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Chapter 651 - Southern Regions

As such, the City Lords of the southern regions all came to trust Great Qin and believed that Great Qin would not do anything to them because they were friends.

Since ancient times, all Emperors had committed unspeakable wrongs. Zhao Fu also felt that doing this was wrong, but Great Qin had to destroy them.

“City Lord, there are a large number of enemies attacking our city!” Reports flooded in, causing the City Lords who still held onto some hope feel utter despair.

Esteemed Light City was the first city that Great Qin attacked, and the City Lord, Fang Yun, had the best relationship with Great Qin. After hearing about this, he hurriedly went to the City Walls and saw a dark mass of soldiers below and 20 or so City Lords in the air, giving off powerful auras.

Fang Yun’s expression was quite bitter – having taken one wrong step, they had gone in the completely wrong direction. If they had allied with the other sides and attacked Great Qin back then, things would not have turned out like this.

However, it was a pity that there was no chance for regrets. When the most powerful eastern side had been destroyed, their fates had already been sealed. Right after the eastern side had been destroyed, they had perhaps a sliver of hope, but after Great Qin got two months to develop, Great Qin had grown too quickly, and it was impossible for them to defeat Great Qin now.

“Brother Fang Yun, given our friendship, I don’t want to kill anyone. As long as you submit to me, you will still be the City Lord of this city. I’m sure you already know that you cannot win!”

Zhao Fu looked at Fang Yun and tried to persuade him. After knowing him for so long, Zhao Fu’s impression of him was quite good. However, Great Qin had to restore its nation, and no one could stand in its way.

Fang Yun looked quite furious – he had actually taken Great Qin to be a friend, and yet they were here to destroy him.

However, looking at the soldiers below and the City Lords above, Esteemed Light City would be completely butchered. They would either all die together or live together.

After thinking for a while, Fang Yun sighed and knelt down and said, "I am willing to submit to Great Qin!"

A trace of a smile appeared on Zhao Fu's face, and they quickly conquered this city before moving onto the next city.

Eastern Sun City – surrendered!

Sunset Spring City – surrendered!

Southroam City – destroyed!

The plan was extremely successful, and the southern side was unable to retaliate at all. They were simply unable to resist Great Qin's army and completely collapsed.

One reason was because of how suddenly Great Qin had attacked, giving them no time to prepare, which was why they were unable to stop Great Qin's assault.

The second reason was because all of the system main cities received the backlash for breaching the Contract, which reduced all City Lords' and soldiers' stats by 40%. They essentially did not have any Stage 1 soldiers, and the City Lords themselves were incredibly weak too.

The southern side had 18 system main cities in total, with a force of 2.6 million soldiers, while Great Qin had eight million soldiers. They pinched from two sides, and there was a difference of 5.4 million soldiers.

In front of this massive army, most City Lords chose to surrender, while only a small portion of people chose to resist. What resulted was the City Lord being killed and their city being destroyed. However, some City Lords who were able to react quickly were able to quickly relocate their system main cities and run.

In the end, Great Qin conquered 14 system main cities, while four City Lords escaped with their City Hearts. Of the 14 system main cities that were conquered, 12 City Lords had chosen to surrender, and two had been killed.

However, Zhao Fu did not stop and continued onwards to the Martial Peace region and Willow Lake region.

Great Qin's Cavalry swept into the two regions like massive oceans, their terrifying auras shaking the entire region as if a catastrophe had descended.

Those two regions were unable to respond in time as well, and Zhao Fu was not in a hurry. Now that he had enough soldiers and City Lords, taking down a region was quite easy. As such, Zhao Fu displayed his full strength to force them to surrender – this would make things much easier and much more efficient.

The Martial Peace region had three system main cities and a Goblin City, and the Willow Lake region also had three system main cities. The system main cities all chose to surrender, while the Goblin City was forcefully conquered, and the City Lord was killed by Wei Liao.

They had finally conquered the southern side, and Martial Peace region faced the middle of the Midland Continent. The northern part of the region was flat while the southern part had tall mountains, which formed a natural defensive line. This would make it difficult for other factions to invade from the southern side.

From the beginning of Great Qin's assault to when they stopped, they only spent a bit more than a day, but they conquered seven regions. They were simply unstoppable and invincible.

Great Qin obtained 20 system main cities and one Basic City.

After taking down the southern region, Zhao Fu immediately made a public declaration that the southern side had suddenly attacked Great Qin, causing the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Great Qin's residents. They had breached the Contract, so Great Qin had retaliated.

Zhao Fu did care if outsiders believed this, but it was mainly for pacifying his own people. Perhaps if outsiders believed it, it would cause them to have a better impression of Great Qin.

After discovering the truth about this incident, people concluded later that ‘anyone who believed Great Qin’s promises of peace would only die under Great Qin’s cruelty!’

After hearing about what had happened to the southern side, the northern side and western side no longer trusted Great Qin. The southern side had been destroyed in a bit more than a day without any explanation at all, so they understood their situations. All of them felt deep fear, worrying that Great Qin would immediately attack them, so they quickly gathered their armies to defend.

The northern side and western side had eight regions and 28 system main cities, and they had a force of 4.2 million soldiers, which was nothing compared to Great Qin’s eight million soldiers.

It was not just numbers. Great Qin also had an advantage in terms of equipment and morale as well. As such, they knew that they would most likely lose any battles.

If Great Qin had used the method to make the southern side breach the Contract on them, their situation would be even worse.

They now regretted not banding together to deal with Great Qin. They shouldn’t have trusted Great Qin, but it was all too late now.

“What should we do?” The City Lords all gathered together with unsightly expressions. They thought about what they could do to stop Great Qin.

A white-haired elder said, “We can only ally with even more regions to defend against Great Qin. Let’s hurry and do that!”

The others all nodded – they could only do this, or else, with their strength, they definitely would not be able to defend against Great Qin.

After everyone agreed on this, the white-haired elder continued speaking, “There’s also the problem of the Contract – we need to quickly find a way to get rid of it, or else it will be far too disadvantageous for us. It’s best to have them breach the Contract, which will allow us to win without even fighting.”

Everyone’s eyes lit up – that Contract was quite disadvantageous for them if they breached it, as it reduced their stats by 40%. However, it was even more severe for Great Qin – everyone’s stats

would be reduced by 50%, and all of the City Lords and Great Qin's Legatee would receive a backlash and die.

However, the key thing was how they would make Great Qin breach the Contract. None of them could think of anything, but one of them suddenly said, "If we can control a Great Qin General, that would be good. That way, if he led soldiers to attack us, they would naturally breach the Contract."

Chapter 652: Grand Undertaking

However, they were immediately faced with a problem – none of the City Lords or soldiers could enter Great Qin's territory, so how could they gain control of a Great Qin General?

This was quite a great problem, as Great Qin's Generals were all at least Stage 3, while everyone from the system main city side who was at least Stage 3 was a City Lord or General. They could not enter Great Qin's territory, and even if they could, they would not necessarily have the ability to gain control of one of Great Qin's Generals.

A young woman said, "I have a secret method that can temporarily gain control of a person's mind. With my strength, controlling someone with Stage 3 strength should not be too difficult."

Hearing this, everyone felt quite delighted.

A moustached man then said, "I want to give my City Lord position to someone else and make myself a commoner – that way, even if I don't have my City Lord Seal, I'll still have my Stage 4 Cultivation, and dealing with someone with Stage 3 Cultivation should be no problem at all. After all, the Contract does not restrict commoners from entering Great Qin's territory."

After hearing this, everyone felt that this plan was quite good, and they all nodded in agreement.

The white-haired elder who spoke first laughed as he said, "Let's split into two groups: one group will try to ally more regions, while the other will capture a Great Qin General and use the secret method on him to make him attack us!"

Following this, the City Lords all left. Most of the City Lords went to talk to City Lords from other regions, while five of them headed to Great Qin.

The five of them soon arrived at a Void Zone, and they looked at each other. One of them said, “We’re about to enter Great Qin’s territory; Great Qin definitely has a powerful warning system, so we must be cautious!”

Everyone else nodded, and following this, the five of them stepped into the Void Zone.

They did not dare to fly within the Void Zone, as they would be quite eye-catching and would most likely be discovered by Great Qin. Zhao Fu had indeed set many warning systems in the Void Zones in order to prevent anyone from crossing over.

Since they could not fly, they could only walk, but that meant that they were much slower. Moreover, they did not dare to draw any attention to themselves, or they would be discovered by Great Qin. They were incredibly slow, but as long as they could gain control of one of Great Qin’s Generals, everything would be worth it.

By now, Zhao Fu had already brought a large number of people back to Great Qin. After conquering 21 cities, they had gained an astronomical amount of EXP, and they were already halfway to leveling up again.

In total, they had brought back seven million people, and with those people, Great Qin’s population would reach 52 million people.

Following this, Zhao Fu made Old Logue and some other Generals City Lords.

Now, their task was to clear out the regions that they had just taken over. This would take roughly another month, and that was even after adding more soldiers.

Great Qin’s army had eight million soldiers, and this was already enough to invade some of the smaller countries. Back when the smaller countries had invaded China’s territory, they had only sent around four or five million players. Some very small countries only had a few million people in total.

However, this was still far from enough, and there was no point in bullying the smaller countries. What Great Qin wanted was the strength to rival the larger countries.

Zhao Fu soon heard about the western side and northern side allying together – they had run around gathering City Lords from different regions, and it was impossible for Zhao Fu not to know.

If more City Lords heard that a super faction was rising up, out of consideration for their own safety, it was quite likely that they would join in the resistance.

Back when Great Qin had only devoured five regions, many surrounding regions had been greatly taken aback and had tried to ally together against Great Qin. However, those were only the regions close by, while those further away had not sensed any danger and did not understand how terrifying Great Qin was.

Moreover, those who had been four or five regions away had felt that it had been too far, and they had not wanted to unnecessarily get involved. They felt that there was no threat to them, so they did not want to join the alliance.

However, things were different now – Great Qin had fully digested eight regions and then just taken down another seven regions. Great Qin now controlled 20 or so regions, and any City Lord who was not an idiot would realize how much danger they were in.

The eastern side that Great Qin had already taken down had many regions allied together because they all realized what a great threat Great Qin was.

They could not allow this to drag on, and the City Lords would most likely gather many other City Lords. When that time came, Great Qin would once again be surrounded on all sides. This time, they would no longer trust Great Qin and would directly attack. That would put Great Qin in a very difficult position, and they would have to be incredibly passive.

Zhao Fu thought for a while, his expression cold. Right now, they could only take the initiative to attack and conquer all of the regions that they needed to restore Great Qin. They would then create a Great Wall as a solid defense so that they would have nothing to fear.

“Bai Qi! Wang Jian! Wei Liao! Expand the army to ten million and give them some basic training before simultaneously attacking two regions.”

Zhao Fu decided to add another two million people to the army and have Bai Qi give them some basic training. At least 1.5 million of those two million soldiers would be system main city soldiers from before, so they would be usable after some simple training. Moreover, their stats had returned to normal as they now served Great Qin.

Great Qin had first destroyed the most powerful eastern side, then the next most powerful southern side, and would soon destroy the western and northern sides soon. Within Great Qin, they had Shang Yang recodifying Great Qin's laws, while Li Muqing helped develop the education and culture of Great Qin. They had begun a grand undertaking, and no one could stop this.

The third day, the team of five City Lords carefully passed through the Void Zone, avoiding all of Great Qin's warning systems. They had been incredibly patient and skilled, as most of the people in charge of the patrols were extremely vigilant, and it was difficult for anyone to escape their notice.

Any General with a few hundred soldiers would be enough to breach the Contract, causing the ruler of Great Qin to receive a backlash and die and heavily injuring the Great Qin army. This would allow their side to easily win.

After leaving the Void Zone, the five people became even more careful. Soon, they found the central city of this region. The central city was the city that had fused with the Region Heart, and every region needed to have a city as the central city. Central cities were more powerful than ordinary system main cities.

This central city was built at the location of the previous system main city, as it already had all sorts of structures and they would not need to rebuild anything.

The five people stealthily came close and quickly found a target. It was a weak-looking youth who had Stage 3 Cultivation. He seemed to be a low-ranking General, and it should be no problem for him to lead a few hundred soldiers out.

All five of them were Stage 4 experts, and their Cultivations were close to Stage 5. Adding on all of their secret techniques, it would be quite easy to deal with someone with a Stage 3 Cultivation.

As the five people prepared to act, Zhao Fu stood at the front of his army and drank a golden-colored liquid. His body was immediately wracked with immense pain, and a character floated out of his body. All of the City Lords suddenly received a system announcement.

Chapter 653 - Great Battle

“System announcement! Great Qin has revoked the contract and received a 10% deduction to all stats!”

Since Zhao Fu dared to take the initiative to sign a Contract with the City Lords, he definitely left himself a way out. Ordinarily, Contracts were quite difficult to revoke, and what Zhao Fu had just drunk was Contract-Revoking Water. However, because what they used was a special contract, Great Qin still received some penalties.

However, it was only a 10% deduction to stats, which was not a great deal to Great Qin. After all, with Great Qin’s various bonuses, they were still much more powerful than ordinary system main cities.

Now that they had revoked the Contract, Great Qin could attack the two regions. Even though they could not reduce those regions’ strength, Great Qin had to deal with them quickly. Otherwise, if they received reinforcements, it would be incredibly difficult for Great Qin to take them down. Moreover, the City Lords who would join them were not bound by the Contract, so they would not be restricted.

This time, they did not have the help of an Undead Disaster either, as that would take a lot of time to prepare, so they could only have a direct fight.

After receiving this system announcement, the system main city City Lords’ expression greatly changed. They all knew what would be happening, so they all quickly returned to their system main cities.

The expressions of the five City Lords who had entered Great Qin’s territory stiffened, and they immediately flew into the sky. They did not need to worry about being discovered now – since the Contract had been revoked, they had failed, and capturing a General would be useless.

Zhao Fu and Bai Qi split into two groups, attacking two regions in different directions. Zhao Fu attacked the northern side – after revoking the Contract, Zhao Fu had led his massive army into a northern side region.

Zhao Fu was riding on Black Forest and gripping a Talisman Spear in his hand. There were countless Great Qin Cavalrymen behind him, giving off an incredibly piercing aura as if they were a tide of beasts that were ready to explode out.

The system main city army ahead of them looked incredibly serious. They only had 2.1 million soldiers but had to face five million soldiers. Not only was there a great difference in numbers, but there were also 30 or so City Lords standing above Great Qin's army, giving off heaven-shaking auras.

Their only hope was that the 10% reduction in stats would make a big difference, or else they would not know how to defend against Great Qin.

They had no way of retreating, as this was all of the strength they had; once they dispersed, they would be no match for Great Qin at all. At least like this, they would have a trace of hope.

Zhao Fu gave command of this battle to Wang Jian. Currently, his blood was boiling, and he wanted to personally go onto the battlefield and contribute to Great Qin's grand undertaking.

As the ruler of Great Qin, Zhao Fu was the core figure of Great Qin. Many people opposed him going onto the battlefield, but since he insisted, they could only agree. After all, with Zhao Fu's strength, there were very few people who could injure him.

The two armies faced off against each other, causing the air to seem to solidify. The birds and beasts did not dare to make a sound, and the wind seemed to have a sharpness to it.

Zhao Fu led 600,000 or so Cavalrymen at the very front of Great Qin's army. Looking at the system main city army ahead, he asked one last time, "Are you willing to submit?"

The northern side's City Lords looked at each other and understood that no one was willing to submit like this. A white-haired elder loudly replied, "Great Qin's Majesty, if possible, we would like to live in peace like before. We don't want to make an enemy out of you, and we hope that you will not invade us!"

Zhao Fu remained expressionless and did not reply, as there was no chance of them co-existing peacefully unless Great Qin was not to restore its empire. After hearing that they were not going to surrender, Zhao Fu slowly closed his eyes and breathed out.

The northern side's City Lords signaled each other to find an opportunity to kill Zhao Fu – if they could kill Zhao Fu, they would definitely win.

Zhao Fu once again opened his eyes with an icy look and gripped his Talisman Spear. This spear was black-colored and was made from Legendary grade materials. It was covered with golden talismans. Zhao Fu sent his Cultivation power into it, causing it to give off a domineering black and gold light, and Zhao Fu's aura flared up.

“Charge!” Zhao Fu roared. Black Forest understood and gave a loud whinny as green flames appeared around its hooves. It stepped on the ground and shot out like a lightning bolt.

Boom!!

As Zhao Fu charged out, Great Qin's Cavalry also rushed out like sharp arrows. The sound that they gave off was deafening, and they gave off an immense aura of suppression.

Swish, swish, swish...

Seeing Zhao Fu lead the countless Cavalrymen charging over, the system main city army shot out countless arrows, covering the sky with arrows that gave off sharp auras. The arrows then rained down like a torrential rain.

Zhao Fu unleashed his King's Domain, forming a 100-meter wide dragon inscription barrier. Countless arrows fell on the barrier, causing clinking sounds to sound out, but they were unable to damage the barrier at all.

The Cavalrymen unleashed various spear lights, which gathered together. With how fast their warhorses were galloping, they formed a river of light that deflected the arrows, and very few reached the soldiers.

Great Qin's Cavalrymen gave off a ferocious and boundless aura as they charged towards the system main city army.

The system main city army's Archers once again drew their bows, causing arrows to streak through the sky towards Great Qin's Cavalrymen.

Bang, bang, bang...

At that moment, the City Lords also exploded out with strength, turning into rays of light that shot out, wanting to kill Zhao Fu.

However, how could Great Qin allow them to do as they wished? Great Qin's City Lords also exploded out with strength, turning into rays of light that met the system main city City Lords in battle.

A shocking, great battle soon erupted.

By now, Zhao Fu and the Cavalrymen had reached the system main city army. The system main city army was forced to send out 300,000 or so Cavalrymen, who rushed out of the army with immense speed.

Looking at the system main city Cavalrymen ahead, Zhao Fu coldly gathered his Cultivation power and sent out a five-meter long spear light that gave off an immense amount of power.

Boom!!

Zhao Fu dived into the ranks of the system main city Cavalrymen. The massive spear light contained immense force, causing those in front of him to be instantly pierced by the spear light and for their blood to fly everywhere. Following behind Zhao Fu, Great Qin's Cavalrymen also charged in.

In just an instant, Zhao Fu's spear pierced through the system main city Cavalrymen, and Great Qin's Cavalry followed behind Zhao Fu as they completely obliterated the system main city's Cavalry.

Following this, Shieldbearers from the system main city army walked up, forming a firm shieldwall. The shieldwall gave off a white light, adding to their defensive power. They also laid spears on top of the shields, and the Infantrymen also prepared to help kill the approaching Cavalrymen. The Archers also nocked arrows on their bows, preparing to once again shoot.

However, at that moment, Zhao Fu, who was leading the Great Qin Cavalry, suddenly made a turn and went around the system main city army.

By now, Great Qin's army had already advanced close enough to attack, and 100,000 Talisman Arrows turned into rays of light and rained down on the system main city army.

Chapter 654: Clown Bone Fish King

Boom! Boom! Boom...

Massive explosions sounded out as 100,000 rays of light, which gave off incredibly sharp auras, flashed past. Countless Shieldbearers were instantly obliterated, causing blood and limbs to fly everywhere. More arrows then rained down, causing countless people to be hit and for cries to be heard all around.

The defensive line formed by the system main city soldiers instantly collapsed, and there were countless dead and injured soldiers on the ground, making the scene quite chaotic.

Boom!!

Zhao Fu led the Cavalry to ferociously flank from the left side. Explosions sounded out as Zhao Fu gripped his spear, giving off countless spear lights as he charged forwards, piercing through the system main cities' soldiers' bodies.

Spears were the most ideal weapon for Cavalrymen, and all of Great Qin's Cavalrymen held spears. Their warhorses sped forwards as they continuously pierced through bodies.

After receiving such a heavy blow, the disordered system main cities' army completely collapsed. Seeing this, Wang Jian launched an all-out attack: all Infantrymen raised their weapons and roared as they charged at the system main city soldiers like a black tide.

The system main cities' soldiers were covered with blood, and they also roared as they prepared their last stand. They gripped their weapons as they charged towards Great Qin's soldiers.

Clang, clang, clang...

The two armies fiercely collided, and the sound of weapons clashing could be continuously heard. Death continuously spread as roars sounded out, filling the surrounding ten kilometers.

On the other battlefield, Bai Qi, Sima Cuo, Wei Liao, Li Mu, and Meng Tian raised their General Weapons and shouted as a massive aura formed. Different-colored pillars of light shot into the sky, and the terrifying power that they gave off caused people to tremble.

The soldiers gave off different-colored auras, which gathered towards the five people. Bai Qi created a blood-red eagle with a wingspan of hundreds of meters; Sima Cuo created a blue fish that was hundreds of meters long; Wei Liao created a massive green wolf; Meng Tian created an azure ox; and Li Mu created a violet, blood-red colored leopard.

The five massive beasts gave off a powerful and frightening power as they charged into the system main cities' army and started to rampage about. The blood-red eagle created massive blood-red gales, which were like sharp blades that cut the system main cities' soldiers into countless pieces.

The massive blue fish twisted its body, sending countless soldiers flying as if it was flicking sand everywhere.

The green wolf; azure ox; and violet, blood-red leopard wildly charged at the system main city army, using their paws, hooves, or mouths to kill the soldiers.

After destroying the system main cities' army's defensive line, Bai Qi ordered a full attack, and all of Great Qin's soldiers charged.

Back on the northern battlefield, Zhao Fu continuously charged, killing innumerable soldiers. In order to quickly conclude the battle, Zhao Fu soon rose to the sky to deal with the City Lords.

Zhao Fu saw two system main city City Lords barely defending against two Great Qin City Lords. He equipped his Sin Dragon Sword and slashed out, and with Zhao Fu's help, the two Great Qin City Lords were able to easily kill the two enemy City Lords.

Zhao Fu then waved his sword, causing a water dragon to fly out with immense strength, ramming into another system main city City Lord.

Below, the scene was quite abysmal for the system main cities' side; corpses littered the ground, and blood ran everywhere, cries continuously sounding out.

The battle in the sky was also a complete loss for the system main cities' side. After all, there were only 14 of them fighting 30 or so of Great Qin's City Lords. Each City Lord had to face at least two of Great Qin's City Lords.

Seeing that they were doomed to lose, a few system main city City Lords exploded out with their most powerful attacks, forcing Great Qin's City Lords back before using their lifesaving techniques to escape.

The battle gradually calmed down, and Great Qin had won an overwhelming victory.

In total, Great Qin had killed five City Lords, six had surrendered, and three had escaped. They had also killed 1.3 million soldiers, captured 500,000, and 300,000 had escaped. On the other hand, Great Qin had lost 120,000 soldiers.

On the other battlefield, Great Qin had killed six City Lords, four had surrendered, and four had escaped. They had killed 1.5 million soldiers, captured 400,000, and 200,00 had escaped. Great Qin had lost 150,000 soldiers there.

In total, Great Qin killed 11 City Lords, ten had surrendered, and seven had escaped. They had killed 2.8 soldiers, obtained 900,000 captives, and 500,000 soldiers had escaped. Great Qin had lost 270,000 soldiers, and countless soldiers were injured.

After hearing that nearly 300,000 soldiers had died, Zhao Fu couldn't help but sigh. However, he gathered his soldiers and invaded the final region, which was Seeping River. After conquering it, Great Qin would have conquered the northern side.

However, Zhao Fu had some enmity with the boss monster there from back during the Divine Fish Festival. He had stolen one of its dens, and they had briefly clashed.

After thinking about it, Zhao Fu decided to have people first conquer and relocate the cities before bringing the residents to Great Qin. All of the City Lords headed to Seeping River, as there would definitely be beast tides, and Zhao Fu decided not to bring any soldiers.

After looking at the 40 or so City Lords, including the ones who had surrendered from the battle, Zhao Fu felt that they would be able to easily take down a few system main cities without any soldiers.

Following this, they headed towards Seeping River.

On the other side, Bai Qi and his army attacked the Open Flask region. After conquering this region, Great Qin would have conquered the western side.

After reaching Seeping River, Great Qin's City Lords gave off terrifying auras as lights appeared around their bodies, making them seem like gods as they hovered above a system main city.

The City Lord's face was incredibly pale – before, there had been City Lords who had come to try to convince him to stand against Great Qin. He had thought about it and decided to see how strong Great Qin was first. However, he had never thought that the other side would act so quickly and arrive at his city so suddenly.

After the northern side army had been crushed by Great Qin, Seeping River had quickly heard about this.

Zhao Fu looked at this honest-looking City Lord and asked, “Will you surrender? If you are not willing to surrender, I will have to take your city by force.”

Under immense pressure, the City Lord's expression was quite dim, and he could only choose to submit. He was no match for 40 or so City Lords.

Following this, Zhao Fu forced another City Lord to submit. As for the other City Lords, after hearing about the northern side's crushing defeat, they had long since run off.

Great Qin obtained another two City Lords and relocated the system main cities and residents. They were about to kill Seeping River's boss monster, and because the beast tides were extremely dangerous, they had the residents leave first.

After dealing with these things, Zhao Fu went to the side of Seeping River and looked at the boundless river. Thinking about how the Clown Bone Fish King had forced Zhao Fu to not dare to step into Seeping River, it was now time for revenge.

A trace of a smile appeared on Zhao Fu's face as he gathered the Great Qin Seal's mountain-like pressure and heavily attacked the surface of the river.

Bang!!

The immense force smashed into the river, causing a massive shockwave to ripple out, and dead Clown Bone Fish floated to the surface.

Chapter 655 - Blood Contract

Almost all of the fish in Seeping River were Clown Bone Fish. These fish had a bloodthirsty nature and extremely sharp teeth, and they had killed all other species to extinction.

Zhao Fu's casual attack had killed at least 100,000 Clown Bone Fish, and such a massive shockwave would definitely alert the Clown Bone Fish King. After all, a boss monster's senses were quite extraordinary.

Soon, a 1,000 meter long, ugly-looking fish covered with gray scales with a head that looked like a skeleton appeared. It gave off a massive, ferocious aura, and its eyes glared at Zhao Fu, its two rows of sharp teeth glinting in the sunlight. After such a long time, the Clown Bone Fish King seemed to still remember Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu had stolen its den before, and now, he had dared to openly kill its subjects right in front of it – this Clown Bone Fish King was completely infuriated.

“Human! I’m going to eat you!” the Clown Bone Fish King said in a hoarse voice.

Following this, the Clown Bone Fish King started to attack. Countless water arrows shot out from the river towards Zhao Fu, surrounding him in an instant.

Zhao Fu immediately unleashed his King's Doman, blocking the countless water arrows. Zhao Fu looked at the Clown Bone Fish King and lightly laughed as he said, “We’ll see who will be eating who. However, seeing how ugly you are, I doubt you’d taste very nice.”

“Roarr!!” The Clown Bone Fish King was completely maddened, and it roared as it created massive splashes, preparing to unleash a powerful attack. However, at that moment, the 40 or so City Lords, who had hidden themselves, suddenly appeared.

Seeing so many City Lords, the Clown Bone Fish King immediately turned and tried to run. A boss monster could face four City Lords at most, and now that 40 City Lords had suddenly appeared, even an idiot would know that fighting them was suicide.

Zhao Fu laughed, and countless chains shot out from the bank of the river, tightly locking down the Clown Bone Fish King's body. The Clown Bone Fish King desperately struggled, creating massive splashes.

The other City Lords unleashed their City Lord Seals, causing the heavens and earth to be dyed with all sorts of colors. Terrifying energy shockwaves rippled out, causing the weather to change. All creatures within 1,000 kilometers felt a sense of terror.

The Clown Bone Fish King also felt quite frightened, as it knew that it was about to face the attacks of 40 or so City Lords. If that happened, it would die for sure, so the Clown Bone Fish King continued to struggle, trying to break free.

However, Zhao Fu used all of his strength to keep the chains taut, making it impossible for the Clown Bone Fish King to leave. However, the Clown Bone Fish King was quite powerful, forcing Zhao Fu to use all of the Great Qin Seal's power.

At that moment, countless Clown Bone Fish swam over after sensing that the Clown Bone Fish King was in danger. Ordinary Clown Bone Fish were of no threat at all, but all of the ones that came were Elite Clown Bone Fish, which knew some skills and would be able to attack Zhao Fu and the others.

“Attack!” Seeing more and more Clown Bone Fishes gathering, Zhao Fu gave the order to attack.

The City Lords sent out their various attacks, and the terrifying energy ripples became even more intense. The Clown Bone Fish King struggled more and more but was unable to escape – at most, it could only pull Zhao Fu a few steps.

In the face of death, the Clown Bone Fish King could only hurriedly call out, “Wait! Let's talk this out! Don't attack!”

Zhao Fu felt quite surprised, but he still told the City Lords to stop and asked, “What do you want to talk about? If you want to surrender, I guess I can accept you.”

With how powerful boss monsters were, being able to subdue one would be quite good. However, boss monsters were usually quite prideful and would not surrender. As such, Zhao Fu had killed two boss monsters in the past.

Moreover, apart from the Clown Bone Fish King's strength, Zhao Fu also quite valued the Clown Bone Fish's power. Seeping River flowed across many regions, and there were countless Clown Bone Fish. If he could subdue the Clown Bone Fish King, he would be able to control all of the Clown Bone Fish.

Moreover, Seeping River was one of Great Qin's natural barriers. If he could control these Clown Bone Fish, Great Qin's defensive power would be even greater, which made Zhao Fu feel quite tempted.

After hearing Zhao Fu's words, the Clown Bone Fish King felt quite displeased, as it was the ruler of this region's monsters. However, it was facing the combined attacks of 40 City Lords, and it felt quite afraid as its only other choice was death.

However, could it really submit to this person? As the boss monster of this region, it would be too humiliating!

Zhao Fu could tell that the Clown Bone Fish King was thinking, as it had not immediately refused. As such, Zhao Fu laughed as he said, "You can think about it at your leisure. I'm a bit hungry, and since you're so big, eating a bit of your meat should be fine, right?"

The Clown Bone Fish King inwardly shuddered, thinking about the people surrounding it eating its flesh.

"Wang Jian, go and bring me some meat!" Zhao Fu said.

Hearing this, Wang Jian grinned and lifted his sword as he was about to go and cut off some meat. Everyone else was quite cooperative and took out spices, preparing to have a good meal.

"I surrender!" The Clown Bone Fish King trembled and no longer dared to hesitate anymore.

Zhao Fu couldn't help but inwardly chuckle, but he still acted quite reluctant to take in the Clown Bone Fish King. In the end, he signed a blood contract with the Clown Bone Fish King, making it officially his.

Afterward, Zhao Fu reluctantly patted its body, giving up on the idea of eating it, causing the Clown Bone Fish King to once again shudder.

On the western side, Bai Qi had also successfully conquered the Open Flask region and obtained a system main city. After hearing about the battle, the other City Lords immediately ran away.

Now, Great Qin had finally taken over all of the land it required for its empire. Great Qin now controlled 31 regions, going from Southleaf in the east to Open Flask in the west, to Seeping River in the north and Valiant Peace in the south. Each region was as big as a province, and Great Qin's territory was as big as China's territory in the real world.

Thinking about this, Zhao Fu couldn't help but feel excited. Now, their job was to clear out these regions: Great Qin had only finished clearing out 13 regions and still had 18 regions that they had not cleared out yet.

This would be a monumental task and would not be able to be completed within a short period of time. Moreover, Great Qin needed to start building an inner Great Wall. Together, with the Void Zones and natural barriers, Great Qin would have a powerful defensive line, which would give Zhao Fu some security.

Now, they only lacked a bit more EXP for Great Qin's Level 3 Great City to once again level up.

In total, they had obtained 24 system main cities and 7.8 million residents.

Now, Great Qin's population had risen to 60 million, and it had 86 Great Cities and six Cities.

After clearing out all of the regions and constructing a Great Wall, Zhao Fu would have the confidence to face off against a nation.

However, clearing out the regions and constructing a Great Wall would take an incredibly long time. Now, Great Qin would go into a period of steady development.

Chapter 656: Qin Culture

Now, their main task was to clear out regions. However, because they had just had a few big battles and Great Qin had been developing incredibly quickly, Zhao Fu decided to give everyone a break. He gave the soldiers a few days to rest and relax in order to prepare for the task of clearing out the regions.

At the same time, Zhao Fu prepared to build a Great Wall. Because of how many regions they needed to cover, it would take a long time, so they had to start early. If they only started after clearing out all of the regions, it would be a bit late.

Because spatial rings could store materials and food and people were stronger than in the real world from cultivating, construction was many times faster in the Heaven Awaken World than in the real world.

Those were Great Qin's two main tasks. With respect to internal affairs, Shang Yang and some others had roughly codified some laws, but they had to continuously revise them. Right now, they had a strict rule of law.

Li Muqing helped develop the culture of Great Qin, such as poetry and songs. Such things manifested in different ways for different cultures and peoples.

For example, there was the Confucian's Confucian culture, the Peace culture that valued peace, and the Martial culture that valued might. Every country had its own culture, which represented that nation's traditions and values.

As such, Qin Culture was different to Han Culture, Chu Culture, Zhao Culture, Yan Culture, and others.

Qin Culture valued military might, which was a Martial culture. This greatly boosted soldiers' readiness and willingness to fight, such as the ancient Qin war song:

How can you say that you have no clothes? I will share my robes with you.

The king is raising his forces, and I will prepare my lance and spear to fight the enemy with you!

How can you say that you have no clothes? I will share my underclothes with you.

The king is raising his forces, and I will prepare my spear and halberd to take the field with you!

How can you say that you have no clothes? I will share my lower garments with you.

The king is raising his forces, and I will prepare my armor and weapons and march along with you!

The State of Qin had been incredibly domineering and had swept away the six other States, as its soldiers had been incredibly powerful. If they had the same equipment and strength as their enemies, they would still win by their willpower.

Zhao Fu wanted to create a Marital culture, and this mainly relied on Li Muqing. Zhao Fu did not know much about songs and poetry, and Li Muqing had an extremely high position among scholars. Some of those around her could already write some basic poetry.

This was a big improvement, and Zhao Fu could already imagine many scholars singing and writing of Great Qin's achievements in the future.

They only lacked a bit of EXP until Great Qin City could level up into a Sub-Main City. Afterward, it would become a True Main City, then a Capital City. Great Qin could almost restore its nation, and all of this was preparing for it.

The other thing that Zhao Fu cared about most was the Wyvern Den. Great Qin now had 128 Wyverns, and 106 of them could fight. This was an immense force, as they all had Stage 5 strength.

There were also the Ginseng Trees – Zhao Fu had planted 300 or so Ginseng Fruits, but only 30 or so of them had grown – it seemed that Ginseng Trees were not grown so easily.

What's more, that was with the Water of Life as well. Without the Water of Life, perhaps only a few of them would have grown.

The Trees of Life were going quite well – after two or so months, Zhao Fu had cut branches twice, and there were 300 or so sprouts that were growing, which was ten times more than the Ginseng Trees. Comparatively speaking, the Ginseng Trees were of more value.

Now that Great Qin had Trees of Life and Ginseng Trees, it still lacked one important thing, which was time. The Ginseng Trees and Trees of Life were all only sprouts, and they would need decades to grow.

Many decades sounded like a long time and was usually the extent of a human's lifespan. So far, Zhao Fu had only spent a bit more than a year in the Heaven Awaken World.

The Water of Life caused ordinary trees to grow faster, but its effects on spirit trees like the Ginseng Trees and Trees of life were much weaker. The most important thing was the bonuses from the Great Qin City, which reduced the growing time.

By now, ordinary crops grew incredibly quickly, but these higher-grade things still grew much slower.

Great Qin's Crop Growing Time was currently at -170%, and the sprouts from two months ago had become saplings that were about three meters tall and three fingers wide. Who knew when they would finally be of use.

In order to speed up their growth, Zhao Fu had two options: he could raise the City's stats or find items that would speed up their growth. Otherwise, he would have to wait decades.

Three days later, Great Qin started to clear out regions again and build the Great Wall. These two big tasks were carried out simultaneously, and most of Great Qin's population was gathered on those two tasks.

Because of players, it was very difficult to hide the fact that Great Qin had conquered 30 or so regions. Everyone was quite shocked at Great Qin's growth rate, and they felt that the day that Great Qin restored its nation would not be too far away. This caused countless factions to feel quite nervous and afraid.

With Great Qin's battle power, they would be able to face off against an entire country. Right now, there was no faction that could rival a country, so Great Qin's restoration would be a disaster to countless people.

The one who was the most scared was Vietnam. After all, two regions away from Seeping River was Vietnam's border. They could now be said to be neighbors to Great Qin, and who would not be afraid with such a terrifying neighbor?

At the same time, the Vietnamese Guard integrated itself more and more into Vietnam, becoming its top faction. With the appearance of patriotism and selflessness that Zhao Fu had created for it, it was loved by the people and was supported by the governmental faction as well.

If it wasn't for the fact that the Vietnamese Guard took up so many resources, Zhao Fu would have also wanted to create similar factions in other countries as well. That way, when they went to war, Zhao Fu would be able to easily deal with them and unify the northern side of the Midland Continent.

The Midland Continent, which had sunk into peacefulness, started to become filled with tension. Great Qin was growing too quickly, and everyone felt a sense of crisis, making it difficult for them to eat or sleep.

The other ancient Chinese empires, such as Great Shang, Great Xia, and Great Zhou, all devoted all that they had into developing, yet they had only conquered two or three regions. There was simply too big of a gap.

The large factions and Dynasty Legatees all started to secretly contact each other to discuss how to deal with Great Qin to give themselves some time to develop.

Great Qin's massive strength not only threatened countless people but also made many people want to submit and receive its protection.

This caused many people to send beauties to the Ying family, like the four beauties they had taken in a while ago. They had become Great Qin's Legatee's concubines, and their families had joined Great Qin, making countless people admire them.

By now, many people knew that Great Qin was gathering women with Phoenix Qi, as Phoenix Qi had powerful supporting effects for nations. However, there were still others who were ignorant and just thought that Great Qin's Legatee was like other rulers and just wanted a large harem.

The actions also caused some other Dynasty's Ministers to try to convince their lieges to taken in women with Phoenix Qi – surely that was the reason why Great Qin's Legatee was able to develop so quickly.

As a Dynasty Legatee, no one would hesitate to do such a thing. Even though Nü Lü, who was ranked first on the Ancient Beauty Rankings, already belonged to Great Qin, there were still many women on the rankings.

In Great Xia, Si Ji made Xishi's descendant his concubine, which was the fourth-ranked person on the list, Shi Yuyan. There was also Wang Xihan, the descendant of Wang Zhaojun. Of course, they were only concubines, as the position of Empress was incredibly important, and it could not be given to someone just because they had a lot of Phoenix Qi.

The second-ranked Su Dafei, who was the descendant of Su Daji, was the young master of the Azure Hill faction. She was incredibly bewitching, and Azure Hill's women were all innately enchanting. More than half of them had been brought into Di Wutian's harem already.

Su Dafei's relationship with Di Wutian was incredibly close, and some people said that she was already Di Wutian's woman. Others said that she was not his yet, making this matter not very clear.

However, Di Wutian had already brought the eighth-ranked person on the list, Zhao Hanyue, the descendant of Zhao Feiyan, as well as the seventeenth-ranked person on the list, Xia Ji, and the twentieth-ranked person on the list, Dong Xiaowan, into his harem and made them concubines.

Great Zhou's Ji Shenming brought the ninth-ranked person on the list, Bao Qing, the descendant of Bao Is, into his harem and made her a concubine.

The Great Han's Liu Ye brought the seventh-ranked person on the list, Du Xiaoyu, the descendant of Diao Chan, into his harem and made her a concubine.

Most of the top ten beauties in the Ancient Beauty Rankings now belonged to someone, except for the third-ranked person on the list, Wu Qingniang, and the fifth-ranked person on the list, Yang Yuyan.

The most attractive one was, of course, Wu Qingniang – she was the only Legatee within the Ancient Beauty Rankings, and she was even ranked third.

If one could obtain her, not only would they be able to obtain a peerlessly beautiful woman, but they would also be able to obtain a Legacy. Moreover, with her domineering aura, countless men wanted to be able to subdue her. It was said that even many of the Dynasty Legatees expressed their affection for her.

This included Great Tang's Li Baiqing. It was said that he would do anything for Wu Qingniang to become his woman – after all, Wu Qingniang was the descendant of Wu Zetian, who had been a concubine of Great Tang.

Wu Qingniang had not responded to this, but she had not rejected it either. The various Dynasty Legatees all displayed patience, expressing that they would welcome her at any time.

Zhao Fu did not know what Wu Qingniang would do, nor had he asked her. Thinking about this, he felt quite melancholic inside.

The other Dynasty Legatees had all made beauties on the Ancient Beauty Rankings their concubines, and most of the women who ranked highly were taken.

Zhao Fu did not care too much about this. Great Qin now entered a period of steady development, and because Zhao Fu once again did not have much to do, he returned to the real world.

Thinking about how Liu Xi had not replied on QQ or returned his call, Zhao Fu wondered if something had happened. Zhao Fu thought about it but did not call again, but he still felt quite uncomfortable inside.

Following this, Zhao Fu logged into QQ and saw that Zheng Yuqin said that she wanted to come where he was. Zhao Fu thought about it and sent people to bring her.

After meeting again, Zheng Yuqin, this beautiful and virtuous woman, seemed a bit more mature than before. Zhao Fu smiled and said, “Big sis Qin, long time no see!”

Zheng Yuqin's eyes became red, and she walked over to Zhao Fu before pinching him hard as she said, “Why did you just disappear without saying anything? Do you know how worried I've been?”

Zhao Fu rubbed his waist and looked at how angry Zheng Yuqin was, feeling quite guilty inside. When he thought about how well she had treated him – buying clothes for him when it was cold, cooking for him when he was hungry, caring for him when he was sick even when it meant not working... he was in the wrong.

Zhao Fu looked at Zheng Yuqin and apologized sincerely, “I’m sorry, big sis Qin. I didn’t think things through!”

Hearing this, Zheng Yuqin lightly harrumphed, but she was not angry anymore. She asked how Zhao Fu had been and was able to finally be at ease.

“Zhao Fu, I bought some clothes for you. Have a look!” Zheng Yuqin took out a few jackets and said.

Zhao Fu helplessly walked over. He did not lack clothes at all, but since Zheng Yuqin had bought them for him, he could only go over and try them on.

Seeing that the jacket Zhao Fu was wearing suited him, she helped him pull up the zipper and asked, “What do you think, Zhao Fu?”

Zhao Fu looked down and replied, “It’s not bad.”

Hearing Zhao Fu’s reply, Zheng Yuqin felt that he did not like it that much, so she said, “Zhao Fu, try this one!”

Zhao Fu did not care too much about what he wore, so looking at the four or five jackets, he laughed and said, “Big sis Qin, it’s fine. I think they’re all pretty good!”

Zheng Yuqin patted Zhao Fu’s chest and said, “Hurry! I spent quite a bit of money, so if you don’t try them on, how would I know if my money was well spent?”

Zhao Fu’s heart trembled as he looked at Zheng Yuqin’s gentle, pouting face. Within his heart, a darkness rushed out, and Zhao Fu’s mind went blank.

Suddenly, Zhao Fu hugged Zheng Yuqin, and before she could react, his lips pressed against hers.

Zeng Yuqin's body went numb, and she widened her eyes as she stared at Zhao Fu kissing her. She tried to push him away but found that she could not escape him.

“Mmm...”

Zhao Fu's tongue moved past Zheng Yuqin's teeth and started to tangle with hers. Zheng Yuqin tried to resist because the young man in front of her was someone she had always seen as family.

However, traces of black qi travelled from Zhao Fu's mouth into Zheng Yuqin's mouth, and after being alone for ten or so years, Zheng Yuqin finally lost control. She tightly hugged Zhao Fu and intensely kissed him back. After a while, Zhao Fu came back to his senses and he quickly let go of the gasping Zheng Yuqin. At the same time, he found that there were six black balls of qi within his body – the Six Desires Celestial Art had somehow appeared in the real world.

What was going on? Zhao Fu felt quite shocked – this was the first time he had brought something from the Heaven Awaken World into the real world, and it was actually an Art. Back when Zhao Fu had cultivated the Great Qin King Art, even though it was quite powerful, it had no effect in the real world.

Zheng Yuqin's face was completely red with embarrassment. Thinking about what had just happened, she felt incredibly ashamed. She pushed aside Zhao Fu and ran into her room, quickly closing her door.

Zhao Fu hurriedly went to the door to apologize; he had no idea why he had just lost control.

Zheng Yuqin did not reply from within the room, and Zhao Fu could only sigh and enter the Heaven Awaken World to ask the golden dragon what had happened.

Zheng Yuqin laid on her bed, touching her boiling hot face. Thinking about what had just happened, she did not know how to respond to Zhao Fu. She had never thought that something like that could happen between her and Zhao Fu.

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However, as Zheng Yuqin thought more and more, a sense of thirst entered her mind. Right now, she could only imagine Zhao Fu pressing down on her body and doing all sorts of things to her. She couldn't help but moan, and she moved one hand to her breasts and one hand into her underwear.

Afterwards, Zheng Yuqin lay powerlessly on the bed, feeling quite guilty. How could she imagine doing such a thing with Zhao Fu?

She felt that she could not face Zhao Fu anymore, and she did not understand what she felt towards Zhao Fu. Even though she had definitely treated Zhao Fu like family, deep within her heart, there were a few traces of other thoughts. When she thought about that, Zheng Yuqin's face became completely red, and she felt that she could not continue to stay here.

Zheng Yuqin packed her things and planned to buy some clothes for Zhao Fu before leaving forever.

However, after opening the wardrobe, Zhao Fu's smell came out, and Zheng Yuqin's legs weakened. Her consciousness became hazy, and her room was once again filled with moans.

"It was that woman who brought out those desires, right? As a Celestial Art, the Six Desires Celestial Art is something that even I can't control. I knew that there was some darkness in your heart, so just let it take over; it'll help you and Great Qin a lot!" the golden dragon said temptingly as if there were immense benefits.

However, Zhao Fu immediately refused, saying, "Don't give me that crap! I won't do it; I don't want to kill those closest to me. I don't want to kill Bai Qi, Li Si, and the others. Moreover, isn't the Six Desires Celestial Art a bit too evil and domineering? There's something wrong with it, and I often lose control of myself!"

The golden dragon explained, "This depends on your own willpower. This Celestial Art tends towards the demonic path; how could it not be domineering?"

Hearing the golden dragon's words, Zhao Fu could only nod – it all came down to him.

There would soon be a new festival called the Trial Festival, which required one to go through many trials. Clearing trials would award Trial Points, which could not be given to others, so this was an individual festival.

This was one of the two final festivals; after these two festivals, there would no longer be festivals within the Legacy Land. Every festival was the system helping them, and no more festivals meant that they would no longer receive any help.

In the end, they would have to rely on themselves to develop, and their strength would determine their lives. The arrival of this festival meant that the destruction of the real world was coming soon.

Zhao Fu needed to grasp these opportunities; if he did not take advantage of these two festivals, he would not have any chances in the future.

The Trial Festival was important to anyone, as clearing trials would give all sorts of benefits. They could boost one's strength or give a powerful Legacy, and the top eight people would receive Earth Realm Marks.

Earth Realm Marks were marks that the world gave after acknowledging someone. After obtaining this mark, one could be called a child of the world or a Son of Heaven, and they would obtain a portion of the world's source energy. It was something that was incredibly valuable.

Back when the Chaos Imperial Star had descended and Zhao Fu had been suppressed by countless Sect Masters and Dynasty Legatees, Zhao Fu had used the Earth Realm Mark to cause the world's consciousness to descend and easily break through everything. Everyone in front of him had been incredibly weak ants.

The Earth Realm Mark had also played a great role when he had met the golden dragon. It was because of the Earth Realm Mark that the golden dragon understood that it could not kill Zhao Fu, so it had chosen to work together with him.

The Trial Festival not only boosted countless people's strength, but it also chose suitable Legatees. After the real world was destroyed, the world's consciousness would fuse with the Heaven Awaken World, becoming part of the Heaven Awaken World. When that time came, the four Guardian Beasts would disappear.

This world's safety would mainly depend on eight people, who were the eight Legatees. The eight Legatees would be able to control the source energy of the world, which was very important in defending against invasions. This was the final life-saving measure of the human world's consciousness.

When other races invaded, the human world would not receive any more help, and the Guardian Beasts would be gone. Because they all belonged to the Heaven Awaken World, the Heaven Awaken World's consciousness would not show any bias. This was a world where the strong devoured the weak, and if they could defend against the invasions, they would live; if they could not, they would die.

Zhao Fu had obtained Earth Realm Marks twice, and he did not know if obtaining another Earth Realm Mark would make him a special Legatee.

Zhao Fu definitely wanted to become one of the most important eight people to the human world, as they would control the fate of the world in the future.

Most of this information was from the demon god's information, and the golden dragon knew about it. This was because before every world was devoured, the world's consciousness would choose Legatees as the final line of defense to protect the world.

It seemed that every world had these final two festivals, so Zhao Fu had a lot of information on them. However, ordinary people definitely would not know these things.

After hearing about this festival, Zhao Fu felt quite excited, and he paused all of Great Qin's tasks. This was because the Trial Festival was important to every single person and could determine a person's fate, so he allowed everyone to rest during this time.

At the same time, Zhao Fu told his subordinates about the information he had and had them properly prepare.

Great Qin also started to hang up festival items. After all, this was an important festival, so they should relax and do their best.

Zhao Fu came before the Exchange Stone Stele and looked to see what rewards there were.

The Ten Thousand Flower Festival's rewards were equipment, the Ghost Festival's rewards were professions, the Divine Fish Festival's rewards were City Creation Stones, the Ghost Festival's rewards were medicinal pills, and the New Years Festival's rewards were Generals. What would the Trial Festival's rewards be?

Zhao Fu quickly found out the answer: Mounts!

Number 1: A dragon egg with the Sky Desolation Azure Dragon Bloodline, Grade: Heaven, Description: One of the world's Guardian Beast's bloodlines, which has immense power.

Number 2: A bird egg with the Divine Sun Fire Bird's Bloodline, Grade: Heaven, Description: One of the world's Guardian Beast's bloodlines, which has immense power.

Number 3: An egg with the Sovereign Emperor White Whale's bloodline, Grade: Heaven, Description: One of the world's Guardian Beast's bloodlines, which has immense power.

Number 4: An egg with the Nine Celestial Enchanting Deer's bloodline, Grade: Heaven, Description: One of the world's Guardian Beast's bloodlines, which has immense power.

Number 5: An egg with the Primal Chaos Bloodline, Grade: Earth, Description: A bloodline from a Chinese legendary ferocious beast. It has incredibly destructive power.

Number 6: An egg with the Fenrir Bloodline, Grade: earth, Description: A terrifying European demon beast. It is extremely ferocious.

Number 7: An egg with the Yamata no Orochi Bloodline, Grade: Earth, Description: A demonic beast from Japanese legends that has an extremely evil power.

Number 8: An egg with the Garuda Bloodline, Grade: earth, Description: An Indian divine beast that has holy power.

Chapter 659: Beginning Monsters

There were only eight mounts, not ten, so Zhao Fu felt that they would most likely belong to the eight Legatees. After all, these mounts' bloodlines were quite terrifying.

The first-ranked mount, the Sky Desolation Azure Dragon, was something that Zhao Fu had personally seen before, so he was clear as to how powerful it was. The top four bloodlines were all bloodlines of the Guardian Beasts, and from this, Zhao Fu found out the names of the remaining three Guardian Beasts.

The following four mounts were beasts from all sorts of legends. Even though their bloodlines could not compare to the bloodlines of Guardian Beasts, they would definitely still have immense strength and potential.

Claiming these eight eggs was not through using Trial Points but by using one's status as a Legatee. This meant that each person could only obtain one mount.

Zhao Fu already had an Earth Realm Mark, so perhaps he could exchange for one right now. Zhao Fu could not help but place his hand on the Exchange Stone Stele to try it out.

However, Zhao Fu was left disappointed as this was not possible. Zhao Fu could not help but smile – who was he kidding?

Soon, it was midnight, and the Trial Festival began.

A massive explosion sounded out in the sky as if there were war drums sounding out. The dark blue night sky was covered countless descending colored lights, creating a very beautiful scene.

Zhao Fu stretched out his hand to catch some of the falling light, and he received a system announcement. "Would you like to enter the Trial Space?"

Zhao Fu did not hesitate to confirm. Zhao Fu's body gave off a rainbow-colored light as his body faded and disappeared.

Zhao Fu appeared on a small hill. The sky here was blood-colored, and the moon was also blood-colored. There was an eerie aura of death everywhere, and this place seemed quite terrifying. Everyone's trial was different, so there was no way to help other people; everything depended on the individual.

Zhao Fu also felt all of his powers being sealed. His equipment, bloodline, and Cultivation were all unusable. He had become an ordinary person, and his stats returned to their weakest state.

Zhao Fu wondered why he did not have any special benefits – after all, he had two Earth Realm Marks, so any benefits would be fine.

Suddenly, he heard some noises around him, so he immediately chose to hide. He did not have any strength at all, nor did he have any equipment. He did not know what was happening, so he could only hide for now.

A soldier walked out from one side. His face was incredibly pale, and he had blood-red eyes and a savage appearance. He wore iron armor, and his arms were by his side. He dragged along an iron sword, and he breathed like a wild beast.

Zhao Fu narrowed his eyes, his expression becoming quite serious. This soldier's strength was about Stage 1, and with Zhao Fu's strength, he definitely would not be able to defeat him.

If one died in the Trial Space, they would immediately be ejected. Each person had seven chances to enter a Trial Space, which was once per day. After dying, they would have to wait until the next day to try again.

Moreover, the time within the Trial Space was different than the outside world. A few years in the Trial Space was only a few hours in the outside world.

As such, Zhao Fu decided not to rashly move for now, as he did not lack time. Zhao Fu could not defeat this Stage 1 Corpse Soldier, and he did not understand this trial yet.

Zhao Fu hid in the surrounding grass and held his breath. Zhao Fu watched as the Corpse Soldier slowly moved away before coming out. He did not know what to do except walk around and look for some weaker monsters.

After walking about, Zhao Fu was disappointed to find that the weakest monsters here were Stage 1 corpse soldiers. The beginning monsters were simply too powerful, and now that he had nothing, how could he beat them?

When he thought of that, Zhao Fu did not know what to do. After walking around for a bit, his body started to feel quite tired, so he decided to rest.

Clang, clang...

At that moment, Zhao Fu suddenly heard the clanging of weapons. Zhao Fu snuck over and found that ten or so Corpse Soldiers were fighting together, continuously slashing out blood-red sword qi and roaring like beasts. Their battle was incredibly intense.

“So, Corpse Soldiers fight among themselves.”

Zhao Fu discovered a very useful piece of information. However, Zhao Fu did not dare to stick around, as a Corpse Soldier riding a Corpse Horse had appeared. This Cavalryman’s strength was at Stage 2, and because Zhao Fu was worried about being discovered, he could only choose to run. If he didn’t, he would not have any chance at surviving.

After walking for a while, Zhao Fu discovered another Corpse Soldier. Zhao Fu was not as afraid, and he remembered its location before leaving.

Following this, Zhao Fu went and found some sturdy vines. He then threw a rock at a nearby Corpse Soldier, hitting its armor and creating a clanging sound.

The Corpse Soldier turned, and its blood-red eyes found Zhao Fu. It loudly howled and rushed at Zhao Fu incredibly quickly.

Zhao Fu immediately turned and ran, but the Stage 1 Corpse Soldier was not weak at all. Soon, the Corpse Soldier was about to catch up to Zhao Fu. Feeling the Corpse Soldier close behind him, Zhao Fu’s hairs stood on end, and his heart rapidly beat.

“Roarr!!” the Corpse Soldier once again roared, and just as it was about to slash its sword at Zhao Fu, a loud ‘bang’ sounded out as it fell to the ground.

Zhao Fu knew that he could not outrun Stage 1 Corpse Soldiers, so he had bound the vine he had found between two trees. With the Corpse Soldiers’ low intelligence, it was likely for them to fall for this.

Zhao Fu took advantage of the Corpse Soldier falling over to continue running off. The Corpse Soldier furiously got up and continued chasing after Zhao Fu with even more killing intent.

Zhao Fu used the vines to slow down the Corpse Soldier a few times before leading it to another Corpse Soldier. As expected, the two Corpse Soldiers started to fight.

The two Corpse Soldiers did not have any intelligence, and they madly attacked each other without any fear. One of them stabbed its sword into the other’s chest, while the other one raised its sword

and cut off the attacker's hand. The Corpse Soldier that had just lost a hand madly slashed out with its sword in its other hand, sending the other Corpse Soldier flying.

Zhao Fu watched by the side and found out some interesting information: the Corpse Soldiers could only be killed by hitting their hearts or heads, and attacking other places would be completely useless.

A while later, one of the Corpse Soldiers plunged its sword into the other Corpse Soldier's heart, causing it to immediately fall to the ground and die. Blood-red qi rose up from the loser's body and entered the victorious Corpse Soldier's body.

However, the victorious Corpse Soldier seemed to be heavily wounded – it had lost a hand and could not walk steadily. What was key was that it was not quite able to slash out the blood-red sword qi anymore.

Despite this, Zhao Fu did not act. Only after the Corpse Soldier left did he walk over to the dead Corpse Soldier and take its armor and iron sword.

The iron sword was still good to use, but there were a few holes in the armor. Luckily, the holes were not too big, so it was still useful.

These two pieces of equipment were not ordinary equipment and were called Corpse Soul Equipment. They could evolve by killing Corpse Soldiers, and both of them were currently Level 1 Corpse Soul Equipment, the lowest type.

Chapter 660: Corpse Soul Equipment

[Corpse Soul Sword] (0/100): A Corpse Soldier's sword that can obtain blood qi from killing other Corpse Soldiers and evolve. This is a piece of soul equipment and can be fused with one's soul.

[Corpse Soul Armour] (0/100): Corpse Soldier's armor that can obtain blood qi from killing other Corpse Soldiers and evolve. This is a piece of soul equipment and can be fused with one's soul.

So they were soul equipment that could be fused with one's soul. This was the first time that Zhao Fu had seen such a thing, and after putting on the armor and equipping the sword, he had become much stronger, and he felt more confident.

He caught up to the heavily-injured Corpse Soldier, and seeing him, the Corpse Soldier roared as it rushed over and slashed at him. However, Zhao Fu used his sword to block but was forced back four or five steps, and the webbing between his thumb and forefinger was torn, causing blood to flow out.

Zhao Fu had underestimated this Corpse Soldier – even though it was heavily wounded, it would not be easy to deal with. As such, Zhao Fu could only dodge about to wear the Corpse Soldier out.

After a while, the Corpse Soldier could barely move anymore and was unable to hit Zhao Fu. Seeing that he had worn it down, Zhao Fu decided to face off against it directly.

The Corpse Soldier swung its sword, but Zhao Fu dodged to the side and stabbed his sword into the Corpse Soldier's heart. Zhao Fu had a lot of battle experience, so with enough strength, Zhao Fu could easily kill an enemy.

Zhao Fu pulled out his sword, and the Corpse Soldier's body collapsed to the ground. Traces of blood-red qi flowed into his body, and he received three system announcements.

“System announcement! The Corpse Soul Sword has obtained ten Corpse Soul Qi!”

“System announcement! The Corpse Soul Armour has obtained ten Corpse Soul Qi!”

“System announcement! You have killed a Corpse Soldier, and your profession has become Corpse Soldier. You can kill Corpse Soldiers to level up!”

Zhao Fu felt quite surprised and found that he was now a Level 1 Corpse Soldier. He felt that this was quite like a role-playing game where he could kill monsters to obtain experience to level up. At the same time, Zhao Fu's aura became like that of a Corpse Soldier's as well.

Zhao Fu wondered how everyone else was doing in their Trial Spaces. Now, Zhao Fu had the ability to defend himself. Even though he could not directly face off against any Corpse Soldiers, he could find some weakened ones to bully.

Following this, Zhao Fu started to search for some heavily-wounded Corpse Soldiers to deal with.

Three hours later, Zhao Fu finally sliced off the head of the Corpse Soldier he was fighting, and he leveled up to Level 2. His Cultivation was now equivalent to Stage 0-5.

Because it took quite a long time to find weakened Corpse Soldiers, leveling up was quite slow; it took him roughly three hours to level up once. However, now that he had Stage 0-5 strength, he could consider fighting an ordinary Stage 1 Corpse Soldier. Right now, his Corpse Soul Sword and Corpse Soul Armour were Level 2 as well.

Zhao Fu started to look for a Corpse Soldier to fight, but after fighting, Zhao Fu realized that things had not gone as well as he had expected. After all, fighting a Stage 1 Corpse Soldier while he was only Stage 0-5 was quite difficult.

Clang!

Zhao Fu used all of his strength to slash out a blood-red sword qi, sending the Corpse Soldier in front of him flying, but he was also hit by its attack.

The Corpse Soldier quickly got back on its feet and rushed at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu's expression became determined, and he also charged up. After a few bouts, he finally killed the other side.

This battle had taken Zhao Fu more than an hour, and he had taken some damage. However, he did not have much choice except to hunt down weakened Corpse Soldiers. He just hoped that after leveling up to Level 3, he would have Stage 1 Cultivation, which would make it easier to kill Corpse Soldiers.

As Zhao Fu continued to look for Corpse Soldiers, he found a region with trees growing densely together. Behind them was a cliff that was hundreds of meters tall. Luckily, Zhao Fu was not traveling quickly, so he was able to stop in time. Otherwise, he could have fallen down.

Looking at this cliff, Zhao Fu felt some inspiration and thought of a good way to quickly kill Corpse Soldiers.

A few hours later, Zhao Fu once again threw a rock at a Corpse Soldier, hitting its head. The next instant, the Corpse Soldier turned and ran at him, and Zhao Fu immediately ran.

Because he now had Stage 0-5 strength, Zhao Fu was much faster. Because of the distance between them, the Corpse Soldier was only able to slowly close the distance.

Seeing the familiar thicket of trees ahead, Zhao Fu rushed in, while the Corpse Soldier behind him roared and also followed him in.

Bang!

A muffled bang sounded out as Zhao Fu gripped a vine and looked at the Corpse Soldier that had fallen down the cliff with a smile. He then received three system announcements.

“System announcement! The Corpse Soul Sword has obtained ten Corpse Soul Qi!”

“System announcement! The Corpse Soul Armour has obtained ten Corpse Soul Qi!”

“System announcement! You have killed a Corpse Soldier and received 100 Corpse Soul Qi!”

So this also counted as killing Corpse Soldiers. Zhao Fu decided to use this method to kill a large number of Corpse Soldiers.

Another five hours later, it was still daytime, making Zhao Fu wonder if there was night time in this Trial Space. After repeating this method again and again, Zhao Fu had reached Level 3 and now had Stage 1 strength.

Now, Zhao Fu did not have to worry at all. Seeing a Corpse Soldier ahead of him, his sword unleashed a blood-red sword qi as he attacked that Corpse Soldier.

A few bouts later, Zhao Fu was able to easily kill the Corpse Soldier. Zhao Fu had thought that he could just quickly level up like this, but he was soon found by a Stage 2 Corpse Soldier, forcing him back.

Everything he had was sealed, except his battle experience. However, in the face of sufficient strength, battle experience was still not enough.

Zhao Fu once again thought of that cliff – it seemed that the easy way out would be much more efficient than gloriously fighting.

Zhao Fu once again rushed into the thicket of trees, and the Stage 2 Corpse Soldier followed behind him, and soon, another muffled bang sounded out.

“System announcement! The Corpse Soul Sword has obtained 40 Corpse Soul Qi!”

“System announcement! The Corpse Soul Armour has obtained 40 Corpse Soul Qi!”

“System announcement! You have killed a Corpse Soldier and received 400 Corpse Soul Qi!”

After hearing the system announcements, Zhao Fu found that the Stage 2 Corpse Soldiers were worth four times as much as the Stage 1 Corpse Soldiers. As such, Zhao Fu decided to look for Stage 2 Corpse Soldiers to level up even faster. However, he could not outrun Stage 2 Corpse Soldiers on horses, as they would be too fast.

A while later, Zhao Fu once again leveled up, and he now had Stage 1-5 strength. Now, he could easily deal with ordinary Corpse Soldiers, but he could not yet deal with the higher grade ones.

A day later, Zhao Fu stood next to the bodies of ten or so Corpse Soldiers. He was now Stage 2 and did not have to worry about Stage 2 Corpse Soldiers anymore, which he could easily kill.

Following this, Zhao Fu continued to look for corpse soldiers.

At that moment, Zhao Fu discovered something unexpected – it was a Corpse General riding a Corpse Horse. Its strength was at Stage 4, and Zhao Fu felt that after killing it, he would definitely receive something special. After all, this Corpse General was definitely a Boss.

Perhaps after killing it, Zhao Fu would receive some information on this Trial Space, but because Zhao Fu could not beat it in a fight, he had to think of another way.

Zhao Fu once again thought back to that cliff, and an evil smile appeared on his face.