

## Firmament 1031

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#### Chapter 1031: Streams of Spiritual Beasts

If there were one or two hyper-nine spiritual beasts, it wasn't a desperate situation yet. For example, Xuan Bing could easily handle such a situation as easily as she tortured Han Bingxue!

However, even though she was able to torture Han Bingxue, it wouldn't be easy if she needed to fight against Xiao Monarch, Jun Yinglian, and Han Bingxue at the same time. At least, it wouldn't be a landslide. It was the same when she fought the hyper-nine beasts. She could easily kill a single hyper-beast alone easily, but if she encountered a group...

Xuan Bing had mentioned it before that she had met a group of hyper-nine beasts when she searched deep in the third layer. She quit the search because of it. Wu Fa was also forced to quit when he was in the third layer.

According to Xuan Bing, she and Wu Fa both didn't enter the fourth layer.

That was enough to prove how horrible the third layer was!

It was exactly the utmost limit of power in Qing-Yun Realm!

"Oh, right. How many layers does the Mountain of All Medicines have in total according to the knowledge of your own clans?" Ye Xiao was moving his hands fast inside the fog and calmly asked.

"The Mountain of All Medicines is what you outsiders call it. We native people call it Heaven Treasure Mountain." Ye Shangxin looked steady. He didn't seem impatient at all. "The reason why we call it Heaven Treasure Mountain is... according to what our ancestors imparted, when this mountain came from the sky, there was a stone in the first layer that said 'first layer of heaven'.

"The second layer had a stone with 'second layer of heaven' on it. Nobody has ever seen a stone in the third layer because nobody explored it. I am not sure if there is a stone like that in the third layer. However, I believe there is...

"Every layer of the mountain is fully planted with all kinds of medicines. Every single one is a treasure. That is why we call it Heaven Treasure Mountain. However... we don't know how many layers are there in total. Nobody has ever fully explored the mountain after all. It is something no human being has ever achieved in the world."

Ye Shangxin sighed and continued, "Brother Ye, I believed you have heard about this... People in Oracle District are always weaker than people in other districts. The beasts in this mountain are so powerful. As we go up, the beasts will be more powerful. We don't want to recklessly go somewhere we don't know enough since we might set free some high-level spiritual beasts, especially those beyond level four... We truly don't know whether people in Qing-Yun Realm are enough to feed the beasts in here..."

Ye Xiao's face twisted.

[Enough to feed the beasts?]

[That is... creepy. It makes me feel cold on the back.]

However, it was true and honest. The beasts in the third layer were powerful enough to stop Xuan Bing and Wu Fa from going up. The beasts in the upper layers should be more horrible!

Suddenly, Ye Xiao moved one of his hand to grab Erhuo out from the Boundless Space and put it into his clothes on the chest like it was a doll.

"You are awake now, aren't you? Time to work." Since he would have to face all those powerful and unknown beasts, he could certainly make use of this 'primal spirit in chaos'!

According to what it had done in the past, it must be fairly useful in such a situation.

How could Ye Xiao not send out his most powerful weapon in this life and death situation?

He did it so quickly. Even Ye Shangxin, who was standing right in front of him, couldn't see what he just took out from his hand. He only saw a mass of soft and furry thing being dragged out and put into his clothes. He didn't know what it was at all...

The only thing he could be sure of was that Ye Xiao calmed down again after a short moment of anxiety, like he had just acquired something to make sure everything was right!

[What is going on?]

Suddenly, a dense mass of fog which contained rolling spiritual qi suddenly rushed out from Ye Xiao's arms. Everybody was covered by the fog all of a sudden. They couldn't even see their own fingers again.

"The third layer is opened!"

Ye Shangxin shouted excitedly.

It had been a long time since somebody opened it the last time. However, Li Chongshan and Ye Shangxin still remembered what it looked like when it was opened.

Ye Xiao withdrew his hand, in which there was a black ring in the palm. Nobody saw it.

It was quite simple to open the entrance though. Behind the fog, there was a small hole. He just put his hand into the hole and touched a ring before wringing it... That was it. The third layer was opened.

However, it took him a long time to find the ring... He just didn't touch it!

When he felt it had taken too long and he still couldn't touch anything, he got nervous. He started to operate East-rising Purple qi with both his hands and fluttered his hands. Surprisingly, the ring came into his hand itself...

He wrung it and the entrance was opened.

He was totally blank about what just happened. He told them he could get in because he was lying!

He just wanted to get in and check what the secret was.

It turned out he had won a lottery.

[Could it be a connection between this Heaven Treasure Mountain and my East-rising Purple Qi?]

Suddenly, a door was slowly opening in the dense fog. Han Bingxue didn't hesitate and stepped into it. Ye Xiao got in after him.

Ye Clan's ten people saw the door opening and hurriedly walked into it. The last of them seemed intentionally standing at the entrance for a longer time than he needed.

It pissed the Li Clan people off so much. They were raging up with filthy words coming out from their mouths.

In fact, they were doing something useless.

In the third layer, the fog was so dense that even if there was a man standing in front, one might not recognize his face.

When the door of the third layer was opened, waves of the sounds of beasts roaring came over to them like thunderclaps.

Han Bingxue's face changed. He hurriedly drew out his sword and held it tight in hand. - Clang! -

Who was Han Bingxue, a muddle-headed man in front of Ye Xiao and Xuan Bing, but actually one of the real powerful figures in Qing-Yun Realm. He was brilliant in both experience and eyesight. The roar of the beasts sounded in rhythm. Whatever made such a sound were absolutely not just some ordinary spiritual beasts. If he had to fight one, he wouldn't worry at all. However, what terrified him most was that there seemed to be more than one, or a few... It seemed like there was a crowd!

How could he not panic when he realized what was ahead of them?

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#### **Chapter 1032: Beasts Off**

The twenty men behind Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue were all terrified. They were not as knowledgeable as Han Bingxue, but after all, they had come to the Mountain of All Medicines many times, which gave them essential knowledge about survival. They were not sure about the beasts' level, but they could tell from the sound that there were lots of beasts, at least a hundred!

According to their own experience, the beasts should all be in high levels, above level six.

A crowd of spiritual beasts that had such an overwhelming power was definitely not a bunch of Dream Origin Stage cultivators could handle.

Han Bingxue listened carefully and realized how bad it was. From the fierceness, he could feel many beasts beyond level eight. He had no idea exactly how many there were. He just knew that he was not able to handle this situation!

A few men of the Li Clan people, who were at the back of the group, still stood at the entrance. They heard the roar and got frightened, so they ran back to the second layer fast.

They got out of the door, yet those who were in the third layer couldn't get away anymore because the door was closed.

"As recorded in the history of Ye Clan, the door can only be opened two hours after it is closed." Ye Shangxin's voice seemed to be trembling. He was quite nervous as sweat permeated his hands.

"Prepare for a fight, guys. This is not going to go easy. Be careful!"

- Clang, clang... -

Sounds of weapons rang up.

People of Ye Clan stood in the shape of a triangle. Li Clan people seemed awkward. There should be ten of them, but the four of them at the back near the door fled away when they heard the sound of the beasts.

It was reasonable that they chose to save their own lives when the danger came, but their escape hurt the six men left inside the third layer.

The six of them were all pale on the faces!

"Traitors! Cowards! Disobedient!" Li Chongshan scolded angrily.

There was certainly anger in his voice, but there were also fear and regret. It seemed he was regretting it so much. [Why would I get so deep into this place... Now I can't go out no matter how much I want to.]

The beasts sounded closer and closer as a cold qi abruptly rose. It was Han Bingxue who was pouring his cold ice qi into his precious sword. His vigor greatly rose up as the spiritual qi rushed out from the sword. Apparently, he was ready to make the first move.

At this moment...

"Meow?" A weak voice of a cat suddenly sounded.

It was so abrupt. Everybody was quite tense and was surprised by the meow.

[Eh? How come there is a cat in such a dangerous place?]

[A cat wants to meow, then it meows. Since it can live in this place, it must have its own way to live. But it made a sound like this when we are feeling scared and frightened?]

[Fine. It meows. However, what does that help? That voice!]

[Scaring mice?]

However, unexpectedly, after that meow, the wild roars stopped. It stopped all of a sudden, as if the beasts that were running over all stopped at the same time.

After that...

In the dense fog, a blasting shout sounded from the sky, "Ahh... oh?"

That sounded so overwhelming, as if it was the sound of the king of all animals. As the shout sounded, the fog in the entire place shook and rolled.

Ye Shangxin and his men heard the shout, and suddenly, their blood was like boiling in the veins. They couldn't stop staggering.

They were all stunned. [What level is this beast? That was just a shout. We actually couldn't handle it, even though we are all above level six of Dream Origin Stage?]

They all focused on how powerful the sound was but couldn't understand what that shout meant. In that shout, there was a quiver.

It seemed the beast was asking something?

It seemed to be frightened.

That was a terrified query from a lower-position being to an upper-position one!

"Meow..." The cat's voice sounded again.

- Puff, puff, puff, puff... -

- Boom, boom, boom... -

It seemed a few beasts fell down, and then the crowd of beasts burst into panic and chaos. After a while, lots of beasts started to run.

They were running back to where they came from after turning around. They ran farther into the third layer like running for their lives.

It seemed there was something too powerful for them to resist on the direction they were running to at the beginning, as if they would die if they didn't run away soon!

The overwhelming and fierce atmosphere that was created by the crowd of powerful spiritual beasts suddenly disappeared.

The only thing that was left in the dense fog was the smell of urine...

It seemed many of those beasts pissed because they were too scared... or maybe more than just piss...

That was excretion from back and front at the same time!

After that, the beast crowd was gone. They left faster than they came. In fact, it was times faster. Apparently, the beasts were spending their life energy to run, trying their best to get away from this place!

It was just a few seconds, yet it all returned to silence. Everything was calmed.

The danger came and left so abruptly. It was such a shocking experience. The ten Ye Clan people and the six Li Clan people all looked at each other. Apparently, none of them realized what exactly had happened.

However, from the urine smell that was left behind by the beast crowd, they started to guess... [Is it... A bunch of beasts came here... just to relieve themselves like this is their toilet?]

[Then they just left?]

[Why is it so smelly if it isn't...]

[Why were they running so fast... Was it the smell?]

[But... isn't this an absurd explanation?]

No matter how calm and steady Ye Shangxin used to be, he was now lost in confusion. He kept rubbing the back of his head as he said, "What... What is going on?"

Nobody answered him. They all stayed in silence with their eyes widely opened.

Even Han Bingxue was stunned. He heard the voice of a cat and he knew it was Erhuo. He knew that Erhuo was an extraordinary cat, but in his heart, it was just a cat. He couldn't connect a cat and a running beast crowd in any way. He was lost too!

"The danger is gone. Let's just move on quickly. It won't help to just stand here." Ye Xiao's voice sounded lazily. "In this layer, it is incredibly wide. We don't have a clear and good view in this place. Let's spread out and search for the materials. I guess you have some ways to tell one medicine from another even though you can't see... especially some special methods to distinguish the Regeneration Ink Lotus from other plants..."

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#### **Chapter 1033: Summon**

"Naturally." Ye Shangxin said, "Men of Ye Clan, come here. Stand in line. Count off!"

"One, Ye Le... Three, Ye Shuijia... Four, Ye Yuan..."

The other nine men of Ye Clan weren't neglectful. They started to do as Ye Shangxin said.

"Do as we practiced earlier. Eight sides in a circle. Two in the middle. One group goes to the left. One man focuses on leaving signs and smells. Two hours later, no matter how many materials you have, you should all retreat and get together here. Do not violate my order."

"Yes!"

Ye Clan people moved to the left, rolling the fog away.

"Brother Ye, we share the same name after all. Why don't you join us?" Ye Shangxin asked, in the dense fog.

"Thanks. But I guess I would rather do it myself. I am used to be alone. I don't like to do things with a bunch of people. After all, it may effect your circle. It may be bad for you, and it certainly won't satisfy me," Ye Xiao said.

Ye Shangxin took a breath of relief and said, "Take care."

Then he left.

To be honest, deep in his heart, he didn't want Ye Xiao to say yes. The Ye Clan team had practiced the searching position array so many times. If Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue joined them, it would cause negative effects.

Besides, this place didn't provide a good view. Things would only go much worse.

Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue chose not to join them. It was the best for the Ye Clan team.

Since Ye Clan headed left, Li Clan surely went right. Li Chongshan invited Ye Xiao to join them too, but Ye Xiao turned it down as well.

"Go on. Two hours later, come back here."

Then they spread out.

"What should we do, Boss? The fog is tricky. No matter how I try to focus with my eyes, even if I fill spiritual energy into my eyes, I can't see clearly. I don't think you can see any better, do you?" Han Bingxue asked, standing in the dense fog.

"We are moving ahead," Ye Xiao answered.

The fog was more than just tricky. Ye Xiao had used Yin Yang Eyes, which was known as a method that allowed him to see through everything in the world. However, it didn't work in the fog. Ye Xiao was in a low level, but he could even see through the red and white clouds earlier. Yet it became totally useless in this place! This was too weird!

Yin Yang Eyes was a super martial art that originated from East-rising Purple Qi. He never failed when using it. It stunned Ye Xiao when it failed here. However, after being disappointed, he became hopeful again. When he operated the East-rising Purple Qi, it sensed something. Even though Yin Yang Eyes didn't work, East-rising Purple Qi did. He sensed something ahead of them that kept attracting him.

"Boss, don't you want to search for medicines?" Han Bingxue was confused about what Ye Xiao was doing.

"Why should I? What medicines here can be valuable enough for me to bother?" Ye Xiao talked back through mind connection, "Do you really think I am muddle-headed? If I want to get medical materials, do you think I have to come to this place?"

"Urh..." Han Bingxue sniffed. He smelled the attractive scent of medicines, but he shook his head and sighed.

[He came here where there are all kinds of medicines, yet he isn't here for the medicines...]

[So many medicines... This is touching... I want to get some so badly!]

Don't doubt it. Han Bingxue was indeed a level nine Dao Origin Stage cultivator, one of the most powerful cultivators in the realm, however, he didn't belong to any sect. He was poor. Even though he couldn't see the medicines, he could smell it. He knew that the medicines must be aged and valuable. If he could, he would definitely collect a big amount of them. However, being suppressed by Ye Xiao, he had to quit the idea!

Erhuo quietly got out from inside Ye Xiao's clothes. It slowly walked ahead, waving its tails in an elegant way.

The fog covered it.

If Han Bingxue could see through the fog, he would definitely find Erhuo stretching in the front, waving its tail. It was looking around with its two round and bright eyes, with disdain in the eyes, like a king inspecting its kingdom.

- Shoot, shoot, shoot... -

Wherever it went over, countless small animals fled away from the bush, the trees, the flowers, and other plants, as if they saw an ancient giant beast.

Ye Xiao didn't hesitate. He followed the heels of Erhuo, walking carefully.

He wouldn't want to step on Erhuo and accidentally kill this little cat who was never growing up...

Han Bingxue was like a dumbhead goose following Ye Xiao. He was quite good at cultivation after all. Even though he didn't see anything, he could hear the wind and tell their position. He stayed with Ye Xiao easily, but he didn't know what they were going to do. He just shouted from time to time, "Oh! I stepped on something... Let me see... Holy heavens... I stepped on a ginseng every two steps... That is a huge ginseng... must be aged enough..."

"Oh... Wait... This is... Let me touch it... Holy shxt... An Ink Jade Ganoderma... It is a hundred years old..."

"Wait... I got something again... That's smooth and soft... What is it? Let me touch it... What the hell... Let me smell it... Holy heavens! Who the fxck sick took a poo in this place... Holy hell that is gross..."

"Oh... What is this again? Forget it... I won't touch it..."

Ye Xiao kept walking ahead and sighing.

[Who would believe that this gossip and rude talky-body... is actually the man who was known as a handsome, elegant, and charming gentleman, the Frost Sword, Han Bingxue?]

[Who could guess it right for the first sight, I am willing to bet with my 'thing'...]

[Which part of him is elegant? He is totally not even close.]

[This is so...]

After walking straight forward for a long time, they were still in a white dense fog. They had lost their direction. Erhuo took a turn at the same spot and then raised its ears.

"Meow, meow, meow, oh, oh..."

Its voice was clear and strong. It shouted three times and then stopped to comb itself with one of its paws. It seemed it was waiting for a response.

After a while, a tiger roar echoed from afar.

"Howl, oh..."

After a while, somewhere far from them, a huge animal jumped down to the ground and then ran over to them fast.



"Holy hell!" Han Bingxue drew out his long sword which he had just put back to the scabbard. "There is a big guy coming. Only one. I can handle it. Boss, be careful. I need to fight with all effort. I don't think I can protect you at the same time..."

Erhuo turned its head and stared at Han Bingxue, as if it was looking at a piece of sh\*t.

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### **Chapter 1034: Asking For Direction**

Han Bingxue couldn't see Erhuo's eyes, but he could feel that in the dense fog, Erhuo was staring at him with eyes full of disdain.

"Meow..." Erhuo humphed. 'This Han Bingxue boy is truly a retard! Can you truly protect my master? Are you overestimating yourself? Do you think they are our enemies? They are my underlings! Look at you, nervous like hell. And they say you are famous... Pah!' That was what Erhuo meant.

"Boss, what did it say? Is it speaking ill of me?" Han Bingxue asked discontentedly.

Stupid or not, he was sensitive to such a feeling, so he asked!

Ye Xiao tried not to laugh and he said, "You think too much. It just wants to exchange names with you. From now on, the cat is Han Bingxue and you are Erhuo [1]. I think it is a good idea. Look at its white hair. It is white like snow, clearer than snow. It won't disgrace your name. Its name Erhuo suits you perfectly too. Don't you think?"

"F\*ck!" Han Bingxue was so angry.

[Damn you! Your cat is bullying me! You as its master is bullying me too! You think you are great because you are the boss?]

[Fine. You are great. But you can't bully people like this!]

Suddenly, a blood-stench swept over with fierceness. A huge being had come near in a short time. Although they couldn't see the face of the animal, and couldn't tell what kind of beast it was, they could feel that it was huge like a mountain.

It was like a mountain with murderous qi.

It felt like that.

Ye Xiao didn't care much. He just stood there with his arms crossed on the chest, waiting for the next move. He naturally understood what was going on.

Erhuo was making a weak and gentle voice, "Meow? Meow? Meow ah?"

The unknown fierce beast answered, "Ohhh... Roar... Hoh... Ah."

Erhuo, "Meow? Meow, meow?"

The beast, "Oh, wow, wow..."

"Meow."

"Aw..."

"Meowm meow..."

"Aw ohm oh..."

Then they finished talking. The beast was slowly moving backward and said, "Wow, oh, oh?"

"Meow!"

- Shoot! -

It was the blood-stench again...

That beast suddenly disappeared at an unbelievable speed. If they could see it, they would see a huge white tiger, which was over a thousand feet tall, with all its body soaked with sweat...

It wasn't sweating because of tiredness... It was sweating because of fear...

[Holy heavens! That scared the shxt out of me!]

Han Bingxue widely opened his eyes. Although he heard what they were talking, he didn't understand a word. "Is it... talking to that beast?"

Ye Xiao said, "It is not you talking to the beast, apparently."

Han Bingxue was curious, "What did Erhuo say? Do you know, Boss?"

Ye Xiao said, "Nothing serious. It's just asking for directions. Do you need me to translate for you?"

Han Bingxue was even more curious, "You know cat language? Come on! Show me!"

Ye Xiao was pleased. He said, "Somebody! Come! I need a direction!"

Han Bingxue was stunned. "What? Boss? Who are you talking to?"

Ye Xiao stared at him and shouted, "What do you mean who I am talking to? I am translating Erhuo's words. That is what it said first! It's calling for somebody! Don't make any stupid guess again, will you?"

Han Bingxue staggered. He nearly fell down to the floor, speaking with a twisted face, "Fine. I get it. That's domineering! Quite domineering! What next?"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Second? Forget it. Let me just go through all of it. Listen carefully and don't interrupt. What Erhuo said after the first was 'Where is the way? Where should I go?' And then the beast said 'way to where?' Erhuo said 'to the fourth layer.' The beast, 'Just right ahead of you. Take a turn there and you will smell something nice. When you do, you turn right. That is where you are going.' Erhuo went on asking, 'How far is it? Tell me more!' The beast, 'About three hundred miles. Not very far.' Erhuo said, 'You d\*ckhead! Why are you as stupid as this man beside me? Three hundred miles and you think it is not far?' The beast seemed ashamed, 'I am wrong. You are right. You are absolutely right.'"

Ye Xiao hadn't finished yet, but Han Bingxue was already astonished. Han Bingxue gritted his teeth and asked, "What next then?"

"Then Erhuo said 'Ok.' The beast answered, 'Great!' Then the beast left, 'Can I go now, boss?' Erhuo said, 'Piss the fxck off. You are more annoying than Han Bingxue. Such a d\*ck...' The beast seemed happy and it said, 'Luckily, I am not Han Bingxue. Just give me a word and I will smash Han Bingxue into a piece of shxt.' Erhuo said, 'Get away! Do not make me sick. A Han Bingxue is enough to make me look stupid. With you, do you think I still have a second of relief? Just go away!' So the beast just left... happily..."

He finished the whole story, nodded, and said, "That's it. Any questions? Anything you don't understand?"

Han Bingxue gritted his teeth and spoke with a pale face, "No! I understand all! I never knew that you not only know cat language, but also the spiritual beast language... Now I realize you are already such an advanced person who is like some rare special spiritual beasts..."

Ye Xiao spoke with a smile, "That's flattering. I will remember your word. I will keep it in mind. I know for you, who are even worse than animals, this is quite a strike in the head. Just take your time and accept it."

Han Bingxue looked upset and started to sigh.

[This is getting even harder.]

[Boss is better and better at humiliating people.]

[The two beasts shouted at each other for some reason and then he actually made up a story to humiliate me out of it...]

[How brilliant!]

[I never noticed he had such talent. People change when time passes. That's so typical!]

In fact, even though Ye Xiao didn't translate the conversation in a nice way, he didn't lie about even one word. He didn't even exaggerate it.

Erhuo did say those words.

The white tiger did say those words too... It was all real...

Erhuo finally got the right direction. It didn't hesitate, just ran out to it.

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### **Chapter 1035: Nine-layer Valley Awaits Monarch**

Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue were walking at the back. In the dense fog, they couldn't see, so they didn't know how far they had traveled. They had at least walked in the fog for an hour before they smelled something like musk.

After they took a turn, Erhuo stopped.

Ye Xiao still couldn't see things. He reached out his hands and Erhuo just tactfully jumped back to his hand. When it jumped on his hand, it felt a bit different than Ye Xiao expected. When he touched Erhuo in the hand, he realized Erhuo just jumped back from a stair. It was a bit higher than he expected, so it felt different.

On the stair, there was a door.

The door was the only thing that wasn't covered by the fog in the third layer so far. It was the only thing they saw in this layer!

Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue stared at the door. It was not gold or wood, but they both could feel the toughness of it. They knew that no weapons, no matter how sharp, could break the door.

Ye Xiao stood right in front of the door and operated the East-rising Purple Qi in full power.

The fog started to roll fast all of a sudden. The martial art changed the status of the fog, made it like a boiling rice soup, rolling and whirling.

Ye Xiao reached his hand ahead and touched the door for a while. As expected, he found a hole that he could put his hand into.

He didn't hesitate as he slowly put in his hand which was covered by the energy of purple qi.

When his hand entered the hole, he felt something was rising from beneath the earth, rushing over to his hand. It felt like... whatever it was, it must be in a hurry.

Ye Xiao felt cold in the hand and then realized it was a ring again.

He tried twisting it to the left, yet it didn't move a bit. Then he twisted to the right, and something was moving. - Crack -

The ring rotated half round and the door suddenly disappeared.

The eyes of the two men and one cat lit up at the same time.

It seemed every layer of the Mountain of All Medicines was arranged differently from the prior layer. The first layer was filled with dense fog, so nobody could see anything in it. The second layer was clear. They could see everything. The third layer was foggy again and they were blind in the fog. When they reached the fourth layer, they could see again.

The fourth layer was definitely much more beautiful than the second.

Besides, it was much broader than the second layer too!

Ye Xiao thought, [I am right. The higher, the broader.]

[As it can be seen, it seems nobody ever entered this place before... Such a mysterious land...]

[I wonder if there are much more dangerous beings? Can Erhuo take care of it?]

Erhuo was the 'primal spirit in chaos', and it seemed it overwhelmed the beasts they met earlier, but the fourth layer was a new world. Erhuo was still at such a young age. Could it overwhelm the beasts in this layer like the third layer?

It was doubtful and he felt emotional, but when he opened the door, he still stepped into it without hesitation!

The worst thing to do was hesitating. He had gone this far. The only thing he should do was to keep going ahead!

Han Bingxue saw Ye Xiao enter the door, so he didn't hesitate either.

They both saw a tree of cinnabar fruit near the door. Lots of purple-red fruits were hanging on the tree.

When they took a closer look, they saw the fruits glaring with colorful glows and they were all spinning. That scene proved that this cinnabar fruit tree must be extraordinary. It should be a priceless treasure of the world!

"Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit!" Han Bingxue was a top-level cultivator of Dao Origin Stage who had a pair of sharp eyes. As he saw it, he recognized it and said it out, "Boss, we are going to be so rich this time... We actually found such a valuable treasure just after opening that door!"

Ye Xiao was calm and steady. He didn't move but just stared at the tree of Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit. He slowly said, "Do not be overjoyed too early... It seems there is something weird behind this scene. The treasure may be right in front of us, but I don't think it is going to be easy to get it!"

Around the cinnabar fruits, there were countless streams of rainbow glowing endlessly, moving around the tree. There was a comforting scent spreading out. However, it seemed Ye Xiao was right. No matter how Han Bingxue took a closer look, he felt that there was such a huge distance from them.

"As expected, there must be something behind it!"

Ye Xiao took in a deep breath. "We should wait."

"Really? Do we have to? It is not quite close, and maybe there is something we don't know yet, but I can go and return within a second with my fast flying martial art. There won't be a problem." Han Bingxue seemed impatient. Before he finished talking, he had stepped out. "The cinnabar fruit..."

The next moment, there was a sound of collision.

An invisible screen instantly rose up and stopped Han Bingxue. He hit the screen so hard and he was actually slammed back hard.

Before the tree of cinnabar fruit tree, a mass of purple qi rose up and formed into a few words in the air.

'Nine-layer Valley Awaits Monarch!'

The words showed up one after another slowly and then stopped.

"Nine-layer Valley awaits monarch?" Han Bingxue stared at the words and said, "What does that mean?" He turned around looking at Ye Xiao and said, "Can I understand it as... this Nine-layer Valley, no matter what it is, has been waiting for you, the Xiao Monarch, to come?"

Ye Xiao frowned and looked back at him speechlessly. "I mean... Bingxue, can you answer a question for me?"

Han Bingxue was surprised. "Boss, are you alright? Why did you talk to me like this? It is too polite! Just go ahead. Ask me whatever you want to. I will tell you everything I know! Go!"

"How many years do you think this mountain has been existing?" Ye Xiao asked.

"I don't think anybody actually knows the exact number... But I guess it should be millions!" Han Bingxue rubbed his head and said, "I don't think anybody alive in Qing-Yun Realm can tell you the specific answer. I can only tell you it is millions. Does it help?"

Ye Xiao looked annoyed. "Yes, of course, it does. You have given me the answer I want. You said it yourself, this mountain is at least one million years old. Now tell me, how are these words written for me? Do you even have a brain in your head? Even if I have been reborn eighty-thousand times, do you think I can be older than this mountain?"

Han Bingxue suddenly lost words. He could think of nothing to argue all of a sudden. However, he was always stubborn and reluctant to admit mistakes or defeats, so he said, "There are lots of weird things in the world. Maybe there was a god..."

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#### **Chapter 1036: Transferred Out**

"Please, brother, can you shut up. I would rather let you be the boss, okay? Don't we look like gods for those who are looking at us from down there?" Ye Xiao made a long sigh, "I finally see your true face now. The only thing you are good at is being pretentious. Nothing more. Who on earth was so stupid to give you that title? It is such a waste. It ruins the words..."

Han Bingxue was annoyed and felt awkward, but couldn't think of any words to argue. He was speechless.

At this moment, below the words, the rolling purple qi slowly formed a platform, which seemed to be quite solid.

In the center of the platform, there was an obvious handprint.

'Operate the martial art on the hand and put it on the handprint perfectly. Operate the energy in dantian in the number of nine and open the door!'

More words showed up one after another.

"That's easy." Han Bingxue smiled and stepped ahead in a big step. "Let me do it, Boss!"

He wanted to do it, not because he wanted to take the profit it might bring to them, but in fact, he did it in case it was a trap that would challenge Ye Xiao's cultivation capability or something. Ye Xiao was weak. He would very like fail if it was a trap.

Han Bingxue had no idea whether he could pass the challenge or not, but he was surely much tougher than Ye Xiao at the moment.

It was definitely a right thing for him to do after all.

Before Ye Xiao answered, Han Bingxue's hand was already covered by frost. Cold flowing qi was around his hand and he slowly put the hand onto the handprint.

Technically, his hand was a bit bigger than the handprint, but he could still put his hand on it. "In the number of nine. Well, that must be running it for nine cycles. That's short..."

He started to push the circulation of his inner spiritual power.

The next moment, the cold qi was running wildly inside his body.

However...

"Holy hell!"

Han Bingxue exclaimed.

The platform suddenly glared dazzling purple light that shined the entire world. Ye Xiao felt like he was blind and couldn't see anything anymore. After a while, he heard Han Bingxue exclaim in a terrified voice and then it became silent.

The purple light was twisting as if it met something special...

When he opened his eyes, he found...

Han Bingxue was gone!

Han Bingxue actually disappeared!

[What the hell?]

He was frightened, so he hurriedly looked around to look for Han Bingxue. For him, no matter how mysterious, valuable, and marvelous the platform was, it could never be compared to his brother!

Maybe the platform knew what Ye Xiao was thinking, so the purple qi started to move again and showed a few more words.

'Who pretends to be with qualifications will be banished by heavens!'

Ye Xiao was shocked.

That was obvious... Han Bingxue wasn't qualified, but he did it anyway, so he got banished!

However, no matter how he was banished, it was a good news for Ye Xiao. At least Han Bingxue was only banished, not killed. He was alive.

That was a good news as long as he was still alive!

Where was he banished to?

That was not important to Ye Xiao, not at this moment at least!

Other than that... Ye Xiao had an idea that was so shocking in his heart... [Is this platform... conscious?]

[Maybe... it can communicate through mind connection to me? It receives my mind?]

[Otherwise, how is this possible?]

After a short time of thought, he turned around and wanted to check if Han Bingxue was banished to the outside of this layer. When he just turned around, he found that the door that he had just opened, the entrance of the fourth layer... had been closed!

In other words, he was locked inside this place alone!

He was stunned. After a while, he took a deep breath and murmured, "According to what Ye Shangxin said, once the door is closed, it will take at least two hours before it will open again. I wonder if it is the same in the fourth layer. Anyway, I will have at least two hours here. Let me bet with my fate! Let's see... whether I am who you have been waiting for... the monarch you await!"

Although he saw it as a bet, he didn't dare to be reckless. He quietly operated the East-rising Purple Qi. The purple qi suddenly rolled up from inside his dantian. Within just a moment, it had run for one circle.

Ye Xiao slowly reached his hand out.

The rolling purple qi covered his entire hand. His hand looked like a crystal purple jade at this moment!

He slowly moved his hand to the purple handprint and put his hand on the handprint little by little...

Outside the mountain.

Ye Clan and Li Clan each took one side.

Ye Tianchen looked worried, with his hands behind the back. Li Clan's senior elder was also nervous.

It was their first time to explore the third layer of Heaven Treasure Mountain. It was something that concerned both of their futures.

The two of them both expected their own disciples could collect more than the other...

While they were waiting with anxiety, they didn't even want to have any row. They just kept waiting quietly.

They were waiting for the result...

Suddenly!

A few figures showed up from the mountain, moving down in frustration.

Four men.

All were Li Clan's men!

The others all looked at the four men.

Ye Tianchen frowned. Li Clan elder raised up his eyebrows.

"What's wrong? Why do you four come out so soon? Did anything happen?" Li Clan elder stood up and asked with a frown.



The four men spoke with a frustrated face, "Yes, you can say that. The young man did open the third layer... But... When the door was just opened, a huge crowd of spiritual beasts raged up inside."

"Beasts crowd? How come?" Ye Tianchen and Li Clan elder both asked.

"Yes. It is. Countless spiritual beasts ran over to the entrance of the third layer. The beast of lowest level is level six. There were lots of supreme spiritual beasts beyond level eight and level nine. It was difficult for Dao Origin Stage cultivators to defend, not to mention us." Li Clan people was still in fear. This man's face was pale and he said, "We were at the back of the group... We saw how terrible things became, so we quit... Otherwise..."

"What about the others?" Li Clan elder asked.

"I am afraid..." The man answered, "I am afraid... they are gone..."

Ye Tianchen humphed. Li Clan elder humphed too.

They both had the same thought in mind. [How is this possible? Did we just lose the great opportunity?]

On the other side, Xuan Bing, who was wearing all black, blandly said, "What about that white clothed man who stands beside Master Ye?"

She was asking about Han Bingxue.

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#### **Chapter 1037: Waiting!**

At the moment, Xuan Bing talked in an arrogant tone, with the fierceness from a higher position to the lower, looking down on the entire world. Her aura of cruelty and coldness felt like she was freezing the entire Mountain of All Medicines.

Under her overwhelming suppression, the four men didn't have time to think before they blurted out, "We didn't notice anything special about that man... Maybe it just happened too fast so he didn't have time to..."

Xuan Bing humphed and then quietly sat down.

The suppression was all gone abruptly. The others all had endured the suppression, but it didn't last long. The most powerful one among them was Ye Tianchen, who was in level two of Dao Origin Stage. Nobody realized how powerful Xuan Bing exactly was!

However, it meant nothing to Xuan Bing. It wasn't important whether they realized it or not.

For her, she had the answer she wanted, so nothing else mattered!

[Didn't have time to react?]

[If a top-level Dao Origin Stage cultivator didn't have time to react, how could you have time to quit?]

Xuan Bing felt completely relieved when she thought of that.

The truth was obvious. When things went wrong and it became horrible, the four men didn't even try to see what was happening before they fled in fear.

Han Bingxue was loyal to Ye Xiao. If anything dangerous happened, especially when it was so dangerous that even he himself couldn't handle it, he would definitely drag Ye Xiao away!

Since Han Bingxue didn't do that, it meant things weren't out of control! It didn't matter!

It was impossible that the four level three Dream Origin Stage cultivators made it out and Han Bingxue and Ye Xiao couldn't.

Xuan Bing felt relieved.

That was why she was so calm.

However, Ye Clan people and Li Clan people weren't.

They were all nervous and anxious.

Unlike Xuan Bing, Ye Clan and Li Clan people didn't know who Han Bingxue was and how powerful he was. For them, level nine spiritual beasts were some super-beings that could never be defeated. What they were talking about was a crowd of such beasts. It was some powerful creature that could destroy everything. They figured whoever stayed in there must very possible get killed!

"All of them are trapped inside? Oh no..." Nobody dared to talk loud, but hundreds of men whispering still made the scene bustling.

Ye Tianchen, who was the most powerful figure among them, looked at Xuan Bing. He didn't realize how powerful that suppression was, but he could feel something marvelous did happen. He was such an experienced cultivator. When he saw Xuan Bing sitting there peacefully, he felt relieved too. He took a deep breath and said, "Guys, silence. Calm down. It is a blessing by of the heavens to open the entrance to the third layer. This doesn't have to be a dead end. Let's just keep waiting in calmness!"

The Li Clan elder made the same decision.

They were the two eldest people in their clans, who should be calm and steady while facing dangers!

After about an hour, nothing happened.

It had been over two hours since they left for the mountain.

While everybody was waiting in expectation, something happened. Somebody exclaimed in the sky.

When they looked up, they saw a white figure falling about ten thousand meters high from the sky, waving his hands. Before others realized what happened, Xuan Bing had rushed out.

She rushed up high and she was faster than the others could describe. Because she moved so fast, it made a sound of 'shoot' loudly. After seconds, she had reached thousands of meters in height. The next moment, she had already moved to the white figure.

She waved her hand and it held the falling man with a soft but powerful force that lead them to fall down slowly to the ground.

They were falling so slowly so that the damage from the fall would be reduced.

Ye Tianchen and the Li Clan elder were both shocked. Li Clan elder was rubbing his beard when he saw it. He was so shocked that he nearly ripped his own beard off.

[That woman in black actually has such a power... The power she showed when she rushed... the speed... she must be some powerful figure in Qing-Yun Realm!]

Ye Tianchen and the Li Clan elder knew that none of them could do the same!

In other words... they realized this woman was more powerful than either of them.

They figured she was at least level four of Dao Origin Stage!

Suddenly, they were both sweating with fear.

[It is such a good luck that I didn't say anything impolite to the woman...]

[Otherwise, we might all be killed...]

[With her overwhelming power, it won't be hard for her to kill all of us in seconds... Hmm... Not only just us, but also to wipe out Ye Clan and Li Clan thoroughly!]

However, not everybody was focusing on Xuan Bing. Most of them were staring at the man in white clothes. After watching for a while, they realized the man was exactly the man who entered the mountain earlier.

[How come he was falling from the sky? Isn't it too unbelievable? Strange? Weird? Incredible?]

While everybody was confused, Xuan Bing had returned to the ground with Han Bingxue. - Pah! Pah! - She slapped Han Bingxue on the face, who was in a coma.

Han Bingxue was slapped and he immediately regained consciousness. He shook his head but still felt blank. He slowly opened his eyes, looking confused.

Xuan Bing frowned and reached out her hand. Suddenly, a piece of crystal ice appeared in her hand. - Bang! - It hit Han Bingxue on the head. The ice went into his clothes and chilled him up all over the body.

He was provoked and jumped up. He shouted, "You... What the hell... What are you doing?"

Xuan Bing stood in front of him and spoke in a cold voice, "Are you awake now? Say it. What is going on? Why did you fall from the sky?"

Han Bingxue still looked confused. He said, "Hmm... Why would I... Why am I... Right... How did I get out..."

Xuan Bing looked annoyed. She waved one hand and a mass of snow hit Han Bingxue on the face. "Aren't you awake yet? Fine. Let me clear your head up!"

Han Bingxue was freezing again. He finally regained consciousness. He walked closer to Xuan Bing and told her everything that happened to him and Ye Xiao.

As he was speaking, Xuan Bing's face became darker and darker...

"Wait!"

Xuan Bing looked blank and cold on the face.

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#### **Chapter 1038: The Fourth Person**

It wasn't until this moment that Xuan Bing realized how dangerous the beast crowd was. The beasts were so strong that Han Bingxue alone could never keep Ye Xiao safe. She figured she should have gone with them at the beginning. Besides, she was surprised about Erhuo. [Since when did he have such a strange cat? Why is it so overwhelming?]

The high-level beasts attacking in a crowd, even Xuan Bing would have to retreat. Erhuo actually commanded the beasts! That was amazing!

Now... Ye Xiao was safe, but he might still be in danger later on. The fourth layer of Mountain of All Medicines was somewhere nobody ever entered. According to Han Bingxue's words, 'Nine-layer Vally Awaits Monarch' had two important points. No matter whether Ye Xiao was or not the monarch it was awaiting, it was obvious the mountain had nine layers.

The fourth layer where Ye Xiao stayed at the moment was already somewhere nobody ever reached in the history of Qing-Yun Realm. There were still five more layers upon the fourth. Even though the fourth layer was safe, what about the upper five? Were they all safe?

However, Xuan Bing understood that no matter how angry or anxious she was, it wouldn't help Ye Xiao. In fact, even if she followed him, there was barely anything she could do. She could only get to the third layer. It was the cat who helped Ye Xiao get into the fourth layer. Xuan Bing could never defeat the beast crowd. The fourth layer, as well as the other higher layers, was also a place that was far beyond her capability.

No matter how anxious she was, she could only wait with patience!

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On the other side, Ye Xiao finally touched the purple handprint.

When he put his hand on the handprint, he found that the handprint was exactly the size of his hand. His hand fit into the handprint perfectly.

He was surprised. The platform suddenly had a strong absorption power.

Ye Xiao felt the energy of East-rising Purple Qi running out to the platform. It reminded him the words 'operate the energy in dantian in the number of nine'. He hurriedly ran the spiritual power inside.

Suddenly, a purple light rushed up on the platform, and it raised Ye Xiao's hand up three inches. It actually created a somewhat purple glow between his hand and the platform, which bonded the hand and the handprint tightly.

Ye Xiao looked closer and he was shocked.

The creases on the handprint were exactly the same with his hand!

That was a perfect handprint of his hand!

Even the creases on every finger were the same with his! There was not even a tiny difference.

Till now, Ye Xiao felt terrified!

Two hands in the same size were not so unbelievable. However, if the creases were the same, it was not a reasonable thing anymore!

As Ye Xiao knew, everybody had different creases on the hand. Nobody had the same hand creases with another in the entire history!

However, there was a handprint with exactly the same creases as his hand.

[This... This is exactly my own handprint!]

[What is going on?]

Ye Xiao started to think. He suddenly remembered what Han Bingxue said. 'Can I understand it as... this Nine-layer Valley, no matter what it is, has been waiting for you, the Xiao Monarch, to come?'

He stared at the purple handprint and started shaking.

[Is it... is it?]

However, even if what Han Bingxue said was right, he was not Xiao Monarch anymore. He was Ye Xiao, and his hand was not the hand of Xiao Monarch!

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When he was lost in thoughts, two streams of purple qi suddenly ran into each other. The purple qi that rose from the platform started to get into Ye Xiao's hand. The purple qi that came from inside Ye Xiao was pouring into the platform at the same time.

He felt a special power.

The power was withy and pliable. His hand was hit away all of a sudden. It was not connected to the platform anymore.

As his hand left the platform, the purple platform suddenly dispersed and became a mass of rolling purple qi. The handprint, which confused Ye Xiao, disappeared at the same time.

The mass of purple qi from the platform suddenly rushed up to the sky and became a smoke pillar which was over ten meters wide, sticking to the sky.

He had been pouring out energy since he touched the handprint. It didn't last long, but he felt exhausted at the moment. He was sweating and staggering. He was so tired that he wanted to sit down on the floor and gasp for breath.

He firmly stood and took a deep breath, running the martial art to recover himself.

When he was trying to recover himself, where the platform appeared and disappeared, the dense purple qi started to show up again. More words were showing up in the air.

When he saw the first few words, he knew that what was going to happen would astonish him so much.

'The fourth person, are you ready?'

These were the first several words.

Ye Xiao frowned and looked at the words. He was lost. He had no idea what it meant.

It seemed to be a simple question if not for the special environment he stayed in. When people were doing one job, and the first three men all failed... then he was the fourth. That was easy to understand.

'Are you ready?' That was reasonable too since the first three failed!

However, it was a different story when he was in such a weird situation!

That was ridiculous!

Why was he the fourth person? The fourth person to do what? Those were the two main questions.

That handprint was exactly the same with his handprint. That was impossible to explain already!

Did the three more men before him have the same handprints with that purple handprint?

That was beyond human recognition!

Even if he was the fourth person and it was his destiny, what should he do? There were three men who failed the task, then it must be a difficult task. Was he able to get it done?

He was always brave and bold. Even when he was dying in the previous life, he never felt scared.

However, at this moment, he felt terrified. He was shaking!

That was human instinct to fear the unknown. He knew that there was something existing, but he just didn't know what it was. He knew that it must be something he couldn't handle. It was reasonable that he felt scared!

'Nine-layer Valley has come through nine vicissitudes. Finally, you are here.' The words kept showing up. When the new words showed up, the previous ones disappeared. When the third line was up, the first line had vanished. The first word of the second line started to blur.

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### **Chapter 1039: Master Tianji**

'The first three layers are arranged for human's benefits. It is also a trial for human limits. After the three layers, whoever attempts to enter the fourth layer would have to accept a handprint test. If he or she fails to match the handprint, he or she will be sent away immediately. After that, the entire Nine-layer Valley will leave this world until the next time.'

'This is the ninth world.'

'We have been waiting for such a long time to find you, until finally, you came.'

'This is the answer I can give you that may solve the puzzle in your heart.'

The words slowly showed up and disappeared one after another. It gave Ye Xiao a feeling like there was a man sitting in front of him and patiently telling him a story.

It was neither too dilatory or too fast. It just felt so calm and peaceful. There was no impetuosity nor any other emotions.

It did answer the question in his heart. It also explained the story of this Nine-layer Valley.

[It has happened eight times before. That means eight people failed. Why am I the fourth?]

[Who is the creator of all this? Who has such incredible capability?] He was confused again.

'You must be curious about who I am.' More words were showing up. It was actually responding to Ye Xiao's question. 'I haven't mentioned my name for a long time. However, people used to call me Master Tianji. You can call me the same.'

Ye Xiao was frightened! His face looked full of fear!

[This man must have created this platform millions or perhaps even billion years ago. However, it feels like he is talking to me right now. It is answering every question in my heart! It predicted my thoughts!]

[How wise is that?]

Thinking about how wise Master Tianji was, Ye Xiao felt weak and cold, as if he had no secrets in front of that man! And that man wasn't even around!

If Master Tianji was standing in front of him, how much could he see through Ye Xiao?

How could such a person exist in the world?

He was a man from tens of millions of years earlier.

Ye Xiao was lost. He didn't dare to imagine more.

'You may guess me wrong. You are making me too powerful. You may think that I can see through your mind even though I have been living a long time earlier. In fact, I am not as powerful as you think.'

The words showed up. 'For us, it is not such a powerful move to just fold a period of time. You may find it difficult to understand. Let me explain in another way. We can easily fold the period between ten thousand years ago and the present time. By doing so, I can fold your world to ten thousand years ago, or bring the world ten thousand years ago to the present.'

Ye Xiao's mouth twisted. He was speechless.

[Come on, bro. This is worse than no explanation. If you didn't explain it, I could imagine it myself. I can give it a fair explanation according to what I know. Now that you have explained it with something so beyond my recognition, that made me more scared of you. Are you sure you are not showing off?]

'I can absolutely explain it in a more difficult way and you may probably become more lost. There is a big difference between your view and mine. You can't understand the time folding theory, because nobody in your universe has such a heaven-breaking powerful cultivator. Once your universe acquire a super cultivator who is as powerful as the first three men who were chosen, it will become solid and stable. Except the super cultivator himself, nobody else can do anything to change the status of your universe.'

'All in all... you are still in a universe which is still too weak. If you want your universe to be stronger, it all depends on you. For now, you are the fourth person. I am hopeful that you can be a powerful figure who dominates.'

'Don't doubt it. In other worlds, there is a man who is just like you. However, it depends on who among you can make it to the last. I hope you can be faster than the other guy and win the competition!'

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Ye Xiao felt chilled.

He now roughly understood what was happening.

Even though he didn't clearly get it, he could make a close guess.

Master Tianji did make this platform a long long time earlier. He also left the words when he made this platform.

It was a surprise that he could leave some words that would show up after such a long time. However, what was more surprising was that the words he left actually answered Ye Xiao's questions in his mind. In another word, Master Tianji knew what he would ask after a long time.

Master Tianji didn't miss any detail.

He did even explain something Ye Xiao didn't think of but should have.

The wisdom of Master Tianji was terrifying Ye Xiao!

No words could describe his wisdom.

Maybe Tianji [1] was the only word that could represent him!

'Let's not waste time. Let me introduce you the valley.' The word showed up line after line, like a letter to a close friend. It slowly presented Master Tianji's words to Ye Xiao.

Ye Xiao felt warm that he could only feel from a close friend. However, when he realized it, he was scared.

[Holy heavens. We haven't even met each other but you make me feel close? That is insane...]

[This must be some trick!]

[Besides... I feel like I have heard of this name somewhere before... Tianji?]

[Where did I hear of it? I must have heard of it. I just can't remember...]



He didn't have time to relive the memory. The words didn't wait. If he missed a word or two, he might miss a great lot. He decided to be concentrated!

'The appearance of Nine-layer Valley was an unexpected incident. Me and my brother had fought against our chief and rested somewhere together. By accident, we leaked out some primal living spiritual qi... Years later, when I returned to this place, I found it became something we never could imagine. Man can never predict the move of heavens. Things always change. Since this happened, it must have a reason in the world.'

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#### **Chapter 1040: Real Trial Begins**

'So I locked this mountain, and for some special reason, it became a secret reserve project.'

'After more years, me and my brother have become as powerful as heavens. This reserve project was meaningless to us. However, even though it is useless to us, it still has a certain use. At least it must be useful for the new people who we wanted to train.'

'We are all so busy though. We don't have time to do more arrangements in this place, so we just changed the structures of this mountain a little bit and put it into use. As long as the mountain doesn't fall, it will grow itself.'

Ye Xiao felt stricken.

[Holy shxt. Can't you stop being arrogant like this? Mountain of All Medicines, a treasure to all people in Qing-Yun Realm, is just something useless to you? It's not even as useful as a game? It is meaningless?]

[Rest... leaked some primal living spiritual qi?]

[What is that? Is it good?]

[You are all busy? You don't have time to do more? So you just changed the structure a little bit?]

[Why don't you just say that you blew it and it was done?]

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'Things in the first three layers are all some normal medical materials. They are mostly useless. That's why we keep it open to everybody. As long as you are capable enough, you can go take whatever you want. The fourth layer is the beginning of the real trial.'

'Of course, the fourth layer is only an authentication process. As long as you pass it, you own the fourth layer. However... the fifth is coming. It all depends on your own fate.'

'When you enter the other five layers, you will understand what I truly have left you. You will truly understand that I am being honest to say that it is useless to us but greatly useful to you!'

'Nine-layer Valley... is actually nine layers of heavens...'

The last thing appeared was an ellipsis. The words were gone.

Purple qi suddenly rushed up and became a dense fog in the sky. Then it was all gone.

It disappeared so abruptly! It was just gone so clearly!

When the purple qi was gone, the entire fourth layer was clearly shown in Ye Xiao's sight.

That was enormous...

When Ye Xiao took a look at the scene in front of him, he nearly passed out.

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In the third layer, Ye Clan and Li Clan both got a huge harvest. What satisfied them most was that...

The third layer had so many spiritual beasts hanging around, many of which were beyond level nine. However, they didn't attack anybody.

The beasts would only stand around and watch them collect the materials, or just walk away.

However, they all kept the two hours restraint in mind. They, of course, did want to get more medicines, but the door would open after two hours. They knew that if they stayed here longer, the more likely they would encounter danger. Even though the beasts seemed friendly, what if they changed? They would never risk their lives to just get more medicines. It would be such a shame to die in the beasts' belly just because of their greediness.

Two hours was such a short time.

They had such a great opportunity. There were countless medicines right there for them, yet they didn't have time to collect them. What a tragedy!

That was why everybody was working so hard, taking every second they had to collect as many as they could.

There were lots of medicines but limited time...

Ye Clan had nearly twice the number of men than Li Clan, so they were taking all advantages, occupying all the good spots. Li Clan people were angry, but none of them dared to say anything.

The situation was obvious to everybody.

Ye Clan people were never nice to Li Clan. If Li Clan people resisted, Ye Clan people would start the fight immediately!

They would leave six dead bodies of Li Clan in this place.

Li Clan people would never give them the reason to do it. However, even though there were lots of medicines, there were not many Regeneration Ink Lotus among them. Nearly all lotuses were in Ye Clan's pocket.

When Ye Clan people looked at Li Clan people, their eyes were filled with hostility.

Two hours nearly passed, and they were all gathering toward the entrance.

Ye Shangxin kept his hands behind the back as he casually walked to Li Changshan. He talked to Li Chongshan in the attitude from high to low, "Li Chongshan, I saw you collect a few Regeneration Ink Lotus. We have known each other for a long time. We won't push you too hard. Just give me ten of your lotuses and we can go out together peacefully. What do you say?"

Li Chongshan nearly spat out a mouthful of blood. He shouted with his eyes widely opened, "Ten? Why don't you just rob it! You occupied all the good spots in this area. We have only collected eleven Regeneration Ink Lotus! Now you are asking for ten? What are you thinking? Go back to your dream!"

Ye Shangxin waved his hand and said, "Eleven indeed? Great! Leave them all! Guys, do it!"

Ye Clan people gathered over, staring at Li Clan people deliberately.

"Wait!" Li Chongshan's voice changed.

"Hmm. Brother Li, I guess you don't want to fight either, right?" Ye Shangxin smiled, showing his Snow White teeth. He was so happy.

Li Chongshan looked so wretched. He was stressed.

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People who were waiting outside the mountain kept looking up at the sky... Finally...

On the hillside, over a dozen figures showed up from nothing!

"They are here! They are back!" somebody cheered.

Twenty-two men including Han Bingxue had entered the mountain. Five had already returned, and now many had returned. None of them died. It was always a good thing that everybody was safe, even if they collected nothing!

Ye Clan forefather Ye Tianchen looked quite satisfied. "Good! Ten good men. All made it back. Hahaha..." He turned to the Li Clan elder and said with a smile, "You are good too. Ten men left, ten men back. Nobody died."

Li Clan elder nearly spat out blood on Ye Tianchen's face because of anger.

None of the two clans lost any man. All the twenty men made it out unharmed. However, they all knew what happened in the third layer!

Li Clan's ten people were all back too, but... the four of them ran away in advance!

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