

Martial Arts 221

Chapter 221: A Huge Bat!

After everyone discussed this evil plan... pfft, this ingenious plan, Wang Teng left to act alone again.

Lin Zhan and the others waited on the spot. They couldn't head deeper inside. No one knew how much further they needed to walk before they collided with the high-level dark apparitions. Hence, staying in the original spot and waiting for Wang Teng's news was the best decision.

Also, they needed to cooperate to put up a good show later. They had to conserve their power and strength and practice their acting skills too.

Wang Teng carefully walked on the curvy path. He used the dark Force to cover his entire body and activated his Wave Invisibility skill to hide the movement of the dark Force around him.

That way, even the dark apparitions might not be able to discover his presence.

Honestly, if he didn't have dark Force, he wouldn't dare to execute this plan.

After all, their opponent was high-level dark apparitions. Just in case, Wang Teng raised his Wave Invisibility to the big achievement stage.

Wave Invisibility: 1/1000 (big achievement)

He needed 500 blank attributes to raise it from small achievement to big achievement.

The blank attributes that he accumulated for so long got spent just like that. He would be lying if he said that his heart didn't ache.

However, if he wanted to complete his task well, he needed to sharpen his tools first. He would earn back the 500 blank attributes by collecting more attribute bubbles!

Besides this, he also added 74 blank attributes to his dark Force. Instantly, his dark Force rose from 1-star to 2-star.

Dark Force: 1/500 (2-star)

He would only be able to barely complete what he had to do with a 2-star dark Force. If the dark Force wasn't strong enough, he might reveal his true form in front of the high-level dark apparition...

The scene would probably be a little awkward... right?

Fortunately, he had picked up many blank attributes after killing all the Black Wind Bandits just now. With the addition of the blank attributes from the Gale Mantis, he managed to collate enough for his uses.

He felt the changes in his body and smiled gently. His confidence was at an all-time high.

Wang Teng advanced one battle technique from small achievement to big achievement and one Force from 1-star to 2-star in a short span of time. The speed of improvement was astonishing. Others wouldn't dare to dream of this possibility.

Since he activated his Wave Invisibility skill, when he used his Steps of Gale, he felt as though he had really turned into a wisp of wind. Outsiders wouldn't believe that someone was walking on this path.

Suddenly, Wang Teng stopped in his tracks. The scene in front of him had broadened.

This was a huge karst cave. There were all kinds of strange limestones, and occasional sounds of water dripping could be heard. The sound echoed in the cave, causing the cave to feel exceptionally wide. At the same time, a cold and humid wave blew on his face.

Wang Teng kept close to the wall of the cave and squatted down. He didn't move. He activated his Spiritual Sight and scanned the cave.

However, he didn't discover the presence of any dark apparitions.

Could it be that the Spiritual Sight can't see high-level dark apparitions? Wang Teng was confused, and his expression turned grave.

He scanned the cave once again. Before discovering the trace of the high-level dark apparition, he wouldn't move recklessly.

Wang Teng scanned the cave five times until his eyes turned a little sore. He had no choice but to rest for a while. Suddenly, a thought flashed past his mind. He raised his head abruptly and looked up.

A thick ball of black light was hiding in a corner of the top of the cave.

Wang Teng gasped in fear.

Looking at the thickness of this black light, this dark apparition must be at least 5-star.

If the Tiger Warrior Team had barged into this place unknowingly without any preparations, with their ability, they would be sending themselves to their deaths!

Borrowing a knife to kill a man!

Leaving no traces behind!

Liu Huaixin and Yao Jun's plan was indeed very good.

At this moment, despite using his Wave Invisibility skill to its maximum, Wang Teng's entire body tensed up uncontrollably. He didn't dare to move a single inch.

5-star, and it was the dark apparition that was extremely hard to handle.

Wang Teng didn't have any confidence!

However, he was thinking too much. The dark apparition hadn't noticed his presence.

Wang Teng tried moving for some distance. The dark apparition didn't see him, which relaxed a little. He carefully entered the karst cave, hid behind a rock, and spied on the dark apparition...

Once he saw the appearance of the high-level dark apparition, Wang Teng's eyes widened in surprise. He was shocked.

What a huge bat!

The high-level dark apparition in front of him didn't resemble the low-level dark apparition he met before. The low-level dark apparition looked like a ghost. On the other hand, this dark apparition looked like a human. The only difference was the pale and white face as well as the wings that were kept beside its body.

Why does this high-level dark apparition look like a... vampire?

Wang Teng had many ideas of how the high-level dark apparition would look like. But, he never thought that this would be its appearance.

It has wings so it can fly. This makes it harder to deal with. Wang Teng's expression became grimmer as time passed. However, he remembered the plan he had discussed with his teammates. A cold smile appeared at the corner of his lips. *No matter what, we will let Liu Huaixin and the others take the front. If we kill this high-level dark apparition, it will be amazing. If we can't, we have to run away.*

Liu Huaixin and the others moved against them first, so when he tricked them, he felt no pressure at all.

However, he knew that dark apparitions were the public enemy of the human race. General Shen from Yong City had also told him so. If he met one, he had to try his best to kill it. If not, he better run.

If there was a chance, Wang Teng didn't mind acting.

Of course, he wouldn't force himself. Attempting the impossible wasn't an act of heroism; it was stupid!

After making up his mind, Wang Teng observed his surroundings again to ensure that there were no other high-level dark apparitions.

One was enough to give them a headache. If another one appeared, there was no need for them to even attempt to fight.

Wang Teng went back on the same path and joined his teammates. He told them what he saw.

"That dark apparition is hard to deal with. We can move another 300 meters ahead, but we can't delve any further. I'll go to Liu Huaixin's side to check their situation," Wang Teng said.

"Okay." Lin Zhan's expression was stern as he nodded.

He had received a huge blow this time. He just broke through to 4-star soldier level and was prepared to have a big go at it. However, he seemed to have become a burden now. He couldn't do anything, and it made him extremely frustrated.

Wang Teng went back to the junction. His gaze alternated between the middle path and the right path for a few seconds. Then, he moved his feet and silently dashed onto the path in the middle.

Compared to Yao Jun, Liu Huaixin was worth noticing more.

Wang Teng executed his Steps of Gale and traveled secretly for more than two hundred meters at a fast speed. The corpse of a huge rat on the ground caught his attention.

Dark Force*4

Spirit*5

Blank Attribute*8

Three attribute bubbles floated above the huge rats peacefully. Wang Teng picked them up. He didn't study them, though, and continued heading forward.

As he ran deeper, more and more corpses of rats were seen on the ground. These large rats were mostly killed by heavy machine guns.

The heavy machine guns most likely had silencers on them. If not, they would have given off loud explosions in the cave.

These silencers weren't the normal mechanical silencers. Instead, it was a silencing ability built by runes. They were harder to detect compared to mechanical silencers.

Chapter 222: The 'Berserk' Battle Technique Of The Giant Apparition

Wang Teng ran all the way in. Along the way, he saw more than ten giant black rat corpses lying in the cave. He had a happy time picking up attribute bubbles.

He looked at his attributes panel. So far, he had received 93 points of dark Force.

Dark Force: 94/500 (2-star)

He had also collected 45 points of spirit and 142 blank attributes.

Spirit: Spiritual realm (29.1/100)

Blank Attribute: 166

As expected, the right way to do things was to stay behind someone and pick up the attributes they left behind.

While pondering to himself, Wang Teng kept nodding his head, as if he was agreeing to himself. He found it reasonable.

At this moment, the sound of fighting could be heard in front. Wang Teng stopped in his tracks before inching forward.

He felt a little puzzled because the sound was too soft. By right, a fight between martial warriors shouldn't be so quiet.

He took a turn in front and saw the situation happening inside. Liu Huaixin was leading his subordinates to surround three tall and muscular figures.

A ray of light laid vertically in the middle of the passage. The runes on the walls were giving off a slight glimmer.

No wonder! The sounds were blocked by the rune array. But why did they have to make this unnecessary move?

Wang Teng felt enlightened and confused at the same time. The silencing effect on their heavy machine guns was a regular component of their military equipment. However, why did they have to set up a sound barrier rune array before engaging in a battle?

He felt a little perplexed. His gaze went past the rune array and into the cave.

The three figures that were surrounded by Liu Huaixin and his men looked like giants. Despite their large frames, their faces were hideous and frightening. They were dressed coarsely. It seemed as though they had peeled off the skin of some wild beasts and wore it as clothes after some simple sewing.

The exposed skin was dark green in color with some black patterns on it. Their bones were massive, and their figures were enormous. They looked a little hunchbacked. Their heads were twice the size of a normal human head. Their faces were ugly, and you could see their fangs clearly. Their eyes were as big as brass bells, and their yellowish-brown pupils were filled with brutality and ruthlessness.

This creature... is a kind of dark apparition too? Wang Teng was shocked. He felt that he had gained more insights into the world.

Including this giant dark apparition, he had seen three forms of dark apparitions already!

Currently, besides the three dark apparitions, four more were lying on the ground. However, they seemed dead.

Some of the military martial warriors seemed to have sacrificed their lives in the battle. They had to pay some price to kill those four dark apparitions!

Around twenty attribute bubbles were floating around the corpses. Wang Teng used his spiritual power to pull them over.

He picked them up.

Fire Force*10

Earth Force*6

Blank Attribute*14

Dark Force*8

Spirit*12

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He received 42 points of fire Force, 36 points of metal Force, 28 points of water Force, 56 points of earth Force, 33 points of wood Force, 48 points of dark Force, 70 blank attributes, and 30 points of spirit.

The gains were terrific!

There was no change in his realm, so Wang Teng didn't check his attributes carefully. He turned his gaze to the battlefield.

Under the attacks of Liu Huaixin and his men, the wounds on the three dark apparitions kept increasing. Black blood stained their entire bodies, but they didn't seem to know what was fatigue and pain. They shouted angrily and swept their weapons, which looked like spiked clubs, horizontally. The military martial warriors were forced to retreat.

"Retreat, retreat! Damn it. Don't get close to the giant apparition!" Liu Huaixin shouted continuously.

The military martial warriors felt helpless too. They had experienced the brutal strength of these 'giant apparitions.' If the clubs slammed on their bodies, even if they were 2-star martial warriors, their bones would shatter under the force. Hence, they didn't dare to get too close.

The passageway in front was not small, but it became a little crowded with so many people fighting. The people weren't able to stretch their bodies fully.

At first, they could use their heavy machine guns to their advantage and shoot the 'giant apparitions' from a safe distance. However, these 'giant apparitions' had thick skins that could resist the bullets' penetration. The military martial warriors paid a heavy price because they had rashly charged towards the 'giant apparitions'.

So they are indeed giant apparitions! Wang Teng's eyes shimmered.

A few minutes later, two more of the giant apparitions were killed. The final giant apparition was a spent force. Wang Teng thought that it was going to die soon.

To his surprise, the giant apparition suddenly screamed in anger, and its aura surged. It pounced on Liu Huaixin and his subordinates fearlessly.

"This is bad. It is putting up a desperate fight. Dodge!" Liu Huaixin's expression changed as he yelled.

Unfortunately, it was too late!

A military martial warrior got grabbed by his arm. With a tearing sound, his entire arm was ripped off his body. Then, the giant apparition slapped him with his hand and sent him flying. The poor guy slammed into the rock wall at the side and died instantly.

The other military martial warriors turned crazy with grief. They sprayed the bullets with their heavy machine guns while shedding tears. Bullets rained on the giant apparition.

Liu Huaixin held his battle blade and restrained the giant apparition with three other powerful military martial warriors. Force battle techniques were released continuously to prevent the giant apparition from getting close.

Boom!

More than ten minutes later, the giant apparition was finally killed. It fell on the ground with a loud bang, and a few attribute bubbles floated up.

When the battle ended, Wang Teng couldn't help but feel relief for the martial warriors.

Then, he shifted his gaze to the attribute bubbles.

He picked them up.

Dark Force*8

Spirit*6

Dark Force*10

Blank Attribute*12

Spirit*7

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Wang Teng gained 40 points of dark Force, 32 points of spirit, and 56 blank attributes.

However, when he collected the last attribute bubble, he was shocked!

Berserk*3

As the attribute bubble merged into his body, Wang Teng learned its uses.

This was a battle technique attribute bubble. Just as the name suggested, the user would enter a berserk state when this battle technique was used. He would be able to release two to three times of his usual ability within a short period of time.

This attribute bubble came from the last giant apparition. Wang Teng guessed that this berserk technique was the reason why it was suddenly able to unleash so much power in its final desperate attempt.

Speaking of it, he had to thank Liu Huaixin and his men for forcing the giant apparition into a corner. If not, he wouldn't be able to receive this battle technique.

They are good people! Wang Teng couldn't help but comment.

If Liu Huaixin knew that Wang Teng was hiding behind them secretly and picking up attributes without wasting any effort while they were fighting for their lives in front, he might die of anger.

Although they had killed the giant apparition successfully, Liu Huaixin's expression was horrid. Around half of the military martial warriors he brought along were dead. The ones left were more or less injured. Their battle ability had deteriorated greatly. It would be difficult for them to tackle the high-level dark apparition!

"Let's rest on the spot and recuperate. Half an hour later, we will head to the tunnel on the left!" Liu Huaixin said with a gloomy expression. He pondered for a moment before giving his order.

The military martial warriors quickly sat down and recuperated. They didn't dare to waste any time.

As for Liu Huaixin, he observed his surroundings and touched the wall. Then, he knocked a piece of black gemstone off the wall. A hint of happiness finally appeared on his face.

Chapter 223: Sigh, Hardworking People Won't Rest For Even A Second

When he saw Liu Huaixin knocking a piece of black gemstone off the wall, Wang Teng stopped in his tracks. He was just about to leave.

Ore mine?!

Wang Teng was astounded. Then, he understood everything.

He finally found the reason for the series of Liu Huaixin's weird actions.

Their mission wasn't simply to kill the dark apparitions. Taking over this ore mine was their primary objective.

Obviously, Liu Huaixin had kept this news from them.

He didn't want to attract other people's attention to this place. Thus, he sent the Tiger Warrior Team and the Wolf Fang Team away and set up the rune array.

There was another thing that Wang Teng found strange all this while.

This was a dangerous mission. Why did the military send so few people? Why did they have to enlist their martial warrior team?

Now, the answer was clear!

They were in the Xingwu Continent. If too many martial warriors were sent, it would attract the attention of the various factions in the Xingwu Continent. At that time, it would be hard to gain ownership of this ore mine.

All in all, this situation was caused because of the many worries the military had. At the same time, they coincidentally pulled the Tiger Warrior Team in because they were nearby.

Even without Yao Jun's instigation, when the two parties met, Liu Huaixin would still enlist the Tiger Warrior Team because he didn't have enough people on his side.

But, Liu Huaixin would not send them to their deaths since they were both from Earth. He would focus on his task.

But, humans were always selfish.

Yao Jun gave him an offer he couldn't reject. To a young master from an elite family like Yao Jun, it might be nothing, but to Liu Huaixin, this was an important bargaining chip for him to climb higher. Hence, he could only let the Tiger Warrior Team suffer... by dying!

For a moment, a myriad of thoughts and ideas flashed through Wang Teng's mind. He touched his chin, and his eyes glimmered. Then, he went back and exited the passageway. He entered the path on the right.

Liu Huaixin and his team would rest for at least half an hour. He had ample time to go out and collect another batch of attributes.

The path on the right was littered with the corpses of giant black rats. These giant rats could be found in all three passageways. If someone oblivious entered, they might think that this was a rat's nest.

The Wolf Fang Team was an elite team among the low-rank martial warrior teams. Thus, all its members were 3-star soldier-level martial warriors. Dealing with these giant rats was a piece of cake for them.

Wang Teng walked and picked up the floating attribute bubbles along the way.

Dark Force*5

Spirit*6

Dark Force*3

Blank Attribute*9

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These giant rats were all contaminated with dark Force. However, they were not dark apparitions. They could at most be called dark creatures. But, the Force they dropped was all dark Force. This allowed Wang Teng's dark Force to rise quickly.

Before he could reach the end of the passageway, he met the returning Wolf Fang Team.

Although they suffered some injuries, they seemed fine. However, Yao Jun was cursing all the way. He was obviously in a bad mood. When they were killing the rat king just now, his clothes... got dirty.

Other martial warriors would never be so 'delicate' like him!

A tinge of helplessness flashed past Chong Liang's eyes. This young master wasn't easy to serve.

The group walked over without noticing Wang Teng, who was hiding in the dark.

Wang Teng also ignored them. He quickly ran into the depth of the passageway.

After some time, he saw a giant rat that was twice as large as the other black giant rats. It was beheaded, and its body was lying horizontally in the middle of the path.

So this is the rat king they were talking about!

Wang Teng's eyes lit up. He looked at the rat king's body. A few bigger attribute bubbles were floating silently above it.

He picked them up.

Dark Force*46

Spirit*35

Blank Attribute*50

Good riddance!

Wang Teng was honestly a little surprised. The attributes dropped by this rat king alone were comparable to the ones dropped by seven to eight normal giant rats.

A few other giant rat corpses were lying around the rat king. Wang Teng didn't forget to pick up their attribute bubbles.

Then, he went back immediately.

The gains he made on this trip were huge. He had received 335 points of dark Force, 88 points of spirit, and 280 blank attributes.

As the dark Force seeped into his body, Wang Teng shuddered.

The abundance of dark Force surged from his second Force nucleus. It flowed up his spine and congregated inside his third Force nucleus.

Dark Force 3-star—achievement unlocked!

Dark Force: 17/1000 (3-star)

In less than a day, Wang Teng's dark Force had risen from 1-star to 3-star soldier level. This speed was extremely frightening!

Also, his spirit attribute advanced by a huge level too.

Spirit: Spiritual realm (44.1/100)

Wang Teng could feel the spiritual power in his mind getting stronger. It even got thicker and stickier.

He had a premonition. If he used his spiritual power to control his Shooting Star Spiral now, the power would be astonishing. If he caught his opponent unaware, he might even be able to kill a 5-star soldier-level martial warrior.

However, he would need to practice it during a real battle to see if it worked out or not.

Wang Teng came back to the forked road and saw Yao Jun, Chong Liang, and their team members.

But, Liu Huaixin wasn't out yet. Yao Jun was preparing to enter the path in the middle.

"Young Master Yao, I don't think that this is appropriate." Chong Liang hesitated. He could see that Liu Huaixin didn't want them to enter the middle path. If he entered without careful consideration and provoked Liu Huaixin, he might offend the military indirectly.

The authority of the military wasn't an ornament!

"What are you afraid of? Liu Huaixin didn't say that we can't enter. If he asks, you can just pretend that you didn't know anything.

"Also, don't you find them very secretive? I guess there must be some good stuff inside. Don't you want to take a look?"

Yao Jun appeared nonchalant. As he spoke, he walked into the middle passageway.

"This..." Honestly, Chong Liang was a little curious. However, he decided not to follow Yao Jun. Compared to Yao Jun, they didn't have any background or people supporting them. If something really happened, Yao Jun would be fine, but the military would vent their anger on them. Weren't they looking for death?

But, not long after Yao Jun entered the middle path, he came back. He seemed a little embarrassed.

Behind him were Liu Huaixin and the other military martial warriors. They were covered in blood and had a malicious look on their faces.

Chong Liang secretly felt happy in his heart when he saw Yao Jun suffering a setback. But, he didn't display it on his face. He hurriedly went forward to greet Liu Huaixin.

“Squad Leader Liu.”

“Yes.” Liu Huaixin nodded. He asked, “Is your side taken care of?”

“All the giant rats contaminated by the dark Force have been killed, including the rat king,” Chong Liang replied.

“Not bad,” Liu Huaixin praised him. Then, he frowned and continued, “There’s no news from the Tiger Warrior Team until now. It looks like they have met some trouble. The high-level dark apparition didn’t charge out, so this means they didn’t fail completely. It’s time for us to enter.”

“Why don’t we wait a while longer? Let’s wait until the dark apparition kills them before we act.” Yao Jun was smiling, but the words he said were ruthless and cruel.

Chong Liang and the others felt a chill running down their spines.

Liu Huaixin remained indifferent. He glanced at Yao Jun and said, “Let’s go in first. We will decide if we should act based on the situation.”

Yao Jun shrugged. He didn’t say anything in reply.

The group entered the passage on the left under Liu Huaixin’s lead. They thought that they had everything under control, but they could never imagine what was waiting for them.

Chapter 224: Trap!

Wang Teng recorded the conversation between Yao Jun and Liu Huaixin. Then, he entered the path on the right before them and met up with Liu Huaixin and his team.

“Let’s prepare. They are coming in.”

Wang Teng said as soon as he saw them.

Lin Zhan, Liu Yan, and the others felt their hearts trembling. They replied in low voices, “Okay.”

Under Wang Teng’s lead, they quickly ran deep into the cave. When they were about to reach the karst cave, Wang Teng signaled them to stop.

“We are almost there. Later, I will use my concealing skill to hide your auras. You must not resist,” Wang Teng spoke to them using voice transmission.

Lin Zhan and the others nodded.

First, Wang Teng used his Wave Invisibility skill to hide the fluctuations caused by the dark Force. Then, he attached the dark Force to the surface of everyone’s body and hid their figures completely.

This is so interesting!

Lin Zhan and the others felt their bodies merging with the dark. They thought that it was some high-class concealing skill. They would never have imagined that this was the effect of the dark Force.

Then, everyone silently sneaked into the karst cave and found a hiding spot.

This was the first time Lin Zhan and the others saw a high-level dark apparition. They were flabbergasted and found it a little unbelievable. They didn't think that the high-level dark apparition would look like this.

Wang Teng signaled them to not act rashly. Then, he parted with them and returned to the passageway.

He had left enough dark Force on Lin Zhan and his teammates. At the same time, the Wave Invisibility skill he exerted could last for a few minutes.

During this window, Wang Teng must guide the dark apparition to Liu Huaixin and his gang as fast as possible.

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On the other side, Liu Huaixin had already brought Yao Jun and the others to the second half of the passageway. They were only 200 meters away from the karst cave.

"Strange, why aren't there any sounds? Has the Tiger Warrior Team been annihilated?" Chong Liang suddenly said.

"Be careful. If the Tiger Warrior Team is exterminated, the dark apparition will be more vigilant. If it's hiding in the passageway, we will get ambushed easily," Liu Huaixin frowned and said.

Everyone raised their guards and walked in carefully.

Almost there! Wang Teng gauged their distance and sniggered in his heart.

He then turned back to the entrance of the karst cave. He congregated Force on the battle sword in his hand and slashed it forward.

"Bang!"

The glow of the sword struck the position where the high-level dark apparition was at powerfully. However, Wang Teng saw the black shadow flashing, and the dark apparition disappeared.

Wang Teng's heart jumped. He didn't stick around to find its next location. Instead, he turned around and ran immediately.

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"What happened?" The sudden loud explosion caused Liu Huaixin and the others' expressions to change. They were stunned.

Everything was fine a second ago. Why was there suddenly an explosion? Could it be that the Tiger Warrior Team didn't get wiped out? Were they still fighting?

Before they knew what was happening, they saw a black shadow charging towards them from the darkness in front.

The chilly and eerie aura spread out in the passageway.

"High-level dark apparition!" Liu Huaixin turned pale with fright. He shouted in panic, "Get ready to engage!"

As he spoke, he had already slashed the battle blade in his hand at the black shadow that was charging at them.

The military martial warriors were the first to react. The powerful bullets spurted towards the dark apparition.

The members of the Wolf Fang Team reacted a tad bit slower. Fortunately, with the military martial warriors spearheading the attack, it gave them time to respond.

“Kill!”

Chong Liang shouted and executed his battle technique immediately. He aimed it at the black shadow.

“Ah!”

Suddenly, a scream of agony was heard.

The black shadow managed to evade all the attacks and caught a member of the Wolf Fang Team. Then, it scurried up to the top of the passageway and twisted the neck of the martial warrior. It threw the corpse at the people below.

The martial warrior was standing beside Yao Jun a moment ago. All he saw was a flash of the black shadow. When the person screamed in despair and was caught, Yao Jun shuddered in fright. He felt his head turning numb and cold sweat dripping down his entire body.

“Damn it, what is this?” Yao Jun couldn’t help but curse. He shrunk into the crowd, afraid to take any risk.

The others had no time to bother about him. All their attention was on the high-level dark apparition. They kept hurling attacks one after another at the dark apparition. All kinds of skills were put on full display.

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Everyone, fight properly. I will cheer for you! Wang Teng hid in the dark like a sly and sinister fellow.

Then, he returned to the karst cave and met up with Lin Zhan and his teammates.

“The high-level dark apparition is too powerful. Liu Huaixin and the others might not be its match,” Lin Zhan said with a grave expression.

“You’re right. I saw its speed just now. I almost got a heart attack,” Liu Yan clutched her chest and said with lingering fears.

“Shall we go and help?” Yan Jinming asked.

“The dark apparition is extremely dangerous and harmful. It’s best to kill it as soon as possible,” Lin Zhan looked at Wang Teng and said.

“We will lay an ambush here. With their ability, they will be able to retaliate. There’s a high chance that this dark apparition might be forced back into this karst cave. We will take it by surprise and grab the opportunity to land the final blow,” Wang Teng said.

“Alright.” Lin Zhan nodded.

The few of them hid once again and waited for the dark apparition to come back to its cave.

Actually, Wang Teng had left out a sentence. If the dark apparition didn't come back, they wouldn't need to risk their lives to fight with it.

Wang Teng kind of hoped that it wouldn't come back.

There were two possible outcomes for that.

First, Liu Huaixin failed. The high-level dark apparition would be worried that something had happened to the ore mine, so it would go to check things out.

Second, Liu Huaixin and the others killed it successfully, and all troubles came to an end.

Unfortunately, things did not happen as he wished...

Boom!

A loud explosion suddenly occurred at the entrance of the cave.

Wang Teng sighed. He saw the high-level dark apparition rushing into the karst cave.

Liu Huaixin and the others followed closely behind it. But, there were fewer of them. They seemed to have suffered heavy losses.

“Attack!”

Lin Zhan immediately launched an attack. He waved the battleaxes in his hand and aimed for the dark apparition. Golden rays congregated around the axes.

The high-level dark apparition didn't expect someone to be lying in ambush inside the cave. It was caught off guard and got chopped. It fell from the air.

Liu Yan shot alloy bullets from the heavy machine gun in her hand. She was aiming at the wings of the dark apparition. She wanted to damage its wings first.

She expected to hear the sound of bullets entering the flesh, but it didn't happen. Instead, the sound of metals clanging was heard.

“So hard!” Liu Yan's expression changed slightly.

“Attack its head and heart!” Liu Huaixin looked at them expressionlessly and shouted.

The Yan siblings were just about to act. When they heard Liu Huaixin's voice, they aimed their blade and sword at the high-level dark apparition's heart.

Lin Zhan followed up his victory with hot pursuit and smashed his battleaxes at the dark apparition's head.

Liu Huaixin and the others didn't slack either. Their attacks followed closely and engulfed the dark apparition.

Boom!

The limestone around the cave exploded, and dust flew everywhere. Due to the intense battle, airwaves swept through the cave. No one could see what was happening inside.

This is it!

Wang Teng saw the chance. A ray of light flew out from his sleeve and rose into the sky. It was so fast that no lingering shadows could be seen.

I found you!

Using the tracking function of his Shooting Star Spiral, he aimed for the heart of the dark apparition. Under its astounded gaze, the spirals pierced through its heart.

Chapter 225: Huge Loot!

The second his heart was pierced, the noble dark apparition's eyes were filled with innocence. His feelings were complicated, and he seemed exceptionally shocked...

He wanted to ask: Why?

Why did I die in the hands of weaklings like you when I am so strong?

Director, this script isn't right!

He opened his mouth and tried to scream one last time. However, no sound was made. He fell to the ground and died.

The cave turned quiet. There was a fleeting moment of awkwardness.

The expression on Liu Huaixin's face and the gesture of his hand were both narrating a single comment—*Are you kidding me!*

We fought with all our might and risked our lives to try to kill this dark apparition. So many people died, but in the end, we didn't manage to kill it?

Yet, Lin Zhan and his team managed to get rid of it with just a single round of ambush?!

Were they too weak?

Everyone carefully gathered around the high-level dark apparition after they confirmed that it hadn't moved for a long time.

There was a huge hole where the heart of the high-level dark apparition was. The hole went the entire way from the front to the back.

Wang Teng's gaze flickered slightly when he saw the wound.

He chose to attack the heart not only because it was a fragile and a weaker spot. Rather, the main reason was that the Yan siblings had aimed for his heart too.

He used his Shooting Star Spiral to break the defense of the high-level dark apparition. Then, it penetrated his heart, and the attacks of the Yan siblings followed closely thereafter. The hits one after another wrecked the wound.

If not, based on the Yan sibling's abilities, they might not have been able to hurt the high-level dark apparition.

But, this way, they had the best of both worlds. Other people wouldn't be able to see that the injury was caused by the Shooting Star Spiral.

Next, his gaze landed on the transparent bubbles floating above the high-level dark apparition.

Hehe, it's time to pick up attribute bubbles again!

A small devil seemed to have appeared behind Wang Teng's head. It was rubbing its hands excitedly...

He picked them up.

Dark Force*120

Intermediate stage dark talent*1

Spirit*50

Bewitch*15

Handsome*30

...

*What the f**k!*

What a huge loot!

Wang Teng was honestly astounded. This high-level dark apparition had dropped an abundance of attribute bubbles. There were many good attributes inside.

He had gained 120 points of dark Force. This was the first time he had received so many points of dark Force in one go.

Dark Force: 137/1000 (3-star)

Then, there was the intermediate stage dark talent.

In the past, Wang Teng had gotten the beginner stage dark Force. Now, his stage advanced by a rank. He immediately felt that he had a stronger grasp and smoother control of his dark Force. If he were to cultivate now, his speed of cultivation would increase tremendously.

Next, it was the 50 points of Spirit.

Spirit: Spiritual realm (49.1/100)

Further down—Bewitch*15!

Wang Teng looked at his attributes panel. This was a skill attribute.

Bewitch, just as its name implied, was a skill that could bewitch the hearts of people. It was similar to hypnosis. However, it seemed a little more high-class.

This skill will have many uses! Wang Teng touched his chin. The corners of his lips went up uncontrollably as he gave an evil smile.

Finally, there were 30 points of Handsomeness. Honestly, when Wang Teng saw this attribute, he was stunned.

What kind of setting is this? Why is he dropping a Handsomeness attribute?

Also, this was dropped by that vampire-like dark apparition.

Is he very handsome?

Is he more handsome than me?

He lowered his head and sized up the pale and handsome face of this vampire. He didn't die in vain!

...

The others didn't notice the slight changes in Wang Teng's expression.

Lin Zhan patted Yan Jinming's shoulder happily when he noticed that the dark apparition had died in the hands of his team members. He smiled and said, "The two of you made a great contribution."

Yan Jinming and Yan Jinyue were a little confused. They found everything unbelievable.

Didn't everyone say that the high-level dark apparitions were very powerful?

Why did it die after a single strike? Hello, what is happening?

Wang Teng smiled. He didn't expose them, but he would definitely educate them in the future. If not, they might really think that high-level dark apparitions were easy to deal with. If they attacked one rashly in the future... the possibility of them dying was really high. He would have committed a huge crime if that happened.

"Hmph!" Liu Huaixin snorted with a gloomy expression.

They understood clearly how difficult it was to fight with high-level dark apparitions. Now, when they saw Lin Zhan and his team members revealing a 'he is so easy to deal with' expression, their mood turned really bad.

He felt that Lin Zhan and his team members were just lucky. They had picked up the fruits of the military martial warriors' labor.

The passageway had limited space, so it didn't allow the vampire dark apparition to execute its speed. That was why it retreated to the cave when it had the chance. In the karst cave, it would be able to make use of the special terrain inside. Once the vampire dark apparition unleashed his full speed, he would be much harder to deal with.

However, Lin Zhan and his team members attacked the dark apparition the instant it entered the cave and caught it off guard. As a result, they were lucky and managed to kill it.

“Squad Leader Liu, what happened to you? Why do you seem unhappy?” Wang Teng asked even though he knew the answer.

“You’re asking me?” Liu Huaixin said coldly, “I asked you to clear the passage on the left. Why are you hiding here instead? Do you know that I can charge you for disobeying orders based on your actions!”

The expression of the other team members changed when they heard this.

However, Wang Teng replied calmly, “You can’t make false claims. Did you see us not fighting? The high-level dark apparition was too strong, so we accidentally let it escape. Our team also got injured when we were fighting against it.”

Lin Zhan and the others understood his intention and revealed the wounds on their bodies. They gave an ‘I feel wronged, but I’m not going to say anything’ look.

They were possessed by drama kings at this moment.

Wang Teng continued with righteous indignation, “Also, our team killed the high-level dark apparition while bearing with the worsening of our injuries. We made a huge contribution!”

Liu Huaixin was so frustrated that he wanted to vomit blood.

What injury? You were all full of vigor a moment ago, but now, your faces are pale, and y’all look as though you are going to faint any moment. Can you be a little more fake?

How dare you come out and act with such poor acting skills!

You even want a huge contribution? Contribution your head!

“You’re lying. The high-level dark apparition is very powerful. We couldn’t deal with it even when there are so many of us. How did you manage to survive for such a long time? You must have run away. You didn’t fight with the high-level dark apparition and went to hide instead,” Yao Jun suddenly pointed at Wang Teng and shouted.

Wang Teng suddenly smiled. But, there were no fluctuations of emotions in his eyes. He looked at Yao Jun and said, “Young Master Yao, are you saying that the only way for us not to defy the order is to die?”

“You...” Yao Jun wanted to open his mouth.

“Yao Jun, be careful of what you say!” Liu Huaixin’s expression changed as he shouted coldly.

Yao Jun knew that he had said the wrong thing. He glanced at Liu Huaixin and didn’t continue.

Wang Teng scoffed. He ignored Yao Jun and turned to Liu Huaixin. He asked, “Do you admit that our Tiger Warrior Team made a huge contribution?”

The martial warriors that got enlisted temporarily had to bear a huge risk. That was why the military often gave many rewards to these martial warriors. If they made a huge contribution during the enlistment period, their rewards would increase.

The Tiger Warrior Team had killed a high-level dark apparition. This was a huge merit.

“I’m not the one who decides if you have made a huge contribution. I have to report to my superiors in the end and let the higher authorities evaluate,” Liu Huaixin said calmly without any expression.

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“In that case, we will wait for your good news.” Wang Teng didn’t probe further since Liu Huaixin had already given his reply. After all, if it was their reward, it would be theirs. There were so many people at the scene. No one could deny it.

Wait for what good news!

The veins on Liu Huaixin’s forehead bulged out. He felt that he would die of cerebral thrombosis if he continued talking to Wang Teng.

Lin Zhan and the other team members couldn’t help but heave a sigh of relief secretly when they noticed Wang Teng gaining the upper hand in the conversation with Liu Huaixin. They wiped the cold sweat on their forehead.

They were planning to trick Liu Huaixin from the start. Even though he was the one who wanted to harm them at first, they still felt a little guilty.

But, it was obvious that Liu Huaixin would have to swallow this unhappiness.

Lin Zhan and the others couldn’t help but glance at Wang Teng. This fellow had such a harmless face and a refreshing smile... my foot!

This brat is indeed a sly person!

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“Take the high-level dark apparition’s corpse. Let’s pack up and go!” Liu Huaixin’s expression was grave. He gave his order to the subordinates that were fortunate enough to survive.

So many of their men were killed, but the credit wasn’t theirs. Just thinking about this was enough to make them crazy.

No, he must not let them gain this advantage.

Also, the Tiger Warrior Team must have realized that he tricked them into dealing with the high-level dark apparition. A grudge between them was formed.

It wasn’t something that could be forgiven with a few sentences. Cut the weeds and dig up the roots. If he didn’t annihilate all of them, he would feel uneasy.

When he turned his head, a savage expression appeared on Liu Huaixin’s face.

Yao Jun was unwilling to let them go. Hatred flashed past his eyes. He followed behind Liu Huaixin and walked out of the karst cave.

He felt that Wang Teng and his team were the ones who had caused him to be in such a disheveled state. He almost lost his life there.

There was a saying: all the mistakes were the faults of other people!

Don't deny it. There's no use in denying it. I won't listen!

...

The unluckiest people were the Wolf Fang Team.

Besides Chong Liang, all the other team members of the Wolf Fang Team were killed by the high-level dark apparition. All that was left of the Wolf Fang Team was him, a lone general without an army.

Chong Liang was on the brink of tears.

Your bosses are fighting, but an innocent bystander like me is implicated. Who am I supposed to seek justice from!

Lin Zhan patted his shoulder and said sympathetically, "My condolences!"

Liu Yan and the Yan siblings copied his actions. All of them went forward to pat Chong Liang's shoulder. They seemed very compassionate as they spoke to him.

"My condolences!"

"My condolences!"

"My condolences!"

As expected, the nature of humans was copying others?

Chong Liang's face turned green and white with anger. It was fascinating to watch.

Wang Teng and his team members walked out. However, their voices spread over from afar.

"Leader, you're a little naughty!"

"What are you saying? I don't understand. I don't know."

...

"Pfft!" Chong Liang couldn't suppress the injury on his body anymore. He vomited a mouth of blood, and his face turned white.

What a powerful resentment!

...

When everyone walked out of the cave, the sky had already turned bright. The night was over.

"You must go back with me," Liu Huaixin looked at Wang Teng and his teammates and said.

"Go back? Where?" Wang Teng frowned and asked.

"To the headquarters of the Crimson Tiger troop!" Liu Huaixin said in a low voice, "We enlisted you for this mission, so we need you to cooperate with us in many areas of explanation."

Wang Teng exchanged glances with his teammates. He nodded and said, "Alright."

Liu Huaixin called the military martial to the side and said something to them. Then, the martial warriors entered the cave again.

After that, Liu Huaixin picked up the high-level dark apparition on the ground.

Suddenly, the corpses disappeared.

“Space ring!” Lin Zhan and the others exclaimed. They immediately noticed the ring on Liu Huaixin’s fingers when they saw this scene.

Yao Jun was astonished too. Then, he hurriedly pouted and sneered. “Ignorant!”

“Young Master Yao, you must have seen it before. Unfortunately...” Wang Teng shook his head.

“Unfortunately what?” Yao Jun asked uncontrollably. The moment he spoke, though, he regretted it.

“You might have seen it before, but unfortunately, you don’t have it,” Wang Teng said with contempt.

“F**k!” Yao Jun’s face turned black. He seemed to have suffered great humiliation, almost choking on his own breath.

“Let’s go.”

Liu Huaixin glanced at them and went down the mountain first.

Liu Huaixin hid his car at a secluded spot at the bottom of the mountain. He sat inside his car and started the rune engine.

“Squad Leader Liu, our vehicle is still at the Red Leaves dwarf tribe. Can you give us a ride?” Wang Teng asked.

His tone caused Liu Huaixin’s anger to boil in his heart again. Wang Teng sounded as though it was only natural for him to send them there. He replied coldly, “Get in!”

“Okay!”

Wang Teng and his teammates quickly got into the car.

Liu Huaixin found the path and sped his way there. Very soon, they arrived at the Red Leaves dwarf tribe.

After Ni Ya and the dwarves went back, they didn’t rest the entire night. They were anxiously waiting for Wang Teng and his teammates.

After all, the Tiger Warrior Team had helped them overcome a life-or-death crisis. This was a huge favor.

In the early morning, all the dwarves were busy with their own things.

As for Leader Ao Mu, Ni Ya, and the other dwarves, they were anxiously waiting for news in the stone fortress.

“Why aren’t they back yet?” Ni Ya paced around the room. She would glance outside the door occasionally with a worried look.

“Ni Ya, stop walking in circles. I’m getting dizzy because of you,” Leader Ao Mu shook his head and said helplessly.

“Grandpa leader, do you think that something happened to them? Those military martial warriors from Earth seemed to be executing some dangerous mission. Why did Wang Teng and his team meet them?” Ni Ya asked in concern.

“Don’t worry, Little Ni Ya. Lin Zhan and Wang Teng are really powerful. They will be able to come back safely.” Leader Ni Ya comforted her.

“But...”

“Leader, Ni Ya, back, back. They are back!” At this moment, Wa Ke ran in from outside. As he ran, he was shouting excitedly.

“Oh, they are back!” Leader Ao Mu stood up hurriedly.

“They are back? This is great! They are finally back,” Ni Ya said happily.

“Come, let’s go out and take a look.”

Leader Ao Mu led the way out of the stone fortress. They met Wang Teng and his teammates, who were getting out of the car.

“You’re fine. This is great!” Ni Ya rushed forward and said happily.

“Hahaha, we are very strong. Why will anything happen to us so easily?” Lin Zhan laughed.

“It’s good that you’re back. You have been busy the entire night, so you must be hungry. Come into the room quickly and have some food.” Leader Ao Mu walked forward with a bright smile.

“There’s no need for that. Leader Ao Mu, we still have emergency matters to attend to. We came back just to get our vehicle,” Wang Teng explained.

“In that case, we will not keep you,” Leader Ao Mu said with pity. Then, he continued, “Wait for a moment.”

He turned and said to Ni Ya, “Ni Ya, bring out the things that we have prepared.”

Ni Ya nodded and ran into the house. After some time, she came running out with a backpack.

“We are really grateful for your help. You did us a huge favor. We have nothing to repay you, so we can only use these wine and Force stones as our token of appreciation. We hope that you will accept them,” Leader Ao Mu said sincerely.

“Oh my, how can I accept this.” This was what Lin Zhan said, but his hands were very honest. He took the backpack from Ni Ya.

Wang Teng: ...

Pfft, shameless!

Chapter 227: Guards, Take Them Down

On the way back, Lin Zhan and his teammates were elated. Not only did they receive a handsome reward, but they also gained the friendship of the Red Leaves Tribe.

When they left, many dwarves came to send them off and enthusiastically invited them to come and play another day.

Lin Zhan and his teammates agreed readily. After all, they could not waste the delicious food and wine of the dwarf tribe.

Speaking of delicious wine...

Lin Zhan suddenly remembered that Leader Ao Mu told them he was giving them some wine as their reward. His eyes lit up as he opened the backpack. Three jars of wine were sitting inside.

Lin Zhan drove the car and opened the cap of one of the jars. The strong fragrance of wine wafted out. He poured the wine into his mouth.

Then, he burped in satisfaction.

As for no driving while drinking, was this a matter of concern for martial warriors?

"F**k, leader, this is outrageous. How dare you drink it secretly before us?" When Yan Jinming smelled the wine, he popped his head out from the backseat.

"Haha, I'm testing the taste for you. I want to see if Leader Ao Mu fooled us by giving us low-quality wine," Lin Zhan smiled and replied.

"Bullshit. Do you think I'll believe you?" Yan Jinming rolled his eyes and reached out to grab another jar. He hoarded the jar of wine for himself.

Swoosh!

The last jar of wine suddenly flew into the air and landed in Wang Teng's hands.

"I will help myself to the last jar," Wang Teng said with a smile.

"You're still young. Don't learn from those two drunkards," Liu Yan reprimanded him.

"That's right. You are still young. Why are you drinking? Give it to me quickly." Lin Zhan agreed.

"Go away. What era is this? People can get married at 18 years old. Why can't I drink at 17?" Wang Teng glared at Lin Zhan and opened the jar of wine. He cheered with Yan Jinming and happily sipped the wine.

Liu Huaixin drove the car in front and led the way for them.

Along the way, there were open fields and hills everywhere. It had to be said that the Xingwu Continent was incredibly vast. There were still many areas that hadn't been developed, unlike Earth. Signs of humans could be seen everywhere on Earth, besides those places with harsh living environments that were really not suitable for survival.

Of course, this was largely related to star beasts. In the Xingwu Continent, the human race wasn't at the top of the biological chain.

There was a huge number of star beasts, including mighty overlords. They dominated vast pieces of land, and these places were all forbidden grounds for humans.

The wilderness between the forbidden grounds and the human cities was the buffer zone.

Wang Teng and the others met a few more groups of martial warriors wandering around the area. However, everyone went their own way and wouldn't cause trouble for one another under normal circumstances.

They drove for around three hours before they finally arrived outside a fairly small city.

Crimson Tiger City!

This city was named directly after the Crimson Tiger troop. It was different from a trading hub like Yong City.

You could see garrisons stationed all around the Crimson Tiger City. It was a heavily guarded military city!

Liu Huaixin drove his car and entered the Crimson Tiger City from the side. As he got nearer, the ground started to turn black-brown. It looked like... the color of blood after it had seeped into the ground and dried up.

Wang Teng could even smell a faint stench in the air.

They arrived at the main gate. Liu Huaixin displayed his particulars, and the guard at the sentry box let him in.

However, when it was outsiders like Wang Teng, they had to undergo a round of inspection.

Wang Teng realized that these guards were martial warriors too. They were just 1-star soldier-level martial warriors, but when there was a lack of martial warriors in the outside world, allowing them to become guards was extremely extravagant.

Naturally, there was nothing wrong with Wang Teng and his teammates after the inspection.

In the past, Wang Teng was worried that the dark Force in his body would get detected, and he would be taken as some betrayer and killed.

But he was obviously thinking too much.

They entered the Crimson Tiger City together. The buildings and arrangements here were plain and simple. The roads were straight without any complications. There were no high-rise buildings either. The structures here were all two- or three-floors high, and they were made from layering hard rocks or metals.

Wang Teng and his teammates were brought to a one-floor building in the middle of the city. They were given a room to rest in.

"I will go and report the situation to my superior. You can wait here first." After Liu Huaixin finished speaking, he disregarded them and turned around to walk out of the door.

The moment he stepped out, his voice was heard again.

“Yao Jun, come out with me.”

Yao Jun sniggered and glanced at Wang Teng and his teammates provokingly. He went out of the door.

“What is this? Why is he leaving us here without saying anything?” Yan Jinming frowned.

“That’s right. Why did he call Yao Jun away? Why is he treating us differently?” Liu Yan said furiously.

“Alright, don’t talk so much. Since he asked us to wait, let’s wait. There’s nothing to lose,” Lin Zhan said.

“Why did Liu Huaixin call Yao Jun out alone?” Yan Jinyue asked curiously.

“Maybe he wants to record our statements separately like how they interrogate prisoners. He probably wants to prevent us from colluding with one another,” Yan Jinming touched his chin and replied.

“F**k, Liu Huaixin is treating us as prisoners?!” Liu Yan’s temper exploded immediately.

“There must be something important in the cave. That’s why they are so careful.” Wang Teng knew what was inside, but he couldn’t say it directly.

Who knew? They might be surveillance cameras in the room.

If they learned that he knew the contents of the cave, they could link many things together. He might not even be able to hide the fact that he had tricked Liu Huaixin.

Also, the ore mine was still confidential. He would be causing trouble for himself if they used this reason to imprison him forcefully.

“What Wang Teng said might be right. I feel that they are very secretive. I don’t think that they just wanted to kill the dark apparition.” Lin Zhan contemplated.

“No matter what, we made a huge contribution. I wonder what rewards they will give us.” Liu Yan chuckled.

“Something practical would be the best. The military has many good things,” Yan Jinming said excitedly.

“If only they give me a rune gun specially supplied to the military,” Liu Yan said.

“Letting us choose a battle technique is not bad either,” Lin Zhan smiled.

Wang Teng shook his head when he saw them discussing happily. For some reason, when he saw Liu Huaixin’s expression as he walked out of the door, he felt that something terrible was going to happen.

The few of them waited in the resting room for more than half an hour before Liu Huaixin walked in with a military martial warrior who looked around 30 years old. He was muscular, and he had a crew cut.

He glanced at Wang Teng and his teammates with killing intent in his eyes. He then opened his mouth and said, “Based on my subordinate’s report, you defied your orders during the execution of the mission and caused a delay in the battle. This resulted in the deaths of more than 20 military martial warriors. Do you know your crime?”

Lin Zhan and his teammates had waited for a long time, but what they received was a series of interrogations. They were instantly dumbfounded.

“We were just not powerful enough, so we let the dark apparition run away...”

Before Wang Teng could finish speaking, the man with a crew cut was already burning in anger. He said coldly, “Enough!”

Their hearts jumped.

The man with a crew cut didn’t give them any chances to speak. He waved his hands instantly.

“Guards, take them down!”

A group of military martial warriors crashed in. More than ten black muzzles were aimed at Wang Teng and his teammates.

Chapter 228: Prison Break?

In the cell of the Crimson Tiger Troop.

Clang!

Lin Zhan punched the metal door.

“They locked us up like criminals without even giving us a chance to explain.”

“What on earth did Liu Huaixin say?”

Liu Yan, Yan Jinming, and the others gnashed their teeth in anger when they remembered Liu Huaixin’s delighted smile after they were escorted to the cell.

A cold gaze flashed past Wang Teng’s eyes. He didn’t expect Liu Huaixin to have the guts to play tricks on them when he had no evidence.

Or, could it be that the man with a crew cut was his support?

Wang Teng’s head started to hurt when he recalled the man’s style of doing things.

He was obviously an idiot!

He didn’t know what Liu Huaixin said to the man that caused him to be so angry.

That man with a crew cut looked like a hot-tempered person, a person who couldn’t tolerate any nonsense.

In front of someone like this, there was no way they could reason with him.

He might even shoot them without considering the consequences in his fit of anger.

Liu Huaixin had probably thought of this, so he came up with this plan and made use of his superior to suppress them.

He must have distorted the truth of what happened and even hid some facts.

If not, the man with a crew cut wouldn't have thrown them in jail without giving him a chance to explain. After all, even if he didn't have the 'sergeant' military rank, he was still a student of the Huanghai Military Academy.

He's already 30 years old. Why is he still as reckless as a 17-year-old? Wang Teng thought to himself helplessly.

I hope that he isn't muddle-headed. If not, we can only force our way out.

However, he knew that this was the headquarters of the Crimson Tiger Troop. There were numerous martial warriors here, so the chances of escaping were very slim.

Wang Teng gave a bitter smile.

"How about we send a message to the martial arts academy?" Liu Yan asked at this moment.

"It's useless. This cell blocks all signals. We can't send any messages out. If I knew this was going to happen, I would have informed the martial arts academy about this matter beforehand," Lin Zhan shook his head and spoke in a regretful tone.

"No one expected them to act so abruptly." Yan Jinming sighed.

The group went silent. None of them expected the Crimson Tiger Troop to be a tiger's den cave. They were able to enter but couldn't go out. They didn't expect matters to come to this state either.

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Wang Teng and his teammates were locked up for two days and one night.

On the second night, when the guards of the prison came to send them their dinner, Yao Jun accompanied them.

"Tsk, tsk, tsk, is this what you are eating? Looks like you have been living miserably for the past two days!" He looked at their dinner and laughed at their plight.

"Yao Jun!" Lin Zhan and the others glared at him.

"You and Liu Huaixin are the ones behind this, right?" Wang Teng asked calmly.

"So what if we are?" Yao Jun placed his hands in his pocket and said with contempt, "Don't look as though you aren't afraid of death. I hate this kind of person. You are going to die, yet you're still acting."

"Despicable!" Lin Zhan and the others let loose a torrent of abuse when they heard him admitting it.

"Sigh, Leader Lin, you're right. I am despicable. In your next life, remember not to offend a despicable person, especially one that has wealth and power," Yao Jun smiled and said. He didn't seem ashamed of himself.

"What do you want?" Liu Yan said coldly.

"Hey, this lady is so pretty. Unfortunately, you are going to die." Yao Jun gave her a look of pity. He chuckled and said, "I don't want anything. I just came to take one last look at you. After all, you almost became my teammates."

Everyone's face was black when they saw his disgusting attitude.

"A despicable person like you has no right to be my teammate." Liu Yan scoffed.

"That's right. Stop flaunting. We will never accept an evil person like you even if we die," Yan Jinming said.

"I'm giving you face, but you're pushing it!" Yan Jinming's face turned green with anger. He got furious from embarrassment after Liu Yan and Yan Jinming attacked him verbally. He turned around and walked away. "You guys can just stay here and wait for your death!"

"What kind of person is this!" Liu Yan shouted at Yao Jun's back indignantly.

"You've heard what he said. It looks like they are going to execute us tomorrow!" Lin Zhan said with a grave expression.

Everyone turned quiet immediately.

"I never thought that I would die in the hands of our own people, especially the military." Yan Jinming gave a forced smile.

"Don't be in a hurry to give up. We still have a chance," Wang Teng spoke to them using voice transmission.

Everyone's heart trembled.

"Really!" Lin Zhan shouted.

"Shh!" Yan Jinming hurriedly covered his mouth.

Liu Yan and Yan Jinyue glared at him too.

"Don't say it out loud." Wang Teng looked at Lin Zhan speechlessly. He used voice transmission again.

Lin Zhan nodded his head hurriedly before Yan Jinming released him.

Wang Teng glanced around them and said slowly, "Tonight, we will... escape from prison!"

"Escape from prison!"

Everyone's expression changed. They thought that Wang Teng had some good idea, but instead, these were the words they heard from his mouth.

"Wang Teng, are you serious? This isn't a joke," Lin Zhan smiled bitterly and said to him through voice transmission.

"That's right. This is the headquarters of the Crimson Tiger Troop. It's almost impossible to escape." Liu Yan and the others also felt that this wasn't a good idea.

"Have you forgotten about my hiding skill?" Wang Teng reminded them.

"That's right. Wang Teng can fool a high-level dark apparition with his concealing skill. Tricking a normal martial warrior shouldn't be a problem." Lin Zhan agreed with Wang Teng.

“But, there are many powerful warriors in the army. It’s not an easy task to fool all of them,” Liu Yan hesitated before saying.

“Do you guys have a better idea?” Wang Teng asked.

This sentence was the last straw that broke the camel’s back. Liu Yan and the others started favoring the idea of escaping from prison.

Lin Zhan gritted his teeth and said, “Damn it, let’s do it!”

“Let’s do whatever we can. We can’t just sit here and wait for death anyway,” Liu Yan nodded her head firmly and replied.

“I have no objections. Wang Teng has never disappointed us,” Yan Jinming smiled and said.

“Me too,” Yan Jinyue said.

“Okay!”

A small smile appeared at the edge of his lips when Wang Teng noticed everyone agreeing with his idea. He continued, “In that case, let’s discuss the escape plan for tonight...”

They discussed it for an entire hour.

Many brains were better than one. Even more, there were five of them.

They studied the plan together and filled up all the loopholes. They found the best path to escape from prison and came up with an almost perfect plan.

After they finished discussing, they filled up their stomachs with the prison food and waited for time to pass. They didn’t care if the food was nasty.

At night, the guards changed shifts, and another two hours passed. Slowly, it reached 1 am in morning.

Wang Teng and his teammates opened their eyes. They were pretending to sleep just now. They glanced at the guard who was leaning against the wall and sleeping.

“Action!”

Wang Teng exchanged glances with his teammates and nodded. His gaze turned serious as his pupils stopped moving and his spiritual power spread out.

A bunch of keys slowly floated out of the guard’s pocket...

Chapter 229: The Elder In Cell 99

This big bunch of keys slowly floated out from the guard’s pocket...

Although a martial warrior had Force in his body and could move objects that were some distance away, he would never be able to lift an item with such ease.

If that wasn’t the case, the martial warrior would have already noticed it based on his acute senses.

So...

Spiritual power!

Lin Zhan and the others' eyes widened in surprise. A lightbulb lit up in their minds, and these two words jumped out almost simultaneously.

Before this, they were wondering what method Wang Teng would use to escape from the cell. Unfortunately, he kept them in suspense and just said that he was highly confident. He asked them not to worry.

Now, they finally knew that this was the method he was going to use!

They were flabbergasted.

This fellow is a monster. It's fine if his cultivation speed is frighteningly fast. But, his spiritual power is awakened too.

They suddenly realized that they had never understood Wang Teng entirely.

How many trump cards was he hiding?

Wang Teng didn't have the time to care about their thoughts. At this stage, he had no choice but to reveal his spiritual power. There was no point in hiding it anymore.

He enveloped the bunch of keys with his spiritual power so that it wouldn't make a single sound. He controlled the keys and let them fly towards him.

Finally, the keys landed on his palm.

Success!

Lin Zhan and the others secretly heaved a sigh of relief. In their nervousness, they had clenched their fists tightly.

There were many keys, but it wasn't difficult to find the right one. The cell number was labeled on the keys.

Wang Teng inserted the key into the keyhole and turned it gently...

Click!

The noise wasn't loud, yet everyone held their breaths uncontrollably. They stared at the guard, who was sleeping soundly, without blinking. At the same time, they listened to the sounds around them.

This was so exhilarating!

Wang Teng had managed to keep his calm throughout the ordeal, but now, he also felt a little nervous.

Luckily, this light noise didn't wake anyone up.

Actually, there weren't many prisoners in this prison. Those that committed minor crimes wouldn't be locked up here. Those with serious offenses had already been executed, so the cells around them were mostly empty.

Wang Teng slowly pulled the door of the cell open. Lin Zhan and the others immediately gathered around him.

Wang Teng was just about to execute his Wave Invisibility and dark Force when his body tensed up abruptly.

“Little brat, come to cell 99 and let me out!” An old and hoarse voice sounded beside his ear without any warning.

Wang Teng’s heart almost leaped out of his chest. He couldn’t help but curse in his heart. At this moment, all his emotions could be condensed into one word—F**k!

What else could he do?

All kinds of thoughts flashed through his mind. But, it was of no avail. He felt extremely frustrated.

“What happened?” Lin Zhan and the others asked when they noticed that he had suddenly stopped walking.

Wang Teng used voice transmission to tell them what happened helplessly.

Their expressions turned gloomy too. They felt so depressed that they wanted to vomit blood.

Accidents always caught them when they were unprepared!

Who would have thought that a life-threatening situation like this would happen after they had come up with such a great escape plan?

“What should we do? Should we release him?” Liu Yan asked through voice transmission.

“We don’t know what kind of person he is. If he is a ruthless and evil criminal, we will be committing a grave mistake by letting him out,” Yan Jinming said.

He wasn’t a saint. Everyone understood the hidden meaning behind his words. He was worried that the other party was an evil and extremely powerful person. At that time, even if they escaped from this prison, they would be entering another hell.

“We don’t have a choice. Let’s get him out first,” Wang Teng replied using voice transmission.

Lin Zhan and the others knew that this was their only way out, so they didn’t object.

Wang Teng felt his way around the prison. He hid in the dark and knocked the guard unconscious first. Then, he headed deeper inside.

His expression turned more serious as he walked further in. This was because he realized that cell 99 was the last in this prison.

The person who was locked up here must be extremely powerful!

Would it be a blessing or a calamity when he released this person?

He was already standing outside the door of cell 99. Through the gaps in the metal door, he could see a figure sitting cross-legged at the corner of the cell. His hair was hanging loose and his back was hunched.

“You’re here!” The old and hoarse voice sounded beside Wang Teng’s ear once again. It caused his heart to skip a beat.

He had already activated his Wave Invisibility skill and his dark Force. Yet, the other party could still discover him?!

Wang Teng felt that he had landed himself in huge trouble!

He sighed. He found the keys for cell 99 and opened the door.

In these final few cells, only cell 99 had a prisoner locked up in it. The other cells were empty, so he didn’t have to worry about someone seeing him.

Wang Teng entered the cell without a sound. Then, he looked at the figure whose hands and feet were locked with thick chains. For some reason, he found this scene a little familiar.

Ren Woxing!

Are you Sect Leader Ren?[1]

Wang Teng wanted to find the keys for the chains. However, the figure suddenly raised his head, revealing a face full of wrinkles. At the same time, his voice echoed beside Wang Teng’s ears once again.

“Don’t waste your effort. The keys to the chains are not there.”

“How do I release you then?” Wang Teng frowned and asked using voice transmission.

“Come over. Follow my instructions,” the elder said.

Wang Teng stood rooted in his spot. He didn’t move.

“Why? Are you afraid that I will kill you?” The elder laughed eerily. The laughter reverberated in Wang Teng’s mind.

“Of course, I’m afraid. Looking at this formation, you must be extremely powerful. Look at my thin arms and legs. I’m definitely not your match. Who knows? The moment I release you, I might go to heaven immediately,” Wang Teng replied.

“You are quite interesting, little brat. There are very few people in the world who admit that they are afraid of death.” The elder smiled and continued, “Alright, I will make a martial arts oath. If you release me, I will not kill you. If not, I will get struck by lightning and die a terrible death until none of my bones remain.

“What do you think? Is this enough?”

Wang Teng was slightly convinced. He trusted the elder a little.

He had heard of the martial arts oath before. This thing was a little mysterious. Some people didn’t believe it and went against their oath. None of them met a good ending.

Thus, in this martial arts era, you needed to be extremely careful when making a martial arts oath. Normally, no one would go back on their words.

Of course, if the other party wanted to die, there was nothing one could do. You could only admit that you were unlucky if you met a maniac.

“What should I do?” Wang Teng walked forward.

“I know that your spiritual power has been awakened. There’s a rune array on the chains. I’ll explain the method to you. Follow my instructions and find the node. Use your spiritual power to damage it,” as the elder spoke, he pointed a few nodes to Wang Teng.

Wang Teng didn’t hesitate anymore. He congregated his spiritual power into needles and stabbed them into the nodes.

A flash of white light was seen. The runes on the chains disappeared slowly.

The happiness on the elder’s face got thicker and thicker. When Wang Teng destroyed the last node, he grabbed the chains with his hands and squeezed lightly. The chains turned into a pile of scrap iron.

“Very good, very good. You did very well!” The elder stood up and patted Wang Teng’s shoulder. He praised Wang Teng three times repeatedly.

If he wasn’t in a cell, he really wanted to laugh out loud.

[1] Ren Woxing is a character in a martial arts novel. This character is very powerful.

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Lin Zhan and the others waited for a long time. They were getting a little agitated.

Suddenly, the prison door in front of them opened silently, and Wang Teng’s figure appeared.

“You’re back!”

“How’s everything?”

Everyone asked anxiously.

Wang Teng tilted his body. They saw the figure of an elder appearing slowly behind him.

“Little Wang, stop wasting time. Escape quickly,” the elder said.

Wang Teng nodded. Just when he was about to execute his Wave Invisibility and dark Force on his teammates, the elder said, “Let me do it. Your concealing skill is useful, but you are unable to take care of so many people for a long period of time.”

The elder waved his hand. Lin Zhan and the others immediately felt as if there were a layer of outerwear hanging over their bodies. It was a strange feeling.

“Thank you, elder!” Wang Teng said.

“I’m just afraid that you will expose yourself later and ruin my escape.” The elder scoffed coldly.

Wang Teng suddenly felt that this elder was actually very helpful even though he pretended to be hostile on the surface.

They didn't hang around any longer. The group of escaped prisoners moved towards the main gate of the prison. Along the way, no one discovered them. Just like that, they swaggered their way through the prison.

There was a resting room beside the main gate, and a few guards were playing poker inside.

"It's your turn. It's your turn. Hurry up and play your card!"

"Don't be anxious. Give me some time to think."

"Hey, is it really alright for us to play poker? If someone sees us, we are dead."

"What is there to be afraid of? Only a newbie like you will be scared. I have been guarding this place for many years. Nothing will happen. No one will come and inspect us..."

Before he could finish speaking, the guard rolled his eyes and fell to the ground.

"Hey, what's wrong with you?"

The newbie's expression changed entirely.

"Bang!"

"Bang!"

Just when he was about to get up to check the guard, he heard another two consecutive sounds of people falling to the ground.

He hurriedly turned his head and looked at his other two companions. They were lying unconscious on the ground.

The newbie's face turned white, and his eyes widened in fear.

Didn't they say that nothing will happen?

Can someone tell me what on earth is happening?

His heart pounded furiously. Just as he was about to press the alarm button, someone knocked his head violently. His eyes rolled back, and he lost consciousness.

However, before his vision turned black, he finally understood why the other three guards had fainted.

Someone escaped!

Wang Teng couldn't help but roll his eyes too!

This elder was so childish. When he heard them discussing this matter, he decided to tease them.

After taking care of the guards, the group took the keys and opened the prison gate. They walked out.

The sky was dark outside. The moon was shining silver light everywhere, along with a few stars.

The elder stood under the stars and pushed his palm towards the sky. He closed his eyes as if he was feeling something.

“What is he doing?” Lin Zhan couldn’t help but ask.

“Shh!” Wang Teng stopped him hurriedly. He used voice transmission to speak to him, “This elder is very strong. Be careful of what you say. You might get killed.”

Lin Zhan immediately shrunk his neck. He could tell that the other party wasn’t a simple person. When he heard what Wang Teng said, he didn’t dare to make any more noise.

After a while, when he noticed that the elder was still posing, Wang Teng got agitated. He went forward and asked cautiously. “Elder, do you think we should leave now?”

The elder opened his eyes and glanced at him.

Wang Teng immediately felt afraid.

Fortunately, the elder didn’t say much. He just nodded and said, “Lead the way.”

Wang Teng moved through the dark, following the escape route that they had planned in the evening. The group looked like a bunch of thieves sneaking around in the dark.

Martial warriors were patrolling at night in the Crimson Tiger City too. There were lookout posts every few steps they took. Furthermore, every team of martial warriors had heavy machine rune guns on them. If they were discovered, they would be in huge trouble.

Tap, tap, tap.

The orderly footsteps gradually moved away.

Wang Teng and his teammates walked out of the blind spot between the buildings after the patrol left. They ran towards the back of the Crimson Tiger City.

When they first arrived at the Crimson Tiger City, they noticed that the defense at the back of the city was relatively weaker. There were fewer garrisons there compared to the sides and the front of the city.

If they had to find a breach, the back of the city was undoubtedly their only choice.

“Stop!” The elder suddenly raised his hand.

The few of them stopped in their tracks instinctively. Wang Teng looked at the elder curiously. “Elder, what’s wrong?”

“Look at the ground.” The elder replied coldly, “How are you going to escape if you’re so stupid? You almost walked into a trap before you’re halfway there.”

Wang Teng and the others lowered their heads. With the help of the dim lights from afar, they saw some runes carved on the slab stones on the ground.

“This is... sensor rune!” Wang Teng’s expression changed. He recognized the runes instantly.

His rune lessons didn’t go to waste. He had picked up some basic rune knowledge, so he was familiar with these sensor runes.

Although the runes on the ground were more complicated than the basic runes he had learned in his lessons, the foundation runes were still the same. The methods might vary, but the principle was the same. Complicated runes were formulated using foundational runes.

“You’re quite knowledgeable.” The elder was surprised. However, he still reprimanded Wang Teng in a low voice, “But, you are really stupid. You possess the rare spiritual power, and yet, you don’t know how to use it. You can divert your spiritual power out of your body and form an ‘induction field’ around you. These runes won’t be able to escape under your eyes.”

“Erm, elder, you are right.” Wang Teng felt ashamed. Ever since his spiritual power was awakened, no one taught him how to use it. He had groped his way around and thought that he had grasped the essence of the skill. Also, in his battles, he had used his spiritual power to kill his opponents many times. It made him a little arrogant. Now, from the looks of it, he was just a newbie.

“After awakening your spiritual power, you haven’t found a master, right?” the elder asked curiously when he saw Wang Teng’s expression.

“You’re right,” Wang Teng replied.

“No wonder!” The elder nodded. He stopped scolding him.

To prevent attracting any attention, they didn’t destroy the sensor runes. Instead, they went a few meters around it and found another path.

Along the way, Wang Teng diverted his spiritual power out of his body under the elder’s guidance and used it to inspect the area around him for sensor runes.

After his inspection, he realized that there were more than a hundred areas in the Crimson Tiger City that were protected by sensor runes. They were like surveillance cameras. They would get caught if they weren’t careful enough.

They also had to evade the patrols that would pass by occasionally. Hence, they unconsciously slowed down a lot.

Fortunately, they managed to stay safe in their escape.

However, at that moment, a shrill alarm rang throughout the entire Crimson Tiger City.

“Did someone notice that we have escaped?!” Everyone’s heart jumped.

“Bullshit, it has been a while since we escaped from the prison. How can they not discover it?” the elder said furiously.

“You don’t seem anxious at all.” Liu Yan couldn’t help but argue.

“Why should I be anxious? I’m able to escape anyway.” The elder sniggered.

“F**k! You are so sneaky.” Liu Yan felt speechless.

“Stop talking. Hide quickly,” Wang Teng whispered.

The moment his sentence ended, the lights in the Crimson Tiger City lit up. Very soon, the entire city was lit up until it was as bright as day.

A large number of military martial warriors were sent out to search every nook and cranny...