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Chapter 421: Getting Stronger From All Sides

This familiar but unfamiliar picture caused goosebumps to break out on Meng Chao's skin.

He widened his eyes and tried his best to see the X-shaped picture clearly as well as the person holding the surgical knife.

But he could only see a pair of profound eyes that looked like they belonged to a supernatural being through the goggles.

Immediately after, this memory became blurry.

No matter how much Meng Chao struggled, he could not break free from being devoured by the memory vortex.

"Meng Chao!"

In his daze, he heard someone calling him.

The voices seemed to belong to his tutoress Griffin Li Yingzi and Soul Breaking Saber Luo Wu.

In fact, he could also sense a few superhuman presences that were stronger than Li Yingzi and Luo Wu.

'Are those... Deity Realm superhumans?'

Meng Chao sighed in relief. He finally relaxed his tense nerves and allowed the comforting darkness to envelope him. He fell backward and fell into Li Yingzi's arms when she rushed over to catch him.

Meng Chao had two dreams.

In the first dream, he turned into a Demonic Air Ripping Eye.

In the beginning, he was just a normal member of his race, and driven by instincts, he floated in the depths of Monster Mountain Range. He used the abilities he was born with to control and intimidate other monsters so that they would hunt for him.

He never thought about who he was, why he was there, or what he was doing. He just needed to float about, eat, evolve, control others, fight, reproduce, grow old, and die.

Later on, it seemed like a fierce fight happened. Dozens of other mind attack-type monsters waged war against the Demonic Air Ripping Eyes.

The war was not just limited to the Demonic Air Ripping Eyes, but also the countless monsters they controlled.

The war shocked the world and turned Monster Mountain Range into a sea of carcasses. Many Demonic Air Ripping Eyes died, but "he" was lucky enough to escape death. Among the endless mind controls and melee fights, "he" even became stronger.

After killing an innumerable number of enemies, "he" became covered in wounds, however. "His" body was mangled up, and while he was struggling for his last breath, he fainted.

When "he" woke up again, he was floating in a huge bloody lake.

The growth medium was one hundred times stickier than fresh blood. Not only did it repair and strengthen "his" body, it also forcibly injected all sorts of knowledge and memories into "his" brain. It enlightened "him" and opened the door to wisdom. "He" began to think of questions "he" might never be able to answer.

'Who am I?

'Where did I come from?

'What is my mission?'

"He" did not know a single answer.

But "he" knew that humans knew the answer.

At the very least, the unique monsters that were "humans" claimed that they had this so-called "civilization" and looked like they knew the answer.

Otherwise, why would they have the right to claim that they were in control of "civilization"?

In the second dream, he was just a normal Dragon Citizen who failed his national college examination and lived a difficult but normal life.

Unfortunately, since both sides were injured badly during the Monster War and Dragon City lost most of its resources as well as its ability to exercise sovereignty over its territory and survive through internal circulation, it was forced to push its war machine to its maximum capacity and drive out of Monster Mountain Range.

It dragged him into the river of destiny. Against his will, he lifted a saber and killed countless beings. It left him drowned in blood and with his soul devoured.

He struggled for a long time in a hellish battlefield while living ignorantly. Then, the apocalypse arrived, and he finally realized that he and Dragon City had both walked down a path destined for destruction.

It was just like how the Demonic Abyss Eye and monster civilization from decades ago walked down the path of destruction as well.

The two dreams appeared one after another.

They were different, but subtly connected.

One of them was like a person standing beside him in front of a black lake, and the other was a blurry, distorted reflection of him in the water.

At the end of both dreams, Meng Chao saw a mysterious and unfathomable picture: Two long and narrow eyes intersecting with each other to form an "X". Their only pupil shone with an unfathomable light as if it could see through the human soul.

Meng Chao had seen countless monstrous and fearsome monsters.

He had also gone through all sorts of extreme and terrifying things.

But he felt that there was nothing more bizarre than the X-shaped eye.

He woke up covered in cold sweat and found that he was lying in a huge medical cabin.

No, instead of saying that it was a medical cabin, it would be better to say that it was a mini indoor swimming pool filled with gene medicine and high-calorie nutritional fluid.

The gene medicine and high-calorie nutritional fluid were filled with materials from Hell Beasts and even Apocalyptic Beasts. Spirit energy spilled out of them, and a strong fragrance wafted into his nose. Before he even took the initiative to suck it in, it charged into his orifices and pores.

Meng Chao could be considered a frequent visitor of medical facilities.

Ever since he awakened to supernatural powers, he often ended up exhausted and heavily wounded. Then, he would have strange dreams and wake up comfortably in a medical cabin.

Still, this was undoubtedly the most comfortable experience he had waking up.

He stretched his back and sensed no pain. Instead, he felt that all his cells were filled with so much power that he was about to pop like popcorn.

With a thought, he could clearly analyze the dozens of monster materials and rare crystals contained in the medical fluid.

He could also sense the internal structures of the dozens of medical equipment placed in the room, along with the changes in the air from the air-conditioner above his head.

He could even hear the two nurses chatting in the corridor outside.

"Who is the person inside? How did he manage to gain such high favor from President Lu? I've never seen a patient use so many valuable monster materials and crystals in just a few days, and he actually managed to absorb all of them! If it were any other normal superhuman..."

"You don't know? It's Meng Chao!"

"Ah! The one who did all that in this battle? It's no wonder why so many important people came to visit him. I didn't expect that he'd be so young."

"He has always been this young. He's still in university. I heard that..."

The two nurses' conversation grew too quiet as they walked away.

But Meng Chao could still sense the sound waves they released crashing against his body. The different feedback he gained from the sound waves allowed him to make an outline of their bodies, facial features, and even expressions.

Naturally, he could also scan the structure of the corridor and the decorations in it like a bat through the changes of the sound waves.

In fact, because of an unknown reason, detailed plans of how he should fight with everything beside him if an army of monsters or undead charged out from behind the corner of the corridor popped up in his mind as well.

'What's going on? My senses and deductive abilities seemed to have become better.'

Meng Chao recalled all that had transpired before he fell unconscious.

He widened his eyes, and a delighted spark showed up in his gaze.

'Is this... what Heaven Realm feels like?'

He clenched his fist and swung it fiercely in the medical fluid.

The 36,000 pores in his body were all opened up, and they absorbed the spirit energy in the gene medicine and high-calorie nutritional fluid like rabid dogs.

He had finally reached Heaven Realm, the territory of first rate fighters and a stage he had never been able to reach in his previous life even after training for decades.

His senses improved drastically, and he was filled with so much power that he was almost bursting. But those were normal changes that were not worth mentioning.

Meng Chao noticed that the information he could gain and the things he could control had increased by several degrees as well.

In the past, when he looked at someone, all he saw was a simple human shape.

Now, he could form the outline of humans and monsters dozens of meters away through the vibrations of sound waves and the feedback provided by them. He could then tell their body size, their condition, temperature, even their breathing, heartbeat, and contraction of their muscles to determine how dangerous they were and their fighting strength.

No matter what he looked at, even if it was the gentle light at the ceiling, he could instantly "see" its length, width, breath, and wattage.

Meng Chao believed that the data he "saw" would have less than a 0.01 mm difference from the data obtained from tests.

And he could scan, control, and perform micro-adjustments to even more parts of his body.

His breathing, heart rate, speed of blood flow, speed of spirit energy flow, speed of adrenaline secretion, pulse rate of a certain organ, contraction and swelling of a certain muscle fiber... He could practically control everything within his body.

If a not very suitable example was to be used, then in the past, he was like an auto car.

His breathing, heart rate and hormone secretion were locked and controlled automatically by his cerebellum.

The good thing was, his cerebrum did not need to handle a lot of complicated information, and the pulse rate of his organs was automatic.

The bad thing was that he could not bring out the maximum power of his engine and car body. He could not handle all sorts of extreme environments and situations.

His current self was a manual car.

The bad thing was that he had to use a lot of focus and calculations to constantly adjust his physiological parameters.

The good thing was that he could now control all his organs and nerve bundles. In an instant, he could bring out his maximum power to negate all sorts of strange threats and problems in extreme situations.

The benefits of his calculation abilities improving far outweighed the disadvantages.

A simplest example of that could be that with just one thought, the cells at the end of his limbs could vibrate at super high speed and release the energy from the depths of the mitochondrion to form a small magnetic field.

That magnetic field could spread outward to interfere with and even control the objects around him.

Meng Chao stared at the ceiling light above him.

He controlled his magnetic field and stretched it to the ceiling light through his eyes.

It had originally been adjusted to sleeping mode, so the light was dim. In an instant, it became bright and gradually turned piercingly bright.

Meng Chao became playful. He controlled the ceiling light to flicker nonstop.

'Is this the secret behind controlling items remotely? That's interesting!'

He focused his mind.

Just as he was about to play around with his body and figure out his new abilities, such as the limits of how much his organs could swell up, he noticed that Kindling had become really bright at the corner of his eyes.

A thought popped up in Meng Chao's mind. He lit up Kindling and read the rewards he gained while he was unconscious.

The first three notifications almost blinded his recently strengthened eyes that were supposed to be as strong as titanium.

[The Fire Relayer killed Supernatural Entity Demonic Abyss Eye. You greatly increased Dragon City's chances of victory in the Monster War. Increased contribution points by 55,000.]

[The Fire Relayer awakened Supernatural Entity Earthquake's soul, allowing him to return as the human Gao Ye. You greatly increased Dragon City's chances of victory in the Monster War. Increased contribution points by 50,000.]

[The Fire Relayer gained part of Supernatural Entity Demonic Abyss Eye's memories and abilities. The progress of the Mystery of Supernatural Entities has increased by 21%. Current progress: 46%. Increased contribution points by 21,000.]

Chapter 422: Mystery of X

The first two pieces of information were fine.

But when he saw that the contribution points for a Supernatural Entity were only around 60,000 points, Meng Chao felt that it was too low. However, it might also be because it had not fully evolved yet.

Speaking of which, if they had completely evolved, the one dead would definitely be Meng Chao. He would have no chance to lie in a medical cabin in comfort and happily count his contribution points.

But the third piece of information was even more amazing.

'I've been working hard for half a year, and the progress for the Mystery of the Supernatural Entities has only reached 25%. Now, I only read part of the Demonic Abyss Eye's memories, and you're telling me that the quest progress increased by 21% in one go?

'Isn't that a bit too ridiculous!'

Meng Chao then connected the Mystery of the Supernatural Entities and the X-shaped eye together.

The reason for that was simple.

He had actually seen the bloody lake in the Bloody Moon Wolf King's memories before.

And from the abnormal beast research department's analysis reports, there was the possibility that abnormal beasts were genetically modified by men.

This was information known since a long time ago, so it had long since been included in the progress of the quest.

But the appearance of the X-shaped eye shocked Meng Chao a lot.

'How could this be? Based on what Captain Ye said, the abnormal beast research department suspects that the birth of abnormal beasts is related to a satellite city lost in the fog, where it's highly likely that it formed a symbiotic relationship with the monsters and built a monster civilization together.

'The last time I saw this X-shaped eye was in a notebook my mother wrote more than twenty years ago. But Mom has forgotten about the things at that time and doesn't know any details.

'There's something I am certain of, though, and that is that Mom never left Dragon City and went to the satellite city lost in the fog.

'When she was a nurse, she came into contact with the X-shaped eye in an underground hospital, which was definitely located in Dragon City.

'Why is it that these two seemingly unrelated clues have overlapped with each other now?

'No. It's not two clues, but three...'

Meng Chao's mind raced and recalled the three times he saw the strange and unfathomable X-shaped eye at three different points of time, locations, and objects.

The first time he encountered it in his mother's notebook, and it should have appeared there around twenty years ago.

The second time was on the back of his corrupted sister's hand in the memory fragments of his previous life.

If he deduced things based on the timeline in this life, Bai Jiacao should completely awaken to her bloodline and become the Dark Witch ten years later. Then, the picture would be branded on her.

The third was in the depths of the Demonic Abyss Eye's memories.

If the memories Meng Chao read were shown to him in a reverse chronological order, then the scene he saw had happened a long time ago.

'That's not right.' Meng Chao carefully remembered the details of the three X-shaped eye and suddenly thought of something. 'Those are not the Demonic Abyss Eye's memories.

'The Demonic Abyss Eye is huge, and its visual system is different from a human's. The image it saw through its eye shouldn't have been so clear.

'I remember that I was clearly on a surgical table in a human operating theatre and saw shadowless lamps. The shape of the scalpel was also designed for the human physiological system. Those weren't the tools to harvest monsters.

'In other words, the one lying on the surgical table was definitely a human of average size. It was not the Demonic Abyss Eye or its former self, a Demonic Air Ripping Eye.

'That's right. When the Demonic Abyss Eye was being modified in the bloody lake and was in the process of evolving into a Supernatural Entity, it was injected with a large amount of human knowledge and memories. This scene was probably also implanted into its brain at that time.

'Just who is the person who was tied down to the surgical table and forced to go through... some sort of operation or experiment? Why was the X-shaped eye on the surgeon's scalpel? And why did those memories go to the Demonic Abyss Eye's brain? And anyway, how are all these things related to my sister's corruption?!'

Even if Meng Chao had reached Heaven Realm, which increased his deduction and analytic abilities, he could not smooth out all that he had learned into a clear story.

He sucked in a deep breath and quietly worked his spirit energy to ease his brain, which felt like it was about to explode. Then, he carefully recalled the details of his sister becoming corrupted in his previous life.

Honestly, though, there were no details.

In his previous life, once his parents died one after another, he was left alone with his sister and they stuck with each other.

At that time, Meng Chao only wanted to quietly refine his harvesting skills to earn money so that he could take care of his sister.

But Bai Jiacao was deeply traumatized, and she decided to become infinitely stronger regardless of the cost.

Meng Chao only had her left, so he naturally did not want to let her encounter any dangers. But he was too busy with work and had to harvest countless monsters every day.

Even normal monsters had tough flesh and sharp bones. They also had acid and poison hidden in their bodies. If that wasn't enough, they could turn into zombies at any moment, so he had to focus all his attention on handling them.

He had to work until midnight every night and was exhausted. His fingers suffered from cramps, and when he went to the toilet, he could not even hold his prick properly.

Because of all that, it was impossible for him to constantly pay attention to Bai Jiacao.

Hence, even he did not know when his younger sister grew up or became corrupted to such a terrifying degree.

Meng Chao remembered that he had once argued fiercely with his sister in his previous life.

He could no longer remember the specific details, but at that time, he seemed to have discovered crystals and monster materials that were worth cities in his sister's room.

They were so expensive that there was no way that a poor family like theirs could ever afford them.

He suspected the origin of those items, and he immediately demanded answers from Bai Jiacao. His sister was unhappy, and she asked him to stop butting into her business so much, but there was no way he could just stand by and not care. They argued for an entire night and even threw things. Later on, his sister moved out, and much later...

Some built people dressed in black uniforms and wearing black tactical sunglasses, which all gave off a fierce presence, visited him to ask about Bai Jiacao.

At that time, he was ignorant.

But after he returned to the past, Meng Chao discovered through keen observation that those people's presences were really similar to the special forces of the research department and the adjudicators of the adjudicator court.

By the looks of it, his sister had offended a lot of people that she should not offend.

Did she want to take revenge for their parents, or had she discovered the secrets behind the X-shaped eye and wanted to figure out the origins of the Night Demon Blood in her body?

Logically speaking, when she awakened to the Night Demon Blood, she was still very weak and should have been captured by the related departments or mysterious organizations.

But during those two years, human civilization was at its final battle with the monster civilization, and Dragon City was in a state of chaos because the Supernatural Entities would show up once every few days to cause terrifying damage.

If they created a ranking board for the fatal threats to Dragon City, when Bai Jiacao had just been corrupted, she would not have made it to the top ten.

Because at the very least, the Nine Great Supernatural Entities would have occupied nine slots of the top ten!

Perhaps that was why she was able to escape.

When he heard about his sister again, she was already known by a lot of people—no, more accurately speaking, many of the intelligent human-like carbon-based life forms in the Other World—as the Dark Witch.

Speaking of which, the terms Night Demon Blood and the Dark Witch were very meaningful.

Even though Meng Chao did not know the truth behind the terms, if he analyzed the meaning of the words literally, then they implied magic.

Based on Meng Chao's past memories, there was magic in the Other World.

The human-shaped life forms who were skilled in using magic were magicians.

Even though Meng Chao felt that superhumans and magicians were really just terms, and they were all, at the core, still intelligent human-shaped carbon-based life forms, this meant that his sister's awakened abilities came from the same source as those of the creatures of the Other World.

The sister in his memories was also... incredibly cool, awesome, and bewitching, which matched the "magic" vibe!

That meant that more than twenty years ago, someone in Dragon City was already secretly researching the power of the creatures of the Other World, and they came up with at least two results in their research.

One of them was the Supernatural Entities.

The second was his sister, the Dark Witch Bai Jiacao... Maybe?

'Is that the truth? The forces who created the monster civilization aren't a satellite city lost in the fog, but someone lurking within Dragon City itself?

'If that's the case, it would explain how they're so familiar with everything concerning Dragon City, including human civilization and our society's structure. It also makes sense that they could infiltrate Blue Home and corrupt Lin Chuan, Gao Ye, Zhou Tianshui, and a large number of human elites...

'Wait, that's wrong. It doesn't make sense. Based on what Luo Hai once told me and what I investigated over this period of time, those among the people, who created the underground hospitals thirty years ago to research the secrets of life and are still alive, are all top leaders of Dragon City now.

'They have the world at their beck and call and can cover up whatever crimes they want. They even control the direction in which our civilization advances. Why would then there be a need for them to secretly modify abnormal beasts to attack Dragon City? That's basically the same as them slapping themselves! It doesn't make sense!

'Looks like the truth is more complicated than what I can imagine. Just what sort of secrets are hidden behind the X-shaped eye?'

No matter what, having too many disorderly clues was still better than having no clue at all.

At the very least, half of the pieces of the puzzle were now in Meng Chao's hands. As long as he was patient and lucky, he had hope of forming the outline of the truth.

He could also use the resources of the abnormal beast resource department to figure out the truth behind the X-shaped eye, which would kill two birds with one stone.

But there was a problem too.

'This is bad. I've been standing out too much, and I'm too noticeable now. I'm levelling up very quickly, and my achievements are grand.

'I'm basically a firefly burning brightly in the dark and a lighthouse shining stubbornly during a storm. I'm a hero respected by millions of citizens.

'No matter how much the government covers up for me, my achievements might have already spread through every corner of Dragon City.

'This will naturally make me a thorn in the monster civilization's side.

'It's fine if they focus on me, but would the intelligent abnormal beasts notice that Mom was once a nurse in an underground hospital related to X-shaped eyes through the clues lying around? Would they also figure out that my sister has awakened to strength that far surpasses that of a normal high school girl?'

In his previous life, he had financial troubles and had to take care of two ill people, so he had no means to provide many cultivation resources for Bai Jiacao.

Before she became an adult, she hadn't shown anything special that could attract the attention of various forces of power.

But in this life, Meng Chao had stuffed Bai Jiacao with so many valuable materials that she was now a plump little pig.

With the nourishment from a rich variety of resources, her Night Demon Blood had awakened beforehand, and she managed to easily get into the experimental class of one of the three super high schools in Dragon City.

She was also Meng Chao's sister, so even if she wanted to keep a low profile, it was impossible, right?

Chapter 423: Meng Chao's Fear Bomb

This was a chain reaction created by him changing the future.

The storm stirred up by the butterfly effect had resulted in both the good and the bad.

At the same time he prevented the complete wipeout of the transmigration specialists team, he increased the chances of his sister being exposed. It might even result in the Dark Witch being born ahead of time.

But Meng Chao was not at all saddened because of this result.

Fighting spirit burned hotly in him.

In just a short year and a half, he had reached Heaven Realm and was unprecedentedly confident in himself.

He believed that if the monster civilization or other enemies lurking in the dark dared to hurt his family, he would definitely catch them and cut off the claws of evil before cutting those creatures into pieces and reducing them to ashes!

Of course, right now, he already knew that Bai Jiacao's corruption and transformation into the Dark Witch was not due to her own intentions, but because the forces behind the X-shaped eye were causing trouble.

Even if she was really unlucky and turned into the Dark Witch, he would still spend 120% of his patience to properly educate her, influence her, and use the truth to convince her so that she would return to the side of humans.

After all, she was his sister.

Who said that the Dark Witch could not contribute to human civilization, anyway?

With that thought in mind, Meng Chao was eager to do something.

The notifications given by Kindling also burned brightly before his eyes.

[The Fire Relayer risked his life and won against an enemy stronger than himself. He won against Supernatural Entities Earthquake and Demonic Abyss Eye one after another. Your deeds have motivated many Dragon Citizens. Countless citizens have gained the determination to keep getting stronger, and the overall fighting strength and fighting potential of Dragon City has increased. Increased contribution points by 9,999. Obtained special skill: Fear Bomb.]

[Fear Bomb: A normal skill of mind-attack-type monsters. You can use the fluctuations of your brain waves to affect your target's brain so that your target's visual system will produce all sorts of hideous and terrifying illusions. It will cause the target to sink into great fear, and the target's mental strength index might even drop to 0.]

[The normal Fear Bomb produces terrifying illusions out of the blue, and it can be easily seen through by those with resolute hearts. They will not be affected and will even launch counterattacks to hurt you. The Fear Bomb from the Demonic Abyss Eye can activate and magnify the fears that have always been lurking in the target's mind. Those illusions will be even more fatal and unexpected.]

Meng Chao blinked rapidly.

The notifications turned into faint golden light that slowly flowed into his brain's blood vessels, nerves, and spirit meridians. They formed a brand new, profound, and complicated spirit energy magnetic field.

When he activated this spirit energy magnetic field, his spirit energy shot out through his forehead and eyes. It could land on a spot more than ten meters away.

Meng Chao's mind raced, and he instantly understood what this was.

'At the final moment, the Demonic Abyss Eye wanted to use this skill to die with me.

'It didn't know that my soul had been refined by the apocalypse, so my will is as tough as nails. It wouldn't be shaken by a Supernatural Entity who is not fully developed yet.

'That's why it didn't manage to drag me to the grave with it, but instead, it handed a lot of its memories and mind attacks to me. In the end, it didn't succeed with its plot and ended up losing.'

The Fear Bomb was a very common mind attack. Illusion Wolves, Brain-rotting Insects, Demonic Airripping Eye, and many monsters knew it.

Plenty of superhumans who were skilled in meditation and specialized in mental power also treated the Fear Bomb as a beginner's skill.

When normal Demonic Air-ripping Eyes used this attack, they could produce terrifying images out of the blue in a human brain, such as a fierce monster suddenly showing up.

They were, of course, frightening, but they did not make any sense.

Once a person managed to get over the jump scare that caught them off guard, all they needed to do was to think carefully and would realize that it was just an illusion.

If they did not panic when they saw something strange, it would stop being horrifying.

But the Demonic Abyss Eye's Fear Bomb was an upgraded version.

It would not forcefully create scary illusions.

Instead, it would activate and magnify the fears that existed in the human heart. It would infinitely magnify the things the target feared the most.

This way, it would attack the target in a way that that the target's mental strength index would instantly fall to zero.

This was a different method compared to the magnifying of the darkness in a soul and making a person become extreme and obsessed with an idea, but it worked based on a similar principle.

This was the first time Meng Chao was in control of a real mind attack.

The Skillfulness of the Fear Bomb in his skill list was Specialist Level: 53%.

The moment he obtained it, he was already very skilled with it, which was all due to the Demonic Abyss Eye.

But it was not easy for him to further his Skillfulness with it.

Even after throwing thousands of contribution points into it, he only managed to increase his Skillfulness by 10%.

A sharp pain also appeared in the depths of his mind. It was as if there were thorns growing madly in him, and they wanted to gush out of his orifices.

Hiss!

"Looks like mind attacks are different from physical attacks. I can't rely purely on contribution points to upgrade them; otherwise, before my enemies' mental strength index drops to zero, my own brain would explode.

"It'll be better for me to obediently train my brain first so that all my brain cells, blood vessels, and spirit meridians are upgraded and can withstand stronger psychological impacts."

Meng Chao focused on and researched the spirit energy magnetic field of the Fear Bomb with great interest.

He continuously disassembled and analyzed this spirit energy magnetic field to see which blood vessels, nerves, sulci, and spirit meridians it would involve, and which areas of the brain it would stimulate so that it could achieve the effect of resonating brain waves and magnifying fear.

Without his knowledge, his brain waves became stronger.

It caused the medical equipment monitoring his physiological parameters to start beeping.

And the large tub of medicinal fluid that a normal superhuman would spend three to five days to absorb was also fully absorbed in just a short ten minutes.

The sticky liquid was originally fragrant and faint green in color, but in the blink of an eye, it turned as clear as water.

Disorderly footsteps came from the corridor.

Dressed in a patient's gown, Lu Siya was the first to enter the room.

Meng Chao stared at her deeply through the clear medicinal fluid.

Lu Siya looked as if she was struck by lightning. Her face turned pale, and she looked as if she saw something incredibly terrifying, because she actually took two steps back and fell on her butt.

Meng Chao scratched his head.

It seemed like he was too engrossed in his training and had subconsciously released a domineering presence that was as fierce as that of a wild beast.

Lu Siya was a Spirit Sensor, so she was especially sensitive to all sorts of radiation, spirit energy fluctuations, and brain waves.

Did she... get scared because of him?

Ten minutes later, the doctor finished checking up on Meng Chao. Once he was certain that Meng Chao had completely recovered, he congratulated him for successfully reaching Heaven Realm.

He then left, and Meng Chao and Lu Siya were the only ones left in the room.

"Big Sis Ya, are you okay?" Meng Chao asked tentatively. "You look... like you saw something."

"It's strange. The moment I saw you, I shivered out of the blue. Then, I had the scariest nightmare." There was still no color on Lu Siya's face. She looked so pale that it was as if she was a vampire.

"What nightmare was it?" Meng Chao asked.

"I dreamed that Sky Pillar Corporation went bankrupt, and I lost everything, my cars, mansion, savings, and cultivation resources. I could only live in a small house that was around 100 square meters, and I

didn't even have a jacuzzi. I couldn't eat Hell Beast sashimi, and I saw plenty of normal people square dancing under my balcony!" Lu Siya shuddered uncontrollably again. "Ah, it's too terrifying!"

"Um..." Meng Chao understood just what was different about his Fear Bomb and the normal Fear Bomb.

"Dreams and reality are completely different." He could only comfort Lu Siya dryly and change the topic. "By the way, is this an affiliated hospital of the abnormal beast research department? Why are we so lucky as to stay next to each other again?"

Lu Siya sucked in a few breaths before she calmed down a little and explained. "No. This is a private hospital that has investments from Sky Pillar Corporation, and we're staying in the best VIP rooms. They usually don't receive patients who are not part of the corporation and the Lu family.

"That day, after your fight with the mastermind, you were severely injured and entered a coma. We originally wanted to send you to a medical facility designated to the abnormal beast research department.

"But after investigating you, we found that your recovery abilities are pretty terrifying. There weren't many problems regarding your internal and external injuries. Even your blocked and shrivelled spirit meridians would be healed automatically by the Ultimate Style.

"The main problem was that the spirit energy from the Red Radiance Jades and Blue Origin Crystals were instantly released from your body after having accumulated in you for an entire year. Even though it pushed you to Heaven Realm, it also dealt a certain amount of damage to your cells, which created something similar to radiation sickness.

"There's another problem. You became stronger too quickly, and you didn't have enough nutrition. You were in urgent need of high-calorie nutritional fluid made with special recipes.

"Sky Pillar Corporation had started out with crystal miners, so we have rich experience when it comes to treating radiation sicknesses caused by radioactive crystals. The high-calorie nutritional fluid that we created using hundreds of crystals and monster materials is also one of the best in Dragon City. That's why we sent you here."

Lu Siya made it sound really simple.

But Meng Chao wasn't ignorant, and he knew that the high-calorie nutritional fluid he just took in was the best of the best. It was even more expensive than liquefied gold.

And he had to have taken in an unknown amount of it while he was unconscious.

Then, he remembered that when he fought against the Demonic Abyss Eye, Lu Siya had drained herself to the limits even though she was already exhausted to clear a tunnel and come behind the Demonic Abyss Eye.

If she had not hit the Demonic Abyss Eye first and caused it to reveal an opening, Meng Chao did not know how he could have broken through the Demonic Abyss Eye's tentacle defense!

When he thought of this, he felt warmth in his heart and said sincerely, "Thank you, Big Sis Ya,. I didn't expect..."

"Didn't expect what?" Lu Siya narrowed her eyes, and a dangerous light shone in them. "You didn't expect that I would stay back to fight with you but thought that I would flee to safety?"

Meng Chao had nothing to say to that.

When he thought about it carefully, Lu Siya was a woman who constantly placed the word "benefit" at the tip of her tongue. To reap more benefits for herself, she would use every method at her disposal. She would not even care about the sacrifices she had to make personally.

But she had really never done something like having others rush forward to take risks while she hid behind to "give commands".

Every time, she would lead the charge and fight until the last moment.

She was a good person with a firm and unyielding character.

It would cause others to be unable to help but want to become siblings in all but blood with her.

Chapter 424: Gao Ye's End

"Don't worry, I'm not that stupid. I've left behind an escape route for myself. The rock structures I changed spontaneously and the tunnel I dug could only allow a human to crawl in it. If things didn't work out, I would have fled without hesitation, and the mastermind wouldn't be able to chase after me."

Lu Siya looked like she could not stand it when Meng Chao looked at her with gratitude. She smirked and said, "As for the gene medicine and high-calorie nutritional fluid you've been absorbing over the past few days? Of course it's expensive.

"It's supreme-grade stuff I wouldn't be able to bear using usually, but since your constitution is rather special, we can use you to test a few high-grade crystals with radiations that are especially domineering and see their effects on human cells. It will give us valuable data, and it'll be highly beneficial for the cultivation of the people in the future. So, Sky Pillar Corporation didn't suffer any losses."

Meng Chao was a little stunned. "Special constitution?"

"Yeah. Didn't you know?" Lu Siya asked expressionlessly. "Congratulations, you're the superhuman who has been going up the cultivation realms the fastest in the last ten years in Dragon City. In just a short year and a half, you turned from a normal human to a Heaven Realm superhuman. Even those who have been climbing up the cultivation realms as fast as you did were rarely found over the past half a century. You can count them with just one hand."

"Is that so?" Meng Chao was delighted and smiled as brilliantly as the sun.

"Don't be so happy yet." Lu Siya changed the topic and schooled her expression. "They say that you'll never achieve your goals if you go so fast. Cultivating too fast is not something good. At the same time the spirit energy value in your cells increases by leaps and bounds, your bones, blood vessels, muscles, nerves, brain cells, organs, and your mysterious soul might not be fully prepared.

"The fine hidden injuries from cultivation cannot be detected even with the most advanced medical equipment. Still, they might affect your cultivation in the future, which would send you through spirit energy deviation, and you will end up as a cripple or a lost person.

"That's how the path of cultivation is. The more power you gain, the higher the price you have to pay, and the higher the risk you have to face. Over the past half a century, there were plenty of amazing people, geniuses, and monsters who climbed up the cultivation realms at high speeds, but they usually didn't end up well.

"Either the blood vessels in their brains and their bones exploded because of spirit energy deviation and they had to spend the rest of their lives in the ICUs of hospitals or their brains melted because of spirit energy. Their minds were distorted to the point that they couldn't communicate with others, and they ended up as monsters in human skin. The adjudicators then had to take action and suppress them.

"Those who successfully reach Deity Realm and can command the world have all reached their current states one steady step at a time, and that includes the nine great cultivation families. All of them discourage climbing up the cultivation realms too quickly. You must build a solid foundation in each cultivation realm before trying to reach a new realm.

"Of course, your situation is rather unique. After all, no one before you has ever received such a fierce impact from spirit energy tsunamis created by Red Radiance Jades and Blue Origin Crystals at the same time. That's why I can't give you too many useful suggestions. I can only say that you must constantly pay attention to your body and your mind. If you find anything wrong, you must immediately tell your lecturers, doctors, or me. We'll all try to help you."

Meng Chao nodded and said, "Honestly, I uphold the belief that I should cultivate one steady step at a time as well. But... it might be because I have great talent, which is why I just advance so quickly. I can't do anything about it, and I feel troubled too."

Lu Siya said nothing. She just stared at him in silence.

"Alright, I'm sorry. Thanks for your concern, Big Sis Ya." Meng Chao raised his hands in surrender and changed the topic. "By the way, how many days have I been in the hospital? How's the situation from that night?"

Lu Siya told Meng Chao that he had been hospitalized for three days and nights.

Thanks to him, the abnormal beasts' scheme against Noble Descent Hotel was completely destroyed.

The transmigration specialists of Project 101, the investors who were passionate about controllable transmigration technology, and the core members of Blue Home were all fine.

Professor Lu Tianxing, Dragon City's top transmigration expert, Blue Home committee member Zhao Feixuan, and the others were all saved.

The fierce fighting around the hotel and the southern part of the city ended with humans as the victors before dawn arrived.

The losses were naturally devastating.

The new zombie virus and Blood Flowers had appeared at the same time, and they caught the Dragon Citizens off guard.

Once the first wave of attacks ended, the zombies and undead appeared one after another, creating great trouble.

But as Meng Chao destroyed the Demonic Abyss Eye's brain deep underground, the remaining monsters were no longer under its influence and immediately returned to being inferior life forms who were not yet enlightened. They were like scattered sand, and soon, the humans used heavy firepower to kill and suppress them.

Countless citizens, the Red Dragon Army, and superhumans worked together to stabilize the defense lines again, and the tragedy of the undead destroying the defense lines at the residential areas no longer happened.

After the battle, they counted their casualties, and it was about the same as the last super large scale monster invasion when the fog enveloped the whole city.

When they considered that this was the first appearance of the new zombie virus and Blood Flower-infested undead in urban warfare, the number of casualties was within acceptable range.

The specialists in the zombie research center and monster research center were currently working overnight to develop the vaccine for the new zombie virus and the antidote for the Blood Flowers.

The Red Dragon Army and the hunting squads formed by the superhumans targeted the new zombie viruses and undead. They formed corresponding strategies and new war preparation regulations for civilians.

Meng Chao believed that when the new zombie virus, undead, and an even stronger abnormal beast army appeared the next time, they would face newly equipped humans who had become incredibly strong.

"That's good. As long as the number of casualties isn't high, that's good."

Meng Chao sighed in relief.

The transmigration project was protected, and Blue Home did not lose its core members.

This meant that the Home Party might not walk down the extreme criminal path.

The Home Party and Colonization Party would then compete with each other using lawful methods in the Survival Committee, and the possibility of them setting a balanced goal might still happen.

"By the way, the Dem... the abnormal beasts' mastermind really died, right?" Meng Chao asked.

He was not sure whether the Demonic Abyss Eye had obtained some of his memories during the final moment. After all, his mind had been connected to the Demonic Abyss Eye's mind, which had transferred some of its memories to him at that time.

If the Demonic Abyss Eye was still alive and learned of the secret that he had returned to the past, things would be bad.

But Meng Chao had never been a fainthearted person.

In any case, he had just returned from the apocalypse. It was not as if he had done something unlawful.

He never said anything in the past because he was too weak and was worried about being threatened and used by others.

Now, he had reached Heaven Realm. Superstar and the Broken Star Club were both growing. He also rode on the coattails of Lu Siya, Li Yingzi, Gu Jianbo, Yan Hengbo, Ning Shewo, Luo Wu, the abnormal beast research department, the Agricultural University's martial arts course... among others.

Revealing his secrets to trustworthy good friends who had gone through thick and thin with him and fought with him side by side should help in his quest to change Dragon City's future.

However, the appearance of the X-shaped eye added some variables to this matter.

The Supernatural Entities were related to the X-shaped eye.

This meant that the source of the monster civilization and Supernatural Entities might have come from within Dragon City, or at the very least, one of the parts was within the city.

Their enemy was not just monsters.

There was a high likelihood that one of the supreme superhumans in Dragon City who sat at a high place in the city was his enemy.

Then, he could not readily reveal any of his secrets. Otherwise, not only would he be in danger, the friends who heard of the secret might also be involved in this bizarre vortex.

"It's completely dead." Lu Siya frowned a little and said, "More than 50% of its body was composed of brain cells. It was really fragile, and your spirit flames rained down on it like a volcano eruption. They instantly burnt it to a crisp. We can't even find half a piece of tissue that has slight activity, so we can't analyze the secrets behind the abnormal beasts' mastermind now. It's a bit of a pity."

It was only then that Meng Chao relaxed.

Then, he remembered something even more important, and he asked nervously, "What about Gao Ye? How is he?"

Compared to the Demonic Abyss Eye's death, Meng Chao was more concerned as to whether Gao Ye was still alive.

An expression that was a mix between puzzlement and conflict appeared on Lu Siya's face.

After hesitating for a long time, she shook her head and said, "I'm not sure whether he can be considered dead or alive in his current condition."

Meng Chao widened his eyes and asked, "What do you mean?"

"The Ultimate Sandworm is still alive, but there's no evidence or signs that human consciousness and intelligence still exists in his nervous system," Lu Siya said. "Right now, the Ultimate Sandworm is really

just an inferior life form. Its survival habits are no different from those of a normal sandworm, and it doesn't provide any reaction to our stimulations."

"It doesn't?" Meng Chao felt despondent.

He remembered that when the Demonic Abyss Eye's mental power kept growing in the underground, it had turned itself into a huge fireball that could burn the world. At that time, a shining speck of dust had run into it like a moth flying to flames.

Gao Ye was the one who saved him.

He burned with his human dignity and pride to break the Demonic Abyss Eye's mind control and created an opening.

Meng Chao had not won against the Demonic Abyss Eye alone.

Instead, he had worked together with Gao Ye and Lu Siya to kill it.

"Where is he now?" Meng Chao asked. "Where is Gao Ye?"

"If you're talking about the Ultimate Sandworm, he's currently in a special plant in the monster research center. There are super strong alloy barriers installed underground, along with monitoring systems and alarms. He should be very safe," Lu Siya said. "Speaking of which, even though he doesn't have human consciousness now, he seems to have broken free of the abnormal beasts' control and isn't showing any aggressiveness."

"That's good." Meng Chao contemplated it for a moment. "The monster research center... didn't cut him up to research him, right?"

"What are you thinking about?" Lu Siya laughed in spite of herself. "You're a harvester and monster researcher yourself. You should know just how advanced our gene editing and biochemical technology is now. The new nervous system in the Ultimate Sandworm does indeed have great research value, but we don't have to kill him to research him!

"Honestly, a living Ultimate Sandworm is one hundred times more valuable than a cut up one that has become just samples. The monster research center isn't so short-sighted."

"That's true." Meng Chao sighed in relief.

He knew that he was too worried, and it affected his judgment.

Perhaps to Gao Ye, this was the best end.

After all, he was the same as Lin Chuan. He had helped the enemy and made a lot of mistakes that could not be forgiven. Even if he were alive, it would be difficult for him to face his human kin.

Gao Ye's human soul should be just allowed to sleep quietly in the monster's body.

Perhaps there would come a day when Dragon City would become stronger and better, and when the humans could solve their conflicts with monsters properly, they could even develop a brand new technology to awaken Gao Ye's soul and let him see the new era.

There were countless possibilities in the future, so they might actually be able to do it.

Chapter 425: Rewards According to Deeds

Once they were done talking about their injuries, the war situation, and Gao Ye's survival, what came next was the joyous process of discussion about the rewards they would get from their contributions.

"Do you know that the leaders of the abnormal beast research department are mad with glee right now?"

When they started talking about this, even Lu Siya could not hide her joy. "The adjudicator court is an old law enforcement system in Dragon City, and compared to them, the research department has just been built, so we don't have a strong foundation. Our resources, connections, equipment, and even our hard power is lacking.

"The adjudicator court also has a lot of criticisms toward our operations. They believe that the crimes conducted by abnormal beasts are about the same as those of lost people, so they should all be given to the adjudicator court to handle. The best would be to give more money and resources to the adjudicator court so that they could create an anti-abnormal beast squad within the adjudicator court itself. The government would then not need to set up another department.

"You can already imagine it. If we were tricked by the abnormal beasts' scheme this time, didn't manage to predict their real target, and just watched as the transmigration experts and investors were all killed, we would have failed horribly and ended up as jokes.

"If that really happened, not only would the adjudicator court seize the chance to attack the research department by saying that we can't do our job properly, thus causing our budget and personnel next year to be largely diminished, the adjudicator court might really form an anti-abnormal beast squad within itself to fight against us.

"At this thought, cold sweat had broken out on the backs of the leaders of the research department.

"Thank goodness they have us, but more accurately, thank goodness we have you. You managed to predict each of the mastermind's steps as if you have God helping you and helped us win beautifully.

"Based on the news that I received from various channels, the politicians in the Survival Committee and the bigshots in the Supernatural Tower are very satisfied with the abnormal beast research department's performance. They believe that the experts should handle their own specialties, and so, when it comes to cases related to the abnormal beasts, they should all be given to the research department.

"The budget and the personnel arrangement next week will be a little more biased toward the research department. The research department and the adjudicator court will engage in a healthy competition, and it might help the two law enforcement departments to form an iron wall within Dragon City.

"In any case, after this battle, the research department has really risen to power, and we now stand as equals with the adjudicator court. You're an off-staff member, but you contributed the most to the battle. While you were unconscious, the captain and the leaders in the department came to visit you while wondering how they should reward and cultivate you so that they would be able to compensate you properly according to your achievements!"

Meng Chao beamed at her after hearing those words.

In his previous life, during the later stage of the Monster War, the abnormal beast research department rose to power really quickly.

There was a period of time when it even replaced the adjudicator court as the strongest law enforcement department in Dragon City. When a problem of investigation popped up, they could mobilize all the resources in Dragon City, including the Red Dragon Army and the Supernatural Tower.

In this life, he managed to get on this "bullet train", which should be really beneficial to his development in the future.

However, once the Monster War came to an end, the research department had disappeared without a trace. It was as if it had never existed.

That was something strange.

Logically speaking, even if the monsters were thoroughly defeated, the functions of the abnormal beast research department should have just changed. There was no reason for it to disappear completely.

After all, there were all sorts of strange intelligent life forms in the Other World. The abnormal beast research department could be upgraded to the Other World research department and continue researching the dwarves, elves, giant demons... and all the crazy locals of the Other World.

There was something odd about this, and it was not good.

Regardless of whether Meng Chao was willing, even if he was only an off-staff member in name, his future was already bound to the abnormal beast research department.

He had to find the reason behind why the abnormal beast research department had disappeared without a trace in the future and help it upgrade as well as maintain its throne as the strongest law enforcement department in Dragon City.

"Aside from this, Project 101's Professor Lu Tianxing and the investors of controllable transmigration technology are also grateful to you. They contact me every day to keep track of your recovery and ask me repeatedly to notify them once you wake up so that they can thank you personally."

Lu Siya paused for a moment before she said, "Professor Lu is at Deity Realm. He might have been captured by the mastermind and ended up in a very pathetic state, but that's because he used all his spirit energy to stimulate his brain cells in the field of academia.

"The investors of controllable transmigration are all bigshots who are loaded with money and have the world at their beck and call. If you form good ties with these people, you and Superstar will gain immeasurable benefits in the future."

Meng Chao nodded.

The Colonization Party was in trend, so if the Home Party could stand as equals with them, then their connections and resources were naturally unfathomable.

The investors of controllable transmigration might not be as rich as the nine great cultivation families, but they were not far behind them.

If it were not for the fact that they had so much money that they did not know how to spend it, why would they actually invest in the bottomless pit that was controllable transmigration technology?

"Next is the Agricultural University," Lu Siya continued. "You have a good tutor and tutoress. Gu Jianbo and Li Yingzi stayed with you for an entire day and night. They only left at ease once they were certain that your condition had stabilized, that you were just drained in terms of your spirit energy because of the radiation sickness and because your cultivation realm rose too quickly, and you will slowly wake up after you're replenished with a large amount of high-calorie substances.

"On the second day, the Agricultural University brought over a batch of Apocalyptic Beast materials and mixed them together with the supreme-grade crystals from Sky Pillar Corporation to create supreme-grade medicine that costs tens of thousands. That's why you were able to reconstruct your blood vessels, nerves, and meridians within just a short three days.

"Judging by their tone, Black Tortoise Zong Yue of Agricultural University's martial arts course is very pleased with your performance. Once you recover and go back, he will personally provide you with guidance."

Meng Chao exhaled long and hard.

He remembered that a year ago, before he went to the northern battlefield, Black Tortoise Zong Yue had spent a lot of effort to place a beast soul brand in his brain.

Meng Chao had fought day and night against the virtual Black Tortoise and continuously polished his Ultimate Style. That was why his cultivation realm and fighting strength could increase so quickly. It was also why he could reach Heaven Realm so soon.

At that time, he had arrogantly promised Black Tortoise Zong Yue that he would help Agricultural University's martial arts course challenge Dragon City University's martial arts course, the course which deserved its title of the king.

Meng Chao hadn't forgotten his promise.

He believed that it would not be long before Agricultural University's martial arts course became the strongest in Dragon City.

"In any case, we made the right bet," Lu Siya said with a grin. "Even though it was a huge risk, the rewards are really great. Connections, resources, glory, status. All that you want is coming to you swiftly. You might even turn into an idol before everyone's eyes!"

Meng Chao was so happy that he could not stop smiling. He said modestly, "Nah, I mean, idol? I don't think so."

Lu Siya then said with a smile, "What do you mean by you don't think so? This is a good time for that to happen.

"This is what is happening. Based on the newest strategy of the abnormal beasts, their plan was to intensify the conflict within Dragon City and sow discord between the Home Party and Colonization

Party as well as between the superhumans and normal people. That day, when you tried to convince me, didn't you come to this conclusion?

"To destroy the abnormal beasts' plan, the higher-ups are reinforcing propaganda. They want the people to focus on the ideals and have them deeply embedded in their brains, such as superhumans being the weapons of human civilization and the blood of the strong flowing for the weak. It's all so that Dragon City can become more harmonious, united, and good.

"For that, it's necessary to create some model superhumans.

"With your status, fighting strength, the speed at which you climb the cultivation realms, and your contributions in predicting the enemy's plots and killing the mastermind in this battle, if we don't make you a model superhuman, it's just too much of a waste, and we'll be doing dirty to your contributions!"

What she said was right.

If he did not have the clue about the X-shaped eye, Meng Chao might have accepted the offer gladly and become an idol for Dragon City.

But now, he was a little worried. If he was too flashy, would he attract continuous attention from the abnormal beasts, Supernatural Entities, and even the mastermind who created the Supernatural Entities?

There were plenty of things that could not be hidden, such as how he had managed to predict the Demonic Abyss Eye's plot and how he had killed it.

But if that was all, Meng Chao believed that he would not be too high up the black list of the monster civilization.

At the very least, his position would not be higher than that of transmigration expert Professor Lu Tianxing and the rest.

But if he worked with them on the promotions and became a hero in the eyes of the public as well as an idol adored by the young adults, even appearing in the dreams of countless girls, then his status would change.

He would then become a banner that would go up against the monster civilization.

Even if it were just to break the humans' morale, the monster civilization might launch continuous assassination attempts on him.

Meng Chao was not afraid of being assassinated.

In truth, as a member of the Ghost Tribe in his previous life, he was skilled in Walking Corpse and Bizarre Stab. He had also mastered more than one hundred assassination techniques.

But he had to consider things for his family, especially his little sister.

Before he made sense of all the clues, he did not want his little sister to awaken to her Night Demon Blood and turn into the Dark Witch. It would add a few more variables to the already chaotic battlefield.

While thinking about this, Meng Chao humbly told Lu Siya that it was mainly because of the calm commands from the higher-ups and the timely reinforcements from the Red Dragon Army that they were able to successfully stop the abnormal beasts' plot. The citizens were also united, and the powerful fighters were confident in them. Most importantly, Lu Siya always provided support to him by the side and fought with him till the final moment.

Hence, the achievement belonged to everyone, and if anyone were to become a model hero, it should be everyone. He had just done something insignificant while supported by many others.

"Big Sis Ya, you understand me. I'm someone who has broken free of such lowly interests. The title of model superhuman is an empty title, and it's like the clouds in the sky..." Meng Chao said sincerely.

"If the title of destroying the plot and killing the abnormal beast is really important, they can take it if they want. All you need to do is convert the reputation into money, shares, property, or cultivation resources of the same value and give it to me as compensation. That will be enough."

Chapter 426: Olive Branch

When it came to the workings of the world, it was important for everyone to help each other.

Taking all rewards alone in any powerful organization or disciplinary force was not a good habit.

Besides, Meng Chao was indeed not the only person who contributed to the victory.

Even though he managed to predict the Supernatural Entities' main target, if Lu Siya, Ye Xiaoxing, the Red Dragon Army, and the large number of superhumans had not supported him, forget about killing the Supernatural Entity, he would have even lost his life under Noble Descent Hotel.

Meng Chao had never thought of basking in the glory alone.

Any other normal young adult in his early twenties might have a hard time resisting the temptation of being famous, but he came from the apocalypse. Even though he was not really indifferent to fame and wealth, he really did not care about empty titles.

Compared to the Other World extraordinary beings that would definitely turn into dust under his fists in the future, the reputation of killing one single Supernatural Entity was nothing.

Compared to glory, he cared much more about resources.

Hence, Meng Chao asked Lu Siya to contact the leaders of the abnormal beast research department and see how they would reward him for this battle.

"I'm easily appeased. I don't need a lot of glory, just give me money." Meng Chao paused for a moment, then added, "Wait. Money isn't everything. Many of the raw materials of Apocalyptic Beasts and supreme-grade crystals can't be bought with money. The weapons created by grandmaster-class craftsmen and runic symbol masters can't be measured by money either.

"This is still a world where the strong rule. Money can't replace power, and it's no different from toilet paper.

"So, aside from money, I need cultivation resources that will be enough for a Heaven Realm superhuman to cultivate for an entire year. The specially made high-calorie nutritional fluid I've been soaking in feels really comfortable. If I could bathe in three to five tons of that stuff every day, that would be great.

"Also, my chain sabers broke in the battle. Lately, my body has been becoming stronger, so it's difficult for me to control my power from gushing out explosively. Normal weapons can no longer satisfy me, so I'd like to hire a few of the grandmasters ranked at the top in Dragon City to create a few weapons that I will be able to use at ease.

"Also, it felt great using the eight gun-mounted RG-6 and the heavy machine gun, so it'd be best if you could get them to customize some portable versions that I could carry all the time on my shoulder. When I walk down the streets, I'd feel safer then.

"By the way, I reached Heaven Realm. If I don't learn some killing moves, secret ultimate moves, or awaken to some techniques, it won't fit my current status. Are there any on-the-job training sessions or continuous education sessions in the department? Or could you hire some Deity Realm superhumans to teach me amazing martial arts?

"That's about it. The abnormal beast research department is huge and has a lot of resources, so it shouldn't be too much of a problem, right?"

"..." Lu Siya sucked in a deep breath and said expressionlessly, "I will report all of your requests to the higher-ups, word by word."

"That's good, then. Thanks, Big Sis Ya." Meng Chao smiled and looked at Lu Siya. Suddenly, he thought of something. "Honestly, instead of paying attention to promoting me, it would be better to promote you."

Lu Siya cocked an eyebrow. "Oh?"

"Think about it. I don't have a powerful background and have no force of power. Superstar has just been built up. Turning me into this model superhuman will just be an empty title, and it won't bring me a lot of substantial benefits. Instead, it would bring me a lot of unnecessary trouble.

"But you're different. You're part of one of the nine great cultivation families and a member of the Lu family. Your father is the president of Sky Pillar Minerals, which is a core company under Sky Pillar Corporation. I believe that you and your father need this contribution and glory more than I do. It will help you gain an even steadier footing in your family and the corporation.

"And if you use the power from the Lu family and Sky Pillar Corporation, you can bring out the full value of this reward and get more benefits. Even if we split the rewards in half, it'll be much more profitable compared to me turning all my rewards to cash.

"Don't you think so, Big Sis Ya?"

Lu Siya narrowed her eyes.

Meng Chao's suggestion tempted her.

"Speaking of which, being a model superhuman isn't that easy," Meng Chao continued. "I think that the monster civilization won't stop just like this. They might launch an even more sinister and fierce attack. Next time, their targets might be the model superhumans.

"If you become a model superhuman, you and your family must be mentally prepared for the endless assassination attempts from the monsters."

Lu Siya let out a bark of laughter. "That's not a problem. If the monsters want to kill me and my family, let them," she said unconcerned.

Meng Chao thought about it, and it made sense.

The Lu family was one of the nine great cultivation families in Dragon City. If it were that easy to kill the Lu family members, they would have been wiped out a long time ago.

With that thought in mind, he felt that his suggestion would benefit each one of them and satisfy both parties.

Lu Siya thought about it for a while and asked Meng Chao to rest properly. Once night came, she would ask the doctors to perform a full body examination on him.

If there were no major problems, he could be discharged the next day.

Before she left the ward, she left behind a tablet for Meng Chao.

Naturally, he eagerly contacted his parents.

They did not know the details of him risking his life in a battle again.

The abnormal beast research department and Gu Jianbo had matched their statements and said that he was only wounded lightly. They said that since a new zombie virus and the undead had appeared that night on the battlefield, they had all those who participated in the battle isolated for a few days once they considered the risks of the virus spreading.

Once the parents learned that Meng Chao was safe and no longer needed to be observed, they were, of course, overjoyed. They then grumbled about him seldom going home lately. There were all sorts of fresh monster materials at home, and they were all waiting for him to "get rid" of them!

After Meng Chao learned that his parents and little sister were safe, he sighed in relief. Then, he promised his parents that he would go home often once he was done with his work over the next few days.

Next, he contacted Captain Ye of the research department and told him about how noble he was and how indifferent he was to fame and money again.

Ye Xiaoxing was stunned for a long time. He asked for confirmation from Meng Chao repeatedly before agreeing.

Ye Xiaoxing said that being an investigator of the abnormal beast research department was a high-risk job.

As the monsters became smarter and more frenzied, the investigators would naturally turn into thorns in their sides.

It would be especially the case for Meng Chao, who had stopped the mastermind's nefarious plot on his own. If he continued standing in the limelight, it would be strange if he did not end up as the top assassination target for the abnormal beasts!

In the beginning, Meng Chao wasn't asked to officially join the abnormal beast research department because of his status as a university student. The other reason was because they wanted to protect him and his family.

In Ye Xiaoxing's words, he did not wish that Meng Chao would end up displaying his full splendor.

If a tree grew taller than the forest, the wind would definitely break it down. Over the past year, the research department had been fighting in a secret battle of wits against the abnormal beasts, and they did not have an upper hand.

A huge number of outstanding investigators who had both the brawn and the brain had died horrible deaths under the claws of the abnormal beasts.

He did not want Meng Chao to walk the paths of those who died.

Since that was what Meng Chao thought as well, it made many things easier.

Meng Chao's requests were all not over the top in terms of principle, aside from the request of bathing in three to five tons of high-calorie nutritional fluid every day. Ye Xiaoxing said that he would definitely do his best to help him get what he wanted.

Once the conversation was over, Meng Chao contacted Gu Jianbo, Li Yingzi, Luo Wu, Ning Shewo, Yan Hengbo, and the friends who were close to him in the Broken Star Club and Blue Home. He thanked them for the unconditional trust and full support that day.

All of them were delighted that he woke up.

The friends and teachers who were close to him also congratulated him for being one of the youngest Heaven Realm superhumans in Dragon City.

Right now, all of them could see that the nobody who had nearly failed his national college examination over a year ago was showing signs that he would rise to the top in one go.

Hence, they extended olive branches to him and wanted to form close partnerships with him and Superstar.

Because of that, Meng Chao found himself in multiple conversations where he had to praise others while others praised him. Time flew by.

After dinner, Lu Siya showed up again and brought with her a unique guest.

Lu Fanghui was the president of Sky Pillar Minerals, the vice president of Dragon City Mine Explorer Association, high grade consultant of the crystal research center, guest lecturer of Dragon City's University of Technology, top-grade mine explorer in Dragon City, and one of the best crystal specialists.

Of course, most importantly, he was Lu Siya's father.

He was a true bigshot.

He might be the next master of the Lu family and the person who would control all of Sky Pillar Corporation.

The reason behind why he could mobilize much more resources compared to a normal politician might have been because Lu Siya was around.

It might also be because Lu Fanghui was highly interested in one of the youngest Heaven Realm superhumans who advanced up the cultivation realms faster than anyone in the last ten years, which was why he wanted to risk investing in him.

In any case, Lu Fanghui did not put on airs as a president of a company in front of him.

Instead, he smiled at Meng Chao like an elder would.

He was an elegant man with a scholarly air, and he had a face which made it impossible to tell his age.

When he smiled, it was very easy for others to take a liking to him

"Meng Chao, we finally meet."

Lu Fanghui's voice was the same as that of Lu Siya. It was a little hoarse, giving it a magnetic quality, but there was a sincere note to it. "Honestly, a year ago, I should have thanked you face to face... No, it's not related to Siya. It's about Little Chuan.

"No matter how Little Chuan saw me, I've always treated him as my own child. But I've been busy with work over the past few years, and I overlooked his feelings. I didn't expect that he would have such a hard time as a superhuman. In the end, he walked down the wrong path and ended up on a road that led to destruction.

"Fortunately, because of you, he came to his senses at the end and summoned his courage to face his mistakes head-on. Finally, just like his father, he sacrificed himself like a hero.

"Thank you for everything you've done for Lin Chuan."

When Meng Chao remembered everything about Lin Chuan and the White Spirit, he felt all sorts of complicated emotions and sighed.

But psychologically, he felt as if the distance between him and Lu Fanghui had become shorter.

"I heard from Siya that Superstar has been developing really quickly lately. You've bought Prosperous and Spirit Creation Creatures one after another, and the latter is quite the powerhouse in the field of biochemical modifications in Dragon City. The company has dozens of crucial skills and patents."

Lu Fanghui went straight to the point. "Honestly, I've had high hopes for Spirit Creation Creatures' development and always wanted to work with them, but there has never been a suitable project. I wonder if it's possible for us to work with Superstar now."

Chapter 427: Pivot Point for Brainwashing

Meng Chao's mind raced as he thought about Lu Fanghui's suggestion.

Naturally, he would not be so naive as to think that the president of Sky Pillar Minerals had taken a fancy to Superstar or the technology from Spirit Creation Creatures.

Even if Sky Pillar Corporation really lacked the related technological equipment, they could just choose to work with companies that were of a larger scale and had even more advanced technology.

It had to be because he placed a high value on his relationship with Lu Siya and felt that there was a need to groom him into someone on his side.

Speaking of which, Meng Chao had recently been troubled by the matters related to Spirit Creation Creatures.

Superstar had bought over Spirit Creation Creatures for quite some time. It was a standard case of a tiny snake trying to swallow an elephant.

Before this, Superstar hadn't had a lot of connections, skills, and experience related to the field of biochemical technology.

And after Spirit Creation Creatures took a huge blow to their foundation, they had to face strict investigations from related departments. A lot of its businesses, including the contract related to Subway No.20, were put to a stop.

Even though they managed to pass the investigation, it was not easy for them to recover their business.

Even if the abnormal beast research department acted as a middleman and introduced some businesses to them, they were still a long way from making major deals again.

To put it simply, Superstar took in more than they could swallow when they merged with Spirit Creation Creatures and could not quite digest it now.

Meng Chao himself did not know how to manage a company, and his father's experience and abilities were not enough for him to handle such high-level business operations.

Qin Hu and the former president of Spirit Creation Creatures, Xie Xiaolei, qualified somewhat, but even the best chef could not cook without rice, so they were not able to do anything without any suitable projects.

If Meng Chao managed to get a firm grasp over Lu Fanghui's suggestion, it would definitely be able to push Superstar to a higher stage.

"Professor Gao Ye was a genius." Lu Fanghui's next words showed that he was not just running his mouth off. "His skill in creating the Ultimate Sandworm alone is already peerless among all the other sandworm experts in Dragon City. And his consciousness transfer technology is also an ingenious creation that can create a whole new generation. If it could be perfectly executed, it would change how our entire civilization looks and the relationship between superhumans and normal people.

"I might be a superhuman from the Lu family, but I admire some of his ideals. Even if normal people came in control of great power, they might not threaten the benefits of superhumans. Instead, they could bring about balance and make our civilization even more stable and better.

"Unfortunately, a genius like Professor Gao Ye was bewitched by the abnormal beasts and, just like Lin Chuan, walked down the wrong path.

"However, no matter how many wrongs Gao Ye and Lin Chuan made, it has nothing to do with their ideals and skills. Professor Gao Ye used the consciousness transfer technology to turn himself into the Ultimate Sandworm and committed multiple crimes, but that doesn't mean that the consciousness transferring technology and biochemical modifications are evil.

"At the end of the day, technology is blameless and strength is innocent. There are also plenty of rotten eggs among superhumans who absorbed too much spirit energy, which led to their minds becoming deformed and distorted. They became lost people who commit countless crimes, but are we supposed to forbid cultivation just because of lost people? That would be the same as us not eating because of that one time we choked."

The truth about Lin Chuan and Gao Ye's cases was highly classified information. But with Lu Fanghui's status, it would not be difficult for him to learn the inside information.

"Meng Chao, I know that most of the technological reserves from Professor Gao Ye are in Superstar's hands together with Spirit Creation Creatures," Lu Fanghui continued. "Right now, Dragon City is developing the new region in the north. Sky Pillar Minerals has more than ten crystal mining projects in Shattered Starlake, Graveyard Forest, and Raging Waves, and we are in urgent need of a large number of Giant Sandworms to dig tunnels and mine the crystals.

"If you're interested, we'll have a lot of chances to work together in this area. If our cooperation goes well, we can set up a biochemical lab that has even higher specifications than the one originally in Spirit Creation Creatures to research consciousness transferring technology. I do believe that it's something possible."

This suggestion made Meng Chao's heart race.

What concerned the specifics of the cooperation, he would let Qin Hu and Xie Xiaolei handle it. For now, he just sincerely thanked Lu Fanghui for it and taking care of him over the past few days.

"You don't have to thank me. I should be the one thanking you." Lu Fanghui smiled. "No, it's not just because of Lin Chuan, and it's not just because of you saving Siya a few times. It's because of you performing various war achievements and because of Zhou Tianshui."

"Zhou Tianshui?"

Meng Chao was a little stunned.

He remembered the pitiful person who was swallowed in one bite by the Demonic Abyss Eye after he mutated and became a deformed monster.

What relationship did he have with Lu Fanghui?

"Yes, Zhou Tianshui." Lu Fanghui sighed and said in resignation, "Zhou Tianshui was the boss of a second-hand metal recycling company, while his brother-in-law was an engineer in Kun-peng Dynamics. They were partners, and Zhou Tianshui had bought Kun-peng Dynamics' shares secretly through his wife. They had a really tight relationship in terms of economic interest.

"Kun-peng Dynamics has received investments from Sky Pillar Corporation, so Zhou Tianshui's wealth increased ten times or even a hundred times after Kun-peng Dynamics rose to prominence."

Meng Chao felt really confused. "Kun-peng Dynamics is?"

"Oh. Kun-peng Dynamics is a new high-tech enterprise that develops new crystal engines. They're also a complementary production factory to Thunderbolt Airship. They're in charge of providing the crystal engines for the new armored airship project," Lu Fanghui explained.

"You should have heard some rumors. The Red Dragon Army and related departments are currently deliberating on a project to change all the advanced armored airships in hopes to develop a super armored airship that is faster, can travel further, has a longer firing radius, and can carry more ammunition. They want to upgrade all the armored airships in the city.

"The profit from this project would be astronomical, but the base investment is also ridiculous."

"If the government gives the green light to this plan, there might not be a lot of resources and money left for the development of controllable transmigration technology, the full upgrade of the defense systems in the residential areas, or other defensive projects.

"However, if the Home Party's voices became louder and controllable transmigration technology development, the full upgrade of all defense systems in the residential areas, and other projects took up most of the budget and investments, the projects that focused more on the offense, such as switching all the advanced armored airships might be delayed, and there might even be variables involved."

Meng Chao's mind raced, and he instantly understood what he meant.

"This means that Zhou Tianshui didn't fall to disgrace because of fervent ideals, but also because there were very real benefits involved that drove him to it. That's why he turned into a puppet of the abnormal beasts and tried to destroy Project 101's members as well as deliver a huge blow to the Home Party?" Meng Chao came to an understanding.

"Once the transmigration experts were dead, the development of controllable transmigration technology would come to a halt, and the money and resources would end up in the projects focusing on offense, including the switching of advanced armored airships.

"Kun-peng Dynamics would receive a lot of impetus from the great profit, because they would be providing crystal engines for the new armored airships, and would definitely rise to power. Zhou Tianshui would also become even richer because he secretly has a lot of shares in Kun-peng Dynamics. It would no longer be just a dream for him to become rich!

"I was wondering how the mastermind managed to bewitch him to such an extent. No matter how strong it was, it shouldn't have been able to do it. So, that astronomical profit served as a pivot point to make a soul blinded by greed switch sides. It makes sense now!"

"Yes, it's not just Zhou Tianshui. A lot of other people are involved," Lu Siya added. "Over the past few days, the abnormal beast research department hasn't stayed idle. Even though the zombies, monsters, and undead were all killed, we haven't managed to capture all the people who helped sneak them into Dragon City!

"This was a large scale operation, and they managed to launch such precise, specific attacks. Gao Ye and Zhou Tianshui alone would not have been enough help to carry out such a plan.

"The department sent its elites to capture more than one hundred perpetrators based on various clues. There might be quite a few bigshots who will be proven to be involved in this later. This is a major storm in Dragon City's superhuman circle!"

Meng Chao was shocked. Unable to believe his ears, he said, "No way, you're telling me that more than one hundred superhumans were like Zhou Tianshui, bewitched by the mastermind?"

"That's not it," Lu Siya said. "There are only a few rotten eggs like Zhou Tianshui, who are hell-bent on serving the monster civilization. Most of the people are either bewitched by the mastermind or hypnotized by supporters of Zhou Tianshui's ideals. Then, while ignorant, they became accomplices of the monster civilization."

Meng Chao thought about it, shook his head, and said, "I don't get it. What do you mean by ignorant?"

"It's simple. These people definitely did not want to see monsters wreaking havoc in Dragon City, but they also did not want to see the Home Party rise to power. It was a dream of theirs to see the Home Party suffer a major blow," Lu Siya said.

"Most of these people are like Zhou Tianshui. They have tight relationships with various offensive projects in terms of economic interest, and they're firm Colonization Party members. If the transmigration experts were all killed and Project 101 failed, their projects would be able to get more money and resources.

"That's 300% profit. It's enough to make humans even crazier than monsters. And it became their motivation to attack Project 101 and the Home Party.

"As the puppet of abnormal beasts, Zhou Tianshuui could understand their thoughts clearly, so he secretly gathered the firm Colonization Party members and used the nine great cultivation families' name to say that the nine great cultivation families are supporting them by providing them with all sorts of help to attack the Home Party. Then, many people were tricked due to their ignorance."

Meng Chao was stunned. "In your name?"

The nine great cultivation families were the strongest supporters of the Colonization Party in Dragon City.

Besides, while Meng Chao was investigating Blue Home, he had noticed that the Home Party were not really idealists who were passionate about returning to Earth. Instead, it would be more accurate to say that they had gathered together under the name of going back to Earth to form an opposition party to fight against the nine great cultivation families.

If he looked at this from the angle of a conspiracy theorist, aside from monsters, who had the greatest possibility of organizing an attack against the Home Party and the transmigration specialists?

The only answer was the nine great cultivation families.

This meant that if Meng Chao and Lu Siya had not worked together to stop the Demonic Abyss Eye's scheme and the transmigration experts and the leaders of the Home Party really died, the Home Party

members who managed to survive would be fuelled by rage and blame the entire thing on the nine great cultivation families.

Chapter 428: Method to Fight Against Hypnotism

Even though Lu Fanghui was very vague, Meng Chao could guess somewhat that it was highly likely that superhumans from the nine great cultivation families were involved in it. There might even be people from the Lu family who had joined it.

To the Lu family, this was really a situation in which they would have a hard time defending their innocence. They might never be able to explain things clearly to the people about what happened.

This answered a question that had been bothering Meng Chao for a long time: How did Zhou Feixuan turn into one of the ten great lost people in Dragon City in his previous life?

His previous guess was that the abnormal beasts hurt Zhou Feixuan's family, which crushed him, and used the opportunity to bewitch him and turn him into a killing machine.

But when he thought about it carefully, it did not make sense. If he had not done anything, Ms. Xiao and the children in her womb would have died tragically under the monster's claws.

Even if Zhao Feixuan lost his reason to rage, he should have vented that rage on monsters. Why would he turn into a lost person who wreaked havoc in Dragon City?

But if there was proof that certain people in the nine great cultivation families had collaborated with the mastermind and created the tragedy against the Home Party and the transmigration experts, in his rage, Zhao Feixuan could turn his attention on the leaders of Dragon City.

'That's right. That must have been what happened.' Meng Chao analyzed things in his mind. 'If I were an abnormal beast, even if my plan to attack Noble Descent Hotel succeeded, there would be no need to keep Zhouu Tianshui alive. Instead, when the time came, I would cast aside this chess piece and intentionally leak information to prove that there were people in the nine great cultivation families in cahoots with monsters. I could even say that the monsters were created by the Colonization Party and are tools to get rid of those who don't side with them.

'After this, the surviving Home Party members would definitely be vexed. They would no longer believe in the Colonization Party and use lawful methods to compete for their rights in the Survival Committee. Instead, they would lurk in the dark and turn into a criminal organization that is extreme, secretive, and will do anything to achieve their goals. All of it would be in the name of revenge.

'I think that's what happened in my previous life. I remember that the order in Dragon City at that time was really bad. The lost people were really active and audacious. It's highly likely that the abnormal beasts were stirring up trouble behind them as well.'

Thank goodness that he had stopped everything in time.

Since the Home Party did not suffer major casualties, its people would naturally not be as worked up. They would calm down and slowly think over what happened to analyze the scheme and find the truth.

A thought popped up in Meng Chao's mind. He figured out why Lu Fanghui was so generous and wanted to use his status as Sky Pillar Minerals' president to give up a slice of the pie in the development of the new city area in the north to Superstar, a small company.

The key lay in Lu Siya.

Based on the monster civilization's original scheme, they were prepared to kill two birds with one stone. They wanted to first get rid of the transmigration experts and deal a heavy blow on the Home Party, then place the blame on the Colonization Party.

As one of the nine great cultivation families, the Lu family was naturally on the Colonization Party's side.

As a member of the third generation in the family, Lu Siya was born with the brand of the Colonization Party.

But now, as a Colonization Party member, she had worked together with Meng Chao to lead the professional Vulcan Commandos in Sky Pillar Corporation into a dangerous place to save the transmigration experts. She even killed the abnormal beasts' mastermind—the Demonic Abyss Eye.

This gave the entire story a fatal flaw.

As long as they could promote Lu Siya's heroic deeds, even if they could not cause all the rumors to die on their own, at the very least, they could get the Lu family, especially Lu Siya and her father, out of the mess.

Not only would they get clean, they might even get unexpected rewards.

And they needed Meng Chao to work with them on this. He could not say that he had spontaneously figured out the abnormal beasts' real target anymore.

Instead, he had to say that they had made plans and strategized beforehand so that everything worked according to plan or whatever.

Meng Chao was fine with it.

It was not as if he intended to take all the credit, anyway.

He had a close relationship with Big Sis Ya as well.

Lu Fanghua knew how to play the game, too, and gave him a huge pie slice that was more than ten crystal mining projects.

If he did not take it, he would no longer appear to be approachable and friendly, right?

They were all smart people.

With just a few words and communication through their eyes, they understood each other's intentions. Besides, there was Lu Siya serving as the middlewoman, so their negotiations went really happily.

In just a moment, Meng Chao started calling Lu Fanghui "Uncle Lu".

Lu Fanghua also started calling Meng Chao "Little Meng".

"Little Meng, I owe you one for what we discussed today," Lu Fanghua said with a smile. "The Monster War has entered a brand new stage, and if there's a threat, there are also blessings. We're in an era where storms rage all the time. An outstanding youngster like you has plenty of chances to rise to the top.

"Remember that no matter what sort of problems you run into, whatever thoughts or projects you have, you don't have to hold back. You can come to me immediately. I do have high hopes for your development!"

Meng Chao thought about this for a moment.

Lu Fanghua was a true bigshot who could cover up everything that he did. He did not want to let go of this chance where he could really change something.

"Uncle Lu, since we're all on the same side now, I'll get straight to the point if I have any thoughts." Meng Chao went straight to the point. "During the entire afternoon after I woke up, I was wondering about the next plans of the monster civilization. It's clear that they won't prioritize launching head-on attacks like idiots anymore. Instead, they will try to exacerbate the conflicts in Dragon City and make us fall apart from within.

"When the abnormal beasts attacked Noble Descent Hotel, they wanted to deal a heavy blow to the Home Party and throw dirt on the Colonization Party. Of course, this is a very sinister move, but it was made possible by all sorts of conflicts within Dragon City between the Home Party and Colonization Party as well as between the superhumans and normal people. That's how the enemies could seize the chance to attack us.

"In the next stage of the Monster War, I believe that all the related departments and superhumans will increase their firepower, but attacking monsters alone will not get rid of the root of the problem. Even if we kill all the monsters, Other World creatures that are even more terrifying than monsters might pop up.

"At the end of the day, if we really want the flames of human civilization to light up the Other World, we must ensure that we are the most advanced, brightest, and most beautiful civilization in the Other World. As our strong continuously break the limits of life and push our civilization to greater heights, we can't ignore the weak. We must protect the bottom line of our civilization and continue expanding the width of our civilization.

"We must work for the day when the difference between the rich and poor as well as the strong and weak wouldn't be that great in Dragon City and all of us could live dignified lives regardless of whether we're rich or poor or, at the very least, ensure that our descendants have the chance to compete against each other fairly instead of what is happening right now, where some people live in mansions of more than one thousand square meters and have swimming pools while others have to live in cramped shacks or even tents.

"When that day really comes, I believe that no matter how strong the abnormal beasts' brainwashing abilities are, there won't be a lot of people who will be bewitched by them, and there won't be so many conflicts among us that they could make worse."

Lu Fanghui cast a deep glance at Meng Chao. "Little Meng, are you... part of the Home Party?"

Meng Chao thought about it seriously. Then, he shook his head slowly.

"Even though I often take part in Blue Home's activities, I don't think I'm a member of the Home Party," Meng Chao said. "I agree with the Home Party that more resources should be given to the normal people and the defenses of the residential areas so that Dragon City could become safer.

"I also want to build it in the direction of an even more beautiful ideal, but I don't agree with their thoughts of only defending the city like cowards and placing all their stakes on Project 101 to open the dimensional tunnel for Earth's army to save us.

"There has never been a savior for us. The beautiful future of Dragon City should be created by Dragon Citizens themselves. If we are never able to contact Earth, we can't just standby and wait for our enemies to kill us. Fighting our way out is the only choice.

"But I'm not 100% on the Colonization Party's side either. At the very least, I don't agree with the ideal of expanding outwards and pouring all our resources into developing war machines and the cultivation of the strong so that the strong would become stronger while the weak become weaker. We're all humans, but there'll be a heaven and earth difference between us if we go along with the Colonization Party's ideals.

"I believe that there is a chance for the Colonization Party, Home Party, superhumans, and normal people to think of the best resource distribution plan and reach a balance."

"I understand." Lu Fanghui smiled. "You're not part of the Home Party nor the Colonization Party. You're a complete idealist."

Meng Chao smiled. "I am indeed a little too idealistic, aren't I?" He scratched his head and said, "But Uncle Lu, regardless of whether it's humans or the civilization, we need some ideals, right?"

"I can somewhat understand what you mean, Little Meng," Lu Fanghui said. "I know that you came from a poor family and heard a lot of things about cultivation families and mega corporations from Lin Chuan and Gao Ye. I believe that they aren't very positive things, either.

"But you have to believe me when I say that if we had enough resources, no one would be willing to see so many citizens without homes and so many children unable to receive good education. We really don't want to see millions of citizens living in shacks that are like hornet nests.

"Dragon City had transmigrated to the Other World out of the blue, and we have struggled to survive for more than half a century. How could there not be problems and conflicts among us? I know a lot more than you about the problems and conflicts in the city, and I want to see them solved more than you, but even if I have the heart to do so, I don't have the skills!

"Even if I'm the president of Sky Pillar Minerals, I'm still surrounded by plenty of enemies, and Sky Pillar Corporation alone cannot represent the nine great mega corporations. The nine great mega corporations and nine great cultivation families are two completely different concepts.

"As a person, I agree with you, Lin Chuan, and even some of Gao Ye's ideals. I will also take part and mobilize the resources I can control to try and change the normal citizens' lives so that I can increase the chances of normal people waking up to supernatural powers as well as will push for the passing of certain laws so that Dragon City can become safer and fairer.

"But Rome wasn't built in a day. Dragon City's current situation has developed over a long half a century. We might need to fight for another half a century before your ideals can come to fruition.

"At that time, forget about the generation of superhumans like my father and Battle God Lei Zongchao, even the people from my generation might have already stepped down from the stage of history. It would then be time for you and Siya's generation to shine.

"So, seize your opportunities and don't fail to live up to this major era where storms rage. Use all the resources by your side to make yourself shine. I have a feeling that you will be able to walk down further than me and my father, Little Meng. I hope that at that time, you will not forget your heart and will still want to witness Dragon City welcoming a bright future!"

Chapter 429: Marrow of Red Radiance Jade

After Lu Fanghui left, Meng Chao sat on the bed cross-legged and thought for a long time, but he still did not understand what he meant.

"Wait. Did President Lu understand what I was trying to say? Why do I feel like he spoke at great length and sounded really excited and sincere, but when I think about it carefully, his words did not seem to carry any weight. Big Sis Ya, was your dad just lying to me?"

"It's already good if he was willing to spend so much time lying to you!" Lu Siya sat cross-legged on the couch across from the bed, just like Meng Chao. She wore a patient's gown and did not have any makeup on. In this getup, she did not look like the strong woman that she was.

But she said with a grin, "Ever since I graduated from university, my father has never encouraged me this way. I can tell that he really admires you. I'm serious."

"Does he?" Meng Chao scratched his head.

"Of course. You don't know what's going on behind the scenes," Lu Siya whispered secretively. "Sky Pillar Corporation invested in Kun-peng Dynamics, and one of my uncles who is my father's greatest competitor in the family was in charge of it. He's an ambitious person, and he really wanted Kun-peng Dynamics to become powerful so that it could fight against my father's Sky Pillar Minerals on equal grounds.

"If the project to switch out all advanced armored airships really came to fruition, Kun-peng Dynamics would have obtained the major deal to produce new crystal engines, and there's a high chance that Sky Pillar Corporation would gain another industry where it could develop aside from Sky Pillar Minerals.

"No matter how hard my father worked in this regard, it was useless. After all, Sky Pillar Minerals has always been the core industry of the corporation. No matter how well my father does with it, it's all to be expected. Nobody will say that he worked hard.

"But that side failed to live up to expectations and was dragged into Zhou Tianshui and the abnormal beasts' case. Once one criminal is discovered, the rest are discovered as well. Not only are many people in Kun-peng Dynamics under investigation, even that uncle of mine who is in charge of the investment and all the branch members who support him in the family are under suspicion.

"So, tell me, shouldn't my father thank you properly?"

Meng Chao was stunned. "I was originally a little embarrassed for using so much of your resources over the past few days, but now that you said that, suddenly, I feel like it's only right for him to use those resources on me. Say, could you get me three to five tons of that gene medicine as supper?"

"We can talk about the gene medicine later. My father is really sincere about working with you." As Lu Siya spoke, she brought out a sealed metal tube from behind her. It was even thicker than her arm. "There is nothing else like this. He didn't give this even to me on my birthday. You managed to take advantage of it instead."

As she spoke, she opened the lid gently.

Faint sizzling sounds rose. White fog swirled in the air, and Lu Siya brought out a transparent, strengthened glass tube.

A faint blue but really thick liquid filled it.

Within it was a crystalline object with clear lines. If crystals had a nervous system, it would look like that.

Even if there was strengthened glass isolating it, its spirit energy magnetic field still surged out and crashed into Meng Chao's vitality magnetic field, causing his heart to thump loudly.

Normal superhumans might never be able to see such a treasure.

Meng Chao's eyes lit up, and he blurted out the name. "Crystal marrow?"

Lu Siya cocked her eyebrows and said, "As expected of the harvester chosen by Master Ning Shewo. You even know about crystal marrows. Yes, this is a crystal marrow Sky Pillar Minerals was able to mine deep in the Red Radiance Jade mine. That mine area is more than ten kilometers in a circular area, and there are more than ten ley lines of various sizes. If you add them together, they're longer than one hundred kilometers, but we've only discovered this one crystal marrow for the time being, so you can imagine its value."

Meng Chao stared at the crystal marrow, admiring it with a greedy expression.

Crystal marrows were a substance between a crystal and a monster material. It had both the properties of an organic object and inorganic object. They could only be occasionally discovered deep within large mineral mines. There were only a few of them, so they were worth cities.

The world of academia had all sorts of theories as to how crystal marrows formed.

The mainstream guess was that when crystal mines formed in ancient times, some ancient beast entered by accident, and when it died, the sturdier parts of its body mixed with the crystals. After billions of years of refinement through high temperature, high pressure, and spirit energy radiation, they slowly crystallized and turned into the crystal marrows of today.

In other words, crystal marrows were the fossils of ancient beasts embedded into crystals. As they were nourished by spirit energy, they retained part of their activity. The effects that they provided to a superhuman when he or she cultivated or trained was something that normal crystals and monster materials could never hope to provide.

Lu Siya had mentioned outside that Meng Chao's two chain sabers broke during the battle and he needed to create brand new weapons.

The crystal marrow contained the incredibly violent power from Red Radiance Jades and a fierce soul from an ancient beast. Taking it directly would be too dangerous, and it would be a waste of a treasure, so it would be better to hire a craftsman to turn the crystal marrow into the core of a new weapon.

Meng Chao had already absorbed a lot of energy from the Red Radiance Jade tsunami, so his limbs and meridians were all like mini Red Radiance Jade ley lines.

His tutoress, Griffin Li Yingzi, was a top-class martial artist of the Beast Soul Style. Her research regarding beast souls in Agricultural University's martial arts course was definitely the best in Dragon City as well.

With the weapon created by the Red Radiance Jade's crystal marrow, Meng Chao would definitely be like a tiger who gained wings, and his fighting power would increase by leaps and bounds.

Meng Chao became really happy.

He hugged the Red Radiance Jade crystal marrow and wanted to say a few polite words when Lu Siya said, "I know that you're indifferent to fame and wealth and don't want any rewards, but only want to contribute to Dragon City. Coincidentally, I'm a woman who indulges in pleasure and is blinded by profit. If you feel guilty for taking that Red Radiance Jade's crystal marrow, you can let me handle it."

Meng Chao quickly hid the Red Radiance Jade's crystal marrow under his butt.

Lu Siya smirked and said, "Now, you should believe in my father and my sincerity, right?"

"What are you saying? I've always believed in you and Uncle Lu's sincerity!" Meng Chao cleared his throat. "But which side does Uncle Lu support? The Colonization Party or the Home Party?"

"Based on my observations, he should be the same as me. We don't have a fixed stance. We just stand on the side that will earn us more money and power. If it helps us climb to a higher position, we will side with them!" Lu Siya said nonchalantly.

"But my father is someone who cares about public image a lot. You should be able to tell from the case when he took in Lin Chuan that even if it's just for show, he will be sincere about it, because that's the only way it'll work.

"So, if you want to use the Broken Star Club's name to work with Sky Pillar Minerals for some charity project or public welfare activity, I don't think it'll be a problem. Even if it's for himself, my father should support it with full strength.

"You can also seize the chance to spread the Broken Star Club's influence. Honestly, there are plenty of broken-star superhumans in Dragon City. If you can use them well, they'll be treasures that can be found in abundance in the city.

"Given time, forget about being the youngest Heaven Realm superhuman in Dragon City, with the Broken Star Club, Agricultural University, abnormal beast research department, and Sky Pillar Corporation supporting you, it's possible that you would end up as the youngest politician in Dragon City as well."

Meng Chao laughed in spite of himself. "I've never thought about becoming a politician."

"Think about it starting from now. It's not too late. Speaking of which, politicians are different from each other. Many politicians are just puppets. There are superhumans who are really powerful but aren't politicians, but they can still do whatever they want in the Survival Committee." Lu Siya stared at Meng Chao intensely.

"We've been working together for a year, and we know each other through and through. It's helped me realize that we're the same type of people. We're both ambitious, but your ambitions aren't about personal power. You're even more ridiculous than I am. You want your will to be implemented in Dragon City's future.

"However, at the end of the day, your personal power will always be limited. No matter how much you want to mould Dragon City's future, you must first have the power to do whatever you want without consequences.

"So, put away all those nonsensical thoughts in your heart and work with me. We have to use whatever we have to become stronger, that's our first proper task.

"If there comes a day when my father has the chance to take over all of Sky Pillar Corporation and even become the leader of the Lu family, and your Superstar as well as Broken Star Club have also become the strongest forces of power in Dragon City, you can plan out Dragon City's future however you want, no?"

Meng Chao nodded.

That was him agreeing verbally to their relationship as tactical partners.

They spoke a little longer, because Meng Chao really wanted to know the newest development of Group 9 and the newest clues about the Supernatural Entities.

But Lu Siya had also been staying in the hospital over the past few days, so she did not know much about the outside world.

She said that the next day Captain Ye would bring the leaders of the department to visit her and Meng Chao. At that time, they would naturally learn everything.

Meng Chao nodded, then a thought popped up in his head. He asked about the origins of the hospital.

"I've never heard about Sky Pillar Corporation having a hospital of their own. The facilities here are really advanced, and the decorations are really luxurious. Did you just build it?"

Lu Siya shook her head and told Meng Chao that the hospital had been built for decades.

During the chaotic period before the Survival Committee was built, the nine great mega corporations had already taken over some of the functions of the local government. They built hospitals, schools, and armed their own fighting squads. They might have been small, but they had everything and were basically small, independent kingdoms.

Once the Survival Committee was set up, some of the medical facilities under the nine great mega corporations merged together and were upgraded to large public hospitals.

For example, the current Dragon City People's Medical Center and Dragon City Medical University's First Affiliated Hospital were hospitals under the corporations before they were upgraded to their current status.

Sky Pillar Corporation's corporate hospital mainly treated various diseases related to mining and radiation. Since they were a specialized hospital, they had retained their original scale and operation model. They did not treat patients who were not part of their own.

"Why are you suddenly so interested in hospitals?" Lu Siya asked.

Meng Chao naturally wanted to continue investigating the X-shaped eye.

He noticed that this hospital, Fengshui Medical Center, and the government hospitals his mother frequented in the past all had their own unique symbols.

But none of them had the X-shaped eye as their symbol.

Hence, he wanted to see whether there was any corporate hospital or a private medical center that was incredibly small and incredibly specialized that was related to the X-shaped eye.

But there was no need for him to tell Lu Siya about it.

It was not because he did not trust her.

Instead, it was because he did not know how strong and mysterious was the force of power hidden behind the X-shaped eye.

Before he figured out the truth, there was no need for him to make other people face unnecessary risks.

Chapter 430: Reward from the Research Department

Meng Chao did not intend to tell anyone for the time being about the X-shaped eye. He intended to search for the various hospitals in Dragon City, including the private hospitals that were quite unique. He also intended to search for clues among labs related to life sciences.

These were his thoughts: If there was really an underground hospital some twenty-thirty years ago that had the X-shaped eye as its symbol and this hospital had changed its name, merged with another hospital, or stopped existing because of various reasons, then its doctors, nurses, and even patients must still be around. They could not have disappeared.

There had to be a lot of people who were like his mother.

She might not remember what happened that year, but the others might be able to provide him with some bits of information.

He even thought up the excuse he would give during his investigation.

He would say that he climbed up the cultivation realms too quickly. Once he reached Heaven Realm, he felt that there was something off in his body. He also had PTSD, so he had to visit all the famous doctors in Dragon City to be treated.

With this excuse, he could ask for help from Yan Hengbo, Ning Shewo, Luo Wu, Dean Zong Yue of Agricultural University's martial arts course, and the other powerful people of the older generation without inviting any suspicion.

With his decision set, he slept soundly that night.

The next morning, when he was going through the procedures to be discharged, Lu Siya brought the leaders of the abnormal beast research department to visit him.

Aside from Group 9's Ye Xiaoxing, she brought with her the vice department director, Nie Chenglong.

Vice Director Nie had a purplish-red, square face. His stubble was graying, and he looked like he could not get a clean shave no matter what. He also had beady, small eyes and was far from handsome.

But Lu Siya told Meng Chao softly that Vice Director Nie was not some average person. More than ten years ago, he was a war hero from the Red Dragon Army's elite reconnaissance squad. He had been fighting with his wits against monsters in the fog for a long time, and after he retired, he joined the field study squad of the monster research center. While there, he created a lot of records about the time he spent exploring the depths of the fog and the distance he'd covered.

Vice Director Nie was also the one who discovered Dragon King Town and the humans who formed a strange symbiotic relationship with the "banyan" tree.

Apparently, he had lurked at the borders of Dragon King Town silently for three months and obtained a lot of first-hand information, which was why Dragon Citizens were able to get a full picture of Dragon King Town's situation.

Even though he was just a vice director, he managed the work in the abnormal beast research department and could be considered the most important person in the line of work within the department.

Since he personally came over to visit Meng Chao, it showed just how much the department valued him.

He was also a coattail that made Meng Chao salivate.

Meng Chao worked on the principle of having as many coattails as possible for the sake of saving Dragon City and immediately put up a show of "struggling to get up because he was flattered and trying to show that he was a heroic person in front of Nie Chenglong".

"Lie down, Meng Chao. You need to rest!"

Nie Chenglong had worked his way up the ranks based purely on his achievements in work. He might be the vice director, but he did not put on the airs of a government official. He smiled and said, "Speaking of which, we're not strangers. Principal Sun of Ninth High School was the leader of my squad in the past."

"Seriously?!" Meng Chao was delighted.

Principal Sun was not just the person who led him down the path of a superhuman, but also his benefactor, because he helped ward off the Bloody Moon Wolves. He even taught Meng Chao the Demon Subduing Pole, so he was Meng Chao's first master.

Meng Chao often remembered that night when Principal Sun set his vitality magnetic field on fire and lit up the dark like a burning lighthouse. The image of him chasing away the wicked to protect Meng Chao and the other students still remained clear in his mind.

Meng Chao had then sworn that he would not let Principal Sun down.

Immediately, he felt that the psychological distance between him and Nie Chenglong had closed by a large degree.

"I know, right?" Nie Chenglong smiled. "If it weren't for the fact that I know your background and that you're someone on our side and are reliable, I wouldn't have let you become an off-staff member of the abnormal beast research department so easily. But Old Ye and I never thought that you would have such a deep understanding of abnormal beasts.

"Not only did you write the One Hundred Ways to Destroy Dragon City—which is an investigation report filled with remarkable insight, by the way—you also managed to predict the abnormal beasts' plans. You helped us capture all those cunning beasts in one go, and as an off-staff member, your contribution is ten times greater than those of official investigators.

"The old squad leader's spirit in heaven must feel very proud that he had a student like you."

Meng Chao flushed red, but he puffed his chest out and said, "Vice Director Nie, that's because the department has great foresight, and Captain Ye is a great leader. Also—"

"Enough. You can say those high-sounding words when you're rewarded with medals and other rewards or when writing reports. You're one of us, and we know very well about your performance during the battle. The operation succeeded because of you. It was you who turned the tides on his own!"

Nie Chenglong waved his hand in dismissal and switched the topic. He said, "But you've really given us a major problem. Tell me, based on your performance that day, how should we reward you?

"If you were an official investigator, we wouldn't need to negotiate any further. It wouldn't even be a problem for us to promote you by three ranks. But you're just a university student... Meng Chao, have you ever thought about officially joining the abnormal beast research department?"

Meng Chao blinked rapidly.

It was no wonder why Vice Director Nie was so friendly. He wanted to get a firm grasp of Meng Chao beforehand, because he was a delicious piece of meat!

Meng Chao looked at Ye Xiaoxing.

"Meng Chao, if you're worried about not being able to coordinate your studies and work, you can rest assured. The university students in Dragon City are not the nerds in the ivory towers on Earth who can't shoulder any burden and pick up any tasks. You're already in the second semester of your sophomore year. In the blink of an eye, you'll be a junior.

"I believe that plenty of your coursemates have already signed internship agreements with various units in society, like the Survival Committee or the departments of the Supernatural Tower. They might even be the backbones of the various joint projects between the university and various companies.

"At the end of the day, cultivation is something that you can't learn through books. You have to figure it out through work and battles.

"Of course, even if you officially join the abnormal beast research department now, we won't use you like a normal investigator. You're a unique talent who has endless potential. We don't want your talent to go to waste.

"The department intends to sign an agreement with you first, if you're willing to. Once you do, you can do what you have been doing all this while. Half of the time, you should continue pursuing the White Spirit, Lin Chuan, and Gao Ye's cases. As for the other half, you should go back to study in Agricultural University. The department will also pay for most of your cultivation fees.

"The HR will consider you to have joined the department beforehand and start calculating the time of your employment from half a year ago. You will enjoy the various benefits that the special service members are entitled to, and you will also be able to get all sorts of benefits from the department. All that will be considered as the department asking for a favor from Agricultural University to take its place in teaching you. What do you think?"

Meng Chao thought about it for a while.

Over the next few years in the future, the abnormal beast research department would become a powerful organization that was the best among the best in Dragon City.

Being an official investigator was a highly sought after position.

He would have a lot of power, good benefits, and sufficient cultivation resources. Since he would be fighting with his wits against abnormal beasts usually, he would also need a lot of monster materials that outsiders could not get.

Any other normal university student would not be able to get that position even if they wrecked their brains for it.

However, at the same time he enjoyed those benefits and privileges, he would be limited by this powerful organization and have to shoulder its responsibilities.

As a member of a pseudo militarized organization, he would not be able to do many things as he pleased.

Ma Hong, the first leader of the Broken Star Club, had to resign from his post because of his post in the Red Dragon Army.

Meng Chao did not think that he could obey the rules of the abnormal beast research department completely.

And he did not want to become a chess piece.

He wanted to occasionally jump out of the chess board to play a few rounds with the chess player himself.

Besides, there was the matter of the abnormal beast research department's bizarre disappearance after the Monster War. He did not know how many secrets were related to this. If he were in the mess itself,

it might be difficult for him to investigate the matter. He should keep a suitable distance to form the full picture of the situation.

Once he thought of this, he said hesitantly, "Thank you for your kind will, Vice Director Nie, Captain Ye. But you know my situation. I have Superstar, the Broken Star Club, and all sorts of matters I have to handle, and they just never end. I might not be able to place my full attention on the work from the abnormal beast research department. I think... I shouldn't cause any trouble to the department." He paused for a moment and felt embarrassed, so he said apologetically, "I'm sorry, Vice Director, Captain, I..."

"There's nothing for you to apologize about. Everyone has their own ambitions, and you can't force them."

Nie Chenglong and Ye Xiaoxing exchanged a glance, as if they had predicted his answer beforehand. "A talented person like you will shine wherever you go. With the current development of Superstar and the Broken Star Club, it would indeed be a little bit of a pity for you to join the abnormal beast research department.

Meng Chao then gave them a promise. "Even though I can't become an official investigator, as long as you don't mind, I intend to continue being an off-staff investigator.

"Regardless of whether it is the abnormal beast involved in the White Spirit, Lin Chuan, Gao Ye, and Zhou Tianshui's cases or other monsters, I will be eternal enemies with them!

"Besides, I know exactly why Superstar and the Broken Star Club were able to develop so quickly."

Meng Chao knew very well that he and his father were not talented in business.

Superstar had reached its limit when it merged with Prosperous and became one of the best middle and low-grade monster harvesting companies in Dragon City.

The abnormal beast research department was the one who had pulled the strings for them to be able to swallow a giant and take the core assets of Spirit Creation Creatures, their veteran technicians, and top-grade labs.

The Broken Star Club had also managed to attract one hundred members over the past half a year in part because of the support from the abnormal beast research department. At the very least, the anonymous donor who spent a lot of money on them was someone Ye Xiaoxing knew.

From this angle, all of them were on the same side, so it was no longer that important as to whether officially in the research department or not.

"That's good, too," Ye Xiaoxing said. "There's benefits in joining, but if you don't join, you'll have the benefits of not joining. If you continue developing Superstar and the Broken Star Club based on their current momentum, it'll be good for the department too.

"However, the department just can't give you too many rewards when you're an off-staff member. Meng Chao, what are your thoughts? Aside from the request you made yesterday about three to five tons of gene medicine every day, do you have any other requests? You don't have to hold back. Just

mention it. Our principle is that we won't let any hero suffer a loss. In any case, we're not the ones forking out the money from our pockets, right?"

Ye Xiaoxing appeared to be in a good mood.

It was rare for him to crack a joke, even if it was not funny at all.

Meng Chao laughed dryly and seized the chance to mention that he had been cultivating too quickly, so he felt that there was something off about his body. He wanted to continue with his treatment.

Nie Chenglong and Ye Xiaoxing instantly had stern expressions.

Cultivation was a major matter.

They had already looked at Meng Chao's medical report.

Even though it showed that his body was fine, the path of cultivation was strange. No one could really tell the injuries in the cells, genes, and the mind.

A superhuman who appeared to be strong and could kill a Demonic Halberd Pig with just one punch might have a "bomb" hidden in his body. No one knew when that "bomb" would go off and when he would go through spirit energy deviation. If he did, he would be lucky to end up with just his body crippled. If his mind became distorted and he ended up as a lost person, that would be bad.

"What do you mean by 'off'?" Ye Xiaoxing asked anxiously.

"I can't really tell. It shouldn't be a major problem. But ever since I reached Heaven Realm, my spirit energy has become much stronger than before. I feel like I have ten volcanoes hidden in my body, and my strength is as great as a raging beast, but sometimes, emphasis on sometimes, I don't know how to describe it, but I just feel uncomfortable."

Meng Chao scratched his head. "It might be my imagination, but I don't feel like I'm in coordination with my body. But it might be because I have just reached Heaven Realm, so I might get better in a few more days."