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Chapter 691: Clue of Opportunity (1)

Spring passed and autumn came. Flowers bloomed and fell. Half a year passed quickly. It hadn't been long since autumn had arrived in Laiyang Prefecture, and the air was already desolate and cold. The lively streets were no longer as bustling as before, and some shops were even closed. There were many refugees dressed in rags at the city gate.

The sound of horse hooves rose. These refugees raised their dirty faces. When they saw the Qilin uniform, fear appeared in their eyes and they involuntarily shrank their bodies. Lian Nishang, who had just killed two to three Rank 4. deer demons, saw this scene and the joy in her eyes gradually disappeared. She silently rode her horse into the city.

"Sister Yu'er, we haven't been back for more than a month. Why are there so many refugees in the prefecture?" Lian Nishang could not help but ask as they walked on the spacious street.

Ling Yu'er pursed her lips. "Sister Nishang, you don't seem to care about daily life at all. Now that demons are rampant and evil sects are everywhere, the governments of the prefectures and counties can't even take care of themselves. How can they care about the commoners? The Laiyang Prefecture is still alright. The other counties under the prefectures are filled with refugees." She continued with a hint of jealousy in her tone, "You were taken care of too well by Brother Shen. You're otherworldly."

Although she said that, Ling Yu'er could not help but think to herself, "Even if Brother Shen dotes on you, you don't know how to cherish him. I'm afraid you won't be able to obtain the Bloodline Essence Pearl that Brother Shen has condensed." Only then did she feel much better.

Lian Nishang exclaimed, "Doesn't the Dynasty care?"

Ling Yu'er scoffed, "Sister Nishang, didn't you read the history of Spring and Autumn when you were in school? Every time demons wreak havoc, the dynasty would find it difficult to control them. Forget it, you won't understand even if I tell you this. You should just focus on killing demons."

Lian Nishang could naturally hear the disdain in Ling Yu'er's words, but she did not care. She pouted her red lips and said, "Sister Yu'er is right. Nishang really doesn't understand these things. As long as we kill more demons, I think it will change."

Ling Yu'er wanted to say that there was no way she could kill all the demons. However, she swallowed her words back down. Killing more demons was indeed useful. Putting everything else aside, just within the radius of Laiyang Prefecture, Lian Nishang had indeed killed a few Rank 4 and Rank 3 demons that had appeared in the past six months.

The other members of the Demon Suppression Division behind the two of them did not say anything. Back when they were hunting demons, these people could tell that the two of them were not on good terms. Lian Nishang was still alright, but Ling Yu'er could be said to be competing with Lian Nishang everywhere. Sometimes, she would even argue with her.

When they returned to the Demon Suppression Division, and handed over the mission, Ling Yu'er went to get the materials. Lian Nishang ran to Shen Ping and said aggrievedly, "Brother Shen, am I too useless?" She repeated what Ling Yu'er had said.

The corners of Shen Ping's mouth twitched. Immortal King Ling Die quite liked to be jealous. He would have to use his whip to beat her ruthlessly later.

"Everyone has their own strengths. Nishang, you're good at killing demons. Ling Yu'er has been in the prefecture since she was young. She has a rich family background and is also a businessman. She has come into contact with all kinds of industries. She definitely knows more than you and I. Therefore, you don't have to compare yourself to her. The most important thing for us bloodline awakeners is our cultivation base and strength. When you break through to the fifth rank or the Star Rank, you can help the people more." He comforted her.

Lian Nishang's eyes lit up. "Brother Shen is right. Only by being powerful can you do more. Hehe, Brother Shen is still the best."

He watched as the girl beamed with joy. Shen Ping stretched out his hand to check the round curve on the chest of the Qilin suit. "Nishang, I haven't seen you for more than a month. This place seems to have grown a little bigger. Do you often miss me at night?"

Lian Nishang still could not withstand the tease. After just a few massages, the girl's face was flushed red and her skin was hot. "B-Brother Shen, I... I just came back. I haven't showered yet. I'll go back first." With that, she ran away.

Shen Ping could not help but laugh. However, he was not in a hurry. In any case, this girl could not escape his grasp. Besides, there was another girl who needed to improve. He had to keep a close eye on her first. At the very least, he had to unblock her meridians and let her completely adapt to his strengths.

In the small courtyard at night, after heating up his body, Ling Yu'er raised her watery eyes and looked at Shen Ping as she cultivated the Silent Meditation Technique. This technique was not easy to master. Not only did it require patience, but one also had to master breathing techniques.

A long time passed. Her face was flushed red, and she finally let out a breath. Shen Ping smiled and said, "Not bad, you've improved a little. Although you're still not good at it, practice makes perfect. You have to practice more in the future. Turn around. I'll teach you the horse stance now."

They did the Horse Stance for an hour before the preaching end. While taking a bath, Shen Ping reminded her, "Remember to comb your hair into two ponytails next time. This will help you cultivate the Horse Stance, understand?"

Ling Yu'er nodded her head repeatedly.

Very good. Seeing that she was so sensible and obedient, he did not mention the matter of her bickering with Lian Nishang. It was fine as long as she knew her limits. Shen Ping raised his hand and grabbed at the air. The power of stars enveloped him. "Can you feel it?"

Ling Yu'er asked in shock, "Brother Shen, is this star power?"

Anyone who had undergone the teachings of academies would know about the power of stars. This was something that one had to master to advance from a bloodline cultivator to the Star Rank. Under normal circumstances, one would only be able to master this technique in the continent's capital. This was also the main reason why the prefecture capital and county cities were unable to give birth to Star Rank cultivators.

“That's right.”

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Shen Ping nodded. Ling Yu'er seemed to have thought of something as her cherry-red lips opened wide. “Brother Shen has broken through to the Star Rank?”

“It's just the Star Rank. What's so difficult about it?!”

“Brother Shen is so powerful. I knew it would be right to follow Brother Shen.” Ling Yu'er was extremely excited. This was a Star Rank cultivator! Legend had it that the expert could start off as a general in charge of guarding the city. Furthermore, they could continuously pass down their inheritance to aristocratic families for more than 500 years. Her biggest goal was only to become a general.

“As long as you work hard to improve, I believe you can also reach the Star Rank.” Shen Ping instilled chicken soup into her.

Ling Yu'er nodded her head repeatedly, her face filled with excitement. “As long as I follow Big Brother Shen, I'll be able to improve.”

This girl was really smart. No wonder she could be an Immortal King before she reincarnated. Therefore, he carefully checked the concentration of the bloodline in her body. In just half a year, she had advanced to the late-stage of the third rank. This speed was not slow. It had to be known that the other genius students of the same rank as her had not even reached the middle-stage of the third rank.

Moreover, from level three to level four, genius students generally had to endure for four to five years.

“By the way, Brother Shen, I heard from Li Yi and Ji Yun that many students from the academy want to go out with Sister Nishang to hunt demons, but the three generals didn't agree. Some of these students have long exceeded their age, but they haven't had any missions. The demons are rampant now, and there are quite a number of them. I wonder why the generals are suppressing them.”

If students wanted to improve quickly, participating in demon hunting was the best way. The risk was great, but if they accumulated experience in one demon hunt, not only could they obtain money, but they could also obtain rewards from the Demon Suppression Division.

Shen Ping knew that it was nothing more than to suppress them and grind down their spirit. Then, with a little roping in, they would be loyal.

This method was too common. It has been since ancient times. After all, nurturing these guys was not very helpful to the general. Only by recruiting them as his subordinates would he spend energy and resources. Just like Ling Yu'er. If she hadn't taken the initiative to improve, even with her 10 special physiques, she wouldn't have been able to obtain Shen Ping's help so quickly. "You mean you want me to help?"

Ling Yu'er nodded. "My relationship with them is alright. If Big Brother Shen helps, they will definitely be willing to follow Big Brother Shen in the future and become your subordinates. Right now, the Dynasty's control over the various prefectures is not as good as before. Coupled with the demons, heretics, and evil sects, it's very likely that there will be chaos. We have to make preparations early."

Shen Ping couldn't help but glance at her. He didn't expect this girl to have such foresight. Without a certain amount of experience, she wouldn't be able to see through the world's situation. Most of them were in the situation and didn't know the true colors. "Choose a few with good potential. In the future, they'll go hunting with you. If General Hong asks about it, just say that I arranged it." "Okay."

Late at night, Shen Ping did not stay overnight in the small courtyard. Instead, he came to the wilderness and sat cross-legged in midair. He activated his Devour talent. Instantly, the power of the stars sprinkled down by the stars surged towards him like a tide. His body was like a whale swallowing, absorbing it crazily.

In the past six months, he would cultivate every two days. His bloodline power was improving very quickly. The wood bloodline that had just appeared was about to open its acupoints and break through to the Star Rank. His lightning bloodline had broken through five acupoints. If he broke through two more, he would be able to advance to the middle stage of the Star Rank.

Boom.

The absorption and conversion of the massive amount of star power immediately made the wood bloodline surge. Without much guidance, it automatically attacked the nodes and acupuncture points in the bloodline.

Shen Ping was already familiar with this process. There was no bottleneck at all. Several hours later, it was easily broken through. The wood-attribute successfully broke through to the Star Rank. Just as he was feeling the power of the bloodline, the acupoints of the two bloodlines were faintly connected, forming a star map.

Shen Ping could not help but be stunned. He looked up at the stars in the sky and suddenly understood. Could it be that the bloodline in his body was hiding a huge opportunity? Moreover, it required multiple elements?

He recalled the many books he had read. It seemed that there had been a top expert with five bloodlines in this world before. He had suppressed this world for a full 10,000 years, but he had still died in the river of time.

The rest were at most three types of bloodlines.

From the looks of it, he might have to possess all the power of the bloodline and be able to complete the incomplete star map. For others, this was very difficult and almost impossible. Back then, the peak expert did not have all the bloodlines. However, it was not difficult for Shen Ping.

“There’s no hurry. I’ll find some outstanding women with potential to try in the future.”

He was not the kind of person who would not recognize anyone just because he pulled up his pants.

The next morning, Shen Ping went to the Demon Suppression Division to check in and prepared to return to his residence. As a general, he basically does not have to take action. Usually, he came to the Demon Suppression Division to pass the time. The other generals still needed to spend most of their time cultivating, but he did not need to. Two hours of devouring and refining the power of stars and other natural treasures was enough.

As soon as he reached the entrance, General Chen caught up with him and invited him to a famous money-squandering cave in the prefecture capital, the Floral Moon House.

The girls here were alluring, enchanting, pure, and dignified. They were cold, arrogant, and charming. They had all kinds of personalities to serve. Moreover, they sold their skills but not their bodies. Of course, that was only for other customers. For customers such as generals, lieutenants, and prefects, they had to work hard.

Seeing General Chen’s actions, Shen Ping knew that the other party was a sentimental person, but before the latter could speak, he raised his wine glass and said, “If you want to rope me in, you can forget about it. I’m only interested in cultivation and nothing else.”

General Chen was speechless. “Lord Shen, since you’re so obsessed with cultivation, you should know that you need a cultivation technique to break through to the Star Rank, right?”

“Lord Chen, you don’t have to worry about this.” Shen Ping drank his wine and glanced at the girls around him. “Let them go.” Although their figures were not bad, he was not interested in their fragrant lips. He had no choice. His taste was very high now.

General Chen had no choice but to say, “Lord Shen, I won’t hide it from you. I’m afraid the world is going to change. The dynasty is gradually losing its restrictions on the places. Soon, the guardians of the various states will completely control the places. At that time, be it resources, cultivation techniques, or treasures, the guardians will have the final say. You don’t ask for cultivation techniques, but you need treasures and resources. Moreover, when that time comes, no one will be able to protect themselves.”

Shen Ping smiled and said, “In that case, General Chen has a guardian behind him?”

“That’s right. Behind me is the guardian of the prefecture capital, Guardian Jin, as well as the support of the prestigious clans in the prefecture capital and the prefecture capital. As long as Lord Shen is willing to join, you will definitely be able to become the guardian. It might even be possible for you to go up another level.”

General Chen’s words moved even himself. Unexpectedly, Shen Ping was uninterested. “We’ll see when the time comes. Drink, drink.”

This little episode did not affect Shen Ping's mood, but it did give him a reminder. The increase in the number of refugees in the prefecture capital was an obvious sign of chaos. From the historical trajectory in the past, it would be completely chaotic in another hundred years.

He was not surprised. Reincarnation did not allow a large number of Beast Spirits to enjoy life here and experience a second life. All opportunities had to be found in the turmoil. Only in this era of great competition would all kinds of changes occur.

"Cults, demons, aristocratic families, and hidden schemers... I don't know who will have the last laugh, but it has nothing to do with me. No, it has something to do with me. I have to confirm if my guess is correct. I have to see if the star map of the acupuncture points is a real opportunity!"

Shen Ping thought about it seriously and felt that his strength was still not enough. The Great Xia Dynasty had been established for a thousand years, so there must be many old monsters. These guys were stirring up trouble behind the scenes. Their strength was not simple. At the very least, they had bloodline cultivation above the Star Rank.

"I'd better stay in the prefectural city for now. I'll wait until I reach the late Star Rank before going to the continent's capital."

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Laiyang Prefecture.

In the secret room of General Chen's residence, two fifth grade bloodline practitioners were kneeling respectfully in front of a statue. This statue looked like a lizard, but there were spikes on its back. It looked ferocious and terrifying, especially its eyes. Even though it was just a statue, it exuded a terrifying pressure.

If anyone who knew about evil sects were here, they would know that this was one of the branches of the Demon God Cult. Most of these sects worshiped ancient demons and obtained power or lifespan from them.

Generals Chen and Yu, as well as several other generals from the continent's capital, as well as Guardian Jin, were all members of the evil sect. Naturally, they weren't originally members of the evil sect. However, now that the chaotic world was approaching, it was very easy for them to join and receive protection and growth.

Waves of strange energy enveloped them. The two generals immediately felt that they had become much younger. The pious kneeling ended. When they returned to the cubicle, the two Generals Chen and Yu began to discuss. "That kid surnamed Shen is stubborn. He's not interested in cultivation methods, resources, or girls. He can't be roped in at all. If we let him grow, he'll become an obstacle once he's on the opposite side of the evil sect.

"If it really doesn't work, we'll use force. Our sect has plenty of methods to make such a guy with extraordinary potential listen to orders."

General Yu frowned. "This kid's strength is not low. I'm afraid it's difficult for the two of us to force him to submit."

General Chen nodded. "I've already sent word to the capital city. I'm sure there'll be a response soon. The sect will definitely agree with such a young fifth grade bloodline cultivator. As long as we can turn him into one of our own, when the chaos arrives, we'll be able to obtain him easily."

A smile appeared on General Yu's face. "With the help of the sect's protector, nothing will go wrong. During this period of time, we have to stabilize the other party. We can't let him see any clues. Also, that Hong fellow is also in quite a bit of trouble. Is there a way to deal with him?"

General Chen shook his head. "That Hong guy is related to the state capital. Once something happens to him, it's inevitable that we'll alert the enemy. Let's get rid of this little kid first."

Shen Ping still didn't know that General Chen flew into a rage out of humiliation and wanted to deal with him just because he couldn't win him over. At this moment, after accompanying Lian Nishang to the temple fair for a few days, he went on a boat ride on the Laiyang River. Naturally, he had Ling Yu'er by his side.

When he was enjoying the scenery of the river, he would ask Ling Yu'er to face the river while he stood behind her to search for inspiration through physical and mental communication.

It had to be said that this method was indeed effective. After so many pointers, Ling Yu'er had improved tremendously. The meridians in her acupoints could completely accommodate Shen Ping's strengths.

Looking at the other boats in the distance, Ling Yu'er stood on the railing of the deck. Her cheeks were rosy and her reactions were extremely sharp. When the boats approached, every single muscle on her body tensed up. Only when a wave swept over did her nervousness ease.

"Brother Shen, you're so bad. You actually did that." Ling Yu'er grumbled, but there was no trace of grievance on her face. She wished she could do it a few more times.

Shen Ping clicked his tongue and smiled. So this girl actually liked this kind of market. He was about to speak when cheerful footsteps came from the cabin. Ling Yu'er hurriedly tidied her clothes and continued to talk about the demons of Laiyang River as if nothing had happened.

"Brother Shen, Nishang has reached the late-stage of the fourth level. Hehe, in at most half a year, I will be able to break through to the fifth level!" Lian Nishang was overjoyed. After reaching Rank 5, she would be able to catch up to Brother Shen.

Ling Yu'er couldn't help but feel jealous. "Sister Nishang is really talented. She reached late-stage Rank 4. so quickly."

Lian Nishang grabbed Shen Ping's arm. "It's all thanks to the blood bead that Brother Shen gave me. Brother Shen, what kind of treasure is that blood bead?"

Shen Ping lowered his head to her earlobe and said, "You'll know when you reach level five."

Lian Nishang blushed. Of course, she knew what Shen Ping meant by level five. Ling Yu'er snorted and left.

"Brother Shen, do you like Ling Yu'er?" Lian Nishang asked in a low voice.

Shen Ping couldn't help but look at Lian Nishang in surprise. When did this girl become enlightened? "What are you thinking about? No matter what the situation is, I like you the most."

These words instantly made Lian Nishang's heart feel sweet, "Wait, wait for Nishang to reach level 5. Then, I will let Brother Shen..."

"Let me do what I want?" Shen Ping teased.

The girl was so embarrassed that she couldn't speak. She stammered, "Anyway, whatever Brother Shen wants to do, Nishang is willing."

Shen Ping was very gratified. He did not dote on this girl for nothing. He kissed her earlobe and carried her in his arms to continue admiring the river scenery.

During the tour, his Star Rank bloodline power combined with his True Spirit techniques to carefully sense everything at the bottom of the Laiyang River. Not long after, he found more than a dozen heavenly treasures and a few fifth rank flood dragons. One of them was about to break through to Star Rank.

"No wonder the Demon Suppression Division hasn't attacked the demons of the Laiyang River for so long. With this old dragon around, we have to pay a price to completely kill them."

When the Laiyang River and Tongtian River converged, the speed of the flood dragon in the water was extremely fast. A fifth-stage flood dragon could catch up to a Star-ranked martial artist. Therefore, even if a Star-ranked general came, he might not be able to deal with it.

At night, he snuck into the river. The bloodline power around him formed a circular bubble and quickly dived to the bottom of the river. The flood dragon's senses were astonishing. They quickly surrounded Shen Ping.

"So it's Lord Shen from the Demon Suppression Division. May I know why you've come to my Laiyang River Mansion so late at night?"

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The old flood dragon spoke in human language. Its body was huge, hundreds of meters long. If it raised waves, it could definitely drown the nearby Dragon God Temple.

Shen Ping said casually, "I'm still very curious about the Laiyang River. I heard that there's a dragon palace at the bottom of the river and many treasures, so I came down to take a look. It's best if I can bring more than ten with me." "Hmph, do you think the Dragon Palace is the Demon Suppression Division? Do you think you can come and go as you please?" A flood dragon said disdainfully. The old flood dragon was much more polite. "I wonder what treasure Lord Shen wants? Our Laiyang River Dragon Palace still has some assets. As long as it can satisfy Lord Shen, it's fine."

As expected of an old fellow, his experience and knowledge made him not as impatient as the other flood dragons. He was very calm.

“Give me a few Earth Dragon Crystals. I’ve never seen a high-grade heavenly treasure before. Old Dragon, let me broaden my horizons.”

The other flood dragons were furious. Earth Dragon Crystals were treasures that could allow demons to reach Rank 5, let alone high-grade ones. The old flood dragon hesitated for a moment. “Lord Shen, there aren’t many in the Dragon Palace. However, since you’re a general and it’s your first time here, I’ll give you one. How about that?”

“One? Are you trying to get rid of beggars?” A large amount of purple lightning appeared within a radius of several kilometers.

“That’s... that’s Star Rank!!”

All the flood dragons widened their eyes.

The old flood dragon didn’t seem to be too surprised, but his pupils still constricted. He originally thought that this young general was at the late-stage of the fifth level, but he didn’t expect him to break through to the Star Rank. “Five. This is the limit I can give you. Please don’t be overbearing, Lord Shen. Even if you’re at the Star Rank, you might not be able to destroy my Dragon Palace.”

Shen Ping had previously discovered seven. This old dragon was indeed sincere to be able to take out five. “What about the high-grade ones?”

“My Dragon Palace also has an Earth Fire Essence that can help fire-type bloodline awakeners improve quickly. This is a top-grade heavenly treasure.” Shen Ping shook his head. “Not enough.”

The old flood dragon hesitated and asked the other flood dragons to leave first. Then, he said slowly, “Lord Shen, are you interested in Mount Ba? Mount Ba is huge and has abundant resources. The natural treasures it nurtures far exceed my Laiyang River Dragon Palace.”

“Oh? Tell me about it.” He was indeed interested in Mount Ba. In this world, other than the greatest opportunity, there were other treasures that could be taken away by Beast Spirits. Since it’s a treasure that Beast Spirits covet, they must be very precious. It had been almost 16 years since he was reincarnated, but he had yet to discover such a treasure.

Mount Ba spanned across Ji Province and Jian Province. Its range was extremely wide, and there were probably Star Rank demons in the depths. Therefore, there must be some incredible treasures.

The old flood dragon opened his mouth and spat an ancient scroll that floated in front of Shen Ping. “This is a map of Mount Ba. I obtained it a thousand years ago. There are some special places recorded in it. I hope Lord Shen can gain something.”

Although he said that, he hoped that Shen Ping would quickly send himself to his death. He had obtained several such diagrams and had given them to the Demon Suppression Division in the past. However, without exception, all of them were gone.

He glanced at it. Shen Ping said in satisfaction, “Not bad. I’ve received Old Dragon’s sincerity. I’ll visit another day.” After collecting the five Earth Dragon Crystals and Earth Fire Essence, he

returned to the cruise ship. He used his Devour talent to refine the six Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures into Blood Beads and gave one each to Ling Yu'er and Lian Nishang. He kept four for himself.

Upon reaching the Star Rank, besides star power, bloodline power was also in great demand. And this blood bead could allow him to open two acupoints.

The next night, his lightning bloodline had officially reached the middle stage of the Star Rank. Combined with his wood-type Star Rank cultivation base and other techniques, he could fight against a late stage Star Rank cultivator.

“That old dragon probably doesn't have good intentions, but the diagram is indeed true. Yes, I have to go to Mount Ba.”

Unlike going to the nearby county, the journey to Mount Ba was not considered close. Shen Ping estimated that he would have to stay for a month or two. If he was delayed, it might be even longer.

When Lian Nishang heard this, she wheedled and wanted to follow. She was only at the fourth level. If she went, Shen Ping would have to divert his attention to take care of her, so she was directly rejected by Shen Ping. “Cultivate well. The Blood Bead I gave you is enough to break through to Rank 5.”

Ling Yu'er, on the other hand, was obedient. She had no intention of tagging along. Mount Ba was such a dangerous place. If anything were to happen to her, her youth would be lost. Hence, Shen Ping informed the three generals and headed for Mount Ba.

From the last time he entered a mountain range in Ju County, Shen Ping followed the markings on the map and traveled at full speed. It took him three days to arrive at the first special area. This was not the edge of the mountain range.

Along the way, he sensed more than ten demons that had reached Rank 5. Two or three of them had auras similar to the old dragon. These demons usually did not go to the Great Xia Dynasty to cause trouble. They were more focused on cultivation.

Although he was strong and had many methods, Shen Ping was not arrogant enough to deal with all the demons in Mount Ba. He hid his aura and landed at the edge of a special area.

The forest here was dense and the trees were tall. It was like the most primitive tropical forest. Looking up, there were almost no traces of humans. Even the generals guarding the state capital would not come here easily.

“There are so many demons!” Through his unique sensing method, he sensed no less than 30 demons after walking for ten minutes. These demons' strength was ordinary. However, he did not alert the enemy and continued forward.

He bypassed the territory of the demons and walked for another two hours before arriving at the edge of a pool. The place recorded on the scroll was the pool. He sensed it. There seemed to be something special enveloping the surface of the pool, making it difficult to detect.

Shen Ping did not act rashly. With a wave of his hand, he threw out a puppet figure and dived into the pool. He placed his attention on the puppet figure and could clearly see everything in the pool.

After diving five to six hundred meters, the small puppet saw aquatic demons, each of them at the fourth level. The small puppet was like a dead object as it sank. Some aquatic demons discovered it and threw it down after seeing that there was nothing strange.

He continued to dive down to a thousand meters. The number of Level 5 demons increased. Shen Ping even sensed the aura of a Star-rank demon. "It's indeed extraordinary."

When he was nearly two thousand meters deep, he had arrived at the bottom of the pool. There was a patch of blue aquatic plants here. Every aquatic plant was flickering with fluorescent light. In the middle of the aquatic plants was an oval-shaped hole. This hole was only ten feet wide, but there was a constant stream of special airflow coming from it.

Shen Ping was stunned. "This can't be earth vein Qi, right?"

He had read relevant books in the Demon Suppression Division's library. The earth vein Qi would be surrounded by blue aquatic plants, and the airflow would show blue flames. It would nourish demon beasts and make it easier for their bloodline to increase. However, the earth vein Qi was extremely rare. It was usually in the sea or river flow.

In the end, there was actually earth vein Qi in a pool in Mount Ba. No wonder there were so many demons here. Most of them were Ranks 4 and 5. There were even a few Star Realm demons.

However, Shen Ping soon had a headache. Although he was strong, killing these demons would definitely cause quite a commotion. This way, it would be easy to attract the Star-rank demons in the depths.

"The earth vein Qi is a suitable place for cultivation. I'll remember it first and come back in the future."

He did not act rashly. He turned around and continued to rush towards the special area recorded in the next scroll. Not all the depths of Mount Ba were occupied by demons. Only those mountain ranges that nurtured natural treasures would have demons, such as the surroundings of the earth vein Qi previously. Therefore, Shen Ping only encountered level-five demons after flying for ten days.

It was not until he arrived at the second special area that he sensed the Star Realm demon.

"I'm afraid this old dragon wants me to die on Mount Ba."

He already understood the old dragon's plan. This was an open scheme. After all, the more natural treasures there were, the easier it was for there to be greater demons.

He also used the puppet doll to investigate. Soon, he found out that the second special area was a Frigid Snow Mushroom. This kind of high-grade heavenly treasure was extremely beneficial to the awakening of water-type bloodlines, and Lian Nishang was a water-type.

After carefully controlling the puppet to pick a few stalks, Shen Ping immediately left and did not stay for long.

Twelve days later, Shen Ping sat cross-legged in a mountain range of Mount Ba in Ju County late at night. The Devour talent in his body was activated. A vast amount of star power and the natural treasures gathered in front of him shattered into energy and surged into his body.

In the two special areas recorded in the scroll, there were basically Star-rank great demons, as well as terrifying mid-stage or even late-stage great demons. With his current strength, he did not have much confidence in barging in. Therefore, Shen Ping decided to increase his strength first before continuing to go in to collect.

With the effect of the strange beast talent, he did not have any bottlenecks at all.

Therefore, there was no need for him to go back and properly develop for a period of time. As long as he had sufficient heavenly treasures and star power, he could continuously improve. Of course, the only limitation now was that star power needed time to accumulate.

Boom.

The Earth Blood Lotus, Earth Dragon Crystal, Frigid Snow Mushroom, and other treasures all condensed into pure energy and were crazily refined and absorbed by the Devour talent.

One day.

Two days.

Five days...

A month later, Shen Ping opened his eyes and felt the huge bloodline power in his body as well as the 20 acupoints that had been opened. A faint smile appeared on his face.

The lightning bloodline was not far from the late stage of the Star Rank, while the wood bloodline had officially broken through to the middle stage of the Star Rank. With the support of these two bloodlines and other methods, it was enough to crush a mid-stage Star Rank Great Demon.

He got up and flew directly to the first area on the map, which was where the earth vein Qi was. He did not even hide his aura, attracting the attention of many demons along the way. However, when they sensed his powerful aura, they shrunk their heads and did not dare to show their heads.

He arrived at the pool. The aura quickly made the demons uneasy. The Star Rank demon under the pond rushed out. "Human, you actually dared to barge into the depths of Mount Ba without permission. You're really tired of living! Get lost if you know what's good for you."

What welcomed the electric eel-like monster was a long saber condensed from lightning. The moment the long saber slashed down, the entire pool flashed with lightning. A large number of Level 4 monsters were instantly paralyzed by the lightning as soon as they touched it. Some weaker ones even floated on the surface of the pool with their eyes rolled back.

"You're courting death!" The electric eel monster's body expanded out of thin air. In half a breath, it turned into a giant demon that was hundreds of meters long. After resisting the saber, it swam around in midair like a flood dragon. It opened its mouth and shot lightning pillars at Shen Ping.

However, Shen Ping circled behind the electric eel demon in a flash. Then, the power of the wood-element bloodline surged out, and vines covered the sky and earth, forming a cage to trap the electric eel demon.

Swoosh!

The lightning saber slashed down again. He had infused the power of the Heaven and Earth Great Dao that he had comprehended into this slash. Although there was only a trace of it, combined with the power of the mid-stage Star Rank, the power that erupted had already surpassed the Star Rank.

The electric eel monster couldn't break free from the wood-element trap of the same mid-stage Star Rank. It could only watch the lightning blade slash down. Just as it thought that it could resist it with its strong body, its body was cut off with a crack, and a large amount of blood flowed.

When Shen Ping saw this, he tried to use his devour talent. His body formed a vortex again and swallowed the blood. Even the electric eel's flesh and bones were integrated into the Flame Beast Body's innate devouring furnace. This surprised him. He didn't expect that devouring could even refine demons. Wasn't this a little too abnormal? However, the more abnormal, the better.

He came back to his senses. He could not help but laugh out loud. The electric eel contained the power of the lightning bloodline. This absorption was comparable to the refining of heavenly treasures in the previous month, and there was star power in it. It could save a long time of accumulation.

He suppressed the soaring bloodline and star power in his body.

Shen Ping stared at the Star-rank demons below with fear and grinned. "None of you can escape." The power of the wood-type bloodline surged out and hooked the surrounding trees. In an instant, it trapped the entire place like a prison. It even contained the Dao of array formations.

These demons could not break out at all. They could only be killed by Shen Ping one by one and refined into his own strength with his devouring talent.

An hour later, he sat cross-legged in mid-air, absorbing a vast amount of demon bloodline and star power. He quickly began to attack the nodes and acupoints in his bloodline. As his acupoints opened one by one, his aura rose at a speed visible to the naked eye.

In just two days, his body's acupoints had expanded from twenty to thirty. Whether it was lightning or wood, they had all broken through to the late stage of the Star Rank.

Looking at the empty forest below, he grinned. If he had known that the Devour talent could even refine demons, he would have swallowed the dozen or so flood dragons in the Dragon Palace last time.

Swoosh.

With a fierce charge, he plunged into the bottom of the pool. He looked at the earth vein Qi that kept surging out. Shen Ping tried to refine it, but it didn't have much effect. It seemed that the earth vein Qi was no longer enough to support his advancement to the late stage of the Star Rank. However, it was indeed not bad to use it to improve Lian Nishang and Ling Yu'er.

He kept going.

After leaving this special area, he came to the second place where the Frigid Snow Mushroom was nurtured. There were a total of three mid-stage Star Rank demons here.

But Shen Ping was no longer the same as before. His lightning and wood attributes had reached the late-stage of the Star Realm. Combined with other methods and his domain of the Great Dao of Heaven and Earth, his overall strength had surpassed the Star Realm and could compare to the early-stage of the Star Palace Realm.

Chapter 696: Lian Nishang's Surprise (2)

Shen Ping's gaze landed on the three demons who had rushed out. He shook his head slightly. There was no lightning element, but there was a wood element. Through devouring wantonly at the pool previously, the conversion efficiency of demons with lightning and wood bloodlines was very high, but it was undoubtedly a waste to accumulate other elements on his body.

“Looks like I have to obtain the bloodline power of other elements as soon as possible.”

As his thoughts drifted, the Ice Scorpion among the three demons below said coldly, “Human, you shouldn't have come here. This is a forbidden area for you humans. I'll give you three breaths of time to leave quickly. Otherwise, don't ever leave.”

Shen Ping shrugged. Who was he trying to scare? Previously, in the pool, those Star-rank demons were also very arrogant. In the end, they still became his food.

He went straight to the point.

His aura rose rapidly.

Bolts of lightning enveloped this special area like an ocean.

In the depths of the distant mountain range, a late-stage Star Realm demon noticed the commotion here, but it quickly retracted its senses. The aura of the lightning snake was clearly at the late-stage of the Star Realm. Whether it was a human or a demon, it didn't want to provoke them at the moment.

“He's actually in the late Star realm. No wonder he dared to come here.’ The ice scorpions did not panic at all. Even humans who were stronger than demons might not be a match for demons, let alone there were three of them. The other two black flood dragons and Cloud Devouring Tigers stepped on the void and charged towards Shen Ping.

The stronger ice scorpion even fought Shen Ping head-on.

In an instant,

The bloodline power enveloped the entire mountain range.

The other five Early Star Realm demons were also waiting for an opportunity to make a move.

Unfortunately, the Ice Scorpion had overestimated itself and underestimated Shen Ping's strength. With just one slash, its powerful body could not withstand it. Cracks appeared on its ice-crystal-like

carapace, which shocked it greatly. It used the impact of its fall to directly escape underground into the mountain range.

It's better for you to die than me.

The other black flood dragons and Cloud Devouring Tigers were just about to respond from the side when they saw this scene. Immediately after, huge vines appeared on the ground and locked the direction of the Ice Scorpion's escape at lightning speed. In the next moment, the lightning saber slashed out again. The Ice Scorpion braced itself and used its pincers to block, but it was cut off, and the heavily injured Ice Scorpion was immediately entangled by the vines. Only then did Shen Ping turn around to deal with the black flood dragon and the Cloud Devouring Tiger. The two demons were even worse. They were severely injured with a single slash and were easily killed by him.

The other Star Realm demons reacted and wanted to escape, but it was too late.

Half a day later,

Other than the wood-element Cloud Devouring Tiger that had been completely refined and absorbed by Shen Ping, the corpses of the other great demons had all been refined into pure blood beads with the Devour talent.

He also collected all the Frost Mushrooms in the mountain range. When he was done, he didn't continue to follow the map to the next region. Needless to say, there was definitely a Star Palace Realm demon king in the third region.

Even with the Devour talent, it was still relatively difficult to kill such an existence. Moreover, the gains from this trip were very generous. He had to go back and digest them.

A month later in the Demon Suppression Division of Laiyang Prefecture, Ling Yu'er sat on Shen Ping's lap and said with a flushed face, "Brother Shen, why have you been gone for so long? It's been more than four months. I've missed you so much."

Shen Ping said with a smile, "Which part of yours missed me? Is it your upper mouth or your lower mouth?"

"Both." Ling Yu'er's voice was filled with charm. This girl was almost ripe. Every inch of her skin was filled with charm, especially when she used her mouth to cultivate the silent meditation. The suction force was simply fatal.

Shen Ping had subdued her. In the end, he used his bloodline power to help her open her meridians before letting her go. He took out a refined Level 5 pure wood-element blood bead and rewarded her. Now that his cultivation base had risen to the late Star Realm, he didn't even care about fifth-stage or early Star Realm cultivators.

Ling Yu'er's eyes lit up. Ignoring the pain in her body, she straightened her back and wrapped her arms around Shen Ping. "Brother Shen, I still want some pointers."

Only till night did he leave the Demon Suppression Division's pavilion. He hadn't seen Lian Nishang since he came back. He didn't know what she was doing. He had disappeared for more than four months. Didn't she miss him at all?

He did not go to her courtyard, instead, he returned to his mansion. After drinking a bowl of ginseng tea to moisten his throat, he began to think about his next arrangements. After the trip to Mount Ba, his strength had increased three to five years faster than expected. There were some things that did not need to continue according to his previous plan.

“There’s not much point in staying in Laiyang Prefecture. I have to go to the state capital and look for some promising talents.” While he was thinking, his ears twitched slightly, and he heard footsteps that were deliberately suppressed. He pretended to be nonchalant. Soon, his eyes were covered by a pair of fair hands.

“Hehe, guess who I am?”

Shen Ping sniffed the air. “Hmm, this fragrance must be my Little Nishang, right?”

Lian Nishang let go of her little hand, pouted her red lips, and snorted, “Brother Shen, can’t you guess wrongly?”

Just as Shen Ping was about to speak, he sensed the aura on Lian Nishang’s body. It turned out that she had already broken through to level five. No wonder she did not meet him immediately. It turned out that she wanted to give him a surprise. He immediately reached out and pulled her into his arms. He said in a low voice, “I will never be wrong about the smell of Nishang.”

“Brother Shen.” Lian Nishang was touched. She held Shen Ping’s face with both hands. “Nishang has reached level five. You have to dote on me.” He didn’t say anything. Shen Ping just gently carried Lian Nishang to the bedroom and laid her on the bed. Looking at her beautiful body, he stretched out his hand and gently undressed her clothes. Soon, the layers of clothes were like the outer skin of a fruit. Soon, only the flesh was left.

Lian Nishang covered her face. “Brother Shen, I heard that it hurts a lot.”

“It doesn’t hurt.”

“Really... Ah!”

Before she could finish speaking, the power of the bloodline opened up the steamed bun-like meridians.

The night was long. Until the candle turns to ash and the tears begin to dry, the first rays of the morning sun shone on the bedroom in the backyard. He looked at Lian Nishang, who was sleeping soundly. A smile appeared on Shen Ping’s face. He did not expect this girl to be even stronger than Ling Yu’er. She could actually grit her teeth and hold on for so long.

He opened the virtual interface. The new virtual frame on it displayed a golden color. It was obvious that the girl had deep feelings for him. As expected of someone who had been nurtured since he was young.

After cultivating for a while, the girl woke up at noon and saw Shen Ping sitting at the side. She blushed and said, “Brother Shen, it’s all your fault. I’ve never slept in before. It’s so embarrassing.”

Shen Ping smiled and said, "Rest well for the next few days. I will make arrangements for the side courtyard."

"Brother Shen, do you not want Nishang?" Lian Nishang suddenly said. "Silly girl, why would you suddenly say this? No matter what, I will always be by your side." Shen Ping pinched Lian Nishang's face. "Alright, go back to sleep."

"No, I want to keep an eye on Brother Shen. Hmph, otherwise, you'll run somewhere else."

Shen Ping looked embarrassed. So this girl knew. That made sense. This was a girl's, oh no, a woman's intuition. "Alright, alright, alright. I'm not going anywhere today."

Only then did Lian Nishang smile. At night, she straightened up and was about to move when she frowned. However, she got used to it soon. After all, she was a water-type bloodline awakener. "Brother Shen... Huh? There's someone!" As soon as Lian Nishang spoke, her small face revealed a serious expression. After breaking through to Rank 5, she was extremely sensitive to her surroundings. Judging from the aura, the person's strength was not low. Shen Ping had long sensed it. He gave Lian Nishang a reassuring look. "Don't move around. I'll go see who's visiting the residence so late at night."

He walked out of the bedroom.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Dozens of figures appeared and surrounded the entire bedroom. Each of the auras was unfamiliar, but there were three Rank 5 experts inside. To be able to send an expert of this level, their background was not small.

Shen Ping said indifferently, "I'll give you a chance to live. Tell me who sent you here."

"How shameless. Let's talk about it after you survive! Go!"

All kinds of bloodline abilities bombarded Shen Ping. But Sheng Ping stood still, and strangely, these bloodline abilities did not touch him.

"How is this possible?"

"H-He'd hidden his true strength! Retreat!"

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"Those who come to my door without telling me are thieves. Since the thieves have come, as the general of the Demon Suppression Division, how can I let you leave?" Shen Ping said with interest, the aura on his body was instantly released. A terrifying bloodline pressure pressed down like the sky, immediately making it difficult for the group of fourth and fifth rank bloodline practitioners to move.

The leader of the evil sect's protectors had shock in his eyes. "Y-You're in the Star Realm?!" His words were filled with disbelief.

It had to be known that Shen Ping was only 16 years old, but he had already reached the Star Rank at this age. Even in the capital, he was a rare genius. After all, there were many fifth-stage geniuses, but it was very difficult to cross the threshold of the Star Rank.

As the bodies of the bloodline practitioners exploded, only three fifth grade bloodline cultivators were left on the battlefield.

"Tell me, who sent you?" Shen Ping asked again. The three Rank-5s looked at each other, and then a strange demonic fire burned in their bodies. His eyes narrowed. "Cult members! Interesting." Then, he waved it.

The star power immediately swept away all traces in the courtyard and returned to the bedroom. Lian Nishang asked worriedly, "Brother Shen, are you alright?"

"They're just some petty thieves." Shen Ping smiled. He sat on the edge of the bed and hugged the girl's body. "As for you, don't be frightened."

Feeling the warmth of his broad palm, Lian Nishang blushed and said, "Brother Shen, I'm not that delicate, although, although..."

"Although?" He teased, his palm slowly extending from her shoulder to the place where the meridians converge, which was where the Yin Qi acupoints were. "Are you still not used to this place?"

Lian Nishang nodded shyly.

Shen Ping did not continue. He also knew that the girl had just become a woman last night. Even a fifth-rank bloodline practitioner would need time to recover from that kind of pain. He took out a bloodline bead refined from a Frigid Snow Mushroom and handed it over. "Take it and cultivate. Your recovery speed will be faster."

"Okay." Lian Nishang replied.

In the next two months, the two of them, who had developed the most intimate relationship, were as close as glue. Although the girl was not as open-minded as Ling Yu'er, just one or two movements, coupled with that mesmerizing door, still made Shen Ping wish he could stop attending court from now on.

In the meantime, he secretly investigated the cult's attack last time, but he didn't gain much. Even if he targeted Generals Hong, Chen and Yu, he didn't make much progress.

In the courtyard, Ling Yu'er tried her best to improve and even showed everything she had to Shen Ping. During this period of time, the latter had not looked for her. This made Ling Yu'er panic. She knew her advantages. If Shen Ping got tired of her one day, she would never be able to improve again.

Four hours later, Ling Yu'er, who was in her prime, was sweating profusely as she lay there weakly. If she had not broken through to Rank 4, she would not have been able to withstand such intense guidance.

“Brother Shen, don’t forget Yu’er when you have Nishang.” She said bitterly. As an experienced person, Ling Yu’er could naturally tell that Lian Nishang had been subdued by Shen Ping recently. She could tell from Lian Nishang’s walking posture and her smiling face.

Shen Ping smiled and said, “Don’t worry, you’re my first girl. How could I forget you? I wanted you to focus on cultivation. Have you refined the blood bead I gave you the last time I came back?”

Only then did Ling Yu’er heave a sigh of relief. “Half of it has been refined. The Wood-type bloodline energy contained in the Blood Bead is extremely huge. I estimate that it will take another half a year to completely absorb it. But by then, Yu’er is confident that she can break through to late-Fourth Rank.”

This speed was very fast.

Shen Ping was not surprised at all. What was refined in the blood bead was a high-grade natural treasure, and it was very pure. If it were anyone else with a bloodline, they would advance very quickly.

“In another half a month, I’m preparing to go to Jizhou City. Are you going with me, or are you staying in Laiyang Prefecture?”

The night before last, through the water-type bloodline he had obtained from Lian Nishang, he had opened thirty acupoints and reached the late Star Rank. The thunder, wood, and water were all at the late Star Rank, allowing his entire bloodline and star power to reach the peak of the Star Rank.

However, with his current understanding of this world’s system, it was still insufficient to break through to the Star Palace Realm. Therefore, he had to read books in the continent’s capital and extend the Star Lifeline Technique to find a way to break through to the Star Palace Realm.

After all, his cultivation path was formed by combining his own body.

Apart from that, every prefecture capital of the Xia Dynasty was the most prosperous and lively place in this world. Laiyang Prefecture was at most a slightly larger place.

All kinds of prodigies were gathered in the state capital. Especially now that the chaotic world had appeared, the state capital would be the focus of the various factions. Shen Ping, who was looking for great opportunities and some treasures, naturally had to join in the fun.

Ling Yu’er replied without hesitation, “Yu’er will be with Brother Shen.”

Shen Ping was very satisfied with her attitude and hugged her in his arms. “What about your parents? Their business can’t do without your care.”

With him holding the fort, Ling Yu’er’s family business could be said to be growing bigger and bigger. Once they left for the state capital, it would be difficult for their business to continue in Laiyang Prefecture. At the very least, it would be difficult for them to purchase those demonic materials at a low price.

“I’ll talk my parents out of it. Brother Shen, don’t worry. My parents will definitely agree.”

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Shen Ping nodded. Ling Yu'er was raised by her parents, and she wanted to improve. He did not doubt their choice at all.

"Alright, in that case, go back and inform your parents to prepare."

He planned to bring his parents in this life to the state capital as well as Lian Nishang's parents. After all, once Laiyang Prefecture and Li County were in chaos, even if he rushed over, it would take some time.

The next day, Shen Ping returned to Li County with Lian Nishang. They first went to see Lieutenant Lei and their former colleagues. Then, they returned to their hometown and stayed for a while before bringing their parents back to Laiyang Prefecture.

Half a month passed in the blink of an eye. Generals Hong, Yu, and Chen from the Demon Suppression Division held Shen Ping's hand reluctantly. "General Shen has extraordinary potential. If not for the fact that I'm afraid of delaying your future, I wouldn't have let you leave no matter what."

"That's right. With General Shen around, our Laiyang Prefecture is the safest and has the least demons."

"No matter what, take care. If you're not happy in Jizhou City, come back. The gates of Laiyang Prefecture will always be open for you."

The three generals' faces did not blush or their hearts beat faster when they spoke polite words. Although the demons did not dare to be impudent when Shen Ping was around, compared to their own future, they would rather Shen Ping leave energetically.

"My lords, Li County is my hometown after all. I hope you can take care of it."

He had taken his parents away, so Shen Ping did not care much about his hometown. The three generals naturally knew this, so they promised to take care of it.

A few carriages slowly moved forward. General Hong heaved a sigh of relief. This genius with extremely high potential had finally left. Now, no one could compete with him for the management rights of Laiyang Prefecture.

As for Yu and Chen, they heaved a sigh of relief. Previously, they had arranged for the experts of the sect to attack, but none of them returned alive. Clearly, the other party's strength was not at the fifth rank at all. Such a terrifying genius should hurry to the continent's capital.

The journey from Laiyang Prefecture to Jizhou City was not short. Even a fast horse would take about four days to travel back and forth. If it was a carriage, it would probably take six to seven days to stop and rest. Shen Ping was not in a hurry. He admired the scenery on the way. When he was in the mood, he would stop the car and take a ride with Lian Nishang and Ling Yu'er.

At first, Lian Nishang refused no matter what. However, she could not resist Shen Ping's gentle words and finally agreed reluctantly. But with the condition that she had to cover her face. As for Ling Yu'er, she didn't care at all. In fact, she even liked it.

"Sister Nishang, what do you usually eat? Why is it so big?"

Lian Nishang blushed, "I don't know."

"Did Brother Shen massage you all the time?"

"No, not at all."

"I don't believe it. Brother Shen used to be in the same Demon Suppression Division as you. We were childhood sweethearts. Although he just plucked your red pill some time ago, he must have been intimate with you before."

The two of them teased for a while.

Ling Yu'er replied, "Big Brother Shen, my father has sent someone to investigate. There are five great aristocratic families in Jizhou City. They are the Jin Clan, Cheng Clan, Wu Clan, Nangong Clan, and Yun Clan. These five great aristocratic families take turns to take charge of the Demon Suppression Division. Every single one of them has a general guarding them. There are many fifth-rank generals and lieutenants under them. When we arrive in Jizhou, I'm afraid it'll be very difficult for us to live in a large residence like Laiyang Prefecture."

Lian Nishang also said, "I heard that every inch of land in Jizhou City is worth a lot of money. At most, we can just stay in the Demon Suppression Division."

In the Great Xia Dynasty, to become an aristocratic family, one had to have a Star-rank guardian general. This kind of power would monopolize almost all aspects of the economy. Although Lian Nishang had broken through to the fifth rank, it was nothing in the capital city. It was not rare for a fifteen or sixteen-year-old to have a fifth rank bloodline.

Shen Ping casually glanced at Ling Yu'er. "Could it be that your father doesn't have an estate?"

Ling Yu'er replied helplessly, "He did. It's just that it's quite far from the bustling East Main Street."

"Don't worry about it. When I reach the Demon Suppression Division, I'll just show a little strength. I believe those garrison generals won't let a Star Realm like me stay in the Demon Suppression Division, right?"

He had no intention of hiding his true strength. He was already in the late stage of the Star Realm, so there was no need for him to hide his true strength. Moreover, when he arrived at the continent's capital, he was prepared to use his charm to conquer those girls.

Ling Yu'er broke into a smile. "As long as Brother Shen reveals his strength, it will definitely shake the continent's capital."

A few days later, they arrived at Jizhou City. There were mottled marks left behind by time on the tall and continuous mountain-like city wall. All kinds of huge scratches revealed the heavy history of this city wall.

The city gate was wide. There was a bluestone road a thousand feet in front of them, and the carriage did not bump or shake as it walked on it.

There were many pedestrians coming and going as they lined up at the left city gate. After waiting for twenty minutes, it was Shen Ping's turn. He took out the Demon Suppression Division's document and they quickly passed through.

When they stepped into the city gate, Shen Ping, Lian Nishang, and Ling Yu'er first settled their parents in a well-prepared mansion. Then, the three of them reported to the Demon Suppression Division.

Laiyang Prefecture had already submitted the document. Therefore, some of the generals had been waiting for a long time.

"The three of you must be General Shen, General Lian, and Lieutenant Ling of Laiyang Prefecture. I'm General Cheng, in charge of the personnel of the Demon Suppression Division. Please follow me."

They followed General Cheng to a room. Someone was in charge of rerecording it.

"There's no need to check the strength of the three of you. Tell me about your abilities and bloodlines. This is the process. Please don't take offense." General Cheng smiled.

Ling Yu'er hurriedly said, "Wood-type bloodline... Rank Four."

Lian Nishang said, "Water, Rank Five."

Shen Ping said casually, "Lightning-type, Star-rank."

As soon as he said this, General Cheng looked up. "General Shen, are you sure you're at the Star Rank? We can't afford to make any mistakes!"

Shen Ping released his aura. The star power quickly enveloped the surroundings.

General Cheng's expression changed. He hurriedly cupped his hands and said, "I didn't expect Guardian Shen to already be in the Star Rank. This is my negligence. Don't worry, I'll immediately inform the Guardian and arrange everything for you."

Even in the Continent's Capital, Star-ranked powerhouses stood at the peak. Although the aristocratic families had hidden their strength, they only had one or two Star-ranked powerhouses at most.

A sixteen-year-old Star Rank cultivator was definitely a prodigy, even in the capital.

The generals of the Cheng, Jin, Nangong, Wu, and Yun families arrived one after another. Just like when Shen Ping first came to Laiyang Prefecture, their attitudes were very enthusiastic.

The rest was much easier. It was not evening yet when Shen Ping and the other two moved to a mansion not far from the Demon Suppression Division. Moreover, this mansion occupied a large area. There was a pond, a garden, a corridor, a front yard, a backyard, and so on. There were more than fifty maidservants serving them.

A huge lizard-like statue was placed in the underground chamber of the Jin family. General Jin and the two guards bowed piously.

“This Shen brat has indeed broken through to the Star Realm. I wonder how he did it!”

“He must have obtained some kind of inheritance. Otherwise, it’s impossible for him to break through. The people we sent over last time are all dead. Looks like it’s impossible to rope him in.”

“What should we do? Killing a Star Realm cultivator is not an easy task. Even if the three of us take action, we will definitely alert the other families.”

Guardian Jin of the Demon Suppression Division shook his head. “Shen Ping took the initiative to come to the state capital. There’s no need to continue targeting him. As long as he’s not at Laiyang Prefecture, he won’t be able to obstruct our plan. I suggest that we continue to try to rope him in. Even if it doesn’t work, we have to be on good terms.”

“By the way, that girl from the Nangong Family is in the middle of breaking through to the Star Rank. We have to stop her.”

The other two guards frowned. “Nangong Yao is protected by her ancestor. It’s very difficult for us to find a chance to attack her. Moreover, the Nangong family is also plotting a prefecture city. If we become enemies with them now, I’m afraid it’ll be detrimental to the sect’s plan.”

Guardian Jin said, “If we don’t make a move now, it will be very troublesome when she grows up. Let’s contact the elders of the sect first and see if they can send a greater demon over.”

“We have to keep an eye on the other aristocratic families as well. We can’t relax at all.”

After the three of them finished discussing, they quickly disappeared.

The statue was the only thing left in the underground chamber.

Chapter 699: Breaking Through to the Star Palace and Taking a Fancy (1)

Jizhou City.

Demon Suppression Division.

Ever since Shen Ping came here, he was like a Calligraphy Addict. He stayed in the library all day long and read all kinds of books hungrily. There were hundreds of thousands of more books recorded here than in the prefecture capital. Not only were there the local customs of the various states, but there was also a detailed explanation of the demons and the occasional evil spirit. Moreover, there were detailed records of the origin and growth of the evil sect.

Apart from that, the scattered information about the bloodline cultivation, though not a lot, were enough for him to have a direction to break through to the Star Palace realm.

The so-called Star Palace realm was to connect the various acupoints hidden in the body's bloodline to form a palace. This would completely stimulate the various powerful abilities in the bloodline and even use the power of heaven and earth.

Shen Ping understood that the diagram that he had vaguely mastered was actually the guidance of the Star Palace and not some great opportunity. The Star Palace Realm could trigger the power of heaven and earth. It was indeed very different from the cultivation of cultivators. However, no matter what the difference was, it was extremely helpful to the reincarnated Beast Spirits

One had to know that in the cultivation world, if one wanted to comprehend the Dao of Heaven and Earth, one had to reach the Immortal King Realm.

But the Star Palace Realm could use the Star Palace to activate the power of heaven and earth, so it was naturally easier. After all, as long as one was talented, it would take less than four to five hundred years to advance from the first rank to the Star Palace.

However, Shen Ping still felt that there was some connection between the Star Palace Realm and the stars in the world. His previous guess was definitely not a wild guess. This was because after advancing the lightning, wood, and water attributes to the Star Rank, the feeling became even stronger.

There must be a secret hidden in the stars of this world.

Three months later, Shen Ping sat cross-legged in the air above the pool where the earth vein Qi of Mount Ba was. As his talent was activated, a huge amount of star power formed a vortex in the middle of the night and surged into his body. A large amount of earth vein Qi surged out and quickly condensed into an energy field beside him, covering an area of hundreds of feet.

Boom!

When the blood vessels and acupoints in his body began to gather, bolts of lightning descended from the sky.

This was the lightning tribulation for breaking through to the Star Palace Realm. Only by borrowing the power of heaven and earth could one reconstruct their body and connect all the acupoints to form a Star Palace.

This process lasted for five days and five nights.

The commotion was very loud.

The reason why Shen Ping chose this place was because he did not want to be too conspicuous. Although it was dangerous in the mountain range, he was not afraid at all. If the demon rushed over, it would definitely turn into a bloodline bead.

Finally, the acupoints converged and connected, forming a palace. There were two palaces around the palace. They were wood and water. The three palaces formed a triangular formation. The acupoints on them formed a scroll.

This scroll corresponded to the stars in the universe and seemed to vaguely point out a direction. It was in the northeast, but it was still missing a large number of specific locations.

He opened his eyes. Shen Ping felt the huge bloodline energy in his body. His expression was calm, but he looked northeast. As he had expected, the Star Palace indeed contained a huge secret, and he had to gather all the bloodlines.

It was no wonder that the top experts who had emerged in the ancient times and near ancient times had gone to the northeast at all costs. Moreover, they had been constantly searching for heavenly treasures in an attempt to dig up new bloodlines.

Unfortunately, none of them succeeded. The closest thing in history was the peerless expert, but he still did not succeed. Clearly, it was impossible for the native creatures in this palace world to succeed. Only those Beast Spirits who were reincarnated would have a chance.

Thinking of this, his eyes flickered. Having memories was his greatest advantage. Coupled with the devour talent he had obtained, he had broken through to the Star Palace Realm at the age of 16. Those reincarnated Immortal Venerables, Venerable Sovereigns, and a large number of Immortal Kings, Golden Immortals, and so on would reach this step much later even if their true spirits would prevent them from becoming true prodigies.

However, Shen Ping was not arrogant. He knew that he could not stop. He had to find the huge opportunity in the northeast before those Immortal Venerables and Venerable Sovereigns. He took out the scroll given by Laiyang River's Old Dragon.

There was only one special area left. He did not go previously. Now that he had broken through to the Star Palace Realm, he naturally had to go. His figure turned into a bolt of lightning and quickly disappeared.

After reaching the Star Palace Realm, he could increase his speed by activating the bloodline power of the palace. It only took him half a day to travel from the capital city to the depths of Mount Ba. It only took him a day to reach the third special area. If he was still in the Star Rank, it would have taken him about a month.

As he floated above the special area, Shen Ping swept his gaze around and easily sensed the many demons in the special area. Among them, there were a total of five late-stage Star Rank Demon Kings and more than 20 other Star Rank demons. Demons had their own territory. Generally speaking, it was impossible for there to be other Star Rank Demons around Star Rank Demons. However, the special area could be considered a paradise. That was why so many of them were gathered.

"It seems to be a mineral vein."

Sensing the sharp aura in the air, his Star Palace Realm aura immediately swept out in all directions, instantly covering an area of hundreds of kilometers.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A large number of Star Realm demons rushed out. The five late-stage demon kings in the lead stared at Shen Ping with unfriendly gazes. They weren't afraid even if he was at the Star Palace realm.

"Human, do you want to start a war between humans and demons now?!"

Shen Ping did not waste his breath on him. His palm turned into a long saber and slashed down at these demons. He had already comprehended the Dao of Heaven and Earth. Although he had yet to completely master it, after activating the Star Palace in this world and combining it with the Dao of Heaven and Earth, he immediately had the divine power of the Heaven and Earth Dharma Idol.

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Thunder rumbled. The huge lightning saber in the world slashed down like Pangu's Heaven-Opening Axe. The late-stage Star Realm demons, who had been fearless, were all shocked. Even the Demon Venerables of the Star Palace Realm couldn't achieve such a level of power.

Screech!!

One of the fire phoenixes refused to believe it and charged towards the lightning saber. As a result, its huge body, which was more than 100 feet tall, was cut into two. The violent power of lightning and the might of the world stirred up cracks on its body.

Shen Ping raised his hand and grabbed it. His devour talent absorbed it crazily. In just a few breaths, he refined it into a Star-rank Demon King Blood Bead. The other four demon kings were terrified when they saw this. Where did this human come from? He was too terrifying.

Run!

They turned around and fled without hesitation. Unfortunately, they could not escape for the time being under the siege of the wood-element Star Palace realm.

An hour later, these demon kings had all turned into pure blood beads, and there was not a single Star Rank cultivator left. Only then did Shen Ping leisurely arrive at the mineral vein area. "It's actually Stargold Stone. No wonder it can attract so many demon kings."

Stargold Stone was a special mineral vein that could absorb earth veins and star power. It was the essence of the earth and the stars in the sky. In fact, it was similar to the pure Blood Bead that he had refined with his Devour talent.

However, there were impurities inside, so he had to use the power of his bloodline to refine it before he could absorb it.

In the Great Xia Dynasty, Stargold Stones were extremely attractive to Star Realm experts. After all, it was too slow to absorb star power every night. If they had Stargold Stones, their speed would increase.

However, this kind of mineral vein was relatively rare. He did not expect it to exist in Mount Ba. He checked. The ore vein wasn't very big. It could only be considered a small ore vein. However, the total value of this wealth was extremely shocking. It was equivalent to 20% of the annual tax revenue of the Great Xia Dynasty.

"I wonder if the Devour talent can easily refine it." Shen Ping tried to activate his talent. The pieces of Stargold Stone shattered and turned into bloodline and star power. Compared to refining demons, the Stargold Stone had no attributes. It could

be converted into any attribute after entering the body. This was stronger than the Blood Bead.

Since it could be absorbed, he stayed here for half a month without hesitation and devoured and refined all the Stargold Stones. Not only did his Star Palace Realm cultivation stabilize, but he also broke through to the second level of the Star Palace Realm, saving him nearly a hundred years of bitter cultivation.

Next, he walked around all the mountains in Mount Ba and completely understood the situation in Mount Ba. The Demon King was the limit of the demons here, and the Stargold Stone was also the highest heavenly treasure.

After Shen Ping killed five demon kings, there were only three demon kings left in Mount Ba. In the end, they were refined into blood beads by him, causing the huge Mount Ba to not have a single demon king. Of course, as time passed, the mountain range would definitely be nurtured. Even the Stargold Mine that he had absorbed would gradually condense.

On the way back to Jizhou City,

He was deep in thought.

There were a total of seven levels in the Star Palace Realm. Every level required a massive amount of bloodline and star power. A small Stargold Mine only allowed him to increase his cultivation by one level. Even if there were seven Demon King's Blood Beads, it might not be able to increase his cultivation.

"I wonder where those Demon Venerables of the Star Palace Realm are hiding."

There were no records of this in the Book Depository.

Presumably, only some aristocratic families with a thousand years of foundation would know some clues.

However, Shen Ping was not in a hurry. He had gained a lot this time and had improved a lot. Although there were no side effects after his talent devoured and refined, he still needed to settle down a little.

In the mansion, Lian Nishang was wearing a slim-fitting moon-white dress. The curve of her chest was perfectly arched. She grabbed Shen Ping's arm and kept shaking it. "Brother Shen, where did you go? You didn't even bring Nishang along. Hmph, are you tired of Nishang?"

As expected, once a relationship took that step, a girl would speak without restraint.

Shen Ping said helplessly, "I went to the depths of Mount Ba. It's very dangerous there. There are a lot of Star Realm demons and demon kings. If you go, your small body won't even be enough to fill the gaps between their teeth."

Lian Nishang's eyes lit up. "There are so many demons. I'm not afraid. When I break through to the Star Rank, I must go to Mount Ba and kill all these demons." She whimpered, "Jizhou City is too boring. There are no missions. Every day, it's either sitting around or sitting around."

This girl originally thought that there were many demons in the continent's capital, but after coming here, she realized how powerful the internal competition was. As soon as the demon hunting

mission was issued, lieutenants and generals snatched it away. After all, the mission was equivalent to money and resources.

There were so many geniuses in the Continent's Capital. Naturally, they would fight for it. As a result, Lian Nishang and Ling Yu'er had been staying in the city for the past two to three months.

"Brother Shen, I'm almost moldy from staying here. I don't care. You have to bring me to kill demons."

Listening to her coquettish tone, Shen Ping sniffed Lian Nishang's body. "There's no moldy smell. I can only smell the fragrance of milk."

Lian Nishang blushed. "Brother Shen, you're bad." He wrapped his arms around her waist. "Come, let me check if it's swollen again."

After a while, the sound of Lian Nishang crying could be heard in the bedroom. The steamed buns were stained with white cream.

When they cuddled after sex, Lian Nishang leaned against Shen Ping's chest and talked about Ling Yu'er. This girl had been doing very well recently. With Shen Ping's reputation as a Star-rank guardian, she had worked hard in the Demon Suppression Division to buy and sell some demon materials.

"By the way, Brother Shen, when you went to Mount Ba, the Demon Suppression Division's Guardian Nangong sent you an invitation. He said that he wanted to invite you to participate in the celebration banquet of the genius of the Nangong Family breaking through to the Star Rank."

Shen Ping raised his eyebrows. "When?"

"I think it's in three days."

"I have nothing to do anyway. Nishang, come with me when the time comes."

"Okay, Brother Shen."

"Call Yu'er too."

"Hmph, you always thought about her. That girl is smart. Besides, she's not as good as me. She doesn't even have big breasts."

"Everyone has their own merits."

"Don't mention her."

"Alright, alright, alright. Come, turn around and let me think about you."

The Nangong Family's celebration banquet was quite grand. On this day, the various factions in the continent's capital all rushed over. Even the capital sent representatives to send gifts to celebrate. After all, as long as a sixteen-year-old Star Rank cultivator did not die, he would definitely become a National Guardian at the Star Palace level in the future.

When Shen Ping brought Lian Nishang and Ling Yu'er over, the Nangong family's old ancestor personally welcomed them and gave them the highest treatment.

In comparison, Shen Ping was even more talented than Nangong Yao. He had long broken through to the Star Rank, so the others present also praised him. As the number of guests increased, the residence became extremely lively.

Some of the geniuses of the Demon Suppression Division were also invited. Shen Ping took the opportunity to use his Purple Eye Divine Pupils to check. Unfortunately, no special physiques appeared. Instead, he discovered a few geniuses who were suspected to be Beast Spirits.

He was not surprised at all. The entire Jizhou City was huge, so it was normal for Beast Spirits to appear.

When the prodigy of the Nangong Family, Nangong Yao, walked out, he couldn't help but be stunned. Nangong Yao's face was cold and graceful, and she actually had the temperament of Immortal Venerable Yao.

This was not a coincidence. Needless to say, Nangong Yao was definitely the reincarnation of Immortal Venerable Yao.

"Come, Yao'er, this is Guardian Shen from the Demon Suppression Division. He's the same age as you and is a genius of the current generation. The two of you have to get to know each other well." The Nangong Family's ancestor smiled.

The representatives of the other aristocratic families smiled, but they were disdainful in their hearts. How could they not know what Nangong was planning? He was clearly trying to matchmake the two of them. If they succeeded, the Nangong family would have two prodigies who could grow to the National Guardian level in the future. They would definitely crush the other aristocratic families.

"Greetings, Lord Shen." Nangong Yao said softly.

Shen Ping smiled and said, "Miss Yao, you don't have to be so polite. We're of the same generation. I'm slightly older than you. Just call me Brother Shen."

The representatives of the other aristocratic families were stunned. When Old Ancestor Nangong came back to his senses, he was grinning from ear to ear. He had chosen the right person.