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Chapter 611: Yuheng Valley, Demon Mirror (2)

If this was all part of Ji Lutian's plan, there would probably be some danger in Yuheng Valley.

Zhou Shu was extremely vigilant as he followed Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and the real Liu'Er to approach Yuheng Valley.

At the mouth of the valley was a narrow mountain path that looked like a thin line in the sky. It was several kilometers long. Looking inside, one could vaguely see bending light, making one's mind immersed.

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Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and the real Liu'Er stopped at the same time. Zhou Shu also stopped.

"Mr. Ji, go in and start forging. We'll wait for you here," Tiangou said. "Yao Wenxin will stay here. We'll give you a day. Is that enough?"

One day outside the valley was one year inside. Ji Lutian had previously said that it would only take six months to forge the Demon Mirror. In this year, even if he forged twice, there was enough time.

As for Yao Wenxin staying here, it was obvious that she was being taken hostage.

Ji Lutian and Yao Wenxin clearly understood this logic. He nodded. "A year is enough."

"Send all these things in and stay with Mr. Ji. Do as he says," Demon King Ao instructed the demonic beasts who had received his orders and rushed over.

Demon King Ao had the most powerful demonic beast army in the Demon Realm. Back then, before Hu Li became a Demon King, he had served under Demon King Ao.

This time, he summoned ten Great Demons and more than a hundred first-rank demonic beasts.

Such a powerful entourage was naturally not just here to do manual labor. Their mission was to monitor Ji Lutian!

Ji Lutian's cultivation was only at the first rank of the Martial Dao. Facing Great Demons, he would definitely not be able to do anything.

Ji Lutian didn't say anything else. He comforted Yao Wenxin, then flicked his sleeves and walked into Yuheng Valley.

Seeing Ji Lutian pass through a distorted light screen and disappear into the sky, the demonic beasts under Demon King Ao also carried their things and followed him in.

Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and the two Liu'Er's were still dozens of feet apart, like the four vertices of a square. Yao Wenxin was surrounded by them.

Before obtaining the Demon Mirror, the four Demon Kings suspected each other. They even suspected Yao Wenxin.

Zhou Shu sat cross-legged on the ground. On the surface, he closed his eyes and regulated his breathing like the other three Demon Kings, but thoughts appeared in his mind.

He was very confident in his divine ability. But in the end, what was fake was fake. It was impossible for it to become real.

The Demon Mirror might very well reflect his true form.

Before that, he had to think of a way to get away.

Now that the three Demon Kings were eyeing him covetously, it wasn't easy to escape.

After being fooled for so long, if Zhou Shu was one of the three Demon Kings, he wouldn't let it go so easily.

Although it looked like the two of them were evenly matched when Zhou Shu fought Liu'Er, in fact, Zhou Shu's cultivation was still inferior to Liu'Er's.

Previously, they were just testing each other. If they really fought, he might not be able to defeat even one Demon King, let alone three.

Among these three Demon Kings, there was also the number one Demon King in the Demon Realm, Demon King Ao.

Facing these three Demon Kings, Zhou Shu didn't stand a chance at all. Even if he used his divine ability Total Annihilation, the outcome wouldn't change.

Since he couldn't win, escaping was definitely the best choice.

But in this situation, even if he fled, he might not be able to escape.

The three Demon Kings would absolutely not let this matter rest. They would definitely chase after him. With the speed of the Demon Kings, Zhou Shu wouldn't be able to escape far.

This was the Demon Realm!

In that case, he could only...

Zhou Shu turned to look at the entrance of Yuheng Valley.

Yuheng Valley was a forbidden area of the Demon Realm. Even Demon Kings didn't dare to enter easily.

This could be seen from Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and the others' fear of it.

If he barged into Yuheng Valley, Demon King Ao and Tiangou might not dare to chase after him.

Could this be Ji Lutian's goal? To let me enter Yuheng Valley? Zhou Shu shook his head. *That's impossible.*

It was impossible for Ji Lutian to know that he had the Myriad Transformations divine ability, let alone predict that he would become Liu'Er and come to borrow the Demon Mirror from him with other Demon Kings.

Speaking of which, Zhou Shu hadn't expected things to develop to this extent.

At the time, he had transformed into Liu'Er on a whim, and it was not part of his plan at all. If Ji Lutian could even plan this, it wouldn't be a plan but omniscience.

Although this might not be Ji Lutian's plan, in the current situation, he seemed to have no choice but to enter Yuheng Valley.

Unless the Demon Mirror couldn't reflect his true form, but that didn't seem possible.

A day was very short, especially for demonic beasts with long lifespans.

A day passed in the blink of an eye.

The few Demon Kings and Yao Wenxin looked at the sky at the entrance of Yuheng Valley in unison.

Buzz—

The light distorted as a figure walked out. Who else could it be but Ji Lutian?

Ji Lutian was still as carefree as ever. He walked out of the valley unhurriedly and arrived in front of the Demon Kings.

"Husband..." Yao Wenxin couldn't help saying.

Ji Lutian gave her a look, then looked at the four Demon Kings and bowed slightly. "Lords, I did not disappoint you."

"Give me the Demon Mirror!" Tiangou said impatiently.

"Wait!" Demon King Ao took a step forward and said in a deep voice, "It's not certain if you're the real Tiangou or the fake Tiangou. You can't have the Demon Mirror!"

"Hmph, if I can't have it, should he pass it to you instead?" Tiangou said angrily. "It's not certain if you're real or fake!"

The two Demon Kings started arguing again.

Although the two Liu'Er's didn't speak, they glared at each other. It was obvious that they wouldn't let the other get the Demon Mirror.

After a long confrontation, the Demon Kings finally took a step back and stopped fighting for the Demon Mirror. Instead, they looked at Ji Lutian. "Mr. Ji, look at yourself in the Demon Mirror first!"

Ji Lutian didn't hesitate at all and smiled slightly. With a flip of his wrist, a mirror the size of two palms appeared in his palm.

After he inputted a stream of spiritual essence, a faint white light appeared on the mirror. He raised the mirror in front of him.

The mirror rippled. A moment later, a figure appeared in the mirror. It was Ji Lutian.

“Use it on Yao Wenxin!” the Demon Kings said almost at the same time.

Yao Wenxin trembled and looked at Ji Lutian pleadingly.

Ji Lutian smiled at Yao Wenxin and closed his eyes.

“No matter what you become, you’re still my wife. I won’t look if you don’t want me to look,” Ji Lutian said gently.

He closed his eyes and raised the Demon Mirror in front of Yao Wenxin.

Yao Wenxin bit her lip and glanced at the Demon Kings one by one. Her eyes were full of embarrassment, anger, and hatred.

But in the end, she still stood in front of the Demon Mirror.

The mirror rippled again. A moment later, a figure appeared in the mirror.

It was a humanoid bear standing on its hind legs. Its entire body was covered in shiny fur. It clearly had a very burly figure, but it gave off a slender feeling.

Yao Wenxin had the bloodline of a bear. Her true form was a bear...

No wonder she had that reaction. No woman would be willing to let her lover see her like this...

“There’s no problem with this Demon Mirror!”

Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and Liu’Er were all excited.

“Mr. Ji, you can open your eyes now. Use it on me first!” Tiangou shouted.

With that, he took a step forward and stood under the Demon Mirror.

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The surface of the Demon Mirror rippled like water. After the water calmed down, a black and shiny dog appeared in the mirror. It lay on all fours and roared into the sky.

“Haha, did you see that? I’m Tiangou, the real deal!” Tiangou laughed loudly.

Zhou Shu rolled his eyes inwardly. *Are you so proud of being a dog? Shouldn’t I be more proud that I’m human?*

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Seeing that Tiangou had proven himself, Demon King Ao said impatiently, “Use it on me!”

Ji Lutian nodded and turned to Demon King Ao.

Demon King Ao straightened his back as if he was taking a photo. He stood upright under the Demon Mirror.

The surface of the Demon Mirror rippled again. A moment later, a flood dragon appeared in the Demon Mirror.

Seeing this, Zhou Shu complained in his heart again. *I always thought that Demon King Ao was a real dragon, but it turns out he's just a flood dragon?*

The difference was huge.

"I am also the real deal," Demon King Ao said proudly.

Seeing the reflection in the Demon Mirror, Tiangou heaved a sigh of relief. He cupped his hands toward Demon King Ao in embarrassment. "Demon King Ao, I suspected you before because I had no choice."

"Hmph." Demon King Ao snorted. "I remember it. Whose father are you again?"

Tiangou was stunned and awkwardly wanted to find a hole to hide in.

"Demon King Ao, you're magnanimous like a great man..." Tiangou said weakly.

"I'm not a man. I'm a demonic beast." Demon King Ao snorted coldly. "I'll settle scores with you later! If you want to be my father, it depends on whether you have the ability!"

Demon King Ao turned around and pointed at the two Liu'Er's. "Mr. Ji, use the Demon Mirror on them!"

Tiangou tacitly took two steps sideways and formed an angle with Demon King Ao. His aura had already erupted as he locked onto the Liu'Er's.

"Come on!" the Liu'Er on the left shouted and pointed at the other Lie'Er. "Die! I swear on the Great Dao that I will tear you into pieces!"

The killing intent on his body was almost tangible.

"I'll do the same," the Liu'Er on the right said calmly.

Ji Lutian glanced at Yao Wenxin and asked her to retreat a distance away. Then he raised the Demon Mirror and shone it at the Liu'Er on the left.

A white light flashed and disappeared. A figure appeared in the mirror. It was a monkey with yellow fur scratching its ears and cheeks!

Boom!

As soon as this scene appeared in the mirror, three soaring auras exploded at the same time.

The powerful aura sent Ji Lutian flying backward like a fallen leaf.

Yao Wenxin's expression changed drastically. She soared into the sky and caught Ji Lutian. The human and the demon flew away from the battlefield.

"Haha..." A laugh broke out. "You're so impatient. Aren't you afraid that this Demon Mirror is fake?"

It was Liu'Er's voice.

"You're going to die. I swear I'll kill you!" the other Liu'Er shouted.

Boom!

A few beams of light collided, and a powerful explosion sent one of the Liu'Er's flying.

Demon King Ao and Tiangou took a step forward simultaneously, their faces filled with anger. Without hesitation, they used their strongest divine powers.

"I'm not playing with you anymore. I'm leaving!"

Amid the laughter, a figure turned into a stream of light and instantly entered Yuheng Valley like a bird flying into a forest.

The attacks of the three Demon Kings missed at the same time. With a bang, the mountain shook.

The expressions of the three Demon Kings changed in unison. At this moment, the swoosh of a weapon being unsheathed suddenly came from Yuheng Valley.

Demon King Ao's, Tiangou's, and Liu'Er's expressions changed drastically. Without any hesitation, they retreated explosively until they were a hundred kilometers away. Only then did they stop with lingering fear.

The three Demon Kings looked at Yuheng Valley with ugly expressions.

"My lords, Demon King Ao's subordinates are still in the valley..." Ji Lutian's voice suddenly sounded in the ears of the three Demon Kings.

When they attacked just now, Ji Lutian and Yao Wenxin had already fled. Now, they had already escaped here.

"They're finished," Tiangou said in a deep voice. "We attacked at the entrance of the valley and alerted the existence inside."

"What exactly is in Yuheng Valley, lords? Why are all of you so afraid?" Yao Wenxin couldn't help asking.

Ji Lutian also looked at the three Demon Kings curiously.

"It won't do you any good to know too much." Tiangou snorted. "Bring the Demon Mirror over. We'll remember your help. You'll benefit greatly later. You can leave first."

Before Ji Lutian and Yao Wenxin could turn around, Liu'Er stopped them. "Wait!

"Tiangou, there's only one Demon Mirror. Why should you be the one to own it?

"Although that bastard barged into Yuheng Valley, who knows if he's dead or not? What if he comes out alive? If he turns into another demonic beast and we don't have the Demon Mirror, how can we tell?"

"Do you mean you will keep the Demon Mirror?" Tiangou's face darkened.

"I'm the number one Demon King in the Demon Realm. It's best to leave this Demon Mirror with me!" Demon King Ao suddenly said.

"Why should it be you?!" Tiangou and Liu'Er shouted at the same time.

“Because I’m the number one Demon King in the Demon Realm!” Demon King Ao said angrily. Ever since Hu Li’s matter, Demon King Ao felt that his dignity had been greatly provoked. These Demon Kings had no respect for him!

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“So what? We’re all Demon Kings!” Liu’Er also said. “I want this Demon Mirror!”

He had been impersonated once. Thinking about it now made him feel extremely aggrieved. He didn’t want it to happen again. With the Demon Mirror, no one could impersonate him again.

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“You want to fight, don’t you?” Demon King Ao said angrily. “Do you really think I’m so tolerant? If I don’t let you see my ability, you won’t know what it means to be the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm!”

Seeing that the three Demon Kings were about to fight, Ji Lutian said helplessly, “Lords, please calm down. Although there’s only one Demon Mirror now, if the three of you need it, I can forge it for you again.”

“Alright, then help Tiangou and Liu’Er forge two more Demon Mirrors. Give me this one,” Demon King Ao said without hesitation.

“The first one is mine!”

“Mine!”

Tiangou and Liu’Er spoke at the same time.

The three Demon Kings glared at each other again.

Ji Lutian was speechless. “Gentlemen, please listen to me! I don’t think there’s anything to argue about.”

After the three Demon Kings looked at him, he continued, “Since the three of you are worried that someone will impersonate you, why don’t we do this? Before I forge the other two Demon Mirrors, the three of you will deign to wait in my humble residence for a year. How about that?”

The three Demon Kings frowned at the same time. It was obvious that Yuheng Valley wasn’t enterable now. In fact, it might not even be enterable in the near future.

It would take at least six months for Ji Lutian to forge a Demon Mirror. If they wanted everyone to have one, they would really have to wait a year.

“A year is just a blink of an eye for Demon Kings. When the time comes, you don’t have to fight anymore. Won’t it be harmless if everyone has a Demon Mirror?” Ji Lutian continued.

The three Demon Kings glared at each other. This seemed to work.

The three of them actually had no intention of really attacking. After all, they were all Demon Kings. If they really fought, it wouldn’t be easy to determine the winner.

Moreover, Tiangou and Liu'Er were not rookies who had just broken through to the Demon King realm. Even if Demon King Ao could defeat the two of them, it wasn't something he could do in a moment. And once they made a move, it would really damage their relationship.

In any case, the matter of the real Liu'Er had already been resolved. Waiting for a year didn't seem to be that important to them.

"We'll do as you say," Demon King Ao said. "I was the one who provided the materials previously. This time, it's your turn!"

"You're the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm? How petty!" Liu'Er muttered softly.

"Do you think there's only one or many humans who can transform into demonic beasts..." Tiangou suddenly spoke, stopping Demon King Ao, who was about to erupt.

"If only one human can do it, it won't be a problem. If more humans can transform, it will be a disaster for our Demon Realm!"

A solemn expression flashed across Tiangou's face.

"Demon Mirror!"

The three demon kings looked at Ji Lutian at the same time. Three Demon Mirrors were not enough!

If there was more than one human who could transform into a demonic beast, there had to be enough Demon Mirrors to ensure that all the hidden humans among the demonic beasts would be found!

It was best for every demonic beast to carry one Demon Mirror with them. If that human wanted to pretend to be a demonic beast, he wouldn't have a chance at all.

But in that case, the number of Demon Mirrors required would be a lot more.

"Every demonic beast carries a Demon Mirror with them..." Ji Lutian immediately understood what the three Demon Kings meant. "That's impossible. There are more than a billion demonic beasts in the Demon Realm. Not to mention that it's impossible for me to forge so many Demon Mirrors alone, even all the human forgers combined can't complete this task.

"Besides, this Demon Mirror is expensive to forge. It's impossible to forge so many.

"In my opinion, there's no need for so many Demon Mirrors. It's fine as long as every demonic beast general has one. This is enough to prevent humans from impersonating demonic beasts in the armies they lead.

"In that case, we won't need that many Demon Mirrors.

"However, even so, I can't complete this mission alone. I still need the help of the Demon Kings..."

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Zhou Shu didn't know that Ji Lutian had already taken over his baton and continued to fool the demonic beasts.

He rushed into Yuheng Valley and bumped into the ten Great Demons and more than a hundred first-rank demonic beasts that had been monitoring Ji Lutian!

Previously, after Ji Lutian successfully forged the Demon Mirror, he had left the valley alone. These demonic beasts had stayed behind to clean up the scene. In the end, before they could leave, Zhou Shu had entered!

“Lord Liu’Er?” The leading demonic beast looked at Zhou Shu in surprise.

A dazzling light answered him.

The Ming Hong Saber and the Spring Embroidered Saber slashed out at the same time.

The saber beam cut the Great Demon in half.

This bloody scene stunned all the demonic beasts.

By the time they came back to their senses, they were completely enveloped by saber beams.

Banging sounds rang out incessantly. A moment later, a figure stood there panting, surrounded by corpses.

The ten Great Demons and more than a hundred first-rank demonic beasts had all died under Zhou Shu’s hands in a moment!

When the demonic beasts still mistook him for Liu’Er, Zhou Shu had caught them off guard. Coupled with his divine ability Total Annihilation, he had easily dealt with them.

He didn’t dare to delay. First, he wasn’t sure if the three Demon Kings would chase after him. Second, if he waited for these Great Demons to notice what was going on before attacking, he wouldn’t have that much of an advantage.

[The Ming Hong Saber you forged effectively completed a kill. Divine ability Myriad Transformations +1!]

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[The Huben Saber you forged effectively completed a kill. The Visualization of the Five Mountains’ True Form Technique has improved by 30%.]

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A barrage of messages floated past his eyes. He felt his spiritual strength constantly increase, and so did his divine sense.

But the aftereffects of using Total Annihilation made him feel sleepy.

Zhou Shu bit the tip of his tongue and tried his best to stay awake. He warily observed his surroundings.

After he waited for a long time, the three Demon Kings didn’t chase after him. This meant that he had made the right bet. As expected, they didn’t dare to enter Yuheng Valley easily!

It was a good thing that the three Demon Kings didn’t dare to chase after him, but it also meant that there might be great danger in Yuheng Valley!

What exactly was this danger?

Zhou Shu leaned against a tree and looked into the depths of Yuheng Valley.

He couldn't see what was in Yuheng Valley at all. The entire valley was like a sleeping tiger, vaguely giving him a great sense of oppression.

Previously, Ji Lutian forged the Demon Mirror here. He stayed here for a year and was fine. As long as I don't go in, this place should be safe for the time being, Zhou Shu consoled himself.

He felt weak and didn't have the strength to explore the depths of Yuheng Valley.

Zhou Shu pondered for a moment and called out to the Cosmic Bangle on his wrist. "Elder Shi! I'll have to trouble you to guard me for a day. Take the heaven and earth treasures inside as your reward."

He threw another Cosmic Bangle on the ground. Inside were the forging materials he had plundered from Hu Li.

Buzz—

The Longevity Sword emerged from the Cosmic Bangle, and Shi Changsheng's figure appeared on the sword.

"Sure. What's our relationship? There's no need to be so polite." Shi Changsheng chuckled. As he spoke, the Longevity Sword unceremoniously devoured the forging materials in the Cosmic Bangle.

A moment later, Zhou Shu seemed to hear the Longevity Sword groan in satisfaction. At this moment, Shi Changsheng seemed to have time to look around.

"Young fellow, how did you end up in such a situation? What is this place? Why does it look familiar?" Shi Changsheng said. Suddenly, he jumped up from the sword. "Yuheng Valley? Damn it. Why did you come to this damn place!"

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Shi Changsheng's expression was wonderful. It contained surprise and a hint of fear.

Zhou Shu leaned against a tree trunk and said weakly, "This place is indeed called Yuheng Valley. Elder Shi, do you know this place?"

"Obviously." Shi Changsheng knew he had misspoken, but he didn't deny it. He said angrily, "I realize that you're really not an easy person to deal with. First, you went to the Weapon Burial Mountain, and now you came to Yuheng Valley.

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"Fortunately, the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was destroyed long ago. Otherwise, you wouldn't have even known how you died.

"Can you come to a place like this as you please?"

Shi Changsheng's complaints confirmed that Yuheng Valley had indeed been part of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain.

Moreover, from what Shi Changsheng said, Zhou Shu could tell that Yuheng Valley wasn't only dangerous now. Back then, this place wasn't a good place either.

Shi Changsheng had been the master of a grotto-heaven. How could a place that even he was afraid of be a good place?

"Elder Shi, what exactly is this Yuheng Valley? I don't think there's any danger here. You're making too much of a fuss," Zhou Shu said deliberately.

"I'm making a fuss?" Shi Changsheng fumed and glared. "Young fellow, you're really ignorant and fearless!"

Zhou Shu and Shi Changsheng had interacted for a while. Shi Changsheng couldn't withstand provocation sometimes.

If Zhou Shu had asked him normally, he might have avoided saying many things.

But if Zhou Shu said that he was making a fuss, he would be looking down on Shi Changsheng.

He had to make things clear with Zhou Shu!

"Young fellow, let me tell you. In the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, this Yuheng Valley was not a place where ordinary disciples could enter casually." Shi Changsheng glared at him. "This was a forbidden area, understand? This was the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain's forbidden area!"

"Let me put it this way. Even if you could get past that surnamed Diao fellow and enter Yuheng Valley, you would still die!"

Zhou Shu knew that the person Shi Changsheng called surnamed Diao was the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain.

Shi Changsheng was clearly very afraid of the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, but he was stubborn. Therefore, when he mentioned the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, he would call him 'surnamed Diao'.

Zhou Shu had asked him the name of the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain a few times, but Shi Changsheng had evaded the topic.

So until now, Zhou Shu only knew that the master of Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had the surname Diao and didn't know his name.

"Elder Shi, that Diao fellow has been dead for countless years. Although Yuheng Valley is still here, I don't think there's any danger," Zhou Shu said casually.

"There's no danger?" Shi Changsheng rolled his eyes. "Young fellow, you're still too inexperienced to play tricks with me."

"If there was really no danger, would you be willing to give up so many good things to invite me out to protect you?"

“You clearly sensed danger and invited me out, right? I’ve already seen through you.”

Zhou Shu smiled. “Elder Shi, you’re wise. I only have a slight feeling, but I’m really not sure what dangers there are in Yuheng Valley.

“To be honest with you, Elder Shi, I was forced to enter this place. Therefore, I need your guidance.”

He was very humble and gave Shi Changsheng enough face.

Shi Changsheng was very satisfied with Zhou Shu’s attitude. “Young fellow, it’s good to have such self-awareness. I’ll reluctantly give you some pointers.

“You’ve seen the Weapon Burial Mountain of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, right? The Weapon Burial Mountain is the tomb of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain’s weapons, and this Yuheng Valley is the human tomb of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain!”

“A human tomb?” Zhou Shu said in surprise.

From the reactions of Shi Changsheng, Demon King Ao, and Demon King Tiangou, Zhou Shu had some guesses about Yuheng Valley. He had thought that this might be an important place of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, but he really didn’t expect it to be a tomb.

“Elder Shi, do you mean that this is the cemetery of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain? The disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain were buried here after they died?” Zhou Shu asked in surprise.

“A cemetery? That’s an apt word.” Shi Changsheng smacked his lips. “But you’re wrong. The disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain aren’t the only ones buried here.

“Ordinary disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain are not qualified to be buried in Yuheng Valley.

“The ones buried here are the great enemies who died at the hands of surnamed Diao and the elite disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain!”

Shi Changsheng said seriously, “Do you know what an elite disciple is? Those at the Grotto-Heaven realm! The weakest is similar to the fox demon you saw before.”

Zhou Shu looked shocked.

This time, he was really shocked.

He now knew more and more about the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. But the more he knew, the more confused he was about it.

The weakest elite disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain were similar to Demon Queen Tushan?

Then, how powerful was the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain back then?!

How could such a sect suddenly be destroyed?

Who could destroy them?

The Demon Realm?

Impossible. There were only thirteen Demon Kings in the Demon Realm, and the elite disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain were comparable to Demon Kings. How strong was the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?

Shi Changsheng looked at the shock on Zhou Shu's face and said proudly, "What's the matter? Are you afraid now?"

"Let me tell you. The Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is definitely more formidable than you think.

"Those who could be buried here by surnamed Diao were all experts at the Grotto-Heaven realm. Ordinary people were not qualified.

"That Diao fellow was petty. Not only did he kill others, but he also buried them in Yuheng Valley with his sect's elite disciples. He said that he would suppress others forever.

"Don't you think he was crazy? Those people were already dead, but he wanted to suppress them forever?"

Shi Changsheng's expression was complicated, containing disdain and envy.

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"Elder Shi, you were also the master of a grotto-heaven. Why was the difference so great?" Zhou Shu shook his head. "Look at this Diao fellow. The Heavenly Hub Armory, the Weapon Burial Mountain, and the Yuheng Valley all feel very domineering, and his elite disciples are also at the Grotto-Heaven realm.

"You were also the master of a grotto-heaven, right? Other than some forging materials, your Zhuling Grotto-Heaven was far inferior to the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. Also, his disciples were so strong. Elder Shi, why were you alone?"

Zhou Shu asked seriously, as if he was really considering this question.

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Shi Changsheng rolled his eyes and said angrily, "That's because I disdain accepting disciples!

"What do you know, kid? With my status back then, if I was willing to accept disciples, my disciples would be stronger!

"But how can ordinary people catch my eye?

"What's the point of surnamed Diao doing so many fancy things? Could he live forever?

"I'm still in front of you, but surnamed Diao has already turned to ashes. Are you blind?"

Shi Changsheng glanced at Zhou Shu disdainfully.

Zhou Shu really wanted to tell Shi Changsheng that the glory of life was not in length but in thickness...

But after thinking about it, he was still in a weakened state and still had to count on Shi Changsheng to protect him, so it was better not to provoke him too much.

It would be bad if he flew into a rage.

“Elder Shi, even if this Yuheng Valley is a tomb, there shouldn’t be any danger here after so many years, right?” Zhou Shu changed the topic.

“There’s no danger?” Shi Changsheng glanced at Zhou Shu with a look that said, ‘Kid, you’re too inexperienced’.

“You’re underestimating Grotto-Heaven realm experts too much.

“I told you before that Grotto-Heaven realm experts will evolve grotto-heavens themselves. At the peak, they will be like my Zhuling Grotto-Heaven and surnamed Diao’s Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain.

“Even those who have just entered the Grotto-Heaven realm have the embryonic form of a grotto-heaven. They can be called domains, just like that fox demon.

“Even if such experts die, their grotto-heavens will still linger around their corpses, forming spatial turbulence. If someone falls into one, even experts of the same level will lose a layer of skin even if they don’t die.

“Think about it. If a grotto-heaven as big as the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain collapses, how confident are you in escaping?

“Besides, surnamed Diao buried people here with the intention of suppressing them for eternity. Do you think he wouldn’t set up some tricks here?

“You’ve never seen that old fellow. He was very cunning. If you had 110% of my strength back then, there would be nothing to be afraid of, but do you?”

Zhou Shu didn’t mind and smiled. “I might not have 110% of your strength back then, Elder Shi, but don’t I still have you?”

“Me? I’m a sword now, okay?” Shi Changsheng curled his lips. “You’re not strong enough to unleash my power.”

“Is that so?” Zhou Shu pondered. “We’ve been here for so long, but there doesn’t seem to be any danger.”

“Young fellow, let me teach you something.” Shi Changsheng sat on the Longevity Sword, looking extremely imposing. “If you can see danger, then it’s not called danger.

“Danger that you cannot see is the real danger!

“What’s the saying? Dogs who bite are those that don’t bark...”

Zhou Shu smiled and shook his head. If not for this last sentence, he would have been fooled.

“Now that we’ve entered, it’s too late to regret now,” Zhou Shu said. “We’ll deal with whatever comes our way.

“As the saying goes, if the enemy doesn’t move, I won’t move. I’ll stay here. No matter how dangerous Yuheng Valley is, what can it do to me?”

“Naive!” Shi Changsheng said angrily. “Do you know what spatial turbulence is? Turbulence will not reason with you! Moreover, if the corpses of those disciples surnamed Diao turn into corpse puppets, they will find you even if you don’t move! Anyone who enters Yuheng Valley will be torn to pieces by them.”

“Corpse puppets? Zombies?” Zhou Shu roughly understood what Shi Changsheng meant. His disciples would turn into zombies? Wasn’t the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain too ruthless to his disciples?

Roar!

As if in response to Shi Changsheng’s words, a low growl that sounded like a cross between a human and a beast resounded in the depths of Yuheng Valley.

Zhou Shu’s expression changed slightly. *There are really zombies?*

In his current situation, it would be bad if he really encountered zombies.

Although hearing the roar of a suspected zombie, Zhou Shu didn’t panic. Instead, he pondered and asked Shi Changsheng, “Elder Shi, there’s something I don’t quite understand.”

“What is it?” Shi Changsheng glanced in the direction of the roar and didn’t react much.

“Since this Yuheng Valley is a human tomb, is there a need to make its spatial flow different from the outside world?” Zhou Shu asked curiously.

A year in Yuheng Valley was a day outside. Could it be that the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain wanted the enemies in the valley to live days like years?

That would be ridiculous.

“Are you stupid?” Shi Changsheng said. “This Yuheng Valley is just a fragment of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. The flow of time in the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is different from the outside world. What’s so strange about this effect here?”

“Young fellow, if you have the mood to think about those useless things, why don’t you think about how to get some benefits?”

Shi Changsheng looked in the direction of the roar, seeming eager to try.

“What do you mean?”

“Are you stupid? Who knows how many Grotto-Heaven realm experts are buried here? Such experts likely have good things on them. Surnamed Diao was very arrogant. He never touched the corpses after he killed others. Therefore, there might be some good things here,” Shi Changsheng said excitedly.

“In any case, Yuheng Valley is ownerless. The things here naturally have no owner.

“Previously, in the Weapon Burial Mountain, those remaining weapons were enough for you to forge a Ming Hong Saber, let alone here.

“Young people can’t be too narrow-minded. It’s not embarrassing to touch corpses,” Shi Changsheng advised earnestly.

What else could Zhou Shu say? He could only nod.

“Elder Shi, there’s no hurry to loot the corpses,” Zhou Shu said casually. “At least wait until I recover.

“Before that, I’ll have to rely on you, Elder Shi. Although it doesn’t seem dangerous now, if anything happens, I’ll have to trouble you to take care of it first.”

“That’s easy. Pay me to help you avoid disaster.” Shi Changsheng chuckled. “As long as you give me enough benefits, not to mention protecting you, even flattening Yuheng Valley won’t be a problem.”

Shi Changsheng bragged.

Before he could finish speaking, he heard another sound in Yuheng Valley.

This time, it was not the roar from before but the clang of metal.

The moment the sound came, Shi Changsheng’s expression changed.

“Surnamed Diao actually placed it in Yuheng Valley?” Shi Changsheng muttered.

“Elder Shi, what did you say? What did surnamed Diao put in Yuheng Valley?” Zhou Shu asked.

“Young fellow, this is troublesome.” Shi Changsheng turned to Zhou Shu and said seriously, “This time, we might not be able to loot the corpses. On the contrary, you might be looted by others. Why don’t you treat the things I just swallowed as the fee for collecting your corpse?”

“I won’t take your things for nothing. I’ll help you keep your corpse intact.”

Zhou Shu rolled his eyes. If he was going to die, what was the difference?

“Elder Shi, can you make yourself clear? You were a grotto-heaven master. Is that all you’ve got?”

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Zhou Shu’s provocation didn’t work this time.

Shi Changsheng was unmoved and continued, “It’s not that I’m not conscientious, but surnamed Diao placed that thing in Yuheng Valley. If I still had my strength from back then, it would have been fine. But now, I’m just a sword.

“You can’t expect too much from a sword. I really can’t protect you.”

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Shi Changsheng said helplessly, “If there’s really no other way, I’ll just return what I just swallowed to you.

“But then again, it’s useless even if I return them to you. You might even die here this time. At that time, it would be a waste to leave them with you. You might as well give them to me—”

“Then, do you want to kill me now, loot my corpse, and take everything from me?” Zhou Shu said angrily. “In any case, I’m injured now, so I can’t resist.”

“Am I that kind of person?” Shi Changsheng said embarrassedly. “If you really die, I’ll have nothing to say, but I definitely won’t attack you. I’ve never harmed a friend in my life.”

“Am I your friend, Elder Shi?” Zhou Shu said.

“We’re comrades, at least,” Shi Changsheng said.

“In that case, Elder Shi, can you make yourself clear? What exactly did the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain put in Yuheng Valley to scare you to this extent?” Zhou Shu was really curious.

He had once heard from Shi Changsheng that the intrinsic divine weapon of the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was the Heavenly Hub Armory, a nine-heavens divine weapon.

Even when he entered the Heavenly Hub Armory, Shi Changsheng didn’t react like this.

If Zhou Shu hadn’t heard wrongly, the sound just now was like the clang of an unsheathed weapon.

Shi Changsheng, who didn’t even react like this in the Heavenly Hub Armory, actually had this reaction when he heard this sound. What kind of weapon could make him so afraid?

One had to know that Shi Changsheng’s Longevity Sword was an extremely impressive divine weapon.

Sometimes, Zhou Shu even suspected that the Longevity Sword might not be much inferior to the Heavenly Hub Armory.

“I’m not afraid.” This time, Shi Changsheng was abnormally calm. He wasn’t provoked by Zhou Shu at all. He shook his head and said seriously, “I’ve lived for so many years. What scene have I not seen? Even if surnamed Diao comes back to life and stands here, I have nothing to be afraid of.

“I’m being rational,” Shi Changsheng continued. “I’m just stating a fact.

“Young fellow, when you live to be my age, you’ll know. Sometimes, we have to face reality. There’s no point in lying to ourselves when we know we’re no match.

“I know very well how strong I am now. I can’t protect you.”

Shi Changsheng said seriously, “After taking your things, I have to be responsible. If I can’t protect you, I can’t. If you have no other way, then wait for death. At worst, I can guarantee that I can collect your corpse.”

Zhou Shu looked at Shi Changsheng and said in a deep voice, “Elder Shi, you’ve said so much, but you still haven’t told me what surnamed Diao placed in Yuheng Valley.”

Wait for death?

That wasn’t his style!

He was alive and well. Whoever wanted him dead would die first!

Although the aftereffects of using his divine ability Total Annihilation had temporarily caused his cultivation to disappear, it wasn't so easy to take his life!

"Is it useful to know?" Shi Changsheng asked. "If you know, you'll only feel even more despair.

"I was a little harsh just now. Actually, you might not die. It might not have discovered you. You just have to think of a way to leave Yuheng Valley."

Zhou Shu could now see the fear in Shi Changsheng's heart. He was still unwilling to mention what made him so afraid. This had never happened before.

In the past, he would either say nothing or everything. This was the first time something like this had happened.

The matter was clearly in front of him, but Shi Changsheng still did this. This could only mean that the thing in Yuheng Valley really made Shi Changsheng extremely afraid. He was so afraid that he didn't even dare to say its name.

"In that case, I won't make things difficult for you. Elder Shi, do as you please."

Zhou Shu closed his eyes and tried to circulate his energy to adjust his breathing. Unfortunately, unless the cooldown time for Total Annihilation passed, he wouldn't be able to recover his cultivation. Even if he circulated his energy, it was a waste of his effort.

The Longevity Sword quietly floated in front of Zhou Shu. On the sword, Shi Changsheng sat cross-legged and kept looking into the depths of Yuheng Valley.

He looked as though he was ready to escape at any moment.

Buzz—

After an unknown period of time, another clang sounded from the depths of Yuheng Valley. At the same time, a sharp aura rose in the valley.

The sharpness didn't seem powerful, but it was incomparably tenacious, giving off an endless feeling.

Shi Changsheng's expression changed again.

Zhou Shu suddenly opened his eyes. He felt as if he was being targeted by something, and the hair on his back instantly stood on end.

"Whether it's a blessing or a curse, it can't be avoided." Shi Changsheng's voice sounded in Zhou Shu's ear. "I knew it. It's impossible for a living person to hide from it.

"Young fellow, I'll give it a try, but I can't guarantee that I can protect you.

"If you can't, then don't blame me for being disloyal. In that case, you're on your own."

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Before Shi Changsheng finished speaking, the sword trembled and soared into the sky. Boundless sword qi instantly spread from the Longevity Sword.

Sizzle—

The sound of sword qi tearing through the air resounded. Almost at the same time, the lingering sharpness in the valley suddenly became fierce, just like a longsword not completely sheathed becoming unsheathed in an instant.

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Clink Clink Clang Clang!

Just from the contact of the auras, there was already a clang in the air.

The sharpness coming from Yuheng Valley was unlike a saber or a sword. It collided with the sword qi emitted by the Longevity Sword. The sword qi filling the sky melted and disappeared like snow encountering hot water.

The Longevity Sword retreated step by step and was instantly defeated.

“Young fellow, I’ve done my best.” Shi Changsheng’s words sounded in Zhou Shu’s ear. The Longevity Sword turned into a stream of light and flew toward the exit of Yuheng Valley. “I will come back and collect your corpse.”

He said something that made Zhou Shu not know whether to laugh or cry before disappearing from Zhou Shu’s vision.

Zhou Shu cursed in his heart. He was indeed unreliable. Shi Changsheng had swallowed the treasures in his Cosmic Bangle, but he still fled at the last second!

In the end, he still had to rely on himself!

Zhou Shu’s eyes burned as he stared at the endless sharpness, and strong battle intent surged in his heart.

“Young fellow, I forgot to tell you. This thing restrains divine weapons, but you might be able to resist it. Hold on.” Shi Changsheng’s voice floated over from somewhere and entered Zhou Shu’s ears.

Zhou Shu snorted coldly. Shi Changsheng was unreliable. At a time like this, he was still hiding something!

Fortunately, after half a day, the aftereffects of the divine ability Total Annihilation were about to pass.

He could already sense that his cultivation was recovering. Even if something unexpected happened, he was not completely helpless.

“Heaven and earth are the furnace, The workman, the Creator; His coal is the yin and the yang, His copper, all things of creation.”

At this moment, an incomparably ancient voice suddenly sounded in Zhou Shu’s ear.

In an instant, an incomparably grand scene appeared in front of him.

In the starry sky of the universe, a three-legged Xuanhuang Cauldron floated there. The sun, moon, and stars all flew out of the cauldron one after another, as if they were forged by the Xuanhuang Cauldron.

The scene circulated, and the three-legged Xuanhuang Cauldron reappeared on a landmass. Everything in the world flew into the Xuanhuang Cauldron and turned into black and yellow qi.

Then Zhou Shu saw that within the Xuanhuang Cauldron, all things were born and destroyed. A world was formed, and a world was destroyed.

Life, from origin to destruction, happened in the blink of an eye.

This scene shocked Zhou Shu deeply.

“A Heaven and Earth Furnace?”

A few words appeared in Zhou Shu’s mind.

He knew what Shi Changsheng had been hiding.

There was actually a Heaven and Earth Furnace in Yuheng Valley.

A furnace that could smelt everything in the world!

It could even smelt heaven and earth, let alone a mere Longevity Sword.

No wonder Shi Changsheng looked like he had seen a ghost. This Heaven and Earth Furnace was indeed the nemesis of divine weapons.

But Zhou Shu could sense that this Heaven and Earth Furnace was either incomplete or broken by someone. It was not in its complete state.

The master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is indeed impressive. He actually forged such a smelting furnace.

Refining everything in the world. How bold.

In comparison, the industrialization furnaces that Zhou Shu, Zhang Chunlin, and the others had created were simply child’s play.

As he thought of this, Zhou Shu could already feel the sharp intent flying out of Yuheng Valley and enveloping his body.

The sharpness that clearly didn’t feel very powerful enveloped Zhou Shu’s body, making him feel as if he had fallen into a furnace.

The heat was not violent. It was like a spring breeze turning into rain. In an instant, he felt the temperature of every cell in his body rapidly rise, and his entire body seemed to be melting.

Such uniform heating was simply a smelting furnace that forgers dreamed of.

Under these circumstances, Zhou Shu still didn’t forget to sigh with emotion.

The next moment, he felt pain.

He didn't dare to think too much about it. He snorted coldly and activated the Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form and Eight-Nine Arcane Art at the same time!

A faint light appeared on the surface of his body, resisting the sharpness of the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

Zhou Shu gradually ignored the pain in his body and entered an incomparably clear state.

The Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form and the Eight-Nine Arcane Art were the most powerful cultivation techniques he had mastered. The two complemented each other, allowing him to withstand the sharp attack for a moment.

But although the sharpness was not very violent, it was like the water of a river, endless.

Even though he was temporarily resisting it, if this continued, the spiritual essence in his body would be exhausted sooner or later. At that time, under the smelting of the Heaven and Earth Furnace, he would probably turn into ashes and disappear from the world forever.

Zhou Shu frowned slightly. At this point, he hadn't even seen the true form of the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

This was equivalent to fighting to the death without even seeing the enemy's appearance. If he died, it would be too aggrieving.

As Zhou Shu thought this, he stood up.

He didn't believe that he couldn't deal with a broken Heaven and Earth Furnace!

No matter how powerful the Heaven and Earth Furnace was, it was still a weapon.

As long as it was a weapon, it had to behave when it was in Zhou Shu's hands!

His eyes narrowed slightly as he took a step in the direction of the sharp aura.

If there were other people in Yuheng Valley, they would definitely find his actions very strange.

His movements were extremely slow, and a single step took an incense stick of time to complete.

It was as if time had slowed down...

Zhou Shu had walked for two hours, but he had yet to cross the three-meter distance.

But in his self-awareness, all his movements were as usual.

Zhou Shu had already noticed this extreme contrast from the beginning.

He seemed to sense that this Heaven and Earth Furnace might be the source of the difference in the flow of time between the grotto-heaven and the outside world.

And there was also the scene of refining everything in the world he had just seen in his illusion.

The black and yellow qi that came from refining everything in the world might be the secret of the Grotto-Heaven realm.

No wonder Shi Changsheng was so confident when he spoke of the Grotto-Heaven realm. The Grotto-Heaven realm was indeed worlds apart from those below it.

But this comprehension wasn't very helpful to Zhou Shu's current situation. It was impossible for him to break through to the Grotto-Heaven realm overnight.

Even if he could break through, the gap between someone who had just entered the Grotto-Heaven realm and someone at the peak of the Grotto-Heaven realm was too great. This Heaven and Earth Furnace had belonged to the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, who had been at the peak of the Grotto-Heaven realm. Ordinary Grotto-Heaven realm experts were not its match.

For example, Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and the others knew how powerful they were, so they didn't dare to enter Yuheng Valley easily.

The more Zhou Shu walked forward, the more he felt the power of the Heaven and Earth Furnace. The temperature of his body had already reached a terrifying level. If not for the fact that he had cultivated the Dragon Elephant Prajna Technique, the Golden Bell Shield Technique, and the Eight-Nine Arcane Art, his body would have been incinerated.

Even so, he felt that he was about to reach his limit. It was like a forging material. If the temperature was any higher, it would turn into liquid...

"Heaven and earth are the furnace; his copper, all things of creation.

"Since you want to smelt me, I'll do as you wish! I will use my body as a weapon and reforge it in the furnace. I want to see what kind of peerless divine weapon you can forge my body into!"

Zhou Shu's eyes became abnormally bright, and his body began to emit a fiery red light. The pain of being in the furnace was definitely beyond the imagination of ordinary people. But his state of mind was becoming calmer and calmer. With a thought, he wanted to use the Heaven and Earth Furnace to do something unprecedented!

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Being one with the weapon had always been the art of forging's pursuit and end goal.

Previously, when Zhou Shu forged connate divine weapons, he had already understood that there were two paths of forging.

One was to unite with their weapons like Shi Changsheng had done.

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The other was to refine intrinsic divine weapons to unite with them. He had handed over the connate divine weapons that he had forged to his subordinates.

Now, Zhou Shu was taking the third path—forging himself as a weapon!

Compared to demonic beasts, the greatest weakness of the human body was that the human body was not strong enough.

Zhou Shu had cultivated the Dragon Elephant Prajna Technique, Golden Bell Shield Technique, and Eight-Nine Arcane Art, and each of these were top-notch body-tempering techniques. But even so, his body wouldn't be considered the strongest among demonic beasts.

Most demonic beasts in the Demon Realm were born with thick skin and thick flesh. Even if humans cultivated painstakingly, they wouldn't be able to catch up.

It was also because of this that the human sages had created weapons.

The human body was weak. Only with weapons could humans compete with demonic beasts.

In a sense, the human body was incomparable to weapons, and weapons had been created to make up for the flaws in the human body.

If the human body was forged as a weapon, the result would be that it would turn to ashes in the high-temperature flames.

Zhou Shu had mastered the Dragon Elephant Prajna Technique, Golden Bell Shield Technique, and Eight-Nine Arcane Art. In terms of his physical body, no human in the world could compare to him.

Even ordinary weapons couldn't compare to his body.

But even so, under the attack of the Heaven and Earth Furnace, he felt that his body had reached its limit and could really burn at any moment.

The feeling of his entire body being evenly heated made him feel that he was already a walking piece of roasted meat.

He gritted his teeth and kept visualizing the Five Mountains' True Form to resist the extreme pain. At the same time, he circulated the Eight-Nine Arcane Art desperately.

With the help of the Heaven and Earth Furnace, the Eight-Nine Arcane Art was like a hammer that was constantly tempering every cell in his body. The spiritual qi of heaven and earth surged into his body crazily to replenish the consumption of his cells.

Just as Zhou Shu had thought, his body was indeed constantly becoming stronger like steel undergoing hundreds of refinements. The realm of the Eight-Nine Arcane Art was also constantly increasing as he cultivated.

But it wasn't enough. It was far from enough!

The speed of his improvement was far inferior to the increase in the temperature of the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

The lingering sharp power emitted by the Heaven and Earth Furnace didn't seem very powerful, but it was constantly accumulating. Anyone who was attacked by it would turn into wisps of black and yellow qi and disappear into the depths of Yuheng Valley under its continuous attacks.

Zhou Shu had originally wanted to find the main body of the Heaven and Earth Furnace and deal with it.

But he realized that the entire Yuheng Valley was actually within the influence of the Heaven and Earth Furnace. He couldn't approach its main body at all. The farther he walked, the higher the temperature and the greater the pressure.

Time passed bit by bit. After an unknown period of time, Zhou Shu could clearly sense that he had reached a limit and that his body was about to burn.

Boom!

A determined look appeared in Zhou Shu's eyes. With a flip of his wrist, a Cosmic Bangle appeared in his hand. He clasped his hands together, and the treasures in the Cosmic Bangle started pouring out.

His body was surrounded by the sharp power of the Heaven and Earth Furnace. As soon as the treasures appeared, they were naturally refined by the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

In the Heaven and Earth Furnace, everything was copper and could be refined.

The forging materials melted at a visible speed and turned into wisps of black and yellow qi that were about to flow into the depths of Yuheng Valley.

This is it!

Zhou Shu's eyes lit up. Without hesitation, he reached out and grabbed the wisps of black and yellow qi. He circulated the Eight-Nine Arcane Art with all his might and seemed to have transformed into a ferocious beast as he swallowed the black and yellow qi into his body.

Boom!

Zhou Shu felt as if rain had suddenly fallen on his scorched body. Wherever the black and yellow qi passed, his meridians emitted cracking sounds, and cracks appeared in his perception.

After his meridians were heated to the extreme, they actually showed signs of collapse under the stimulation of the black and yellow qi.

Zhou Shu snorted coldly, and blood flowed from the corner of his mouth. But under the sharpness of the Heaven and Earth Furnace, it turned into black and yellow qi and was absorbed by Zhou Shu.

The entire process was a little strange. But after replacing the spiritual qi of heaven and earth with the black and yellow qi, his body once again entered a state of slow improvement.

It's really useful!

The black and yellow qi produced after the Heaven and Earth Furnace refined everything could really be used for cultivation.

Moreover, the effect of cultivation was better than the spiritual qi of heaven and earth!

Zhou Shu could even clearly sense that the realm of his Eight-Nine Arcane Art was rising steadily. A moment later, it had already reached the lesser mastery stage.

It had to be said that since he started cultivating, this cultivation was the fastest it had been.

Previously, his cultivation had increased mostly because of the benefits from the Legendary Armament Canon. His Martial Dao aptitude was so poor that his cultivation speed was not worth mentioning.

But in this Heaven and Earth Furnace, Zhou Shu forcefully absorbed the black and yellow qi, and his body was truly being reborn!

His body was reborn from the inside out, and every cell in his body was reconstructed. He felt as if he was becoming a completely new person.

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During this process, Zhou Shu was constantly circulating the Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form, and he repeatedly imprinted the Five Mountains' True Form in every cell. Under the hammering of the Eight-Nine Arcane Art, they constantly became tougher and stronger.

If anyone was watching from the side, they would definitely be able to see that Zhou Shu seemed to have transformed into five towering mountains. The mountains were still burning with raging flames, and the impurities in the rocks were about to be burned away.

Time continued to flow forward. After a long time, a metallic clang suddenly came from his body.

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As if he had reached his limit, he raised his head and let out a long cry.

Boom!

With a series of explosions, energy exploded in all directions from his body.

All the vegetation within a radius of several kilometers was impacted by the force and fell to the ground.

The sharp power coming from afar lingered around his body, but he didn't seem to feel it.

He clenched his fists and punched forward.

Boom!

A dazzling white light flashed, and the sharp power was dispersed by Zhou Shu.

Impressive! Zhou Shu looked at his fist and praised himself.

His face was full of joy. Now, he was really like a humanoid divine weapon. The strength of his body was shocking.

He clenched his fists and felt the boundless strength in his body.

His spiritual essence cultivation didn't increase much, but his physical strength had undergone a tremendous change.

Now, even if a martial artist of the same level held a connate divine weapon, it wouldn't be easy to hurt him.

During this process, the Eight-Nine Arcane Art had also reached lesser mastery.

If he encountered those Demon Kings again, he didn't dare to say anything about Demon King Ao, but he was completely confident that he could fight Tushan and Hu Li without using his divine ability Total Annihilation.

After being reborn, my Martial Dao aptitude has also been reconstructed. Now, I should be considered a true genius.

This Heaven and Earth Furnace is indeed impressive. But ordinary people can't use this method to reconstruct their foundation. My Dragon Elephant Prajna Technique and Golden Bell Shield Technique have reached perfection, and I also have a peerless divine technique like the Eight-Nine Arcane Art. But I almost failed just now.

It would have been impossible for anyone else to succeed,

Unfortunately, even so, I was unable to break through to the Grotto-Heaven realm. This Grotto-Heaven realm is really difficult.

If Shi Changsheng heard him, he would definitely spit in his face.

How long had he cultivated? He had already reached the peak of the Earth Immortal realm!

It was impossible for ordinary people to cultivate to this level without hundreds of years of bitter cultivation!

How dare he think about the Grotto-Heaven realm?!

Now that the Heaven and Earth Furnace can't hurt me anymore, let me see what secrets are in Yuheng Valley.

Zhou Shu looked into the depths of Yuheng Valley. After he was reborn, the most important gain was not the lesser mastery of the Eight-Nine Arcane Art or the increase in his physical strength.

It was the nature of his Iron Smelting Hands Technique. In the past, when he used the Iron Smelting Hands Technique, his hands could turn into flames, and he was not afraid of high temperatures.

Now, his entire body had this effect. No matter how strong the Heaven and Earth Furnace was, it couldn't burn through a ball of flames.

It could be said that Zhou Shu was not afraid of the Heaven and Earth Furnace at all.

When he transformed into flames, what could flames do to him?

Boom!

Zhou Shu took a step forward. The force that had stopped him had already disappeared.

He took large strides and instantly crossed hundreds of meters.

A moment later, he arrived in the depths of Yuheng Valley.

In the air, he could already see a three-legged cauldron standing on an empty space.

Several figures were sitting cross-legged around the three-legged cauldron.

Sensing Zhou Shu's appearance, the figures turned around at the same time and let out a roar like a beast.

This was the sound he had heard at the entrance of Yuheng Valley.

Corpse puppets? Zhou Shu's heart stirred.

He had heard from Shi Changsheng that there might be some experts in Yuheng Valley whose corpses still had remnant wills after death. They would kill everyone who entered Yuheng Valley.

These figures in front of him didn't have the aura of a living person at all. Clearly, they were the corpse puppets that Shi Changsheng had mentioned.

While he was thinking, the figures charged at him.

Zhou Shu could clearly see that in the eyes of these figures, there were only the whites of their eyes. They looked extremely strange, but the momentum of their attacks was incomparably fierce. They were not inferior to Demon Queen Tushan and Demon King Hu Li.

Zhou Shu's lips curled up slightly as he snorted coldly. *Just in time. Let's see how far I am from the Grotto-Heaven realm!*

He clenched his fists, and an explosion sounded in his joints. His body swayed as he rushed forward.

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A moment later, Zhou Shu shuttled through the forest in a sorry state.

"You can't be considered a hero if you bully me with numbers. Just you wait. I'll be back!" Zhou Shu shouted as he flew.

A few corpse puppets raised their heads and roared as they chased after Zhou Shu.

Although he was in a sorry state, he still had a smile on his face.

In the battle just now, he didn't use Total Annihilation. However, although he didn't defeat the few corpse puppets that were clearly at the Grotto-Heaven realm, he wasn't injured either.

He was now extremely certain that although he had yet to break through to the Grotto-Heaven realm, he could fight a Grotto-Heaven expert without his divine ability.

If he encountered a Demon King again, he wouldn't have to worry at all. If he used Total Annihilation, it was not impossible for him to kill a weaker Demon King.

He wasn't afraid of one-on-one battles at all, but he was still a little lacking in strength. These corpse puppets didn't care about martial virtue and directly swarmed forward.

His two fists were no match for four hands, which was why this situation occurred.

After walking through the forest for a while, Zhou Shu circled around Yuheng Valley and ran back to the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

Zhou Shu landed beside the Heaven and Earth Furnace and chuckled. *Hehe, these corpse puppets have indeed lost their intelligence.*

The corpse puppets were chasing after him, but there were no guards around the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

They were indeed as powerful as when they were alive, but they didn't have a mind of their own now.

If they were ordinary Grotto-Heaven experts, they definitely wouldn't have let Zhou Shu find a loophole.

On the surface, the Heaven and Earth Furnace looked like a three-legged cauldron with a lid. The body of the cauldron was covered in dense spider web-like cracks, as if it had almost been shattered by someone.

A scorching sharpness spread out from the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

The sharpness seemed to distinguish the target of its attack. It deliberately avoided the rocks, grass, and trees of Yuheng Valley, but outsiders like Zhou Shu would be attacked by it.

"I'm lacking a furnace. Follow me from now on."

Zhou Shu reached out and grabbed the Heaven and Earth Furnace. Although the Heaven and Earth Furnace looked extremely dilapidated, it was definitely the most powerful forging furnace he had ever seen.

Using it to forge would definitely yield twice the results with half the effort.

Zhou Shu's greatest goal in entering Yuheng Valley was to obtain the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

Buzz—

The Heaven and Earth Furnace sensed his actions and suddenly trembled violently, as if it was resisting him. The sharpness around it suddenly increased by several times.

The corpse puppets in the distance seemed to be enraged. They let out shocking roars and suddenly increased their speed by 30%. They accelerated and rushed over.

"How dare a dead thing resist me!" Zhou Shu snorted coldly. His aura erupted, and his hands pressed on the Heaven and Earth Furnace like lightning.

Boom!

He felt the Heaven and Earth Furnace resist violently. But with his divine strength, it couldn't struggle free at all.

"Get up!" Zhou Shu shouted, picked up the Heaven and Earth Furnace, and laughed at the corpse puppets rushing over from behind. He took large strides forward and fled.

Chapter 620: Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form, Greater Mastery (1)

In Yuheng Valley, which was regarded as a restricted area by the Demon Kings of the Demon Realm, a figure was running wildly while carrying a huge three-legged cauldron.

Behind him were a few furious roaring figures. Wherever they passed, they knocked down all the trees.

If Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and the others saw this scene, their jaws would drop in shock.

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Although they knew that Yuheng Valley was dangerous, they had never thought that there were actually so many experts comparable to Demon Kings hidden here!

As Zhou Shu ran, he kept turning his head to mock the corpse puppets.

In his heart, he didn't treat these corpse puppets as experts at all.

In terms of combat strength, these corpse puppets were indeed very strong. Every one of them was not weaker than ordinary Demon Kings, and there were even seven of them here.

With all seven of them added up, even Demon King Ao could only flee.

But these corpse puppets were far inferior to demonic beasts in terms of intelligence. Zhou Shu led them around in circles, but they didn't know how to outflank him.

If not for the fact that he was worried that Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and Liu'Er were still outside Yuheng Valley, he would have run out of the valley. These corpse puppets probably wouldn't chase him out of the valley.

He wondered if the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had thought of this problem back then. It was probably just a whim to rely on these corpse puppets to suppress the powerful enemies in Yuheng Valley forever.

But then again, the enemies of the master of Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain back then were probably all dead. The so-called eternal suppression was just his sick sense of humor.

Rather than suppressing the experts buried here, these corpse puppets were used to prevent outsiders from robbing the tomb.

As long as people didn't come to rob the tomb, even if they accidentally entered Yuheng Valley, with the rigid reactions of these corpse puppets, the chances of them escaping were very high.

Compared to the corpse puppets, the Heaven and Earth Furnace that he was carrying now was more threatening.

The reason this place had become a forbidden area of the Demon Realm was probably because of the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

The strongest Demon Kings might not be able to withstand the smelting of the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

Not everyone could have Zhou Shu's Eight-Nine Arcane Art and the Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form.

In fact, if Zhou Shu didn't have the Iron Smelting Hands Technique and so many forging materials on him, he might not have been able to survive the smelting of the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

The ability of the Heaven and Earth Furnace to smelt all things was indeed almost unsolvable.

Unfortunately, it had encountered an anomaly like Zhou Shu...

Zhou Shu also discovered that when he carried the Heaven and Earth Furnace away, the sharp power emitted by it had already been interrupted.

In other words, Yuheng Valley was no longer protected by the Heaven and Earth Furnace. If someone barged in at this time, there was no need to worry about any danger.

It seems that the Heaven and Earth Smelt can only be of use there. It's Yuheng Valley that supports it.

Zhou Shu tried to refine the Heaven and Earth Furnace, but he found that the spiritual essence he injected was useless.

After some thought, he understood the reason.

The Heaven and Earth Furnace had already fused with Yuheng Valley. Only by placing it where it had just been could it continuously emit the power of smelting. And what supported it was Yuheng Valley.

Or rather, the remaining power of countless experts buried in Yuheng Valley...

The master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had buried countless powerful enemies here not only for fun but also to support the operation of the Heaven and Earth Furnace.

The operation of the Heaven and Earth Furnace was to protect Yuheng Valley from tomb raiders. But the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain used the corpses of powerful enemies to support the operation of the Heaven and Earth Furnace. This meant that it was useless even if enemies wanted to rob the tomb...

Then the question was, who was buried in Yuheng Valley that made the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain spend so much effort to do these things?

Zhou Shu didn't think that Shi Changsheng had lied to him about Yuheng Valley. This could only mean that what Shi Changsheng said was what the master of Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had deliberately let outsiders know.

In reality, Yuheng Valley was not the place where he had buried powerful enemies at all. The corpses of these powerful enemies were simply 'nourishment' for the Heaven and Earth Furnace!

The news he spread was most likely to conceal the true use of Yuheng Valley!

These thoughts appeared in Zhou Shu's mind as he carried the Heaven and Earth Furnace and ran through Yuheng Valley.

The more he thought about it, the more he felt that it was possible. Thus, he deliberately observed the situation in Yuheng Valley.

Yuheng Valley was a long and narrow valley. It was about a hundred kilometers long and dozens of kilometers wide.

It was full of trees, and the scenery was very good. He even saw large flower fields.

After countless years, there were still flowers blooming in these flower fields. It could be imagined that when the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was still around, this place would definitely be even more beautiful.

Zhou Shu flew over. It had been claimed that Yuheng Valley was a human tomb, but he didn't see any graves here. This didn't look like a cemetery at all. It looked more like a resort...

No! His heart suddenly skipped a beat as a map suddenly appeared in his mind.

This map was the map of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain that he had obtained from Tushan.

Although the map might not be complete, he suddenly realized what was going on in Yuheng Valley.

Yuheng Valley itself was like a coffin!