Chapter 1671: Thunderbolt Suicide Squad

Shen Yuanbao sent Meng Chao a document.

It was the information regarding the mechanic's identity.

This car repair factory was a little famous in the neighborhood, and many rich people went there to modify their vehicles. Due to the nature of the modification work, in order to ensure the safety and reliability of the vehicles, the maintenance workers and the modifiers had been registered in the relevant units. They also obtained professional qualification certificates and an A-level certificate. Therefore, there were no issues in relation to imposters or even fictitious identities.

According to the information, this mechanic was called "Li Wei," and he was once a member of the Thunderbolt Suicide Squad.

The Thunderbolt Suicide Squad was the collective name of the special transport fleet that traveled between the ruins of Dragon City and the isolated strongholds in the wilderness during the Monster War.

At that time, humans and monsters were engaged in close combat. They would often be caught in the fierce battle, and the human supply lines would often be torn apart by the monster horde, especially the forward bases that were far away from the city of Dragon City and deep in the wilderness.

Once they were surrounded by the monster horde, it was easy to fall into the predicament of running out of ammunition and food.

There were also many forward bases built in the depths of the mountains where the roads were rugged and even non-existent. The jungles grew crazily.

The daily supply operations of these forward bases that were "isolated lands" could not be reached by air transportation.

Only experienced drivers with great skills and courage could drive off-road vehicles that had been specially modified and loaded with explosion-proof tires, tracks, and even crawling feet. Only then could the supplies be transported in one vehicle after another.

When the situation was at its most tense, the fearless drivers even had to carve a bloody path through the overwhelming beast tide and crush the monsters' broken limbs before they could break into the besieged human stronghold. Then, they could finally transfer precious guns, ammunition, and cultivation resources to the soldiers who were fighting fiercely.

With such a special transportation operation, the casualty rate was naturally high.

Sometimes, in order to transport a box of ammunition and genetic medicine, they had to sacrifice the lives of more than a dozen veteran riders. But they did not hesitate at all.

That was how the word "suicide" came about for the Thunderbolt Suicide Squad.

In the past, becoming a member of the Thunderbolt Suicide Squad was quite a glorious thing for middleand low-level superhumans who had talent in driving and machinery.

As long as they could make a bloody path through the torrential beast tide, they would be able to receive a considerable reward, as well as the gratitude and cheers of everyone who was surrounded by the beasts.

However, with the end of the Monster War, Dragon City entered a new phase of transportation development. Railway tracks and highways were laid out from the main city district to various satellite cities to various forward bases, and crystal ore veins. All kinds of super-large armored airships with astonishing loads were introduced one after another, and the importance of the Thunderbolt Suicide Squad became greatly reduced.

The reason was obvious.

Times had changed. Even ordinary people who had just learned how to drive for a short time could drive heavy trucks with loads of tens or even hundreds of tons on the highway at lightning speed.

Drones and intelligent war machines with monster nerves patrolled the area to ensure that not a single fly could fly on the highway.

Who still needed the Thunder Suicide Squad to drive a specially modified vehicle that looked like a combination of a steel hedgehog and Bigfoot? It consumed an extremely high amount of fuel, but it could not carry much cargo. How about rampaging through the rugged mountain roads and overgrown jungles?

The Thunderbolt Suicide Squad members of the past had changed careers one after another.

Some of the lucky ones had become bus drivers, truck drivers, and crew members of armored airships.

There were also many experienced drivers who could not find jobs and became victims of the surging tide of the times.

Li Wei was considered lucky.

The former captain had received the help of a noble and invested in this vehicle repair factory.

More than a dozen old brothers could still huddle together to keep warm.

Once, the vehicle they modified managed to withstand the impact of a Demonic Halberd Pig and still maintain a speed of thirty to fifty yards an hour, as well as advance through a jungle filled with poisonous thorns.

Now, it was obviously a piece of cake to repair and modify civilian vehicles.

Speaking of which, the income of being a mechanic in a civilian vehicle repair factory was definitely like heaven and earth compared to the time when they were in the Thunderbolt Suicide Squad.

Their social status had also plummeted.

There were no more flowers, cheers, or applause.

There would also be no near-death experiences. After finally transporting an important cargo, they would receive a high reward and a full sense of accomplishment.

Since Meng Chao returned to Dragon City, he had come into contact with many middle- and low-level superhumans like Li Wei. After their victory in the Monster War, their income and social status had actually decreased.

"The war is over. We are useless."

"I know nothing apart from killing monsters. I'm just a piece of trash!"

"In order to defeat the monsters, I have left so many scars on my body. Now, what can I exchange these scars for?"

"The flowers, the cheers, the applause, the hugs, and the adoring gazes... Where did they all go?"

Those were Li Wei's usual thoughts.

Meng Chao knew that after any long, drawn-out war, after decades of blood and fire, the placement of veterans who had trained in the art of killing would always be the most complicated and troublesome problem.

With a little carelessness, the heroes of the past could easily go from one extreme to the other and become the source of the entire society's turmoil.

However, the problem Dragon City faced was more serious than any other country in the Earth era becauseDragon City had no market and hinterland to speak of.

Without a market, there would be no jobs.

Without jobs, there would be no income.

If there was no income, there would be no dignity.

Once these middle- and low-level superhumans and veterans, who knew nothing except killing, discovered that they had no jobs, no dignity, and no hope, there was a high probability that they would pick up killing again and use their only skill to fight for what belonged to them.

In short, people like Li Wei had a very good motive to join the Blood Alliance and change their fate as well as Dragon City's!

Of course, apart from the motive, Meng Chao also needed to find more evidence.

Fortunately, Shen Yuanbao had a very detailed medical report on Li Wei.

As a senior driver, Li Wei was a member of the Dragon City Dangerous Goods Transportation Association, and he had a Special Class A driving license.

In other words, he was qualified to transport dangerous goods, including raw crystals and compressed spirit energy.

Since crystal products were inflammable, explosive, and extremely dangerous, it was necessary to ensure that the drivers who transported such volatile goods were absolutely healthy, stable, and reliable.

What if the driver suddenly had a heart attack while transporting a whole truck full of raw crystals or compressed spirit energy and caused the vehicle to go out of control?

That vehicle would turn into a heavy rampaging bomb.

Therefore, the members of the Dragon City Dangerous Goods Transportation Association had to undergo a comprehensive physical and mental check-up every six months so that the Traffic Management Department would have a detailed record of their health.

Chapter 1672: New Life Hospital

"Wait, Li Wei couldn't have passed the physical examination and obtained the dangerous goods transportation license."

Meng Chao discovered something suspicious.

If one wanted to become a member of the Dangerous Goods Transportation Association, one did not have to be a healthy person with intact limbs.

After all, nowadays, artificial limbs were highly developed. Even if one's limbs were replaced with runic mechanical products, one could accurately control the steering wheel, brake, and accelerator.

However, Li Wei's entire spine was embedded with suspicious implants. The implants even extended all the way to his brain, allowing him to be stimulated by signals that were reminiscent of brain waves at a moment's notice. He could be turned into a mindless flesh puppet.

If such a person could drive a truck full of raw crystals or compressed spirit energy and go on a rampage in the main city, would he not be exploited and turned into a human bomb at any time?

Meng Chao had just scanned Li Wei's surgical scars.

Judging from the signs of growth in his flesh and blood, his wounds had taken at least a year to heal.

As for the Dragon City Dangerous Goods Transportation Association, it needed its drivers to undergo a comprehensive physical examination every six months, including a thorough scan of the bones and internal organs with various X-ray equipment.

It was impossible for Li Wei to pass the physical examination with such a weird implant.

"This is the key issue."

Shen Yuanbao said, "The medical institution that issued the health report to Li Wei did not find any problem with him at all. The medical imaging data that they provided to the Dragon City Dangerous Goods Transportation Association did not show that there was any implant in Li Wei's body aside from artificial joints and alloy bones either."

"How is that possible?"

Meng Chao scoffed.

In fact, there was no need for any medical experience at all. Provided that one was not blind, one could not possibly draw the conclusion that Li Wei was "healthy and completely normal" once he or she removed Li Wei's clothes and saw the shocking scars on his back.

"There's something wrong with Li Wei's health report."

Meng Chao muttered, "Where did he get his physical examination?"

"New Life Hospital."

Shen Yuanbao threw out a name that Meng Chao had never heard before.

Meng Chao was slightly startled.

He was very familiar with the public hospitals that ranked in the top few spots in Dragon City, as well as the list of high-end private hospitals that had experts and cutting-edge equipment.

He was sure that New Life Hospital was not among them.

"Does the Dragon City Dangerous Goods Transportation Association recognize this hospital's medical report?" Meng Chao asked suspiciously.

The Dragon City Dangerous Goods Transportation Association did not have its own medical institution, but it would not casually recognize the medical examination reports of some underground illegal clinic.

They had a list of designated hospitals, which basically included the professional medical institutions in Dragon City ranked in the top twenty.

The Dangerous Goods Transportation Association could only recognize the medical examination reports that those institutions issued.

If any member of the association had a traffic accident or wanted to upgrade themselves, they could only go to the listed hospitals for treatment. They could not go to those shady underground clinics that were filled with all kinds of people and accepted illegal modifications that were indecent or even insane.

"They admitted it themselves."

Shen Yuanbao had also just received the information about New Life Hospital, hence he transmitted a copy to Meng Chao. "New Life Hospital was originally an orthopedic clinic that specialized in serving the Thunderbolt Suicide Squad. In recent years, it received investments, increased its scale, increased its departments, and expanded its business scope. The year before last, it passed the certification of the Dragon City Dangerous Goods Transportation Association and became qualified to conduct medical examinations for Special Class A drivers and issue health reports.

"As for Li Wei, it was at that time he obtained the relevant license and became a member of the Dangerous Goods Transportation Association. Moreover, he had been undergoing a medical examination at New Life Hospital.

"Oh, right. According to the information here, Li Wei also underwent three surgeries at New Life Hospital. They were knee replacement surgery, spine strengthening surgery, and a modification surgery to upgrade his artificial limb. It seems that he trusts this hospital very much."

"Of course. This is the only hospital he can trust."

Meng Chao pondered deeply. "Based on Li Wei's injuries and the strange implants from his spine to his brain, if he were to be transferred to any large public hospital, he would definitely not be able to engage in any high-risk occupations once he's discovered and recorded."

"There's another very interesting piece of information here."

Shen Yuanbao said, "The original director of New Life Hospital is also a veteran orthopedic specialist in the industry. Two years ago, he was poached by Thundercloud Technology with a high salary, and he joined an affiliated company of theirs. He even owns a lot of shares in the affiliated company.

"Now, the person in charge of New Life Hospital is the old director's younger brother."

There was a bright glint in Meng Chao's eyes.

Li Wei, New Life Hospital, Thundercloud Technology, and Yun Feidian were all connected together.

"Senior Shen, you mean Yun Feidian has controlled New Life Hospital for a long time, and it's making flesh puppets for him?" Meng Chao thought deeply.

"It's very possible from the looks of it. If I were the leader of the Blood Alliance, it would be necessary for me to control such a hospital."

Shen Yuanbao said, "Whatever the new Blood Alliance is going to do, it will not be without the support of cultivation resources. Whether it's bribing the key players in important posts within the nine mega corporations or carrying out a few earth-shaking operations in the downtown area of Dragon City, it will consume an astronomical amount of crystals and compressed spirit energy, just like The Bright Light's explosion.

"Of course, the Blood Alliance will not be able to use the ready-made spirit energy pipeline. Otherwise, if the gas consumption is too high, the adjudicator court and the Research Department will notice it.

"They can only use the dangerous goods vehicles to add fuel to the vehicles for their scheme. The method is flexible and secretive enough.

"If that's the case, it will be even more important to have a batch of dangerous goods carriers who are under their control and loyal to them. They will never betray them. Even if they do, they will be punished immediately. At a critical moment, it will be even more vital for them to become human bombs.

"The most efficient way to achieve his goal is to control a hospital, perform special implantation, as well as modification operations, and promote the hospital to the certification list of the Dangerous Goods Transportation Association."

"Indeed. With Thundercloud Technology's capability, there are many ways to make the Dangerous Goods Transportation Association recognize New Life Hospital!"

Meng Chao's eyes lit up. "In other words, the people who have undergone multiple physical examinations and treatments at New Life Hospital in the past two years are all likely to be Yun Feidian's puppets and members of the Blood Alliance!"

New Life Hospital had just been upgraded from a specialized hospital for bone injuries to a general hospital not long ago. Regardless of fame or strength, it could not compare to the top ten public hospitals in Dragon City.

The number of patients who had undergone multiple physical examinations and treatments at New Life Hospital would not be too small, but it would not be too large either.

Ignoring the ordinary people for the time being, the number would be even smaller if only the superhumans were investigated. It was completely within Meng Chao and Shen Yuanbao's range!

Chapter 1673: Waiting for the Rabbit

"Three days is enough time for us to find the list of suspicious patients in New Life Hospital. A large number of the Blood Alliance's members must be hidden in this list," Shen Yuanbao said confidently.

"If the Blood Alliance is really going to make a big move in three days, these people will have to gather from all directions and attack Shen Yuanbiao. By then, we will be able to wait for the rabbit to fall into our trap and catch all these guys in one go. We will also be able to trace the clues and find Yun Feidian!"

Meng Chao could hear the confidence in Shen Yuanbao's words.

He thought that Shen Yuanbao was hiding in the depths of The Grand View of the Universe, but he could still spy on the secrets of the nine mega corporations.

He knew that the strength that the top Deity Realm expert of Dragon City had accumulated in the dark was more powerful than anyone could imagine.

When he had just experienced the assassination attempt and his enemies were unknown, Shen Yuanbao did not reveal all of his trump cards to Meng Chao.

However, now that Yun Feidian had exposed his true intentions, Shen Yuanbao could only gamble on his own fate and that of Universe Corporation!

Meng Chao contemplated for a moment and said, "Since you already know about the Blood Alliance's scheme, I believe that there must be a way to completely ruin it, Senior Shen.

"I'm just curious. If Yun Feidian is truly the leader of the New Blood Alliance, how will you deal with him?"

"In the beginning, Yun Feidian and I didn't get into each other's business. Even if he was really ambitious and interested in setting up the New Blood Alliance, it had nothing to do with me.

"However, Yun Feidian should never have treated Universe Corporation as a stepping stone for the rise of the Blood Alliance.

"First, it was the explosion of the Red Creek Project's crystal warehouse. Then, it was the assassination attempt on me. Then, it was the attempt to lead those hooligans to crash into Universe Corporation's headquarters with help from The Bright Light's explosion.

"After all those tricks failed, he is still trying to destroy Universe Corporation with the help of that traitor, Shen Yuanbiao!

"Hmph. If Yun Feidian is really the mastermind behind this series of schemes, I'll make him pay a terrible price!

"Yun Feidian is right. If the nine mega corporations are really going to give away some of their power and benefits to the small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as the ordinary citizens, they will have to receive some compensation in return.

"In my opinion, there are too many mega corporations. We might as well chop Thundercloud Technology into pieces and use them to compensate the eight mega corporations!"

Shen Yuanbao's words were menacing and threatening.

Meng Chao could clearly sense it even through the wireless communication line.

He could not help but feel his hair stand on end. He felt sad for Yun Feidian, who had chosen the wrong prey. Why did he have to provoke Shen Yuanbao?

Nevertheless, he said, "That's good, Senior Shen. Now that you have a complete plan, I can open a second front to investigate other targets."

"Oh?"

Shen Yuanbao asked, "What target are you investigating?"

"Lu Siya, of course."

Meng Chao explained, "According to Yun Feidian, assassinating Shen Yuanbiao and messing up Universe Corporation are just means to something else.

"His real purpose was to capture Lu Siya under the pretext of the incident and turn her into a monster puppet. Then, he would use Lu Siya as a breakthrough point to slander the higher-ups of the Azure Alliance. He'll paint them as monster puppets too, thereby completely destroying the Azure Alliance.

"In other words, regardless of whether Yun Feidian's assassination of Shen Yuanbiao is successful or not and whether there'll be any new changes in the process, he has to attack Lu Siya in the end.

"In that case, in the next three to five days, as long as I lay in ambush around Lu Siya 24/7 and wait for the arrival of her captors silently, with Lu Siya as the bait, it is very likely that I will follow the clues and find Yun Feidian's secret base. That place is most likely the headquarters of the Blood Alliance!"

"That makes sense!"

Shen Yuanbao could not help but laugh, "The mantis stalks the cicada while the oriole follows behind. I was thinking of withdrawing the net when the other party tried to assassinate Shen Yuanbiao. Now, it

seems that it's better to let the other party kill Shen Yuanbiao successfully and capture Lu Siya before withdrawing the net!

"I believe that at that time, Yun Feidian must have thought that he had succeeded and his vigilance had been lowered to the bottom. He would certainly have revealed more clues!

"Besides, with the real evidence to kill Shen Yuanbiao, even if I can't find the connection between Yun Feidian and the Blood Alliance for the time being, it won't stop me from making him lose his reputation and die a horrible death!"

Shen Yuanbiao was his younger brother who had gone through thick and thin together with him.

However, when he mentioned that he would let the other party kill Shen Yuanbiao successfully, he did not hesitate at all.

It was as if he was talking about a complete stranger or even a lifeless chess piece.

Meng Chao shivered deeply.

However, when he thought about what Shen Yuanbiao had done to Shen Yuanbao, Meng Chao didn't have the position or ability to ask Shen Yuanbao to show mercy.

"Then, it's decided."

Meng Chao didn't know whether what he had done for Shen Yuanbao and the temporary concealment of Lu Siya's identity was right or wrong.

Fortunately, one thing was certain.

The scene of dragon city being blown to smithereens by the explosion of Ten Thousand Suns appeared in his mind again.

"No matter what, it can't get any worse in the future!"

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It was not difficult to figure out Lu Siya's whereabouts.

In other words, Lu Siya was a top internet celebrity in Dragon City today. She was on social media twenty-four hours a day, keeping track of her whereabouts and movements.

Even the cell phones of passersby and the glass walls of tall buildings occasionally showed Lu Siya's name and figure.

In particular, a few days ago, Lu Siya swore in front of tens of thousands of angry citizens that she would find out the truth about The Bright Light's explosion.

Since that day, she had been running around investigating the scene and was exposed to the spotlight almost twenty-four hours a day.

She also held a press conference every twelve hours to report the latest progress of the investigation to the public.

Although only some clues had been found so far—such as the pieces of the crystal bomb that caused the airship to explode, the parts that were pieced together from these pieces, the manufacturers and shops that produced and sold these parts, and so on—no breakthrough had been made yet.

However, Lu Siya's hard work, day and night, and her haggard appearance had once again reaped the favor and trust of a large number of citizens.

Lu Siya was smarter than Meng Chao had imagined.

According to Meng Chao's thoughts, Lu Siya had already noticed that she had become the hunting target of Yun Feidian and the other radicals of the nine great families.

Then, she should hide in secret strongholds and wait for the dust to settle before showing her face.

Unexpectedly, Lu Siya did the opposite, constantly exposing herself to the spotlight and the public.

She was surrounded by dozens of loyal members of the Azure Alliance and dozens of ordinary citizens.

Any capture team that wanted to take her away under such circumstances would set off an unpredictable storm!

Chapter 1674: Proposal

Meng Chao, who was hiding in a secret corner and using his enhanced vision and military binoculars to spy on Lu Siya and the ordinary citizens from afar, had a very strange feeling in his heart more than once.

Monsters were the enemies of mankind.

Superhumans were the guardians of mankind.

That should have been an unquestionable principle.

Now, however, as a monster remnant, a wild banshee, and even the tenth Supernatural Entity, Lu Siya had become one with the ordinary citizens. In the citizens' hearts, she had become the only existence who could uphold justice for them.

Meanwhile, the masters of the nine mega corporations and the superhumans from the noble families were scheming as well as fighting for their own interests. Among them, there was also the Blood Alliance, which was a crazy and extreme organization. They did not care about the ordinary citizens' immediate interests and Dragon City's long-term interests.

If he took a step back and looked at it again, who was the monster? Who was the superhuman?

Meng Chao felt that he could no longer tell.

Take the case before him for example.

The case of The Bright Light's explosion was complicated. Obviously, it could not be solved overnight.

Lu Siya was like a lighthouse that shone brightly in the dark night. She attracted hundreds of superhumans and ordinary citizens to gather around her day and night.

It was impossible for everyone's attention to be focused on the complicated case all the time.

However, under Lu Siya's guidance, it expanded from The Bright Light's explosion to the superhumans' existence and their influence on human civilization, and how to defend the interests of ordinary people without extraordinary powers in this day and age, where extraordinary powers are becoming increasingly powerful, and how to better popularize extraordinary powers. They could not let extraordinary powers only be in the hands of a few people.

Meng Chao could tell that there were many of Lu Siya's supporters in the crowd.

Due to their influence, as well as the fact that some of the superhumans from wealthy families were not up to par, more and more ordinary citizens gradually became wary of the superhumans from wealthy families, as though they were monsters.

Even if more ordinary citizens were not wary of the superhumans, at the very least, they no longer believed that the superhumans must and will protect the ordinary people unconditionally, without any reason. Anything else on the contrary was a myth or foolish words.

"There has never been a savior. Having a father or mother is better than having a savior. Furthermore, superhumans are not the parents of ordinary people. How can they protect ordinary people unconditionally?"

"People can only rely on themselves!"

"'The blood of the strong must flow for the weak, and superhumans are the human civilization's war blades.' These words are so mushy that they are hypocritical. The person who often quotes this must be a liar with ulterior motives!"

"That's right. We ordinary people should not wait for the superhumans to build and protect everything. Instead, we should take active actions and strive for the resources that belong to us in the first place. We should make ourselves stronger and use our hands to build and protect everything!"

With Lu Siya as the center, such ripples gradually spread among the crowd. They seemed to be getting more and more intense. In the end, they turned into deafening waves.

In just a few days, the wave had escalated to the extent that many ordinary citizens believed that the Survival Committee should allocate seats according to the ratio of superhumans to ordinary people.

That was naturally impossible.

According to the latest statistics, the ratio of superhumans to ordinary people in Dragon City was about 6.5% to 93.5%.

If they actually distributed the seats in the Survival Committee according to such a ratio, less than one-tenth of the seats would be allocated to superhumans, and they would be completely reduced to a minority.

Even the most radical ordinary people should not have the luxury of hoping that such a seat distribution plan could become a reality.

Even if their dreams came true—if they could distribute the seats in the Survival Committee according to this ratio—that did not mean the power of the ordinary people's voices could increase tenfold in an instant.

It only meant that the vast majority of superhumans would withdraw from the Survival Committee, the highest authority that had controlled Dragon City for decades. The Survival Committee would lose all its power and authority, becoming a place for ordinary people to play house.

Speaking of which, Meng Chao knew that with Lu Siya's shrewdness, it was impossible for her to throw out such a ridiculous proposal without any reason.

The proposal of "allocating seats according to the proportion of the population" was thrown out and spread through the Azure Alliance's media because it had originally been sent up to be vetoed.

The best way to open a window in a room was to announce publicly that one wanted to tear down a wall.

When the idea of "tearing down a wall" was rejected, "opening a window" became the next best thing.

"Allocating seats according to the proportion of the population" was equivalent to "tearing down a wall."

The Azure Alliance had been planning for a long time, and the compulsory training law for school-aged children, which would be voted on at the end of this month, was "opening a window."

The main content of the proposal was that all school-aged children over three and under the age of eighteen who were eligible for compulsory education in Dragon City should be provided with sufficient training resources free of charge.

It included, but was not limited to, genetic potions, medical pods, training pods, and the guidance of gold-medal master teachers.

In an ideal situation, even if it was an ordinary primary school located in a shanty town that mainly served the children of factories and mines, it should also be equipped with high-end training pods and medical pods similar to private primary schools. Plus, the same dosage of genetic potions should be distributed every day and every semester. A Deity Realm expert could be invited to hold the same lectures. Only by doing so could the fairness of education be ensured to the greatest extent, and the descendants of ordinary people could awaken their extraordinary powers. There was a possibility of achieving a leap in social class.

After the Azure Alliance's publicity, the contents of this proposal became deeply rooted in the hearts of the people for a long time.

Needless to say, the vast majority of ordinary citizens raised their hands to welcome the passing of this proposal and the promotion of the official bill and even the "Jackie Chan" law.

In particular, the recent series of events made ordinary citizens aware of the hidden danger of the nine mega corporations being overinflated and the powerhouses of wealthy families being too powerful.

They realized that the superhumans did not necessarily have to protect ordinary people.

Once the superhumans decided not to protect the ordinary people anymore, the ordinary people would not have too many means to defend their own interests.

With that understanding, the ordinary citizens urgently hoped that the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children could be passed so that their descendants could control their own destinies. At the very least, they would have the possibility to do that.

This was what the people wanted and the general trend.

It was difficult for the members of the nine mega corporations to block the passage of this proposal.

Originally, their only way was to temporarily shelve the proposal and "plan for the long term" under the excuse that Dragon City did not have enough resources and was temporarily not equipped with the conditions to allow children of the right age to enjoy the highest standard of training treatment.

However, the scandals in the underground black market continued to ferment, and many of the wealthy families' children were involved in the vortex of "expensive gene drugs." Even after their daily extravagances were all exposed, this excuse became riddled with loopholes.

Why? The cultivation resources for the sons of wealthy families to indulge in debauchery were so abundant that they could even be sliced into pieces and eaten by a Tyrant Mammoth.

Yet, when ordinary citizens wanted their descendants to enjoy equal rights in cultivation, they were already "lacking in resources"?

What the f*ck was this logic?

Chapter 1675: The Scandal That Needs to Be Exposed

To be fair, Meng Chao believed that the members of the nine mega corporations did not deliberately want to block the passing of the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children.

After all, most superhumans, even the ones from the nine great families, were still willing to see Dragon City's overall strength increase day by day, so as to conquer the entire Other World as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the introduction of the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children would bring two problems.

First of all, the Azure Alliance, which proposed the act, would have a much greater say in the Survival Committee, and ordinary citizens' trust, as well as support for them, would also continue to grow.

Besides, the biggest beneficiaries of this act, the middle and lower classes who could not afford high training fees, were also the foundation of the Azure Alliance.

In the Survival Committee's next midterm election, they would definitely stand firmly on the Azure Alliance's side and help them win more seats in the parliament, causing the seats of the nine mega corporations to shrink continuously. They would even go from being able to dominate Dragon City's fate to being subordinate and vassals.

Second of all, where was the money coming from? That was the most unbearable and unsolvable issue.

Just like any seemingly beautiful plan, in order to successfully pass and implement the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children without any discount, an astronomical amount of money and training resources would have to be consumed.

The Survival Committee itself could not produce even half a copper coin.

Also after decades of the Monster War, the Dragon City civilization, which was still covered in injuries and silently licking its wounds, had a financial system that was also riddled with holes and about to collapse. It did not matter that they had won the war.

Which of those powerhouses, who seemed to be as numerous as the clouds and the rain of fierce generals, was not struggling and on the verge of bankruptcy?

Not to mention, for the purpose of expansion, all the powerhouses had used the banks and the financial market to borrow wantonly and spend ahead of time in the past year.

It was not an exaggeration to say that their grandchildren would not be able to repay the amount of money that they borrowed even after thirty to fifty years.

In recent years, when opening up a brand new market was still a long way, paying off the interest was considered a blessing, let alone the principal.

Under such circumstances, it was difficult for the Survival Committee to squeeze out the expenses needed to implement the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children from the Dragon City civilization's financial budget.

The only solution was to consume the big shots, and they were the nine mega corporations.

When it came to the nine mega corporations and the nine noble cultivation families behind them, they would cancel the tax concessions set during the Monster War, recover the taxes and fees accumulated over the years, and then impose inheritance taxes and luxury taxes on the Deity Realm experts and the children of the wealthy families whose assets were too exaggerated. That seemed to be the only way to effectively promote the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children and alleviate Dragon City's financial crisis.

According to Shen Yuanbao, it was not that the nine big families were unwilling to pay.

The leaders of the nine big families all had the awareness that a Deity Realm expert should have.

They had been through mountains of corpses and seas of blood, so they did not care much about some worldly possessions.

In view of Dragon City's current financial situation, which made it seem like it was treading on thin ice, they were also racking their brains and thinking hard to prevent Dragon City from falling into an economic crisis. That would cause order to collapse again, ending up in a situation where everyone was doomed.

The problem was that, under the guise of promoting the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children, the Azure Alliance was trying to conduct a comprehensive audit of the nine mega corporations

and explain the decades-long question of the occupation and consumption of cultivation resources by the nine mega corporations as well as the superhumans.

That would be the death of the gods.

As we all know, awakening extraordinary power and breaking the limit of life require certain criteria. The consumption and output ratio of cultivation resources were very difficult to quantify.

Perhaps, a peak Earth Realm expert only needed to consume a hundred gene reagents and a hundred mid-grade crystals to break through to the Heaven Realm, while another peak Earth Realm expert needed to consume three hundred to five hundred gene reagents and the equivalent number of crystals.

However, this did not mean that the latter was wantonly squandering or even deliberately wasting strategic resources.

Similarly, a Deity Realm expert occupying a crystal ore vein did not follow the Supernatural Tower's relevant rules and report the true crystal output, as well as pay a full amount of resource tax according to the law. It was a secret that everyone knew and also an unspoken rule that the law did not punish the masses.

As the saying goes, "Clear water has no fish." A Deity Realm expert would clearly occupy a crystal ore vein for the sake of his family and business.

Even when the Deity Realm experts became extremely powerful and needed to stand up and fight the monsters, the people had never been vague about it!

In the past, when the overwhelming beast horde constantly threatened the lives and property of Dragon City's citizens, they turned a blind eye to the peerless experts occupying the crystal ore vein and consuming cultivation resources.

Now that the beast horde had retreated, the people were going to dig up the muddled accounts and cause a stink?

How could there be such logic in the world?!

Meng Chao had heard from Shen Yuanbao that the nine mega corporations were aware that the accounts of the past few decades were unclear, especially with regard to the whereabouts of the strategic resources. The size of the accounts was a hidden danger.

They wanted to take things step by step and quietly sort out the accounts too.

Originally, the North Advancement Plan had been the solution for the nine mega corporations.

Like they say, "The sound of a cannon is worth ten thousand taels of gold." 1

If the nine mega corportions were in charge of the North Advancement Plan, the war funds they spent every day would be astronomical.

One side would spend ten thousand taels of gold, and the other would earn ten thousand taels of gold. If they did a little work in between, would all the holes left by the history of the nine mega corporations not be filled up?

Once the Northern Invasion War was completely won, they would then look at the accounts of the nine mega corporations to ensure that they were flawless and beautiful.

That way, Dragon City's financial market would be able to maintain long-term stability, and the financial crisis would also disappear. Wouldn't Dragon City's future be bright?

Unfortunately, the Azure Alliance did not have the foresight to look at the big picture at all.

They had to stab the nine mega corporations in their weakest spot at the most difficult time.

With the current situation, it would be difficult to get the Survival Committee's approval for the North Advancement Plan in the short term.

Even if the Dragon City civilization really wanted to march north and extend the brilliance of their civilization to the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River, the Red Dragon Army would definitely play the leading role instead of the nine mega corporations' armed forces.

If most of the war funds and war bonuses were controlled by the Red Dragon Army, the nine mega corporations would have a hard time cleaning up the holes in history.

Those were the two reasons why the nine mega corporations could not sit idly and watch the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children pass.

Since they could not stop it directly, there was only one way left for the nine mega corporations.

Before the official vote, the Azure Alliance had to be caught in a scandal.

It had to be bigger, worse, and more shocking than the explosions of the Red Creek Project's crystal warehouse and The Bright Light.

Chapter 1676: Hidden Chess Players and Hunters!

After carefully analyzing the current situation in Dragon City, Meng Chao could roughly guess what the Blood Alliance was planning.

He had to admit that what Yun Feidian said to the "university professor" in the garage was right.

The key to the rise of the Blood Alliance was not to assassinate another Deity Realm expert or to recruit a few more powerful members.

After all, the nine mega corporations had carved up the legacy of the Blood Alliance and developed into today's behemoths step by step.

Even if decades had passed, they would still be on guard against the Blood Alliance's revival.

Perhaps, when the second version of the Blood Alliance had just been born and was relatively weak, it could still lurk in the dark corners that the nine mega corporations could not detect and grow slowly without being noticed.

But now, after the series of shocking cases such as the big explosion of the Red Creek Project's crystal warehouse, the assassination attempt on Shen Yuanbao, and the explosion of The Bright Light, the newly born Blood Alliance had found it an impossible task to completely hide its existence.

If the Blood Alliance wanted to continue to exist and even grow, it had to make peace with the nine mega corporations.

At least, it had to make peace with the extremists in the nine mega corporations.

At least, it had to make the extremists in the nine mega corporations believe that the existence of the Blood Alliance was not bad for them, only beneficial.

The Blood Alliance could become their loyal dog, a sharp blade, a toilet that could be used to carry their excrement, where the stench was so bad that it could be thrown away at any time.

The Blood Alliance could help the extremists in the nine mega corporations do what they wanted to do, but due to their status, they could not do it directly.

For example, they could help them use framing methods to attack or even destroy the Azure Alliance.

"No wonder Yun Feidian took the risk of assassinating Shen Yuanbao to mess up Universe Corporation so that he could capture and interrogate Lu Siya and obtain sufficient excuses.

"Indeed. If Yun Feidian really has a way to pry Lu Siya's mouth open, or if he doesn't need to pry Lu Siya's mouth open at all, all he needs to do is to implant some organs, cells, blood, and genes from the monsters into Lu Siya's body with Thundercloud Technology's cutting-edge tech so that Lu Siya will show some of the characteristics of the monsters and confirm her identity as a monster remnant. Then, he will implant a chip into Lu Siya's brain and turn her into his puppet. After that, he will bite a few higher-ups of the Azure Alliance and expose a world-shaking scandal.

"Just like that, the Azure Alliance will become a monster den. The Mandatory Training Act for Schoolaged Children that they threw out is naturally a conspiracy with ulterior motives. It will never be approved by the Survival Committee.

"The nine mega corporations can even capture the members of the Azure Alliance and expand their forces under the banner of 'completely eliminating the monster remnants.' With the evidence, even the Red Dragon Army has no reason to stop them.

"As a result, the nine mega corporations' rule over Dragon City will become more solid, and Yun Feidian will have made a great contribution. So what if the news of him secretly forming the Blood Alliance is exposed?

"The winner will not be judged and punished. At that time, Yun Feidian no longer represents the individual and Thundercloud Technology, but the nine mega corporations as a whole. Whoever dares to label him as a Blood Alliance member will be throwing dirty water on the nine mega corporations as a whole. He is the monster remnant with ulterior motives. He wants to shake the current order of Dragon

City. He wants to damage the interests of the nine mega corporations as a whole. He wants to cut off their sources of income and kill their parents!

"No, that's not all.

"The battle between the nine mega corporations and Azure Alliance will definitely not be so gentle, polite, and abide by the rules of the game.

"Both sides will definitely use weapons to wound each other.

"Especially Lu Siya... She already has something on her mind. Will she just sit there and wait for the nine mega corporations to capture her?

"Once the nine mega corporations' teams descend from the sky and appear in front of Lu Siya to capture her...

"She will definitely fight back with all her might.

"And the 'hot battle' between the nine mega corporations and the Azure Alliance will also begin.

"If I were Yun Feidian, the leader of the Blood Alliance 2.0, I would definitely summon all the members of the Blood Alliance to charge forward and act as the most loyal and sharpest sabers of the nine mega corporations. I would carry out the fiercest and cruelest attack on the Azure Alliance so that I and the nine mega corporations would be tightly bound together.

"When the hatred between the two parties grows increasingly deep, and both of their hands are stained with each other's blood, will anyone be able to distinguish the nine mega corporations from the Blood Alliance?

"When the time comes, even if the entity of the Blood Alliance falls apart and its banner is burnt to the ground, people will even find out that it is the main culprit. All sins will be poured on its head, and it will be put on public trial so that it will once again perish forever.

"However, the ideology of the Blood Alliance has imperceptibly penetrated into the brains of countless extremists in the nine mega corporations and become their creed.

"Numerous members of the Blood Alliance will also sit in the judgment seat with the appearance of the top executives of the nine mega corporations.

"The former Blood Alliance will use this method to resurrect the dead and become the master of Dragon City again!"

Meng Chao felt that he had seen through most of the "bloody mist" that covered Dragon City.

The only variable was Lu Siya.

Yun Feidian would never have imagined that Lu Siya, whom he had been trying to frame, was really a monster remnant. She might even be the tenth Supernatural Entity who was hiding behind all the monster remnants!

What was the old saying?

"When the enemy says that you have weapons of mass destruction, it is best for you to actually have weapons of mass destruction."

Lu Siya was truly a monster remnant. This meant that she had powers that far exceeded Yun Feidian's expectations.

One should know that Lu Siya had debuted a few years earlier than Meng Chao. She could be considered Yun Feidian's nephew.

Based on her performance during the Monster War, Yun Feidian already thought highly of her as a peak-stage Heaven Realm warrior.

Little did he know that Lu Siya, who had been blessed by the monster mastermind and transformed into a wild banshee, would definitely break through to the Deity Realm after a whole year of cultivation.

Lu Siya, who had integrated the two combat systems of the superhumans and the monsters, possessed double combat skills and was unpredictable. She was even more difficult to deal with than ordinary Deity Realm experts!

"The special combat squad sent by Yun Feidian to capture Lu Siya will definitely return in defeat."

Meng Chao mumbled, "The question now is, what exactly is Lu Siya up to?

"With her scheming mind, it's impossible for her not to notice the huge net that is gradually covering her head.

"She also knows that she won't have a good ending if she falls into the hands of the nine mega corporations.

"When the other party discovers the fact that she is a monster remnant and a wild banshee, her reputation will be ruined at the very least. At worst, she will be dissected and studied, and she will die without a burial place!"

Meng Chao was not reluctant to part with Lu Siya.

The problem was that Lu Siya had successfully tied herself tightly to the Azure Alliance through an entire year of disguise.

If her true colors were exposed now, it would only damage the reputation of the Azure Alliance, causing the proposal of the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children, which was likely to change Dragon City's future, to come to an abrupt end. It would even cause the power of the nine mega corporations to be even greater than what Meng Chao saw in the future.

It would also cause Dragon City to walk toward the end of the world earlier and faster.

"I can't let Lu Siya fall into the hands of the nine mega corporations, especially Yun Feidian and the other members of the Blood Alliance.

"On top of that, I also have to prevent Lu Siya from taking the opportunity to do something bad.

"I find that Lu Siya's performance during this period of time is strange. She's too loud and ostentatious. It's as if she's deliberately telling Yun Feidian her coordinates and luring him to capture her.

"With Lu Siya's cunning mind, it's impossible for her not to see that there is a criminal behind the recent series of events in Dragon City.

"Yun Feidian is an ambitious schemer, and Lu Siya is one too. They are of the same kind, and it's always easier for them to smell the scent of the same kind.

"Defense is not Lu Siya's character.

"With her aggressive personality, it would be a loss if she didn't gain anything. Maybe she has already set up a trap in the dark and is ready to strike back at Yun Feidian!"

He could not let Yun Feidian take Lu Siya away orlet Lu Siya have the chance to use her tricks.

This was the biggest reason why Meng Chao was staring at Lu Siya from all angles twenty-four hours a day.

The situation was complicated.

Fortunately, he still had his biggest trump card.

Neither Yun Feidian nor Lu Siya knew of his existence for the time being.

He was the most hidden chess player and hunter!

Chapter 1677: The Dice Have Been Rolled

Shen Yuanbao did not send any more messages for the next two days.

However, Meng Chao believed that this old and strong Deity Realm warrior had to be like him, scheming in secret and trying to become a "chess player" who could control the overall situation.

There was no news until the dawn of the third day, during the darkest hour.

There were still seventy-two hours before the voting for the Mandatory Training Act for School-aged Children.

Shen Yuanbao finally sent him a new message.

Its contents were a series of simple numbers, including a time and a coordinate.

The time was 6.30 am, while the coordinate was 30 kilometers southwest of Dragon City. It pointed to a warehouse that seemed to have no connection with Universe Corporation.

It was the signal for action that the two of them had agreed on a long time ago.

The dice had been rolled, and the chain reaction that was related to the future of Dragon City's civilization had officially started.

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It was 5.57 am.

A convoy set out from an underground garage and slowly drove out of Universe Corporation's headquarters.

The CEO, Shen Yuanbiao, who had worked hard in the headquarters the whole night, was sitting in a luxurious bulletproof car in the middle.

According to his schedule, he would return to his private residence to rest until twelve noon and then attend a public dinner. At 3.00 pm, he would hold a press conference to inform his friends in the media, of the latest investigation on a series of recent events by Universe Corporation.

However, because the necessary roads were undergoing pipeline maintenance, they were temporarily closed. As such, the motorcade had to take a detour and pass through an underground tunnel three blocks away.

They encountered a small accident in the underground tunnel.

Hence, they were forced to stop and wait patiently for the traffic police to deal with it.

Just five minutes after the motorcade stopped, Shen Yuanbiao had already exchanged positions with a substitute who had been arranged beforehand.

Next, Shen Yuanbiao's replacement would return to his private residence to sleep.

Using nanomaterials that adhered to the skin, Shen Yuanbiao, who had completely changed his facial features, took the opportunity to enter a black SUV that had also been stopped in the tunnel due to the traffic accident. He was about to get a full six hours of free movement.

Five minutes later, the tunnel returned to normal.

After Universe Corporation's convoy and the black SUV drove out of the underground tunnel, they went their separate ways.

When the black SUV passed through the next seven to eight intersections, more than ten cars, SUVs, and van-type trucks followed them. They kept their distance from each other and formed a brand-new convoy.

If one activated their enhanced vision, one would be able to see through the reflective film and the shell of these vehicles. One would be able to see that the drivers and passengers inside were all burly men with fierce expressions.

Many of them were covered in crisscrossing scars, and they were armed to the teeth. Even some of their limbs had been embedded with swords, spears, and halberds. They possessed shiny artificial limbs.

Shen Yuanbao sat in the back seat of the black SUV and changed into a bulletproof, stab-proof, and optical camouflage combat suit made of nanomaterials.

The nanomaterials were extremely elastic, and they perfectly outlined his muscles. At that moment, he looked murderous. He was a completely different person from when he was the chief executive officer of the headquarters.

These people were all trusted aides that Shen Yuanbiao had recruited and trained in the past ten years to seize Universe Corporation.

In the nameless warehouse thirty kilometers southwest of Dragon City, there were even more unspeakable resources, weapons, and dangerous people waiting for his orders.

However, Shen Yuanbiao knew that he was just bait.

He was not the winner of this shocking gamble.

The corner of Shen Yuanbiao's mouth curled up into a cold sneer. He glanced at the minivan that had started to follow them three blocks away through the rearview mirror.

Although this minivan turned left at the next intersection, a pickup truck took the baton.

"Shen Chenglie, Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng?" Shen Yuanbiao mumbled to himself as he chewed on the names of his nephews and niece.

As soon as news of his brother's death reached him, Shen Yuanbiao realized that the so-called blood descendants and foster children had temporarily put aside their disputes and turned their guns to work together to deal with him, the chief executive officer.

All of this might have been ordered by his brother, whose fate was unknown.

That man had countless pairs of eyes that could observe him twenty-four hours a day.

Perhaps his brother had even thoroughly investigated the power that he had accumulated for a long time.

He could not hide his "swap" from these people who were scheming to get rid of him.

Besides, he had no intention of hiding it at all.

"Now, everyone in the blood descendant faction and the adopted children faction must think that I've stored a large number of dangerous unspeakable items in the warehouse south of the city and I've also sheltered a lot of wanted criminals who can't be seen in the light. They assume that I'm leaving the city to use these things to fight them to the death, right?

"As long as they get me and all the evidence in the warehouse south of the city, they'll be able to destroy my reputation and make me automatically withdraw from the competition for the highest position in Universe Corporation.

"Therefore, they will definitely send all their elite soldiers to treat the warehouse in the south of the city as the battlefield for their final victory.

"Little do they know that I still have my trump card from the Blood Alliance."

"At this moment, Universe Corporation's defense is unprecedentedly weak. Provided that the Blood Alliance is willing to risk everything, they will definitely succeed in assassinating my dear big brother and make him fall for his own cleverness!

"When Big Brother's fake death becomes a real death, the people of the Blood Alliance will arrange sufficient evidence on Big Brother's body to prove that he died a few days ago. Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng learned of Big Brother's death earlier and even saw his body with their own eyes.

"Hehe, as the direct descendants of my eldest brother, they obviously saw my eldest brother's corpse, but they deliberately concealed the news of my eldest brother's death. Even before my eldest brother's corpse grew cold, they used me, a meritorious minister of the Shen family and Universe Corporation, as an example. Aren't the ambitions of these juniors obvious?

"Plus, how exactly did my eldest brother die? Who was the real culprit? Isn't the answer clear?"

Shen Yuanbiao reviewed his entire plan again.

He was sure that everything was under control.

Right then, he was not worried about Shen Yuhe and his other nephews.

However, for some reason, the image of his big brother appeared in his mind.

The Shen Yuanbao in his mind was not the aggressive Deity Realm warrior of today.

Instead, it was of him decades ago. Together, the brothers, who had no other worries yet, fought with their blood and sweat.

"Brother, don't blame me."

Shen Yuanbiao closed his eyes and muttered to himself in a tone that was close to a moan, "Universe Corporation is the result of our blood and sweat. We need to be strong enough to protect it.

"Yet, you got yourself seriously injured during the final battle with the monster mastermind and lost the power to protect it.

"I-I don't want to watch our life's work be destroyed.

"I have no choice but to cooperate with the Blood Alliance!"

Chapter 1678: The Hunter and the Hunted

Shen Yuanbiao's guess was correct.

Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, Shen Chenglie, and the others had indeed prepared an inescapable net. They were waiting for him to step into the trap.

The heirs of Universe Corporation were either hiding in carefully disguised vehicles, hanging far behind Shen Yuanbiao, or they had already moved to the warehouse's vicinity in the south of the city, ready to take action at any moment.

To be honest, they did not want to eliminate Shen Yuanbiao physically.

No matter what, Shen Yuanbiao was a family elder and one of Universe Corporation's founders. Currently, he was in charge of the corporation's daily operations as the "CEO."

Whether it was physically eliminating him or exposing his shocking scandal, causing him to lose his reputation and suffer a fate worse than death would deal a devastating blow to the reputation and business value of the Shen family as well as Universe Corporation. Both sides would suffer heavy losses.

However, Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, and Shen Chenglie were all certain that Shen Yuanbiao had already suffered a great loss in the recent series of open and secret battles. His mind was muddled, and he could only make a desperate gamble.

His last bargaining chip and other unspeakable secrets had to be hidden in the warehouse south of the city.

As long as they exposed evidence of Shen Yuanbiao's crimes and seized the evidence against him, they would be able to turn this uncle of theirs into a fish on the chopping board. He would be at their mercy.

Plus, Universe Corporation's power would be transferred to them calmly and quietly.

Of course, whether it was the blood descendants like Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng, or the adopted children like Shen Chenglie, everyone had seriously considered the question of whether the old man was dead or not more than once.

Although Meng Chao had secretly summoned Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng to the old man's secret medical room last time and shown them the old man's "body" sealed in the genetic medicine, the old man was still alive.

Deity Realm experts could temporarily change or even freeze their physiological reactions, stop their breathing and heartbeat, fake signs of death, and even skillfully control their cells to show patches of lividity on their skin if they wanted. It was not difficult to fool the sophisticated medical equipment.

At that time, Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng were deeply moved by Meng Chao's words. For a moment, their minds wavered, and they did not suspect him.

After they left, they thought about it repeatedly, and the more they thought about it, the more suspicious they found the matter.

However, upon deeper consideration, they realized that the old man's life and death did not affect what they had to do.

If the old man was truly dead, as children, they were duty-bound to avenge the old man. They also had to take back the highest authority that originally belonged to them from the hands of Shen Yuanbiao, their uncle.

If the old man was not dead, this would just be a special test arranged by the old man for his successors. In that case, they had to use all their skills to let the old man clearly see that they were the most qualified to inherit his mantle, the entire Shen family, and Universe Corporation!

A few hundred meters away from Shen Yuanbiao, in two vans with different company logos and different models, Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng simultaneously raised their wrists and looked at the time.

It was 6.14 am.

At his current speed, Shen Yuanbiao would arrive at the warehouse in the southern part of the city, which he had transformed into a secret stronghold, in about fifteen minutes.

When that time came, everything would be settled.

The brother and sister, Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng, both had flames of excitement and nervousness in their eyes.

These flames then transformed into bright and beautiful scenes before their eyes.

It showed their family business continue to develop and grow because of them after they took control of Universe Corporation, leading the nine mega corporations. It was also a beautiful scene of themselves advancing rapidly, growing in strength, and surpassing their limits.

Immersed in their beautiful dreams, they did not realize that in the tall buildings hundreds of meters away from the road, behind at least a dozen windows, there were military binoculars and even antimaterial sniper rifle scopes locked onto them.

These heavy anti-material sniper rifles were as big as rocket launchers. They were filled with sniper bullets that were thicker than a baby's arm and purely polished from high-purity crystals.

Many of the crystal bullets also showed a magnificent color of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, overlapping and changing.

It was obvious that they were crystals of different properties. They were nested together after being meticulously carved.

Once they whistled out of the barrel of the gun, they could stir up the plant's magnetic field, increasing their power.

The moment they came into contact with their target, they could also trigger magma that was thousands of degrees hot, frost that was close to absolute zero, and high-voltage electric arcs that were comparable to lightning. They were completely opposite forces, but they had the same terrifying destructive power.

Forget the bulletproof car and van that Shen Yuanbiao, Shen Yuhe, and Shen Yufeng were in, even a battle tank equipped with reactive armor could not withstand the fatal blow of this special bullet!

The gunmen who were sitting behind the heavy anti-materiel sniper rifle like metal statues had fierce and cold expressions. Their eyes were like bottomless wells, without the slightest fluctuation of emotion. Occasionally, there would be a flash of brilliance within them, indicating the collision of massive information and formulas.

Upon closer look, there were many winding scars on the backs of their heads and spines. There were even many metal implants protruding directly from the sides of their spines, like two rows of neat rivets.

When wireless signals were channeled into these "rivets," biological electricity would flow back and forth between their spinal cord and brain fluid, making their nerves highly excited but also their mind highly focused. Their pupils were constricted into the tips of needles as faint patterns appeared on the most secretive parts of their bodies one after another.

They were two crossed vertical eyes that overlapped to form an "X" shape.

They were crossed eyes, the symbol of the Blood Alliance.

It was not exactly time yet.

These Blood Alliance members were only "reserves." They were lying in ambush there and were mainly responsible for monitoring the two fleets of the Shen family. They were not to deviate from the predetermined route.

Naturally, there were even sharper and more secretive assassins from the Blood Alliance lying in ambush near the warehouse. They were in charge of sending sniper bullets as thick as an infant's arm into Shen Yuanbiao's brain.

However, the members of the Blood Alliance, who claimed to be monitors, did not expect to be closely monitored from the air by a fourth force.

Above their heads, about three to five hundred meters in the air, the air route made up of armored airships was as orderly and lively as usual.

The crystal engines were operating at their maximum capacity, leaking out strands of spirit energy, forming a colorful mist around the armored airships.

Looking from the ground, the air routes in different directions were like intersecting rainbows.

However, there were clearly signs that did not match Universe Corporation on the airbags of several of the armored airships. The pods that were supposed to be filled with cargo were filled with murderous intent instead.

Chapter 1679: Fall

Within the armored airships, those disguised as transport personnel were also well-muscled, deep-eyed, and scarred elites who were not afraid of death.

They were all trump cards that Shen Yuanbao had accumulated in his bloody battles over the past decades.

After every bloody battle, Shen Yuanbao would hide those who were heavily wounded and loyal to him behind the scenes. They would no longer be required to carry out too many complicated and dangerous missions. However, they were still fed with astronomical cultivation resources, allowing them to focus on nothing else, except polish their combat ability. They became killing machines that continued to replenish their energy, turning from "aces" to "trump cards."

At this moment, these fighters were also holding the most advanced military binoculars. Through the porthole in the cockpit, they were overlooking the southern region of Dragon City from a high vantage point.

Not only that, but the pod was also loaded with plenty of infrared scanning and spirit magnetic induction equipment. Once they captured the special vitality magnetic field changes of a superhuman, they would be able to lock onto him firmly and he would have nowhere to hide.

With such aerial scanning and the list of suspected New Life Hospital patients that Meng Chao had gotten for Shen Yuanbao, the old man had discovered the members of the Blood Alliance who thought that they had hidden themselves very well.

As expected, these people had surfaced one after another in the past one or two days. First, they gathered together and distributed their weapons and equipment. Then, they moved to the surroundings of Shen Yuanbiao's warehouse in the south of the city through different channels.

Shen Yuanbao's trump cards saw their every move.

In the armored airship's transport cabin, there was also a single glider with a powerful jet function, which allowed the trump cards, who were on average in the Heaven Realm, to descend from the sky in just one minute.

However, it was not time yet.

The small fries of the Blood Alliance were not Shen Yuanbao's targets either.

The real big fish was still hiding among the magnificent high-rise buildings in the central business district of Dragon City, showing off its dignified appearance!

It did not matter if that was not enough. The actors had already stepped onto the stage, the chess pieces had been placed on the chessboard, and the final game was about to be played. Shen Yuanbao believed that he had to be the hunter, the fisherman, and the ultimate winner!

It was 6.27 am.

Shen Yuanbiao's convoy slowly drove into the warehouse in the south of the city.

It was a gray, reinforced concrete building complex, which was filled with the smell of smoke and fire of war. There were horse repellent and reinforced steel plates everywhere. In addition, there were traces of dried blood and mucus from monsters everywhere. The doors of each structure were twenty to thirty centimeters thick, and they were made of the strongest alloy. However, there were still shocking dents and scratches on them. They silently spoke of how cruel the war had been.

There were not many windows around all the structures. At most, there were some holes that served as observation holes and shooting holes. The guns that came out of these holes almost did not require adjustments in terms of trajectory. They could form a crisscrossing three-dimensional fire net.

During the Monster War, the people of Dragon City had built countless similar bunkers and fire points around the main city, forming the first line of defense for their civilization.

After the end of the Monster War, these military fortresses that were not suitable for human habitation were mostly transformed into warehouses.

Of course, if an ambitious person rented such a warehouse, he or she would be able to restore it to its original state—a steel fortress that was armed to the teeth—without spending too much time and cost.

Clack, clack, clack!

The windowless warehouse, which was dozens of meters tall, slowly opened with the sounds of gears spinning and chains twisting. It only had a few ventilation openings at the top. The steel plates that had been laid on the ground came into view, revealing a road that was more than ten meters wide. It was enough for heavy container trucks to drive side by side.

Following the underground passage, Shen Yuanbiao's fleet went underground.

The steel plates were closed again. A few "freight workers," whose muscles bulged out of their loose work clothes, were guarding the entrance and exit of the underground passage.

"It's really weird!"

"This must be Shen Yuanbiao's nest. He must have piled up a lot of evidence here!"

Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, Shen Chenglie, as well as the other successors who were lying in ambush, all had flames in their eyes, and white smoke was spurting out of their nostrils.

"Move out!"

They gritted their teeth and waited for the last three minutes. They guessed that Shen Yuanbiao had already entered the warehouse. After checking the time, they issued strict orders to their trusted aides.

For a moment at the break of dawn, the warehouse immediately boiled like oil being thrown onto an ice cube.

Amidst the deafening roar of the engines, the "civilian vehicles" that had been modified and equipped with steel and iron bones on top of astonishing combat ability jumped up from all directions and surrounded the warehouse in the south of the city.

The shells of the "civilian vehicles" slid open, revealing rockets and honeycomb launchers. Many of the unique rockets were equipped with anti-monster combat units. They could automatically lock onto the carbon-based creatures with the most active vitality magnetic field nearby and destroy their spirit reactions with heat, shock waves, and spirit magnetic interference. Even if their target could not be blown to death, their target's ability to use spirit energy could be temporarily and significantly reduced. One could use them to hunt monsters, but of course, one could also suppress the combat ability of superhumans.

The "freight workers" who were guarding the entrance of the underground passage did not expect so many ferocious-looking steel behemoths to appear around them simultaneously.

When they finally saw the long guns and short guns on the other party's vehicle under the dazzling headlights, their hearts could not help but stop beating. Their pupils constricted, and they broke out in cold sweat.

The few "freight workers" turned their necks like rusted machines and looked at each other in dismay. They wisely chose not to move at all, allowing the steel beasts to pass by them and rush toward the warehouse.

As for Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, Shen Chenglie, and the others, they did not choose to open the steel plates and enter through the underground passage.

Their purpose was to catch Shen Yuanbiao, not to hurt either side.

If they walked through the underground passage, not only would they be easily ambushed, but it was also likely that the other party would block the entrance on the other end of the passage and waste too much time.

As the saying went, "Deal with right and wrong based on the facts presented before you." If Shen Yuanbiao were to escape, they might not be able to nail him even if there were a large number of undeclared dangerous goods in the warehouse and dangerous people who were currently on the wanted list.

Therefore, they directly approached the outer walls of the warehouse from the ground.

The outer walls were as solid as hard metal. Even the overwhelming beast horde in the past had not been able to break through them.

Shen Yuhe and the others had studied the warehouse's blueprints long ago. They even secretly found the builders of the warehouse from back then and discovered a way to destroy the warehouse!

Chapter 1680: Trap

"Right here! Go!"

Following Shen Yuhe's shrill cry, two tracked infantry war chariots were refitted. There were also four heavy-duty vehicles carrying special demolition devices that looked like large speakers. Protected by dozens of corporate warriors in power armor, they rolled forward and pressed against the wall on the east side of the warehouse.

According to their analysis of the construction drawings, the interior of this wall was the intersection point of a large number of pipes and cables. It was also relatively the easiest to break through.

As for the two demolition vehicles with megaphones, they could use the chain reaction of sound waves to trigger the resonance of objects. They could use the high-frequency vibration of tens of thousands of times per second to turn the copper wall into dust.

Seeing the red lights above the wrecking vehicles flashing one by one, the corporate warriors loyal to Shen Yuhe and the others all put on special earmuffs.

When all the red lights were turned on, sound waves, which could not be processed by the human ear but could rip apart the brain, came from the depths of the "big speakers." They were unstoppable, and they penetrated the reinforced concrete that was more than one meter thick.

In just half a minute, the towering buildings in front of them began to shake violently at a speed visible to the naked eye.

The copper walls and iron walls that could not be broken by even the overwhelming beast horde seemed to be attacked by mysterious and unpredictable magic. The reinforced concrete was instantly turned into gravel and quicksand. Amidst the cracking and shattering sounds, a huge hole more than three meters in diameter was revealed.

Through the hole, one could see boxes of materials piled up in the warehouse, as well as the dumbfounded "freight workers."

"Shen Yuanbiao is inside. Don't let him escape!"

Shen Yuhe took the lead, and Shen Yufeng followed closely behind.

Both of them were blinded by their desire for power, and they did not care about their own safety at all.

Shen Chenglie and the others, who had rich combat experience, hesitated for a moment.

However, they knew that this was not the time to be hesitant either.

They exchanged glances, gritted their teeth at the same time, and entered one after another.

Although everyone did not want to fight Shen Yuanbiao in the same room and have both sides suffer heavy losses, they were also prepared for the other side to jump over the wall in desperation.

This time, they brought the entire Shen family and Universe Corporation, which was fifty to sixty percent of their strength.

Even if Shen Yuanbiao wanted to put up a stubborn resistance, he could only seek his own destruction.

Yet, the scene inside the warehouse shocked everyone.

Not only did they not find Shen Yuanbiao, who had just entered the warehouse through the underground passage, but they also did not find any contraband or dangerous goods there.

Similarly, they did not find any fierce-looking wanted criminals.

The vast majority of the containers were filled with crystal ore slag that had been refined many times.

All the slag had legal purchase, tax, and clearance documents attached.

All the "freight workers" were exactly the same.

That could be determined by their temperament, facial expressions, muscle lines, the toughness of their flesh, and the smoothness of their skin.

Not to mention, Shen Yuhe and the others entered their faces and fingerprints into the database and confirmed their identities. They were all good, law-abiding citizens!

"How-How is this possible?"

Cold sweat immediately flowed down Shen Yuhe and the others' foreheads to their lips, but they could not stop it.

Over the past few days, they had conducted thorough investigations around the warehouse in the south of the city.

They had confirmed that the goods that had been delivered there were still emanating feeble spirit waves despite the fact that they were all packed in special materials.

Therefore, they judged that the goods were all extremely dangerous and possibly undeclared "weapons of mass destruction."

However, they did not expect the slag that had been refined many times to also have weak spirit radiation that could produce the same effect as carefully-sealed "weapons of mass destruction."

The question was, why had Shen Yuanbiao gone through so much trouble to collect so much slag?

Since when did he, the CEO of Universe Corporation, personally come here and take charge of the group's garbage collection?

"We've all been fooled!"

Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, and Shen Chenglie looked at each other and saw the deep confusion and unease in each other's eyes.

They realized that Shen Yuanbiao had seen through their intentions long ago.

This warehouse in the south of the city was a trap that Shen Yuanbiao had meticulously set up!

The problem was, what was the point of Shen Yuanbiao meticulously setting up such a trap?

Was it to gather them together and capture them all in one go?

That was impossible!

Besides, they had more than half of Universe Corporation's military power. Once they gathered together, their momentum would be even greater. Shen Yuanbiao could not swallow them with just the other half of his military power.

Even if Shen Yuanbiao had taken great pains to raise an unknown and incomparably elite military force in the dark, he would still have to pay an extremely terrifying price to finish all of them in one go.

Killing a thousand enemies would result in a loss of eight hundred. The game of power naturally had its own rules that could not be broken in a fight. The Shen family's own people would fight until their heads split and blood flowed, and both sides would suffer devastating losses. On the contrary, outsiders would look at them like a joke and take advantage—Shen Yuanbiao was not stupid, he would never do such a stupid thing that only harmed others and did not benefit himself!

"Shen Yuanbiao... What on Earth is he trying to do?!"

Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, and Shen Chenglie all muttered to themselves at the same time. Their expression showed unprecedented disappointment, confusion, fear, and nervousness!

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More than twon hundred meters away from them, in another unremarkable warehouse.

Through the hidden surveillance camera, Shen Yuanbiao saw the dazed and embarrassed looks of Shen Yuhe and the others. He could not help but smile.

His advanced thermal sensing and facial recognition system clearly outlined the facial features of Shen Yuhe and the rest.

Combined with the identity information that had been stored in the database for a long time, it was easy for him to calculate the number of subordinates that Shen Yuhe and the others brought along, as well as their identities.

As expected, the blood descendants faction and the adopted children faction had come out in full force. All the famous experts participated in the operation. "My nephews and nieces really think highly of my old bones!

"In that case, there shouldn't be many people at The Grand View of the Universe who can participate in its defense, right?

"If my dear big brother is still alive, he will certainly devote all his attention and combat ability to the south city warehouse and prepare to completely destroy my hopes of usurping the throne, right?

"Big Brother, you've been smart all your life. Unfortunately, you never calculate this last game of chess. The south city warehouse is not important. The Grand View of the Universe is the real battlefield!

"Judging from the time, the people of the Blood Alliance should have sneaked into The Grand View of the Universe by now, without anyone noticing.

"What I want to do is be the first to return there before Shen Yuhe and the others can react and find Big Brother's cold body as well as traces of the murderer.

"Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, and Shen Chenglie are all intelligent individuals. As for Shen Chenglie and the other adopted children, they are not even related to Big Brother by blood. All they want is to protect their current interests.

"When I have the power in my hands and their power is gone, in order to not become their father's murderer... they should make the right choice!"