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A few mouthfuls caused the Amethyst Essence on the stone table to be licked cleanly off, Xiao Yan casually wiped off the dirt on the edge of his mouth. Turning his back, looking at Yao Lao's stunned figure, he disdainfully snorted, "Wastage is really shameful!"

"Indeed.....really shameful." Speechlessly nodding his head, Yao Lao dumbfoundedly shook his head then urged, "Go, quickly retreat! If not that little thing will return."

"Mh." Hearing Yao Lao's reminder, Xiao Yan nodded his head quickly, his eyes once again reluctantly sweeping across the remnants of purple stains on the stone table and then turned over to rush out toward the entrance.

The wind attribute Dou Qi that Yun Zhi left in his body was fully activated at this moment. Xiao Yan's speed was faster than he had ever been at before and when his legs moved, they even created blurry feeling.

After Xiao Yan sprang through the passage, he rushed toward the entrance of the cave without any hesitation.

However not long after exiting the passage, a furious roar came from his front. Right afterwards, the small savage Amethyst Winged Lion appeared within Xiao Yan's vision, glaring at him.

Looking at the Amethyst Winged Lion that suddenly rushed in, Xiao Yan's face slightly changed. The speed which he was running at quickly dropped as his feet skidded across the ground for ten meters or so before steadily stopping. At this moment, the distance between Xiao Yan and the small Amethyst Winged Lion was only tens of meters.

Bitterly looking at the fellow that was almost half the size of the passageway, Xiao Yan groused out, "That diarrhea poison, why didn't it just cause that beast to excrete to its death?"

"I'm sorry, I forgot again. The small Amethyst Winged Lion was born with the Amethyst Lion Birth Essence, so it can grasp the status of the latter at any time. Since you broke the Amethyst Crystal, I guess that must have alarmed it." As Xiao Yan was worrying, Yao Lao's apologetic voice that really deserved a thrashing, drifted out from the ring.

His mouth intensely twitching, Xiao Yan took a deep breath. As there was no time to bother with Yao Lao, Xiao Yan raised his head, edgily looking at this beast which was similar to a giant tyrant in his eyes.

A light purple color started to appear in the beastly eyes that were glowering at Xiao Yan. The layer of purple crystals which were thinner than that of its parent, started to glow and emit a purple radiance but luckily as this was still inside the cave and without the sun shining down, the small Amethyst Beast was unable to successfully call out the Purple Flame. Otherwise, Xiao Yan would really not have any chance to escape anymore.

“Houhou!” Stepping forward, the enormous energy in it’s paw caused the entire inner part of the cave to tremble. A few stray rocks that fell from the wall smashed around Xiao Yan’s legs.

Swallowing his saliva, Xiao Yan gripped his Heavy Xuan Ruler, exerted some strength and twirled it in his palms to place it inside his Storage Ring. Facing this rank 3 peak Magic Beast, Xiao Yan didn’t dare hold back any strength. Sometimes, it was that split second that meant the difference between life and death.

After the heavy ruler left his body, Xiao Yan felt lighter and more nimble while the Dou Qi within his body flowed much more naturally. After escaping the restraints, Xiao Yan’s whole body emitted limitless strength.

Lightly hopping, Xiao Yan finally calmed down from his earlier panicked state and began to look for a chance to escape.

The sharp claws lightly scraped across the ground, scratching out numerous small cracks on the hard ground. The small Amethyst Winged Lion stepped forward once again, its huge tail smashing on the ground fiercely. A giant rock was smashed into pieces and relying on the strength of the tail, the small Amethyst Winged Lion sprang forward for tens of meters, pouncing toward Xiao Yan furiously.

The huge figure left an oppressive shadow on the ground. Raising his head and looking at that mountain-like beast, Xiao Yan’s knees bent slightly, raising his palms and toward the roof of the passage, a fierce suction force surged out. His body flew straight upwards and like a lizard, he stuck to the rock wall.

Looking at the small Amethyst Winged Lion that just missed, Xiao Yan tightly grabbed the rock wall while keeping up his suction force. This resulted in his body hanging on the rock wall but that didn’t stop him as him madly climbed toward the exit of the cave.

After climbing a short distance, the small Amethyst Winged Lion turned it head and stared at the crawling Xiao Yan. Its giant mouth opened while its head shifted backwards and a moment later, purple flames shot toward Xiao Yan.

“Dammit!” Feeling the heat from the purple flames, Xiao Yan’s palms loosened and his body flipped and dropped toward the ground. His toes sprang from the stone wall and like an arrow that just left the bow, he crazily flew toward the exit of the cave.

Seeing the thief of its Amethyst Lion Birth Essence running away, the small Amethyst Winged Lion let out an angered roar. Its wings shook fiercely, extending inside the cave. Its paws sprang off the ground and its body floated forward as it started to chase the figure that was running ahead.

Inside the mountain cave, a man and a beast, one escaping, one chasing, it was the intense time of life and death.

Springing out a short distance again, a force shot from behind Xiao Yan causing him to urgently turn his body. A giant rock flew above his head, smashing against the rock wall heavily. It shattered, but a few cracks also appeared on the rock wall.

Looking at the strength that came from the rock, Xiao Yan took in a cold breath while his footsteps became more urgent.

But however fast Xiao Yan’s speed was, he was still unable to compete with the flight of the small Amethyst Winged Lion and after this chase continued for a few minutes, Xiao Yan finally began to feel the killing intent behind him get stronger. Obviously, the small lion had gradually shortened the distance.

Being forced into such a dangerous situation, on Xiao Yan’s palm was a continuous stream of jade bottle being taken out from the ring and without caring about what they were, they were desperately thrown backwards.

“Pingpingping.....” The smashing of the jade bottles cause a colorful cloud of powder to appear in the passage. However, this had little effect in obstructing the small Amethyst Winged Lion.

After running for another stretch of distance again, Xiao Yan strangely found that his body was getting hotter and hotter. Waves of heat were emitted from his Qi Paths, each strand endlessly integrating with his blood, bones and flesh.

“What’s going on?” The sudden change inside Xiao Yan’s body caused his heart to freeze for a moment. However, the current situation didn’t allow him to stop and contemplate. The pure energy brought about by the heat inside his body caused Xiao Yan’s speed to explode and at the same time, allowed him to temporarily escape the lion’s mouth.

“Oh yeah, is this the Amethyst Essence I just swallowed?” While running, Xiao Yan suddenly wondered.

“Such rich energy.....” Sighing in amazement, Xiao Yan’s face changed abruptly. The heat waves that were inside his body emerged more and more as he ran. At first, Xiao Yan was able to rely on his body to absorb the energy but as his body reached its limit, the heat waves inside his body still continued to increase. Finally, a purple color started to faintly appear on Xiao Yan’s skin.

“Dammit, it was just a few mouthfuls, need there be so much energy? No place to put it somewhere else?” Xiao Yan scolded. His body was starting to get scaldingly hot, giving rise to a little fear in Xiao Yan’s heart.

“Ah!” The clothes on Xiao Yan’s body started to become really dry while red and purple colors flashed over his face. Opening his mouth and panting out hot air repeatedly, Xiao Yan looked like he was in h*ll.

“Hou!” Chasing at Xiao Yan’s back, as the small Amethyst Winged Lion saw the purple energy that was smoking off Xiao Yan’s body, the fury and rage in its beastly eyes increased tremendously. This had originally belonged to him, yet was now stolen by this stupid human.

Thinking about this, the small Amethyst Winged Lion let out a ferocious roar. Its paws fiercely stepped on the ground as the purple essence on its wings skyrocketed in amount, causing the beast’s speed to explode. Its huge head charged toward Xiao Yan’s back and looking at this situation, if it were to connect, it would be hard for Xiao Yan to escape the fate of his body exploding.

The insane force heading towards his back was detected by Xiao Yan. The red-purple faced him suddenly turned around and on both palms, purple Qi, faded yellow Dou Qi and green colored Dou Qi emerged at the same time.

Three kinds of energy gathered on Xiao Yan’s arm and were all barraged at the small Amethyst Winged Lion.

“Bang!” A huge roar rang through the cave passage, shaking a few stray rocks.

“Puchi!” The enormous energy from the arm caused Xiao Yan’s body to fly out instantly. A mouth of fresh blood was also spat out, wetting his clothes.

Although Xiao Yan was quite pitiful, due to the explosion from several of his energies, the savage small Amethyst Winged Lion was blasted midair and spun several rounds, before heavily landing on the rock wall. Lines of cracks started to spread out behind its back.

Urgently retreating, Xiao Yan, with the aid of the rock pillar, finally stopped. However, before he could wipe the blood off his lips, he saw the savage small Amethyst Winged Lion that once again pounced forward and he turned around to start to flee.

Ignoring the constant roars behind him, the purple heat waves inside Xiao Yan's body started to abate a little, following the release earlier. Borrowing the massive energy from this strange thing, Xiao Yan desperately fled toward the cave mouth that he could finally see.

"Hou!" Behind his back, a heat wave neared, causing the clothes on Xiao Yan's back to burn to ashes. A constant stream of flames also left a wound on Xiao Yan's back.

Biting his teeth and bearing through the pain, Xiao Yan desperately ran with reddened eyes. At this moment, stopping for a moment meant death!

The white light from the entrance started to become brighter and brighter; Xiao Yan was even able to hear the roars of the beasts from outside. His feet once again stepping down, his body flew out. A final fierce step on the rock wall caused his body to fly out from the cave.

Rushing out from the cave, the strong sunlight caused Xiao Yan's eyes to sting. As he forced his body to turn mid air, his face was filled with sudden realization. While he was about to reach the ground, the two rank 3 Magic Beasts that were guarding the outer perimeters of the cave were exposing their savage huge mouths toward him.

Staring at the extremely close stenchful huge mouth, Xiao Yan despaired. With his whole body being weak, he was unable to muster up any strength to turn the tables anymore.

As he closed his eyes and waited for death, two bitterly cold sword Qis furiously shot down from the skies, slicing apart the two fierce Magic Beasts. As Xiao Yan's eyes opened once more, his body fell amidst a soft and fragrant place.

Blearily opening his eyes, all Xiao Yan saw was an anxious beautiful face.

Chapter 142: Absorbing the Purple Energy

Observing the miserably burnt body of Xiao Yan who she was holding to her chest, Yun Zhi's pretty face changed. At the same time, the young Amethyst Winged Lion roared angrily and came dashing from the inner regions of the cave. However, when its gaze swept toward Yun Zhi, who was floating in midair, it hurriedly slammed its claw on the ground and slid for a short distance. The Magic Beast's excellent sense of danger told him that the woman in front of it was not an existence it could offend.

Just as the young Amethyst Winged Lion was preparing to retreat, the icy-faced Yun Zhi swung the sword in her hand. An enormous green colored wind blade exploded from the tip of the sword and cut at the former's body with lightning speed. Instantly, sparks spattered in all directions.

“Wu!” Having received a heavy blow, the young Amethyst Winged Lion let out a shrill scream from its huge mouth. Yun Zhi’s attack had cleaved a disturbing crack on the layer of Amethyst protecting its back.

“Dammit, how dare you hurt my son. I will not let you off today!” At the moment when Yun Zhi attacked, an intense purple flame was thrown from the sky. The explosive and furious roar of the Amethyst Winged Lion reverberated throughout the sky.

“Hmm.” Yun Zhi coldly snorted and rotated her hand in front of her body. A violent green colored tornado suddenly appeared on the surface of her body. It spun fiercely, throwing aside the overwhelming purple flame that came charging at her.

The green wings behind Yun Zhi flapped as she hurriedly retreated while carrying the unconscious Xiao Yan with one hand. As she retreated, the strange longsword in her hand danced at an unusual angle. In a moment, the longsword suddenly trembled and a cold cry was emitted from moist red small lips, “Wind’s Peak , Killer Meteorite.”

Hearing Yun Zhi’s delicate cry, the Amethyst Winged Lion immediately let out a serious roar. Its body abruptly shot downwards and appeared in front of the young Amethyst Winged Lion in the blink of an eye. Its huge head shook, once again spreading a purple light all over the skyline.

When the Amethyst Winged Lion prepared to use its greatest attack to receive Yun Zhi’s attack, which had successfully smashed its horn before, Yun Zhi simply flapped her wings and quickly stored the longsword in her hand into her storage ring. She then turned around and made a few flashing leaps and disappeared into the horizon with Xiao Yan.

“Cunning human! I, the Amethyst Winged Lion, will never give up getting my revenge on you!” Seeing Yun Zhi suddenly escaping, the Amethyst Winged Lion finally realized that it was tricked. The purple light on its body slowly weakened while its angry roar continued to echo in the mountain range for a long time.

Ignoring the faint roar that vibrated through the air, Yun Zhi held Xiao Yan and continued to fly toward the exit of the Magic Beast Mountain Range like a comet. A while later, they exited the inner regions of the Magic Beast Mountain Range. Only then did she find a covert place to slowly descend.

After landing in a hidden area in the dense woods, Yun Zhi hurriedly removed Xiao Yan from her chest and placed him onto the ground. Her hand touched his body and she involuntarily uttered in a shocked voice, “Such an overwhelming energy. What exactly did this guy do?”

Lying on the cool ground, Xiao Yan’s entire body had turned black. He continued to pull at his clothes unconsciously. When he opened his mouth, he even released steam.

Seeing Xiao Yan who had shrunk his body together in pain, anxiety surfaced in Yun Zhi's heart. She thought for a moment, clenched her teeth and suddenly appeared behind Xiao Yan's back. She extended her hand and lightly pressed it onto the stove-like back of Xiao Yan.

Yun Zhi's moist, small red lips slowly released a breath as she gradually closed her pretty eyes. The ocean-like surging Dou Qi in her abruptly flowed along her hand and hurriedly poured into Xiao Yan's body.

Yun Zhi's Dou Qi was naturally not something that the Dou Zhe Dou Qi in Xiao Yan could compare with. Under her control, the wind type Dou Qi that entered Xiao Yan's body swiftly occupied all his Qi Paths. The pale yellow Dou Qi belonging to Xiao Yan was chased back into the vortex in his lower abdomen.

After she properly arranged the Dou Qi that originated from Xiao Yan, Yun Zhi turned her attention toward the purple colored energy that was seeping from around the internal body of Xiao Yan.

Faced with this kind of unknown, but overwhelming, energy, the powerful wind type Dou Qi was no longer so nice. Within the Qi Paths, the numerous threads of purple-colored energy continued to be banished by the wind-type energy.

Although the purple colored energy was very strong, it was helpless against the army of seemingly never ending wind-type Dou Qi. At that moment, it had become like a stray dog that continued to try to escape.

As it fled, there was some purple-colored energy that continuously mixed with Xiao Yan's blood, flesh, and bones. Each time the purple-colored energy mixed with his blood and flesh, a pale purple spot would appear on that spot. Soon, Xiao Yan was full of these purple markings. Having no space left, the remaining purple-colored energy could only coalesce together to form a fist-sized purple-colored energy that shivered as it watched the wind-type Dou Qi surrounding it.

"Terrible little thing, it's over..." Outside of the body, Yun Zhi, with her eyes tightly shut, suddenly said.

Following Yun Zhi's words, the wind-type Dou Qi that surrounded the purple-colored energy suddenly pounced onto the latter.

Appearing to have felt the danger, this group of purple-colored energy suddenly vibrated violently. On its surface, a purple-colored flame began to rise, burning off some of the wind-type energy that was charging at it.

"It is indeed a little strange." The transformation of the purple-colored energy did not cause Yun Zhi to be overly shocked. After a light sigh, the wind-type Dou Qi that was poured into Xiao Yan's body suddenly turned into a green-colored storm. The storm

spun at high speed and a moment later, pulled the group of purple colored flames into it. Instantly, the green colored storm became a whirlwind that alternated between green and purple colors.

The storm continued to spin at high speed as Yun Zhi controlled its strength and continued to remove the wildness in the purple-colored energy.

After being removed, the seed of wildness would be thrown out by the storm and swarmed by the army of wind-type Dou Qi outside that destroyed it almost instantly.

As the storm spun increasingly fast, the purple color within the green and purple mixture began to fade until it posed no threat. Suddenly, the storm ceased spinning and gradually disappeared.

After the storm disappeared, a pale, purple flame appeared in Xiao Yan's body.

The purple colored flame this time around was visibly calmer than before. Its wild attacking characteristic was also slightly diminished. The thing that it was now was possibly a pure energy that people could absorb and refine.

Yun Zhi lightly sighed as she eyed the pale, purple flame. Her finger flicked on Xiao Yan's back, blowing a shapeless ferocious wind through Xiao Yan's body. Instantly, the pale, purple flame was blown toward the slow spinning vortex in Xiao Yan's lower abdomen.

Under Yun Zhi's gaze, the pale, purple flame quickly passed through a few Qi Paths before being shot into the interior of the vortex.

Almost immediately after the pale, purple flame entered the vortex, it prompted a huge movement. Not only did the spinning speed of the vortex suddenly become much faster, it also quickly expanded from its original size of around two palms.

Within the pale yellow vortex, a group of pale, purple flames continued to spin along with the former. When it spun, numerous threads of purple colored flames were split from it and changed into the most basic form of energy which was assimilated into the vortex.

The vortex continued to expand until it reached the size of a basketball and this size was the result of Yun Zhi suppressing from the outside. If she had not suppressed it, the vortex would likely continue to expand. It may be true that the size of the vortex represents the growth of one's strength but the experienced Yun Zhi knew that if Xiao Yan was allowed to jump too many levels without any effort, it would be detrimental in the long-term.

Seeing that the vortex had ceased expanding, Yun Zhi, who had completed her task, began to withdraw the Dou Qi she had poured into Xiao Yan. Numerous threads of fire-

type Dou Qi that were stronger than before began to flow from the vortex in Xiao Yan following the withdrawal of her Dou Qi. Finally, they began to orderly flow through all of Xiao Yan's Qi Paths again.

With the removal of the energy causing trouble in his body, the outside appearance of Xiao Yan's body also began to return to its normal color. His originally pained-filled face had also gradually calmed down while the curled up body of his also became relaxed and spread out.

Pulling Xiao Yan's body with her hands, Yun Zhi gently placed him onto the grass-covered ground. She wiped off her perspiration and sat down beside him, taking a few gasps of air. She then tilted her head and watched the young man's sleeping face. A long while later, she sighed again and shook her head. Reaching her hand out, she removed Xiao Yan's storage ring and took out the Purple Spirit Crystal.

Gently holding the warm Purple Spirit Crystal, Yun Zhi whispered, "Thank you."

Yun Zhi stood up with her teeth biting her red lips. Her gaze swept across her surroundings before she began to slowly remove her simple dress. A bright red color appeared on her face as she did so. Following a pull from her finger, an alluring body that appeared to have been carved out of a beautiful jade was revealed in the dense forest.

After elegantly taking off her clothes, Yun Zhi gently removed the blue-colored metal inner vest that had a strange light flowing on it. Once she did so, she hurriedly put on her clothes while wearing a shy expression.

Carrying the metal inner vest with both hands, Yun Zhi carefully folded it and placed it beside the sleeping Xiao Yan. In a soft voice, she muttered, "This Sea's Core Vest was created from the strange metal created in the stomach of a Three Tailed Blue Whale, a rank six Sea Magic Beast. Its defensive strength is determined by its owner's strength. Although your strength is only that of a Dou Zhe, even a Dou Shi's attack cannot easily hurt you... You have helped me a couple of times, so consider this your reward."

After properly placing the vest, Yun Zhi tilted her head and mused for a moment. She then took out two scrolls from her storage ring, placed them on the vest and said softly: "This is a scroll containing a High Xuan fire-attribute Qi Method and a Middle Xuan level Dou Technique. I hope that these will help you in the future."

Once she securely placed the things, Yun Zhi stood beside Xiao Yan. Her pretty eyes felt an unknown feeling. She stared at the delicate and handsome young man's face and a helpless bitter smile suddenly surfaced on her pretty face. "After training alone for so many years, I did not expect to... this young man..."

“Uh, we will meet again if we are destined to, little boy...” Sighning gently, Yun Zhi lowered her body and lightly pecked her lips on Xiao Yan’s forehead. The green wings behind her flapped and she gracefully swept into the sky.

On the grass surface, a faint fragrance remained but the beauty had already left...

Chapter 143: Nine Star Dou Zhe

When Xiao Yan emerged from his unconscious state, it was already sunset. Slowly opening his eyes and lightly moving his fingers, the expected pain didn’t appear. In fact, there was an energized feeling within his body.

This comfortably enriched feeling caused Xiao Yan to breath out deeply. Slightly moving his head, a tidy pile of blue colored metal inner vest and two scrolls appeared before his eyes.

Looking at these items, Xiao Yan was at first confused. Soon after, he sat up in a flash of understanding. His eyes furiously roved around his surroundings but he was unable to find that graceful and elegant figure. A sense of loneliness and depression started to appear on the youth’s face

“Gone already?” Bitterly laughing, Xiao Yan weakly liad on the branch beside him. After narrowing his eyes for quite some time, he lazily reached out to take the metal inner vest that was arranged neatly. Holding it with his palm, the inner vest strangely held some warmth and was not cool. Xiao Yan’s hands lightly kneaded the inner vest and found that it was soft as silk, extremely weird.

Grabbing that blue inner vest tightly, Xiao Yan placed it below his nostrils and sniffed, smelling a light body fragrance.

“She actually left this kind of close fitting object behind.....” With an odd expression on his face, Xiao Yan muttered. Moving apart the metal inner vest, the claw mark left by the Amethyst Winged Lion appeared within his vision.

Pulling the metal inner vest into his embrace, Xiao Yan raised his head and looked at the sparse treetop, the smile on his mouth was a little bitter, “Ai, she went back and continued to be her respected Dou Huang.....I also have to continue struggling for my Dou Shi.”

Forcefully shaking his head, Xiao Yan settled the two scrolls into the ring depressedly. Lowering his head and looking at the back finger on his ring, he asked, “Teacher, where are we going now?”

The ring lightly trembled, Yao Lao floated out, circled around Xiao Yan and suddenly spoke, “Go look at your current strength.”

Hearing this, Xiao Yan was confused and following his advice, he closed both eyes and quickly reflected on the state of his body. A moment after, he opened his eyes. spoke in consternation, "Nine Star Dou Zhe? How did I jump two stars? Is..is it due to that Amethyst Essence?"

"Only two stars? At least that woman wasn't an idiot, if she were to help you break through to Dou Shi, there would be a huge problem." Yao Lao emotionlessly said.

"What does that mean?" Xiao Yan asked in confusion.

"The energy within the Amethyst Essence is indeed rich. However that strength was too tyrannical. Although that woman already refined it once, if you were to let the purple flame raise your current strength, the Qi vortex inside your body would just expand and explode. The Amethyst Winged Lion being able to raise an entire rank after eating it is due to their physical body being really strong, thus they have no reason to be scared of being devoured by the purple flames. But you, heh heh, if you were to rely on the purple flames to promote to the Dou Shi level, I'm afraid you would have been instantly incinerated into a pile of ashes by the purple flames." Yao Lao said with a laugh.

"Kuh..." Wiping away cold sweat, Xiao Yan finally understood that even good things cannot be randomly consumed. No matter how good it was, if the human body was unable to withstand it, it would only become poison.

"Although currently, under the help of her pressure, you only raised two stars, this speed still leaves me a little worried. Ai, this woman, sure can mess things up. This leaping kind of training has a lot of shortcomings." Shaking his head, Yao Lao mused, speaking again, "Within this month, you have to camp inside the Magic Beast mountain and every day you have to hunt down five or more rank 1 Magic Beasts. Only through battle can the Dou Qi within your body become as steady and firm as before. If not, when we encounter a Heavenly Flame in the future, you will not have any qualifications to devour it."

"If it must be five, let it be five." Unconcernedly shaking his head, Xiao Yan stood up, carrying the heavy ruler while Yao Lao returned to the ring. Sweeping around the surroundings once again, he finally left this dense forest.

Walking out from the forest, a flaming red setting sun on the horizon had already descended halfway. Standing still and gazing at the setting sun for a long time, Xiao Yan sighed in loneliness, turned around and disappeared under the cover of the forest.

When Xiao Yan left, he did not realise that on the peak of an undetectable hidden mountain behind him, there was a girl in a simple white dress, standing beautifully on it and letting out a soft sigh of relief after seeing Xiao Yan safely leave the dense forest. Once again watching the youthful figure disappear, she sighed faintly. Finally without reluctance and lingering attachment, the green wings on her back lightly flapped as her

figure transformed into a green shadow that speedily flew out from the Magic Beast Mountain Range.

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Within the dark forest, a Rank 1 Vampire Rat was carefully crawling, its tiny blood red eyes were continuously regarding the forest with vigilance; a bitter cold light shone on its sharp teeth and claws.

It quickly crawled a short distance and as the blood rat was greedily grazing on the sap of the tree, a white blur suddenly surged out from the white tree. A strand of ice energy shot outwards, briefly freezing the feet of the blood rat that just realized his situation and was about to escape. A pair of sharp fangs closed and swallowed the blood rat in a flash.

Successfully completing an ambush once again, the white furred Unicorn Wolf groomed its white fur in satisfaction. This white wolf was named as the Frost Unicorn Wolf and its strength was at the peak of rank 1 Magic Beasts so defeating one blood rat was relatively easy.

After completely swallowing the blood rat, the Frost Unicorn Wolf once again searched for a new target.

“Bang!” Following a muffled noise, leaves around the Frost Wolf suddenly shot skywards and rained down onto the wolf.

This sudden change caused the Frost Unicorn Wolf to retreat in panic but as its body moved backwards, a human figure surged outwards from within the leaves and the branches. A punch that held a savage and enormous force, severely smashed toward the wolf's brain.

This savage force caused the fur on the Frost Unicorn Wolf to stand on end. In its horrifying fanged mouth, there was a howl followed by a white Ice energy being shot out madly.

That white energy encapsulated the human figure for a brief moment. However, this time, the Ice energy didn't achieve its desired effect. On that human figure, a faded yellow with streaks of purple Dou Qi appeared on the body and under this intensely hot fire natured Dou Qi, the ice energy was unable to freeze the human figure and became a cloud of white steam, scattering quickly.

Seeing that Ice energy had no effect, the Frost Unicorn Wolf quickly turned and fled for its life.

The human figure rushed out from the Ice Energy and looking at the desperately escaping Frost Unicorn Wolf. His feet suddenly strangely twisted before stepping on the ground again while he softly shouted from his mouth, "Exploding Steps!"

Accompanying that shout, a pale, yellow glow actually emerged from that human figure's feet and with the lightly glowing yellow feet, he heavily stepped on the ground. At that moment, an explosion like noise sounded from where the feet had been in contact with the ground. At the same time, that figure charged outwards with an insane speed like that of an arrow that left the bow, a little unbelievable.

Following that step, the figure took another few steps and every time his feet landed, there would be an explosion like sound.

Eight noises sounded out, eight steps! With just those eight steps, the figure actually surpassed the Frost Unicorn Wolf which was known for its speed.

Leaping over the Frost Unicorn Wolf, that figure spun his body and savagely punched the wolf's head. At that moment, the Frost Unicorn Wolf's speed stalled and with a muffled noise, the tough wolf head exploded and shot out in all directions.

Using only one punch to neutralize the Frost Unicorn Wolf, the figure raised his head, exposing the clear and handsome look of a youth. It was Xiao Yan who was training in the mountain range.

Today's Xiao Yan, compared to a month ago, had an additional tough feel to him and there was a bloody feeling permeating his body. Obviously, having to hunt five or more Magic Beasts everyday made Xiao Yan anew. After going through a bloodbath, anyone would also have some sort of change.

After a month of hunting and training, the Dou Qi inside Xiao Yan's body that left Yao Lao a little worried finally steadied and calmed down. The threads of energy that came from the Amethyst Essence was refined by Xiao Yan multiple times into the Qi vortex of his lower abdomen and only after shrinking by nearly half, did the refining finally stopped.

Although the Qi vortex looked like it shrunk, Xiao Yan clearly understood that the current him far outstripped himself from a month ago.

During this month, Xiao Yan trained the Middle Xuan Ranked Dou Technique that Yun Zhi left behind in one of the scroll, and this skill was the Exploding Steps that Xiao Yan just utilized.

As the name suggests, this was a type of Dou Technique that relied on the momentum from exploding energy to increase velocity and to this thing, Xiao Yan was quite interested, and thus learnt it. However, with Xiao Yan's current strength, he was at most

able to utilize ten steps of Exploding Steps, anymore would be impossible. But even so, Exploding Steps had a huge contribution to Xiao Yan's hunting mission in this month.

Yun Zhi left two scrolls, one was a Qi Method and the other was a Dou Technique but Xiao Yan only learned the Dou Technique, Exploding Steps. The other Qi Method was useless for Xiao Yan who had learned the Flame Mantra and so, Xiao Yan could only leave it coldly unattended within the ring.

Overall, this month of training multiplied Xiao Yan's total ability and without any restraints or restrictions, defeating a Two Star Dou Shi was not impossible!

After the end of the month, Xiao Yan stayed inside the Magic Beast Mountain Range for a few days and under perfect conditions, killed a rank 2 Magic Beast, using that to measure the fruits of his training!

After gauging his current ability, Xiao Yan's mind wandered to the strict face of a middle aged man.

It was that person that forced him to enter the depths of the Magic Beast Mountain Range a few months earlier.

And now, was perhaps the best time to get revenge.....

Chapter 144: Gan Mu

Slowly walking within the dense forest, Xiao Yan's eyes glanced at the gradually thinning woods and sighed in relief. He was presently at the outer edges of the Magic Beast Mountain Range. If he continued walking for some distance, he should be able to meet some Mercenary Companies that had entered the mountain range to hunt for Magic Beasts.

Lifting his head, Xiao Yan watched the slightly dark sky and involuntarily frowned. It looks like he would have to spend the night in the mountain range once again.

Shaking his head, Xiao Yan patted the Heavy Xuan Ruler on his back; it had been completely wrapped with a black cloth. His strange looking Heavy Black Ruler had become a unique sign, causing Xiao Yan to have little choice but to think of ways to hide it in order to avoid some unnecessary trouble.

After Xiao Yan passed through another small forest, the sky had finally become totally dark. He shook his head helplessly as he prepared to search for a spot to rest. His moving gaze abruptly paused as he noticed a bonfire slowly ascending in the forest a short distance away, much like a lamp that led the way in the darkness.

"Eh, there's actually someone?" Xiao Yan stared blankly at the bonfire. After some thought, he lifted his legs and headed for the spot where the bonfire was.

As he went nearer, Xiao Yan could vaguely see that five people were seated beside the bonfire. There were three males and two females, each carrying their own weapon. On their chest was the same badge; it appeared that they were mercenaries belonging to the same company.

When Xiao Yan was slowly approaching, a middle aged man beside the fire suddenly turned around. His eyes shot toward the place Xiao Yan was at and coldly barked, "Who is it?"

Hearing his shout, three of the people by his side pulled their weapons out from their waist with a clang while a girl among them that was much younger pulled twice before she managed to draw her sword. Her face instantly became bright red with humiliation.

"Please don't panic. I'm just a passerby who saw the bonfire and walked over." A young man with a smile appeared from behind a dark and cold tree. In order to prove that he had no ill intentions, he purposefully waved his empty hands.

Seeing Xiao Yan's young face, the five people clearly relaxed. The middle aged man was about to smile and speak when a spoiled crisp young lady's voice was vocalized from the mouth of the young lady who had difficulty drawing her sword just a moment ago. It seemed that she wanted to vent her anger from her embarrassment onto Xiao Yan. "Do you not know any manners? To quietly enter the domain of another mercenary company; are you trying to eavesdrop on our conversation?"

Being falsely accused without any reason, Xiao Yan knit his eyebrows together and turned his gaze onto the girl. From her appearance, she appeared to be younger than Xiao Yan by about a year. Her face, reddened from the firelight, was considered pretty but her expression was spoiled and unreasonable. Even the tone she used was also not very likable.

"Ling Er, don't say such nonsense." Noticing Xiao Yan's expression, the middle aged man turned his head and reprimanded before facing Xiao Yan once more and smiled, "Brother, are you also a mercenary? Why did you come into the Magic Beast Mountain Range alone?"

"Haha. I'm a physician. I've come alone in search of medicinal ingredients that have been used up. Unexpectedly, I ended up spending such a long time." Xiao Yan took out some medicinal herbs from his breast pocket and smiled at this middle aged man who had his guard up.

"Oh." The middle aged man felt a little relief after listening to Xiao Yan's explanation and carefully observing the medicinal herbs in the latter's hand. He pointed to the bonfire beside him and said unrestrainedly, "Why don't you come over and sit. The night is when the Magic Beasts are most active. It is a little dangerous to be out alone."

Gratefully nodding his head, Xiao Yan walked toward the side of the fire under the gaze of the few people. He sat down and smiled shyly at them.

“Brother, I am called Ka Gang. As you can see here, ha ha, five star Dou Zhe.” The middle aged man pointed to the five stars below his mercenary badge and laughed.

“Yao Yan. I am a physician and my strength can be considered a two star Dou Zhe.” Xiao Yan blinked his eyes and smiled.

“You have quite a lot of courage. Just a mere two star and you actually dare to venture into the Magic Beast Mountain Range. If you had not met us tonight, I’m afraid that you would have become food in the Magic Beasts stomach.” Upon hearing Xiao Yan’s strength, the young girl known as Ling Er immediately laughed with disdain.

Xiao Yan smiled faintly. Based on his character, he naturally ignored her and threw his gaze onto the other woman and two men. With a smile, he said, “Yao Yan, two star Dou Zhe.”

“Qing Xin, four star Dou Zhe.” The woman wearing a green dress politely smiled at Xiao Yan.

“Mo Shi, four star Dou Zhe. Ha ha, Brother, you can call me Lion.” A man with a somewhat strong body gave Xiao Yan an honest smile.

TL: Shi -> part of Shi Zi which means Lion

Xiao Yan smiled at the last man and glanced at the young girl who was extremely pleased with herself. Suddenly, he realized that she seemed to worship this prince charming. Within that worship, there was also the crush of a young girl. This was only expected. What girls like her love the most were knights in shining armor who had both strength and looks, much like Mu Lan.

After a brief introduction between the parties, they began to loosen themselves. During the conversation, the middle aged man known as Ka Gang asked Xiao Yan a few questions that were related to a physician in a natural manner. When Xiao Yan answered them perfectly, the last shred of doubt in Ka Gang was removed and the few of them began to chat.

In the midst of their chat, Xiao Yan was surprised to find that these people were members of one of the three big mercenary company, the Bloody Battle Mercenary Troop. It was also said that the young girl called Ling Er was the daughter of one of the upper echelons of the mercenary company. No wonder she was spoiled and unreasonable. With the strength of the Bloody Battle Mercenary Company, she could really do as she pleased.

After becoming familiar with each other, Xiao Yan did not forget about the reason he had come over. Occasionally, he would carelessly pose a few questions on news of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company and the current situation in Qingshan Town.

Regarding the questions which answers were no secret, Ka Gang did not hold anything back. He smiled as he spoke about the current situation of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company and some of their actions.

After hearing the news from Ka Gang's mouth, Xiao Yan finally let out a relaxed sigh. Luckily, his prediction of the three mercenary companies working together to catch him did not happen. With his strength now, a mere Wolf Head Mercenary Company was not something to be afraid of.

Xiao Yan had initially wanted to leave after obtaining the information that he needed but could not resist the enthusiastic invitation from Ka Gang. He ended up going along with the latter's intention and spent the night resting at the campsite. Of course, during the time he rested, the girl who was embarrassed because of her mistake repeatedly dug at him. Xiao Yan was, however, too lazy to bother about her. He entered the tent, laid his head down and slept, angering the young girl into stomping her legs.

The night peacefully passed.

Xiao Yan comfortably exited the camp as the sky slowly became bright. He saw Ka Gang and the others packing up and quickly stepped forward with a smile, intending to help.

"Oh, have you finally woken up? We toiled through the night keeping watch, but you... simply slept till now. What a young master." Before he walked over, the young girl's cold voice sounded in the early morning air.

Without even glancing at the young lady with her hand on her waist, Xiao Yan simply went forward to help Ka Gang pack the tent. If he had not scattered the feces of high rank Magic Beasts around the tent, did she really think that the last night would pass so peacefully?

The young girl's eyebrows raised when she saw Xiao Yan ignore her. If Mu Lan had not held her back, she would have insulted him again.

After packing up the tent, Xiao Yan followed the others for a short distance as they were headed in the same direction. Xiao Yan looked at the large road a short distance away and involuntarily smiled. Back then, he had started fleeing for his life from around there.

Xiao Yan shook his head while smiling. He faced Ka Gang and cupped his hands together and said, "Uncle Ka Gang, we shall part ways here. Thanks you for the care you have given me during the journey."

TL: cupped one's hands together - a form of greeting the chinese use

"Yao Yan, aren't you also going to Qingshan Town? We are also headed the same way." Seeing that Xiao Yan had the intention of leaving, a stunned Ka Gang asked.

Xiao Yan smiled and shook his head. Although he could choose to ignore the spoilt brat called Ling Er, her mocking voice caused him to feel irritated. He was not masochistic so he decided that it was better for him to travel alone.

"Hehe, I suddenly remembered that I still have some things to do. I'm afraid that I will have to stop here for half a day. You should all go ahead."

"Let's go, Let's go. Uncle Ka Gang, what is the fun of bringing that baggage along? Two stars, huh. He can't even be compared with me." The spoiled brat quickly stopped Ka Gang just as the latter was about to open his mouth and speak.

Shaking his head helplessly, Ka Gang could only smile apologetically at Xiao Yan and turned around. When he did so, he stilled and said with a frown, "How unlucky. We actually ended up meeting this irritating guy."

Upon hearing these words, Xiao Yan, who was about to leave, could not help but turn his gaze toward the main road. A group of seven or eight men riding single horned horses came galloping over. Along the way, everyone else hurriedly dodged aside, afraid of being accidentally hurt.

"Who is he?" Eyeing the leader, a tall skinny man riding a single horned horse, Xiao Yan curiously asked.

"The Second Company Leader of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company, Gan Mu." Ka Gang bitterly laughed, "This guy always rubs us the wrong way. Nothing good happens each time we meet him. Moreover, this guy is a nine star Dou Zhe, we can't beat him."

"The Second Company Leader of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company?" Hearing this, Xiao Yan was momentarily frozen. An instant later, a smile surfaced on his face.

"This guy again. Uncle Ka Gang, let's leave quickly. hurry!" Seeing that guy on the horse galloping over, the face of the spoiled young girl whitened as she said with a panicked voice.

Watching her panicked face, Xiao Yan gently shook his head. Certainly, an evil person would be tortured by another evil person.

During the time that the few people conversed, the tall skinny man had already ridden over. He swept his gaze down onto Ka Gang and the others and grinned, "Hey, isn't this Ka Gang of the Bloody Battle Mercenary Company? Well, did you manage to get

anything from entering the Magic Beast Mountain Range this time around?" Ka Gang pressed his eyebrows tightly together and ignored him.

The skinny man did not mind when he saw that Ka Gang remained quiet. He turned his gaze toward Ling Er who was trying to hide. He obscenely licked his tongue and smiled brilliantly as he said, "Ling Er is getting more and more charming. I love young girls like you the most. Ha ha, they taste extremely great! You should not be alone in the future, ha ha..."

Hearing the tall skinny man's lewd laughter, Ling Er's body trembled. She hurriedly hid behind Ka Gang's back, not daring to open her mouth to speak.

"Ha ha, I have some urgent matters today so I won't play with you any longer. Ha ha, the next time we meet, I won't be so nice." After harassing the young girl, the tall skinny man laughed loudly and whipped his horse with his horsewhip and left.

Seeing the tall skinny man leaving, Ka Gang and the others sighed in relief.

However, just as the tall skinny man was hurrying off, an explosion sounded on the side of the road. At the same time, a black figure shot toward the Second Company Leader like a bolt of lightning.

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The human figure arrived above the horse in a moment. He rotated his body and ruthlessly kicked his right leg on the chin of the tall skinny man. Instantly the body of the latter arched in the air and smashed heavily onto the ground.

"Gurg!" A mouthful of fresh blood was spat out. Before the tall, skinny man had the time to react, a leg stepped onto his chest and the faint laughter of a young man gradually sounded, "Just stay here. It will save me the trouble of having to look for you later."

Everything happened in a flash and Ka Gang and the others faces were involuntarily filled with shock as they saw Gan Mu suddenly appearing beneath someone's foot. This was especially so when their gaze followed the foot stepping on Gan Mu's body and moved upwards. Their stunned gazes became frozen.

Chapter 145: Killing a Nine Star Dou Zhe

The overly arrogant Gan Mu had, in an instant, turned into someone who was randomly stepped on by someone else's foot. This hundred and eighty degree change caused not only Ka Gang and the others to stare in shock but also resulted in the subordinates behind Gan Mu to reveal stunned expressions.

On the spacious road, numerous passersby blankly stared at the Gan Mu who was under Xiao Yan's foot and could not recover their thoughts. In a moment the noisy road had become deadly silent.

A long while later, Ka Gang and his group finally recovered. They eyed Gan Mu who was pressed tightly under Xiao Yan's foot and exchanged glances with each other. Was this the same two star Dou Zhe from before? From the explosive speed and strength that he displayed, this young man's frightening strength would not be weaker than that of Gan Mu's nine star Dou Zhe.

"Uh, it looks like we were all mistaken." Shaking his head, Ka Gang bitterly smiled as he sighed. Looks like that young man was hiding his strength.

Hiding behind Ka Gang's body, Ling Er was also shocked by this sudden change. Her eyes stared at the young man who easily held Gan Mu, whom even her father could not defeat, under his foot. She did not expect that the young man who she repeatedly mocked for an entire day would have such great strength.

Recalling her attitude toward him, a self-mocking smile surfaced on Ling Er's pretty face for the first time. No wonder he pretended to be deaf to her words regardless of how she ridiculed him. Perhaps in his heart, she was like a clown performing her own show.

Sighing in her heart, the young girl watched Gan Mu whose chest was being stepped on by the young man. Under the morning sunlight, the young man's figure appeared very tall and the warm smile on his face suggested that he was not hitting someone but rather having a cordial conversation with his good friend.

Ling Er stared at the young man before abruptly tilting her head and eying the white-clothed Mu Lan beside her. She suddenly found that the worshipful feeling she had for him in her heart had diminished greatly.

"*Cough*, *cough*..." An intense cough accompanied by some blood was spat out from Gan Mu's mouth. Only then did his mind finally wake from his confused state. With wide eyes, he glared at the young man above him and hissed, "Little Bastard, do you damn well know who I am?"

"The Second Company Leader of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company?" Nodding his head, Xiao Yan answered with a smile, "Sorry but I have come because I know about your identity."

Gan Mu's eyes slightly shrunk as he stared intently at this smiling delicate and handsome face. A moment later, a thought struck him. The young man's face from a few months ago was gradually merging with the that of the person in front of him. Instantly, his aghast voice cried out involuntarily, "You are Xiao Yan? Weren't you chased into the inner regions of the Magic Beast Mountain Range? Why are you still alive?"

When Gan Mu's words left his mouth, the surrounding people's voices exploded into an uproar. Back then, the Wolf Head Mercenary Company used all of their strength to chase the young man called Xiao Yan into the inner regions of the Magic Beast Mountain Range in an attempt to kill him. Unexpectedly, the young man managed to walk out alive from the inner regions of the mountain range, which was also known as a death zone.

"Xiao Yan? He's actually the Xiao Yan who has caused an upheaval in the Wolf Head Mercenary Company?" On one side, Ka Gang's face was filled with shock. For him and his group to be able to walk alongside this well known rumored person in the Magic Beast Mountain Range was something entirely unanticipated.

"Kill him!" Having been publicly humiliated, Gan Mu's face grew increasingly menacing. Upon his explosive order, his subordinates hurriedly took out their weapons while wearing fierce expressions and charged at Xiao Yan in an attempt to kill him.

At the same time, a pale green Dou Qi quickly rose from Gan Mu's body. His fists slowly transformed into the color of withering wood and with a low cry, smashed toward Xiao Yan's calf.

"Exploding Steps!" Following Xiao Yan's call in his heart, a faint yellow energy swiftly formed on Xiao Yan's feet and he quickly stomped on Gan Mu's chest. Xiao Yan's body then shot toward the few mercenaries who were riding their horses over.

"Grug!" The explosive force from the Exploding Steps released a loud blast on Gan Mu's chest. The surging force directly caused him to spit out another mouthful of fresh blood. Gan Mu shakingly stood up afterwards and pulled a steel rod off of his back. Grinding his teeth in anger, he charged at Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan, who had shot out like the wind, bypassed the defenses of the few guards in an instant. Grabbing the hilt of the Heavy Xuan Ruler with his right hand, Xiao Yan suddenly drew it, releasing it from the confines of the black cloth. The huge ruler's body smashed horizontally outwards, instantly causing the few mercenaries to be simultaneously knocked to the ground and cough up blood.

In approximately the time taken for two to three exchanges, Xiao Yan easily defeated the few mercenaries with the strengths of five star Dou Zhes. He then slowly turned around and watched Gan Mu charging at him with a metal rod in his hands and a pale green color Dou Qi covering his body.

Carrying the Heavy Xuan Ruler with his right hand, Xiao Yan paused for a moment before his feet once again violently stomped on the ground. With an explosive sound, Xiao Yan's body shot forward and was in front of Gan Mu in the blink of an eye. He slightly tightened his grip on the Heavy Xuan Ruler and, with an extremely ferocious force, ruthlessly hacked at Gan Mu.

The sharp force of the wind breaking caused Gan Mu's white face to turn even uglier. Unable to avoid the attack, he hurriedly held his metal rod tightly and allowed the Dou Qi in his body to surge forth before meeting the blow.

"Bang!" The sound of two metal objects colliding sounded on the road, attracting everyone's attention.

Almost instantly after the metal rod and the heavy ruler collided, the enormous energy on them caused Gan Mu's body to sink down to the point where the back of his feet sunk were in the ground.

"Break!" Seeing Gan Mu biting his lips and enduring, Xiao Yan let out a cold laughter. He released another bit of Dou Qi from his body and poured it into the pitch-black Heavy Xuan Ruler.

"Crack.." With the increased strength of the Heavy Black Ruler, a couple of crack lines slowly appeared on the metal rod in Gan Mu's hand. A moment later, the crack lines swiftly expanded and the metal rod finally broke with a clear sound.

Seeing that his weapon was forcefully broken by his opponent, a horrified expression surfaced on Gan Mu's face. His body formed a strange curve and his legs hurriedly stepped back.

"Clang!" After breaking the metal rod, the Heavy Xuan Ruler continued to hack downwards and cleaved a deep scar in the ground.

Xiao Yan raised his eyes as he saw Gan Mu avoiding the attack. His feet once again violently stepped on the ground. With an explosive sound, his body appeared behind the retreating Gan Mu's back like a flash of lightning. He smiled, pulled his right leg back and heavily threw a kick that carried a violent force onto Gan Mu's back.

"Grug."

Having once again received another heavy blow, Gan Mu's originally white face turned much paler. Another mouthful of blood was violently spat out. Like a gourd, his body rolled on the ground for over ten meters and was in an extremely terrible state.

On the main road, everyone who was watching Gan Mu getting beaten by Xiao Yan secretly took in a breath of cold air. Gan Mu being beaten earlier could be explained with him being caught off guard. However, this chain of direct confrontation had let everyone know that the strength of this young man who appeared fairly young was above that of Gan Mu.

"He can actually defeat a nine star Dou Zhe at such a young age? In the future, just how strong will he be? What a frightening talent. The Wolf Head Mercenary Company is

really unlucky to mess with such a person.” Upon seeing the decisive matter of Xiao Yan’s fight, everyone could not help but sigh with envy in their hearts.

After rolling on the ground like a gourd for over ten rotations, Gan Mu finally climbed back onto his feet. He eyed the mocking gazes around him and his eyes involuntarily turned red. Lifting his head, he stared at the young man carrying the heavy ruler with a hateful and menacing face that caused others to shudder.

“Little Bastard. If you end up in my hands, I will make you suffer a fate worst than death!” Gan Mu’s hoarse voice coldly said.

“I don’t think you will have the chance to leave this place alive.” Xiao Yan smiled. His eyes were also filled with the same dark and icy killing intent. If he was able to kill a nine star Dou Zhe, it would be a significant blow toward the Wolf Head Mercenary Company. Regardless of what happens, he would definitely not allow this guy to return alive.

Gan Mu coldly sneered but his heart was a little uneasy. The strength that Xiao Yan had displayed earlier had smashed his arrogance into pieces. He glanced at his surroundings and when the corner of his eye landed on Ling Er who was only a short distance from him, a sinister smile surfaced on the corner of his mouth. From awhile back, it appeared that Xiao Yan was together with Ka Gang’s group and it was likely that they knew each other. If he wanted to escape from Xiao Yan, he needed to think of some less-than-honest methods.

When his thought reached this point, Gan Mu moved his body and suddenly rushed toward Ka Gang’s group.

The moment Gan Mu’s body moved, Ka Gang’s group immediately realized that something was amiss. However, Gan Mu’s speed was something none of them could compare with. Just as they had readied their defense, Gan Mu’s body abruptly turned and rushed towards the inexperienced Ling Er.

“Ling Er, be careful!” Ka Gang hurriedly called when he noticed Gan Mu abruptly changing direction.

Only after hearing his call did Ling Er turn her dull gaze away from Xiao Yan. When she saw Gan Mu menacingly pouncing toward her, her small face was filled with panic. Her body, however, appeared to have solidified and was unable to move.

“Little Ling Er, ha ha. Let’s go. Come and play with uncle.” Seeing the panicked expression on the young girl’s face, the licentiousness in Gan Mu’s heart surged as he laughed lewdly.

Ling Er fell backwards onto the ground in fear when she saw that Gan Mu was in her immediate vicinity. Her pale face continued to shiver; she knew well of the fate that awaited the girls that Gan Mu had caught.

Witnessing the young girl's fear, Gan Mu became even more excited. As he prepared to grab her, however, a young man carrying a heavy ruler appeared like a ghost in front of the young girl.

Lifting his eyes, Xiao Yan shook his head slightly and said softly, "The Wolf Head Mercenary Company is indeed filled with trash." With that statement, Xiao Yan tightened his grip on the Heavy Xuan Ruler and filled it with a ferocious energy. It turned into a black shadow and quickly swung horizontally outward.

"Bang!" Under Gan Mu's horrified eyes, the ruler mercilessly smashed into his chest. Instantly, his eyes protruded slightly and his chest caved inwards. A few mouthfuls of blood and crushed internal organs were vomited from his mouth while his body was thrown backwards and came to a gradual stop after breaking two to three trees.

A chillness appeared in all the witnesses' hearts as they watched Gan Mu slowly turning lifeless as he laid under a tree.

After glancing at the corpse indifferently, Xiao Yan rotated his hand and placed the ruler back behind him. He bade Ka Gang goodbye without turning around to look at the frightened young girl on the ground and slowly started walking toward Qingshan Town.

Eyeing the back of the young man carrying the black colored heavy ruler who was disappearing in the horizon, Ling Er, who sat frozen on the ground, said in a soft quivering voice, "I..I'm sorry."

Chapter 146: Meeting the Little Fairy Doctor again

Xiao Yan, who had been isolated for the past few months, could not help but sigh emotionally as he walked among the crushing crowds in the small town and listened to the racket from his surroundings. Humans were indeed creatures that loved to live as a group. If he had stayed alone in the wilds for decades, would he still be able to speak?

Shaking his head with a smile, Xiao Yan threw this ridiculous question out of his head and patted the Heavy Xuan Ruler on his back that had been wrapped with a black cloth. He stood at a junction and scanned his soundings. After musing for a moment, he pulled a passerby and inquired about the location of the Thousand Medicinal House. He then opened his strides and hurried in the direction the passerby indicated.

After walking through a few roads, the riotous sound slowly faded and Xiao Yan slowly followed the quiet path down a narrow street. A moment later, a unique small manor appeared in his sight.

The security at the entrance to the manor was extremely tight with over ten fully armed guards present.

Eyeing those guards, Xiao Yan's eyebrows pressed together; he did not want to alert the owner of the Thousand Medicinal House. He rotated his gaze before turning around and arriving at the back of the manor. He carefully glanced around and quietly jumped the wall.

Xiao Yan snuck into the manor and alertly avoided some of the patrolling guards. After that, he stealthily grabbed a young lady wearing a servant's uniform.

Seeing the young lady's frightened expression, Xiao Yan lowered his voice and asked, "Is the Fairy Doctor here?"

"Mm, mm." With her mouth covered by Xiao Yan, the young lady could only make some vague noises. "Tell me where her is room. Don't try anything funny. Otherwise, I'll strip you naked and throw you out!" The soft threat issued beside her ears frightened the young lady to the point where tears appeared in her eyes. She hurriedly pointed to the path that led to the Fairy Doctor's room with her trembling hand.

Having received the information on the location, Xiao Yan knocked the young lady unconscious and hid her in a covert place. He then carefully headed in the direction that the girl had indicated.

After avoiding a couple more patrols, Xiao Yan successfully arrived at the back of a fairly quiet room. He quietly navigated around it and headed to the front only to find four guards outside the door. The four appeared like guards but from the way they occasionally glanced into the room, it gave Xiao Yan the feeling that they were meant for the person inside then those outside.

"Looks like her days aren't very good either..." Xiao Yan smiled in his heart as he traced to the back of the room, which was facing a small lake. Carefully standing on the room's wooden edges, Xiao Yan slowly shifted himself to face an open window. A moment later, his hand was grabbing the window edge as he carefully lifted his body into the room.

Xiao Yan quietly landed with his feet on the ground and scanned the room which was uniquely and serenely decorated. His heart let out a sigh as he noticed a faint fragrance scattered about the interior of the room.

Sweeping his gaze around, Xiao Yan finally saw a blurry image behind a pink colored curtain. He stepped forward and pulled open the curtain before gazing into it.

Standing on a small platform was a lady wearing a white dress who was bending her head and meticulously mixing some medicinal powder. Occasionally, she would use a crystal rod to dab a little powder and gently sniff at it under her nose.

After mixing in some medicinal powder, the lady in white appeared to have become conscious of something. She suddenly lifted her head and swept her gaze toward the

smiling face of the young man. The coldness in her face gradually dissipated. She quickly glanced out of the door and waved Xiao Yan over.

Xiao Yan walked to the small platform with a smile and sat down with his legs crossed as he said, "Being watched?"

"Shh, don't say anything." The Fairy Doctor shook her finger and abruptly took out a small jade bottle from her pocket. She poured some pale red liquid which she used to swab on Xiao Yan's hand.

"What are you doing?" Seeing the Fairy Doctor's action, Xiao Yan could not help but ask in a confused voice.

The fragrance in the room is a slow-acting poison. It isn't good for you to breath it in." The Fairy Doctor said with a smile, "But if you apply some of the antidote that I have created, you would be immune to it."

"Ugh..." Xiao Yan shook his head in shock as he laughed bitterly, "I didn't think that you would apply poison even in your room."

The Fairy Doctor smiled and parted her black hair. She somewhat helplessly said, "I don't have a choice. As a weak female, my ability is limited so I can only rely on these unorthodox means."

"In what way are you weak? This method of poisoning without anyone discovering it... even I was almost caught by it." Xiao Yan shook his head and said, "Those people outside?"

"Yeah... being monitored." The Fairy Doctor carelessly said, "The Wolf Head Mercenary Company spread the news that I had found some treasure and the owner of this Thousand Medicinal House is greedily eyeing my share. During this period of time, he had been attempting to take the Seven Colored Poison Book but I managed to hold him off. However, he is becoming somewhat impatient."

"Why did you not leave? With your ability to use poison, there shouldn't be anyone here who is able to stop you." Xiao Yan smilingly asked.

"I was waiting for you to save me." A smile surfaced on her pretty face. Seeing Xiao Yan's helpless face, the Fairy Doctor grinned. "If I wanted to practice the Seven colored Poison Book, I would naturally require a large amount of medicinal ingredients to experiment with. Isn't this the best place?"

"But I think I should leave today. Today is the last day of the three day deadline that guy has given me." The Fairy Doctor moved the medicinal powder on the table into a small bottle before tilting her head and gazing at Xiao Yan. "You have once again exceeded my expectations. Unexpectedly, you not only survived staying in the inner regions of the

Magic Beast Mountain Range but your strength has grown significantly. Looks like choosing to be your ally was a wise decision.”

“Ha ha, I was merely lucky.” Xiao Yan laughed and stood up. “Let’s go. I’m still intending to create trouble for the Wolf Head Mercenary Company.”

“Ha ha. Count me in. They are a factor in my current predicament. Now that I’m leaving, it is only natural that I give them something to remember me.” The Fairy Doctor said with a smile as she stood up in a pretty manner.

“Naturally, I had this intention when I came to look for you.” Xiao Yan smiled. With the Fairy Doctor’s mastery in poison, even he was a little afraid of her. If he had her help, getting rid of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company would not be difficult.

Just as the Fairy Doctor was packing up, a knocking sound came from the entrance. A middle aged man’s voice vibrated into the room, “Ha ha. Fairy Doctor, are you in?”

Although the words conveyed an inquiry, the door was opened as the words died off. The middle aged man’s eyes swept across the room. His face changed slightly when he saw the young man standing in the middle of the room. Frowning, he waved his hands, calling in the four guards behind him. They took out their weapons and faced the two people in the room.

“Fairy Doctor, may I know who this is?” The gaze of the middle aged man turned toward the Fairy Doctor who was busily packing her things as he gave an insincere smile.

“Xiao Yan.” Xiao Yan said after glancing at the Fairy Doctor.

“Xiao Yan? Weren’t you chased into the inner regions of the Magic Beast Mountain Range?” Hearing the reply, the middle aged man’s face became blank. Instantly happiness flashed across his eyes as he said politely, “Hehe. I didn’t think that brother Xiao Yan was so strong. I admire you for escaping the inner regions of the mountain range also known as the Death Zone.”

“I was merely lucky.” Xiao Yan carelessly raised his eyes and laughed, “I will be leaving with the Fairy Doctor. Can you move aside?”

The middle aged man’s face twitched slightly as he smiled. “It is fate that allowed us to meet. Since you have come to our Thousand Medicinal House, you ought to stay a little longer. What I like most is to make friends with someone like you.” As he spoke, the middle aged man stepped back and blocked the entrance with the guards. He had already heard that Xiao Yan possessed a treasure from the cave. Now that Xiao Yan had come here, the middle aged man was not going to allow him to leave so easily.

“Mister Yao, please look at your right palm. Does it appear slightly green?” After wrapping up her things into a bag, the Fairy Doctor placed it on her back and suddenly raised her head to speak.

Hearing the Fairy Doctor’s words, the face of the middle aged man changed. He hurriedly opened his palm and found that the center of his palm appeared green. Immediately, he demanded, “You... you poisoned me?”

“Haha, this is only a means to protect myself.” The fairy doctor shook her head as she said softly, “Mister Yao, I am sure you are well aware of the potency of the medicine that I make. If I do not give you the method to create an antidote, you will at most have a month before the poison takes effect. When that happens, you will be paralysed if you are lucky or die if you aren’t.”

The soft and gentle voice echoed throughout the room. Despite being a bright and sunny day, Mister Yao felt like he was in an ice chamber. After being so careful, he had still fell into the Fairy Doctor’s trap.

Mister Yao weighed his life and his greed for a long time before he unwillingly barked, “Hand over the antidote formula and I will let you leave.”

“Having stayed in the Thousand Medicinal House for so long, Mister Yao shouldn’t expect me to trust you to keep your promise. Let us leave and I will hand the formula over to you.” The Fairy Doctor said in a relaxed manner.

Xiao Yan’s hands were behind his neck as he stood by the side watching the owner of the Thousand Medicinal House being toyed with by the Fairy Doctor. He could not help but feel like laughing. However, on top of the situation being funny, Xiao Yan’s felt a little more afraid. If this woman was given the opportunity, her future accomplishments would not be low.

“You...” Mister Yao’s face turned blue with anger when faced with the Fairy Doctor’s leisure looking face. He walked in a circle before violently waving his hand, ordering the guards to retreat from the room.

“Let’s go.” Seeing Mister Yao falling back, the Fairy Doctor turned her head toward Xiao Yan and smiled.

Xiao Yan raised his thumb and took the lead out of the door. The Fairy Doctor followed closely behind him.

With a gloomy expression, Mister Yao along with the guards followed them out of the room. He could not find it in himself to be happy; the chance for riches was flying out of his hands.

When they arrived at a spacious area, the Fairy Doctor took out a bamboo whistle and blew gently. A moment later, a huge blue eagle appeared in the sky and swiftly flew over. It hovered over the manor and slowly descended.

Eyeing the descending blue eagle, Xiao Yan grabbed the Fairy Doctor's waist and stepped off the ground, releasing an explosive sound. His body shot into the air and lightly landed on the back of the eagle.

Standing on the eagle's back, the Fairy Doctor carelessly threw a formula down before controlling the eagle and riding it away under Mister Yao's furious eyes..

Chapter 147: Breaking into the Wolf's Head

Standing on the spacious back of the eagle, Xiao Yan lowered his head and watched the small town shrink as he flew away. He then stared at the spirited blue eagle under him, feeling quite envious; this kind of flying transport was something others would covet for.

As her hand gently touched the blue eagle's feathers, the Fairy Doctor watched Xiao Yan's expression and could not resist laughing, "Why? Are you interested in my Xiao Lan? But I will not give it to you. It has accompanied me for many years."

"I might be jealous but I will not snatch other people's favorite things. And even if you were willing, I would not agree." Xiao Yan shook his head with a smile. He knew that in the Dou Qi continent, owning a pet that can help one in combat required the owner and the Magic Beast to build a relationship since there was no special contract that would bind them. However, a Magic Beast is an aggressive creature, so only a lucky few would have the opportunity to befriend and obtain their loyalty.

The Fairy Doctor only gained the loyalty of this First Ranked Magic Beast Blue Eagle when she happened to save its life a few years ago. If she gave it to Xiao Yan, it was likely that the eagle would immediately unfold its wings and fly into the mountains.

Gently stroking the feathers of the blue eagle with a smile, the Fairy Doctor said softly, "Even though Magic Beasts are very fierce, if you manage to win their loyalty, they will never betray you. On this front, they are much better than humans."

Sharing her feelings, Xiao Yan shook his head. He shifted his gaze to the fast moving ground and asked, "Where is the headquarters of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company?"

"The headquarters of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company is stationed on the south end of Qingshan Town. That region is almost entirely occupied by them." Her delicate finger pointed in the direction that the Blue Eagle was flying toward as she said.

“After living in Qingshan Town for so many years, you ought to know the number of members and the overall strength of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company, right?” Xiao Yan seriously inquired.

“Ahh, the Wolf Head Mercenary Company had developed in Qingshan town for over ten years and should have around seventy to eighty members. Most of the members’ strengths are between two to five stars Dou Zhe. The Wolf Head Mercenary Company has three Company Leaders. One of them, He Meng has already died in your hands so there’s only Mu She and Gan Mu.”

“Uh, Gan Mu? I met him on the way so... I got rid off him along the way.” Hearing the name, Xiao Yan waved his hand and interrupted the Fairy Doctor with a laugh.

Hearing this, the Fairy Doctor paused. Her frozen gaze stared at Xiao Yan for a long while before nodding her snow white chin. With a grin, she said, “It looks like I have once again underestimated your strength. It should be known that Gan Mu is a nine star Dou Zhe. Since you could easily kill him, you should have the approximate strength of a nine star Dou Zhe, no?”

“Haha.” Xiao Yan smiled and nodded without acknowledging or denying.

“From what you have said, the current Wolf Head Mercenary Company should be left with only Mu She who can fight with you. The others aren’t your match.” The Fairy Doctor voiced her thoughts.

“But they have a large number of people and because of some reasons, I am not versed in dealing with a situation of one against many.” Xiao Yan sighed regretfully. Although he was well versed in a couple of Xuan class Dou Technique, his Qi Method was only at a Low Huang level. The Dou Qi that can be created and stored by the level of this Qi Method was insufficient to support any attempt to kill over a hundred people.

“Those mercenaries are not a problem.” The Fairy Doctor shook her head and took out a small jade bottle from her pocket. She overturned it and poured a colorful pill out. She handed it to Xiao Yan and smiled, “With the help of the Seven Colored Poison Book, the poison that I can now create should be able to easily make those below a five star Dou Zhe to lose their fighting strength or maybe even kill them.”

“Later, I will support you from the sky. If they intend to attack you as a group, I will scatter some medicinal powder. This pill is an antidote that I created. My poison may not have much impact on you but you can save the Dou Qi that you need to suppress the poison with it if you eat it.”

“Ahh.” Xiao Yan nodded his head and received the medicinal pill. He curiously rolled it twice on his hand. Studying it with his tier one alchemist’s eyes, Xiao Yan could see that it was not as spherical as a real medicinal pill. It was obvious that it was produced by

the Fairy Doctor using an ordinary fire to mix medicinal plants together and force it into a pill shape.

Xiao Yan tossed the medicinal pill up and swallowed it. With Yao Lao, a grand master alchemist, Xiao Yan was not afraid of any lethal poison that might be secretly added into it.

After swallowing the medicinal pill, a smiling Xiao Yan said, "Let's talk about Mu She's strength. It would be best if you can tell me in great detail about the Qi Method and Dou Technique that he has."

Seeing that Xiao Yan did not show the slightest hesitation when he swallowed the medicinal pill, the smile on the Fairy Doctor's face unknowingly became more gentle. After all, Xiao Yan had carelessly swallowed the things she made even after knowing of her poisoning methods. The trust he showed moved her.

Of course, she did not know that Xiao Yan dared to boldly swallow the things she gave him because he had insurance.

"Mu She's strength should be around that of a two star Dou Shi. The Qi Method that he trained with is a wind type Qi Method called 'Soaring Killer Wind' which is High Huang Level." The Fairy Doctor's fingers touched her black hair that was blown by the wind as she voiced her thoughts.

"A High Huang Level, huh?" Xiao Yan was relieved at hearing the words. The 'Flame Mantra' that he trained with may be a Low Huang Level but it would not be weaker than a Middle Huang Level. Adding the various Xuan rank Dou Techniques that he was well versed in, Xiao Yan was confident that he could narrow the gap between their star ranks.

"Other than the Qi Method, Mu She is also well versed in three Dou Techniques. One of them is an offensive Dou Technique, another is a defensive Dou Technique and the last is an agility Dou Technique." the Fairy Doctor continued, "These three Dou Technique are all High Huang Level."

"What do you think? Do you have the confidence to defeat him?" Tilting her head, the Fairy Doctor laughed.

"Just wait and see the show."

Standing on the eagle's back, Xiao Yan watched the small town under him and smiled. According to the description of Mu She that the Fairy Doctor gave, his chance of victory did not appear low.

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“You said that Xiao yan did this?”

In the middle of the hall, Mu She’s eyes were red as he menacingly stared at a frightened mercenary and roared. A Gan Mu’s corpse was in front of him..

“Yes, Company Leader... the Xiao Yan whom we chased into the inner regions of the Magic Beast Mountain Range has walked out alive!” The mercenary swallowed his saliva and said with a frightened face.

Hearing this, Mu She’s dark face grew even uglier. A sinister coldness repeatedly flashed across his extremely small eyes. He paced up and down the hall before coldly asking, “Killing Gan Mu. Was this his doing by himself?”

“Although Xiao Yan launched a sneak attack first, in the face-to-face battle that followed, the Second Company Leader was still quickly defeated. I guess that Xiao Yan’s strength may be around that of a nine star Dou Zhe.”

“How can that be? It has been a little over two months; how can he be promoted to a nine star Dou Zhe so soon?” In one corner, Mu Li immediately jumped to his feet when he heard the mercenary’s words. It should be known that Mu Li himself spent half a year to climb from a six star Dou Zhe to a seven star Dou Zhe. Yet, Xiao Yan had already risen to a nine star Dou Zhe? A blow of this kind was something that the arrogant Mu Li felt difficult to bear.

“It may not be possible for others but it might indeed be possible for that guy.” Taking in a deep breath, Mu She waved his hand and coldly said, “So what if he has reached nine stars. In front of a Dou Shi, any Dou Zhe is insignificant.”

“Give the order. We will do a thorough search for Xiao Yan. This time around, we cannot let him escape again.” He slammed his palm heavily on the table and his menacing voice said, “I was feeling sorry for not being able to get our hands on the treasure in his hands since we had chased him into the inner regions of the Magic Beast Mountain Range. To think that he would actually return once again.. Since he has returned, he can stay here forever.”

Narrowing his eyes, Mu She suddenly recalled the horrifying Dou Tehcnique that Xiao Yan had displayed that day beside the abyss. His heart jumped slightly. Quickly, he comforted himself in a soft voice, “It’s alright. Even if he had a high class Dou Technique, his actual strength is still too weak. Moreover, a high class Dou Technique...do you think I don’t have one?”

Just as Mu She was comforting himself, a mercenary figure abruptly broke open the door in a hurried manner and said with an urgent voice, “Company Leader. Xiao Yan is charging in from the front door!”

“What?” Hearing those words, the hall was in an uproar.

Mu She was similarly stunned by the news. He immediately stood up and took a few quick steps forward and pulled the mercenary up. He demanded, "How many people did he bring?"

"It's just him alone!" The mercenary gave a strange expression as he replied.

"Alone?" Mu She's face twitched thinking that he had heard wrongly. Instantly, he asked in a stunned voice, "You said he is charging into our headquarters by himself?"

The mercenary hurriedly nodded.

"This little bastard.. Did he smash his head against a rock? Does he really think that with just him alone, he could eliminate our entire Wolf Head Mercenary Company?"

The corner of Mu She's mouth twitched as he laughed coldly. With a cold face, he immediately strode out of the hall and coldly said, "It's just as well he's here, saving me the trouble of sending people to search for him. Mu Li, get people to block the main door. I want to let him know that our Wolf Head Mercenary Company is not a place that he can come and go as he pleases!"

"Yes!" Mu Li made a large motion in nodding his head. A sinister smile appeared on his face as he quickly turned around and relayed the order.

"Let's go. Let's see what is it that gave this bastard so much courage. Ha ha!" Mu She waved his hand and laughed loudly as he led everyone out of the hall and hurried toward the forecourt. Behind him, a large number of people closely followed.

The group of people passed through the front hall and arrived at the forecourt to find a young man wearing black clothes standing there smiling. Under him lay over ten battered mercenaries belonging to the Wolf Head Mercenary Company who were rolling all over the ground. The hard door was also broken into pieces.

"Mu She Company Leader, haha, long time no see." Noticing that the cold faced Mu Li had arrived, the young man gradually raised his head and smiled.

"Today, you can stay here forever!"

Mu She took in a deep breath as he eyed the messy forecourt. He stepped forward and pointed at the young man. The expression on his face had instantly turned into one with incomparable sinisterness and perniciousness.

When faced with his pronouncement of death, the corner of the young man's mouth simply raised with faint mockery.

Chapter 148: Wreak Havoc

Watching as more and more mercenaries filled up the courtyard, Xiao Yan faintly smiled. In spite of everything, he slowly walked forward in front of the gathering crowd.

“Sorry, I’m here to wreak havoc!”

“Youngster, you have guts!”

As he saw Xiao Yan’s arrogant demeanor, Mu She’s extreme anger reversed into a smile. With a wave of his hand, in place of the originally shattered front door, a thick and heavy black door unexpectedly appeared from a secret slit. With a boom sound, it completely sealed the exit.

In the wake of the door falling, more and more members of the Wolf Head Mercenaries rushed forth from the inner courtyard and surrounded Xiao Yan with ominous glints on their faces. The weapons in their hands reflected a cold light under the sunlight.

Gazing at the dozens of mercenaries surrounding him, Xiao Yan seemed to somewhat helplessly shake his head.

“Don’t count on me going one on one with you, I will only use the safest method to thoroughly erase you!” Mu Li sneered while staring at the look on Xiao Yan’s face.

At these words, Xiao Yan lightly nodded his head; for Mu She to become the commander of this group, he could not possibly be a reckless fool. If their situations were reversed, Xiao Yan would also not engage in a one on one fight. In this world, nothing was truly fair; regardless of how despicable the method, as long as it was able to smoothly achieve its purpose, it would be the best method. Winners are eternally right and losers could only weep their defeat, Xiao Yan had a deep understanding of this phrase.

“Go, kill him!” No longer putting up with this nonsense, Mu She pointed toward Xiao Yan, his icy voice full of killing intent.

At their commander’s order, the surrounding mercenaries immediately gripped their weapons firmly before roaring battle cries as they closed the circle around Xiao Yan.

Standing at the top of the steps, Mu She gave the rather tranquil youngster a dense gaze. He tightened his fist and coldly said, “No matter what happens, you must die today.”

“Skreee!”

As everyone was charging at Xiao Yaa from all directions, an eagle cry suddenly sounded in the sky. A huge shadow descended from the sky and large amounts of white powder were scattered from it. Immediately, the empty air above the courtyard was covered with the slowly falling white powder.

“Ignore that, kill him first!” Seeing the sudden change, Mu She pressed his eyebrows together and coldly ordered.

After hearing his order, the panicking mercenaries immediately charged at Xiao Yan who was close by, aiming to kill him.

Xiao Yan watched the mercenaries coming from all directions before raising his head; the white powder was about to reach them.

Taking in a light breath, Xiao Yan began to take action. He lowered his legs and his right hand tightly grabbed the Heavy Xuan Ruler on his back. With a low cry, the Heavy Xuan Ruler was held in his palm as it flew out. A dark shadow rotated around Xiao Yan’s body and the front few mercenaries that were charging at him were violently knocked by the heavy ruler. Blood spurted from their mouths as their bodies were thrown backwards.

“Bang!” The black ruler was heavily inserted into the hard ground in front of Xiao Yan. A few crack lines quickly spread out from the spot where the ruler was. With his right hand holding the Heavy Xuan Ruler, Xiao Yan’s left hand suddenly aimed at the sky. He curled his palm and a powerful suction force instantly sucked the descending white powder toward the courtyard. Just as the powder descended, Xiao Yan’s left hand shook and an incredibly strong pushing force blew the white powder toward the surrounding mercenaries.

“*Cough*, *cough*...” Like a storm, the white powder swirled out from Xiao Yan. All the mercenaries which the powder encompassed immediately let out a violent cough.

“There’s something strange about the powder! Pull back!”

Under Xiao Yan’s control, the powder was quickly pushed in front of Mu She. When Mu She took in a breath of it, his face changed and hurriedly gave the order.

Upon hearing his order, the mercenaries who were charging around blindly in the scattered powder hurriedly retreated. However, they began to collapse one after another after taking around ten steps back. There were only a few strong mercenaries who unsteadily withstood it and quickly withdrew deeper into the courtyard.

Seeing that only a few managed to step out of the powder filled air, Mu She’s face turned extremely gloomy. A turbulent and violent wind appeared in front of him and blew toward the powder that was spreading toward him.

Being blown by the violent wind, the powder gradually scattered, revealing numerous mercenaries that had collapsed. Numerous painful moans continued to escape their mouths.

Mu She let out a breath when he noticed that the mercenaries lives were not in jeopardy. He raised his head and stared at the young man in the middle of the courtyard. In a severe voice, he said, "Little Bastard, how dare you use poison!"

"You can take advantage of your numbers, so why can't I use poison?" Waving his head, Xiao Yan said with a smile as he stared at the few remaining mercenaries.

With a smile, Xiao Yan supported the heavy ruler with his shoulders and took two steps forward. However, a change happened when his second step landed.

One of the mercenaries who was repeatedly groaning on the ground suddenly jumped to his feet. The sharp longsword that was in his hand carried a thin layer of Dou Qi as it trickily and viciously stabbed toward Xiao Yan's lower abdomen.

Faced with the ambush, Xiao Yan did not show the slightest sign of panic. He tightly held the Heavy Xuan Ruler and placed it in front of him, covering over half of Xiao Yan's body. At the same time, this defense easily overcame the attack by the longsword.

"Clang!" The longsword stabbed against the Heavy Xuan Ruler. Instantly, sparks flew everywhere. However, it did not even leave white scratches on the ruler's body.

After the sneak attack failed, the ambusher did not continue to press forward. He used the reverse force from the attack and quickly retreated.

"Since you have launched an ambush, why are you leaving?" Xiao Yan was alerted to his intentions when the ambusher was about to retreat. With a soft laugh, his feet stomped on the ground. With an explosive sound, Xiao Yan's body suddenly shot forward and was only half a meter from the ambusher in an instant.

The corner of Xiao Yan's eyes carried a chilling smile as his eyes met with the ambusher. The ambusher was his old enemy, Mu Li.

Mu Li's expression was dark as he watched Xiao Yan who was in his immediate vicinity and there was panic in the deep regions of his eyes. When the medicinal powder had descended from the sky, he had used the chaos it created to get close to Xiao Yan and pretended to be poisoned a short distance from him. However, he did not expect that his acting had been easily seen through by his opponent.

"Li-Er, be careful!" The sudden change in the battlefield had also caused Mu She, who was standing on the platform, to be shocked. This was especially so when he saw that the ambusher was actually his son; the color of his faced changed as he hurriedly called.

TL: Li-er refers to Mu Li. As previously mentioned, the er is an endearing term.

“Too late!” Giving a dense smile to the retreating Mu Li, Xiao Yan once again stomped on the ground. An explosion sounded and his body quickly appeared in front of Mu Li. The Heavy Xuan Ruler in his hand carried the sound of an intense wind pressure as it violently made a horizontal swing toward Mu Li’s chest.

The intense wind pressure in front of him caused Mu Li’s expression to change once again. A realization hit him as he said in his heart, “This guy is really a nine star Dou Zhe?”

The thought flashed in Mu Li’s mind and disappeared as he clenched his teeth. He was enveloped by Xiao Yan’s attack and with his current speed, it was impossible to totally avoid the attack. Thus, he could only forcefully resist Xiao Yan’s attack.

The corner of his mouth twitching, Mu Li unrestrainedly poured all of his Dou Qi into his longsword. Finally, he clenched his teeth and stabbed his sword, which was carrying a sharp breaking wind sound, at Xiao Yan’s chest.

“Bang!” The huge ruler’s body flew swiftly across the air and finally heavily smashed on Mu Li’s chest. Immediately, a mouthful of fresh blood was violently spat out. The intense pain caused a dangerous glint to flash across Mu Li’s eyes. When his body was about to be thrown backwards, his palm transferred a ferocious force onto the sword hilt. The longsword left his hand and under Mu Li’s sinister gaze, pierced into Xiao Yan’s chest.

Under Xiao Yan’s ferocious attack, Mu Li’s body, like a cannonball that had been shot out, was shot across the ground and smashed into a huge wooden pillar. He spat out another mouthful of blood as everything in front of him turned black and he fainted.

The longsword that carried a ferocious force ruthlessly pierced at Xiao Yan’s chest. This desperate blow by Mu Li managed to cause Xiao Yan to take a small step back.

In the sky, the Fairy Doctor let out a shocked gasp as she saw Xiao Yan being stabbed by the longsword. She was about to ride the Blue Eagle down to rescue him when Xiao Yan lifted his hand and waved at her.

Xiao Yan lowered his head and looked at the longsword at his chest. He grabbed the hilt of the sword and pulled it out- there was no sign of fresh blood on the tip of the sword.

“The inner vest that Yun Zhi has left behind is indeed strong...” Seeing that the sword tip had no bloodstain, Xiao Yan could not help but praise in his heart. He threw the longsword aside and eyed the half-dead Mu Li.

“Li-er!”

In an instant, Mu Li was knocked backwards and flew from the battlefield. On the high platform, Mu She’s head became blank. He hurriedly jumped down and shook the

unconscious Mu Li heavily. After using his finger to check that Mu Li's breath was present, he sighed in relief. He handed the unconscious Mu Li to the mercenaries behind him and raised his head to stare menacingly at Xiao Yan. His hand slowly picked up a steel spear from the ground as his bone chilling voice was filled with an intent to kill.

"No matter what happens, you will die here today!"

"You already told me that last time."

Xiao Yan watched Mu Li being lifted into the house and the corner of his mouth raised indifferently. When Mu Li was being smashed by the Heavy Xuan Ruler, the energy on the ruler had passed through Mu Li's body and broke the Dou Qi vortex in his lower abdomen. In other words, even if Mu Li recovered from his injuries, he would be a cripple.

This action may appear a little cruel but Xiao Yan was unconcerned. Their relationship was one that could not be mediated. The attempt to kill him back in the mountain cave and the chase across the mountain range would have caused Xiao Yan to lose his life in the hands of the father and son had he not been lucky. Moreover, Xiao Yan understood that if he ended up in their hands, even death may be a luxurious dream. Hence, when faced with his enemies, especially those that he had a terrible relationship with, Xiao Yan would not show any mercy. He would kill if he could and ensure that the other lose the ability to take revenge if he could not kill.

Chapter 149 : Killing a Two Star Dou Shi

Mu She slowly raised his spear as he stared darkly at Xiao Yan who was smiling calmly. Under the encouragement of his killing intent, the Dou Qi in his body began to surge swiftly and violently. On the surface of his body, a pale green Dou Qi slowly escaped from his body, forming a thin green cloak of Dou Qi over his body.

Manipulating the Dou Qi into an energy cloak that was attached to the body was the mark of a Dou Shi. This energy cloak not only strengthened the owner's defence, speed and attack, it also improved the owner's absorption of energy from his or her surroundings so that the energy exhausted during a fight would be supplemented. Hence, almost every Dou Shi's first action during a battle would be to call upon this Dou Qi cloak.

With Xiao Yan's current strength, he could barely cover some parts of his body if he tried to summon a Dou Qi cloak. The increase in defence, speed, and offence would also be negligible. After all, a Dou Zhe and a Dou Shi belonged to two different class. The difference between the two was extremely great.

Thus, if Xiao Yan wanted to summon a cloak as thoroughly as Mu She, he needed to first become a Dou Shi.

Watching Mu She who had summoned his energy cloak, Xiao Yan let out a light sigh. A serious expression also gradually surfaced on his face. Regardless of how nice Xiao Yan's words were, his opponent was a true Dou Shi.

Xiao Yan's hand tightened its grip on the Heavy Xuan Ruler. Following his increased focus, numerous threads of Dou Qi began flowing out of the vortex in his body and flowed turbulently within his body, providing the necessary energy for its owner to fight.

Mu She's hand slowly rubbed his spear and waited for the Dou Qi in his body to become increasingly turbulent before he suddenly let out a low cry. His feet stomped violently on the ground, shooting his body ferociously forward. The spear in his hand trembled slightly and a couple of snow white illusions of the spear appeared.

The tip of the spear had turned into a white shadow, tricky but ruthlessly shooting toward Xiao Yan's neck. After the shot from Mu Li's longsword a short while ago, Mu She could roughly guess that Xiao Yan was wearing a defensive inner vest on his body. Hence, all of his attacks were now focused on Xiao Yan's head.

Faced with Mu She's vicious attack, Xiao Yan's body retreated slightly. He utilized the broad surface of the Heavy Xuan Ruler to block the spear's attack

"Clang... clang..."

As the two of them moved, sparks flew and a clear clang sounded each time the spear came into contact with the ruler.

After using ordinary attacks to pester Xiao Yan for a while, Mu She finally grasped the latter's true strength. A nine star Dou Zhe...

Once he had roughly grasped his opponent's baseline, the corner of Mu She's mouth curled into a cold angle. As long as Xiao Yan had not been promoted to a Dou Shi, there was nothing to be afraid of.

The tricky spear overcame the resistance from the air and struck out in a lightning like manner while carrying a sharp sound. At the same time, the ruler hurriedly swung horizontally, intending to block the spear once again. However, when the spear came into contact with the Black Ruler, the spear's body vibrated which resulted in its tip swaying in a manner that it bypassed the resistance of the ruler. Mu She's eyes narrowed at his success in overcoming the ruler and a coldness flashed in his eyes. His palm suddenly struck forward, hitting on the other handle of the spear and shooting it straight toward Xiao Yan's neck.

"Bang!" Seeing the tip of the spear that was trickily shot toward him, Xiao Yan's body hurriedly retreated. His feet stepped on the ground, creating an explosive sound as his body immediately shot out.

“Soaring Wind Steps!”

Noticing that Xiao Yan’s speed had explosively increased, Mu She also let out a soft cry. The tip of his foot gently pressed against the ground and the Dou Qi in his body surged. His body was like a falling leaf under a storm as he shot toward Xiao Yan with extreme speed. At the same time, the illusions of the spear in his hand began to spill forth.

Watching Mu She chasing him without giving up, Xiao Yan frowned. The corner of his eye peeked backwards and realized that he was close to the corner of the wall. A thought flashed through Xiao Yan’s mind as he threw his body forward as his legs sprung backwards. A pale yellow Dou Qi covered his feet just as they were about to come into contact with the wall. He slightly bent his legs and an explosive sound immediately followed. The violent reverse force propelled Xiao Yan’s body outward.

In midair, Xiao Yan carried the Heavy Xuan Ruler in his hand and made a half circle swinging motion. He then used the ferocious force caused by the explosion and smashed it toward Mu She with an incomparably fierce force.

“Thorn Stab!”

Mu She pressed his eyebrows together at the force that the shadow above him carried. He rotated the spear in his hand and cried in a deep voice. Instantly, a green colored tornado encompassed him. As the tornado spun, the surrounding air seemed to have been ripped apart. The spear was momentarily stagnant before it heavily knocked against the pitch-black Heavy Xuan Ruler while carrying a piercing wind breaking sound.

“Clang!” The clear sound of clashing metal suddenly echoed in the courtyard, lasting for a long time.

It must be said that the difference between a Dou Shi and a Dou Zhe was indeed very great. As a two star Dou Shi, the strength of Mu She’s Dou Qi was not something that Xiao Yan could compare with.

With Mu She using his Dou Technique, he managed to knock the Heavy Xuan Ruler out of the Xiao Yan’s hand following a clear sound.

The black ruler shot toward the sky. Having lost his weapon, Xiao Yan’s face changed drastically as he tried to move his body to snatch it back. However, Mu She simply gave a gloating and cold sneer as he pushed himself off the ground. With the help from his wind attribute Dou Qi which gave him a light body, he swiftly arrived under the black ruler and reaching out his right hand, Mu She caught it.

Just as his hand grabbed the black ruler, Mu She’s face suddenly changed. The black ruler not only pulled Mu She’s body to the ground with its extreme weight but also

slowed the flow of the surging Dou Qi in Mu She's body with its special effect of suppressing one's Dou Qi.

Having never encountered such a situation, Mu She immediately began to panic. Even his body had also slowed down. Clearly, Mu She was used to having quick flowing Dou Qi and could not adapt to this sudden change.

"Dammit. What a weird weapon!"

The thought struck Mu She and he intended to throw aside the black ruler in his hand like a hot potato. However, Xiao Yan's body had abruptly appeared behind him and Xiao Yan's thick cold laughter caused Mu She's entire body to feel cold. "Go ahead and snatch it. Aren't you happy you got it?"

"Octane Blast!"

The cold cry in Xiao Yan's heart prompted a shockingly ferocious strength to appear on his fist. Xiao Yan tensed his fist and carrying the sound from the pressure of a tearing wind, ruthlessly struck at the back of Mu She, whose body had become sluggish.

The powerful force that had suddenly appeared behind him caused Mu She's face to change. His hand hurriedly released the ruler and the Dou Qi began to wildly rise in his body; the Dou Qi cloak on his body had once again become much denser.

That short instance in time only allowed Mu She to do so much. Before he could thicken the Dou Qi cloak's defence, Xiao Yan's attack violently landed on his back.

"Bang!"

A muffled sound of bodies hitting each other rang in the courtyard. The sound was soft and deep but it contained the feeling of genuine strength.

The ferocious strength that hit him from behind caused Mu She's face to suddenly turn white as his body was violently thrown forward. Luckily for him, his palm pushed off the ground as he was about to faceplant and after a doing a few agile somersaults in the air, he finally landed a few meters away, staggering as he did so.

He stabilized his body but before he could turn around and counterattack, Mu She's face once again changed. Manipulating the Dou Qi, he swiftly transferred his surging Dou Qi toward his back and surround the hidden force that was secretly entering.

Just as the Dou Qi was surrounded the hidden force, Xiao Yan, who was standing a short distance away, lightly called, "Explode!"

"Bang!"

Another soft and low muffled sound was emitted. Mu She's body shook violently and a painful muted yell escaped from his throat. At the corner of his mouth, a glaring bloodstain surfaced.

"What a pity..."

Eyeing Mu She whose wound was not too serious, Xiao Yan regretfully shook his head. Mu She was indeed worthy of being a Dou Shi. He was actually able to discover the hidden force of the 'Octane Blast' so quickly. Had he been a little slower in discovering it, this fight might have ended prematurely.

However, it was unfortunate that this guy's reaction time had far exceeded Xiao Yan's expectations. Within such a short time, he could muster his Dou Qi and encircle the hidden force of the 'Octane Blast'. When that happened, the explosive strength of the hidden force ended up having a much weaker effect.

Taking two steps forward, Xiao Yan grabbed the Heavy Xuan Ruler that was inserted into the ground. He flicked it slightly and stored it into his storage ring. Shifting his gaze to the terrible expression on Mu She's face, Xiao Yan could not resist smiling. The beating that this guy had taken this time around was entirely his own doing. This might be called reaping what you sow.

"Good... good.. boy, it looks like I've really underestimated you."

After wiping away the bloodstain from his mouth, Mu She's face was filled with a menacing expression. It was the first time in so many years that he had been thrown into an embarrassed state by a Dou Zhe. At that moment, Mu She grinded his teeth as he spoke.

Xiao Yan simply smiled and ignored him. His tongue moved, promptly swallowed an 'Energy Recovery Pill' that he had hidden in his mouth and quickly felt the Dou Qi in his body gradually being recovered.

"Xiao Yan, you shouldn't be too pleased. I know that you know some high class Dou Techniques."

The spear suddenly stomped on the ground as Mu She coldly laughed. The Dou Qi cloak on his body slowly began to diminish while the tip of the iron spear began to be covered by layer after layer of thick green Dou Qi.

"But, do you think that I don't know any?"

Mu She's palm abruptly tightened on the spear as he sinisterly laughed: "Thanks to you and the Fairy Doctor, the third stone box in the cave had a scroll containing a high class Dou Tehcnique that is suitable for me. Today, I will let you die here."

Hearing Mu She's sinister laughter, Xiao Yan's expression slightly changed. He did not expect that Mu She would actually forcefully open the stone box and risk damaging whatever that was placed in it.

Eyeing the dense Dou Qi on the tip of the spear in Mu She's hand, Xiao Yan, who was well versed in many high class Dou Technique, naturally knew that this was at least a Xuan Class Dou Technique.

"Ugh..." Xiao Yan helplessly shook his head as he let out a soft sigh. His hand lightly skimmed the ring on his hand and the enormous Heavy Xuan Ruler once again appeared in his hand. Since it has come to this, it was only natural that he not hold back.

The Dou Qi on the spear in Mu She's hand became increasingly dense as he coldly watched Xiao Yan's action. Finally, the shape of a roaring lion's head faintly formed within the surging Dou Qi.

Eyeing the Dou Qi lion's head that had agglomerated on the tip of the rod, joy flashed in Mu She's eyes while a menacing smile once again surfaced on the corner of his mouth. The spear in his hand sudden gave a strange tremor as Mu She used "Soaring Wind Steps."

"Boy, today I'll let you know that the High Xuan Dou Technique that a Dou Shi uses is entirely different from what you, as a Dou Zhe, tries to use."

Mu She body ferociously pounced at Xiao Yan as he raised his head and yelled, "Wild Lion Chant!"

Following his yell, a huge swiftly running energy lion surfaced on the tip of the spear in Mu She's hand. Its violent lion roar echoed throughout the small place, causing the face of the Fairy Doctor in the sky to pale.

Lifting his eyes to see the ferocious energy lion that was on the tip of the spear, Xiao Yan's face became much more grave. He slowly let out his breath and the Dou Qi in his body began to rise. On the surface of the black ruler, a blazing light suddenly began to swell. The high temperature caused the surrounding air to form a blurry distortion.

"Flame Splitting Tsunami!"

The young man's soft cry caused the temperature in the courtyard to significantly rise. The body of the ruler also grew increasingly bright as its strange lines formed the outline of a mysterious picture on the surface.

When using the Di class Dou Technique this time around, Xiao Yan did not show any lack of strength like he did the previous time. Although with his current strength, he

could not even utilize ten percent of the the Di class Dou Technique's true strength, it was more than sufficient to handle Mu She.

Amidst the red light scattered in the sky, the black ruler in Xiao Yan's hand suddenly angrily cleaved downwards. A blazing red light light blasted from the top of the ruler. Wherever it passed, it damaged the ground and turned it into a mess. A long and deep ditch spread from below Xiao Yan's legs toward the Mu She who was charging over.

The intense pressure and high temperature transmitted by the air caused fear to flash in the deepest part of Mu She's eyes. It was beyond his expectations. In only just two months, the strength of the mysterious Dou Technique that the young man in front of him displayed had risen to such a new level.

Mu She clenched his teeth. In such a situation, he did not have the choice of pulling back because death awaited him if he did. Clearly understanding this, Mu She could only pour all of his Dou Qi into the spear without concern for his life, before smashing heavily with the red light.

"Bang!"

An enormous explosion that almost overturned the entire courtyard sounded out. At the spot where the red light came into contact with Mu She, numerous large crack lines appeared and spread out like a spider web until it entered some of the houses. The houses shook slightly and collapsed.

Within the red light, all was quiet. An instant later, a shadow shot out with an explosive force, finally smashing against a wall. The wall instantly turned into debris as smoke spread through the air.

The wind blew passed and scattered the dust. The figure of a young man carrying a Heavy Xuan Ruler gradually appeared.

Seeing that the young man below was safe, the Fairy Doctor in the sky covered her moist and red small mouth, shock in her face.

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The Fairy Doctor looked down at the courtyard which had almost turned into ruins and stared blankly. Her pretty eyes were filled with brilliance when she saw the young man carrying the Heavy Xuan Ruler. Her hand gently touched the Blue Eagle's feathers as it slowly descended into the courtyard.

Briskly leaping down from the eagle's back, the Fairy Doctor walked to Xiao Yan's side and threw her gaze toward the place where Mu She was thrown to. She softly said, "How is he?"

“At least seriously injured.” Xiao Yan smiled before abruptly violently coughing a few times. His hand covered his mouth and a moment later, a bloodstain appeared on his palm.

“Are you alright?” Seeing Xiao Yan’s pale face, the Fairy Doctor hurriedly patted his back and asked with concern.

“It is nothing serious. I have only overexerted myself.” Xiao Yan waved his hand in an unconcerned manner. He then faced his palm to the dust filled corner of the wall and pushed. A wind swept away the dust, revealing the ruins under it.

Xiao Yan watched the faintly twitching body under the ruins with indifference. He coughed gently for a few times before he slowly dragged his heavy ruler to the side of the ruins. With a banging noise, the heavy ruler in his hands knocked a broken rock aside and revealed the pale white faced Mu She, who was in a terrible state.

“I’m sorry, but you lose.”

At this moment, Mu She’s legs were already smashed. His pale white face was extremely terrifying and the sound of his breath was becoming weaker until it could barely be heard. It was obvious that he was reaching the end of his life.

“Little Bastard, I have still underestimated you!” A weak choppy voice came from Mu She’s mouth. Although his voice was weak, the hatred did not diminish.

Xiao Yan simply smiled and did not say anything. His eyes remained impassive, showing no sign of pity when faced with Mu She’s current state.

“Brat, if I have the chance in the future, I will let you experience a fate worse than death.”

Seemingly understanding that Xiao Yan would not show him any pity, Mu She’s words did not show any signs of begging for mercy. Instead, it was filled with a menacing killing intent.

“I think that you won’t have this chance again.”

Xiao Yan spoke indifferently. He lowered himself and searched Mu She’s body. A moment later, his hand returned empty handed and he tilted his head to ask, “Where is the Xuan class Dou Technique that you found in the stone box?”

“Ha ha. You are also interested in it? It’s a pity. If I die, you will never be able to get your hands on it.” Lifting his head with difficulty, a dense gloating expression appeared on Mu She’s face. Seeing Xiao Yan’s action, he felt that he may have found something that gave him the right to bargain with the other party.

Inclining his head slightly, Xiao Yan slowly stood up and spread his hands helplessly. He was quiet for a moment and suddenly smiled, "Since it's like this... you can go and die."

After saying those words, Xiao Yan's face suddenly became icy. The Heavy Xuan Ruler in his hand heavily and angrily smashed toward Mu She's chest.

Eyeing the decisive Xiao Yan, shock and fear flashed across Mu She's eyes. He did not expect that Xiao Yan was willing to abandon the enticing Xuan class Dou Technique.

"Let me off and I will tell you the hiding place of the Xuan class Dou Technique. From now on, we will not owe each other anything!" Hovering under the shadow of death, Mu She suddenly shouted.

"Forget about it. Compared to the Xuan class Dou Technique, I dislike being remembered by some poisonous snake like cold blooded animal." With a thick smile, the heavy ruler in Xiao Yan's hand mercilessly smashed onto Mu She's chest.

"Bang!"

Following the muffled sound, Mu She's eyes protruded out while his body violently sunk inward. A mouthful of blood with his crushed organs was wildly spit out.

The eyes staring at the young man were filled with evilness. Finally Mu She's body slowly softened and the life in it quickly disappeared.

Watching the icy corpse that was crushed under the rubble, Xiao Yan gently closed his eyes and let out a breath. He then turned around and headed toward the Fairy Doctor nearby.

"Let's go. Mu She is dead. The apes scatter when the tree falls. Without a leader, the Wolf Head Mercenary Company has already been disbanded...." Xiao Yan softly said as he walked to the Fairy Doctor's side. His face appeared a little exhausted.

"Yes."

A gentle sound responded. The Fairy Doctor's pretty eyes scanned her surroundings and found that the surviving mercenaries no longer had the will to fight after Mu She's death. They fled in all directions with their pale faces, seemingly afraid that Xiao Yan might kill them.

The Fairy Doctor sighed gently. With the death of Mu She, all the grudges the trio had had also disappeared. She pursed her moist red mouth and said softly, "It should be time to leave..."

Turning around, the Fairy Doctor carefully helped Xiao Yan up onto the back of the Blue Eagle. She got up after him and waved her hand. Letting out an eagle cry, the Blue Eagle slowly swung up into the sky.

The Blue Eagle encircled the sky once before swiftly flapping its wings and flew off. A moment later, it disappeared in the blue sky.

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Not long after Xiao Yan and the Fairy Doctor messed up the courtyard, the news of Mu She's demise began to spread throughout the entire Qingshan Town. With regards to this news, everyone's faces were filled with shock. This shock turned into horror when they learned that the one who killed Mu She was actually the young man that was chased into the inner regions of the Magic Beast Mountain Range.

A young man that appeared younger than twenty had actually managed to kill all three Company Leaders of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company. The brutal reality caused most people to feel a little ashamed.

Mu She's death also served as an announcement of the disbanding of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company. Without Mu She's leadership, this great strength that had acted arrogantly in Qingshan Town had gradually declined into an insignificant strength. This was all because of a young man.

Naturally, the ending of the Wolf Head Mercenary Company did not have any meaning to Xiao Yan. Qingshan Town was only the first step in his training. Perhaps in the future, when his tough training was over, he might occasionally remember this small town that was located beside the Magic Beast Mountain Range. Here, for the very first time in his life, he experienced being pursued by a group of people who wanted his life.

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After leaving Qingshan Town, Xiao Yan did not rush to cross the Magic Beast Mountain Range. Instead, he was lead by the Fairy Doctor to a place with extremely dense energy.

Xiao Yan was not unfamiliar with this location. This place was the basin where numerous medicinal herbs grew, He had accompanied the medicinal herb gathering team to its outer region. However, this time around, under the lead of the Fairy Doctor, they had flew through the sky and directly into the inner regions of the basin.

They slowly landed in a small valley in the inner regions of the basin where the density of the energy caused Xiao Yan show an uncontrolled joy. Instantly, his spirits raised.

"What do you think? This place is good, isn't it? The small valley here is entirely isolated from the outside world and the sky is concealed by a thick fog. Was it not for the time

that Xiao Lan broke into here, I'm afraid that I would never have been able to find this strange place." Seeing Xiao Yan's surprised face, the Fairy Doctor was pleased and she proudly laughed.

"It is really very good."

Xiao Yan continued to praise the place as he nodded. His eyes swept across the valley that was filled with a fog of faint energy and was surprised to find numerous types of precious medicinal plants growing in this valley. Whiff after whiff of fragrance mixed with the fog, making people feel refreshed.

"Shall we temporarily stay here for some time? Some of the medicinal plants that are required for some recipes in my Seven Colored Poison Book can be found here..." The Fairy Doctor looked at Xiao Yan, her tone suggesting her intention of discussing the matter.

"No problem."

Hearing the Fairy Doctor's suggestion, Xiao Yan did not hesitate in agreeing. Such a good training ground was not something that he could easily come across. In his heart, he hoped that he could be promoted to the Dou Shi level in this place.

Although the valley was isolated and he could only rely on the Blue Eagle to fly him out, Xiao Yan was not too worried. With Yao Lao and the Purple Cloud Wings with him, he could also fly out if any problems were to occur.

Seeing that Xiao Yan had agreed, the Fairy Doctor also nodded with a smile. She faced the blue eagle and blew her bamboo whistle, allowing it to fly freely. After which, she led Xiao Yan to a corner of the valley. Her slim finger pointed at a straw shed there and said, "This was built by me. We shall reside here during the time we stay in the valley."

"Haha, it may be a straw shed but with a beauty staying with me, the days should pass by merrily." Xiao Yan nodded as his gaze swept across the straw shed. When he tilted his head and saw the Fairy Doctor's smooth face, Xiao Yan could not resist joking.

The Fairy Doctor's face reddened when she heard his words. She gave Xiao Yan an annoyed but lovable stare before displaying her fist. In a low voice, she warned, "Don't you dare do funny things because you think I'm weak."

"Ugh, I don't want to be poisoned by some unknown poison without me even knowing it." Xiao Yan waved his hand and said with a smile.

"Hmph." The Fairy Doctor's pretty nose wrinkled as she raised her hand toward Xiao Yan and said, "I'll go and pick some herbs. You can explore the place." After saying those words, she turned around and headed for the distant medicinal plants.

Xiao Yan turned around and watched the Fairy Doctor gradually distance herself. He smiled and headed in the opposite direction as he whispered, "Teacher, this place doesn't have any problems, does it?"

"This place has a strange geography. In the outside world, it is very unlikely for precious medicinal plants to grow together on such an extensive scale. And for some reason, the energy here is also very pure, which is perfect for your training." Yao Lao's old voice came from inside the ring, "After training for another one or two months here, I think that you should be able to become a true Dou Shi."

"... Dou Shi..."

Xiao Yan's footsteps suddenly stopped. He raised his head, observing the thick fog in the sky above as he slowly said, "If we count the time, it has been more than half a year since I left. There is less than a year left until the three year agreement."

"Ah, then try to hurry. The training in the Magic Beast Mountain Range is reaching its end. Your next stop is the Tager Desert. Haha, the tough training there will be even more arduous and dangerous than what it was in the Magic Beast Mountain range." There was a gloating tone in Yao Lao's laughter.

Helplessly shaking his head, Xiao Yan said: "Haven't I been bearing quite a lot of hardships?"

"Hehe, you can relax and train. The Tager Desert may be dangerous but the snake women there are a specialty of the Dou Qi continent. If you are lucky, you might even be able to obtain a snake woman as a female slave, ha ha..."

Xiao Yan rolled his eyes and was too lazy to bother about Yao Lao, who was not acting as befitting of his seniority. He continued to lower his head and studied the surroundings of the valley. In the period of time ahead, he would be staying here and quietly training until he was promoted to a true Dou Shi.