

Versatile 1431

Chapter 1431: Getting A Share of the Action

“Brother, I asked people to put down the details, too. It’s inappropriate to leave out the details for the job. Our clan would be put to shame if the families of the victims came and demanded justice,” Mui Nuxin said.

“Why must you always act on your own!? Why must you decide everything!? Do you really want to see the downfall of our clan!?” Mui Hua yelled at Mui Nuxin angrily.

The room fell silent. The people of the Dongfang Clan did not say a word.

They were all feeling helpless and ashamed. The fire vein was deadlier than they had imagined. Even their clan, known for their expertise in the Fire Element was struggling to come up with a plan. They could do a good job of excavating the fire vein and refining the ore, but everything was in vain if they could not find a way to clear the tunnel.

“If there’s no other choice, we can only choose from among the disciples of our clans. Let’s consider it carefully and come up with a list of names. Apart from the successors of the clans, every disciple can volunteer for it. To those who are willing to take part in the operation, we’ll take care of their family and pay them a handsome sum, regardless of the outcome. If the operation is a success, the disciples will be promoted to a member of the clan, and be treated as an elder,” Mui Shan proposed.

They had no choice but to give it a try. They could not just wait forever. If they could not hire outsiders to do the job, the only option was to do it themselves!

“Mmm,” Mui Nuxin agreed with the plan, too.

“I guess that’s the only choice we have...” Dongfang Mo sighed.

Both clans agreed to sacrifice their own clan members, in the end.

It was not necessarily sacrificing the clan members; it was voluntary. Their clan members would know how dangerous the situation was. If they were willing to risk their lives to help their clans overcome the troublesome situation, the clans would not mistreat them, either. The clans would not force them either, if they were not willing to take the risk.

“I’ll go!” a voice arose.

The crowd turned to the voice. They were eager to see who the courageous disciple was. The people who were invited to the meeting were mostly disciples that were closely related to the clan, including the successors.

“Qi Shan?” Mui Hua looked at the young man in astonishment.

The people of the Mui Clan immediately recognized Qi Shan. He was indeed one of the most reliable candidates for the job. The problem was, most Mages that had achieved his cultivation level were unlikely to volunteer themselves, considering the great risk involved.

“Qi Shan, are you sure about it?” the old clan master asked seriously.

“If it’s a success, I’ll be promoted to an official member of the clan, am I right?” Qi Shan asked.

“Yes!” Mui Shan nodded.

“Everyone in the clan has high anticipation for me, but that’s not what I’m looking for. What I want is the right to speak!” Qi Shan glanced at Mui Nuxin. He was like a completely different person compared to his miserable behavior just a moment ago.

Mui Nuxin remained silent. She knew her speech had provoked Qi Shan, but she was utterly shocked after hearing Qi Shan’s decision. Perhaps Qi Shan could soar even higher into the sky if she was not holding him down.

“I believe many from the clan will be willing to participate in the operation with you in charge,” Mui Shan said in relief.

Qi Shan looked at Dongfang Lie, who seemed to know Qi Shan was his rival in love. Dongfang Lie did not look too happy when Qi Shan was appointed as the person in charge of the operation!

“Err, can I go too?” Mo Fan asked.

“Humph, we aren’t that desperate to let a nobody join; you can wait until you graduate from Pearl Institute!” Mui Hua grunted. He had recognized Mo Fan as the shady schoolmate who was hanging out with Mui Nujiao the other day.

“Brother, maybe you should learn how to treat a guest properly first!” Mui Nujiao grumbled.

“Since when do you have the right to teach me how to behave myself? You’re a representative of the national team, yet you aren’t willing to do a single thing for the clan!” Mui Hua exclaimed harshly.

“Brother Mui Hua... he’s not a nobody. He’s Mo Fan, the strongest participant in the World College Tournament!” Dongfang Lie informed him.

Those words immediately attracted the crowd’s attention. Qi Shan stared at Mo Fan in disbelief, along with everybody else.

Meanwhile, Mui Nuxin gasped. She exchanged glances with Mui Nujiao, who quickly explained by whispering in her ear. She immediately blushed, and no longer dared look Mo Fan in the eyes.

“Seriously, what a coincidence it was...” Mui Nuxin was utterly ashamed. She was quite hot-headed before, so she simply used Mo Fan as an example. She never expected him to be present. Mui Nujiao did not make it clear, either. She totally thought their guest was Bai Hongfei!

“You’re Mo Fan?” Mui Shan and Dongfang Mo asked simultaneously.

“Yeah, I only came here to congratulate Dongfang Lie. I didn’t expect to stumble into your meeting. My primary Element is the Fire Element, and I happen to be looking for a Primitive Soul-grade Seed. I

believe the fire vein you mentioned is likely to have a Primitive Soul-grade Seed, so I'm willing to try my luck," Mo Fan said.

"Mui Hua, apologize to Mo Fan at once. Be mindful of your words next time," Mui Shan immediately said sternly.

Mui Hua was so angry that blue veins were twitching on his face, yet he did not dare disobey Mui Shan's order. He apologized stiffly before glaring at Mui Nujiao, as if he was putting the blame on her.

"Either way, Mo Fan is just an outsider. It's our clan's business. We won't allow his Fanxue Mountain to intervene!" Mui Hua said after he was done apologizing.

"I think you all know what I'm capable of, and I have a Flame Belle as my Contracted Beast. If you're willing to let me take part in it, we can discuss the details further. If you don't want me to interfere with your business, I promise I won't mention it to anyone else," Mo Fan answered easily.

"What do you mean by that? You're asking to get a share of the action?" Mui Hua grunted.

"Mui Hua, calm yourself!" Mui Shan warned him again.

Mui Nuxin hesitated for a moment before looking at Dongfang Lie, as if she was asking for his opinion.

Dongfang Lie was overjoyed. He did not expect his soon-to-be-wife would be willing to listen to his words so quickly.

Dongfang Lie was the one who had invited Mo Fan over, and was utterly convinced of Mo Fan's capabilities. He said to Dongfang Mo, "Uncle, Mo Fan was my classmate, and we were also teammates during the World College Tournament. I'm very familiar with his strength. I don't think anyone is a more suitable candidate than him... Besides, Fanxue Mountain is about to become a main district of the Feiniaoh Headquarters City. I believe we can consider working with them; that way, we won't have to rely on the military so much!"

Even Mo Fan was dumbfounded by Dongfang Lie's words.

Mo Fan was only planning to take part in the operation himself. He did not want to involve Fanxue Mountain, but Dongfang Lie seemed quite willing to cooperate with Fanxue Mountain. It was quite a surprise for him.

"I believe it's necessary to sit down and discuss it," Mui Nuxin said.

"I didn't mean something so complicated..." Mo Fan was about to explain himself when Zhao Manyan stopped him by looking him in the eye. Mo Fan realized what Zhao Manyan was trying to tell him, and immediately shut up.

"How about this? Let's focus on the marriage for today, and you can come to Fanxue Mountain as our guests some other day to have a tour around and check the place out. We don't have to come to an agreement right away, but we can still keep in contact with one another. Fanxue Mountain was established quite recently. We might need the help of renowned clans like yours in many areas... Of course, if you aren't willing to share the fire vein, we won't pry into it either, but I believe Fanxue Mountain is capable enough to take on the job," Zhao Manyan said on behalf of Mo Fan.

"Mm, that's reasonable," Mui Nuxin nodded.

Dongfang Lie nodded in agreement, too.

The elders clearly had to discuss the matter further. They exchanged glances with one another and smiled, agreeing to pay a visit to Fanxue Mountain sometime.

"It's supposed to be a day of celebration. Let's not waste our time on some serious matters. We shall let the young ones go have some fun, and the rest of us will enjoy some tea and have a casual chat here," Mui Shan's wife said.

"That will do!"

"Yeah, it's a good day today."

Mui Nujiao and Mui Nuxin led Mo Fan, Zhao Manyan, Qi Shan, and the others to another hall.

Back in the main hall, Mui Shan sat down closer to Dongfang Mo. The two obviously had no intention to leave the topic for another day. They immediately started discussing it again.

Mui Shan was the first to ask, "Brother Dongfang, what do you think?"

"Mo Fan has the extremely rare Flame Belle as his Contracted Beast. I believe the odds of the operation succeeding are extremely low without the Flame Belle's help. Most importantly, Mo Fan is very strong, and the Fire Element is his primary Element! He's even stronger than my nephew Dongfang Lie. Also, you know how reputable he is now. He's even comparable to a Councilman. It's a wise choice to cooperate with him," Dongfang Mo replied thoughtfully.

"I think so too, and Fanxue Mountain is a fleshy piece of meat, too..." Mui Shan exclaimed.

"I'm not too familiar with Fanxue Mountain; you will have to explain it to me," Dongfang Mo said.

"Fanxue Mountain has great potential, and it's a fresh piece of land. It has unlimited opportunities, but they weren't able to find any reliable business partners because of the Mu Clan's intervention. The Mu Clan has been annexing a lot of the smaller clans to drive renowned clans that aren't willing to submit to them, like us, away. We won't have to be worried about what the Mu Clan thinks anymore. Why don't we just cooperate with Fanxue Mountain instead?" Mui Shan said.

"But the Mu Clan..."

"Brother, do you really think the Mu Clan will give up on the thought of annexing us if we compromise?" Mui Shan said.

"They are a bunch of greedy assholes. They are clearly trying to eradicate every potential threat."

"Exactly, if we don't find another way under the current circumstances, we are seriously going to find ourselves heading for a downfall. Besides, the Mu Clan wouldn't dare do anything reckless, considering how reputable Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue are. They would at most trouble Mu Ningxue a little, but they wouldn't dare touch Mo Fan at all. We are working directly with Mo Fan. I won't believe Mu Gong would bother troubling him if it's going to ruin his reputation. Even the Mu Clan's pet dog, the Dali Clan, is about to exceed us; it's time to make a decision!" Mui Shan said.

Dongfang Mo hesitated for quite some time. He finally nodded and said, "I won't let our Dongfang Clan become the Mu Clan's dog!"

"Isn't it the same for our Mui Clan, too?"

Chapter 1432: Shameless Like A Dog

The rear hall was hosting a modern party with a buffet. The alcohol was placed on an iced table. To the side of the hall were a grassy area and an indoor pool, a pleasing combination that perfectly suited the young people. The retro decorations in the previous hall were more suitable for the older folks.

"Mo Fan, even though you're an arm-flinging shopkeeper who doesn't really involve yourself with Fanxue Mountain's management, you should always keep its well-being in mind, instead of just worrying about feeding yourself! Think about it; their biggest problem is excavating the fire vein, but they can't afford to send a Super Mage into it because it's going to provoke the formidable beast residing nearby. However, those below the Super Level are probably going to die if they dare enter the fire vein.

"You are interested in going because of the Primitive Soul-grade Seed, but your identity isn't the same anymore. It's going to be a great loss for you if a Primitive Soul-grade Fire Seed is all you get from helping them!" Zhao Manyan told him sternly.

"Hehe, I'm not really an expert when it comes to this. Luckily, the Young Master of the Zhao Family is around to give me some advice," Mo Fan realized unabashedly.

Mo Fan was used to being unconstrained, so he believed it was reasonable to help the Mui Clan excavate the fire vein as long as he got what he wanted. After all, the fire vein belonged to the Mui Clan...

However, on second thought, he was indeed asking too little for the favor, knowing that a fire vein could help an entire renowned clan prosper!

"It's mainly because you haven't realized you are now the leader of Fanxue Mountain. Fanxue Mountain isn't the same as before. Many factions are actually thinking of holding out an olive branch to us. Unfortunately, they are still hesitating, because the Mu Clan is constantly watching them. They don't dare make it too obvious.

"On the other hand, the Dongfang Clan and the Mui Clan aren't on friendly terms with the Mu Clan! It is important for the renowned clans to choose sides and join hands under the current circumstances. Fanxue Mountain is going to become the North Mountain District of Feiniaoh Headquarters City. It's also the closest place to the maritime battlefield in the south. Every inch of its land is going to be as valuable as gold!

"I can swear on my manhood that those two elders are going to ask Mui Nuxin or Dongfang Lie to contact you in less than three days. It doesn't even matter if they are going to pay Fanxue Mountain a visit. The truth is, they desperately need to cooperate with us... when the time comes, you can easily

discuss the split of profit, and don't bother agreeing if they aren't giving this much," Zhao Manyan raised three of his fingers.

"Are you serious? Thirty percent? Isn't that asking too much?" Mo Fan exclaimed.

The fire vein was a huge gold mine. Mo Fan would not believe the Dongfan Clan and the Mui Clan would be willing to share thirty percent of its profit for no reason!

"Forget it, we'll do Mui Nujiao a favor. You can ask Mu Ningxue to ask for twenty-five percent of the profit instead. We'll take less, so they will owe us one. I believe thirty percent is within their acceptable range. They will agree to it without a doubt, but Fanxue Mountain is still lacking in many aspects. I believe we'll need their help again soon. It's better to go easy on them for now," Zhao Manyan said.

Mo Fan relayed Zhao Manyan's message to Mu Zhuoyun. Mu Zhuoyun initially answered the call with a displeased voice when he realized it was from Mo Fan. It was difficult for a man to have a good impression of a man who was going to take his daughter away, not to mention the conflicts they had shared in the past.

However, when Mu Zhuoyun heard Mo Fan mention the Mui Clan and the Dongfang Clan were interested in cooperating with them, his attitude changed entirely. He even had the urge to pay them a visit to discuss the matter right away!

The Dongfang Clan and the Mui Clan were reputable clans with formidable backgrounds. Mu Zhuoyun had long wanted to cooperate with them, but they never bothered to listen to him in the past. To his surprise, Mo Fan was able to make it possible just by being a busybody!

If they managed to come to an agreement, they were all going to be in the same boat!

"Xuexue is coming back late tomorrow. I'll talk to her when she's back!" Mu Zhuoyun was clearly overjoyed if he even told Mo Fan when Mu Ningxue was going to be back.

Mo Fan was thinking of visiting Fanxue Mountain, too. He decided to head over when Mu Ningxue came back.

Mo Fan departed for Fanxue Mountain the next day, but before he left, Mui Nuxin had already asked him to arrange a meeting. Mo Fan could not help but raise his thumb at Zhao Manyan. "Old Zhao, it's such a pity that you didn't choose to become an unscrupulous businessman instead."

"What do you mean by unscrupulous businessman? It's called being influenced by the environment. You would know if you grew up in a family like mine. The fact they contacted you on the second day implies that the two clans are in a worse pinch than I imagined. Mo Fan, are you confident in your visit to the crematorium?" Zhao Manyan asked.

"Dude, it's a fire vein!" Mo Fan grunted.

"Well, it's no different than a crematorium for most people," Zhao Manyan replied.

"I've looked over the information. It does sound quite terrifying, but I still don't want to miss out on the opportunity, or else I will never find a suitable Soul-grade Fire Seed for the rest of my life," Mo Fan sighed.

It was important to get a Soul-grade Fire Seed. Without it, Mo Fan's hardware was nowhere near enough to support Little Flame Belle's powerful system!

Having three Soul-grade Flames was going to improve Mo Fan's strength significantly, too. There was no better chance than searching for a suitable Soul-grade Fire Seed in a fire vein.

"Then you should be careful..." Zhao Manyan said.

"What do you mean?"

"Of course I'm not going; what do you mean by what do I mean!?" Zhao Manyan asked.

"I see you as my brother, and yet you're telling me you aren't coming with me when I'm jumping into a burning pit? Should I let Guan Xixi know that a rather good-looking girl drove your Lamborghini to your place around eleven last night?" Mo Fan inquired.

Zhao Manyan's lips twisted. He tried to argue, "What are you even talking about? She's the girl that we met when we were drinking with the street racers in Baoshan the other day. I wasn't able to drive after drinking, so I asked her to drive the car back for me."

"I know, but I'll let you explain to her instead. I trust that you didn't ask her to go up to your place to have a drink, I trust that you didn't open a pack of Happiness 101; I am well aware what kind of a person you are," Mo Fan said airily.

"Mo Fan, you really look like a dog when you're being shameless..." Zhao Manyan could only sigh.

In the end, Zhao Manyan was convinced by Mo Fan's shameless badgering, admonitions, and outright blackmail to tag along on the adventure of Kunlun Mountain.

Mo Fan also told Lingling what he was up to. As he expected, Lingling immediately packed her belongings and came along like a little cotton candy. How could he not bring her along for something so dangerous and thrilling?

Mo Fan felt a lot more confident when Lingling was around. He did not really trust the plan that the two renowned clans had come up with. His life would be at risk if something went wrong.

Mo Fan realized how different Fanxue Mountain was when he arrived.

In the past, Fanxue Mountain consisted of uncultivated lands and barren mountains. No one would disturb him if he was doing something shameless in a random spot, but now there were roads and incomplete structures everywhere. The place was filled with concrete, steel, machinery, builders, urban planners, and lots of soldiers, traders, and Mages looking for opportunities...

The place was no longer lifeless; it was like a heart beating vigorously after fresh blood was injected into it from every direction!

Chapter 1433 Signal on the Ocean

Mu Ningxue had clearly made a brilliant choice when she decided to purchase the land. It went without saying that she was working very hard every day with the daily transformation of the city.

Fanxue Mountain was still considered private land. Mu Ningxue did not compromise, even when she was put under great pressure. In the end, the other parties, including the government, had to choose a gentler approach, and decided to cooperate with Fanxue Mountain instead.

Mu Ningxue had put in painstaking efforts to make Fanxue Mountain possible. When the place was still barren land, the government and the other factions had not provided them with any support or help. The members of Fanxue Mountain slowly cultivated the land and gave it a perfect skeleton frame. They would not allow the others to take it away just because it was now part of Feiniaoh Headquarters City!

The land belonged to Fanxue Mountain, but they did not mind cooperating with the government. Everyone was responsible for ensuring the safety of the coastline, but they would not allow the government to repossess the land!

Mu Zhuoyun had left to meet with the Mui Clan and the Dongfang Clan. Mo Fan had only come to pay Mu Ningxue a visit. He did not have to worry about anything else; it was not like he could be of any help.

Mu Zhuoyun had already come back by the time Mo Fan found Mu Ningxue, as if he was afraid Mo Fan would do something to his precious daughter when he was not around... even though it was true that Mo Fan had safety precautions readily available in his pocket...

"Basically, the Mui Clan has always been working with the military, but the Mu Clan is applying a lot of pressure to them, especially since the Mu Clan is in charge of the dam along the coastline. The Mu Clan has been buying the resources that the Mui Clan has been providing the military at an extremely low price. The Mui Clan is planning to rescind the agreement with the military, yet they are struggling to find another party with a large enough demand to meet their supply..."

Mu Zhuoyun explained the results of the meeting to Mo Fan. "If we successfully reach an agreement and find a way to excavate the fire vein at Kunlun Mountain, they will focus on excavating the fire vein and sell the resources through Fanxue Mountain. The population of Fanxue Mountain is only going to increase by the day, and the South China Sea's maritime battlefield is very close to us. There's going to be a lot of demand for Fire Element resources. They are asking us to lower the tax, and they have offered to split the profit evenly. They will handle the excavation, logistics, manufacturing, and sales together with the Dongfang Clan."

"What do you think?" Mu Ningxue asked.

"You guys can make the call. My only job is to clear the blockage in the fire vein. You are better at doing business anyway," Mo Fan answered.

"Then we'll proceed with it; we'll still need to discuss the details with Mu Linsheng," Mu Zhuoyun said.

"I will go around and have a look." Mo Fan knew Mu Ningxue had lots of things to attend to. He would have to wait until she was free to enjoy some time with her.

Mu Ningxue looked after him and called out, "I'll give you a call when I'm done."

Mo Fan waved his hand and left Fanxue Villa.

Fanxue Villa was significantly higher than the rest of the immediate area. It used to be just a barren hill, but it was now full of green and trees. It also had a spectacular night view.

A few dizzy and beautiful little moths flew among the trees. Even though they were moths, their colors were brighter than butterflies. Mo Fan knew these little moths were Fanxue Villa's sentries. They were not just at the villa; the little moths were scattered across the entire Fanxue Mountain as long as they were plants around. Fanxue Mountain had implemented strict rules, forbidding anyone from killing the moths. It was a private land, so those that entered had to obey the rules, allowing the little moths to coexist peacefully with the people that had moved to Fanxue Mountain to look for opportunities.

Mo Fan went down the hill. He could see a wide river coming from the direction of Yueyang Mountain. The meandering river flowed through the new city of Fanxue Mountain, with a few artificial bifurcations circling around Fanxue Villa. For some reason, the layout of the bifurcations looked familiar to Mo Fan...

The river originated from Yueyang Mountain and eventually reached the ocean. Mo Fan remembered the estuary was buttressed by two magnificent mountains. The river valley's great depth and width was the perfect place to build a harbor connected to the new city of Fanxue Mountain. The riverways, railways, and highways could meet at the mountain to the east. It was rare to see terrain with such a layout. Most of the time, it was difficult to establish railways, highways, and riverways close to a mountain. Luckily, the valley between the Shuangdong Mountains was flat and spacious with access to the ocean. It was also possible to build a dam between the mountains to guarantee the safety of the river valley.

Mu Ningxue had chosen the land after putting the safety of their people first. It was located between cities to the north and the south, while its west and east were warded by mountains. Therefore, even though the land was barren and uncultivated, she still insisted on making it their territory. Now the land had become an important part of the coastline. Fanxue Mountain had already started constructing the sturdiest dam possible along the east coastline. It would soon be transformed into a maritime fortress. One could only say that her kindness and determination were finally getting paid back, after the Heavens had mistreated her for so long!

The current Fanxue Mountain was vigorous and brimming with life. Mo Fan could already see the outline of a new city. The city had covered the area from Yueyang Mountain in the west to the dam between the Shuangdong Mountains. New canals and roads were being added daily, like fresh blood that was continuously being injected into the city. Workers, businessmen, traders, Mages, and Hunters had gathered in the city... the city might not have anything yet, but it would soon have everything. The people that moved in earlier might end up as the founders of the new city!

Bo City had become a military base. Apart from a few old residents, it had gradually lost its appeal as a residential city. Mo Fan rarely went back there, but his heart always felt empty when he did, as if he did not really have a place that he could call home.

However, Mo Fan felt great anticipation when he witnessed the changes at Fanxue Mountain. He believed that he would stand on a skyscraper one day, looking down at the blossoming city with a satisfied smile while admiring a place that belonged to him, a city that would feel like home to him!

Mo Fan recalled Zhao Manyan's words. After seeing how busy Mu Ningxue had been, he realized he could not just live like a vagabond who only worried about feeding himself anymore. He should think about Fanxue Mountain's well-being, even when he was not around!

Mo Fan approached the dam that was still under construction. He saw rapid movement along it, indicating that something must have happened.

"Viscera Hunters!"

"A ship of ours is surrounded by Viscera Hunters on the ocean. We have to provide them with backup immediately!"

A patrol leader went up to the dam and looked in the direction a Brilliant Light was fired into, but he could not see the ship that was mentioned.

"They are too far away from us. Damn it, how dare they ambush the ship in revenge while it's on its way back! Such cunning creatures!" the patrol leader said.

Mo Fan went up to the dam when he heard the noise going around. However, he was told that only authorized personnel were allowed on it.

"Mm? Mentor, why are you here!?" a woman blurted out.

Mo Fan turned around and saw Cao Qinqin. Only Cao Qinqin and Bai Hongfei would address him like that.

"What's going on?" Mo Fan asked.

"It's the Viscera Hunters, an extremely vicious and cunning species of sea monster! They are scouts for the sea monsters' army, but they are also detestable killers at the same time. Lately, we've discovered that the Viscera Hunters are preying on our city. Sister Shao Yu put up a job request to hire a few squads of Hunters to annihilate the Viscera Hunters. They just signaled us that they are on their way back, but the Viscera Hunters have surrounded them just as they entered the safe zone. The Viscera Hunters that fled must have gathered some reinforcements and intercepted the ship on their way back," Cao Qinqin said.

"How many are there?" Mo Fan asked.

"More than a thousand, according to the signal we've received. It's hard to tell if we can gather enough people in such a short period of time," Cao Qinqin was clearly a lot more familiar with Fanxue Mountain's new city than Mo Fan. She basically treated it as her new home.

"I can't fly, nor can I swim, but it sounds like they are in great trouble!" Mo Fan said anxiously.

Battling on the sea had always been a huge problem for Mo Fan. The ship was around five kilometers away from the land. How could he possibly make it?

"Mentor, I can bring you there, I'm a Water Mage!" Cao Qinqin said.

"Sure!"

There were not many Advanced Water Mages around. Cao Qinqin immediately jumped into the water with Mo Fan. The patrol leader also came with a bunch of Mages. He glared at Cao Qinqin and grunted, "Nonsense, do you think you can rescue them on your own? Don't you know how deadly these Viscera Hunters are!?"

Cao Qinqin stuck her tongue out. She did not explain herself.

Cao Qinqin was indeed a brilliant student of Pearl Institute. Her control of the Water Element was very impressive. She was controlling a huge wave to carry them forward like a giant fish, heading for the dark ocean in the distance.

"Follow them quick, we can't let anything happen to them!" the patrol leader, Tang Peng, shouted.

"Captain Tang, how did you manage to gather a team so quickly? You've already gathered six teams in no time!" Cao Qinqin turned around and saw five other teams following behind them.

Tang Peng was Cao Qinqin's friend, and had great affection for the girl. He was appointed the captain of the patrolling squads of Fanxue Mountain when he first came to the barren land. However, as Fanxue Mountain continued to grow rapidly, his position also rose significantly.

Tang Peng was quite a powerful Mage. He was once a soldier, and had outstanding management skills. Mu Linsheng gladly left the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the Fanxue Mountain coastline to him.

"We are on alert at all times!" Tang Peng had a proud face when he saw the rescue team in great order. In the past, Fanxue Mountain's patrol was like a sheet of loose sand, a bunch of vagrants, but they were now efficient and quick, like a troop of soldiers!

"Mentor, it looks like you won't have to get your hands dirty this time," Cao Qinqin smiled at Mo Fan.

"I'll still come along, I have nothing to do anyway," Mo Fan replied.

Chapter 1434 The Advantage of Terrain at Sea

the clouds were dark and thick. the rest of the ocean was in complete darkness, apart from the sos light that was flickering in the distance.

there were six teams and five ships. apart from cao qinqin, who was able to control a rapid wave and carry someone on it, the other water mages could only control the tide to increase their ships' speed.

the rescue team had traveled a few kilometers. the light of the beacon at the dam faded into the distance.

the view of the ocean at night was not as stunning as some had imagined. the rescue team found themselves in pitch-black darkness, surrounded by strong winds and chilly water. it was like they were wandering aimlessly into an utterly terrifying abyss!

"why is the ship moving away from us?" the patrol captain, tang peng said.

the ship requesting backup was roughly five kilometers away. they had already covered a distance of around four kilometers, but they were surprised to see the sos light was still quite a distance away.

“perhaps the viscera hunters are dragging the ship away!” jiang shen, the leader of one of the teams said.

“then we should pick up our pace. it’s going to be very dangerous if they enter the deep ocean area,” tang peng said.

“deep ocean area?” mo fan asked. he was obviously an amateur.

“the sea monsters heavily rely on the seawater to move around. the deeper the water is, the greater the space for them to move around, thus allowing them to conceal themselves. their attacks might even be stronger there. we usually call the area with a depth of two hundred meters the shallow area; the area with a depth of two hundred to a thousand meters is called the intermediate area, and the area with a depth of one thousand to three thousand meters is called the deep sea area!

“the shallow area with a depth of two hundred meters is more advantageous for us. our spells are much more effective at this depth. in the intermediate areas, some of the bigger sea monsters will be able to move quite freely, posing a huge threat to us. as for the deep sea area, not only will the sea monsters be able to conceal their presence perfectly, thus making it difficult for us to estimate their numbers, they will immediately dive deep into the water whenever we are casting powerful spells. they will use the water as part of their defense; there is nothing we can do,” tang peng explained. he could tell that mo fan was not experienced with battles in the ocean.

mo fan recalled the east maritime fortress in tokyo when he heard tang peng’s words. it turned out that the depth of the water was an important aspect of battling in the ocean. he immediately took note of tang peng’s explanation.

“so if the shallow area is the most advantageous for us, the maritime battlefield is most likely going to be set in this area, too?” mo fan asked.

“of course! not every sea monster has the ability to walk on land, especially those that are enormous. even though the creatures that are a few dozen meters long could still swim around within a depth of two hundred meters, it’s like a huge whale swimming inside a narrow river. they have suddenly become obvious targets. it’s a lot easier for us to deal with them once their movement is restrained,” tang peng said.

it explained why the sea monsters had suddenly become humans’ natural foes when the sea level rose. mo fan was able to learn something that he had never understood after listening to tang peng’s explanation.

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“i can see it, it’s just ahead of us. the ship hasn’t sunk yet!” one of the leaders yelled.

they kept going forward. they could finally see the ship that was giving out the sos signal after traveling for around three kilometers.

“secure the ship first,” captain tang peng ordered the squads.

the five squads swiftly split up and surrounded the ship. they were planning to set up a defensive perimeter around it.

mo fan and cao qinqin jumped onto the ship right away. they could not be bothered with the procedures. they wanted to see if anyone on the ship was injured.

the ship was very clean. there was no sign of damage. even though the ship was made of high-quality material to prevent the sea monsters from being able to smash it into pieces, it was still unreasonable that the ship was not damaged if it was attacked in the middle of the ocean.

“that’s strange, why isn’t there anyone on it?” cao qinqin said with a confused look.

mo fan quickly searched the ship, but he did not see anyone on the deck, the cabins, not even the bridge...

“are they all dead?” jiang shen who boarded the ship with his squad said.

“there are no corpses, no smell of blood; are we currently in the deep sea area?” mo fan turned around and asked cao qinqin.

“i believe so, the water is more than fifteen hundred meters deep,” tang peng said.

“did we come too late?”

“damn it, these filthy viscera hunters!”

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mo fan went to the deck and observed his surroundings. he could smell something fishy on the sea breeze.

mo fan’s vision was limited, even though he normally had outstanding vision at night because of his shadow element. for some reason, he had an uneasy feeling.

“fire burst: rupture!”

mo fan tossed a ball of fire into the air.

the fireball reached a hundred meters in the air. the flames of the ardent sunset exploded at mo fan’s order. the fiery tongues surged wildly and scattered onto the surface of the pitch-black ocean like sparkling fireworks...

the blazing red light revealed countless eerie heads scattered across the surface of the ocean!

these heads had eyes, without the slightest shine to them. they were like eyes of the dead, belonging to a bunch of cunning carnivores that had been waiting for their prey for a long time!

mo fan was shocked!

a trap?

it’s a trap!

these sea monsters were using the sos signal to set up a trap by luring the humans away from the dam before surrounding them!

there were more than a thousand heads revealed by the light produced by the explosion, and there were a lot more of them outside of their range of vision. the light of the explosion had only revealed the tip of the iceberg!

unlike demon creatures, humans were intelligent. their wits had helped the human race not lose the prolonged battle against the demon creatures, despite being inferior physically. however, to mo fan's surprise, the sea monsters were smart enough to set up a trap to lure them to the deep sea...

they were currently in the deep sea area that put the sea monsters at an advantage!

"we have to go, now!" captain tang peng yelled with an ugly expression.

"we have been surrounded..."

"my heavens, why are there so many of them!?"

"come up to the ship!" mo fan yelled at the rest of the rescue team when he sensed that something was not right.

these viscera hunters were tough creatures. mo fan had no problem fighting them on land, but he was currently in the middle of the ocean. even mo fan would struggle against them, unless they jumped up to him one by one!

Chapter 1435 Taking Advantage of a Weak Poin

"ahhhhh!"

hearing a cry of agony, mo fan vaguely saw something grabbing the ankle of a man in short-sleeves in the light of the flames...

the man was a wind mage. his wind element was quite powerful, and the viscera hunters were struggling to drag him into the water. if a viscera hunter managed to grab onto him, a bunch of them would immediately pounce at him.

the man would have no chance of breaking free from the sea monsters when that happened, regardless of how impressive his wind magic was!

"da tong!" tang peng yelled.

the other team leaders immediately stopped tang peng, who was trying to lend a hand. jiang shen said decisively, "you can't help him. they are going to drag you into the water too!"

"damn it, how did we end up in these filthy creatures' trap!?" tang peng grunted.

just as everyone was watching the man in short-sleeves being dragged into the water, mo fan's eyes suddenly flickered with a silver light. telekinesis encapsulated the man and dragged him out of the water like a strong, silver hand.

the man hovered above the surface of the sea, no longer sinking into the water. mo fan grunted and forcibly dragged the man into the air.

the pull of the monsters was so strong that they tore the man's lower leg apart. fresh blood scattered in the air...

the viscera hunters only ended up with the man's lower leg. they were enraged, as they were ready to tear the man into pieces!

the man endured the pain. the people nearby quickly gave him blood serums to replenish the blood he had lost, and the others used medicines to stop the bleeding, barely keeping him alive.

"thank...thank you!" the man retained consciousness, even though his face was extremely pale.

if help had come just a second later, his guts would have been torn apart by now. these savage viscera hunters enjoyed feasting on inner organs and intestines. losing a leg was nothing compared to the gruesome death that had been within inches!

"space mage, thanks for your help!" tang peng had a whole new level of respect for mo fan after seeing how he had saved the man's life.

"protect the ship at all costs, don't let it sink," mo fan replied.

"what should we do now... we are the ones that have to request backup from the city now!" jiang shen began to panic.

the viscera hunters had definitely prepared the trap to ambush them. the light of the flames eventually dissipated, and their surroundings fell into complete darkness once again. it was difficult to tell how many sea monsters were surrounding them. they were eight kilometers away from safety, and currently in the deep sea, too!

"it's my fault; i'm sorry, everyone," tang peng apologized.

"enough talk, i'll bring you all out of here," mo fan said.

"how are we going to break through their surround? didn't you see how many sea monsters there are around us..."

mo fan did not say a further word, just glancing at the sky. dark lightning began to flicker among the thick clouds. in just a few seconds, lightning began to rumble restlessly!

"protect the ship!" mo fan told the others again.

mo fan pointed his finger at the clouds. endless lightning bolts surged wildly in the air, thick and powerful. the lightning bolts tore through the darkness of the ocean sky under mo fan's command and struck the water fiercely!

each lightning bolt triggered a huge explosion. a dozen lightning bolts blasted the surface of the ocean simultaneously. the overwhelming energy spread rapidly across the water. the viscera hunters were immediately caught by mo fan's lightning with its twelvefold damage...

cries of agony rose from all directions. the viscera hunters around the ship did not stand a chance against mo fan's destructive lightning tyrant. the lightning instantly disintegrated them, and their blood and flesh blended with the seawater.

the dazzling lightning and the burning smell of flesh left the rescue team in utter disbelief.

countless viscera hunters had died to the lightning. it felt like the danger had been resolved!

"what are you waiting for? let's get out of here!" mo fan yelled at the crew.

the others finally reacted, quickly driving the ship to flee from the area. the water mages manipulated the waves to speed the ship further.

the lightning bolts did not stop; a whole bunch more of them kept descending from the sky. the spells that some of the intermediate mages had cast were nothing compared to the lightning. they all looked at mo fan as if he was a monster...

didn't this guy only draw a lightning star pattern just now?

why was his intermediate lightning spell even crazier than an advanced spell? how was he killing those terrifying viscera hunters like if they were just a bunch of chickens?

"mentor, it looks like they aren't viscera hunters," cao qinqin observed.

"i agree, the viscera hunters aren't that weak," mo fan agreed, looking at the remains of the sea monsters floating on the ocean.

even though mo fan had never seen a real viscera hunter, he assumed the viscera hunters were as strong as the brutal sword death servants, a rather strong creature of the warrior-level. they sounded deadly too, so if such a great number of viscera hunters had shown up, even mo fan would have struggled to take them all out.

the sea monsters surrounding them had claws, smooth skin, and similar appearances to the viscera hunters, but they were clearly weaker. they could not even endure his lightning...

every creature below the warrior-level was blown into bloodspray as soon as they were caught by the slightest arc of mo fan's lightning!

"we were panicking for nothing. we thought they were the viscera hunters. we were screwed if there were actually so many of them..." tang peng said.

it was too dark; the team had trouble getting a clear look at the sea monsters. they had panicked as soon as they had seen the overwhelming numbers of the sea monsters!

"even though these sea hook black beasts aren't the viscera hunters, it doesn't change the fact that they were trying to lure us into a trap!" jiang shen spoke up.

the sea hook black beasts were like the sea monkeys, being another species with overwhelming numbers. it was possible to find sea hook black beasts everywhere, whether it was in the cold seas or a warm ocean. their appearance was similar to the viscera hunters. it was very common to mistake the sea hook black beasts for the viscera hunters. many people had died after they had mistaken the viscera hunters for the sea hook black beasts!

“damn it, how dare they spook us! i’ll kill them all!” a leader of the rescue team yelled furiously.

“stop wasting your time on them. we must return at once...”

as the rest of the team was tossing their spells at the sea hook black beasts to vent their anger and frustration, a signal was suddenly fired into the sky above the new city. they could even hear the alarm from a great distance away!

“the city is under attack!” tang peng exclaimed, his face pale.

“damn it, did the viscera hunters really invade the city while we were away?”

Chapter 1436 The Concealed Viscera Hunters

a huge bunch of blue moths was circling the southernmost area of the shuangdong mountains. not long after, a beautiful woman with moth wings appeared in the sky. she was staring down at the rising seawater...

“trying to pull a sneak attack on us?” yu shishi grinned.

several figures were moving restlessly in the water. their savage eyes were hidden in the water, but yu shishi had seen through their trick right away.

“go, alert the patrol squad!” yu shishi pinched her finger and summoned a speedy moth out of nowhere like a magic trick. the moth had a special glow that was visible from a certain distance away.

a patrol squad showed up soon. the figures in the seawater revealed themselves by coming ashore at almost the same time. the patrol squad had arrived without alerting the intruders.

“it’s the viscera hunters. these creatures are able to move freely on land without affecting their fighting capacity!” the captain of the patrol squad told everyone.

“wait a little longer, let them walk into my shadow trap.”

“my sinister spider trap is ready, too.”

the members of the patrol squad were whispering. it was a lot easier to take out the sea monsters after knowing where they were going to strike.

the moths were spread throughout the vicinity of the shuangdong mountains. the glowing moths were a sign that they had spotted intruders. yu shishi would relay the information to the patrolling squads so they could take out the intruders.

“there are so many of them!” yu shishi looked at the tiny glows in the darkness.

the construction of fanxue new city had been going very smoothly. the shuangdong mountains had stopped the icy tide from reaching the vicinity of the new city when the sea level rose. however, the sea monsters seemed to have great scouting ability. they could even analyze the behavior of humans!

feiniaohai headquarters city was an important human base in the maritime battlefield of the south china sea. a huge portion of the coastline, consisting of countless cities and villages, was drowned. the people desperately needed a new place to settle, so these detestable sea monsters would try everything to stop the construction of the headquarters city. they had finally carried out their first wave of attacks!

the attacks were quite cunning, since five patrol squads had left for the sea to rescue a ship. if the moths were not on alert at all times, the raid would clearly inflict great losses on fanxue new city...

the residents desperately needed a sense of security. if the viscera hunters managed to break through the line of defense and carry out a massacre in the new city, it would immediately fall to the bottom of the chasm, as no one would be willing to settle in a dangerous place where the sea monsters could invade so easily!

the viscera hunters were extremely cunning, too. it was like they knew killing the mages would not really make any difference. their goal was to disrupt the order along the east coastline and make the situation even more chaotic, since it would give them more opportunities to strike their enemy!

“what’s the situation?” mu ningxue beat her wind wings and landed nimbly on the dam.

“it’s the viscera hunters. the cunning creatures lured five of our squads out to the deep sea. we aren’t really sure about their situation for now. meanwhile, the sea monsters suddenly invaded us when we were short-handed...” lu jiang, who was in charge of the dam’s defense, informed her.

mu ningxue was shocked after hearing lu jiang’s report.

how were these sea monsters so cunning? it was like they were as intelligent as humans, judging from their approach!

was there an intelligent existence leading the army of sea monsters? it would explain why the sea monsters, who used to be a sheet of loose sand, had become so cunning, and how they knew how to invade strategically.

mu ningxue had dealt with sea monsters on numerous occasions, and could not help but feel that something did not seem right after seeing how the viscera hunters were carrying out their attack.

“no wonder so many cities had fallen. these sea monsters aren’t the same as the ones we’ve dealt with before. something doesn’t seem right at all.”

“it’s such a relief to have the moths keeping an eye out for us. otherwise, a few of the viscera hunters would surely sneak past our defenses while we were short on hands. if there were any casualties, our enemies would spread the news blatantly. it would ruin our new city that we’ve put so much effort into!” lu jiang swore.

“mm, let’s be careful,” mu ningxue let out a relieved sigh when she saw that the patrol squads had kept the situation under control.

she had spent a huge fortune setting up patrol squads recently to guarantee the safety of fanxue new city. it was all thanks to shao yu, who did not stop scouting the ocean, and had recently discovered the viscera hunters were planning to make a move. it was unlikely they could have recruited so many mages if they stuck to their initial plan.

"i wonder how the people that went out to the ocean are doing," lu jiang said worriedly.

"i'll check it out," mu ningxue stomped her foot on the dam, summoning a white gust of wind that circled around her like ribbons. they slowly formed six pairs of elegant wings behind her as she glided down the wall...

mu ningxue soared into the air rapidly after her foot briefly touched the surface of the ocean. she maintained her altitude while flying swiftly into the distance.

the deep sea area...

a lightning bolt descended amid the darkness, blasting a huge spray of blood into the air.

the deck of the ship had already split open. the sea hook black beasts kept boarding the ship from both sides. their wriggling bodies were utterly disgusting to look at.

"look out, that one over there is a viscera hunter!" cao qinqin screamed.

captain tang peng turned around and noticed the creature's back was a lot different than the rest of the sea hook black beasts. it did not have the same dull expression, but a fierce look in the eyes. even its claws were significantly sharper than the sea hook black beasts'!

tang peng was unable to dodge in time, and its claws left a huge cut on his stomach. the little hooks on the claws even pulled tang peng's intestines out as blood splattered across the floor!

luckily, tang peng was an experienced fighter. he ignored the tremendous pain from his belly and swiftly ran toward the water curtain that cao qinqin had set up.

tang peng ran into the water curtain, which did not resist him. he was able to jump into it straight away, but the water stopped the viscera hunter that was aiming to take his life. the creature was extremely frustrated as it could not get any closer...

tang peng managed to save himself. his heart was pounding heavily.

they all thought the sea monsters surrounding the ship were only the weak sea hook black beasts. to their surprise, there were quite a few viscera hunters hiding among them. these creatures were trying to keep them here forever, by dragging them to the bottom of the ocean!

"hang in there, we are almost at the intermediate area!"

mo fan glanced at the injured. he was struggling to come up with a better plan.

the seawater was too restricting to him. he was unable to utilize his shadow element, fire element, or even his summoning element. otherwise, there was no way these viscera hunters could have ambushed them. mo fan could only eliminate the sea monsters that were blocking the ship's way as quickly as

possible, and leave the sea monsters that were attacking from the sides and stern to the rest of the team!

Chapter 1437 Danger Resolved

an icy wind brushed their faces. a chilling mist descended from the darkness and froze the seawater when it touched the surface of the ocean.

it was not just a thin layer of ice. it was as sturdy as rock, and too thick for the sea hook black beasts to break through!

the ice covered a great distance, trapping a lot of the sea hook black beasts under the thick ice. however, the direction the ship was sailing in was left alone, allowing the ship to keep going!

“xuexue?” mo fan immediately knew who it was when he saw the ice.

mu ningxue’s nirvana ice domain was extremely effective against large groups of demon creatures. the frozen sea greatly hindered the sea hook black beasts’ movements, lifting a great burden from everyone’s shoulders.

“follow me!” mu ningxue stayed in the air while guiding the ship forward.

below the ice, a few viscera hunters seemed to have realized how much of a danger mu ningxue was to their plan. they quickly moved into mu ningxue’s flight path and suddenly sprang up into the air, breaking through the ice.

only the viscera hunters were capable of breaking through mu ningxue’s ice. they sprang into the air and surrounded mu ningxue, trying to take her out at once.

mu ningxue did not even glance at the viscera hunters. she continued to unleash the power of her domain to freeze the surface of the ocean. when the four viscera hunters were around ten meters away from her, their bodies starting freezing with every meter they traveled.

the viscera hunters finally reached a distance of five meters away from her, but they had all frozen completely. they fell straight down upon the layer of ice above the sea.

smash!

the four viscera hunters broke into bloody-hued pieces of ice. the rest of the viscera hunters shadowing mu ningxue immediately gave up on the thought, which would surely get them killed!

“i’ll keep an eye at the back!” mo fan yelled.

every viscera hunter that showed up at the front would die for sure with mu ningxue clearing the path ahead. the weak sea hook black beasts were trapped under the ice. they had no chance of breaking through the ice, regardless of their numbers!

the layer of ice had given mo fan a wide area to fight the sea monsters on. he swiftly went to the back of the ship and jumped onto the ice.

“take care of yourselves,” mo fan told cao qinqin and tang peng.

tang peng, jiang shen, and the others had witnessed mo fan’s strength. they did not to worry about his safety.

the viscera hunters were the only ones that could break through mu ningxue’s ice. mo fan soon noticed that many of the viscera hunters were striking the ice, trying to help the sea hook black beasts break through it.

mo fan immediately set his eyes on the viscera hunters. his eyes flickered as he grabbed a viscera hunter with telekinesis and tossed him into the air.

a lightning bolt struck the viscera hunter when it lost its balance and disintegrated it instantly into bloodspray.

a viscera hunter that was hiding under the ship suddenly appeared, swiping its claws fiercely at mo fan’s stomach.

“rebellling shadow!”

mo fan decisively consumed a commander-level soul remnant. the dark material materialized in the viscera hunter’s vicinity, a shadow that looked exactly the same as the viscera hunter, attached to the creature’s back!

the rebellling shadow had sharp claws, just like the viscera hunter. it tore the viscera hunter’s throat apart before it even knew what happened!

the viscera hunter’s blood scattered across the air as soon as it jumped up. jiang shen’s eyes widened upon witnessing it.

jiang shen was a shadow mage too, but it was his first time seeing anything like mo fan’s move.

“watch out!” cao qinqin yelled.

mo fan was behind the ship, where most viscera hunters were. these creatures preferred to use sneak attacks on their targets. they were now aware of mo fan’s outstanding strength, so ten of them decided to pounce at him at the same time!

these creatures had been hiding under the ice all along. each of them was in close proximity from mo fan when they showed up. even an advanced mage would die instantly under the circumstances!

“idiots!” mo fan grunted.

the dark material spread wildly. mo fan instantly consumed ten commander-level soul remnants.

the viscera hunters did not realize that the surrounding ice and water had been replaced by a black swamp the moment they broke through the ice. the swamp extended a few hundred meters...

ten shadows resembling the viscera hunters sprang out from the swamp. their actions were perfectly in synch, attacking under mo fan's control. the viscera hunters in the air suddenly stiffened, before blood started jetting out from their necks!

the viscera hunters posed a great threat to mo fan only a second ago, but they all died horrible deaths in the blink of an eye. it only took the rebelling shadows a brief moment to eliminate their targets; not one of the viscera hunters managed to survive!

"such...such a remarkable power of the shadow element!" jiang shen was lost in thought.

he never expected the shadow element to be so deadly and imperious. the viscera hunters might not even realize how they had died!

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mu ningxue was clearing the path ahead while mo fan was protecting the rear. the others suddenly felt like there was nothing they needed to do. it was not exaggerating to describe the two as monsters after seeing their strength. the deadly trap had suddenly turned into a complete massacre!

"as expected of the two strongest members on the national team," tang peng sat inside a cabin, holding in his guts with one hand.

he was suffering from serious injuries, and the others were in bad shape, too. they initially thought they were going to be wiped out on the ocean, but the battle had suddenly become one-sided after mu ningxue showed up.

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a huge pool of blood was left on the ocean, even visible at night. the ship soon reached the shallow waters. another ship quickly came over to lend them a hand, escorting them back to the harbor at the dam.

"it's a relief that no one died," tang peng felt the pain easing a little when he saw that everyone had returned safely.

"we are so lucky that i asked mentor to come along. otherwise, there's no way we would have made it back here," cao qinqin said.

"fighting on the ocean greatly limits my capabilities. otherwise, you guys wouldn't have ended up in such bad shape, either," mo fan said.

if mu ningxue had not made it in time to freeze the surface of the ocean, mo fan doubted if he could have brought everyone back alive. the sea monsters were a lot more cunning than he had imagined. he realized why chairman shao zheng looked so haggard now. it must have been quite a while since the man was able to get a good night's rest!

"speaking of which, didn't the viscera hunters try to invade the city while we were away? is everything alright?" jiang shen blurted out.

"the city is fine; yu shishi's moths managed to see through their tricks," mu ningxue said.

“these little moths are really impressive!” jiang shen exclaimed.

“that’s good to hear... mayor, it’s our fault for being so reckless. we didn’t expect those assh**** to set us up,” tang peng apologized with a guilty look.

“he’s the mayor,” mu ningxue pointed at mo fan.

tang peng was startled. he turned to mo fan.

the other members of the patrolling squad were astounded, too.

even mo fan was taken by surprise. since when did he become a mayor? he might be the owner of fanxue mountain, but mu ningxue had been managing everything since day one!

“oh, we’ve been together for so long. it’s unnecessary to distinguish between us anymore,” mo fan said shamelessly after realizing something.

“hehe... he’s right!” the others let out hollow laughs. they were quite unprepared to witness a public display of affection between the two...

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the danger had been resolved, returning calm to the new city. the injured members did not take a rest to recover from the injuries as they should have. they were drinking in some of the bars that had just opened recently, while boasting about the battle to the others.

the battle was clearly an unforgettable experience for many of them. apart from the little moths that had contributed greatly by detecting the viscera hunters, most of the discussions revolved around mu ningxue and mo fan, and their unbelievable strength!

“you have no idea! we were surrounded in the deep sea by at least three thousand sea hook black beasts. there were at least one to two hundred viscera hunters as well, but right at the start of the battle, mo fan... oh, boss mo fan, was fending them off by himself. guess how many a single lightning bolt could kill?” a mage whose face still had a visible wound said while raising five fingers.

“fifty?” a few young mages that did not take part in the battle asked curiously.

“what fifty? it’s five hundred! you have no idea how terrifying the situation was. the whole surface of the ocean was filled with the heads of the sea monsters bursting like popcorn... i’m not bluffing, it’s real, i saw it in person, and all he drew was a star pattern! i couldn’t even tell which tier his lightning spell was in. it’s a lot stronger than most of the advanced spells i’ve seen...”

“that’s not all of it! his shadow element is the real deal. i initially thought his lightning element was the strongest, but it’s like boss mo fan suddenly turned on his hacks when our mayor froze the surface of the ocean. the viscera hunters all died within seconds, and they were all killed instantly by their own shadows!”

“instantly? that’s insane! the viscera hunters are considered the strongest among the warrior-level creatures. how could they possibly die instantly?”

“why don’t you believe me? do you really think i’m bluffing right now?”

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the new city was not very big. the incident that took place soon spread among the people rapidly. almost everyone knew what happened before morning.

many people knew mo fan was the strongest participant during the world college tournament, but the national team only consisted of students, and they were up against students from other countries, too. it did not necessarily reflect how the participants would do in the future. however, mo fan’s reputation skyrocketed after the attack of the viscera hunters. the patrol squads in particular were utterly impressed by mo fan’s capabilities!

Chapter 1438: Pin Her Down Now

Early that morning, Mu Linsheng could not stop discussing the incident while Mo Fan was still having his breakfast. Many versions of the same story had appeared overnight.

“It’s really nothing. I just killed some sea monsters, do they really have to make it sound so crazy?” Mo Fan believed the people of the new city were exaggerating it.

“Brother, you are already used to fighting demon creatures. I bet you’ve seen more demon creatures than humans by now. Killing them is like slaughtering chickens for you, but not every Mage hangs out with the demon creatures as often as you! They are already considered veterans if they can slay a few demon creatures with their own hands. Being involved in a great battle against the demon creatures is enough for them to boast about for a few years!

“What happened last night might be insignificant to you, but it’s an unforgettable experience for many of the Mages who have never left the safe zones!” Mu Linsheng explained the viewpoint of the Mages who spent most of their time in the cities.

Mu Linsheng was a Mage too, but his cultivation was not that impressive. He knew there were not many Mages like Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue, who had fought numerous battles against demon creatures. Most Mages only pursued a stable life and income under the protection of the cities. They were not willing to risk their lives fighting against demon creatures...

Their country had lost a huge portion of its territory to the rising sea. The people were afraid as the sea monsters became restless. Under these circumstances, being able to punish the sea monsters and bring back their heads was already something to be proud of!

“Most of the people you normally hang out with are monsters like yourself, but the patrol squads only consist of normal Mages. Apart from the patrol squads, the new city has a lot of young Mages too! This incident has taken place so close to them, so it’s reasonable for them to behave like that... It’s also a great chance for our new city to make a name for ourselves! HAHAA, we killed two hundred Viscera Hunters and more than two thousand Sea Hook Black Beasts, and the city is perfectly unharmed!” Mu Linsheng exclaimed.

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Mu Linsheng left in a great mood. It was obvious that he was busy thinking about how he could use the opportunity. Meanwhile, Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue continued to enjoy their breakfast. It was just a normal night for them. The battle was nothing worth mentioning, compared to what they had been through in the past.

"We still need some powerful Mages. It's good enough if we can hire a few more Advanced Mages, let alone a Super Mage," Mu Ningxue told Mo Fan.

"We're just getting started. Let's take one step at a time. I believe a lot of the Advanced Mages will be willing to join our stronghold if we successfully partner with the Mui Clan and the Dongfang Clan..." Mo Fan agreed.

Even though the average strength of the Mages in the patrol squads was only at the Intermediate Level, they still had to pay those Mages every day. There were only a few Advanced Mages among them. If Mo Fan had not happened to go with them, it was difficult to say how many among them would have made it back alive...

Mo Fan was unlikely to be around all the time. He knew what Mu Ningxue was trying to say. Fanxue Mountain needed more Mages they could rely on!

"It's a villa, not a stronghold!" Mu Ningxue felt the need to correct him.

It was meant to be Fanxue Villa and Fanxue New City, yet it suddenly became some bandits' stronghold in Mo Fan's eyes.

"Villa, yes, our villa..." Mo Fan corrected himself.

"I have registered the new city under your name. Your reputation clearly exceeds mine. If the city was under my name, it would bring some hindrances to it," Mu Ningxue told him.

Mu Ningxue clearly felt she was being picked on after she started managing Fanxue Mountain. It was obvious that people could not easily forget what Mu He had done in the past. On top of that, the Mu Clan had been quite a nuisance, too! If Fanxue Mountain was planning to grow further, it would be difficult to do so under Mu Ningxue's name.

As such, Mu Ningxue used Mo Fan's name to register the new city. Fanxue Mountain was established under both their names, too. The new city was a new hope for the people. She believed everything would be much smoother if it was under Mo Fan's name.

"I just think that you've put everything you have into it. I didn't really do anything, so it's not fair..." Mo Fan began.

Mo Fan was used to being free and unconstrained. Otherwise, he would have long joined one of the factions that were interested in recruiting him. He was quite surprised that he had become the mayor of a city all of a sudden.

"I was just worried that you wouldn't like it, since you've gotten used to walking your own path..." Mu Ningxue was well aware of Mo Fan's character. He did not like being tied down by something, and preferred to live a free life.

"It's true that I might struggle to adapt to it, but it's fine; we have a long way to go still. We have to manage it together eventually, both Fanxue Mountain, and our adorable and cute little babies in the future," Mo Fan said.

"..." Mu Ningxue was a little touched when she heard the first half of the sentence, but she was left speechless when she heard the second half. How did his thoughts even jump so far away!?

"Anyway, don't worry about me, I'll give you all my support as long as it's something you want," Mo Fan reached out and placed Mu Ningxue's little hand in his palm. He rubbed her hand like it was a piece of jade. It felt cold, but surprisingly comfortable.

Mu Ningxue did not seem to be resisting the intimacy between them, giving him great joy!

Some women were the kind that men would have the urge to strip their clothes off and have an enjoyable time with right away, but they would be forgotten soon, too. There were also women that men preferred to approach slowly, even though they were hoping for the same final outcome. They would enjoy the process of slowly melting their hearts and merging with them into one... even if Mo Fan had to wait until he was thirty to achieve his goal, he would not think of it as a long journey!

Fanxue Mountain was a great responsibility, and a huge burden to take good care of. Mo Fan would prefer not to be bound by such burdens, but he clearly felt that Fanxue Mountain had shortened the distance between him and Mu Ningxue. She had begun to open up her heart without realizing it when he helped her achieve her dream with everything he had.

If Fanxue Mountain could really become the bridge between them, Mo Fan would not mind abandoning his free and unconstrained old self and becoming a responsible person...

Many women dreamed of having a family, a home that could shelter them from their worries and problems. They would slowly taste the warmth of love, and in Mu Ningxue's case, she would only feel secure and have a sense of belonging when she finally had her own city...

Since Mo Fan had decided to stay with her, he must take on the responsibilities too!

Either way, he had chosen her to be his wife first...

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"I'm heading out for a while," Mu Ningxue rose to her feet. Someone was looking for her.

Mo Fan nodded. He squinted and admired Mu Ningxue's alluring curves... ah, the tight-fitting pants with faint gray and silver lines, the slightly waving butt. It must be very bouncy to touch, and if he was doing it from behind...

Did he just think that it was fine to wait to sleep with her until he was thirty years old?

He had an urge to pin her down right now!

Chapter 1439: Awakening Stones

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The journey was long, crossing mountains and ridges. The newly discovered fire vein was located some distance from the city.

The west of China was less populated, with tall mountains, vast lands, thick woods, and serene valleys. It was extremely difficult to find one of the rare fire veins in a place like this. Luckily, after the two renowned clans spent a long time surveying the land, they had found a safe path leading to the fire vein. They even established a relay station at Kunlun Mountain's Sun Ridge specifically for the fire vein.

The relay station was called Wangyang Station. It used to be an under-developed village, but as the two renowned clans started investing in it, it had slowly grown to a small town.

The Mui Clan and Dongfang Clan were cooperating with the local government. The local government was hoping that their remote village could be developed further, and the roads, railways, and safe zone would be extended further. The inland areas and places in the West were getting more attention since the eastern coastline was now threatened by sea monsters.

The Mui Clan had long claimed ownership of Sun Ridge. The local government, Magic Association, and military would not be getting any share of the place. They were mainly focusing on developing Wangyang Station, since its growth would allow the local government to develop Tianyu Town further. As such, the military and the government were willing to lend the Mui Clan and Dongfang Clan a hand.

The relay station was still in rather rough. Wooden planks, stones, and cement were stacked all around the place. Since the place was quite remote, railroads were not yet established, and the roads were mostly muddy paths. Dust and mud scattered all over the relay station as one truck after another drove to the relay station...

"We are considering building roads here, but that's only possible after the fire vein is accessible," Dongfang Mo explained. He had arrived in person.

Building roads was going to cost a fortune. Only huge clans were able to afford the expense. It would bring great benefits to Wangyang Village, since it would give them easier access to the outside world. It was extremely inconvenient to be stuck in the mountains, especially crossing the mountains and ridges just to get some supplies from other places.

"What are the trucks carrying?" Mo Fan noticed that the trucks were carrying colorful stones with jagged edges out of the station, apart from bringing in resources.

"Those are four Colored Ores of poor quality. Kunlun Mountain is rich in Wind Color Ores, Earth Color Ores, Fire Color Ores, and Lightning Color Ores. Those four different Colored Ores have been feeding countless cities. In the past, the Mui Clan even established a small gathering center here to collect the different Colored Ores and sell them in the Magic City. That business has been earning a few hundred million every year.

"A long time ago, Mui Guangqing was placed in charge of the business and came to inspect it. He stumbled into an old Hunter who had discovered traces of a fire vein. They ended up forming a team to look for the fire vein. It turned out that the fire vein did exist, and it's a B-grade pure fire vein. Mui

Guangqing was immediately promoted to an elder of the clan, and was placed in charge of the fire vein.” Dongfang Mo glanced at a man in his thirties nearby with a smile. He seemed to be quite familiar with the situation here.

Mui Guangqing was a very humble man who did not speak much along the journey. Mo Fan initially thought he was just a normal member of the Mui Clan tagging along. To his surprise, the man was in charge of the fire vein, and was the one who had discovered it!

“I’m just lucky, it’s not worth mentioning at all,” Mui Guangqing explained calmly.

“It’s not just about luck. Most people would be reluctant to give up on a comfortable life in the city and come to such an inhospitable place, let alone visiting this place in person to inspect the clan’s business...” Dongfang Mo seemed to admire Mui Guangqing.

“Uncle Mo, stop flattering me; I’m just more serious about my tasks. Anyone else could have discovered the fire vein, too. Our biggest problem now is to excavate it. As a matter of fact, there are lots of treasure vaults like Sun Ridge here in the west, but it’s too difficult to excavate them. The military, government, and renowned clans are not willing to take huge risks. If our clan didn’t join hands with your clan, which is known for its expertise in the Fire Element, we really would have no idea how to deal with the fire vein, and some other renowned clans might end up snatching it from us. We wouldn’t care so much if the military wanted to take it away, we could just think of it as contributing to the country, but we are worried that some renowned clans are planning to claim it by annexing us and putting pressure on us,” Mui Guangqing said.

“Unfortunately, our Dongfang Clan is bringing disgrace to our own name this time. I’m afraid we aren’t capable enough to take on the job this time. We are only in charge of mining and refining the ore...” Dongfang Mo turned to Mo Fan.

“Uncle Mo, I think you’ve overestimated this guy’s capabilities. Our Dongfang Clan might not be better than them in other areas, but there’s no way we are going to lose to anyone when it comes to the Fire Element. Why are we bothering to let an outsider interfere with our business?” Dongfang Ming grumbled.

Dongfang Ming was an old acquaintance of Mo Fan. He had nothing better to do now after failing to join the Enforcement Union. As such, he had returned to the clan to see if there was anything he could help with.

Dongfang Lie was a more straightforward person. Even though there was a period where he found Mo Fan to be an eyesore, he was utterly impressed by Mo Fan’s talents when they were fighting for the spot on the national team, and was willing to reconcile with him. Meanwhile, Dongfang Ming was more narrow-minded. He was still holding a grudge against Mo Fan because of what had happened in Hangzhou!

“You’re just here to lend a hand. Stop interrupting, can’t you see that us adults are discussing business here?” Mo Fan said imperiously, not showing any mercy to Dongfang Ming.

Dongfang Ming was on the verge of losing his temper.

Who did this Mo Fan think he was? He used to have a chance to beat the crap out of this jerk. How could Mo Fan possibly beat him, if it wasn't for the resources he received from joining the national team?

"Xiao Ming, don't be reckless, it's time to forget about the past." Dongfang Mo was Dongfang Ming's father, and did not hesitate to teach his son some manners. He was quite friendly to Mo Fan, too. He switched his tone and said, "Mo Fan, since Xiao Ming is around your age, please don't hesitate to give him some advice."

"Xiao Ming?... HAHAHA, not a problem, I won't mind keeping an eye on him." Mo Fan burst out laughing when he heard Dongfang Ming's nickname. The others laughed, too!

Dongfang Ming was supposed to be an unusual name, but when Dongfang Mo called him by his nickname, it suddenly reminded everyone of the textbooks in primary school!

Dongfang Ming's face twisted like a grilled eggplant. He was too embarrassed to say anything else.

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The vehicles reached Wanyang Station at the base of Sun Ridge. The place had more than a hundred hills and mountains of varied sizes. Its altitude was significantly higher than the mountains and the mountain ranges nearby. During summer, when the sun was shining upon Sun Ridge, its terrain would end up trapping the heat, resulting in unusually high temperature on the main ridges, and making it extremely difficult for ordinary people to stay on them.

Rumors said that around three hundred years ago a meteorite had landed on Sun Ridge, producing an enormous burning pit hidden between the mountains. This fire vein did not just appear out of nowhere in the past year or two; it was formed by nature with the right conditions.

The resources of a fire vein were extremely rare and valuable. Mui Guangqing was quite knowledgeable. He was able to refer to local rumors and ancient records to locate the fire vein, despite the complicated geography of Sun Ridge. He even figured out roughly how long the fire vein had existed.

The fire vein had been around for about three hundred years. Perhaps it was not as impressive in the past. It had only grown to its current scale after being exposed to the sun in such a unique environment for many years...

A fire vein not only supplied Spirit-grade Seeds and Soul-grade Seeds, but even the insignificant stones in a fire vein were refined to be used as Guiding Stones, an energy source used to train a bunch of Fire Mages.

Mages had become rare and valuable since the sea had risen. Not everyone was a Mage, so an elemental vein like this played an important role in Awakening new Mages.

Mo Fan knew that the reason why magic schools would only recruit a limited number of students was mainly because they had a limited supply of Awakening Stones.

In addition to that, only the Magic Association knew the exact way to produce Awakening Stones. In other words, the Magic Association had to give their permission before a new Mage was Awakened. The Magic Association distributed Awakening Stones to every faction in the world!

The Magic Association would collect the raw materials for producing the Awakening Stones from society, and were the ones deciding the price.

An elemental vein like this fire vein would contain the Awakening energy of the respective Element, refined by nature. The Magic Association would further modify the energy to awaken the Star Dust in a person's body.

Elemental magic was considered a part of nature. The Awakening Stones that the Magic Association normally distributed to the schools were mostly from the elemental veins, which was the reason why most Mages would awaken Elemental magic as their first Element.

Since the fire and lightning veins were the rarest among the Elemental veins, there were fewer Mages that could awaken the Fire Element and the Lightning Element.

Mo Fan had learned all this when he was resting at the Parthenon Temple. The main reason why the Parthenon Temple was superior to most of the factions was because they were not under the Magic Association. The founders had established the Parthenon Temple as an independent organization via their unique combination of Blessing and Healing Elements, which exceeded the level of the Magic Association. As a matter of fact, the Magic Associations had to nod and bow their heads to the Parthenon Temple as a result...

Even though Mo Fan did not believe it at first, the truth was, it was possible to Awaken any Element as long as someone had enough money and resources. As for the young Mages at school, the Elements they could Awaken mostly depended on their luck and body constitution.

If one was lucky enough, and the Awakening Stone they used turned out to be from a fire vein, it meant that person would have a higher chance to Awaken the Fire Element.

If the Awakening Stone assigned to a student was a low-quality Awakening Stone mixed with the Earth Element and the Wind Element, and the process of refining it involved the Water Element and Light Element, and the student's body composition was all mixed up, it was difficult to tell the exact Element that the student would Awaken.

It all came down to the odds of Awakening the Elements. A high-quality Awakening Stone and the Guiding Stone of a specific Element would greatly increase the odds of Awakening that Element. It did not necessarily mean a low-quality Awakening Stone could never Awaken the Lightning Element, but the odds were only ten thousand to one, or even a hundred thousand to one!

The only relief was that no Element was superior to another. The Mages only needed to focus on improving their cultivation. It all came down to which Mage was stronger in the end!

Chapter 1440: Filthy Men

The most valuable loot in a fire vein was the raw material for Awakening Stones.

They had a say in how to sell these raw materials, but they would most likely end up in the hands of the Magic Association, since only the Magic Association could turn these raw materials into Awakening Stones that young people around the age of ten could use.

The other thing that was just as valuable as the Awakening Stones was the fire magic ore.

Magic ores were the source of magic technology. Magic ores were the most important resources supporting the development of human cities. A B-grade fire vein would mostly produce B-grade magic ore; the energy they could provide was unimaginable. Many of the huge magic ore veins in the country were owned by the government and the military. The Magic Association would not interfere with them.

Awakening Stones and magic ores were resources that would always have a higher demand than supply, guaranteeing a continuous profit, and were the true value of an elemental vein. In addition to the raw materials needed to produce Awakening Stones and magic ores, there were also Elemental Seeds, Elemental Pieces, and Elemental Crystals, things that precipitated over a long period of time.

Mo Fan had learned the value of a fire vein from Mui Guangqing along the journey.

Mui Guangqing was a real scholar. His eyes had glittered at the mention of the topic, and were no longer as dull and lifeless as usual. The others might have found his prolonged speech annoying, but Mo Fan was very intrigued. He was nodding like he was mincing garlic while Mui Guangqing was explaining things to him.

“Doesn’t that mean things like Spirit-grade Seeds, Soul-grade Seeds, and Fundamental Crystals are more valuable? A Spirit-grade Seed is worth a full truck load of the raw materials to produce the Awakening Stones, not to mention the Soul-grade Seeds and Fundamental Crystals that are even rarer?” Mo Fan was playing the studious man. Mu Ningxue always asked him to study more, so as a good man who listened to his wife, he must become more knowledgeable!

“HAHA, only an amateur would think that! The disciples of renowned clans like us know the truth. The things you mentioned might be valuable, but they are more like a one-time profit. For example, things like Spirit-grade Seeds, Soul-grade Seeds, and the Fundamental Crystals of this fire vein are gone once they are taken. Let’s say they are worth ten billion in total.

“But the raw materials of Awakening Stones and magic ores are constantly being excavated from the fire vein. It can easily provide us with over a thousand tons of them every year. We might only make two to three billion a year, but in three years, the profit will be the same as the total worth of the things you mentioned. What if the mine lasts for ten, or even twenty years? There is no faction that isn’t interested in continuous sources of income. Besides, the market is constantly changing. In the current era, things that are closely related to magic are very valuable, but does that mean things related to our lives aren’t valuable? No, they are actually worth more!” Mui Guangqing told him.

Mo Fan immediately understood when he learned the raw materials and magic ores were constantly being mined from an ore vein. It explained why a fire vein was enough to keep three clans going. It was basically a gold mine!

No wonder these factions put so much focus on securing ore veins for themselves!

“Now you know how important the fire vein is. If it wasn’t because our clan is having trouble excavating it, there’s no way we would be willing to share it with you guys, HAHAAH!” Mui Guangqing said honestly.

“That’s reasonable. If I could do it on my own, I wouldn’t share it with someone else, either,” Mo Fan agreed.

The fire vein turned out to be a money-making mine. He had to clear the blockage at all costs, as he would be able to make money just by sleeping comfortably. He would no longer have to worry about how many Elements he had. He could even take care of a few more Elements!

That being said, it was impossible to eat such a huge cake alone. Sharing it with others was the right move. A real businessman understood that money was meant to be earned together. Earning money with partners was like multiplication, but trying to earn money alone was only like addition. It was difficult to achieve greatness by oneself!

The Mui Clan had discovered the fire vein, and were currently managing it. The Dongfang Clan was in charge of transportation and production. After all, the resources were related to the Fire Element. The Dongfang Clan was definitely the best candidate to process the raw materials and maximize the profits.

Fanxue Mountain was in charge of selling the products. It was part of a Headquarters City very close to the South Maritime Battlefield. The shelves would be emptied as soon as they were filled... the three could work together to earn big bucks while helping society, what more could they ask for?

Fanxue Mountain was running short on funds. A few days ago, Mo Fan had heard from Mu Linsheng about the money they were spending on hiring the patrol squads to ensure the safety of the new city.

They were able to make a name for themselves, but construction was struggling to keep up, as they were running short on funds. If they could not find a way to solve the financial crisis, the new city of Fanxue Mountain was going to end up as a bandit fortress instead, as no one would be willing to settle in an underdeveloped place...

As such, this operation was extremely important to Mo Fan. Not only would it determine if he could find the Soul-grade Seed he desperately needed, it would also decide Fanxue Mountain’s fate! Luckily, he had brought Zhao Manyan and Lingling along. Otherwise, he would not feel confident enough to take on the job!

“Speaking of which, we also need an impressive Ice Mage. Our Dongfang Clan doesn’t really have any Ice Mages, and the Mui Clan is unable to find a suitable candidate, either. Is there any chance that Fanxue Mountain has... it would be perfect if Mu Ningxue was able to make it. She will definitely be of great help to us!” Dongfang Mo said.

“Oh, we’ve already made the arrangements, he should be here soon...” Mo Fan was just about to say more when he saw a well-dressed young man with glossy hair and a temperament that clearly did not suit the village. He was standing in a corner with a proud look on his face. Mo Fan immediately yelled, “Green Tea Man, here! Over here!”

The young man’s face immediately sank when he heard Mo Fan’s shout.

He started heading toward Mo Fan, who was still calling him Green Tea Man. He finally ran out of patience and grunted, "One more time and I'll be going. You guys can have all the fun yourself!"

"Oh, Brother Mu Bai, why so serious? You must be tired after coming all the way here. Should I find you a young innocent girl from Kunlun to rub your shoulders, hammer your legs, and provide you with the full-package service?" Mo Fan blathered.

"That won't be necessary!" Mu Bai's forehead was covered in black lines.

"Oh, you've already treated yourself to it. That's right, it's very important to be looking after your kidneys," Mo Fan smiled.

"Piss off!"

Mu Bai rarely cursed after he graduated from Tian Lan Magic High, but he just could not control himself when Mo Fan was around. The guy was still the same assh*** he was in high school. He could not understand why so many people in the Ancient Capital wanted to betroth daughters that were still in kindergarten to a jerk like him!

"Alright, let's get back to the point, I only learned you were coming on my way here. It's a very dangerous operation, and you might lose your life because of it..." Mo Fan said.

"I knew everything already, you don't have to say it again!" Mu Bai interrupted him.

He already knew Mu Ningxue and Mu Zhuoyun were planning a comeback. Many old residents of Bo City that had moved to the Ancient Capital had already left for Fanxue Mountain. The Ancient Capital was not their own place, after all. They still felt like they were lodging under someone else's roof. As such, when Fanxue Mountain took the initiative to invite these old residents of Bo City to move to the new city and offered them lots of benefits, they did not hesitate to move there!

Mu Bai was feeling a little guilty, as he had not returned to his clan. He had heard about the fire vein when he gave Mu Zhuoyun a call. He believed he had to contribute something if he was planning to return to the clan, or he would not feel at ease. Thus he had shown up at Kunlun Mountain to fill the vacancy of an Ice Mage.

It had been a long time since Mo Fan last saw Mu Bai. He occasionally heard Zhang Xiaohou mention that Mu Bai's strength had improved significantly. He was quite reputable in the Ancient Capital now.

Mu Bai had gone through a lot of things, just like Mo Fan and the others, and been sharpened into an impressive sword. When he mentioned that he was interested in joining Fanxue Mountain, Mo Fan, Mu Ningxue, and Mu Zhuoyun all welcomed him with open arms. It was extremely tough for a person to be wandering around alone. However, they were unable to tell if he had finally walked out from under the terrible pain Mu He had brought him.

"Seriously, why are they allowing anyone to join the team? Don't forget that we are only willing to cooperate with you because you promised to open up the fire vein. I hope you won't end up dying in there. You're treating it as if it's normal training during high school," Dongfang Ming said, twisting his lips. He seemed to have a grudge against Mu Bai.

“Xiao Ming, why are you coming with us if you are so worried? Stop sneering at us. If you don’t have the guts to come with us, just behave yourself like a little baby waiting to take over the clan and hold on tight to your baby nipple!” Mo Fan promptly retorted.

“Why would I bother getting myself killed? Only people like you have to worry about things like that, I can just sit back and enjoy life instead!” Dongfang Ming proclaimed proudly.

The two renowned clans were unwilling to risk the lives of their successors. Even though Mo Fan was the leader of Fanxue Mountain, he still had to attend to a lot of matters himself, since Fanxue Mountain was still at its starting point.

Mo Fan turned to Dongfang Mo and asked, “Old Mo, are you going to intervene if I have an urge to beat the crap out of your son?”

“It’s fine as long as it’s nothing serious. It’s time for him to learn some manners. Didn’t I already say I might need your help to teach him some manners?... He’s too arrogant. He actually improved a lot after you taught him a lesson in the past,” Dongfang Mo replied with a smile.

Dongfang Ming almost lost his mind when he heard those words. Was this man really his father!?

The others burst out laughing, too. Dongfang Ming was greatly shamed, since even his own father was not willing to stand on his side. He left angrily and did not forget to curse at the filthy relay station.

“What the heck is this shitty place? It’s worse than the most underdeveloped village in Hangzhou!”

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“Since everyone is here, we’ll depart tomorrow morning. We can’t afford to wait any longer.” Dongfang Mo was very concerned about the operation, and was going to take part in it, too.

Dongfang Mo did not just come to supervise the operation; he was playing an important role, too. His job was to keep an eye on the ruling creature at Sun Ridge. He would have to lure the powerful creature away if necessary.

“Alright, let’s rest up for the night...” Mo Fan agreed.

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The team split up. After dinner, Zhao Manyan raised his brows and said to Mo Fan softly, “There should be little bars around. Why don’t we find some local passionate ladies and talk about life?”

“Great idea, I doubt there are other kinds of entertainment around here. Besides, no one would recognize us,” Mo Fan said.

“You two can go ahead,” Mu Bai said.

“Stop acting like you’re innocent. Let’s go, we are just talking about life, it’s not as dirty as you think,” Mo Fan dragged Mu Bai with them. He told Lingling, “Lingling, go back and do your homework. We’re going to have some drinks!”

Lingling watched them go with utter disdain. “Filthy men,” she murmured, before taking her leave.

