

The Boss Behind The Game Chapter 26

Chapter 26: Live Stream Broadcast

After sustaining a fight with the Ghost Supreme Commander, the players also realized the gap between their abilities and the Ghost General.

Hence, a wave of intense training took over the players' camp.

Simultaneously, many Berserkers started to exit the Mansion of the Dead into the outside world, searching for transition materials as they aspired to transition into Rune Masters.

In order to save the players' time on the road, Lu Wu used 5,000 soul coins to create two teleportation circles, both situated at the entrance of the Ghost Mountains and the Mansion of the Dead.

At the same time, he made an announcement, notifying all the players who had completely searched the area they were in to create a teleportation circle.

This was obviously great news for the players because every time they were resurrected, heading to the Ghost Mountains to level up required a lot of time.

Of course, the teleportation circles that Lu Wu created were not free, it required the players to pay a fee of one soul coin.

Lu Wu did not expect that he managed to earn back half of the expenses he used to create the portals just after a day.

While the players were obsessed with leveling up, at the same time, the official website for Battle Online released a new column.

That was the live stream broadcasting feature that all players were looking forward to.

This allowed the players who died during the game to feast their eyes during their cooldown.

Simultaneously, in order to earn more soul coins from the players, Lu Wu imitated the other live stream broadcasters and set up a reward function.

This reward did not waste real cash, instead, it was soul coins in the game.

Lu Wu even set up six types of gifts.

They were hearts (0.1 soul coins), cake (one soul coin), ring (five soul coins), flying saucer (20 soul coins), yacht (100 soul coins) and lucky crystal (1,000 soul coins).

Of course, all the rewards from the live stream broadcast did not go into the pocket, Lu Wu would collect fifty per cent service charge from the rewards given.

This meant that these broadcasting platforms were indirectly working for Lu Wu.

The first day this feature was released, there were over a thousand live stream broadcast requests.

After being screened through, they went online and there were a lot of live stream broadcast columns appearing on the website.

There were a few unusual live streams that attracted waves of fans, such as:

'No money for Krypton Gold: Cute girl to sustain herself by earning soul coins from live streaming' – 390 people watching.

'Ghost Mountains individual level up strategy: Teaching you how to create various traps and upgrade to challenge wild beasts' – 1200 people watching.

'Create your own house: How to use wild materials to build a hut' – 876 people watching.

'De Ye in the wild: Opening up a new area and swears not to go home until the materials for Rune Master are all collected' – 2876 people watching.

'Live streaming taming zombie wolves in Liuli District: The eighth try' – 3294 people watching.

'Berserker body combat skills and instructions: From a real-life Special Force soldier' – 2341 people watching.

'The Mage's Spring has returned: Guide to Wilderness Player Killing, today five Berserkers have been defeated, what a great day!' – 976 people watching.

'Assassin's Message: Liuli District's wandering Grim Reaper searching for ghost soldiers who have been left behind...' – 2111 people watching.

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A wave of live stream broadcasts made this game even more exciting.

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Capital of Dragon Nation, in the Black Sea Technology Corporation's underground research and development room.

Each and every one of the virtual game compartments were shining, undergoing the last screening test.

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All of Black Sea Technology Corporation's higher-ups were here, anxiously observing this experiment, because they know that if this were to be a success, then they would have the advantage of swiftly dominating the market.

In the development of virtual games, time was of the essence, if you were slower than the others, then you will have limited options.

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As the light indicators for all the virtual game compartments flickered green, the higher-ups of the Black Sea Corporation showed expressions of excitement.

"Congratulations, the game is a success. This batch of virtual game compartments fused together well with the nutrient solution to allow players to stay in the game for 24 hours without harming their body's health."

A white-haired researcher said excitedly.

As he finished his sentence, the research room was filled with cheers, as everybody started clapping.

After ensuring that there were no mistakes, the excited higher-ups had an emergency meeting.

"Since we need to put it on the market, the methods used to swiftly dominate the market is of utmost importance. What do you all think?"

There was a brief period of silence after the CEO said this, after a while, everyone started to provide their ideas and opinions.

However, most of them were about selling at low prices, so as to open the market and search for agents to sell.

At this moment, a young man sitting at the end of the table stood up and said, "Since our products focus more on serving the game, why don't we look for game merchants, cooperate with them and use their fame as a way to expand the market? It would be a better option."

After listening to this, everyone nodded their head in agreement.

“In order to dominate the market first, we’ll execute the proposals that you have proposed. At the same time, Xiao Li, you’re responsible for discussing with the game merchants on this. Don’t disappoint me!”

Just as the Board of Directors had made their decision, the secretary anxiously rushed in.

“Mr. Chen, our competitor Jie De just announced that they have developed the virtual game compartment during their press conference!”

After listening to this news, everyone was shocked.

The secretary took the tablet and connected it to the meeting room’s projector. In a second, the video of the press conference was shown on the screen.

“After many years of research, from today onwards, the virtual world will welcome a new age. This is because the virtual game compartment that everybody has been waiting for has been successfully developed. After multiple data tests, I can guarantee the stability of the game compartment...”

After hearing the news, it was as if a bucket of ice-cold water had been poured onto the people in the meeting room, and the previously excited atmosphere was gone.

No amount of happiness nor sadness will ever be like this.

After a period of silence, Black Sea Corporation’s CEO immediately announced to have a press conference. At the same time, all the proposed methods are to be executed immediately.

They must dominate the domestic market in the shortest time possible, they could not allow their competitors to have the opportunity. Also, they had to think of how to expand the market overseas.

The whole company was immersed in operating anxiously.

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When the Jie De Corporation was holding their press conference, Lu Wu and Bei Li were sitting on the bed, eating their snacks in a carefree manner while watching television.

“Huh? Virtual game compartments? 24 hours of experience?”

Lu Wu was surprised when he saw this piece of news. You have to know that the only huge thing limiting gamers was potential. In order to ensure the health and safety of the gamers, he had to set a twelve-hour limitation on the game. However, upon seeing this piece of news, Lu Wu decided that an opportunity to allow the rapid development of the players' camp in the Underworld has arrived.

At this moment, Lu Wu's phone rang. When he answered the call, Wu Guo's voice came from the other end of the line, "Brother Lu, look at the news, the Jie De Corporation has announced virtual game compartments! You can experience 24 hours of gaming!

"I just so happened to see it, Brother Wu, why are you so excited about?"

Wu Guoyi breathed in deeply, and said, "Just now the operation department from Jie De Corporation came to find me. They hope that we can cooperate and also promote this cooperation. I thought of your game at the first second."

"This is a win-win situation, your game can help Jie De Corporation to expand its market overseas and Jie De Corporation could open up the domestic markets through our game. Their representative will arrive at the headquarters of Platform173 tomorrow to discuss with me. Including you, I have invited thirty other major gaming developers. You must be on time tomorrow morning!"

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Chapter 27: Master Beast Tamer

Platform173 corporate headquarters, conference room.

Many well-known game developers in the country sent representatives to participate in this cooperation negotiation meeting with the Jie De Corporation.

Wu Guoyi was anxious, so anxious that he kept on looking at his watch, but there was no sign of Lu Wu.

"Mr. Wu, I'm afraid there isn't much time left, the meeting will start now!"

It was the representative from the Jie De Corporation who said this. He was a classy middle-aged man wearing glasses and dressed in a suit.

Wu Guoyi sighed, just as the start of the meeting was about to be announced, the door of the meeting room was pushed open, with Lu Wu and Bei Li entering into the meeting room.

Upon seeing Wu Guoyi, Lu Wu laughed awkwardly and said, "I got stuck in traffic, I'm sorry for being late!"

"Please have a seat. Why did you bring your sister here?"

Wu Guoyi indicated Lu Wu to his seat as he glanced at Bei Li.

"My sister doesn't like to be left alone."

Lu Wu had actually planned on attending on his own, but as Bei Li saw him leaving without her, her face fell, like a little lamb who was left behind.

He had no choice but to bring her along.

Seeing Lu Wu taking his seat with Bei Li sitting on his lap, Wu Guoyi felt a bit annoyed, but said, "Everybody's here. Orisa, you may begin."

The man standing in front of the meeting table nodded his head when he heard the direction to begin and pressed the controller in his hand. Suddenly, a 3D projection appeared on the meeting table.

Looking at sheets of data, Lu Wu was confused, but the rest of the game developers were carefully looking at the data.

"I believe that everyone knows our corporation's capabilities, especially in the virtual reality headgear, we are the first in the world. Right now, we have created something that is even more advanced than the virtual reality headgear. I hope that everyone understands the objective of this meeting, so we shall start with the discussion."

"The data shown is data regarding the sales of the virtual reality headgear that our company developed. All of you here are the Dragon Nation's biggest game developers, so I believe that if your respective games were integrated into our virtual game compartments, this would be a great opportunity to promote your respective games..."

Lu Wu nearly slept after hearing the representative sing an hour-long praise of his company, but Bei Li was already lying on the conference table with a trail of saliva at the corner of her mouth.

"Since this project profits both parties, we from the Swan Company agree to sign this agreement, but what are the requirements from your side?"

After listening to the introduction, many company representatives were persuaded.

"We would like to ask for five percent of the profits annually as a base for our agreement."

“Five percent?”

After listening to this, everyone in the room became silent.

It was a difficult decision to make, so many company representatives pulled out their phones to contact their superiors, asking for advice.

“Erm... I am not interested!”

At this moment, Lu Wu opened his mouth to say a few words. His words silenced everyone in the conference room for a short period of time.

“Huh? Sir, may I ask which part of the cooperation are you unsatisfied with?” the representative from the Jie De Corporation questioned with a smile.

“If it’s on matters regarding money then no!” at this moment, Bei Li opened her mouth as she rubbed her eyes.

The conference room went silent again.

“Sir, this is a cooperation that would profit both parties, being able to integrate into your game would definitely help with the expansion of the overseas market.”

When Lu Wu was about to speak, Bei Li took the chance and said, “You cannot do that too, talking about money would definitely hurt a lot of feelings...”

Wu Guoyi felt deeply ashamed and silently tugged on Lu Wu’s sleeve underneath the table.

“Sir, what are your thoughts on this?” the representative directed his gaze towards Lu Wu.

“My sister’s opinions are my thoughts. I would like to reject this cooperation!”

Wu Guoyi stared in bewilderment. He had hoped that Lu Wu would agree as this was a rare opportunity, but he never thought that Lu Wu would reject it so recklessly.

In Wu Guoyi’s opinion, with Battle Online’s potential, if he was not satisfied with the conditions, he could negotiate further. Hopefully, the percentage could be lowered down until two percent. But he never thought that Lu Wu would firmly reject it.

“Okay, since you have made your decision, I would like to express my regrets but also I respect your decision,” the representative smiled and replied politely.

After rejecting the offer, Lu Wu stood up and exited the room with Bei Li in hand.

Actually, he felt confident about this collaboration, like what the company's representative said, this was a win-win opportunity.

However, the biggest problem was that the Jie De Corporation wanted to collect a fee, which Lu Wu was unable to accept.

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Although five percent did not seem like much, with Lu Wu's ambitious nature, from the perspective of Battle Online's fame across the world, this number seemed a little bit bigger.

Also, regarding the matter of expanding into the overseas market, he was also not in a hurry to do so. This was because he was confident in Battle Online, so he would not share any of the profits from Battle Online with anybody, just as how he rejected Wu Guoyi from buying the shares of Battle Online.

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After taking Bei Li home in a taxi, he switched on his computer and opened the main menu of the game, looking at daily statistics and observed the gamers online.

After scanning through the main page, his gaze suddenly narrowed down on a live stream that popped up on the top.

'Rise of Beast Tamer, the Nth try to tame a beast...' – 38236 people watching.

Curious to see why so many gamers were watching this live stream broadcast, Lu Wu entered into the channel.

As he put on the virtual reality headgear and entered the live stream broadcast, he noticed that the scene showed a male assassin who was silently heading toward a zombie wolf.

"Ladies and gentlemen, please pay attention. This time we will use force to subdue it when it knows that it can't overpower me, then we shall use food to tempt it. I believe that this time I will succeed in taming it."

Just as the assassin had finished speaking, there were comments flying across the screen.

"Sad times, be careful brother, I will still bet that you'll fail this time."

"God of Perseverance, master beast tamer, dying on a live stream!"

“Brother, you are the worst live stream broadcast host I have ever seen. After following you for days, I can’t keep track of how many times you died, please stay alive...”

“Death is nothing to be feared, what should be feared is that you are addicted to dying. Don’t think that I don’t know that you tame wild beasts just to die for a reason!”

“Bro, I think you should go to the zoo and level up a few levels, don’t try anymore, I’m afraid that I’ll die of laughter in your live stream.”

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Many comments flew through the screen, all of them were not expecting the assassin to be successful in taming the beast.

However, the guy was not deterred and firmly advanced forward to the zombie wolf using the assassin’s basic skill called the Shadow Step, and pounced on the zombie wolf when it noticed him.

At that moment, the assassin and the zombie wolf were fighting and rolling over each other.

Looking at this scene, Lu Wu let out a smile.

After defeating the zombie wolf, the assassin took out a self-made twine rope from his waist and tied the zombie wolf up.

Next, he did what he said, he tempted it with food and then overpowered it through force, of which he did all over again.

In the end, the zombie wolf was left with its last breath. The comments were all asking him to have mercy on the zombie wolf and let it go.

Just when everyone thought that he would fail in this attempt to tame wild animals, there was a hint of struggle in the zombie wolf’s eyes. In the end, it lowered its neck to the assassin as a sign of surrender.

The assassin could not believe it either, so he carefully untied the rope and held the dagger in his hand, fearing the zombie wolf would pounce on him when it had the chance.

“Ooohhh~”

The spectating gamers were amazed when the zombie wolf did not rebel, instead it rubbed itself on the assassin’s shin.

“Is it tamed?”

The assassin could not believe his eyes, so he randomly picked a stick from the ground and threw it forward, saying, "Go and catch it!"

The zombie wolf lifted up its head, looked at the assassin in confusion, and nudged his shin.

"It seems like you're not understanding enough, but then you're considered tamed," there was a smile on the assassin's face.

After spectating this scene, the comment section blew up.

"Hooray for Master Beast Tamer, you really succeeded! Dude, you're so cool, sending some love (0.1 soul coin)."

"What the heck, after following you for so long, I always thought you were a comedic host. When did you become so capable?"

"Bro, you're lit! I also want to try. This zombie wolf can become a mount to be rode on, thinking about it makes me powerful. Your humble servant admires you, hence I will gift you with the only three soul coins that I have (three cakes)."

"Ahhh, cool, the first mount in the whole district is born! Brother, you're lit!"

"Congrats bro on successfully having 'Pokemon Master' as a secret profession, bring up all your Pokeballs and begin your journey of taming beasts!"

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The screen was filled with comments, different kinds of heart shape emojis, cakes, and other gifts. The success in the taming of a wild beast opened up another method of playing for the gamers.

A huge wave of gamers were inspired in which they rushed toward Liuli District, each aspiring to capture a glorious mount.

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Chapter 28: Soul Liberating Envoy

Under the guidance of a certain host, a wave of beast-taming washed through the game.

Many players began forming alliances as they made their way toward Liuli District in search of lone wild beasts, learning the style of that certain host in taming the beasts.

Although the success rate was extremely low, the players were just having too much fun. Very soon, a few players got to ride a large-sized zombie wolf, leaving those unsuccessful beast-taming players in envy.

At this moment, a small three person group were trying to tame a zombie wolf in Liuli District.

Looking at the struggling zombie wolf that was tied to a tree, the three of them performed their various skills. Just as the zombie wolf was beaten to its last breath and when they thought they were just about to succeed, a figure suddenly appeared, levitating next to the tree.

Following the figure's appearance, the tree began wilting swiftly whereas the dying zombie wolf howled in terror.

Tendrils of black vapor rose from the zombie wolf's body as it entered the body of the black-robed figure.

"Fuck, you've got a death wish!"

Upon seeing their almost successful attempt at beast-taming being wrecked by the figure before them, the three players were so frustrated that they pulled out their weaponry to square up with the figure.

However, at this moment, the black-robed figure turned around, showing the dark gleaming skeleton beneath the black robe. With a flash of its red pupils, numerous black vines suddenly appeared on the ground to trap the three players on the spot.

"I ask, you answer," a hoarse voice sounded from the Soul Liberating Envoy.

"NPC?" seeing this person, the three players paused in surprise.

"NPC?" the Soul Liberating Envoy was quite curious as well, unclear of the reason why these people were calling him that.

Looking at the struggling players, the Soul Liberating Envoy stretched out its hand again, tightening the hold of the black vines around them.

"Tell me, where did you all come from? Do you all know why the Ghost Supreme Commander who was stationed here died?"

"You're one of Ghost General Cha Na's men?"

The three players were not stupid and had immediately guessed the identity of this person.

“Indeed, I am the Soul Liberating Envoy under Lord Cha Na. So now, can you all tell me of your origins and about the Ghost Supreme Commander?”

Hearing this, the three of them glanced at each other.

“Are we goners?”

“Maybe. He’s here to collect our debt. I remember I even kicked that Ghost Supreme Commander once at the time.”

“Shh, he can hear us...”

“Was it the three of you that killed Third Ghost?” the anger in the Soul Liberating Envoy’s eyes flared up upon hearing their conversation.

“No, wait, that’s impossible. With your capabilities, Third Ghost wouldn’t have been killed!”

“You’re just an NPC, what are you being so arrogant for? Do you think we’re scared of you? Let us go if you have the balls! I’ll take you on in single combat after I switch characters!” the leading player said in annoyance.

“Switch characters?”

Once again, the Soul Liberating Envoy seemed curious at their use of unfamiliar terms.

“I’m giving you all one last chance!” the Soul Liberating Envoy’s patience was running thin and he did not feel like continuing this conversation with these three weird creatures any longer.

“You don’t want to kill us since the three of us are very vengeful. We’ll kill whoever kills us so you’d best not get on our bad side.”

“That’s right, that’s right. If you kill us, we’ll get our revenge on you once we become stronger!”

“Hehe, taking revenge on me after death? I don’t think you all even have the chance of turning into default souls after this.”

However, the Soul Liberating Envoy knew that he would not be getting any information out of these three people anymore based on their attitudes. Hence, stretching his hand out once again, a mass of black vapor surged into the vines.

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Absorbing the black vapor, the vines began growing quickly as sharp black thorns appeared from within the vines to pierce into the bodies of these players harshly, wriggling in the process.

“Oh? I am unable to obtain the souls!” the Soul Liberating Envoy was shocked to find out that the souls of these three players could not be possessed, as if there was some stronger force pinning their souls firmly within their bodies.

The disbelieving Soul Liberating Envoy lifted his hand once more and a large mass of black vapor surged into the vines. This time, red spots appeared on the surface of the vines, making them seem extremely wicked.

Under the intense attack of the vines, the three players who had turned on their pain receptor shield died in helplessness. At the same time, their corpses on the ground started to slowly fade away into a black vapor.

What the Soul Liberating Envoy found surprising was that there was not a single trace of the loss of soul power from these dead beings. Moreover, the soul that had originally been melded with the body had also mysteriously disappeared.

“This... this is impossible!”

This strange turn of events stunned the Soul Liberating Envoy fully. The situation completely overturned his knowledge of the rules of the underworld wherein souls would enter into reincarnation upon death and their soul power would dissipate into the world.

Just as the Soul Liberating Envoy entered into deep thought, a small five person group appeared in the distance.

“Boss, look at that fellow over there!”

The person who had been called their boss was a Berserker with a large sword strapped to his back. He had also come to Liuli District for some beast-taming.

Hearing his follower’s words, the Berserker looked up to see the Soul Liberating Envoy who was standing beside the wilted tree.

“What is it? I don’t see anything wrong.”

“Don’t you think his appearance looks a bit like that Mysterious Merchant NPC that was officially announced?”

“Mysterious Merchant?” hearing this, the head Berserker paused in shock.

Many players had only heard of the Mysterious Merchant and had never seen him, but all players knew one thing. They knew that there were a lot of valuables they could not buy in the shop that could be bought off this NPC.

On the forum, they had once seen a lucky fellow who had encountered the Mysterious Merchant coincidentally and after a series of negotiations, he had spent five soul coins to buy a fragment needed for the character switch materials of a Rune Master. In the end, he had sold it off for more than a hundred soul coins.

They had been so envious at the time.

“Brothers, we’ve struck the jackpot!”

All five of their faces shone with excitement as they hurried toward the direction of the Soul Liberating Envoy, fearing that he would disappear before they got to him in time.

As if sensing something, the Soul Liberating Envoy who was still in shock turned to see the five players rushing toward him with excited faces.

Once they closed the distance, the head Berserker came to the Soul Liberating Envoy’s side and tapped him on the shoulder.

“Bro, are you selling? Because I’m buying!”

Soul Liberating Envoy, “What?”

“All strangers take time to cozy up to each other. So, what do you say? Since everyone here was fated to meet each other, how about a discount?”

The Soul Liberating Envoy was now utterly and absolutely confused.

He wondered if these weird never-before-seen creatures had brains of cotton because he could not understand nor comprehend anything that came out of their mouths.

Seeing that the Soul Liberating Envoy had kept quiet, the head Berserker was somewhat anxious.

Could it be that I negotiated the wrong way? But that fellow on the forum who encountered the Mysterious Merchant never said how to do it. What should I do now?

Pondering this, a smile graced the Berserker’s face once more as he tapped the Soul Liberating Envoy’s shoulder.

“Bro, let’s take a look at the goods. I heard that you’ve got a lot of good stuff on you.”

“Yeah, that’s right, let’s get a look at the rare items you have first,” said the other four excited players from the side.

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Chapter 29: My King Returns

Facing the relentless questioning of the five players, the fire within the Soul Liberating Envoy’s eyes gradually flared up. Finally, with a swipe of his hands, a mass of black vapor appeared to surround the five, locking them within before levitating them off the ground.

“Do you all know how the Ghost Supreme Commander who was stationed here died?” the Soul Liberating Envoy tested the waters in hopes of getting an answer.

The head Berserker struggled for a while, but once he discovered that he was unable to escape, he looked at his companions helplessly.

“Huh? The Mysterious Merchant wants to show off his capabilities before making a trade?”

“Cough... boss, I’ve never met him before either, so I don’t know how the process is supposed to go.”

“Then... should we praise him a bit to make him happy? So he’ll give us a discount?”

Hearing the players’ conversation, the Soul Liberating Envoy lost any hope whatsoever. With another wave of his hand, the black vapor began to surge and fold, crushing the five people within to pieces.

Observing the souls and soul power disappear mysteriously once again, the Soul Liberating Envoy’s expression looked thoughtful. In a flash, he had transformed into a dark shadow that streaked toward the Mansion of the Dead with the speed of lightning.

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Everything that had happened here had naturally been seen by Bei Li who was on a 24/7 watch and she reported the situation swiftly to Lu Wu.

“Seems like Cha Na has sent people in for an investigation, but where exactly did this Soul Liberating Envoy come from?”

Bei Li rested her chin on her hands as she sat before the computer table, munching on junk food.

“The Soul Liberating Envoy is the next highest position after the Ghost General under the Ghost King and is in charge of collecting Yin souls to turn it over to them. Every Ghost King and Ghost General has a Soul Liberating Envoy beneath them and their powers differ from one to another, but they’re skillful in blood sacrifice spells.”

“Yin souls? What’s that?” Lu Wu asked curiously.

“It’s something like money in the real world, I guess. After all, normal people aren’t able to collect this kind of soul power and Beiqi has a lot of districts that produce Yin souls. Yin souls are different from default souls in the sense that it’s more like a kind of material used in cultivation, but it can also be used to construct weaponry and equipment. It just has a lot of uses, that’s all you need to know.”

Lu Wu nodded his head, “So that means that Ghost Kings and Ghost Generals don’t occupy the area around the Mansion of the Dead because this area doesn’t produce Yin souls?”

Bei Li shoved a handful of junk food into her mouth and answered with her mouth full, “Mm, that’s right. Although the Mansion of the Dead is the capital of Beiqi, it’s the most lacking in resources.”

Even though he now knew the Soul Liberating Envoy’s origins and the motives of his visit, Lu Wu had no idea how to deal with him. Hence, he looked toward Bei Li who was still stuffing her face.

“Don’t look at me, I don’t know either. Soul Liberating Envoys are able to blend into the shadows and with the capabilities of the players, he’d be really hard to kill, eh.”

Seeing as Bei Li did not know how to handle this problem as well, Lu Wu fell into silence.

At this moment, Bei Li pointed a finger at the computer screen, “Wu, look at this. They’re discussing this on the forum.”

Lu Wu took a step forward and immediately saw the post that the players had just put up.

MetalBull: “Who can tell me why an NPC would be so unreasonable. I thought I was in luck when I met the Mysterious Merchant, but I ended up empty-handed and even got killed. Someone tell me why. I’m currently in an existential crisis mode.”

A few screenshots were attached underneath the post from the player showing the Soul Liberating Envoy.

Where_is_Mundo: “[Facepalm] Bro, are you retarded? Even if this guy looks like the Mysterious Merchant, can you please tell me which part of him made you sure that he was actually him? Can’t you see that he’s a skeleton?”

Soda_Water: “OMG, bro, you met this fellow, too. My group of three met him in Liuli District as well when we were beast-taming. This isn’t the Mysterious Merchant at all, he’s a subordinate of Ghost General Cha Na. You’ve got real big balls, man. You actually served yourself up to die, I salute that.”

My_CutieKing: “Where? Where’s Cha Na’s subordinate? This mage has reached Divine Skill Level 2 and is expected to be able to lead an army soon. Let me bring some Yin soldiers to slaughter him!”

ArrogantWolf replying to My_Cutie King: “Hey, the little mage above me, how are you so cocky? Do you need me to take you out in single combat in the wild with my sword to teach you a lesson?”

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My_CutieKing replying to ArrogantWolf: “Mages are peerless in single combat. We are the best, the absolute coolest and we destroy brainless berserkers. You better pray that we don’t meet in the wild, because I’ll show you what death by numbers mean.”

SwordSkill_Master replying to My_Cutie King: “Stop tooting your own horn. Mages are awesome now, but don’t you know that there’s a different god in different versions of the game? Just you wait till we switch characters, then only one of us will be needed to beat your mage asses!”

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Seeing the comments and replies of the players, Lu Wu could only laugh. Mages’ skills had been allowed to elevate lately so many mages who had been down in the dumps for the longest time had gotten arrogant. After all, with the Yin Soldier Summoning Skill, mages in the wild were indeed excellent in single combat.

Just as she wanted to continue scrolling through the comments on the forum, Bei Li’s facial expression suddenly changed.

“He’s here, he’s at the Mansion of the Dead!”

Hearing this, Lu Wu’s mind entered his artifact and began observing through the connection between the artifact and the Mansion of the Dead.

He saw a dark shadow floating nearby the Mansion of the Dead which darted into the Mansion.

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Looking at the Mansion of the Dead in the midst of renovation, the Soul Liberating Envoy's heart was filled with terror.

Yet, he still could not believe it, he could not believe that that dead king was still alive. He had watched him die with his own eyes and he could even remember the feeling of dissipation of the King of Beiqi's soul power clearly.

Thus, the Soul Liberating Envoy spent a long time hovering by the entrance before he grit his teeth and went in anyway, deciding to take a look for himself.

After a walk around, the Soul Liberating Envoy fell into shock once again.

The damage he had once seen done to the outer structure of the Mansion of the Dead was now as perfect as it had been before, even the little details and marks were there. If he did not know better, he would have thought that the King of Beiqi had returned.

Yet, he could not understand why all the other buildings apart from the Sutra depository had disappeared.

Of course, this was because Lu Wu only had enough soul coins to restore the Sutra depository. The Soul Liberating Envoy could never have imagined that this was because Lu Wu did not have enough soul coins to restore the buildings like the material storage room and the weaponry room.

As he watched the Soul Liberating Envoy float around the Mansion of the Dead, Lu Wu thought of something. Subsequently, by controlling his artifact, a figure slowly formed within the Mansion of the Dead.

"Who is it!" feeling the sudden condensation of Yin energy, the Soul Liberating Envoy turned sharply to a spot within the Mansion of the Dead.

"Who do you think I am?" a dignified voice sounded from the figure.

At this moment, stormy clouds covered the sky and the large amount of Yin energy turned into a tornado that blew across the Mansion of the Dead continuously. At the same time, the figure began materializing more clearly.

"The King of Beiqi! No, that's impossible!" the Soul Liberating Envoy was stunned and his body started to tremble uncontrollably.

Raising his head to look at the Yin energy blowing and howling through the sky, the Soul Liberating Envoy suddenly lowered his head and kneeled.

"Du Yan welcomes the return of my King!"

“Do you know what the punishment is for betrayal?” Lu Wu uttered in a low voice.

His voice reverberated in the Mansion of the Dead through transmission of Yin energy, causing the terrified Soul Liberating Envoy to tremble even more.

“I am guilty and am willing to die for my sins. I hope my King will spare my soul from suffering in consideration of my many years of servitude!” the Soul Liberating Envoy replied as he trembled in fear.

Hearing this, Lu Wu paused in astonishment. He had only just come up with this idea of playing a trick on him, but he had not known that the Soul Liberating Envoy would be so easily scared to the point that he would willingly commit suicide to atone for his sins.

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Chapter 30: Surrender

Looking at the Soul Liberating Envoy who was kneeling on the floor shivering, Lu Wu thought, and asked again in a low tone,

“Death? Do you think it’s so easy to extricate yourself after betraying me?”

Hearing this, the Soul Liberating Envoy shuddered, and the soul flame in his skull thumped vigorously, pressing his head even lower.

“Please forgive me, my King. I am willing to atone for my betrayal.”

Bei Li, who was watching this scene, was stunned. She did not expect Lu Wu to act like this, and the Soul Liberating Envoy to be so easily deceived and surrender.

Originally, Lu Wu had planned to let the Soul Liberating Envoy take his own life. However, at the thought that he had served Cha Na, the Ghost General of Liuli District, Lu Wu had another plan.

“Atonement? How are you going to redeem yourself?” Lu Wu said in a serious tone.

At the same time, the Yin energy in the sky continued to gather, accentuating the powerful figure of Lu Wu.

“I’m willing to help my King regain the lost territory, and restore the glory of my King!”

Lu Wu was pleased to hear this as he had not even mentioned it. He did not expect the Soul Liberating Envoy to be so smart.

Lu Wu was silent for a moment, pretending that he was thinking. Then, he slowly said,

“What do you plan to do?”

As Lu Wu finished his words, the Soul Liberating Envoy jerked up his head to look at Lu Wu, “You’re not the King of Beiqi. Who are you?”

“Why would you say that?”

Lu Wu was a little dispirited. He didn’t know what went so wrong that he got exposed.

“If you’re the King of Beiqi, you would never release me even if I am of great value to you. I’ve followed him for thousands of years, and I know him extremely well. Moreover, I’ve witnessed his death with my own eyes, and his soul power dissipated on the spot. How can that be fake? Who are you?”

The answer of the Soul Liberating Envoy gave Lu Wu a headache. He was too inexperienced indeed.

“Who are you? How did you repair the Mansion of the Dead, and why did you come? The death of Third Ghost, and the creatures that suddenly appeared outside must be related to you!”

The Soul Liberating Envoy stood up, and his hoarse voice echoed throughout the Mansion of the Dead.

“Yes, that Ghost Supreme Commander was indeed killed by my people, and the next target will be Cha Na!”

Since he was exposed, Lu Wu frankly admitted.

Now that his doubts were answered, the soul flame erupted in the skull of the Soul Liberating Envoy. He slowly stretched out his hands, and dark flames blazed up from his palms.

“You’re really bold, aren’t you. Beiqi is not a place an outsider can mess with!”

Just as the fight was about break out, Lu Wu opened his mouth again, “Oh, do you think Beiqi is still complete without its King?”

“That’s not for an outsider to decide!” the Soul Liberating Envoy waved his hands, and the balls of flame flew toward Lu Wu.

Boom!

The figure that Lu Wu made with condensation of Yin energy was instantly crushed, dissipating into a ball of dark fog.

However, Lu Wu controlled the Yin energy again, and recondensed his own figure right in front of the Soul Liberating Envoy.

“Die!”

The fierce flames blazed and surrounded Lu Wu, burning him unceasingly.

The dark fog dissipated, and Lu Wu manipulated the artifact again, forming his figure at another place.

“Du Yan, you won’t be able to kill me!”

Du Yan didn’t believe it, and continued to throw his dark flames at Lu Wu’s figure, smashing him again and again. After his tenth attempt, Du Yan stopped as he realized that it really was not working.

Lu Wu formed himself once again, and as he was about to say something, Bei Li, who had been watching at the side said, “Wu, give me the manipulation authority of the artifact. I’ll say it!”

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Lu Wu hesitated, but he nodded, and gave the authority to Bei Li.

Under the control of Bei Li, the figure gradually solidified into a young figure.

This person was a little like Lu Wu. He was dressed in a purple robe with the flame dragon, and a purplish ray of light shined in his dark pupils. It was as if he was born with the faint authoritative aura.

The familiar uncontrollable and dominating aura surged toward the Soul Liberating Envoy, and he almost fell on his knees. However, at the thought that this person was not the King of Beiqi, he stood up instantly.

“Stop pretending that you’re him! You can’t scare me!”

“Du Yan, I’m not the King of Beiqi indeed, but his blood flows in me. The Land of Beiqi should be inherited by me!”

Just as the Soul Liberating Envoy was going to continue to taunt him, he saw the figure of the King of Beiqi wave his hands, and a drop of blood floated in the air.

As for the origin of the blood, Lu Wu was deeply in pain.

This was because Bei Li had suddenly grabbed his hand, and gave it a hard bite just now.

The Soul Liberating Envoy took over the blood, and looked at the figure of the King of Beiqi in confusion. Then, he chose to swallow that drop of blood.

After standing face-to-face for a moment, the Soul Liberating Envoy suddenly lifted his head and said in terror,

“You’re really the descendent of the King of Beiqi?”

“I believe you have the answer. Why would you ask any further.”

The Soul Liberating Envoy had mixed feelings now. As he examined the drop of blood just now, he found that it had the blood of the King of Beiqi. Although it was very faint, it was enough to prove the identity of the person in front of him.

“Why have I never seen you in all these years, and why did you return now?” the Soul Liberating Envoy asked in a deep voice.

Hearing this, Lu Wu took over the manipulating authority that was returned by Bei Li, and said,

“Beiqi is the territory of the Lu family. Although the old ancestors have died, it still belongs to us!”

“Hahaha, you must be insane. Do you think you’re qualified to fight with the Ghost King, and the Ghost Generals?” the hoarse laughter of the Soul Liberating Envoy was particularly offensive.

“Being qualified or not isn’t up to you. I’m giving you a chance right now, surrender to me!”

“Who do you think you are?” the Soul Liberating Envoy said with an ugly crack on his face.

“You must have seen and killed those creatures who proclaimed themselves as players, right?” Lu Wu smiled.

“Yes!” the Soul Liberating Envoy said unconcernedly.

Just as the Soul Liberating Envoy finished his sentence, the soul flame in his skull began to thump vigorously.

“This is impossible! You’re saying that you’re the reason that these creatures’ souls disappeared, and yet their soul power remained!”

“You’ve mastered the Law of Reincarnation!?”

The speculation of the Soul Liberating Envoy scared him. The Law of Reincarnation was the greatest power that not even the King of Beiqi possessed. If the man in front of him had really mastered it...

Fear had once again spiraled through the Soul Liberating Envoy.

"I'm giving you one last chance now to either surrender to me, or be destroyed with Cha Na. The choice is yours," Lu Wu's tone had also hardened.

"How can I believe you? Your plan to regain the Land of Beiqi is way too crazy. I'm worried that I'll be beyond redemption."

This time, the Soul Liberating Envoy did not rebuff. Instead, he stared at Lu Wu and asked.

"Do you think I'm crazy?" Lu Wu laughed.

"No," said the Soul Liberating Envoy after being silent for a moment.

Then, his body gradually dropped, and he knelt onto the ground, "My King!"