal poisons.

Following this, the operation began.

It was once again night time when Zhao Fu brought his group of people near Soldier Forest. Right now, Soldier Forest was not as complacent as Demon Tree City had been back then; the entire city was lit up, making it difficult for anyone to sneak in.

However, Zhao Fu was still able to bring his people in front an inconspicuous corner of the city and sneak into Soldier Forest.

The security within the city was quite tight – there were soldiers continuously patrolling the streets, making Zhao Fu and his people incredibly wary, and they executed the plan incredibly carefully.

Great Qin's Assassins moved around in stealth, heading to the water wells to pour in the poison.

After successfully pouring the poison into the water, it mixed in with the water without changing the color or smell, making it impossible for ordinary people to find out that there was something with the water.

Now that they had successfully completed this stage of the plan, they had to wait for an opportunity.

Early the next morning, just as the sun rose, a faint fog descended on the city. It was quite cold during winter mornings, but the residents still got up and started to cook, preparing for the new day.

After taking in the refugees from Demon Tree City, the two system main cities, which had been quite empty, once again became quite lively again.

After nothing had happened the previous night, everyone let out a sigh of relief. However, this peaceful morning was soon destroyed.

Cries of horror sounded out, causing everyone to feel quite shocked. They then found that many people had collapsed to the ground with blood leaking out of their mouths, and they soon died.

What was going on? Many people could not understand what was happening, and the City Lords and the leaders of factions soon heard about this. After looking over the bodies, physicians found that these people had been poisoned to death.

After doing some tests, they found that the water within the wells contained lethal poison.

After hearing about this, the countless players felt incredibly furious and terrified. They were furious that Great Qin had dared to sneak in during the night and shamelessly put poison into their water, and they were terrified because they had almost been poisoned to death. Soon, the matter of the poison sent the two system main cities into chaos.

The City Lords quickly gave the order not to drink any well water, and they estimated that roughly 200,000 from each city had been poisoned to death.

Many of these people were whole families – whether they were male or female, elderly or young, anyone who had drunk water from the well or eaten food prepared with water from the well had died without exception.

These scenes made the two City Lords extraordinarily furious, and they resolved themselves to kill this Dynasty Legatee.

Countless leaders of player factions couldn't help but sigh – all was fair in love and war, so even though Great Qin had acted shamelessly, in the end, victory was the most important thing.

Those who hoped that their enemies would not use underhanded schemes were essentially idiots; fair, just, and direct fights only happened in stories, while reality was much crueler.

Zhao Fu stood in the air outside Soldier Forest and watched all of this happen. He then gave the order for the next stage of the plan to be set into motion. The ten Disaster Cavalrymen raised their black swords and roared as ten black pillars of light rushed into the air, creating a massive black magic formation.

Seeing this black magic formation, the residents of Soldier Forest felt incredibly uneasy. The indigenous residents who had died became Skeletons, and they started to attack those around them.

Immediately, Soldier Forest descended into chaos. Many people felt terrified and wanted to escape, while others rushed up to kill the Skeletons. The sound of fighting and howls sounded out, sounding incredibly chaotic.

The Skeleton Mages then used their Evil Spirit summoning skill, summoning transparent Evil Spirits that flew towards the players.

Even though these Evil Spirits were not much use against Stage 1 soldiers, they were a great threat to ordinary players.

The players defending the city walls did not notice the Evil Spirits floating towards them. After the Evil Spirits invaded their heads, the players howled as their expressions became twisted. Everyone around them had no idea what was going on, and they hurriedly came over to look at them.

However, at that moment, the players who had been possessed started to madly attack those who came to check up on them. The others were greatly surprised to see these people attacking their own allies but quickly started counterattacking.

The 30,000 Skeleton Mages could summon and control 30,000 Evil Spirits, which meant that they could control 30,000 players. As these players started to attack each other, Soldier Forest became even more chaotic.

After the players possessed by the Evil Spirits were killed, the Evil Spirits continued to find more targets and continued their killing spree.

This was why Zhao Fu had chosen to act against Soldier Forest first – Holy Light City would have many things that could suppress the Undead and evil creatures.

## **Chapter 520 - Battle on Two Sides**

Soldier Forest became incredibly chaotic, but things were not good at Holy Light City either. This was because Zhao Fu had sent all of Great Qin's soldiers to attack Holy Light City.

Of course, they were not actually attacking. They were only making feints to tie down Holy Light City's people in order to allow Great Qin to take down Soldier Forest with more ease.

Seeing the soldiers outside, Holy Light City's people felt quite nervous. Even though they had three times Great Qin's battle force, after these continuous losses, they had lost their confidence as well.

"Hurry and alert Soldier Forest that Great Qin is attacking and tell them to help!"

Seeing Great Qin's soldiers, countless people hurriedly called out. As long as the system main cities worked together, they would be able to resist Great Qin.

"Fire!" Bai Qi was leading Great Qi's soldiers in this attack, and the soldiers obeyed Bai Qi's command, shooting out arrows as they started to attack Holy Light City.

Soldier Forest soon received news of Holy Light City being attacked, but they had no resources to spare. Not only were they facing Skeletons, but many players had also suddenly gone berserk. What's more, as long as the black magic formation in the sky remained there, any indigenous residents who died would immediately become Skeletons.

Outside Holy Light City, the woman in white glared at Bai Qi and yelled, "Why would you pledge your loyalty to such a person and help him? You're taking the side of a tyrant!"

The woman in white thought that Bai Qi was also an indigenous resident and could not understand why he would be loyal to someone so shameless, ruthless, and bloodthirsty.

Facing the woman in white's words, Bai Qi replied with a cold expression, "That's how the world is; if you want to live and become stronger, you have to respect the laws of this world. Everything His Majesty has done is for Great Qin, and no one has the right to criticize him.

"Also, you're already doomed to lose. His Majesty is lacking concubines, so it's best that you surrender and become His Majesty's concubine. Otherwise, everyone in this city will die!"

The woman in white angrily harrumphed. She had wanted to try to convince him to surrender, yet he was telling her to become that person's concubine. How was that possible?

"Do you really think you can take down Holy Light City with just 450,000 soldiers? Let's see if you can do it!"

The woman in white attacked first, sending out a white sword light that was dozens of meters long. It gave off a holy yet terrifying power as it slashed towards Bai Qi. In response, Bai Qi's gaze became icy as a large amount of a blood-red aura rose up from his body. He slashed out with his Seven Murders Sword, shattering the white sword light.

The woman in white felt quite surprised and felt that Bai Qi was different compared to other City Lords. However, she did not think too much about it and continued to attack.

The two of them started a massive battle in the air, while the soldiers below continued to fire arrows. The battle seemed incredibly intense, but Great Qin didn't intend on starting an actual fight.

Back at Soldier Forest, the City Lord looked at the chaotic state of the city and felt quite worried. Holy Light City was also being attacked, so he wanted to take people to help – otherwise, if one of their system main cities was lost, the other would fall quickly as well.

However, there was nothing he could do by worrying. The Skeletons within the city were still madly attacking players and residents, and without getting rid of them, they would not be able to head over to Holy Light City.

Moreover, he had no idea what was going on with those maddened players. After killing one wave of them, another wave would come. Moreover, with the black magic formation, as soon as indigenous residents died, they would become Skeletons, which was incredibly disadvantageous for them.

The City Lord wanted to destroy the black magic formation first – without that magic formation, they would be able to get rid of the Skeletons easily. They would then be able to deal with the maddened players and head over to Holy Light City.

However, a black-cloaked figure appeared in front of him. Seeing this person, the City Lord did not feel surprised. He gripped his spear and prepared to break through.

However, at that moment, even more figures appeared around him, ten of them in total. This caused his expression to become one of shock, as all ten of them were City Lords!

In actuality, Zhao Fu's plan was not only to get rid of the ordinary people but also to take advantage of the chaos to get rid of Soldier Forest's City Lord.

"Attack!" Time was of the essence, so Zhao Fu immediately gave the order.

The nine others exploded out with strength and started to attack Soldier Forest's City Lord. Spear lights, saber lights, sword lights, talisman papers – all sorts of terrifying attacks flew at Soldier Forest's City Lord.

Soldier Forest's City Lord gripped his spear and roared, sweeping out with his spear and creating a wild gust of wind. A massive black crescent moon, giving off a shocking aura, also burst forth.

Boom!!

A massive explosion resulted as the black crescent moon collided with the many incoming attacks. The black crescent moon instantly shattered, while the remainder of the attacks continued on towards Soldier Forest's City Lord.

Soldier Forest's City Lord used his spear to block in front of him, but he was still sent flying. He crashed onto the ground and coughed up a large mouthful of blood.

Saer wielded his large saber and rushed up, chopping down with a force that could split a mountain, and Soldier Forest's City Lord could only once again use his spear to block.

However, just as he blocked this attack, Wang Jian slashed towards him with a shocking sword light.

Soldier Forest's City Lord could only roll and retreat, once again blocking with his spear. Immediately, he was forced to slide back ten or so meters.

Xianru took out a green talisman paper and held it between two fingers as she chanted an incantation. Following this, the talisman paper burst into flames, and a green vine burst forth from underground and wrapped up Soldier City's City Lord.

Soldier City's City Lord was greatly startled and immediately tried to break free, but Meng Tian gripped his spear and slammed it against Soldier City's City Lord's chest.

Bang!

A few of Soldier City's City Lord's ribs were broken, and he once again flew away.

Wei Liao, who had been waiting for him, sent out a green wolf that bit onto the flying City Lord. Its sharp teeth pierced into his body, causing Soldier City's City Lord to grunt, and he pierced his spear into the wolf's head.

The green wolf collapsed into traces of a green aura, and Soldier City's City Lord crashed onto the ground.

By now, he was already heavily wounded – after receiving the attacks of multiple City Lords, it was impossible for him not to be injured.

However, Soldier City's City Lord showed no intention of backing down. He looked at his enemies in front of him, his eyes filled with battle intent.

The battle here caused many of the system main city's soldiers to realize what was going on, and they hurried over.

Zhao Fu casually looked over at the soldiers before looking back at Soldier City's City Lord. A terrifying aura swept out from him as he leaned forward and kicked off the ground, causing the ground to crack.

Zhao Fu's body turned into a black blur, shooting forward as fast as lightning, and he reached Soldier City's City Lord in an instant. His hand contained immense power as he slammed it against the City Lord's chest.

Soldier City's City Lord was heavily wounded and had no power to defend, and after taking this strike, he was blasted back with his chest slightly caved in. Blood flowed out of his lips, making him seem quite wretched.

Zhao Fu looked at Soldier City's City Lord and said, "You only have two options: you can surrender, or you can die!"