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Chapter 721: A Chess Game

The Hexagon Starfish surrendered. He knew that he wouldn't be able to keep the Spirit Awakening Fluid, but he just didn't expect Han Fei to come so soon. Otherwise, if he could have had a few more days, he might have been able to break through to level-47. At that time, he would definitely become a powerful starfish.

The Hexagon Starfish took out 2,000 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid.

Han Fei was immediately furious. "Do you think I'm a fool? Hand it all in."

The Hexagon Starfish grieved. "There are only 2,000 kilograms left!"

Han Fei sneered. "Dishonest starfish, do you think you have too many tentacles? You drank more than 10,000 kilograms, fine! But how can you tell me you have only 2,000 kilograms left?"

Han Fei kept interrogating the Hexagon Starfish and even entered his gates to search around before he finally confirmed that that was all.

There was only 2,900 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid in total.

Han Fei was speechless. If he came one single day later, there wouldn't be a single drop of Spirit Awakening Fluid left for him. This starfish was such a glutton!

However, this indirectly confirmed Han Fei's guess: there must have been a lot of Spirit Awakening Fluid in the Undersea Chimney. Xia Xiaochan alone had snatched more than 20,000 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid. How incredible!

More than 20,000 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid, which was equivalent to more than one billion points of credit! But the Hexagon Starfish almost drank it all.

Han Fei asked, "When did Xia Xiaochan leave?"

"Just yesterday."

"How much Spirit Awakening Fluid did she take with her?"

The Hexagon Starfish's eyes rolled. "Not a single bit. She said she gave it to me. Therefore, the Spirit Awakening Fluid belongs to Starfish."

Han Fei sneered. "I will confiscate the rest."

The Hexagon Starfish: "..."

With a flash between Han Fei's eyebrows, Little Black and Little White appeared. Without saying anything, Han Fei directly threw 400 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid over.

As a result, the lustre on Little White and Little Black became stronger, but they still failed to make a breakthrough.

So Han Fei threw another 500 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid to them. This time, when Little White swallowed 300 kilograms, she broke through and finally reached level-39.

Han Fei's eyes lit up. Under the Hexagon Starfish's aggrieved gaze, he fed all the remaining 2,200 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid to Little White.

Swallowing it, Little White seemed to become more and more holy. However, she failed to make another breakthrough and seemed to be stuck at a breaking point.

The Hexagon Starfish said, "This, this must be a big bottleneck, and the Spirit Awakening Fluid must not be enough."

Smack!

Han Fei slapped the Hexagon Starfish to the ground. "Then why didn't you save more for me?"

This was a pity indeed. He didn't know how much Spirit Awakening Fluid was needed for a spiritual beast to make a breakthrough. However, as mysterious creatures, Little Black and Little White were extremely powerful, so they might need more Spirit Awakening Fluid.

Having no choice, Han Fei could only stop.

After all, this was only the third day for him to go to sea. The marine resources were so rich that it was impossible for him to seize them all in one or two days.

Han Fei believed that even if Little Black and Little White hadn't been able to break through, they would do it soon. He would work out a way to get more Spirit Awakening Fluid to help these two little guys break through.

As for the other beasts, they'll have to wait!

Unless he could get tens of thousands of kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid, there wasn't enough Spirit Awakening Fluid for them.

Han Fei grabbed the Hexagon Starfish and pressed it on his shoulder. "Go, let's find Xia Xiaochan."

The Hexagon Starfish almost cried. "Starfish is not going. It's too dangerous outside, and Starfish wants to stay here."

Han Fei said fiercely, "Shut up! If you stay here, sooner or later you'll be dug out by others."

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At this moment, Han Fei was full of doubt. Xia Xiaochan turned into a crab and left without taking a single bit of Spirit Awakening Fluid? Where did she go?

Since she had escaped, she would definitely be able to return easily to return to the Scattered Stars Island if she wanted to. After all, Xia Xiaochan also had a Wind God Boat.

Besides, if Xia Xiaochan was going back, she would have definitely brought the Hexagon Starfish with her.

And why did Xia Xiaochan give the Spirit Awakening Fluid to the Hexagon Starfish?

She knew Little White had the ability to track, so if Han Fei knew that she hadn't returned to the Scattered Stars Island, he would definitely come to look for her.

So, Xia Xiaochan probably wanted to leave this batch of Spirit Awakening Fluid to him!

Thinking of this, Han Fei immediately slapped the Hexagon Starfish. "Did Xia Xiaochan ask you to give the Spirit Awakening Fluid to me when she left?"

The Hexagon Starfish's tentacles stiffened, and his big eyes kept rolling. "No, she said it was for Starfish."

Seeing the Hexagon Starfish's reaction, Han Fei knew his guess was right. He sneered. "Okay, you bad starfish! Our labor contract is renewed for ten years. You've sold yourself to me!"

Hexagon Starfish grieved. "She did give it to Starfish..."

Han Fei didn't listen to his explanation, but said indifferently, "If you can find her, then I won't pursue this matter again, but if you can't, I'm telling you, you're doomed."

Han Fei knew that something must have happened to Xia Xiaochan. He didn't know what exactly happened to her, but something must have happened to her.

Because of this, she chose not to return to the Scattered Stars Island.

However, although Xia Xiaochan was not weak, the outer domain of the Scattered Stars Island was extremely dangerous.

Only Han Fei knew how many difficulties he had encountered in the last three days. The outer sea was many times more dangerous than the level-three fishery.

Little White was heading in a direction, swimming slowly. Han Fei was not in a hurry either.

Now that Xia Xiaochan had sobered up, no one could catch her. With the Metamorphosis Water at her disposal, Xia Xiaochan could change into anything.

Since Xia Xiaochan's safety was not a problem, Han Fei was not that anxious. He planned to look for her while sharpening his skills.

However, little did he know that the Scattered Stars Island was in an uproar because of him.

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The first one who jumped out was Zhang Xuanyu. He flew up and kicked Le Renkuang. "You damn fatty, why didn't you tell me that? Am I still your buddy? How could you just let Feifei run to the outer sea alone? You really piss me off."

Le Renkuang was aggrieved. "But if we all went with him, it would attract a lot of attention!"

Luo Xiaobai has just returned, and as usual, she was the calmest one. "Don't worry. It shouldn't be a big problem. At least Senior Brother Dashuai said that Han Fei killed a lot of sea monsters, and this is all credit, which should be able to offset the charges against him."

Zhang Xuanyu was still angry. "The point is whether Xia Xiaochan is safe or not!"

Everyone's heart did a flip. Indeed, no one knew this! According to the implications of Gong Wenhai and Yang Ying from the Dark Hunting Legion, Xia Xiaochan seemed to have run away after murdering other humans!

However, Luo Xiaobai and the others certainly didn't believe this.

Luo Xiaobai instructed, "Keep an eye on Gong Wenhai, Yang Ying, and Shui Ran. The one among them who maliciously spread this rumor is the most suspicious one."

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Twisted Jungle.

Jiang Qin frowned. "Shall I go find them?"

Old Jiang shook his head. "No. The life tablets of the five of them are all in my hand and they are all right. As for why they don't come back... Perhaps they don't want to come back?"

Jiang Qin exclaimed, "But, this is too dangerous! They're not strong enough yet to explore the outer sea of the Scattered Stars Island."

Old Jiang sneered. "Don't worry. These little guys are very cunning. If something happens, they won't wait to die. Besides, the outer sea is so big. Even if you go to find them, it would be no easy task."

Jiang Qin rolled her eyes. "Can't you go find them?"

Old Jiang shook his head again. "If you can't find them, I can't find them either. Unless they are forced to use their Dying Strike, I can't find out where they are. Besides, if I go out, Xue Shenqi will definitely take action."

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Scattered Stars Jail.

Zhang Teng scowled at the jailers. "Haven't you got any news about that brat yet?"

A jailer smiled bitterly. "Boss, he is a Heavenly Talent, not a normal person. I can't believe he actually honed his combat skills with thousands of real sea monsters. He must be a lunatic."

Zhang Teng spat. "Fuck, I knew it! All guys from the Thug Academy are trouble-makers. Like a dragon returns to the sea, Han Fei has gone to sea. We won't be able to find him anymore. Bring our men back!"

"Bring them back?"

The jailers looked at each other at a loss. "Are we not chasing him anymore?"

Zhang Teng said bitterly, "If we can't f*cking find him, why bother? Are we that bored?"

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Central City of the Scattered Stars Island.

Inside a certain palace, a gentle-faced young man was looking at a huge sea chart. On this chart, the Scattered Stars Island was just a palm-sized place.

The chart was densely packed with more than a thousand marked-out places that were randomly scattered.

Someone respectfully knelt down on one knee. "Marshal, there is no trace of Xia Xiaochan or Han Fei."

This person was the famous Supreme Commander of the Scattered Stars Island, Xue Shenqi.

However, Xue Shenqi's face did not change at all and his eyes were still fixed on the sea chart. After a while, he said lightly, "Well! I'll give Old Jiang a chance and won't pursue this matter... By the way, where is Tang Ge?"

"Tang Ge wants to go to sea, but he has been intercepted."

Xue Shenqi nodded. "Release him. But keep an eye on him and don't let him leave the island."

After a long time, Xue Shenqi murmured, "Han Fei, Jiang Daqian, Thug Academy... Han Guanshu, what game are you playing? Now everyone is in the game, but where are Xia Xiaochan and Tang Ge from? You've disappeared for more than 30 years. What is your plan?"

Chapter 722: Peekaboo Game

Three days later.

Han Fei had gone far into the outer sea area, roughly 30,000 kilometers, and the creatures he encountered were getting stronger and stronger.

Firstly, there were more and more exotic creatures.

This made Han Fei excited! When he was in the level-three fishery, it was like winning the lottery if he encountered an exotic creature.

But now? Exotic creatures ran everywhere, and one could be seen almost every thousand kilometers, sometimes even every hundred kilometers.

And sometimes they even appeared in clusters.

However, Han Fei had not discovered a creature with higher quality than exotic creatures.

It seemed that exotic creatures were already the best-quality creatures here.

However, after a few days, the number of Inferior Man-Fish and other sea monsters who were hunting Han Fei had decreased a lot.

Today, Han Fei had been swimming for a long time but didn't find a single Inferior Man-Fish.

"Huh! Did the Inferior Man-Fish go to a party? Or are they worshipping the Sea God? Strange!"

The Hexagon Starfish grew worried. "The nearby creatures have become stronger. Let's go back to the island!"

Han Fei scoffed. "Shut up. Haven't you noticed that Little White's swimming speed is getting slower and slower? She must have found Xia Xiaochan's position. Let's find her first!"

About half an hour later, Han Fei's eyes suddenly lit up. He perceived a canyon. It was deep and serene, and right in the direction that Little White was heading for.

However, when Han Fei came to this canyon, his face changed.

The spiritual energy here was chaotic, and there was the smell of blood everywhere. There must have just been a battle not long ago.

Without considering much, Han Fei rushed directly into the canyon.

The sea here was quite turbid. Dust and sand from the bottom of the sea must have rolled up from the intense battle.

Besides, above the canyon, there were several cliffs, and sea sand flowed into the canyon like a waterfall, which looked spectacular.

Before he reached the bottom of the canyon, Han Fei's perception had swept the entire area of about 40 kilometers.

He found that the bottom of the canyon was like a desert, with at least 20 corpses of Inferior Man-Fish and Red Demons littered around, as well as three Half-Mermaid's bodies.

This was only above the sand sea, and several dozen meters below the sand sea, Han Fei also found the bodies of several more Red Demons.

Han Fei's perception couldn't go deeper. Although his perception range was large, it was extremely difficult for perception to penetrate matter.

Perception might be able to penetrate the sand and stone ground and go down tens of meters, and it would also work if there was a huge unsealed space underground. But if there were sand and rocks all the way down, it became extremely difficult to go deeper.

For example, at this moment, hardly had Han Fei's perception penetrated more than 20 meters below the sand when he felt that the difficulty was increasing exponentially.

Han Fei didn't think Xia Xiaochan would hide so deeply, so he rushed all the way down.

When Han Fei passed a Red Demon, he spotted a harpoon thrown not far away, and he couldn't help but wonder.

Han Fei patted the Red Demon's body casually and a Sea Swallowing Seashell dropped.

"Huh! Why did the Sea Swallowing Seashell drop so easily? Is there nothing inside?"

Han Fei scanned the Sea Swallowing Seashell with his perception and found that there were a few kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid in it and more than 30 top-quality materials, which was quite valuable!

Han Fei glanced at Little White. "Girl, are you sure Xia Xiaochan is here?"

Han Fei frowned. It made no sense! Just like him, Xia Xiaochan wouldn't let go of any spoils of war. It didn't make sense that after killing so many Red Demons and Half-Mermaids, she didn't even take their Sea Swallowing Seashells...

Han Fei found a total of 10 Sea Swallowing Seashells from these Inferior Man-Fish and Red Demons.

And then from the Half-Mermaids, he got 510 kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid, more than 5,000 catties of spiritual spring, and a total of more than 30 mid-quality and low-quality spiritual stones.

It had been several days since the battle in the Undersea Chimney. Besides, it was too far away from the Undersea Chimney here, so it was reasonable that there wasn't much Spirit Awakening Fluid.

However, Han Fei was not at all happy.

There were only two possibilities that Xia Xiaochan killed the sea monsters without taking their Sea Swallowing Seashells...

The first was that Xia Xiaochan had no time or chance to do it.

That meant that the sea monsters were still chasing her.

If this was the case, Han Fei was confident that Xia Xiaochan had a way to escape.

But if it was the second...

What if these sea monsters and Sea Swallowing Seashells were all left to him by Xia Xiaochan?

Han Fei knew that Xia Xiaochan didn't need Spirit Awakening Fluid. That was because, with Spirit Awakening Fluid, Xia Xiaochan would not be able to hold down her realm and would easily go mad.

However, if these sea monsters were left to him by Xia Xiaochan, then she must have known that he was coming. Besides, she also knew that he was nearby, or else she would not have grasped the timing so well.

Obviously, it hadn't even been half an hour since these sea monsters died. If he started to chase her now, he should be able to catch up with her.

Han Fei immediately touched Little White's head. "Let's continue to go after her"

Needless to say, the death of so many sea monsters would definitely alert other sea monsters.

It would be okay if it was just Inferior Man-Fish and Red Demons, but there were even Half-Mermaids here. It was hard to tell if they had a life tablet.

After all, Han Fei didn't know much about the living conditions of sea monsters. Did they have a large camp? Did they also have cities? All of this remained unknown to Han Fei.

Half-Mermaids were Heavenly Talents among sea monsters, so they should have life tablets.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have been chased all the way just because he killed a dozen or so sea monsters a few days ago.

This time, Han Fei sped along at top speed, following Little White.

However, as soon as he rushed for more than 500 kilometers, he encountered two Half-Mermaids and three Red Demons but saw no Inferior Man-Fish.

“F*ck!”

Han Fei cursed quietly. *I just wanted to find my girlfriend!*

Han Fei said, “Don’t get in the way. I’m not interested in starting a war with you.”

However, the Half-Mermaid ignored his words and yelled, “Kill!”

Han Fei’s eyes turned cold and he activated the Majestic Mystic Spell. At this time, he was not interested in honing the Art of Invincibility. He just wanted to kill the opponent as quickly as possible so that he could continue to search for Xia Xiaochan.

He had Little Gold and Little Fatty attached to him and launched the Draw Technique against Red Demon.

Although the Red Demon had already reacted extremely quickly, his battle suit and harpoon were still broken in an instant. He couldn’t even parry a single blow of Han Fei.

After all, Han Fei was way different than before. His strength had improved a lot.

Besides, that Red Demon was not a peak-level Red Demon, so he was killed in a second.

Hum!

Han Fei held the Golden Seal and collided against a Half-Mermaid head-on. At the moment of the collision, a weird smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.

Within a radius of 300 meters, Infinity Water turned into countless knives and swept in.

The next moment, he activated the Ten Thousand Knives in One.

With Infinity Water plus Ten Thousand Knives in One, there were knives everywhere as far as one could see! Han Fei didn’t give these sea monsters a chance to escape at all.

White flames ignited on the Half-Mermaid. Among them, a Half-Mermaid discovered Han Fei’s terror and tried to escape. However, in the next second, a small golden seal was directly thrown at him.

The horrible force directly threw him onto the seabed.

Smoke and dust filled the area instantly. Within five minutes, the two Half-Mermaids and three Red Demons were all killed.

Putting away their harpoons and Sea Swallowing Seashells, Han Fei continued to rush forward.

However, less than a hundred kilometers away again, Little White stopped suddenly and then looked at Han Fei in confusion.

“What’s the matter, girl? What’s here?”

Han Fei looked around and found that this was an ordinary seabed, full of mud and sediment, but there were not many plants around. Except for some coral on the seafloor, there was nothing else.

But the next moment, Little White responded. Xia Xiaochan's scent disappeared.

"Disappeared?"

Han Fei couldn't believe it. What method did Xia Xiaochan use? Even Xiaobai couldn't track her?

However, Han Fei couldn't stop. There had been two battles here, and if he guessed right, other sea monsters would come over soon.

Han Fei immediately said to the Hexagon Starfish, "Open your gate and let me in."

"Huh? No, Starfish doesn't want to escape alone."

Han Fei scolded him, "Find a place first, set up an array, and hide."

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When Han Fei came out again, the Inferior Man-Fish appeared in his perception.

Yes, the sea monsters were wary. This made it more than ten times more difficult for him to find Xia Xiaochan.

As a result, the search had come full circle. A day later, Little White found Xia Xiaochan's direction again.

Repeating this process over and over again, Han Fei had been searching for more than half a month.

During the period, Han Fei finally confirmed one thing: Xia Xiaochan was playing peekaboo with him!

Every time when he was about to find her, he always found that there had been a big battle and the place was full of killed and wounded Half-Mermaids and Red Demons. Sea Swallowing Seashells and weapons were left to him.

This kind of thing happened almost every three days.

"Why is she doing this?!"

Han Fei was confused and had no idea what Xia Xiaochan's purpose was.

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The sea monsters were also at a loss. The sea monsters scattered in this sea area died a batch every few days and they couldn't even find the murderer.

Somewhere in an undersea mountain range.

A Half-Mermaid said coldly, "This must have been done by human beings, who are trying to destroy our camp. This time, send 12 Heavenly Talents over and get to the bottom of this!"

Chapter 723: The Sea Demon Mountains

Han Fei had looted a lot of good stuff over the recent half month.

Earlier, he had been eating spiritual fruits every day, but he didn't have to anymore. He had picked up an abundance of spiritual springs and some spiritual stones just by following Xia Xiaochan.

After a rough calculation, considering the spiritual energy he stored earlier and picked up recently, Han Fei found that he had 70 million points of spiritual energy available in total.

Among that, the spiritual springs took up 28 million points and weighed almost thirty thousand kilograms. He had got 24 million by having spiritual fruits. The spiritual stones he picked up amounted up to 20 million too.

In such a case, it wasn't far away for him to save a hundred million points of spiritual energy.

However, Han Fei didn't pick up as much Spirit Awakening Fluid. He had only looted about fifteen hundred kilograms during the half month.

The longer he traveled, the less he got. He even found no Spirit Awakening Fluid at all in the last two raids.

Han Fei had every reason to believe that these sea demons had become smarter. They would either use up the Spirit Awakening Fluid before they left home, or not take it out at all.

Han Fei didn't think it was likely that they left such valuable treasures at home. Besides, it remained unknown whether or not the sea demons had a home. So, they probably had drunk it themselves.

Han Fei put a spiritual fruit into his mouth. He had to keep eating them. He didn't even have a hundred million points of spiritual energy yet. It wouldn't be enough if he needed to deduce any techniques.

As a matter of fact, Han Fei had indeed planned to deduce all the techniques he needed before he returned to the island.

All of a sudden, Han Fei sensed that dozens of turbulent waves were moving in front of him at an unbelievable speed.

Han Fei subconsciously narrowed down his senses and cast a Concealment Array and Breath Concealing Array on himself.

"Mr. Hexagon Starfish, hurry up and hide us in your arrays! There's no time to enter a gate."

The Hexagon Starfish shivered and cast a Concealment Array on Han Fei. Han Fei quickly cast the Stealth Array, the Water Illusion Array, and all the other arrays he knew that could hide him.

Hexagon Starfish asked, "What's wrong?"

"Don't talk, and don't move..."

A moment later, Han Fei sensed that a bunch of sea demons flew above his head like launched missiles... No, they were much faster than missiles! They were like the clouds left by jets in the sky after they flew by. Hundreds of such clouds appeared suddenly.

Han Fei was quite shocked. *What was going on? Have human beings declared war on the sea demons?*

Han Fei dare not release his senses. If those guys detected him, it would be impossible for him to escape unless he ran into Forge the Universe.

However, while Han Fei observed them, a Half-Mermaid suddenly paused and spread out its senses. Han Fei quickly lowered his head, ready to enter Forge the Universe.

He could always enter it with Mr. Hexagon Starfish. It was impossible for him to defeat this number of enemies.

Those Half-Mermaids looked very strong. They were definitely above level-50.

One of the Half-Mermaids asked, "What's the matter? Is there something wrong?"

Sensing that the enemies were scanning the area, Han Fei only hoped that the Hexagon Starfish's illusions worked and the sea demons didn't see him, or he wouldn't know how long he would have to hide inside Forge the Universe.

At this moment, a stone shivered eight hundred meters away from Han Fei.

Immediately, a spear of spiritual energy was thrown down and pierced through a crab.

Up in the sky, the Half-Mermaid who stopped said, "No. I might have just been paranoid."

After the sea demons rushed out again, Han Fei glanced at the Hexagon Starfish and gently shook his head.

The Hexagon Starfish nodded with its giant eyeballs, showing that it got it.

Han Fei stood where he was for almost an hour, until a Half-Mermaid suddenly descended from the surface of the sea and quickly scanned the area before finally leaving the place.

After a while, Han Fei didn't think that they would search the place for a third time, so he asked telepathically, *We need to be more cautious later. I think we're approaching the lair of the sea demons.*

Hexagon Starfish asked, "Why did Xia Xiaochan go to the sea demons' lair for no good reason? Let's just go back first. I'm sure she'll return later."

Han Fei scoffed. "Shut up. Now, keep stealthy the whole time! We may have sailed hundreds of thousands of kilometers in the sea. We can't even tell the direction anymore. You think it's easy to return? Keep looking for her."

Six hours passed.

The places that Little White led them to got weirder and weirder.

Han Fei saw a mountain in the distance. Occasionally, some Inferior Man-Fish swam above his head. There were more plants around here, and fewer creatures. Fish were rare in this place.

Han Fei instantly said, "Mr. Hexagon Starfish, something is wrong. I think we may have really come to the lair of sea demons."

The sea creatures dare not approach this place, which was frequented by sea demons. The hundreds of Half-Mermaids Han Fei saw earlier had probably set off from this place.

The Hexagon Starfish quickly rolled its eyes. "Then what do we do? Let's run! We can't possibly break into the sea demons' home camp!"

Han Fei snorted. "We have to pass it even if we can't defeat them. No, we have to dig our way through."

Han Fei spread out his senses. He detected Inferior Man-Fish within twenty kilometers, but they couldn't detect him.

Han Fei kicked the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp. "Dig as deep as possible. No bashing, just dig."

It was relatively simple to dig tunnels at the bottom of the sea where the soil was soft. The Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp could easily dig dozens of meters down.

Han Fei simply collected the soil behind it and then sealed the tunnel from the back. He also asked the Hexagon Starfish to set up arrays in the hole.

"Will this work?"

Han Fei nodded. "Yes, Little White is leading the way."

Little White was on the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp's head at this moment, and the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp dug in the direction that Little White faced.

Although it was slightly slow, Han Fei would rather be prudent than take risks.

However, he was still confused about why Xia Xiaochan came to the sea demons' camp. He hoped she wasn't caught by them.

He didn't think it was possible. Xia Xiaochan played hide-and-seek with him for so long and left loot on the battlefield for him. There was no reason that she could be caught!

If she wasn't caught, she must have had a good reason to come here.

As the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp dug five hundred meters underground, the digging got harder and harder. Heavy rocks could be found on their way.

Han Fei examined the depths and didn't think that he would be found if had been pressing into a mountain, he probably wouldn't be noticed.

After twelve hours of digging, Little Black, which had been following Han Fei, dashed out and caught a spiritual stone from the dirty mud.

Han Fei: "???"

Han Fei was lost for words. "Wait a moment, where did you find this?"

It was a low-quality spiritual stone that contained 11,022 points of spiritual energy.

However, even a low-quality spiritual stone was still valuable. Where had Little White led the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp to?

Han Fei instantly said in delight, "Get out of the way and let me see where we are."

Han Fei searched and soon found another spiritual stone from the soil. His eyelids fluttered.

"Hiss! Is it possible that we've run into a spiritual stone mine?"

Han Fei scanned the place with his senses, only to discover that he could only sense several dozen meters, which was unbelievable as his range of perception should've been twenty kilometers.

However, he had detected a dozen low-quality spiritual stones in such a short distance.

Han Fei considered calmly and wondered if the mountain would collapse if he were to pick up all the stones.

It was not like he had never done that before. He had already collapsed a mine back in the level-one fishery. If he were to collapse the camp of sea demons, was there a chance for him to run away alive?

"However, I can't just leave all these stones here!"

Han Fei couldn't possibly refuse the spiritual stones that he had already seen. He wasn't that rich at all.

However, Han Fei didn't put the stones into Forge the Universe. He simply took a giant box out of Forge the Universe and threw the stones he found into it while he let the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp drag the box.

Han Fei murmured, "I don't think the mountain will collapse as soon as the spiritual energy still lingers."

Therefore, Han Fei dug deeper and deeper, until the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp penetrated the rocks and Han Fei found that his senses were completely blocked. They were totally trapped inside the mountain.

Boom!

Han Fei had just picked up a high-quality spiritual stone, when the tunnel they just dug out suddenly collapsed.

Han Fei: "???"

The Hexagon Starfish: "???"

The Hexagon Starfish cried, "Did you just get us trapped in the rocks?"

Han Fei lowered his head and looked at the big box in his arms. "I don't think I picked many! It's just a hundred of them, and none of them are ultra-quality. Why has it collapsed?"

The Hexagon Starfish shook. "The real problem is, how can we get out?"

Han Fei scratched his head. "I can't sense anything up there. Do you think the sea demons up above can detect us?"

Chapter 724: My Lord, the Mountain Collapsed Again

Han Fei was trapped in a space with a coverage of no more than ten square meters inside the mountain. There was no telling if it was a digging problem, but that space was all that he had.

The Hexagon Starfish wondered, "Do we still dig?"

Han Fei glanced at the box that hadn't been filled yet and winked. "Of course. Why not?"

Han Fei was quite speechless. Up until now, most of the spiritual stones he dug out were low-quality. There were only thirteen mid-quality ones and six high-quality ones.

Yet, the mountain had already collapsed?

Han Fei didn't know what to say about the mountain, which wasn't even as good as his own. He had at least found an ultra-quality spiritual stone in that mountain before it collapsed. This one should've at least offered some ultra-quality spiritual stones before it collapsed.

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Outside.

At the very center above the mountain.

Boom!

A Half-Mermaid expert rose quickly. "What's that noise?"

Another Half-Mermaid rushed in. "My lord, one of the mountains at the edge of the ridge had a minor collapse."

"A minor collapse? How did this happen?"

The Half-Mermaid shook its head. "Not sure. It might have been an earthquake. I just checked it. The collapse is only five meters deep, and the spiritual energy around is not disrupted. It was probably just a regular collapse."

"Let's go there and take a look. The sea has been turbulent these past few days. Let's hope that human beings weren't behind that."

Another Half-Mermaid asked, "Human beings? I don't think so. They would've attacked our main mountain if they were coming for us. Why would they touch an abandoned mine?"

A moment later, a group of Half-Mermen and Red Demons came to the mine. They were all lost for words to see the collapse that was hundreds of meters long.

A Half-Merman expert scanned the area for a long time and said, "It should be fine. I can even sense a couple of low-quality spiritual stones. Right, there is a demonic Qi barrier between this mine and our main mountain, right?"

A Half-Mermaid said, "Yes! At the bottom of this mine are large pieces of black bronze. There are some spiritual stones, but they're extremely difficult to dig out. The demonic Qi is on its way to our main peak too. Even we cannot possibly resist the turbulent demonic Qi."

The Half-Merman boss nodded. "Okay, let's go back! Send inferior sea demons thirty thousand kilometers away for defense. It's said that Xue Shenqi is active again. Let's hope that this isn't one of his tricks."

"Yes, my lord."

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Han Fei had absolutely no idea what happened up above.

He didn't even know that he was digging in the hardest part on the whole mountain ridge.

At this moment, Han Fei kicked the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp's head. "I asked you to dig a tunnel. What have you dug out? Is it iron? Don't tell me that you're getting me a mine of metals, which are worthless to cultivators these days."

Thud!

The Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp was so upset that it struck out and broke the enormous rocks, only to be kicked by Han Fei again.

"I asked you to slow down. Why are you thundering on? What if someone hears us?"

As a matter of fact, the Half-Mermen who were asked to stay here for observation also looked at each other in bewilderment.

One of them asked, "Has the mother lode been unsteady recently?"

Another Half-Merman said, "The mother lode in the sea is never steady. I wish that an Undersea Chimney would arise here. That would be so great!"

"Keep dreaming. This mine is the last place where an Undersea Chimney will show up! I estimate that it's just an earthquake. It wouldn't be bad if this mine collapses. We'll have a chance to pick up the spiritual stones inside."

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It wasn't easy for the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp to dig at all. Han Fei felt that Little White might have taken them to the wrong place. How could a mountain be full of hard rocks?

Han Fei discovered that the black things were definitely metals. He didn't know what metals they were exactly, but they were so hard that he would've been trapped here if the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp weren't so good at digging.

Thud!

Crack!

All of a sudden, the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp shattered a large piece of bronze. Then, Han Fei's eyes glittered as he spotted a treasure.

After Han Fei pushed the shattered pieces aside, he was astounded to see a gigantic black turtle shell, which had endured so many years that it looked like a fossil.

Han Fei took out the Blood-Drinking Knife and slashed the turtle shell.

Crack!

Part of the fossil was cut off.

The Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp's eyes bulged, and Han Fei glanced at it. "Are you an archaeologist? Go on digging."

The digging went on for two days, during which time Han Fei found thousands of turtle fossils. He felt rather horrible. He had specifically prepared a box to store spiritual stones, but all that he found were fossils. What was that supposed to mean?

Could fossils be used as spiritual energy?

Besides, the turtle fossils were particularly hard. Sometimes, the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp had to bash one multiple times to break one piece.

Suddenly, Han Fei's eyes glittered as he saw a red shadow among the shattered pieces.

Han Fei exclaimed, "An ultra-quality spiritual stone?"

Information popped up in his eyes.

<Name> Ultra-Quality Demonic Stone

<Introduction> This is the combination of spiritual energy essence and demonic Qi. However, the demonic Qi is violent and usually conflicts with spiritual energy, so it's hard to absorb.

<Spiritual Energy> 520,666 Points

<Effect> Inedible

<Absorbable>

Han Fei was dumbfounded. *What the heck is that?*

"Where's my ultra-quality spiritual stone? What the hell is an ultra-quality demonic stone?"

Han Fei couldn't help but look at the Hexagon Starfish. "Can you make use of this thing?"

The Hexagon Starfish was also staring at the stone. After a long stun, it said, "Should I try absorbing it? There seems to be demonic Qi inside."

Han Fei raised his eyebrows. "How long will it take for you to absorb it? A dozen days? I would rather throw it away than give it to you."

The Hexagon Starfish: "???"

"This stone is yours if you can absorb it in two hours... Look at the magnificent energy inside. I'm really unwilling to give it away."

The Hexagon Starfish was really of a mind to roll its eyes at Han Fei. *If you're unwilling to give it away, why don't you absorb it?*

Han Fei had already seen that it was difficult to absorb, and it might cause conflicts. Absorbing this thing might get him killed, so he would certainly not do that.

The Hexagon Starfish nodded. "I can try absorbing it."

Han Fei wasn't very reluctant. This ultra-quality stone only contained 520,000 points of spiritual energy. He could easily get the same amount from a few spiritual fruits.

The Hexagon Starfish rolled out its tentacles. A moment later, a wave of magnificent spiritual energy, mixed with the demonic Qi that Han Fei was quite familiar with, ran across the Hexagon Starfish.

More than four hours passed. The Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp dug out another few demonic stones, but none were ultra-quality.

At this moment, the weird scene finally dispersed, and the Hexagon Starfish slowly opened its big eyes.

Han Fei quickly asked, "How did it go?"

The Hexagon Starfish rolled its big eyes. "It's not very hard to absorb. However, the demonic Qi is not easy to refine and digest quickly."

Han Fei asked in shock, "You can absorb demonic Qi too?"

The Hexagon Starfish replied, "Of course. All sea creatures can do that. Why can't we absorb demonic Qi when we're all demons?"

"You are a demon; I'm not."

The Hexagon Starfish explained, "I was saying that all sea creatures are demons, including this shrimp."

The Hexagon Starfish pointed at the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp, which glimpsed back at it with the big eyes.

Han Fei frowned. "Nonsense. Why have I never sensed demonic Qi from the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp?"

The Hexagon Starfish replied, "Because we never cultivate demonic Qi! We consider demonic Qi as one type of spiritual energy to nurture our body. However, the sea demons are different. They regard spiritual energy as demonic Qi, so they all carry a lot of demonic Qi."

Han Fei was briefly stunned. "Are they the same?"

"I don't think so! The violent power in the demonic Qi, especially when impure, is very dangerous. If you make use of the power in demonic Qi, your spiritual energy will be corrupted, and you may become a demon."

Han Fei didn't quite understand. However, after he learned that demonic Qi and spiritual energy were mutually convertible, he realized why the Half-Merman input abundant demonic Qi into his body earlier.

More importantly, the demonic Qi was absorbed by him.

To be more precise, it was absorbed by the seed in his abdomen.

Han Fei instantly kicked the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp. "Come on and have a piece."

Han Fei summoned Little Fatty, Little White, Little Gold and Little Black.

He evenly distributed the demonic stones that were just dug out to them. Since it was fine for the Hexagon Starfish to take it, he didn't think that anything would happen to them.

Little Black, in particular, bit a demonic stone quickly.

Crunch... Crunch!

As if it were a candy, the demonic stone was swallowed by Little Black in a few seconds.

Han Fei frowned. They all had the stone, and none of them misbehaved afterward. There didn't seem to be a problem.

"So, a demonic stone is in a way no different from a spiritual stone, right?"

After thinking that through, Han Fei wanted to have a taste of that too, so he kicked the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp and said, "Keep digging and find more of those."

Thud!

However, in the next moment, the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp suddenly unleashed terrifying power and dug dozens of meters deep with one swing of pincers.

Boom!

Han Fei looked back, only to see that the tunnel had collapsed again. He was so angry that he kicked it. "Easy. Do you want to bury your master here alive?"

However, Han Fei saw agitation and red light in the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp's eyes.

"Shoot! You can't eat those things easily..."

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On the main peak of the Sea Demon Mountains...

"Report... My lord, the mine has collapsed again."

Chapter 725: Demonic Qi Inside the Mountain

Han Fei sat on the ground with a gloomy face. Things were getting a little bit awkward at this moment as the mountain kept collapsing.

Although the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp sometimes would lose control of its power, it shouldn't have caused a collapse with one swing.

However, it was pointless to think about that at this moment.

Han Fei realized that the demonic stones shouldn't be eaten without consideration. While Little Black and Little White were fine, Little Gold was already bashing its head on the rocks.

Also, the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp seemed rather short-tempered. The Little Fatty was as taciturn as before, but it was rolling some of the rocks with its tentacles and strangling them. Han Fei was so scared that he couldn't store them away.

Han Fei glanced at the Hexagon Starfish. "Why are you still normal?"

The Hexagon Starfish rolled its big eyes. "I didn't absorb the demonic Qi until I took my time to transform it."

"Pa!"

Han Fei slapped the Hexagon Starfish and flung it to the wall, before he roared, "Why didn't you tell me that sooner?"

The Hexagon Starfish said pitifully, "I didn't mention that?"

Han Fei covered his head. He really had enough! If any sea demons were up there, would they dig all the way down and kill him?

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On the top of the mine.

Some Half-Mermaids and Red Demons were standing and observing.

The Half-Merman boss scanned for a long time, before he said, "Why do earthquakes keep happening to this place?"

A Half-Merman asked, "Is it possible that some creatures are down below?"

Someone asked, "Is it possible that human beings are trying to break the foundation of the Sea Demon Mountain?"

The other Half-Mermaids looked at him as if he were an idiot. "If they really want to do that, why would they choose the mine? There's absolutely nothing inside except the black bronze and whatever is left of the spiritual stones."

The first Half-Merman struggled to continue, "What if those human beings want to dig out demonic stones?"

The other Half-Mermen looked at him even more weirdly. "Are you brainless? Can human beings use demonic Qi? They would be killed by the demonic Qi without us doing anything."

Boom...

While the sea demons were deep in thought at the mine, a mountain that was three mountains away from the mine collapsed.

All the sea demons were dumbfounded, as it was a mountain almost a thousand meters high! Yet, it was collapsing at a visible speed. It didn't just descend by several meters, as the mine did. The height of the mountain dropped by half. Rocks were falling and demonic Qi was raging.

Immediately, the Half-Merman boss roared, "Damn it, let's go there and take a look. That's the source of the collapses and earthquakes!"

All the Half-Mermaids rushed to the other mountain.

Han Fei was quite miserable. He hid in a cave no more than two square meters big with the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp, which had been forced to reduce its body size. Han Fei had even squatted on the ground.

“Gudu!”

Han Fei swallowed. “Damn it. This mountain is too lousy. We did nothing but some digging. Why does it keep collapsing?”

He looked at the cracking, unstable cave and felt that it might collapse any moment. He might end up as another fossil in this place.

“Now, Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp, stop bashing and start digging... If you collapse this mountain, your father will be buried alive!”

The Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp began digging. Han Fei didn’t idle by either. He simply refined a hoe and dug together with the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp.

This place was really scary. He might as well dig a tunnel and go out... As for the spiritual stones he saw, Han Fei was almost lost for words. The box of spiritual stones were mostly low-quality and amounted to only five million points of spiritual energy.

If he had known that there were so few spiritual stones, he wouldn’t have bothered digging at all. He could earn the same amount by having spiritual fruits for a few days.

Clang, clang, clang! Clang, clang, clang!

Han Fei began to work hard too. He could still find demonic stones, but he simply threw them into Forge the Universe instead of absorbing them immediately. He was afraid that he might go crazy like the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp did and launch a Sacrificing Punch at the cave, which would really bury himself alive.

Han Fei had no time to bother if anyone would notice. After all, even if he was discovered, he could always hide inside Forge the Universe for a couple of days before going out.

Han Fei and the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp dug the tunnel with full strength for three days.

Several more collapses happened in the meantime. Han Fei was already used to them. He believed that this mine must be fragile and could collapse easily.

Han Fei had been digging up. He decided that he should go to the surface first, as there were too many mountains here for him to dig.

On this day, Han Fei didn’t know where he was at all during his digging, but he suddenly found a tunnel.

Yes, it was a tunnel that someone else dug out. It was connected to his own tunnel.

Han Fei: “???”

The Hexagon Starfish: “???”

The Hexagon Starfish asked, “Is there someone else digging too?”

Han Fei looked at the tunnel, stunned. "Who on earth had nothing better to do than dig a tunnel in the sea demons' camp?"

The Hexagon Starfish exclaimed, "You!"

Han Fei: "..."

Han Fei scratched his head and considered it for a long time. The tunnel that someone else dug out had saved him and the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp a lot of trouble.

Han Fei spread out his senses and found that the tunnel was more than twenty kilometers long.

More importantly, the tunnel had not collapsed yet, which was a miracle.

Han Fei hadn't decided yet if he should go inside, but Little White had already swum into it.

Han Fei: "???"

The Hexagon Starfish asked, "Is it possible that Xia Xiaochan dug this?"

Han Fei was quite astonished too. "I don't think so! Is Xia Xiaochan capable of digging at all?"

However, since Little White had already moved forward, Han Fei naturally followed it.

Recalling the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp, Han Fei chased after Little White for thirty kilometers, and the Hexagon Starfish suddenly said, "There's demonic Qi around here."

Han Fei sensed that the demonic Qi was a weird scarlet energy. When Han Fei detected both the spot lights of spiritual energy and these scarlet spots, he knew that something was wrong about this place.

This tunnel was longer than Han Fei thought. It was more than a hundred kilometers long. As Han Fei moved on, the demonic Qi became more concentrated.

Han Fei sealed his main acupoints to prevent the demonic Qi from seeping in.

However, some of the demonic Qi still managed to infiltrate him.

Han Fei found that the seed in his abdomen was slightly spinning, as if it was absorbing the demonic Qi that entered his body.

Han Fei hesitated, wondering if he should absorb the demonic Qi freely.

He knew that the demonic Qi could likely increase his strength, but he didn't know if there would be any side effects...

After all, something had happened to the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp and Little Fatty earlier.

Also, the demonic Qi should be for the training of sea demons. He was not a sea demon, and he didn't know any of their techniques. There was no telling what would happen if he absorbed too much demonic Qi.

Han Fei's eyes bulged when he reached the end of the tunnel.

It was the stomach of a mountain whose wall was full of crimson crystals that were emitting demonic Qi nonstop.

However, before Han Fei could observe the environment more carefully, the violent demonic Qi had tied up Han Fei and attempted to break into his body.

“Shoot! This is not a joke! Little White, come back...”

All of a sudden, Han Fei saw that Little White went straight at the demonic Qi that was as red as blood at the center of the cavern.

Han Fei found a large rock at the very center of the stomach of the mountain.

“Wait, the Metamorphosis Water?”

It was a real rock, but Han Fei sensed that the Infinity Water was slightly shivering inside his body.

What could’ve possibly caused the shivering of Infinity Water? Besides, Little White had already swum to the rock and kissed it.

Han Fei instantly roared furiously, “Xia Xiaochan, I know you’re in the rock, what are you doing? Why are you here?”

There was no response from the rock.

Han Fei gritted his teeth. “I’m going in if you don’t reply!”

As he talked, Han Fei stepped into the cavern from the entrance.

Then, the rock at the center of the cavern shouted, “Get out! How did you get to this place? You can’t stay here for long.”

With an awful look on his face, Han Fei yelled, “Why am I here? Because of you, of course! I dug through stone for so many days that the mountain collapsed.”

A hole appeared on the rock, and Xia Xiaochan craned her head out. “Get out of here. The demonic Qi is so turbulent here that even the sea demons cannot come in. You’ll die if you absorb the dispersing demonic Qi.”

Han Fei chuckled. “Then you get out too. If you come out, I won’t go in.”

Han Fei already sensed that a tremendous amount of demonic Qi was entering his body. The seed in his abdomen was already revolving quickly.

Han Fei shivered and moved forward again. “Are you coming out or not? If you don’t, I’ll come in right now.”

Xia Xiaochan shouted, “Are you crazy? Go out!”

Redness flashed in Han Fei’s eyes. He didn’t care about anything else anymore but simply drifted into the cavern.

In that moment, the seed revolved crazily, and a gigantic funnel seemed to be absorbing demonic Qi from Han Fei's body.

Shua!

Xia Xiaochan finally came out. She carried Han Fei to the entrance of the cavern and said to the Hexagon Starfish, "What are you looking at? Set up arrays and block the tunnel."

However, Han Fei was slightly stunned, as Xia Xiaochan's body was rather slippery.

He lowered his head, only to be shocked by the glowing scales, some of which were blue and some were purple... What astounded Han Fei most was a soft tail that was emanating a weird brilliance.

Chapter 726: Love Between Human and Mermaid

Inside the Hexagon Starfish's array.

Han Fei and Xia Xiaochan looked at each other in bewilderment.

After they gazed at each other for a long time, Xia Xiaochan pouted and then jumped into Han Fei's arms, before she burst into tears.

Hugging Xia Xiaochan, Han Fei patted his hand. "Well, don't cry, don't cry... Well, I don't think it's a big deal. So you have a fish tail! That's nothing! Don't panic!"

As a matter of fact, Han Fei couldn't have been more panicked.

He didn't confirm until this moment why Xia Xiaochan escaped and refused to meet with him.

Although Han Fei had such a speculation earlier, it was merely nothing more than a speculation. He didn't start to doubt the two naturally-endowed spiritual beasts until he killed Mo Qianshang.

He also guessed that Xia Xiaochan was actually not a human being through the Giant Arowana.

Nevertheless, Han Fei was still panicked when his guesses became facts. He never would've thought that Xia Xiaochan would turn into a mermaid someday.

Besides, he hadn't seen any information at this moment, which meant that the Demon Purification Pot couldn't read Xia Xiaochan's information.

"Wu... Wu..."

Xia Xiaochan wept so sadly that her tears kept dropping.

Han Fei comforted her. "Don't be scared. First of all, you can't be one of the Half-Mermaids we've seen. Just look at their fangs, their bulging cheekbones, and their gills... They aren't fully evolved yet! You, on the other hand, are apparently fully evolved."

As it turned out, things were better when Han Fei was silent. After he talked, Xia Xiaochan cried even more loudly.

The Hexagon Starfish smartly shut up. It was stunned too. It never realized that Xia Xiaochan was a sea demon but always thought that she was a human being.

The starfish's head was a mess. It wondered if a sea demon could evolve like that.

If it was possible, could a starfish turn into a human being too?

If a starfish could turn into a human being, would it turn into a man or a woman? What was the difference between a man and a woman?

The Hexagon Starfish was completely overwhelmed by all the questions.

"Forget it. Human beings are too complicated. I should just be a quiet starfish."

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Inside the array, Xia Xiaochan sobbed and said, "It's all Yang Ying's fault. She filled demonic Qi into me, and then I had an attack... After I woke up, I found that my body transformed. Then I turned into a fish..."

Han Fei gently stroked Xia Xiaochan's back and comforted her. "Don't be scared. Don't be scared. This Yang Ying is truly horrible. The first thing I do after I go back will be to kill her!"

Xia Xiaochan wept and nodded. "Yes, she must be killed! She is a heinous woman!"

"Yes, she's inhuman!"

Xia Xiaochan cried and nodded. "You're right! She must be a fish."

Han Fei: "..."

Xia Xiaochan was still crying.

But Han Fei was attracted to her tail. Each of the scales on the tail were like a glowing gem.

Some of the scales were greener than emeralds.

Some were purple and showed a sense of dignity.

Some were blue and purple, which was a perfect transition between purple and blue.

Some were bright purple or pink and looked very gentle.

Xia Xiaochan's tail was very long. Also, it was not a forked one, but a long tail that looked like interwoven ribbons. It seemed even more perfect than the curve of a human body. Han Fei was fascinated by it.

Han Fei subconsciously touched Xia Xiaochan's scales.

Then, Han Fei suddenly felt that Xia Xiaochan's body became rigid.

Xia Xiaochan pushed Han Fei away and said shyly with a reddened face, "Why did you touch my butt?"

Han Fei: "???"

Han Fei swallowed. "Sorry, I can't really tell that right now."

Han Fei stared at Xia Xiaochan carefully and found that her face was the same. She was still the beautiful girl she used to be. Her hands didn't change either and had no webs.

However, there were some changes on her joints and hair.

At first, Han Fei thought that what covered her like soft sand was clothes. But after a closer look, he found that it was not clothes but rather a thin layer of skin like fins.

But Han Fei would never admit that they were fins, as fins couldn't have been so beautiful.

Xia Xiaochan's hair was slightly purple, which could hardly be recognized unless one observed it more carefully.

Seeing that Han Fei was staring at her, Xia Xiaochan seemed to be about to cry again.

Han Fei immediately said, "Don't cry, don't cry just yet... It's fine that you've turned into a fish. The real question is if you can still turn back."

When it was mentioned, Xia Xiaochan seemed to be weeping again. "I don't think I can."

Han Fei gasped. "So you've been escaping as a sea creature all the way?"

Xia Xiaochan nodded. "Sometimes as a crab, sometimes as a lobster, and sometimes as a fish..."

Han Fei was lost for words. The Metamorphosis Water was truly amazing to grant the appearance of anything she wanted.

Han Fei couldn't help but ask, "Can't you turn into a human being with the Metamorphosis Water?"

"Pa!"

Xia Xiaochan slapped her tail. "My tail is too long. I have to become very very tall if I want to turn into a human being. Also, while I can take on the appearance of any creature with the Metamorphosis Water, I can't carry out any combat ability in a battle unless I'm in my original form."

Han Fei thought hard. "Okay then, let's not panic! We're already out anyway, so we're not in a hurry to go back. However, why did you come to the nest of the sea demons, and even a mountain belly that's full of demonic Qi?"

Xia Xiaochan heaved a sigh. "I tracked demonic Qi down to this place. I found that I needed more and more demonic Qi after the first absorption, so I killed some Half-Mermen and extracted their demonic Qi, but it wasn't enough... Then, I detected this place."

Han Fei was surprised. "Then why did you leave all the Spirit Awakening Fluid to Mr. Hexagon Starfish?"

Xia Xiaochan was stunned. "I didn't! I left all the Spirit Awakening Fluid for you."

The Hexagon Starfish, however, suddenly said, "You said you wouldn't ask for it from me and that I was free to drink it as long as I could help you find Xia Xiaochan. She's here..."

After a brief stun, Xia Xiaochan demanded angrily, "Big starfish, did you drink all of the Spirit Awakening Fluid?"

The Hexagon Starfish quickly explained, "I didn't do it on purpose, but I really couldn't hold back anymore. Also, I saved some for Han Fei."

Han Fei was lost for words. *Would you have left anything for me if I hadn't asked?*

Han Fei waved his hand. "Forget it. We can always loot more. However, why didn't you drink the Spirit Awakening Fluid?"

Xia Xiaochan frowned. "I did. I had a little bit of the Spirit Awakening Fluid and found that it could only slightly strengthen myself, which wasn't enough. Also, my spiritual energy was transforming, and I needed demonic Qi rather than the Spirit Awakening Fluid. It wasn't very useful to me."

Han Fei had an epiphany. "So, your sickness is due to the lack of demonic Qi?"

Xia Xiaochan nodded helplessly. "Yes. I realized it after the first absorption of demonic Qi."

Han Fei's eyes glittered. "So, you're healthy right now?"

Xia Xiaochan was instantly amused. "But I'm a fish now! I want to be a human being instead of a fish... Wu..."

Han Fei waved his hand. "Don't panic! I have a solution!"

Xia Xiaochan glanced at Han Fei. "What solution do you possibly have?"

"Do you remember the Fish Transformation Technique I got from the Fiery Mountain?"

Xia Xiaochan's eyes glowed. "Isn't it a mortal level technique? Also, it's Fish Transformation, not Human Transformation..."

"That's OK! The mechanism is the same. If you can turn into a fish, you can also turn into a human being. I've been studying that technique, and I just need some time to continue my deduction."

Xia Xiaochan asked in surprise, "Can it turn a fish into a human being?"

Han Fei nodded solemnly. "It's possible, but it may take some time. Right, do you have to keep absorbing the demonic Qi here?"

Hearing that it was hopeful, Xia Xiaochan wiped her tears and said, "First of all, I have to transform the power inside my body into demonic Qi. I intended to trap you inside the mountain and thought I would be gone by the time you dug out... I didn't expect you to be so fast."

Han Fei chuckled. "Don't underestimate the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp's expertise in digging."

"Phew!"

Han Fei took a long breath of relief and suddenly poked Xia Xiaochan's tail with his finger.

Xia Xiaochan quickly moved her tail aside and said shyly, "What are you doing?"

"Hehe! It feels rather cool. Let me touch it."

"You are a pervert..."

Han Fei smiled weirdly, "It's not like I haven't touched it before. Come here."

"Go away."

"If you don't come, I'll go to you. I'm kissing you... I..."

"Ahhhhh!"

Chapter 727: True Spirit Demonic Scripture

Xia Xiaochan didn't know if Han Fei was really so carefree, but she was greatly relieved to see that Han Fei treated her the same even though she had turned into a fish.

In fact, she didn't care how people looked at her except Han Fei, Luo Xiaobai and her other friends.

Han Fei, in particular, was her boyfriend! They were even closer.

After joking around for a while, Han Fei finally got what he wanted. He touched her tail from the top to the bottom although she was blushing.

Han Fei also remarked in amazement, "It's rather remarkable that your tail isn't hard at all. It's as soft as cotton."

Then, Xia Xiaochan nibbled on Han Fei.

A long time later, Xia Xiaochan asked, "Why can you endure such violent demonic Qi?"

Han Fei smiled. "The body tempering technique that I practice is miraculous and makes me invulnerable to that. I'll be fine as long as I don't absorb too much of it."

Xia Xiaochan asked, "Really?"

Han Fei put on a weird smile. "What if I'm a fish too?"

Xia Xiaochan rolled her eyes. "Then we'll be two fish. Instead of going back to the Scattered Stars Island, let's just swim in the sea!"

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After they talked for a while, all the misunderstandings were cleared and they became intimate again. Han Fei was finally relieved.

According to Xia Xiaochan, the demonic Qi inside the mountain was so chaotic that even the sea demons couldn't endure it.

However, the sea demons could cultivate the dispersing demonic Qi. Some of the talented sea demons could even reach very high levels.

Xia Xiaochan proposed a speculation.

She said that the Sea Demon Mountains couldn't be unique in the sea beyond the Scattered Stars Island.

She suspected that the source of the violent demonic Qi here was an extremely powerful sea demon who had perished here.

So, the remaining demonic Qi of the sea demon lingered and gathered.

As a result, the place became one of the sea demons' camps.

Now that he had found Xia Xiaochan, Han Fei was not in a hurry to go out anymore.

Xia Xiaochan had to transform demonic Qi here, and Han Fei needed to infer the Fish Transformation Technique.

At this moment, Xia Xiaochan had already run back to the ocean of demonic Qi.

Han Fei, however, didn't infer the Fish Transformation Technique immediately. He decided to fuse the Fish Transformation Technique and the Demonization Scroll first.

"Fuse."

Demon Transformation Technique (Demo- Level, High-Quality)

Introduction: This is a half-competent training method that can turn a human being into a demon with a 90% success rate. It once initiated the age of demonic cultivation. It contains ways to cultivate demonic Qi.

Deduction Cost: 0/50,000,000

Result of Deduction: Unknown

Note: This technique is preliminary and flawed. Learn it cautiously.

"Son of a b*tch."

Han Fei suddenly cursed, which scared the Hexagon Starfish.

The Hexagon Starfish dare not say anything but merely crawled to the wall from Han Fei's shoulder, fearing that Han Fei would vent his fury on it.

Han Fei was lost for words. Although there was an additional vine in the Demon Purification Pot, and the Fish Transformation Technique could be inferred again, he remembered that the deduction of the Fish Transformation Technique required thirty million points of spiritual energy.

At this moment, although the fusion only cost three million, the deduction cost had become fifty million!

That was outrageous! He had just saved 82 million, yet the deduction of a random demon-level high-quality technique required 50 million... He was going bankrupt again.

He couldn't have regretted his extravagance more. Back then, he never thought that he would be short of spiritual energy someday.

But at this moment, he had 82 million points of spiritual energy, yet he was still poor.

Han Fei was so angry that he put eight spiritual fruits into his mouth in a row. The Hexagon Starfish was drooling just looking at him.

The Hexagon Starfish envied Han Fei, who could have so many spiritual fruits just to quench his fury. It wanted them too!

Half a million points of spiritual energy didn't matter much to Han Fei at this moment.

The deduction of Void Fishing naturally had to be delayed. He was afraid that the Demon Transformation Technique would require more deductions after the first attempt. If the cost was a hundred million, how many spiritual fruits must he have to complete the deduction?

However, with everything coming to this point, Han Fei couldn't just abandon it.

Nevertheless, before the deduction, Han Fei had to study the Fish Transformation Technique first.

He had studied the technique for a long time every time he deduced it since the mortal level. This time was no exception.

Only after learning more history between human beings and sea demons could he better understand the training results of the Demon Transformation Technique.

As Han Fei browsed through the technique, he learned that the Demon Transformation Technique wasn't created by human beings.

Or rather, the Demon Transformation Technique was recreated by those who succeeded in grasping the Fish Transformation Technique.

After the great purge, few human beings ever practiced the Fish Transformation Technique.

However, the earliest people who practiced the Fish Transformation Technique survived the sea.

One of them even became stronger and stronger and eventually created the Demon Transformation Technique.

He was also the one who initiated the age of demonic cultivation, known as the Sea King.

Han Fei couldn't help but remember the Sea King's Secret Technique that he looted earlier. He wondered if the Sea King created that too.

On second thought, weren't the Sea King and the Fishing God hostile?

One of them initiated the age of demonic cultivation and was a herald of the sea demons.

The other held a fishing pole. Was it possible that he was the man who started the grand era where everybody fished?

Of course, that was a very long time ago. According to the Demon Transformation Technique, the war between human beings and sea demons had begun since the age of demonic cultivation.

The war had been on for countless years, and it was still ongoing.

Han Fei wasn't sure when the Age of Doom happened, which he overheard from the Snow God's Temple.

After all, the Snow God's Temple was abandoned because the continent sank and the sea demons invaded in the Age of Doom.

In the Demon Transformation Technique, there were no records as to how the technique was created. There were no examples either. All it listed was events of battle.

So, Han Fei simply skimmed through the technique.

Some awesome celebrities appeared in the book, but did it have anything to do with him?

Apart from the historic stuff, it was the training method, which focused on how a regular demon could expand its Demon Heritage.

“Wait a moment, you can expand Demonic Heritage? It can be expanded? Shouldn’t it always be what it’s born to be?”

Han Fei discovered a shocking secret.

“Hiss! The Demonic Heritage of the sea demons is not congenital but can be developed and expanded?”

If that was true, it would be horrifying.

That point alone would attract countless human beings to turn into sea demons.

After all, the Demon Heritage could be developed!

How many ordinary people could resist such temptation.

It must be noted that most people in this world were fishers, or ordinary people.

Very few of them could cultivate to higher ranks.

Why? Because their Spiritual Heritage was too low!

Han Fei read on, and the book expounded on the utilization of demonic Qi.

The first sentence in the volume was that the demonic Qi was a type of natural energy more advanced than spiritual energy.

Its explanation was that spiritual energy was pure natural spiritual energy, whereas the demonic Qi was a brand-new energy that might be from dead experts or anomalies on mysterious terrain.

Such energy was more violent. It could break the boundary of spiritual energy cultivation and create a new training system.

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After going through the book, Han Fei felt that he was almost brainwashed by the weird theory.

Had the experts already started analyzing the nature of this world?

However, there were still many parts that weren’t explained in the Demon Transformation Technique.

For example, how did a regular creature become a sea demon?

Or, did demonic cultivation demand a place where demonic Qi was concentrated? What if such places couldn’t be found?

Or, were there any sequels? Could sea demons transform or change their techniques?

Looking at Xia Xiaochan who was still gaining the demonic Qi, Han Fei gritted his teeth. "Keep deducing."

At that moment, all the spiritual stones in Forge the Universe were crumbled, and the spiritual spring was evaporating fast. Millions of points of spiritual energy he stored were lost.

The Demon Purification Pot swallowed fifty million points of spiritual energy without hesitation.

Then, in the middle of a mist, a new volume was opened.

True Spirit Demonic Scripture (Heaven-Level, Low-Quality)

Introduction: This is a transformational technique that can turn creatures into demons. Legend has it that the first Sea King turned into natural rules, wrote a secret book, and hosted it in the sky and on earth, so that all creatures could participate in demonic cultivation.

Deduction cost: 0/100,000,000

Result of Deduction: Unknown

Note: This is an enlightening classic that can shed light on creatures but can't help one turn into a great demon.

"Hiss!"

When he read the introduction, Han Fei gasped hard.

Why did it sound even more mysterious than Void Fishing?

The True Spirit Fishing Art was merely created by nine king-level experts. The sky cried after it was created, which was probably just a rainfall.

Yet, the creator of the True Spirit Demonic Scripture already turned into natural rules and made it possible for all creatures to participate in demonic cultivation?

Han Fei swallowed.

He considered a question: what would a human being or a sea demon turn into after they cultivated to the highest level?

Chapter 728: Deduce Until Blood

Han Fei felt that this world was even more terrifying than he had imagined.

How strong could the top experts be?

How big was the sea exactly?

What was the Age of Doom like?

Where was the Divine Palace?

Compared to those concepts, was the so-called Unknown Place or the Scattered Stars Island worth mentioning?

However, Han Fei had no time to consider that yet.

Obviously, his deduction didn't reach the desired result.

Although the True Spirit Demonic Scripture seemed rather awe-inspiring, it was a training method for demons and offered no solution to turning back into a human.

Also, the next deduction even required a hundred million points.

That was even more expensive than the Indestructible Body and Void Fishing.

After all, it was just a heaven-level, low-quality technique! If it was already so expensive, what if it became high-quality or divine-quality?

Han Fei even suspected that he probably couldn't get a technique that could turn a sea demon into a human being even after another deduction.

In that case, how much more spiritual energy would he need?

Han Fei felt rather helpless. Was his spiritual energy cost already so huge? Other people were spending several thousands at a time, yet he was spending one hundred million.

Even if he had twenty spiritual fruits a day, it would still take two months for him to get a hundred million points of spiritual energy.

"Forget it, I might as well buy more spiritual fruits in the future! I can buy anything with money anyway."

Han Fei made up his mind. "I'm just going to do that. Yang Ruoyun could already turn from a fish into a human being when she was level-40, yet you can't do that as such an awesome demonic cultivation technique?"

Under normal circumstances, Han Fei would've stopped the deduction, because further deduction would be pointless. The True Spirit Demonic Scripture, as an enlightening book, was best for beginners.

If it was deduced to higher levels, it might become incomprehensible and pointless and could only be memorized. After all, the training techniques of both human beings and sea demons had to be learned one step at a time.

Han Fei copied the technique and decided to ask Xia Xiaochan later. He could give this to her as she probably didn't have any demonic cultivation techniques yet. She could practice this until a more advanced technique was found.

"Keep deducing."

As Han Fei made up his mind, more than 1,500 spiritual fruits were squeezed in Forge the Universe, and the magnificent spiritual energy dispersed in Forge the Universe until it was consumed and taken away by an enormous swirl.

Han Fei's heart was bleeding as he watched it, because those fruits could likely improve his strength if he took them slowly!

The Hexagon Starfish clutched to the wall and saw Han Fei's expression clearly. After all, it had six eyes and six brains and could almost see every perspective.

It found Han Fei's expression rather odd, as if someone had just robbed him of ten thousand kilograms of Spirit Awakening Fluid.

A moment later, a new technique popped up.

Demon Heritage Divine Technique (Heaven-Level, High-Quality)

Introduction: This is a transformational technique that can dredge the veins and break the barriers inside one's body, giving you a Demonic Heritage that can infinitely grow. If you train with this technique, you will grow into a great demon.

Deduction cost: 0/500,000,000

Result of Deduction: Unknown

Note: This is an excellent demonic cultivation technique. You will surely grow into a major demon if you cultivate this, but if you seek the real truth, you'll need more epiphanies.

"Pu!"

Han Fei felt that his head was dizzy. He noticed nothing else except the five-hundred-million cost.

After reading the introduction to the technique, Han Fei felt that he was about to vomit blood.

"F*ck your vein-dredging technique. I just spent a hundred million, and this is what you're giving me?"

Han Fei felt so painful that he could hardly breathe. He looked so scary that the Hexagon Starfish quietly moved back on the wall.

For some reason, the Hexagon Starfish felt that Han Fei was dangerous at this moment, as if he were holding back certain excruciating agony.

It even suspected that Han Fei was eager to kill someone. There was no telling whom he wanted to kill, but it was the only living creature except Xia Xiaochan here.

Would he kill Xia Xiaochan? Never... Then...

The more it thought about it, the more weird the Hexagon Starfish felt. It decided to keep a distance from Han Fei.

Han Fei was trembling. Five hundred million. Should he pay it?

He should. He already got a vein-dredging technique that guaranteed to make Sea Spirits. Seek truth? What truth? Whatever it was, this technique was very remarkable and was likely a rare technique even among the demons.

Give me a way to turn into a human being!

Han Fei's eyelids were shivering. He looked at Xia Xiaochan who was sitting cross-legged in the middle of the demonic Qi and tried to hold back his excitement.

“Calm down, calm down. If I can get a human-transformation technique, I’ll be able to practice it too. It will be an unbelievable technique.”

But Han Fei still regretted the money. He remembered Yang Ruoyun again. Why could she turn into a human being after she just became a demon?

Han Fei was confused. Was she an illusion back then?

However, he had already made a promise to Xia Xiaochan. Even if he didn’t, he couldn’t just watch Xia Xiaochan stay as a sea demon forever!

After copying the Demon Heritage Divine Technique again, Han Fei decided to continue the deduction.

“Keep deducing…”

A cost of five hundred million had really bankrupted Han Fei.

He didn’t back off at all. He believed that the sea demons definitely had a technique to turn into human beings.

Yang Ruoyun, Mo Qianshang and Xu Mo were all human beings. Even though they were all unparalleled Heavenly Talents among the sea demons and had practiced the most powerful techniques, Han Fei believed that he could get such techniques through the deductions!

BAM!

More than eight thousand spiritual fruits and stones were crumbled in Forge the Universe, and the intense spiritual energy almost gathered into a river. It was all swallowed by the vortex that represented the Demon Purification Pot.

When Han Fei continued the deduction, the sky was filled with bloody clouds and rumbling thunder as tides were surging.

At that moment, someone rose from the Scattered Stars Island to the sky.

Xue Shenqi was extremely solemn. Behind him, the experts who all had countless stars were shocked.

Someone asked, “What happened on the sea? Why the unusual natural phenomena?”

Someone remarked with mixed feelings, “Have any treasures been revealed?”

Xue Shenqi instructed, “Relay my order. Nobody is allowed to leave the Scattered Stars Island. Recall those who are out. Defcon 1 on the Scattered Stars Island. I’ll go there and take a look.”

Immediately, someone said, “General, it’s too dangerous for you. I’ll go.”

A ten-star expert stopped Xue Shenqi. “You stay and supervise the Scattered Stars Island. We can take care of this.”

Everybody on the Scattered Stars Island stopped whatever they were doing and looked up at the bloody sky in shock.

Beyond the Scattered Stars Island, many Half-Mermen and Half-Mermaids were also looking at the scene solemnly.

Someone asked, "Have any unparalleled Heavenly Talents been born among the human beings? What caused such an unusual natural phenomena?"

Some sea demons ordered, "Ask all the inferior sea demons to set up a net within 300,000 thousand kilometers. Report any anomalies they find."

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However, while everybody was arguing, and the investigators were about to leave the Scattered Stars Island, the bloody clouds faded away on the sky, and the thunder gradually disappeared too. The sky was slowly back to normal.

Many of them were stunned. Why had the unusual natural phenomena disappeared so quickly? How could they track down the source of the phenomena so quickly?

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However, Han Fei, who was under the Sea Demon Mountains, had no idea what happened outside. He was waiting hopefully with his eyes widened.

"Please show up. Please show up."

When the mist disappeared, a new technique popped up. Han Fei saw its information.

Demon God Scripture (Heaven-Level, Divine-Quality)

Introduction: This is a divine transformation technique that elaborates on concepts that can't be explained. All creatures shall kneel before this technique.

Deduction cost: 0/1,000,000,000

Result of Deduction: Unknown

Note: You've reached the Demon Purification Pot's deduction limit. Further deductions will involve the mysteries of nature and may damage the Demon Purification Pot.

"Pu!"

Han Fei vomited a mouthful of blood.

He really did vomit blood this time. His nostrils were bleeding too.

However, Han Fei wasn't hurt at all. He was merely infuriated.

Han Fei smashed the wall, which instantly collapsed. The Hexagon Starfish fell from the wall and then quickly ran back into the tunnel.

The Hexagon Starfish was so scared that its eyes were rolling crazily. Horrifying! Han Fei was truly horrifying! It was panicked by his brutality.

Xia Xiaochan noticed the noise too. Her expression changed when she saw Han Fei vomit blood. She quickly ran to him.

“Han Fei, what’s wrong? Why are you vomiting blood? Are you hurt?”

Xia Xiaochan was panicked and frightened.

Han Fei wiped the corner of his mouth. “I’m fine.”

Han Fei was already infuriated. *Son of a b*tch, what the heck is this technique exactly?*

Why couldn’t it turn a human being into a demon when it was so advanced?

Not to mention the deduction cost of one billion. One billion! He couldn’t get one billion points of spiritual energy even if he were to sell himself!

Also, the Demon Purification Pot was on strike.

It was just a heaven-level, divine-quality technique. How could it have hit the limit? Wasn’t the pot very capable? Why couldn’t it deduce a heaven-level, divine-quality technique when it had deduced a venerable-level technique?

Han Fei was caught in desperation. He was truly bankrupt now. His spiritual energy from all sources was only slightly more than ten million in total.

Its gap from one billion was despairing to Han Fei.

Xia Xiaochan was so anxious that she cried. “What happened to you? Did you try the Fish Transformation Technique? Are you a fool? You are a human being, not a demon...”

Determination flashed in Han Fei’s eyes. He wiped his nosebleed and said, “Don’t panic. It’s nothing serious. Worst comes to worst, we can stay here.”

Chapter 729: Come on! Let’s Absorb!

Obviously, Xia Xiaochan wasn’t convinced that Han Fei was alright. At this moment, she pulled Han Fei’s arm and asked, “Tell me what you did first. Why did you vomit blood?”

Han Fei gave the True Spirit Demonic Scripture to Xia Xiaochan and said, “Actually, the Fish Transformation Technique I received was a sealed training technique for demons. I tried to break the seal just now, and this is what I got.”

Xia Xiaochan accepted the True Spirit Demonic Scripture, only to be shocked by what she saw.

“Pa!”

Xia Xiaochan slapped Han Fei’s arm and said angrily, “You broke the seal just for this?”

Han Fei grinned. “I spent a lot of spiritual energy on lifting the seal. I’m now destitute.”

Xia Xiaochan hesitated for a moment and said, “Since this Fish Transformation Technique is the sea demons’ training technique, you shouldn’t break the seal anymore. I don’t think it’s easy to transform from a fish into a human.”

Han Fei shook his head. "There must be a way. You might not know this, but a few days earlier, I received a mission to explore a treasure trove. One of my teammates was a sea demon. Even an eight-star expert couldn't distinguish him from a regular human."

Xia Xiaochan was refreshed. "Really?"

Han Fei nodded solemnly. "Yes! His name was Xu Mo. He conspired with the sea demons. Since he transformed into a human, the sea demon experts definitely have techniques for that! We're now under their nest, so we can try stealing one from them."

Xia Xiaochan opened her mouth. "But there must be a lot of experts in this place. We can't possibly defeat them on our own."

Han Fei grinned. "Didn't you say that the demonic Qi here was too violent? We can always dig a tunnel through the demonic Qi. I don't think they'll dare to chase us."

Xia Xiaochan shook her head. "You don't know that. The regular sea demons might not be able to endure the violent demonic Qi, but what about the very strong ones? I'm not sure. Also, you are a human being. The violent demonic Qi will conflict with your spiritual energy and kill you."

Han Fei looked back at the Hexagon Starfish. "I can hide in the Hexagon Starfish's gates. It's not scared of demonic Qi."

The Hexagon Starfish quickly replied, "I'm scared of that too. I can only absorb demonic Qi slowly, not too fast."

Han Fei said angrily, "Shut up. If I say you can, you can."

The Hexagon Starfish: "..."

Han Fei looked at Xia Xiaochan. "What about you? Why are you not afraid of the demonic Qi at all?"

Xia Xiaochan was rather stunned. "... I don't know! I just feel that the demonic Qi is no different from spiritual energy."

Han Fei didn't know how to respond.

A Half-Merman would've been more depressed if they heard that. The gap between demons was too huge!

Han Fei said determinedly, "Then let's figure out a way and catch two sea demons to interrogate them first. Speaking of which, where are we right now?"

Xia Xiaochan considered for a moment and said, "I think we're inside the undersea mountains. I can go stealth, and I have demonic Qi and the Metamorphosis Water, so it was easy for me to sneak in. I saw that a lot of sea demons gathered at a peak in the center. That should be their main base."

Han Fei thought for a moment and said, "Let's dig our way there. If we don't have a choice, we can catch some Half-Mermaids with the Spirit Forbidden Net."

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They should have been scared as they were moving right beneath the enemy's feet.

However, Han Fei didn't feel scared at all, because he could always blow up the tunnels if he had to escape.

With the Hexagon Starfish's arrays and Xia Xiaochan's Metamorphosis Water, he could hide inside a rock created by the Metamorphosis Water. Nobody could find him easily.

Seven days passed.

Han Fei dug three hundred kilometers and entered a huge mountain.

On his way, Han Fei saw a hundred spiritual stones. One of them was even an ultra-quality spiritual stone.

However, Han Fei didn't dare to take any of them. He was merely afraid that the tunnel might collapse and he had no time to run off.

It seemed that the spiritual stones were of paramount importance to the stability of the mountains.

Suddenly, Han Fei asked in surprise, "Do you feel that the spiritual energy here is more intense?"

Xia Xiaochan nodded. "And I feel that the demonic Qi here has weakened."

Han Fei smiled. "Why do you think they didn't regard the mountain that has a spring of demonic Qi as their camp, but chose a mountain that contains abundant spiritual energy?"

Xia Xiaochan rolled her eyes. "Most sea demons absorb spiritual energy too! They can transform spiritual energy into demonic Qi. That's also what I'm doing. Half of my spiritual energy has been transformed."

Han Fei frowned. "Is the transformation so slow?"

Xia Xiaochan waved her tail. "No. While the spiritual energy is transformed into demonic Qi, the demonic Qi is also modifying my body and creating a new system, which is quite slow."

Han Fei was quite shocked to hear that, as it was rather similar to the Demon Heritage Divine Technique.

But the Demon Heritage Divine Technique seemed more advanced. It was said that it could break the barriers inside the body, so it wouldn't need any system in the body.

Han Fei considered what excuse he should use to offer the Demon Heritage Divine Technique to Xia Xiaochan. It should be much better than the True Spirit Demonic Scripture.

Clang!

While digging the tunnel, the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp suddenly found a spiritual stone.

Han Fei's eyes glittered. "A high-quality spiritual stone? Never mind. Just drop it there. After we catch a Half-Merman and interrogate them, we'll pick up the spiritual stones on the way out."

Xia Xiaochan exclaimed, "Huh! This mountain seems to contain a lot of spiritual energy."

Han Fei smiled. "Of course. They have set up their camp here. It's easy for their training if they bury spiritual stones in the mountain!"

However, Han Fei was shocked a moment later, as the number of spiritual stones was beyond his expectation.

He had dug out hundreds of low-quality and mid-quality spiritual stones, as well as more than thirty high-quality ones.

Han Fei's eyelids twitched as he looked at the spiritual stones. He really wanted to collect all of them!

On the other hand, the Hexagon Starfish was just going to hide a high-quality spiritual stone, when Han Fei slapped it off quickly. "Stay put and don't pick them until we're about to run off. We'll all be trapped here if the mountain collapses because of you."

Looking at the spiritual stones on the way, the Hexagon Starfish asked regretfully, "Can I wait for you in that cavern?"

Han Fei sneered. "What do you think?"

Suddenly, Xia Xiaochan said, "Wait a moment, there's demonic Qi."

As she talked, her eyes turned silver and she looked up.

Xia Xiaochan didn't recover until a long time later. She looked at Han Fei and said, "A lot of sea demons seem to have gathered up above."

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At the same time, above the mountain, a lot of Half-Mermaids were gathering.

The Half-Merman boss roared, "There have been a lot of earthquakes recently, but it could be a good thing. The spiritual energy seems to be gathering. There's no telling when the next earthquake will happen. So, seize the chance and cultivate here for breakthroughs."

A Half-Merman asked, "My lord, the gathering of spiritual energy is rather uncanny. Is it possible that someone is stealing our spiritual energy?"

The boss looked at the Half-Merman as if he were an idiot. "Are you stupid? The spiritual energy will be gone soon if someone is stealing it. Do you think you'll have a chance to cultivate at all?"

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Inside the mountain.

Han Fei and Xia Xiaochan looked at the spiritual stones that they left on the way and planned to collect on their way back. At this moment, spiritual energy was popping up in a certain direction. It seemed that someone was absorbing the spiritual energy.

Han Fei's eyes bulged. "Isn't it too outrageous? Are they enjoying the spiritual stones that we've dug out so strenuously?"

Xia Xiaochan was quite lost for words. “Those guys must be cultivating up above. What do we do? How can we catch anyone?”

Han Fei’s face was dark. “Cultivating? Did I dig up the spiritual stones for them to cultivate?”

Han Fei couldn’t help but ask, “There must be a lot of demonic stones at the bottom of the spring of demonic Qi, right? What do you think we replace the spiritual stones with demonic stones?”

Xia Xiaochan grinned. “That’s a good idea! It will be hard for them to transform the demonic Qi if they recklessly absorb too much of it. There may even be conflicts in their body. It will give us a chance to catch them.”

The Hexagon Starfish asked, “Can we take those spiritual stones away now?”

Han Fei considered for a moment and said, “No. Let them just absorb the spiritual energy for now. We’ll go back and dig up the demonic stones.”

Xia Xiaochan said, “I can go back and dig for the demonic stones. You can cultivate with them here! Later, I’ll replace the spiritual stones with demonic stones. Theoretically speaking, it won’t cause the tunnel to collapse.”

Han Fei realized that it did make sense, so he nodded and said, “Okay, then be quick about it. I’ll absorb the spiritual energy.”

Xia Xiaochan went back to dig up demonic stones.

Han Fei created multiple Spirit Gathering Arrays, and spiritual energy rolled at him crazily.

Han Fei sneered. Do you think I’ve been digging the spiritual stones so hard just for you to cultivate? Leave some for me!

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Above the mountain.

A Half-Merman asked in surprise, “Why is it hard to absorb the spiritual energy now?”

A Half-Merman was suspicious. “Hiss! Spiritual energy is gathering underground. Has the mountain ridge been connected to a mother lode of spiritual energy?”

The Half-Merman boss scanned again and again and said in comfort, “I chose this place as our main peak exactly because I thought it would be a place where spiritual energy would gather. It may be late for years, but it’s finally gathering!”

Someone instantly adulated him, “My lord, you were truly visionary. However, my lord, it seems that the spiritual energy isn’t easy to absorb.”

The Half-Merman leader sneered. “Of course. The spiritual energy isn’t stable yet after the earthquake, so it can’t be easy for you to absorb it! Just wait a moment. It should be fine very soon.”

Below the mountain.

Seated inside a Spirit Gathering Array, Han Fei cursed, "You want to compete over resources with me? Come on, let's absorb."

Chapter 730: Exposed

The Hexagon Starfish was dumbfounded, as Han Fei was absorbing the spiritual energy too fast.

Also, how could he absorb for such a long time? Shouldn't his body already be full?

Little did it know that Han Fei was having the best time. The intake of such a huge amount of pure spiritual energy finally made him less angry.

Although the spiritual stones didn't contain too much spiritual energy, there were still several dozen million points worth of energy. And he hadn't dug more tunnels yet.

If he stayed in the mountain long enough and dug hundreds of tunnels, he might get hundreds of millions of points of spiritual energy. After all, this place was the sea demons' base, and spiritual energy would be copious here.

About four hours later, Xia Xiaochan returned running and spraying the demonic stones on the way.

Seeing that Han Fei was still swallowing spiritual energy, Xia Xiaochan couldn't help but say, "Stop absorbing and collect the spiritual stones. We'll dig another way out. We have to catch a captive first."

Han Fei opened his eyes in surprise. "Huh? Is it so easy to dig up demonic stones?"

Xia Xiaochan replied casually, "The demonic stones underneath the spring have been accumulated for countless years without being dug up. Of course it was easy."

Han Fei instantly waved his hand and collected all the spiritual stones on the ground. He then kicked the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp. "Change the direction and let's keep digging."

Above the Sea Demon Mountain.

Hundreds of Half-Mermaids were waiting for the spiritual energy to gather and burst out.

Suddenly, one of them opened their eyes. "Not good. The spiritual energy has turned into demonic Qi."

A Half-Merman who was absorbing spiritual energy accidentally took in abundant demonic Qi.

Instantly, the Half-Merman's eyes were bloodshot. He roared and stabbed his harpoon at his partners while demonic Qi raged in his body.

"Damn it! Everybody, stop cultivating! Something is wrong. Those of you whose Associated Spirits are crabs, dig down and see what's down below. Don't dig up the spiritual stones, or you will be severely punished."

The sea demons finally noticed something wrong and were going to dig a few tunnels for investigation.

However, Han Fei and Xia Xiaochan had initiated a new round of digging. The sea demons were quickly digging holes too.

Dum! Dum! Dum!

Han Fei and Xia Xiaochan stopped digging and pricked their ears in confusion.

Xia Xiaochan frowned. "Not good. We seem to have been exposed. Are they digging down from above?"

Han Fei grimaced. He had been digging gently enough with the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp. Had he still been detected?

Han Fei was briefly stunned. "Don't panic! Let's just wait here and catch some of the diggers. Then we'll run back to the spring of demonic Qi. They can't know that it's our base."

Xia Xiaochan tilted her head and looked at Han Fei. "You're truly bold. In that case, they'll know that someone is inside the mountain."

Han Fei replied unconcernedly, "It's fine. We'll dig a few wrong paths for them to search. After the spiritual energy in your body is fully transformed, we'll go out and capture people in the sea, which will be easier than catching people here."

The Hexagon Starfish pleaded, "I think we should go! What if the sea demon experts are digging down?"

Han Fei pondered for a moment. "Are those experts good at digging?"

Xia Xiaochan: "..."

The Hexagon Starfish: "..."

Xia Xiaochan was much more sensitive about demonic Qi than regular sea demons were, so she locked onto one of the diggers very quickly.

Then, Han Fei placed all the spiritual stones he found in the digger's way and waited for him to arrive.

He waited for half a day.

In the middle of the Concealment Array and the Breath Concealing Array, Han Fei was holding a giant web, and Xia Xiaochan had turned into a giant crab with the Metamorphosis Water.

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"Little Six, do you think something is wrong with the Sea Demon Mountain? Why do I feel that there's less spiritual energy? Has the barrier of demonic Qi been broken by the earthquakes?"

In a tunnel, two Half-Mermen were quickly digging down. It was hard to dig an undersea mine, so they were not in a rush, but chit chatting while doing their work.

Dum! Dum!

The Half-Merman named Little Six snorted. "I don't think so. The barrier of demonic Qi has existed for years and would've already been broken if it can be broken."

The other Half-Merman sighed. "I'm told that human beings have a great many Heavenly Talents. I wish we could directly absorb the power in the barrier of demonic Qi."

Little Six smiled and said, "Lady Yu Ji said that in the depths of the sea, some Heavenly Talents can absorb and transform demonic Qi with their powerful techniques, but I don't think we can do that."

“I don’t know how much longer we have to fight human beings. Why do we have to loot human beings’ Spirit Awakening Fluid? Can’t we get it from other places?”

Little Six bared his fangs. “There are great demons in the deep sea. We might not be able to beat them. Besides, we’ve been born to fight the war with human beings.”

“Why do we fight the war?”

Little Six was stunned. “I don’t know! We were already fighting human beings when I was awakened. However, Lady Yu Ji told me that human beings are on the wrong path. They try to loot the Spirit Awakening Fluid because they want to become stronger and kill us, so we have to fight back in order not to get killed!”

“It’s said that Lady Yu Ji lives in the royal capital! That’s millions of kilometers from here.”

Little Six was quite eager. “I’m told that there will be a chance to go to the royal capital if we become real sea demons. Let’s work harder. I think it will happen soon.”

“Yes!”

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Boom!

While the two Half-Mermen were talking, the ground collapsed and all the stones fell down. The two of them were buried by the stones.

However, they weren’t weak at all. The two Half-Mermen quickly attacked and crushed the stones.

Right then, Little Six said, “Huh! There’s a minor cave down below. I sense spiritual stones in that place.”

“Little Six, the boss said that we cannot steal the spiritual stones.”

“Don’t listen to everything he says. We’re alone here. If we don’t tell, who will know that we’ve picked up a few spiritual stones?”

The two of them were delighted and quickly dug down. However, the moment the tunnel was dug through, a gigantic crab raised its pincers at them.

They were about to fight back, but their expressions changed as a huge net covered them from their back.

Han Fei caught the two Half-Mermen with the Spirit Forbidden Net and roared, “Let’s go!”

Han Fei then waved his hand and collected the spiritual stones. The Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp quickly punched the wall of the cave.

Boom!

The huge rocks almost filled the tunnel in the blink of an eye, and Han Fei and Xia Xiaochan quickly ran off.

Above the Sea Demon Mountain, some Half-Mermaids gathered.

One of them asked in surprise, “Huh? Weren’t Little Six and Seventeen digging here? Are they buried?”

A Half-Merman spread out his senses. “I sense nothing but stones down below. Where are Little Six and Seventeen? Inform the boss.”

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Han Fei ran crazily and collected the spiritual stones on the way, and the Nine-Tailed Mantis Shrimp pummeled the tunnel now and then. Very soon, noises of collapsing rock echoed.

The Half-Merman boss above the mountain roared, “Let all the diggers come out. It’s an earthquake... Huh? Why is the collapsing area so small?”

“My lord, Little Six and Seventeen went missing.”

The boss frowned. “Were they buried inside the mountain?”

“No, my lord. They just disappeared. The tunnel they dug collapsed, but we couldn’t detect anything with our senses.”

The boss asked in surprise, “Huh? They couldn’t be detected?”

A moment later, the Half-Merman boss stood in a pit with an awful expression. “Inform others that human beings have infiltrated this area. Lock down the Sea Demon Mountain and search for them.”

The boss sensed the lingering smell of human beings in this pit. He couldn’t possibly be mistaken.

At this moment, he suddenly realized that what had been going on wasn’t earthquakes, but the digging of certain human beings.

The boss roared, “Focus on the mine and the big mountain that has already collapsed. Those vicious human beings must’ve dug in from those places.”

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While the sea demons searched for Han Fei and Xia Xiaochan, the two of them had taken the Half-Mermen back to the spring of demonic Qi.

The two sea demons were frightened to see the spring of demonic Qi.

The taller of them looked at the spring of demonic Qi in fear. “Human beings, you’ve entered the spring of demonic Qi. You are dead for sure.”

The other Half-Merman howled and tore the Spirit Forbidden Net. “You’ll be corrupted by demonic Qi. You’ll die a miserable death.”

All of a sudden, a head craned out of the big crab. “Does either of you know how a sea demon can turn into a human being?”

The two Half-Mermen were shocked. This crab had a head inside its body. What kind of monster was that?