

Disciples 1161

Chapter 1161: Submit

Although Lu Zhou was not as strong as Lan Xihe and her 13 Birth Charts, he had his supreme mystic power and his item cards. The supreme mystic power was like having two additional Birth Charts. Moreover, Lan Xihe did not sprout the eleventh leaf so her strength was likely not as strong as a true Thirteen Chart expert.

Lu Zhou did not use the Deadly Strike Card on Lu Wu since it seemed like it did not harbor any ill intention toward Duanmu Sheng. If Lu Wu only coveted the Great Void Seed, there was no need for it to part with so much essence Qi just to keep Duanmu Sheng alive.

Boom!

Lu Wu landed on the island, causing the earth to shake violently and stirring up waves on the lake.

Lu Wu rose to its feet. Its eyes burned brightly as it exerted force to push the mountain-like Confinement Seal up, causing its bones to creak as a result. Then, it suddenly swept its tail out, sending the rubble and debris on the island toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou manifested his astrolabe and pushed it forward.

When the astrolabe flew toward Lu Wu who was bearing the weight of the Confinement Seal, it opened its mouth wide, spitting out white mist.

“Flaming Golden Lotus.”

Lu Zhou had learned from his mistake. How could he allow Lu Wu to freeze him again? A golden lotus that burned with karmic fire bloomed under his feet immediately.

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“Golden lotus with karmic fire? Is this his Birth Trial ability? This person is a little strange...” Ye Wusheng frowned.

“Strange? Brother Ye, didn’t you say he has only passed two Birth Trials at most? He’ll still have to flee if he meets the Venerable Masters...”

Ye Wusheng shook his head. “No... I can’t say that for sure now...”

“...”

There were many things that could not be judged based on their appearance. Some people hid their strength so deeply that many people were fooled.

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When Lu Wu saw the flaming golden lotus, it said, “New... skill? Old Thief Lu... don’t even think... of... experimenting... on me...”

Lu Wu sent rocks and boulders toward Lu Zhou again before it leaped up into the clouds.

Lu Zhou easily deflected the rocks and boulders before he looked up into the sky and said, "If you have tricks left, hurry up and use them all now."

As soon as Lu Zhou's voice fell...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Icicles rained down from the sky toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou's figure flashed continuously, avoiding the icicles. Occasionally, he would launch a blue palm seal to destroy the icicles.

This lasted a while until Lu Wu finally said, "Do you... really intend... to force me..."

Lu Zhou looked at the clouds and flew up.

At the same time, Lu Wu swooped down from the clouds, baring its fangs and claws that glinted under the sunlight. Its fur stood on end like swords.

Bang!

Lu Zhou launched another palm seal. Then, he rode on his momentum and flipped in the air before he joined his palms together.

In just an instant, palm seals filled the sky like butterflies fluttering in the air and surrounded Lu Wu.

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"What an exquisite attack..." Ye Wusheng could not help but clap when he saw this scene.

"I don't understand."

"Lu Wu's body is too big, and a human's body is very small. With this technique, he can take advantage of the blind spots around Lu Wu's body to dodge the attacks. No wonder he didn't use his avatar. The avatar is too big so it's like a huge target for Lu Wu. Although many people are aware of this, not many dare to act like him in front of a beast emperor..." Ye Wusheng explained.

"Look! It's using its freezing ability!"

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Swoosh!

The temperature in the surroundings dropped rapidly.

"Absolute Zero?" Lu Zhou sensed the danger that loomed over him. The cold reminded him of the Sea Spirit Pearl. No, in fact, the cold was even more dangerous than Absolute Zero. He could feel a slight lag when he moved. It was as though Lu Wu had frozen time or the air. Was it space distortion?

Bang!

Lu Wu swiped its claws at Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou lifted his astrolabe to block Lu Wu's claw but was pressed down.

The temperature continued to drop as the void began to ripple and distort.

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Ye Wusheng looked down at the lake. All the fishes were once again frozen. "As expected of a beast emperor. Retreat."

Ye Wusheng and Ye Cheng hurriedly retreated.

Ye Cheng said as he moved, "It seems like he's not a match for Lu Wu..."

"It's too early to jump to conclusions..."

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Lu Wu roared, letting out another soundwave that swept out in all directions.

Lu Zhou was restrained by the distorted space.

The island, the lake, and the rocks were as fragile as paper faced with the soundwave.

Only Duanmu Sheng remained unharmed; he was wrapped in a ball of essence Qi that kept the cold at bay.

Lu Zhou felt his arms, fingers, and legs stiffen and grow numb.

"So strong?" Lu Zhou had no choice. Just as he was about to use Thunderblast to knock Lu Wu back, his blue avatar in his Dantian's sea of Qi began to emit the supreme mystic power. The supreme mystic power then surged into his Eight extraordinary meridians and his veins, spreading to all corners of his body. With that, cold air was quickly dispelled, and the blue avatar disappeared.

Lu Zhou turned to look at Lu Wu. "Since you like the cold so much, I'll give you a gift..."

The fusion-grade Purple Glazed Tile appeared in Lu Zhou's palm as soon as he finished speaking. As he mobilized his Primal Qi, the Purple Glazed Tile that was as bright as the moon flew out.

In just an instant, the temperature rapidly fell again. The same freezing energy that seemed to distort space itself from before spread out and swept toward Lu Wu.

"Another... new... move? Despicable!"

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Ye Wusheng turned pale in fright. "That's a Venerable Master's move! Go! Quickly!"

Although the duo was far away and could not see clearly, they knew for Lu Zhou to be able to use a technique that could suppress Lu Wu's ice ability, he had to be a Venerable Master. Even from such a distance, the impact of a Venerable Master's attacks was not something they could withstand.

"Brother Ye, aren't we going to watch anymore?"

"Our lives are more important!"

The duo did not even turn to look back and disappeared into the forest like two streaks of light.

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Ye Tianxin and Conch had Cheng Huang's protection; they retreated and advanced in with perfect timing, hence, they were not affected too much.

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Lu Wu's body stiffened. Then, he seemed to have been frozen into a statue and dropped down from the sky. Only its eyes were rolling around in their sockets. It mobilized its essence Qi to try and dispel the cold air when...

Boom!

A palm seal fell without any warning on Lu Wu's body.

At some point, Lu Zhou had appeared above Lu Wu without it noticing. He pressed his hand down as the palm seals from the Daoist's Nine Cuts Hand Seals descended one after another. His voice was dark as he asked, "Are you convinced yet?"

Every palm seal landed accurately. It was not long before Lu Wu felt a tearing sensation.

In an extremely cold state, even steel would turn fragile. If the ice around Lu Wu shattered, Lu Wu would shatter along with it.

Lu Zhou moved his hand again. Energy from all directions gathered forming a tornado. The Expansive Heavenly Energy's palm seal that contained the supreme mystic power increased in size before it fell again.

Lu Wu's survival instinct was stronger than ever. Its fur stood on end before its essence Qi surged out explosively from its body.

Boom!

The ice encasing Lu Wu cracked, turning into fragments that shot out in all directions.

Alas, the palm seal from the Expansive Heavenly Energy continued to fall.

Bang!

The palm seal landed on Lu Wu's spine.

Lu Wu was too tenacious.

A Thunderblast Card appeared in Lu Zhou's hand at this moment. He said in a deep voice, "Life and death are determined by fate, wealth and honor are determined by the heavens."

Dark clouds began to gather in the sky.

Lu Wu spun around, facing Lu Zhou. It looked at Lu Zhou unblinkingly and kept retreating. It could feel an invisible pressure pressing down on him. At this moment, its psychological defenses seemed to break as it called out, "Wait!"

"Hmm?"

"I admit defeat." Lu Wu's hind legs trembled slightly. It had to admit defeat. If it continued to fight, it knew it would continue to fall to an even more disadvantageous position.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction as he put away the Thunderblast Card. "People say your intelligence isn't inferior to humans' intelligence. However, I think you're rather stupid..."

"..." Lu Wu lowered its head and made a strange, stuttering noise.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "If you were smart, you could've avoided this pain..."

Lu Wu panted heavily; its chest rising up and down. Its eyes were filled with unwillingness as it said, "The mighty Venerable... Master... has stooped so low... to bully... the weak..."

"Bully the weak?" No matter how Lu Zhou looked at it, he could see now the word 'weak' was related to the beast emperor in front of him.

"Lu Tiantong... are you really... going to take him away?" Lu Wu asked, clearly unwilling.

Lu Zhou wanted to say again that he was not Lu Tiantong but discarded that idea since Lu Wu seemed afraid of Lu Tiantong. He asked, "What are you going to do if I take him away?"

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Lu Wu dug its claws into the ground enduring the suffocating feeling that was brought about by Lu Zhou's words.

Chapter 1162: Despicable and Shameless Human

The dark clouds did not disperse.

Silence had returned to the island.

Lu Zhou who was hovering in the air looked up, trying to see the end of the Unknown Land. Alas, he saw nothing but the distant horizon that separated the sky and the ground.

Just a beast emperor was already so difficult to deal with. What should he do if he encountered an even more powerful beast emperor in the Unknown Land? It was best for him to take Duanmu Sheng away as soon as possible.

Lu Zhou was puzzled. "What's your relationship with Venerable Master Duanmu?"

Lu Wu replied, "Master and servant."

Perhaps, Lu Wu did not have a deep understanding of the human language so it used the words 'master and servant' to describe its relationship with Duanmu Dian.

Humans' relationships with their mounts were all different. Some treated their mounts like family members or friends, some people treated mounts like tools, and some treated mounts like slaves.

Since Lu Zhou did not know Duanmu Dian, he did not know what kind of relationship it had with Lu Wu.

Lu Zhou asked, perplexed. "Since he's your master, where is he?"

Lu Wu said in a low voice, "Great Void... the Balance Keeper... taken away..."

Lu Zhou suddenly remembered Lu Wu had said earlier that if Duanmu Dian was here, Duanmu Dian would sever ties with Lu Tiantong. This indicated that Lu Tiantong and Duanmu Dian were friends.

“Why didn’t Lu Tiantong save him?” Lu Zhou asked.

“Huh?” Lu Wu straightened its back before it looked at Lu Zhou quietly. After a moment, he said angrily, “That’s... what... I want... .. ask... you...!”

Lu Wu’s mouth was too wide, and it was a bit windy, affecting its speech. Fortunately, Lu Zhou could still understand it.

Lu Zhou said, “You should know how strong the people in the Great Void are...”

Up until now, the cultivators only had one word to describe the inhabitants of the Great Void: strong.

The strength of the people from Great Void was beyond imagination. According to Lan Xihe, the Kun in the Endless Ocean was a Balance Keeper as well. To deal with that Kun, he would have needed to exhaust all of the system’s energy. Therefore, he had enough reasons to believe there was supreme existence in the Great Void.

Those who possessed the Great Void Seeds would definitely become a supreme being. The Great Void Seeds would mature every 30,000 years. How many years had it been since heaven and earth came into being, and how many Great Void Seeds had matured since then? In other words, apart from those true cultivation geniuses who did not need to rely on external forces to become a supreme being, there were as many supreme beings as there were Great Void Seeds that had matured since the dawn of time.

Lu Wu remained silent. Indeed, if the inhabitants from the Great Void wanted to capture someone, what could Lu Tiantong do? It exhaled heavily before it finally said, “You... didn’t save Duanmu Dian... He’s... dead... You’re... alive...”

Lu Zhou said, “For the last time, I’m not Lu Tiantong. I don’t care whose descendant Duanmu Sheng is. I came here to bring him back...”

Lu Wu glanced at Duanmu Sheng who was lying on the ground and asked, “Must it... be... like this?”

“I will not change my decision easily,” Lu Zhou replied. In the current Evil Sky Pavilion, was there any of his disciples who dared to act as boldly as Lu Wu was acting now?

Upon hearing Lu Wu’s words, Lu Wu said with a complex expression on its face, “Humans... more cold-blooded than beasts...”

“Cold-blooded?” Lu Zhou raised an eyebrow. “Do you know how many humans and fierce beasts died in the battle in the Northern Sword Canyon?”

Lu Wu could not refute Lu Zhou’s words.

Lu Zhou continued to say, “You sacrificed so many of your kind and tricked the Black Emperor. Who’s more cold-blooded?”

Lu Wu said stubbornly, “Those humans... no different from reptiles... Their deaths... not worth regretting...”

“In my eyes, you’re a reptile as well...”

“...” Lu Wu was silent for a moment before it said, “Only I... can protect... Duanmu Sheng...”

Lu Zhou became more and more confused. With Lu Wu’s ability, indeed, it would not have been too difficult if it wanted to escape alone earlier. However, it chose to stay back because of Duanmu Sheng, which was beyond Lu Zhou’s expectations. He asked, “Why?”

“Even ants... can live... Master Duanmu has shown... kindness... Young Master is... in trouble... only... I can... save him,” Lu Wu said confidently.

“What makes you think I can’t save him?” Lu Zhou shook his head.

At this time, Lu Wu said fluently, “You can save his life, but he would miss out on a great opportunity...”

“A great opportunity?”

“The Great Void... Seed... the corrosive... energy, the power... heaven and earth... in the Unknown Land... and my 30,000 years... of essence Qi... can help him... change his fate. Can you... do it?” Lu Wu asked.

Naturally, Lu Zhou was aware of Duanmu Sheng’s current situation. That was the reason he had rushed here to bring Duanmu Sheng away. However, he knew he could only bring him away and continue using the Heavenly Writing Power to expel the corrosive energy. However, it was not a permanent solution. Moreover, rumors were already spreading about Duanmu Sheng possessing the Great Void Seed. If he had to pick an opponent, he would pick an insanely powerful fierce beast over humans. Human hearts were unpredictable, after all.

Previously, Ning Wanqing had also said this might be a blessing in disguise for Duanmu Sheng.

Finally, Lu Zhou looked at Lu Wu and asked, “How can a mere beast emperor protect him?”

“With this...” Lu Wu straightened its back as nine tails suddenly rose from its back.

Primal Qi began to surge violently as the dark clouds began to roll.

Lu Wu’s abdomen heaved up and down violently as streams of dark light flowed from its nine tails into its abdomen.

Although Lu Zhou was not afraid, he did not expect Lu Wu to be so smart that it was still hiding its strength up to this point. He said, “You have quite a few tricks up your sleeve...”

“I’m not... afraid of those... below the level... of Venerable Masters. Those above... the level of... Venerable Masters...” Lu Wu trailed off.

At this moment, Conch’s voice drifted over.

“Move.”

Cheng Huang flew over with Ye Tianxin and Conch on its back and landed on the island easily.

Lu Wu was very vigilant. Its fur stood on end as it looked at Cheng Huang predatorily. “Scram...”

Conch said, “How bold. Master defeated you, but you still dare to ask Cheng Huang to scram?”

Despite feeling incredibly unhappy, Lu Wu could only tolerate this.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "You're a majestic beast emperor. If you have the chance to return to the depths of the Unknown Land, why don't you return and live a solitary and peaceful life?"

Lu Wu averted its gaze and began to mutter unintelligible words under its breath again.

At the same time, Conch pointed at Lu Wu and said, "Master, it said that you're old and muddle-headed. It also said you're annoying for asking questions you already know the answers to!"

Lu Wu. "?"

"You really don't know what's good for you," Lu Zhou said indifferently.

Lu Wu sized Conch up before it muttered a few words experimentally.

Conch said, "I'm not guessing. I understand the beast language..."

Lu Wu took a step back, and it said in human language, clearly surprised, "You're... so young... but you... know the... beast language..."

Lu Zhou raised his voice and interjected, "Your whereabouts have been exposed. What are you going to do if something happens to Duanmu Sheng?"

After mulling over it, Lu Zhou determined it was indeed safer and better for now for Duanmu Sheng to stay with Lu Wu.

Duanmu Sheng cultivated more diligently than anyone in the Evil Sky Pavilion. He could practice his spear techniques in the back of the mountain alone without rest, food, water, rest, and sleep. He could also endure the pain in the Star Gathering Formation. Innate talent aside, he was a true cultivation fanatic; he was also the embodiment of hard work and diligence.

Lu Zhou believed that if Duanmu Sheng were of sound mind now, Duanmu Sheng would make the same decision as well. His gaze fell on Duanmu Sheng...

At this moment, Lu Wu said, "Young master... here, Lu Wu... here; Young Master... die, Lu Wu... die..."

"Alright." Lu Zhou extended his hand.

The Overlord Spear stuck in the huge rock dislodged itself and returned to Lu Zhou's hand.

"I'll make this decision on my unfilial disciple's behalf and let him stay by your side. If anything happens to him, I'll hold you accountable..."

Buzz!

The Overlord Spear began to thrum.

"What are... you doing?" Lu Wu asked warily.

Lu Zhou tapped his toes on the ground and flew up into the sky above the lake. "This is the spear technique called Breaking the Formation. Look closely. I'll demonstrate it once, and you'll teach it to him."

Lu Zhou held the spear with one hand before he traced the dragon carving on the shaft with his index finger and held it horizontally, level with the surface of the lake.

Splash!

Water splashed up from the lake to the sky, transforming into energy spears. The energy spears arranged themselves in a neat formation; their battle intent soared as high as the sky. Then, they swept out like a gust of wind toward a rock and instantly reduced it to dust.

Lu Wu was surprised by this and could not help but mutter again, "Yet... another... new move..."

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After Lu Zhou was done with his demonstration, he tossed the Overlord Spear out and guided it next to Duanmu Sheng. Then, he said expressionlessly to Ye Tianxin and Conch, "Let's go."

After Lu Zhou flew onto Cheng Huang's back, Cheng Huang flew away.

After Cheng Huang disappeared from sight, Lu Wu felt that something was wrong.

If Lu Zhou was going to leave his disciple here in the end, why did Lu Zhou beat it up?

With this realization, Lu Wu felt that it had suffered a huge loss.

"Despicable... shameless human!"

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At this moment, in the distant forest, Cheng Huang suddenly turned back.

Chapter 1163: Borrowing a Life Heart

Just as Lu Wu finished cursing, Cheng Huang appeared in the sky again.

Conch pointed at Lu Wu and said, "Master, it's scolding you again."

Lu Wu. "?"

The beast emperor felt as though it was going to mentally collapse!

Lu Zhou stood on Cheng Huang's back and said, "Lu Wu, I suddenly remember something. I have a favor to ask of you."

"No!" Lu Wu said without any hesitation. Then, it bent down and exhaled deeply, bringing Duanmu Sheng and the Overlord Spear into its mouth. Following that, it leaped thousands of feet up into the sky.

"Go after him."

Cheng Huang let out a happy cry as it chased after Lu Wu. It felt like this was the time to prove its ability.

"Master, we won't be able to catch up this way..." Conch said.

Cheng Huang's speed was slow in comparison to Lu Wu. The difference between a beast king and a beast emperor was too big, after all. It would be difficult for Cheng Huang to make up for the difference even if its size was bigger.

Lu Zhou bent down and pressed one hand against Lu Zhou. The supreme mystic power flowed from his hand into Cheng Huang's body.

In just an instant, Cheng Huang glowed with a faint blue light. As though it was injected with a stimulant, its speed increased greatly.

Lu Wu crossed countless forests and mountains. During its journey, it even destroyed a small fierce beasts nest. When it finally arrived at a hidden place surrounded by mountains on three sides, it finally sat on its haunches with a triumphant expression on its face before it spat Duanmu Sheng and the Overlord Spear out on the ground as though they were trash.

After that, Lu Wu said smugly, "A mere beast king... thinks it... could catch... up to... me?"

Suddenly...

"Hello?"

Conch flew up in the air and greeted Lu Wu.

Lu Wu's eyes widened in disbelief; their sizes were like the sun and the moon. Its expression was rather comical.

At this moment, Cheng Huang landed in front of Lu Wu.

Lu Zhou and Ye Tianxin stared at Lu Wu.

"You still want to run?"

"..."

Lu Zhou glanced at Duanmu Sheng who was lying on the ground before he said, "You can't even outrun a beast king; I'm rather worried about leaving Duanmu Sheng with you..."

Perhaps, the beast emperor felt that it had lost all its pride. It began to huff and puff as it pawed at the ground. It looked like a bull that was about to charge out. Then, it deflated before it complained like a child, "I didn't... give it... my all... It... doesn't count!"

Naturally, Lu Zhou knew Lu Wu did not flee with all its might earlier. Moreover, he had boosted Cheng Huang with the supreme mystic power. However, he could not let go of the advantage he had now. Hence, he said, "Alright. You're a majestic beast emperor, but you still want to quarrel with a junior..."

The junior Lu Zhou mentioned was none other than Cheng Huang.

Cheng Huang sat on the ground with its back and ears straight; it was clearly very pleased with itself.

Upon seeing this, Lu Wu felt as though it was going to faint from anger! In the end, it held back its unhappiness and asked, "Lu... Tiantong... What do... you... want?"

Lu Zhou said bluntly, "I want to borrow your life heart."

"Impossible! You can't!"

Lu Wu's voice shook the tree mountains.

The fierce beasts in the vicinity trembled in fear due to the sudden arrival of a beast emperor.

Lu Wu, the beast emperor that humans feared and the beast emperor that was respected by fierce beasts, had never felt so aggrieved in his life before today. For its young master's sake, it endured; it did not want to fight a Venerable Master so it endured; it did not want to bicker with a junior so it endured. However, how could it endure lending someone its life heart?! This it would not endure!

There was no need to explain how valuable life hearts were to humans. The higher the quality of the life heart, the rarer it would be. One could only imagine the value of a beast emperor's life heart.

The heavens seemed to be very fair when it created humans and fierce beasts. Life hearts could be used twice. In a way, it could balance the conflict between humans and fierce beasts. Fierce beasts were undoubtedly strong as a whole, but there was nothing humans could not deal with as long as they lived long enough.

Lu Wu exhaled a huge heatwave out of its nostrils; it was clearly very angry.

Lu Zhou calmly said, "Nothing's impossible..."

"You're a... Venerable Master!" What Lu Wu meant was that the life heart of a beast emperor was useless to a Venerable Master.

"You don't have to worry. After I borrow your life heart, I'll definitely return it to you," Lu Zhou calmly said.

Lu Wu lowered its head as its eyes darted around. Its expression was clearly written on its face: This man is evil, and I'd be stupid to believe him.

Conch boldly flew over and hovered in front of Lu Wu before she said, "Be good. Don't run."

"..."

Lu Wu felt like it was going to vomit blood.

Lu Zhou said, "Since you said I'm a Venerable Master, why would I lie? Moreover, when have I lied?"

"You've lied... plenty... of times..." Lu Wu said in a deep voice.

"..."

Lu Zhou shook his head. 'This Lu Tiantong must not be a good person! How can he resemble me so much?'

Lu Zhou continued to say, almost in a coaxing manner, "Lu Wu, why don't you lend me your life heart, and I'll leave Cheng Huang here as collateral. What do you think?"

Cheng Huang. "???"

"No, no, I can't!" Lu Wu shook its head vehemently.

Lu Zhou was not in a hurry. He continued to say, "Or you can ask for a favor from me..."

"No. I don't... want... a favor..." Lu Wu shook its head again.

At this time, Ye Tianxin interjected, "What if we help you find your Master Duanmu?"

Lu Wu froze before it lifted its head.

All sentient beings had emotions. Humans were also a kind of beast. Humans had emotions to sustain in the long passage of time, but what about beasts?

Duanmu Dian was not only Lu Wu's master, but he was also Lu Wu's weakness. Lu Wu had been lonely ever since its master left, and it did not know if its master was dead or alive.

Lu Zhou knew there was an opening at this moment, but he hesitated a little before he said, "I know the Great Void is very strong. Back then, when Venerable Master Duanmu was brought away to the Great Void, even if I'm really Lu Tiantong, I'm afraid there was nothing I could've done to help... I'm just borrowing your life heart, and I'll return it to you after using it. You won't suffer any loss at all..."

Lu Wu lowered its head until it was above Duanmu Sheng before it began to sniff a few times as though confirming something. Then, it moved forward and tilted its head slightly, sizing Lu Zhou up before it began sniffing as well. However, it did not smell any familiar aura. Finally, it said, "Avatar."

"You want to see my avatar?" Lu Zhou nodded slightly. "As you wish."

Buzz!

However, instead of the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar of someone who had passed three Birth Trials as Lu Wu had expected, a blue Eight Methods Connected avatar hovered above Lu Zhou's palm. The avatar was very weak, and its aura was negligible.

Ye Tianxin and Conch were puzzled.

Lu Wu was so shocked that its eyeball almost popped out of their sockets. It even lowered its head to study the avatar. In its eyes, the avatar was like a luminous pearl. The power contained in the avatar was peerless and dazzling. It was as though it could bring thousands of miles of clear sky in the harsh Unknown Land. Its voice trembled slightly as it said, "Okay..."

Lu Zhou was inwardly surprised that Lu Wu had agreed so readily as soon as it saw the blue avatar. Originally, he planned to manifest both his avatars to show his might; who knew just the Eight Methods Connected Method was enough?

While Lu Zhou was puzzled over this matter, Lu Wu opened its mouth. Its abdomen moved before a life heart shining with a black light floated past two rows of gigantic teeth.

When the beast emperor's life heart fell into Lu Zhou's hand, he felt a bone-chilling cold seep through his skin. It was much colder than Pu Yi's water ability. Lu Wu's life heart did not conflict with Pu Yi's heart, and his ice-control ability came from the Purple Glazed Ceramic. Once he used Lu Wu's life heart, it meant his ability to control ice and water would increase by four times. With time, this ability would only grow stronger along with his cultivation. At the time when he became a Venerable Master, this ability to freeze would not be any weaker than Lu Wu's.

Finally, Lu Zhou said, "If I don't return your life heart, won't your strength be greatly reduced? At that time, how are you going to protect my disciple?"

Then, Lu Zhou flew onto Cheng Huang's back.

Upon seeing this, Ye Tianxin and Conch followed suit.

Before Lu Zhou flew away, Lu Wu said, "I hope... you'll keep your promise. I'll wait... for you..."

Then, Lu Wu sat down on its haunches and recalled Lu Zhou's last words.

'No!'

"Old thief! Despicable!"

Boom!

Lu Wu slapped its paw heavily on the ground, and the earth shook, causing Duanmu Sheng to fly up in the air before landing on the ground again.

Chapter 1164: The First Great Birth Chart

Although Lu Wu was angry, it had no choice but to wait here. After the battle of the Northern Sword Canyon, its damaged heart had yet to heal. Now, it was without its life heart. With all these factors, it was only natural that its strength was greatly reduced. It rashly left this place now and encountered a stronger enemy, the consequences would be undesirable. After all, too many people coveted the life heart of a beast emperor.

In fact, Lu Zhou knew there were three main reasons he was able to subdue Lu Wu today. First, Lu Wu had thought he was Lu Tiantong, a Venerable Master. Second, it was because of Duanmu Sheng, who was a direct descendant of Duanmu Dian. Third, Lu Wu did not want a direct confrontation.

However, there was another strange factor: his blue avatar. No matter how Lu Zhou thought about it, there was no way Lu Wu would be so impressed by an Eight Methods Connected avatar that it immediately agreed to lend its life heart to him. However, that was what it seemed like. He thought Lu Wu might have seen a blue avatar before and knew something about it. However, he did not think there was anyone who could cultivate a blue avatar like him. In any case, this was a question for the future.

At this moment, Conch asked, "Master, are we going back now?"

Lu Zhou shook his head. "There's no rush. Let's find a hidden place first. We have to return Lu Wu's life heart as soon as possible."

Ye Tianxin and Conch nodded. In their eyes, their master was an expert with 12 Birth Charts. It was reasonable that he needed a beast emperor's life heart.

"Master, are we really going to return it?" Conch asked,

"..."

Lu Zhou raised his hand and knocked Conch's forehead. "Don't imitate Little Yuan'er's nonsense behavior in the future."

Ye Tianxin covered her mouth and laughed.

Conch touched her head, confused. She did not know why she said that was wrong.

Lu Zhou said, "Lu Wu gave up his essence qi to save your Third Senior Brother's life. This shows that it doesn't covet his Great Void Seed. Your Third Senior Brother has the corrosive energy now so I have to take that into consideration. Even if I bring him back, I can only temporarily suppress the corrosive energy in his body; I won't be able to dispel it completely. Moreover, the vitality energy in the Unknown Land is complex and rich. If I bring him back, he might miss out on a great opportunity..."

Ye Tianxin nodded. "Third Senior Brother pursues the path of cultivation more ardently than anyone. Master is wise."

"Oh." Conch nodded.

"If we don't return Lu Wu's life heart, it would be greatly weakened. This would put Third Senior Brother in danger," Ye Tianxin explained.

After a while, the trio finally arrived at another mountain range.

The Unknown Land was so vast that it seemed boundless. Even if it was a beast emperor or a beast king, they could fly for half a day, but they still would only be in a corner of the Unknown Land.

"Stop."

Cheng Huang came to a stop.

"Master, there's a cave."

Lu Zhou nodded. He flew nimbly off Cheng Huang's back and landed in front of the cave. The cave was dry, and the environment was not too bad. The Primal Qi was also relatively rich.

Lu Zhou recited the Heavenly Writing's power of hearing before expanding his hearing range to cover thousands of meters. After confirming there was no beast king in the vicinity, he said, "I'll be staying here for a time. Both of you must not wander off too far..."

"Understood." Ye Tianxin and Conch bowed in unison.

Since the two women knew their master was going to be activating his Birth Chart, they did not dare to be careless and found a hidden place nearby to keep watch. Fortunately, the Unknown Land was vast. As far as the eyes could see, there were only some small beasts and the gloomy clouds looming over them. There were no signs of humans.

No wonder Lu Wu could move around most undetected. With its wisdom, even if it did encounter a Venerable Master whom it could not defeat, it would not be a problem for it to flee unharmed.

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In the cave.

Lu Zhou sat cross-legged on the ground and brought the Birth Chart map out before he manifested his lotus.

Lu Zhou was not in a rush to place the life heart in his Birth Palace. Instead, he studied the map carefully.

Similar to the zones on the Birth Palace, Birth Charts were divided into three categories: heaven, earth, and human. Most Thousand Realms Whirling cultivators had only activated human-grade Birth Chart. As for cultivators like judges from the White Tower Council and the Black Tower Council, perhaps, they had activated one or two earth-grade Birth Charts. It was only when one reached the level of the Tower Masters of the White Tower Council and the Black Tower Council that one could activate heaven-grade Birth Charts. Even then, it was not a guarantee. There was a possibility that even someone with that cultivation level could only continue to activate human-grade or earth-grade Birth Charts.

This had a lot to do with a cultivator's innate talent. Some cultivators' Birth Palaces could only hold five life hearts, hence, they would not have a chance to activate a heaven-grade Birth Chart. This was the case for Lu Li.

Heaven-grade Birth Charts were also known as Great Birth Charts. Needless to say, the requirements of the life hearts to activate a Great Birth Chart were very high as well. After all, activating a Great Birth Chart would increase one's cultivation significantly.

"Five human-grade Birth Charts, three earth-grade Birth Charts... The ninth life heart can be activated into a Great Birth Chart... However, it's still a little early..." Lu Zhou muttered to himself.

Although it was not time yet, presented with such a great opportunity, who would give up? Nevertheless, it was a waste to put the beast emperor's life heart in the human zone on the Birth Palace.

"The Second Heaven position collectively improves one's abilities; the Guarding the Land of Abundance position in the southwestern corner of the Birth Palace and the Three Holy Paths position can bring out the Birth Chart's full potential..." Lu Zhou muttered to himself as he looked at the few visible positions on the map. In the end, he finally decided on the Guarding the Land of Abundance position before bringing out the life heart.

Lu Zhou had just activated his eighth Birth Chart not too long ago. It had only been four or five days since he entered the Moonlight Woodland, but he was already activating another Birth Chart. In a way, his actions could be considered as undue haste. However, the current situation was special so he could only activate his Birth Chart first. He would take his time to stabilize it properly after he was done. Needless to say, he would experience more pain compared to if he had waited.

Lu Zhou decisively put the life heart in the Guarding the Land of Abundance position.

Thud!

The life heart was clearly freezing cold, but when Lu Zhou placed it in his Birth Palace, it felt as though someone had taken a red-hot iron and branded him. The searing pain spread immediately.

Lu Zhou was caught off guard and almost cried out in pain. Fortunately, he was mentally strong. Not only did he live two lives, but he also had two avatars to stabilize his foundation. If an ordinary person were to activate their Birth Charts so rashly, they would have passed out from the pain, resulting in failure of activating the Birth Chart and wasting the life heart.

Lu Zhou quickly adapted to the pain and silently activated his supreme mystic power to deal with the pain.

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At this time, Ye Tianxin and Conch stood on Cheng Huang's back as they looked at the scenery in the Unknown Land. After getting used to the harsh environment and not considering their hastily found accommodation, it felt pretty good to be in the Unknown Land. There was a sense of urgency that came from the dark clouds looming overhead; the despair that seemed to linger in this place where night and day bled into one and the feeling of standing on the edge of the world were exhilarating.

The two women sat next to each other reveling in this harsh yet beautiful place.

All of a sudden, Conch asked, "Senior sister, do you think humans lived here in the past?"

Ye Tianxin smiled and replied, "It's possible. After all, the Unknown Land is much more vast compared to all the domains..."

Conch looked at the dark clouds in the sky and said, "However, the environment is really too harsh. There's almost no difference between night and day all year round. It's either windy, storming, or raining every day... Why is it like this?"

"I don't know... Junior sister, are you homesick?"

Chapter 1165: The Supreme Mystic Card Again

Home was a heavy topic for Conch. From the time she could remember, she was the wild child in the seaside village whom everyone shouted at and hit. She wore tattered clothes, ate the fruits that grew in the forest, and used the sky as her quilt and the earth as her bed. She never had a home until she met her master, and he brought her back to the Evil Sky Pavilion.

In the Evil Sky Pavilion, she received the best care. No one bullied her, she did not have to hide, or wander aimlessly. To her, the Evil Sky Pavilion was home. Even after she met her mother, Luo Xuan, who raised her and learned that she came from the Unknown Land, Conch did not feel like the Unknown Land was her home. Home was a haven; a place she could return to. As the saying went, 'Home is where the heart is'. The Evil Sky Pavilion was her home.

Conch finally replied, "The Evil Sky Pavilion is my home..."

"Alright." Ye Tianxin moved closer to Conch and patted Conch's head.

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Two days passed in just a blink of an eye.

In the cave.

Lu Zhou stared at the life heart in his Birth Place, waiting for it to be embedded completely.

After two days, he had grown mostly numb to the pain.

Fortunately, this was his third Birth Chart after passing his first Birth Trial. Otherwise, it would be incredibly difficult for him to endure such pain.

When the life heart finally sank into the Birth Palace, Lu Zhou felt as though his entire being was being

When the heart of the life matrix sank into the Life Palace, Lu Zhou suddenly felt as if his entire body had been disassembled. He silently recited the mantra of the Heavenly Writing. The supreme mystic power surged through his body, causing him to glow like the blue of the sky. Soon enough, a cooling sensation spread in his body, dispelling some of the pain.

Lu Zhou saw the life heart flashing at this moment and quickly waved his hand.

“Withdraw!”

The life heart flew out from the Birth Palace immediately. Following that, the spot where the life heart left looked as though it had been filled with water. Then, energy began to surge into it before a vortex formed, absorbing Lu Zhou’s lifespan.

Lu Zhou calmed down; he had finally entered the second stage. He looked at his decreasing lifespan the system panel after that.

Being able to activate this Birth Chart using Lu Wu’s life heart was worth losing 1,500 years. In fact, adding the 500 years he would gain from activating this Birth Chart, it only cost him 1,000 years. After using the Green Cicada Jade previously, his lifespan had reached over 8,000 years, which was more than enough to activate this Birth Chart.

After putting Lu Wu’s life heart away, Lu Zhou closed his eyes and meditated on the Heavenly Writing. All he had to do now was wait.

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Meanwhile, in a hidden area surrounded by three mountains.

Lu Wu lay on the ground lazily. It raised its head and surveyed its surroundings, bored. Usually, at this time, it would go out and find some weak fierce beasts to eat, but now, he could only stay in the mountains. After all, he had to be cautious.

Whoosh!

Duanmu Sheng suddenly sat up at this moment. His mind was buzzing, and he looked around blankly, not knowing what was going on.

“You’re awake?” Lu Wu asked.

Duanmu Sheng shuddered. He stomped on the ground and flipped in the air. He instinctively grabbed the Overlord Spear that was next to him as well. He hovered in the air and said, “It’s you again?!”

Lu Wu said, “You’ve been... possessed... Your master... came... You... stay here... from now on...”

“Master?” Duanmu Sheng furrowed his brows in confusion.

Lu Wu recounted everything that happened on the island in the center of the lake. Since Lu Wu’s speech was stilted and rather vague, Duanmu Sheng had to ask it to repeat itself multiple times. In the end, it took an hour for Lu Wu to finish recounting everything.

After learning the ins and outs of the matter, Duanmu Sheng stabbed the Overlord Spear into the ground and asked, “Where’s my master?”

“That Old Thief? I don’t... know. He took... my... life heart... and promised to... return...”

“Old Thief?” Duanmu Sheng grabbed the Overlord Spear and pointed it at Lu Wu. “Lu Wu, I’m warning you. If you insult my master again, we will be irreconcilable enemies!”

Huff!

Lu Wu exhaled its essence Qi.

A fierce wind swept out and forced Duanmu Sheng back a few steps.

Lu Wu’s eyes widened as it said, “Young Master... do you know... how... miserable... he made... me?”

“It doesn’t matter!”

“You.. can’t differentiate... right... wrong...” Lu Wu said disappointedly.

Duanmu Sheng stabbed the Overlord Spear into the ground again and said, “Since you treat me as your Young Master, you should listen to me! You’re not allowed to insult my master!”

Lu Wu was not bothered by Duanmu Sheng’s words. It repeated these words over and over again. “Old Thief... Old Thief... Old Thief...” Lu Wu

Duanmu Sheng was angry and helpless. He was no match for Lu Wu, after all. Since Lu Wu did not listen to him, there was nothing else he could do. He turned around and flew toward one of the mountain peaks.

Lu Wu said, “You respect your master... I will continue to hold a grudge... Don’t persuade me... to be kind... without knowing... my affairs...”

Duanmu Sheng, who had never been eloquent, could only look at Lu Wu speechlessly. He sighed inwardly. ‘I can’t even win against a beast...’

However, Duanmu Sheng could not deny that Lu Wu had a point.

Seeing that Duanmu Sheng was in a better state, Lu Wu recalled the spear technique Lu Zhou had demonstrated. After mulling over it for a while, it shook its head. How could he teach the spear technique to Duanmu Sheng?

Boom!

Lu Wu smacked its huge paw on the ground. It was really angry!

“???”

Duanmu Sheng turned around and took a look. “What’s wrong with you now?”

“None of your business.” Lu Wu could tell Duanmu Sheng was a little foolish and too loyal. In order to maintain its relationship with its Young Master, he could not talk too much about its grudge against Lu Tiantong. Moreover, the two were separate matters.

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Another two days passed.

Lu Zhou saw that the area of the Great Birth Chart was already half-filled.

Just as he was about to close his eyes and continue to meditate on the Heavenly Writing...

“Ding! Your disciple, Yu Shangrong, has successfully sprouted the eleventh leaf and opened a new path of cultivation. Reward: 10,000 merit points.”

“Ding! Yu Shangrong has met the requirements to complete his apprenticeship. Will you allow him to complete his apprenticeship?”

“Hmm?” Lu Zhou was slightly surprised and confused.

Yu Shangrong had sprouted the eleventh leaf a while ago, but there were no notifications from the system. Why did the notification only come at this time?

However, Yu Shangrong was a different case, after all. Normally, once his disciples, like Yu Zhenghai and Mingshi Yin, had successfully formed their Thousand Realms Whirling avatars, he would immediately receive the notifications from the system.

With this thought in mind, he wondered what it would be like for Duanmu Sheng? Based on Duanmu Sheng’s attacks on the island, his strength was comparable to a One or Two Chart Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator. This was the explosive power he gained from the corrosive energy and Lu Wu’s essence Qi. When would Duanmu Sheng, who was now possessed, had no eleventh leaf or Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, and was without an avatar, meet the requirements to complete his apprenticeship?

‘Forget it. There’s no point dwelling on it. When the time comes, there’ll naturally be a solution...’

“Complete apprenticeship.”

“Ding! Your disciple, Yu Shangrong, has successfully completed his apprenticeship.”

“Ding! You’re rewarded with a random card. When you use this card, a rare item will be randomly awarded to you.”

“Ding! After Yu Shangrong completes his apprenticeship, he can establish a sect and accept disciples. Maximum number of disciples: 3.”

“Ding! You will no longer receive merit points for teaching Yu Shangrong.”

Lu Zhou waved his hand, and a card appeared in his hand.

“Ding! Obtained Supreme Mystic Card x1, Reversal Card x100.”

Although Lu Zhou knew he would obtain a rare card, his heart still raced in his chest when he saw the Supreme Mystic Card. After all, he had seen the effects of the card.

Chapter 1166: The Hunting Squad That Lived On the Edge of the Blade

Lu Zhou put away the Supreme Mystic Card, feeling much more confident. The pressure of being in the Unknown Land had mostly disappeared with the appearance of the card. This was, in fact, just a psychological effect since the environment did not change at all.

“Why did Old Second only complete his apprenticeship now?” Lu Zhou wondered out loud. He took a look at his Birth Palace before he recited the incantation for the power of sight.

When his eyes glowed blue, scenes after scenes appeared in front of his eyes.

“Old Eighth, your cultivation has improved tremendously, but you haven’t grasped the essence of your Nine Tribulations Thunderblast’s fist technique. If you rely on brute force alone, it’ll be easy for others to surpass you...” Yu Shangrong said.

Yu Shangrong was the kind to challenge those who were stronger than him. When he had three leaves, he could kill those with six leaves; when he had six leaves, he could kill those with seven leaves; when he had eleven leaves, he could kill those with five Birth Charts.

Zhu Honggong was the opposite. He would never challenge someone stronger than him!

At this moment, Zhu Honggong pressed his hand against his swollen face and touched his panda-like eyes before he asked, “I understand. Senior Brother, can I have a day to rest tomorrow?”

Yu Shangrong frowned slightly. “After being embarrassed, you should become even more courageous. However, not only do you not feel ashamed, but you’re even so weak?”

Thud!

“I was wrong!” Zhu Honggong said, aggrieved, as he fell to his knees.

Then, Yu Shangrong shifted his gaze to Mingshi Yin who was standing at the side. “Old Fourth, what about you?”

Mingshi Yin, who was also bruised and swollen, touched his cheek. He winced in pain before he said, “It really hurts. However, these are superficial injuries! They’re a reflection of Second Senior Brother’s exquisite and superb swordsmanship. This is especially so when combined with the golden halo and sharp blades... How admirable! Second Senior Brother, you’ve created your own sword style...”

Zhu Honggong. “?”

Mingshi Yin glanced at Zhu Honggong, who was looking at him with round eyes, he said, “Idiot, what are you looking at me for?”

Zhu Honggong lowered his head; his heart was filled with grievances. His fourth senior brother had stolen these words from him! How unreasonable!

Yu Shangrong did not bother with his two junior brothers’ exchange. He said to Mingshi Yin, “Old Fourth, my swordsmanship is just at the rudimentary stage. I still need to study the Guiyuan Sword Technique and slowly hone my skills before I can fully develop my own sword style. In order to do that, I need a decent opponent.” He paused for a moment before he continued to say, “Your earlier words have moved my heart. Hence, over the next period of time, I’ll have to trouble you to spar with me to help me improve my swordsmanship...”

Mingshi Yin. “???”

Pfft!

Zhu Honggong could not hold back his laughter and burst out laughing. He quickly covered his mouth with his hands to suppress his laughter. He could feel two pairs of eyes staring at him, and it made him feel like ants were crawling all over his body.

“Old Fourth alone isn’t enough. From now on, both of you should spar with me,” Yu Shangrong said. Following that, he flew away from the training arena.

“...”

Zhu Honggong said, “Fourth Brother, don’t look at me like that! I’m innocent as well!”

“No, no, this can’t continue. We have to look for Eldest Senior Brother...” Mingshi Yin said before he flashed away.

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With that, Lu Zhou cut off the power of sight.

‘So Yu Shangrong has comprehended a new sword style, and the system judged that he met the requirements to complete his apprenticeship?’

Yu Shangrong had long reached the final level of the sword path: the sword of creation or the swordless path. The theory of the son of heaven’s sword was no longer applicable to him. Since he had just developed his own style and comprehended a new sword principle, it must be something that complemented his eleven leaves and golden avatar.

With that, he could not help but wonder how Zhu Honggong would complete his apprenticeship. He shook his head. That disciple of his was not even well-versed with the Nine Tribulations Thunderblast; he had only gotten so far along because he found a huge tree to rely on.

After sorting out his thoughts, Lu Zhou thought about the 100 Reversal Cards he just obtained. The card was rather useful during critical moments. Moreover, the price had never gone up. This could be considered as the only shred of conscience the system had left.

Regardless, Lu Zhou liked the Supreme Mystic Card the most. No matter what, he had to treasure and protect this card. He was determined not to use it unless it was absolutely necessary!

Subsequently, Lu Zhou looked at his Birth Palace. Currently, the activation of the Birth Chart was at its most peaceful and also most tedious stage. He sighed; there was nothing he could do but wait.

On the system interface, his lifespan continued to decrease.

-100 days.

-200 days.

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Ten days passed in just a blink of an eye.

Near Lake Heart Island.

Ye Wusheng and Ye Cheng looked at the dead fishes and frozen trees.

Ye Cheng said, "Lu Wu left..."

"Lu Wu isn't stupid. Of course, it'd leave. If we wait for reinforcements from the Ye clan, it'd be too late. Even a Venerable Master would need a month to travel here from the runic passage..." Ye Wusheng said.

The injuries on the duo's bodies had mostly recovered after this period of time.

"No wonder Brother Ye revealed this matter to the monster hunting squad," Ye Cheng said.

"This is what the monster hunting squad does. They live on the edge of the blade all year round. They should be here within a month..." Ye Wusheng said.

"But... aren't we just handing the beast emperor to them?"

"Lu Wu has four life hearts. They'll definitely leave us with one for the Ye clan's sake. Moreover, do you really think my target is Lu Wu?" Ye Wusheng asked. The scene of Duanmu Sheng soaring into the sky as purplish-blue energy shrouded him appeared in his mind.

"Huh?" Ye Cheng was confused.

"You'll know when the time comes..." Ye Wusheng flew to the lakeside and tossed a talisman out.

The talisman fluttered in the air before turning into a firefly and flying into the sky.

"This... Isn't this a tracking talisman?" Ye Cheng was surprised.

"That's right. Before coming to the Unknown Land, I found someone and exchanged a lot of treasure for these few tracking talismans. Although Lu Wu is very smart, it'd be difficult for it to completely remove all traces of its energy... This is the reason I insisted we return to this place within 15 days..."

Ye Wusheng flew to the island in the center of the lake, watching the firefly-like talisman capture the remnant energy in the air. He shifted his gaze into the distance as he said, "The vitality energy in the Unknown Land is complex and fluctuates greatly. The energy will remain for half a month at most before it's dispersed by the harsh environment..."

"Lu Wu should know about this tracking method. Isn't afraid of being found?"

"Only Venerable Masters could fight Lu Wu so why would it be afraid? Moreover, the tracking talisman isn't without flaws. If the energy is messed even slightly, we'll be led astray. In the end, it also depends on luck. I hope it didn't run far," Ye Wu Sheng said. He increased his speed as he followed the firefly-like talisman.

The duo flew at high speed past the island, following the talisman that was flying toward the mountains in the distance.

"Brother Ye, I don't understand. If it's like you said, only Venerable Masters are a match for Lu Wu, how's the monster hunting squad going to deal with Lu Wu when they don't have a Venerable Master in their team?" Ye Cheng asked, puzzled.

Ye Wusheng chuckled. "People die for money and birds die for food. The monster hunting squad is like a group of outlaws. They hunt Birth Chart Beasts in the Unknown Land all year round. They're experienced

as well. They might not amount to much alone, but their teamwork is among the top three in the Unknown Land. Moreover, Lu Wu has been injured by that mysterious golden lotus cultivator. Hence, the possibility of them taking Lu Wu down is very high." After a beat, he continued to say, "I've met the captain of the monster hunting squad, Cao Zechun, a few times. This person likes to take risks and is born to be an outlaw in the Unknown Land. He has 15 Birth Charts, at least. Look, we don't even have to do anything, and we'll get a life heart..."

"Brother Ye, you're amazing!" Ye Cheng gave Ye Wusheng a thumbs-up.

Ye Wusheng did not mention Duanmu Sheng at all. Even if it was to Ye Cheng, he did not say a word at all. After all, this concerned the Great Void energy, a supreme treasure that could defy the heavens and change one's fate.

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After flying for two hours, Ye Wusheng saw the Tracking Talisman stop in the air.

Ye Cheng was overjoyed. "It has to be nearby."

Ye Wusheng shushed him before saying in a low voice, "Don't think Lu Wu is stupid. Treat it like how you would a human..."

"Oh."

Silent Ye waved his hand casually.

After the tracking talisman disappeared, the duo lowered their altitudes in the sky.

"Restrain your energy in your Dantian's sea of Qi. There are three mountains ahead. If I were Lu Wu, I'd choose this place to rest. The terrain is high so it's not easy to be discovered, and one can leave at any time..." Ye Wusheng said. Then, he landed on the ground before pressing his ears to the ground after he said, "Wait."

Ye Wusheng stayed in that position for two hours. When he heard a muffled boom, he rose to his feet and said, "We've got the right place..."

"Brother Ye, how do you know that?" Ye Cheng was amazed.

"Through sound, strength, and experience..." Ye Wusheng replied.

Chapter 1167: Arrival

Ye Wusheng pointed at an ancient tree nearby and said, "This way."

The duo walked up to the ancient tree and moved their ears close to it.

Ye Wusheng said, "Using the most primitive way to determine the target's location is the easiest and best way in this situation. Lu Wu must be over there. There's a crash of rhinoceroses in the front left and a pack of wolves in the front right. They're all very weak so they won't interfere with our plan..."

Ye Wusheng could use a cultivation technique to track, but this would give away his presence since Lu Wu was likely able to sense the energy fluctuations. He had to admit, in certain aspects, fierce beasts were far superior to humans. For example, a fierce beast's senses were much keener than a human's.

Ye Cheng listened closely to the sounds before he said in admiration, "Brother Ye, you're really amazing!"

Ye Wusheng looked at the treetops before he said, "Just one position isn't enough. Follow me..."

"What for?"

"Go around to the other side... I want to confirm its position."

Ye Wusheng led Ye Cheng and flew at a low altitude. During the journey, they were very cautious and did not release much of their Primal Qi. They flew at a constant speed and only used a trickle of Primal Qi.

The duo flew for another hour before they landed on the ground.

Using the same method, Ye Wusheng crouched down and moved his ear closed to the ground to listen to the noises coming from the ground. This time, he took twice as long.

Upon seeing this, Ye Cheng crouched down as well and tried to listen as well. However, he did not hear anything. He asked in a low voice, "Brother Ye, did Lu Wu run away?"

Ye Wusheng shushed Ye Cheng.

Patience was the most important trait of hunters. Ye Wusheng was very patient; he waited for another hour.

Boom!

A muffled noise rang from the ground.

Ye Cheng's eyes widened in surprise. He could barely conceal his delight.

On the contrary, Ye Wusheng was rather calm. He nodded before indicating that Ye Cheng should be quiet.

The duo was about to rise to their feet when...

Creak!

"Huh?"

The duo exchanged a look.

"Brother Ye?" Ye Cheng was not experienced enough to determine what sound it was. He was clearly confused as he looked around.

"Listen again..." Ye Wusheng could not figure out what sound it was as well. However, his experience and instinct told him that the source of that sound was not simple. All he needed to do was confirm it now.

In the quiet mountain range and forest, the cries of a small number of flying beasts, the growlings of the fierce beasts, and the whistling wind entered Ye Wusheng's ears. Cultivators' hearings were generally good. Even without the use of Primal Qi, they still hear sounds within a range of 1,000 meters. To hear even further, one naturally needed to have a higher cultivation.

Buzz!

"Over there!"

Ye Wusheng flew over at top speed. After a moment, he heard a screech from the mountains. He raised his hands, "Stop!"

Ye Cheng, who had just caught up not long ago, panted as he looked at the dark mountain range.

"There's no need to investigate any further. It's a beast king..." Ye Wusheng said as he pointed at the small fierce beasts around him, "Beast kings are territorial. Once they claim a territory, they'll drive away the other fierce beasts... Look..."

In the forest, on the hillside, and on the land below, the fierce beasts were scampering away.

"How lucky! Let's go and kill it!" Ye Cheng said excitedly.

"No," Ye Wusheng shook his head and said, "We're too close. We risk alerting Lu Wu. Our target is Lu Wu, not the beast king."

Ye Cheng sighed. "What a pity."

Ye Wusheng pointed to a peak in the west and said, "Let's go there. We'll send a message to the monster hunting squad and wait for them there..."

"Okay."

Following that, the duo flew west.

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At this moment, Conch pointed at Cheng Huang and said, "Senior Sister, Cheng Huang is growing!"

Ye Tianxin and Conch looked at Cheng Huang in surprise.

Cheng Huang lowered its head, but it only let out a small squeak.

"To be precise, it's recovering," Ye Tianxin said with a smile, "When I first saw it in the Moonlight Woodland, it was much bigger than this. Both of us together aren't even as big as its nostrils. It parted with a part of its life heart and shrank in size for me... It seems like the vitality energy in the Unknown Land is very conducive to fierce beasts' recovery speed..."

Cheng Huang nodded and made some noises.

Conch said, "Cheng Huang said it has eaten too many small fierce beasts recently so it doesn't want to eat meat anymore..."

Ye Tianxin said, "Bear with it. We haven't been here that long so it's not good to make a fuss..."

Cheng Huang lay on the ground, feeling aggrieved.

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In the cave.

Lu Zhou's Birth Palace was spinning. Two-thirds of the area had been filled. Perhaps, it was almost at the end, the pain had been significantly reduced. Everything went very smoothly; it was just that the time it took was a little long.

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Another three days passed in just a blink of an eye.

On a mountain peak in the Unknown Land.

Ye Cheng asked slightly anxiously, "Brother Ye, the monster hunting squad should be here by now, right?"

"There's no need to be anxious. They'll come..." Ye Cheng replied.

"But what if Lu Wu runs away before they arrive?"

"Lu Wu has already been here for at least half a month... If it wants to leave, it would've left a long time ago. Moreover, I still have the tracking talismans..." Ye Wusheng said.

"Alright."

Not long after that, dozens of cultivators rushed over from the western horizon. Their flying speed was incredibly fast as they flew without rest.

"They're here!" An expression of delight appeared on Ye Wusheng's face.

"This is the monster hunting squad?" Ye Cheng frowned. "Don't you think the number of people is too small?"

"It's fine. This should be enough."

As soon as Ye Wusheng finished speaking, a voice rang Ye Wusheng and Ye Cheng's ears.

"Ye Wusheng, how are you going to cooperate with me since you brought this ungrateful burden here?"

Figures appeared in front of the duo one after another. There were a total of forty people with a mix of men and women. These people did not wear long robes like most cultivators did. They were dressed in various styles of strange clothing. Some of them revealed their legs; some of them wore sleeveless shirts that revealed their arms; some of their tops revealed their chests. There was even a fat cultivator who was completely shirtless!

All of these cultivators had one thing in common: there was a symbol of a green ghostly skull near the corners of their eyes.

Ye Wusheng cupped his fists together and said, "Brother Cao, please forgive us... This is my brother, Ye Cheng. I brought him here to broaden his horizons."

The cultivator standing at the lead was Cao Zechun, the captain of the monster hunting squad. He glanced at Ye Cheng, causing Ye Cheng to blush and lower his head.

At this moment, a woman standing at the back spat out a blade of grass before saying before a smile, "Oh, you're still a virgin... Do you want me to help you get rid of that label..."

Ye Cheng's ears turned red as soon as he heard these words.

"Fu Ruandong, this isn't the place for you to mess around..." Ye Wusheng said.

"I was just joking..." Fu Ruandong, the female cultivator, shrugged after she whistled at Ye Cheng.

At this time, Cao Zechun directly asked, "Where's Lu Wu now?"

Ye Wusheng said, "Brother Cao, I've already led you here. If you can't even find Lu Wu now, I really find it difficult to trust in your abilities..."

Cao Zechun chuckled. "Interesting. This is what I like about you. Third Brother, show them your skills..."

A frail monkey-like man stepped forward before he raised his fingers to his lips. Then, a loud and clear sound rang from between his lips.

"You!" Ye Wusheng was shocked.

"Kid, this is the call of a female flying beast. Even the beasts won't be able to tell it's fake. Look... Those male flying beasts are responding..."

In the surrounding forest, many of the fierce beasts took flight.

The frail monkey-like man looked at the fierce beasts before he brought a talisman out and tossed it in the air.

The talisman ignited and burned to ashes before a ring of light rose up.

After a few breaths, the skinny man pointed in the direction of the three mountains and clicked his tongue before he said, "It really knows how to hide..."

"How admirable. I'm impressed! Very few people possess such a high level when it comes to imitating sounds and using them to control ordinary beasts... You can't tell the difference from the real things at all"

"You flatter me," the frail man said, "If it's so easy to tell apart, our monster hunting squad wouldn't be able to survive..."

At this time, Cao Zechun waved his hand and said, "Alright, follow the plan. Let's go!"

"Yes."

Subsequently, the 40 cultivators flew toward the three mountains.

Chapter 1168: Young Master, What Are Your Orders?

The monster hunting squad's combat experience was incredibly rich. Their movements were cautious and almost flawless.

Ye Wusheng had long heard that the monster hunting squad was outstanding. He had only met the captain, Cao Zechun, a few times and did not have knowledge about Cao Zechun. In fact, he had only chosen to cooperate with the monster hunting squad because he had no other choice. The Unknown Land was too vast; it was impossible for the reinforcements from the Ye clan to arrive on time. The only way to capture Lu Wu was to cooperate with the monster hunting squad. The plan was going much smoother than he had expected. He really hoped they would succeed. After all, it would benefit him if they failed. As the saying went, 'Common interests can unite people'.

Ye Wusheng watched as the members of the monster hunting squad flew in different directions as though they had a tacit understanding. Some of them flew to the right, some to the left, some went to the other side of the mountain, and some waited at their spots. All in all, their division of labor was clear and decisive; they had clearly done this many times.

"What are they doing?" Ye Wusheng was puzzled and curious.

Since Ye Wusheng could not figure out what the monster hunting squad was doing, there was an even lesser chance that Ye Cheng could figure it out. Ye Cheng only looked around blankly.

Cao Zechun, who was standing next to Ye Wusheng, looked at his people and said, "It's not going to be easy dealing with a beast emperor. We have to make sufficient preparations." He pointed below and continued to say, "My Second Brother is good at laying formations so he'll set up a formation nearby. Although it'd be more effective if we have more time, it's better than nothing..."

"My Third Brother is proficient in the beast language and sound techniques. He'll communicate with the fierce beasts nearby to help during the battle. Lu Wu has been here for a long time so I'm not sure if he'll have enough time to gather a large number of fierce beasts. Again, it's better than nothing..."

"My Fourth Sister is a great marksman; she's a Godly Archer..."

As soon as these words were spoken, the female cultivator, Fu Ruandong, turned around and winked at the two Ye brothers.

Ye Wusheng and Ye Cheng. "..."

In the Unknown Land, those who came here might not know everyone, but they knew the monster hunting squad. To be precise, most people knew the core members of the group: Cao Zechun, the captain; Xu Zhongxia, the second-rank Formation Master; Yu Wenqiu, the beast tongue expert, and Fu Ruandong; the fourth-rank Godly Archer. Apart from these four people, the other members were also talented individuals with unique skills. Their personalities were flamboyant and unrestrained. All of them were unique and had different quirks, but they had one thing in common: they liked taking risks.

The members of the monster hunting squad continued to fly around the three mountains in different directions. Each of them held a piece of black cloth in their hands, but Ye Wucheng and Ye Cheng did not know what they were for.

After a moment, the frail Yu Wenqiu flew back and said, "Boss, it's been confirmed that Lu Wu is resting in the mountains. We have two pieces of good news and one piece of bad news. Which one do you want to hear first?"

"The good news," Cao Zechun replied.

“The first piece of good news is Lu Wu is injured so his strength is greatly reduced. The second piece of good news is that there’s a beast king to the north of this place. Boss, we’re going to be rich this time!” Yu Wenqiu said with a smile.

Cao Zechun smiled faintly before he asked, “What about the bad news?”

“The bad news is that the beast emperor seems to have a master. In other words, there might be other cultivators nearby...” Yu Wenqiu said.

Cao Zechun stroked his chin and pondered on Yu Wenqiu’s words.

Cultivators who dared to come to the Unknown Land were definitely not ordinary cultivators. Once the hunt started, they would definitely alert the cultivators nearby. Just because they liked the thrill of taking risks, it did not mean they were reckless.

“Keep an eye on the situation. Don’t alert the enemies...”

“Understood.” Yu Wenqiu flew away again.

Ye Wusheng remained silent on this matter. Instead, he pointed at the three mountains and exclaimed, “Lu Wu!”

Cao Zechun and the others looked up instinctively. They could see Lu Wu raising its front paws as it leaped up into the clouds.

“Get ready to act.”

“Boss, we’re ready!”

Cao Zechun waved his arm.

The cultivators rushed toward the middle of the three mountains immediately.

Boom!

“What’s that?”

At this moment, the monster hunting squad finally noticed a person above Lu Wu. The person was brandishing a spear and launching countless energy spears. They watched as Lu Wu smacked that person down to the ground with a loud boom.

Cao Zechun’s eyes widened in surprise as he exclaimed, “Someone’s a step ahead of us?! Attack!”

“Understood!”

No matter how patient a hunter was, once they saw their prey was on the verge of being snatched away, they would inevitably feel a little impatient.

The members of the monster hunting squad flew high up into the sky and looked down.

Cao Zechun found the scene before his eyes shocking. He saw Lu Wu pressing a person down with its paw; the person could not move at all.

At this time, Lu Wu had already noticed the intruders' presence. When it raised its head to look at them, its eyes shone with killing intent. It spat out fiercely, "Damn... humans!"

Cao Zechun said in a clear voice, "Lu Wu, you can only blame yourself for being unlucky."

Lu Wu looked to the left and to the right and discovered there were cultivators around three mountains. It said contemptuously, "Just you... and these people?"

Even if a Venerable Master came, Lu Wu would still be confident. Where did this bunch of shrimps and crabs find the courage to confront it?

Cao Zechun shook his head. "Haven't you heard of the monster hunting squad?"

Lu Wu raised its paw that was holding Duanmu Sheng down.

Duanmu Sheng jumped up and grabbed his Overlord Spear. After patting the dust off his body, he looked up and said, "Scram!"

Duanmu Sheng was still not very familiar with Lu Wu. Therefore, Lu Wu was rather stunned when he stood in front of it as though he was helping it to chase the intruders away. It looked at Duanmu Sheng who was holding the Overlord Spear, standing tall and fearless, it suddenly saw the shadow of Duanmu Dian on Duanmu Sheng.

Cao Zechun raised an eyebrow and said, "Brother, you can't deal with Lu Wu alone. Why don't you cooperate with us?"

"Cooperate? Didn't you understand what I said?" Duanmu Sheng stomped on the ground and flew up into the sky.

Countless energy spears burst forth at the same time.

In just a blink of an eye, Duanmu Sheng arrived in front of Cao Zechun.

"Boss!" everyone exclaimed.

Bang!

An astrolabe suddenly appeared in front of Cao Zechun, forcing Duanmu Sheng back.

It was Xu Zhongxia's astrolabe. He said, "You really don't know what's good for you. We'll let Lu Wu tear you apart first before we make a move!"

Everyone nodded.

Realization dawned on Duanmu Sheng. These people thought he was here to kill Lu Wu as well. He landed on Lu Wu's head. He had a dignified air about him as he stood with his back straight. The purple dragons on his wrists glowed faintly as he called out indifferently, "Lu Wu."

"Young Master, what are your orders?"

"Kill."

"Understood."

Boom!

Lu Wu suddenly stomped on the ground with its four paws.

Cao Zechun frowned. "It has already acknowledged a master?! Retreat! Everyone, listen up! Retreat!"

Even Ye Wusheng was shocked by the way Lu Wu addressed Duanmu Sheng. After all, not many people in the world were capable of taming a beast emperor. No matter how he looked at it, he did not think Duanmu Sheng was strong enough to subdue Lu Wu. He wondered if it had something to do with the Great Void energy in Duanmu Sheng's body.

Ye Wusheng grabbed Ye Cheng and retreated as well. He reminded himself inwardly not to expose the existence of the Great Void energy.

Lu Wu descended.

At the same time, heavy snow began to fall as a bone-piercing cold blew from all directions.

Cao Zuchun retreated 1,000 meters. At this time, a one-foot-long staff had already appeared in his hand. He waved the staff, and a green energy burst forth.

The cold was instantly reduced by half by the green energy.

When Ye Wusheng saw this, realization dawned on him. Everyone assumed Cao Zechun was a powerful fighter, but as it turned out, Cao Zechun was skilled in healing!

Cao Zechun's move covered a large area, keeping the chill at bay.

Lu Wu swept its nine tails across the mountains.

Boom!

Boulders flew in all directions immediately.

Xu Zhongxia smiled and said, "Get into position!"

The forty cultivators quickly retreated. Since only a layer of frost covered their bodies and they were not frozen, their movements were not impeded. After all of them had gotten into their positions, they whistled.

"Fourth Sister."

"She's coming!"

The monster hunting squad's Godly Archer, Fu Ruandong, leaped into the air with a giant bow in hand. After pulling the bowstring back, she released her finger, sending countless energy arrows flying in the air.

Lu Wu leaped up high into the clouds again. "Despicable reptile!"

Lu Wu's powerful body turned in a circle. It retaliated by sending icicles out.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Fu Ruandong's energy arrows were blocked by the icicles. Not only that, but the icicles also landed on some of the cultivators' protective energy, causing their Qi and blood to surge as they spat out mouthfuls of blood.

Duanmu Sheng swooped down from the sky, arriving near the Divine Archer.

Fu Ruandong looked at Duanmu Sheng in confusion. "With such strength, how did he tame Lu Wu?"

Fu Ruandong raised her bow again and pulled the bowstring back.

Dozens of energy arrows flew out, forcing Duanmu Sheng back.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Duanmu Sheng felt his arms go numb. At the same time, the purple dragons on his wrists grew increasingly restless.

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Upon seeing this, Lu Wu opened its mouth and inhaled, pulling Duanmu Sheng to it.

"Let's go!"

Lu Wu had lost more than half of its strength so it was not wise to continue fighting.

Just as Lu Wu was about to leave, Xu Zhongxia smiled. "I've been waiting for this..."

After sending out a signal, Xu Zhongxia tossed out several talismans.

The cultivators in the surroundings hurriedly activated the formation. All of them held a piece of formation cloth in their hands. At this time, the inscriptions on the pieces of cloth were glowing.

The clouds in the sky parted as grid walls appeared around them.

Lu Wu paid no attention to them and rushed out.

Boom!

One of the grid walls caved in, causing a few cultivators to vomit blood as they were sent flying back.

Cao Zechun waved his staff again. A wave of green energy shrouded the injured, quickly healing them.

Ye Wusheng was shocked. This was the strength of the monster hunting squad. They were not strong individually, but they made up for it with their almost flawless teamwork. With the super healer leading them, even if Lu Wu was not injured, it would be impossible for it to fight when its attackers kept getting healed.

The healed cultivators thanked Cao Zechun. "Thank you, Boss!"

Cao Zechun smiled. "Continue to attack!"

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Almost 40 green astrolabes appeared at this moment.

Fu Ruandong, who had also manifested her astrolabe, released energy arrows in a frenzy.

Boom!

Since all of Fu Ruandong's energy arrows were concentrated on one spot on Lu Wu's body, Lu Wu was momentarily distracted and fell and landed on the three mountains as a result.

Upon seeing this Xu Zhongxia was overjoyed. He cried out excitedly, "Seal!"

The 40 cultivators moved. The pieces of cloth in their hands glowed with a green light before the area within several thousand meters fell into darkness.

Ye Wusheng exclaimed in surprise, "The Dark Sky Demonic Formation?!"

"You have a good eye," Cao Zechun said.

The defenses of the Dark Sky Demonic Formation was not strong, but it could seal an area for a time. Darkness would descend in the sealed area, causing one to lose one's senses. One would lose one's vision, directions, and the ability to sense auras.

Cao Zechun said loudly, "Lu Wu, you won't be able to find your way out of this formation."

Lu Wu roared angrily in response. Its soundwave shook the entire place.

Cao Zechun sneered. "You're just a cornered beast. I want to see how long you can hold on. Everyone, attack with all your might!"

"Yes, Boss!"

The cultivators outside of the formation began to attack without restraints. Energy swords, energy sabers, palm seals, and various attacks were all launched into the formation.

Lu Wu had lost its senses in the formation. It could only rely on its powerful defenses to withstand the onslaught of attacks.

After an hour of endless attacks, Lu Wu still remained standing. Not only that, but it was still looking for a chance to break the formation.

Fu Ruandong, who was hovering in the sky, smirked when she saw Duanmu Sheng, whom Lu Wu had addressed as Young Master, between Lu Wu's mouth. She smiled and said, "Little Lu Wu, I'll deal with your Young Master first."

An energy arrow shot out like a shooting star, drawing a line of light in the darkness of the formation.

Lu Wu lowered its head and hurriedly spat Duanmu Sheng out. This move caused the energy arrow to strike its chin.

Boom!

Lu Wu staggered back in pain.

"Hmm? You have an old injury there? You're really unlucky." Fuan Ruandong's speed increased as she continued to release energy arrows into the formation.

From Lu Wu's point of view, it was dark and it could not see where the attacks were coming from at all.

From Cao Zechun's point of view, he saw his people surrounding the formation and attacking. Clearly, he had the advantage.

Fu Ruandong's energy arrows forced Lu Wu to keep retreating. "Young Master!"

Fu Ruandong spun around and shot at Duanmu Sheng.

Swoosh!

Just as the energy arrow was about to land, Duanmu Sheng's eyes suddenly snapped open. His eyes shone brightly, and he seemed like a different person now. The purple dragons on his wrists had grown larger now and twined themselves around his arms.

Bang!

The Overlord Spear flew over and blocked the energy arrow.

"Kill!" Duanmu Sheng stomped on the ground and flew up to where the formation's boundary was.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Wisps of purple energy surged out from Duanmu Sheng's arms and shrouded the Overlord Spear as he attacked like a storm.

"He's possessed?!" Cao Zechun exclaimed in shock.

"This kid isn't simple!" Xu Zhongxia said with a frown, "Boss, I suggest we get rid of him first."

Cao Zechun said, "Fourth Sister, focus on him. Second Brother, reinforce the Dark Sky Demonic Formation. Everyone else, continue to attack! Lu Wu's already injured. This is our best chance! Don't let your guards down!"

"Yes, Boss!" Everyone replied in unison.

This was the monster hunting squad's first time dealing with a beast emperor. Moreover, it was an injured beast emperor. They were all excited, and their fighting spirits were soaring.

Fu Ruandong, the Godly Archer, attacked Duanmu Sheng in a frenzy.

Duanmu Sheng brandished the Overlord Spear and deflected the energy arrows.

Fu Ruandong smirked. "Let's see how long you'll last..."

With that, her speed doubled when she released her energy arrows.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Since Duanmu Sheng's cultivation was too weak, it was inevitable that he was suppressed.

Boom!

Duanmu Sheng crashed to the ground, bleeding everywhere.

Lu Wu was not any better. Its fur was messed up. Faced with the continuous unrestrained attacks, its anger began to bubble and rise. Its pain spurred it on, and the rising sense of danger made it decide to counterattack. It roared, "Lowly reptiles... Shameless... humans... This emperor will... take your lives!"

Lu Wu stood in the darkness as its nine tails that turned from black to green fanned out, looking like a peacock opening its tail. Green horns grew on its head, and its two fangs grew hundreds of feet long. Following that, a vast and indescribably cold energy rippled out in all directions.

Boom!

Faced with the cold energy, the Dark Sky Demonic Formation was like a piece of paper. It shattered immediately.

The energy continued to roll out, pulverizing the three mountains.

The fierce beasts rushing over from all directions were killed instantly.

Ye Wusheng, Ye Cheng, and all the members of the monster hunting squad were sent flying, spitting out blood.

"No!"

"Impossible!"

Thousand Realms Whirling avatars appeared one after another before shrinking and disappearing.

Screams, muffled groans, and cries of despair rang in the air.

With just one move, everyone lost their Birth Charts.

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Everything quieted down. There was no place within a few thousand meters that was untouched. The three mountains were flattened. The entire place was like a wasteland.

It was rare for there to be peace in the Unknown Land. In fact, there were times when Lu Wu could not help but think if it was necessary to fight to the death? Why must humans force it to this extent? The world was vast, but it could not help but wonder if there was a place for him.

Lu Wu's tails slowly drooped. After releasing this ultimate move, it looked as though it had aged by 30%. Its eyelids were drooping as well. Nevertheless, it mustered up all its strength and strode toward Duanmu Sheng before it sat next to Duanmu Sheng. Then, it lowered its head flat on the ground with its nostril facing him. It released heatwaves against Duanmu Sheng, keeping Duanmu Sheng warm.

Lu Wu said weakly, "This emperor... is... tired..."

Following that, Lu Wu closed its eyes, breathing slowly.

Chapter 1170: Unable to Hold Onto It?

Cao Zechun was the only one who could still hover in the air.

The others sat on the ground and looked at the three mountains that were riddle with holes, which were a testament to Lu Wu's in shock and disbelief. It was a thoroughly dominating and crushing move that destroyed its opponents' Birth Charts. They panted heavily, trying to suppress their nervousness. The monster hunting squad that lived their lives on the edge of the blade all year round was defeated with this crushing move.

Cao Zechun felt suffocated as he surveyed his surroundings. At this point, no matter how big the harvest, the loss was too big and painful. The price was 40 Birth Charts! Even if they won, it was a Pyrrhic victory.

Fear lingered in Ye Wusheng and Ye Cheng's hearts as they surveyed their surroundings.

They did not know how much time had passed as they sat in a daze; it felt as though a century had passed. The cold wind finally pulled them back to their senses, to the reality of the tragic battle.

Nevertheless, even if they knew they had miscalculated, at this point, they had no choice but to continue moving forward according to the plan. Hence, they pulled themselves together and flew up into the air again.

This was also a terrifying trait of the monster hunting squad. No matter the situation, no matter how hard they fell, they would always stand up again. Over the long years, they had seen their companions die before their eyes, experienced the pain of being mauled by fierce beasts and all kinds of dangerous situations, but they would always stand up again, never giving up.

Cao Zechun waved his hand. "Gather."

Everyone quickly gathered.

Cao Zechun silently chanted a mantra, and the staff in his hand burst forth with light. At the same time, dark green light circles appeared under his feet.

This was the Buddhist' Bright Mirror.

It used to be the healing technique of a Fifteen Chart expert; now, it was the healing technique of a Fourteen Chart Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator.

The energy shrouded everyone. Their injuries healed at a speed visible to the naked eyes and the pain receded. In the end, apart from the one Birth Chart each of them lost, it looked like they had never been injured in the first place.

"Go." Cao Zechun led everyone and flew up to the sky. He looked down at Lu Wu, inhaling and exhaling heat onto Duanmu Sheng to keep him warm.

The flowers, plants, and trees had long been turned into ice sculptures, devoid of life.

Everyone watched Lu Wu breathing slowly with its eyes closed.

Cao Zechun said, "Lu Wu, the winner takes all. You took 40 of Birth Charts, we'll all of yours!" Then, with unconcealed hatred and anger, he shouted, "Do it. Kill!"

“I’ll do it!” Fu Ruandong stepped forward. The smile on her face had completely vanished, replaced by a solemn expression. Her bow glowed green as she pulled the bowstring back. With a loud twang, she released her fingers.

A huge energy arrow flew out like a shooting star toward Lu Wu’s head.

Suddenly, Duanmu Sheng’s eyes snapped open. Like a zombie, he sat up and raised his right hand.

Swoosh!

The Overlord Spear flew out and blocked the energy arrow.

Bang!

When Duanmu Sheng raised his head, his eyes glowed purple. The purple dragons swam restlessly in his arms.

Fu Ruandong frowned slightly. “A futile struggle.”

She released dozens of energy arrows toward Duanmu Sheng.

Duanmu Sheng swung the Overlord Spear, blocking the energy arrows. He kept blocking and retreating.

“I don’t believe this...” Fu Ruandong was filled with disbelief. She rose higher into the sky. The bow in her hand grew several times bigger. Then, the speed at which she released the energy arrows grew several times faster as well.

Duanmu Sheng kept retreating and deflecting the energy arrows with the Overlord Spear. However, in the end, he was forced to descend. He stabbed the Overlord Spear into the ground; his arms had grown numb. The difference between their cultivation was too huge, after all.

Fu Ruandong’s eyes shone with killing intent as she said, “There are many who have died by my hands in this world. I hope you won’t feel any pain from the next arrow.”

She released her hold on the bow. When the bow hovered in front of her, she turned her body 90 degrees and nocked herself like an arrow. With that, an unprecedented powerful arrow was created! She knew she could no longer waste time.

Upon seeing this, the others were in awe.

“Fourth Sister is using the human arrow technique! That kid is doomed!”

“She should’ve just used this move earlier!”

Fu Ruandong exhaled softly before saying, “Farewell...”

Bang!

A thunderous explosion reverberated through the mountains as the ground began to quake violently.

However, everyone was shocked when they saw Duanmu Sheng standing unharmed.

“Huh?”

“Fourth Sister!”

When they regained their senses, they looked up and saw a shocking scene.

Fu Ruandong’s chest had been pierced by a thin and long golden arrow with a blue tip. Her eyes widened in disbelief as blood trickled out the corners of her lips. She did not even have the chance to shoot her shot.

Cao Zechun turned pale in fright and hastily cast a healing spell.

Swoosh!

At this moment, the arrow dislodged itself. The painful sound of flesh tearing rang in the air immediately. Following that, the arrow dissipated in the air.

“Who is it?”

“Golden lotus cultivator?!”

Fu Ruandong’s Thousand Realms Whirling avatar appeared before it shrank and vanished before she dropped from the sky. Just like that, she lost another Birth Chart.

Although Cao Zechun’s healing technique was exceptional, it was impossible for him to recover the Birth Chart.

A voice rang in the air at this moment.

“I’ll kill whoever dares to move.”

At this time, Cheng Huang swooped down from the clouds over what remained of the three mountains.

The monster hunting squad collectively retreated dozens of meters.

Boom!

Cheng Huang landed.

Lu Zhou stood tall and straight on Cheng Huang’s head as he swept his gaze past everyone. With just a glance at Lu Wu and Duanmu Sheng’s current situation, he had a basic understanding of the situation.

Cao Zechun felt the person in front of him was not simple. He said, “Sir, everyone should follow the rules of first come, first serve. Don’t you think it’s rude for you to intrude?”

“You’re talking about rules with me?” Lu Zhou asked.

“That’s right. Rules! The rules of survival in the Unknown Land,” Cao Zechun said.

“You dare to talk about rules when you tried to kill my disciple?” Lu Zhou asked.

Cao Zechun. “???”

“You dare to talk about ‘first come, first serve’ when you tried to kill the beast emperor that my disciple tamed?”

Cao Zechun was rendered speechless by these two questions.

Xu Zhongxia stepped forward and said, "Since he's your disciple, please take him away. We're going to take Lu Wu away today."

Everyone nodded.

Based on Lu Zhou's arrow, Cao Zechun and the others knew he was somewhat dangerous. However, the hatred of losing 40 Birth Charts was too great.

Cheng Huang lowered its head to look at Lu Wu that was lying on the ground.

At this time, Cao Zechun finally discovered the presence of the beast king, Cheng Huang.

"M-master..." Duanmu Sheng called out weakly before he fell backward.

Everyone looked over.

Duanmu Sheng's body was drenched in blood. Purplish-blue energy shrouded him; it was the only thing keeping him alive at this moment.

Conch flew over immediately. "Senior brother!"

At this time, Xu Zhongxia hurriedly moved next to Cao Zechun's side. He said in a low voice, "Brother, it's the Great Void Seed!"

Cao Zechun, who was about to lose his temper, calmed down immediately. Following that, he said decisively, "Get ready!"

The members of the monster hunting squad got into positions and manifested their astrolabes.

Cao Zechun manifested his astrolabe that flashed with 14 Birth Charts as well.

There were two astrolabes with ten Birth Charts; one with nine Birth Charts; the others all had four to six Birth Charts.

Although their numbers were not a lot, their strength was far superior to the Black Tower Council. Cao Zechun with his 14 Birth Charts contributed greatly to the overall strength of the group. Moreover, this was after Lu Wu's collective destruction of their Birth Charts!

As the saying went, 'People die for money and birds die for food'.

At this moment, all reasoning had flown away with the discovery of the Great Void Seed and Lu Wu's life hearts.

Cao Zechun said, "Lu Wu took a Birth Chart from each of us! If we don't take revenge, how's the monster hunting squad going to survive in the future?"

Lu Zhou shook his head. Was it destined that he could not save his Supreme Mystic Card?

At this moment, Lu Wu opened its eyes and said haltingly, "Return me... my... life... heart..."