

Gourmet 391

Chapter 391: Oh, So Electrifying!

Du Wei gazed at Bu Fang's receding figure, a funny look filling her beautiful eyes, as if she didn't know whether it was more appropriate to laugh or cry. She had never thought that such a stern, stony human would end up being such a clown.

But then again, a human with enough guts to attack the Grand Serpentine City with a mere dog by his side, was there anything he didn't dare to do?

As for cooking mantis shrimps right in front of a supreme mantis shrimp, it probably wasn't such a big deal...

What an unusual human being, yet... she certainly owed this human her gratitude.

A layer of frostiness clouded Du Wei's sharpening eyes. She swung her serpent tail and kicked up tumultuous tides as her entire figure soared into the palace.

"Activate the Guardian Magic Array! Blast away these grotesque creatures right away!"

Du Wei's thunderous holler filled every corner of the serpent-man palace the moment she glided in. The countless serpent-men hiding within the palace instantly felt the ground rumble.

The very next second, sea waves autonomically cleared out of the space around the palace. A faint green beam of light shot to the sky as one after another magic array crystalized near the palace, filling the air with such a sparkling glow.

Du Wei's head of purple hair hang loose, her eyes cold, and her red lips lightly pursed into a beautiful curve. Then, her mind was linked to the numerous magic arrays.

The magic array facing the Oceanic Species Army emitted a glaring sparkle. One after another Magic Array Cannons burst forth amidst a glistening radiance.

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As Bu Fang continued running, he couldn't help but twitch his nose. The Braised Mantis Shrimps cooking inside the Black Turtle Constellation Wok smelt even more fragrant than before. The aroma was so rich that it almost made Bu Fang drool.

Like flower crabs, seafood including the mantis prawns tasted extremely well when braised with oil. In fact, it would taste even better than the Egg-Fried Rice sold in Fang Fang's Little Store.

Since the texture of the flesh from seafood was very different, braising with oil allowed for the utter release of any aroma found in the fat stored within such creatures. The resulting scent stimulated one's appetite, making one involuntarily gulp down saliva.

Bu Fang scurried off with large strides over the water. The amount of sea water within the Illusory Spirit Swamp was growing by the second, almost about to completely flood the area. The water level has already risen to over a meter high. If Bu Fang didn't rely on his true energy, he would quickly sink into the water.

This environment was not amiable toward Bu Fang at all, but served as quite a convenience for the Oceanic Species warriors and the supreme mantis shrimp chasing after him.

The Oceanic Species warriors looked less appealing compared to ordinary humans. They could be described as blue-skinned fish taking on the form of humans, with their fierce and bulging eyeballs, big blubber mouths, and cheeks slit open on both sides of their heads. Their fingers were also connected by webs, making them look like enlarged fish-men. Some of the Oceanic Species Warriors had a blue-colored fish tail covered with scales protruding out of their bottoms. It looked extremely peculiar.

As of this moment, the Oceanic Species warriors were all eyeing Bu Fang with wrath. Bu Fang's reckless cooking of mantis shrimps right before their eyes was a total belittlement of these Oceanic Species warriors.

Hiss Hiss!

The supreme mantis shrimp also emitted a low moan. Sea waves were rolling as high as the sky. Its dense rows of limbs shifted, enabling its gigantic body to dart forward at an amazing speed, easily shortening the distance between itself and Bu Fang.

Just as it was inches away from Bu Fang, the supreme mantis shrimp widened its eyes and extended its sickle-like claws. It was so fast that one couldn't capture its true speed or path of movement.

The air was nearly ripped apart in that very moment.

Bu Fang, stilling carrying the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, felt his body freeze. A cold sensation washed over him as he detected a murderous vibe. His heart, previously stirred by the aroma of the Braised Mantis Shrimp, suddenly lurched.

Bang!

True energy surged as sky-high sea waves burst out of the water under his foot. Bu Fang's body rocketed to the sky.

The supreme mantis shrimp's two sickle-like claws scratched down ferociously.

Another eruption boomed. Two giant, deep pits appeared where Bu Fang was standing an instant ago, within which waves spun.

"What a strong, sturdy sickle claw... this mantis shrimp must have a lot of meat. It would surely taste spectacular!" Bu Fang stepped across the air and exclaimed to himself.

As he floated up into the sky, the Oceanic Species warriors also gradually closed in.

One of those warriors at the level of eighth grade War-God bellowed. A trident appeared and shot for Bu Fang.

Bu Fang took in a deep breath. With the flicker of his mind, true energy burst out, instantly consuming a huge chunk of the true energy stored within his body. At this very moment, the Black Turtle Constellation Wok swelled and expanded in size.

The lines of patterns on the surface of the Black Turtle Constellation Wok were suddenly enlivened. Beams of golden light twisted around it.

The Black Turtle Constellation Wok, now almost as large as a small hill, was tossed out by Bu Fang.

The trident collided with the Black Turtle Constellation Wok and was easily smacked away. It didn't have the capacity to even shake the Black Turtle Constellation Wok one bit.

A couple of Oceanic Species warriors took in chilled breaths. What the hell was this?

The Black Turtle Constellation Wok whistled by. Seeing the enemy's weapon tossed their way, the Oceanic Species warriors widened their fish-like eyes and slapped down with their palms. With so many Oceanic Species warriors smacking down at the same time, they were filled with confidence.

However, the moment their palms touched the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, an ugly expression smeared across the faces of these Oceanic Species warriors...

Sizzle Sizzle Sizzle!!

The aroma of meat wafted out, nearly contorting the complexions of the Oceanic Species warriors.

Miserable wails left their mouths. Fear charged their eyes.

Hot!

Scorching hot!

The fire burning beneath the Black Turtle Constellation Wok was the Heaven and Earth Obsidian Flame. Though it wasn't emitting powerful forces of pressure at that instant... how could their physical bodies take the heat of the roasting Black Turtle Constellation Wok.

These Oceanic Species warriors felt like their palms were nearly fried, and even the webs between their fingers teared open and curled up due to the heat.

However, what frightened them even more right now was that the Black Turtle Constellation Wok was still firing toward them.

Good heavens... this was a blistering hot wok!

Sizzle Sizzle Sizzle!!

Accompanying the waves of meaty fragrance, countless Oceanic Species warriors howled miserably as they fell from the sky and plummeted into the water below. A hot mist even rose up from the surface of the water.

Bu Fang watched all of this with a degree of astonishment. He never imagined the scalding hot Black Turtle Constellation Wok to have such effects. This meant he just discovered a new technique of the black wok. With the flicker of his mind, the Black Turtle Constellation Wok shrank and flew back to him.

The hot mists within the wok swirled around with the aroma.

A mantis shrimp already braised red sprang out. Oily sauce splattered everywhere in the sky, spreading a rich fragrance.

Bu Fang's eyes instantly sparkled.

"It'll be you, Braised Mantis Shrimp!"

A wisp of smoke twirled around and the Dragon Bone Kitchen Knife appeared. Bu Fang caught the well-braised red shell of the mantis shrimp with the knife. The entire mantis shrimp has shriveled up, emitting hot steams and a pervading aroma.

Bu Fang's kitchen knife wobbled, sending the mantis shrimp back into the air.

He spun the kitchen knife and swiftly cut off the tail of the mantis shrimp. A light sauce dripped out of the opening from the last strip of the creature.

True energy coated Bu Fang's finger. He pinched the mantis shrimp and hooked the small opening with his kitchen knife. Then, he pulled outwards fiercely.

After a rip, the entire shell on the mantis shrimp was ripped off by Bu Fang.

What was left was the pale, tender shrimp flesh, still quivering gently. The braised shrimp meat smelled wonderful. Its flesh was soft and delicate, still steaming with a hot mist.

Gulp, Bu Fang swallowed a mouthful of saliva. Holding on to the head of the shrimp, Bu Fang took a big bite of its flesh.

The tender shrimp meat glided into his mouth, causing his eyes to light up. An indescribable sensation flowed into his heart. This shrimp flesh was springy, bouncing between his teeth. The aroma drifted within Bu Fang's mouth and at the tip of his nose.

The freshness of seafood and the fragrance of the Ice Heart Jade Urn Wine were simply intoxicating.

The mantis shrimp contented a good amount of spirit energy. It glided down Bu Fang's throat, making him feel like his whole body was being cleansed.

"It tastes marvelous!" Bu Fang exclaimed with admiration, still in a state of euphoria. With another bite, he pushed the rest of the shrimp meat into his mouth, enjoying the pleasure gained by such gourmet delicacy.

Sizzle Sizzle!

Sniffing at the meaty fragrance in the air, the supreme mantis shrimp glared its eyes with even more rage. Spirit energy burst out of its body as its sickle-like claws tore past the air and slashed towards Bu Fang. Its entire figure launched forward like a spring.

With a swing, the Black Turtle Constellation Wok was smashed toward the supreme mantis shrimp.

A loud thud was heard as the force of energy this mantis shrimp thrust outward smashed away the Black Turtle Constellation Wok.

Bu Fang's heart shuddered. Another mantis shrimp popped out of the wok and was captured by Bu Fang's hand. Gripping the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, Bu Fang turned around to bolt without another word.

This supreme mantis shrimp's instant outburst of power was terrifying. There was no advantage in hitting back with sheer force, plus... the main thing right now was enjoying the flavors of his Braised Mantis Shrimp.

Wolfing down Braised Mantis Shrimp whilst being hunted by a mantis shrimp... Oh, how electrifying!

Bam Bam Bam!

Bu Fang stepped across the waters once more. As the true energy in his body boiled, he took flight at a fast speed.

His hands didn't slow down or do sloppy jobs. A smack of the knife and the mantis shrimp flew up. Off with its tail, and an easy rip of the shell—what was left was the pale and tender shrimp flesh still quivering gently.

Waves of aroma brushed against his face. Bu Fang took another bite as his mouth salivated. Bu Fang munched with his greasy lips, a satisfied look smearing across his face.

Whereas Bu Fang was having the time of his life, the supreme mantis shrimp chasing after him wasn't enjoying this one bit. Its dense rows of limbs moved nonstop, running after Bu Fang at an incredible speed.

Every time it almost caught up, a black wok came flying its way. This burning heavy wok was smacking its head numb. Then, that damned human would seize the chance to tug out another one of its babies and feast on it!

Agh! This mantis shrimp was about to go crazy!

Just like this, a man and a shrimp, one eating and one chasing, drifted away.

Bu Fang had no idea that he was getting closer and closer to the crystal mine.

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The sea waves heaved. Multiple figures stepped across the tides, releasing ferocious forces of energy.

Up in the sky, a giant metal warship hovered in the air. Executive Feng, standing there with his body erect, pulled his hands behind his back as he watched the figures rolling in by water.

"The Oceanic Species?" Executive Feng muttered.

Executive Feng could feel the formidable forces of energy on these figures.

These forces of energy were on par with his. It was obvious that the other party was also at the tenth grade Divine Realm, a warrior of the Divine Physique Echelon. Its physical body was strapping, its blood and energy gushing like a fountain!

Could it be that the Oceanic Species also came for the crystal mine?

Executive Feng instantly scrunched his brows and curled his lips. Streams of blood and energy within his body swelled, billowing thunderously. He was directly confronting the Oceanic Species warrior at the Divine Physique Echelon who glided in on sea waves.

The Divine warrior of the Oceanic Species also widened his eyes and peered toward the metal warship suspending in the sky, his face turning somber.

Just as the two eyed each other, a giant explosion blasted out from the mouth of the crystal mine.

Boom Boom!!

After a few denotations, a couple of disheveled figures slipped out of the mine.

Chapter 392: The Supreme Mantis Prawn Persistent And Relentless Hunt

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The swamp, which had dried up and hardened, emitted constant rumbles as countless people rushed out of the entrance of the crystal mine in sorry states.

Wu Mu's complexion was quite unsightly gripping a longsword as his sword energy ran amok.

The Serpent Sovereign's blue hair fluttered around, and she swayed her blue tail as countless ripples of true energy surged from her body.

It wasn't only them. The Serpent King, Du Kai, still had lightning flickering on his body, but he was soaked with blood and had lost countless pieces of blue scales.

Their gazes were locked onto the black entrance of the big crystal mine, and they involuntarily sucked in breaths of cold air.

Bang!

Another loud rumble reverberated from the mine, and more people rushed out of it. One unlucky escapee was caught by several beasts, and he was sent flying; he crashed to the ground so heavily that his fall created a depression.

Executive Feng's pupils dilated. Although he was still in the air-borne warship, he was still able to discover that the unlucky escapee that was ambushed, sent flying, crashed to the ground heavily and was currently spouting mouthfuls of blood was the ninth grade Supreme-Being that he had sent in.

Bang! Bang!

The spirit beasts lingered around the mine's entrance. Their bodies seemed to be made out of crystals and glittered with a golden, ice-cold radiance. Their eyes glowed blood-red and were terrifying to behold.

A great number of these beasts surrounded the entrance to the mine, completely sealing it off.

Wu Mu and the Serpentine Sovereign watched the spirit beasts with apprehensive gazes. It was these spirit beasts that injured Bai Zhan and caused them to end up in such a sorry state.

Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species' expert squinted their eyes, masking the glint evident within them.

"These are... crystal beasts?" they both muttered at the same time. It was obvious that they possessed a more profound knowledge about the big crystal mine's spirit beasts than Wu Mu and the others.

Also, were those crystal beats capable of confronting ninth grade Supreme-Beings?

Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species' expert sucked in deep breaths and got excited.

"If the crystal beasts guarding the mine are this strong, then just how precious is the treasure within the crystal source?!" With a fervent gaze, Executive Feng leaned forward and placed both hands on the ship's banister.

Salty seawater sprayed the cheeks of the Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert, and he proceeded to emit a resounding roar. If he wasn't mistaken, the prawn ancestor was surely asleep within the big crystal mine.

Bang!

The corners of Executive Feng's mouth curled up, and he took a single step ahead. Instantly, his entire body shot forward, and an extremely powerful aura surged out of him. He instantly appeared mid-air over the crystal mine. His physical strength was tremendous, and even his muscles seemed to glow faintly. His gaze flickered like lightning, and his mere presence was powerful and imposing.

The fleshly body of a tenth grade Divine Realm expert, Divine Physique Echelon, was extremely powerful.

As soon as he stepped out of his warship, Executive Feng's speed seemed to transcend the speed of sound, and he appeared before the entrance in a single instant with a loud rumble.

The scarlet eyes of the crystal beasts lit up, and they roared before charging at Executive Feng.

Executive Feng raised a fist and punched.

The hard and firm crystal beasts were capable of withstanding attacks from ninth grade Supreme-Beings, and yet they immediately shattered into countless pieces of crystals the instant Executive Feng punched outward.

A scarlet light burst out from the shattered crystals and rushed into the mine.

Executive Feng's fleshly body was extremely powerful, and every blow of his fist could shatter a crystal beast; thus, he had been able to completely overwhelm the crystal beasts.

The Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert was taken aback for a moment, but he proceeded to step onto a wave with a foot which was adorned with fins.

The dreadful sea waves immediately soared up into the sky and charged toward Executive Feng.

As the two Divine Realm experts' gaze clashed in mid-air, they resembled flickering arcs of lightning.

With all of their might, they thrust out their fists at the same time, and when they collided, a frightening amount of waves surged into the air, and the gale worsened.

The Oceanic Species expert retreated back several steps. Suddenly, his cheeks opened up and water surged out of them.

Executive Feng raised his brow in astonishment, and he swung his arm.

The Great Barren Sect specialized in fleshly body cultivation, so it was only natural that Executive Feng's fleshly body was many times more powerful than the body of a normal Divine Physique Echelon's expert, who had just broken through one of the shackles of the Supreme-Being realm. However, the Oceanic Species expert confronted him directly, yet the former didn't suffer defeat.

As expected, the Oceanic Species was an amazing race.

The fight between the Divine Realm experts left Wu Mu and the Serpentine Sovereign feeling quite dumbfounded, but the terrifying fluctuations from the battle made both their bodies tremble.

Both the Oceanic Species expert and Executive Feng displayed levels of power which surpassed the comprehensions of Wu Mu and the Serpentine Sovereign.

As their fists collided, the vigor and true energy of both opponents surged out so much, the combination seemed like it would burst through the sky.

Were these two really tenth grade Divine Realm experts?

My God! Why would tenth grade Divine Realm experts appear in the Illusory Spirit Swamp?

Why such a small crystal mine attracted tenth grade Divine Realm experts?

The strengths of the Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert and Executive Feng vastly surpassed all the peak experts within the Southern Region.

Rumble!

Both Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species expert sucked in deep breaths before they resumed their battle. As they had reached the tenth grade Divine Realm, their speed was so fast that it almost seemed to surpass the speed of sound.

The fluctuations that arose from the battle forced Wu Mu and the others to draw back repeatedly.

Their location had already turned into a battlefield for both tenth grade Divine Realm experts.

And, they were both fighting over who got to enter the big crystal mine.

An intense explosion erupted from the entrance of the crystals mine. Both Divine Physique Echelon experts were like barbaric beasts, disregarding everything and rushing into the entrance. As they collided within it, it crumbled.

Roar! Roar!

Countless crystal beats within the mine roared, rushed at the two invaders, and began attacking forcefully.

However, a single fist thrust in the direction of the crystal beasts was enough to shatter them into pieces.

Both Divine Physique Echelon experts threw punch after punch, bombarding the crystal beasts, and were able to create a path in the mine.

Outside the mine, Wu Mu and the others looked at each other in dismay. As they listened to the rumbling sounds resounding from the mine, they were hesitant, unable to decide whether they should enter in or not.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Explosions and rumbles erupted from within the mine.

Suddenly, an alluring fragrance containing the pleasant scent of wine and seafood permeated the air.

Upon perceiving the aroma, Wu Mu and the others couldn't help but tremble. In bewilderment, they looked in the direction that the fragrance was drifting from. In that direction, they saw two shadows, one chasing the other.

The one being pursued was a youth who had a black wok in his grip and ran with large strides. The youth was also holding onto a greasy shrimp which seemed as though it had been cooked till it turned red. As he gave chase, the youth with the black wok kept eating the shrimp with elation.

Every time he bit into the shrimp, oil burst out of it and splattered all around, and its fragrance assailed their nostrils.

Behind the youth was a giant Deep Sea Mantis Prawn.

That was a supreme mantis prawn; its fighting prowess was extremely terrifying, and its fearful sickles possessed an extremely terrifying oppressive power.

Bang!

The supreme Mantis Prawn charged with a fury as if it wished to tear apart the human in one move. However, Bu Fang's replied by shooting his scalding black wok toward it once more. Then, he took the opportunity to lengthen the distance between him and the supreme Mantis Prawn.

The Mantis Prawn roared, and its whole body trembled with rage.

The corners of Bu Fang's mouth curled up as he continued enjoying the delicious and greasy mantis shrimp, which flooded him with the feeling of comfort.

The Oceanic Species experts who were still atop the sea waves all widened their eyes as they witnessed the scene. "What happened? Shouldn't the Deep Sea Mantis Prawn be attacking the Grand Serpentine City? Why had it run all the way here, instead?"

Bu Fang slid atop the waves, spraying water all around before he stopped for a moment and took out the last mantis shrimp from the Black Turtle Constellation Wok.

He raised his knife and skilfully peeled its shell.

When the Oceanic Species experts witnessed this, the corners of their mouth twitched as they thought, "It is no longer surprising that the Deep Sea Mantis Prawn chased this human down."

From the skillful way that Bu Fang peeled off the mantis shrimp's shell, it became evident that he had eaten countless mantis shrimps already.

Moreover, he was eating the mantis shrimps that had been cooked until they were thoroughly red and greasy, and he ate them in front of the supreme Mantis Prawn... wasn't that just a direct provocation?

After he had eaten the last shrimp, Bu Fang conveniently threw away its shell, which fell into the water with a "plump" sound.

Bu Fang comfortably exhaled a breath of steam. He licked the grease on his lips, feeling as though his body had become feather light. That was truly a delicious and invigorating meal.

The Mantis Prawn was enraged, and it swung its sickles at him.

Bu Fang's spiritual force was extremely powerful, and as he exerted some concentration, he started swaying left and right, unexpectedly dodging the Deep Sea Mantis Prawn's extremely swift attacks.

When the spectating Oceanic Species experts came back to their senses, their eyes shone with an ice-cold glow.

The Mantis Prawn was their comrade, and since this human unexpectedly dared to provoke it, he had become the enemy of the whole Oceanic Species. They emitted resounding roars before they all jumped down and charged toward Bu Fang.

When Bu Fang noticed them, his heart skipped a beat. There was a great number of them, and they were all experts with powerful cultivation levels.

"I would be retarded if I confronted all of you head-on."

He stirred his Black Turtle Constellation Wok by infusing it with his true energy. In the next instant, almost all of his true energy was used up, including the true energy he had just recovered by eating those mantis shrimps.

However, despite that, Bu Fang was still expressionless. After the Black Turtle Constellation Wok was infused with his true energy, A resplendent golden radiance burst out of it, and its swiftly expanding to the size of a small mountain, and it was at that moment that he hurled it.

The extremely heavy Black Turtle Constellation Wok soared toward them.

After he had done that, Bu Fang turned around without the slightest hesitation and rushed into the mine, disappearing from their sights.

Rumble!

The Black Turtle Constellation Wok collided with the Deep Sea Mantis Prawn, sending the Supreme Beast staggering backward with a slight dizziness.

The Oceanic Species experts emitted powerful auras and blocked the Black Turtle Constellation Wok.

Bang!

With a loud rumble, the giant golden wok turned into green smoke and disappeared.

After they discovered that Bu Fang had disappeared, the Oceanic Species experts looked at each other in dismay. The supreme Mantis Prawn shook its head, and its eyes contracted before it emitted a loud roar.

Its body shot out with a loud rumble, and it forced its way into the mine.

Its gigantic body unexpectedly managed to pass through the narrow entrance.

Upon witnessing the scene, Wu Mu and the others, the Oceanic Species dismayed experts, and the Great Barren Sect's experts in the warship in the sky, all took deep breaths.

Just how much had that human provoked the Mantis Prawn?

Such persistence in hunting was truly shocking!

Bu Fang entered the mine and sped along the path before he suddenly noticed something. He looked down at piles of crystals that littered the ground, and the corners of his mouth couldn't help twitching.

Wasn't the temporary mission that asked him to come over the Illusory Spirit Swamp just about obtaining a big crystal mine's crystal source?

He had only intended to glance around, and he didn't expect that he would find it by chance.

Rumble!

Just when Bu Fang was reveling in his excitement, a loud rumble erupted from behind him.

Bu Fang was taken aback. He turned his head and saw the supreme Mantis Prawn's compound eyes. It waved its sickle, trying to cut apart the stone wall in its way as it charged toward Bu Fang.

It was truly persistent. Bu Fang took a deep breath. It seemed like the Mantis Prawn had gone crazy in a bid to slay him. Didn't it fear being stranded in such a narrow pathway?

Bu Fang criticized inwardly before he turned around and continued proceeding forward. Rumbles continued to erupt from behind him, but the path ahead of him was pitch-black. Bu Fang spouted out a ball of the Ten Thousand Bestial Flames in order to light up the path ahead.

Suddenly, Bu Fang lost his footing, and his complexion immediately stiffened as a crevice appeared below him.

A powerful suction force erupted from it, instantly sucking Bu Fang into it.

Rumble!

Broken rocks flew all around.

The Deep Sea Mantis Prawn rushed forward. It twirled around wildly as its legs scurried around. Suddenly, its compound eyes became slightly vacant as it felt a suction force below it. Along with a "swoosh" sound, the stupefied Mantis Prawn was also sucked into the crevice.

Chapter 393: Where Did That Lazy Dog Go?

A strong suction force burst out from the crevice underneath his feet. Bu Fang felt his body suddenly get pulled downward because of the suction force, and gravity caused him to swiftly descend.

As he fell, the wind whistled around him and caused his hair to flutter wildly.

Although Bu Fang wasn't able to see his surroundings clearly because it was pitch-black, he could still feel that he was quite close to the wall, and as he fell, he could feel a chill emanating from it.

Bu Fang didn't know how long he had been falling for, but he suddenly felt the suction force vanish, and just afterward, the scenery before his eyes became clear.

As soon as the suction force disappeared, Bu Fang felt as though he had just exited a pitch-black cave after a long time and was now able to see and experience the bright sun again.

However, he didn't really see the sun.

He stirred his true energy to slow down his rapid descent. His fluttering hair calmed down as his speed of descent reduced to a mere floating.

Soon, his feet touched solid ground. Bu Fang stood up properly and proceeded to look around.

What he saw made him suck in a deep breath of cold air.

He raised his head and looked up, that white light wasn't that of the daytime sky, but because he was in the deepest part of a big cave.

Above him, on the cave's ceiling, were innumerable resplendent crystals. Some glittered with five or six different colors, but most of them only emitted a white light, lighting up the entire cave, which caused the ceiling to resemble the bright daytime sky.

The ceiling didn't contain only crystals, there were countless other varieties of minerals unbeknownst to Bu Fang. His eyes contracted as he noticed them. It suddenly occurred to him that he didn't possess any knowledge regarding mineral resources, especially their names.

Rumble!

A rumbling sound erupted from above him, from the crevice which led to the upper part of that cave. And it was the same crevice that Bu Fang had just fallen down from. Suddenly, countless shattered rocks fell from it.

Bu Fang was taken aback for a moment before his thoughts shifted to the Deep Sea Mantis Prawn which had not relented in chasing him.

That giant creature... It surely wouldn't follow him all the way down here, would it?

Did it really not fear getting stuck and stranded?

Bu Fang grinned in amusement, shot up, and speed off.

Swoosh!

More broken rocks fell through the crevice, after which the Deep Sea Mantis Prawn's giant head appeared at the mouth of the crevice.

However, that was it. Just its head came out. Its body was still stuck inside the crevice, so it couldn't descend to the ground, causing it to roll its compound eyes around wildly.

It waved its sickles in the air wildly, yet its body was still stuck in the crevice. A sudden realization seemed to dawn on it, and it became anxious, thrashing its innumerable legs about in a bid to get unstuck. However, aside from causing more rocks to fall, its attempt was all for naught.

When Bu Fang, who had almost departed the area, witnessed the scene, the corners of his mouth curled up.

He wasn't mistaken, after all. It really did get stuck in there.

Since such a huge as itself actually dared to imitate a human roller coaster going through narrow tunnels, it was only natural that it would end up getting stuck.

Bu Fang didn't care about the stuck supreme Mantis Prawn which was still struggling wildly. He just turned around and continued proceeding forward. He turned around because he felt another suction force erupt from somewhere else in the distance.

Moreover, there were intense fluctuations of true energy surging out from the same location, closely followed by loud rumbles. It seemed as though some experts were engaged in a battle over there.

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Executive Feng regarded the three resplendent crystal sources before him with a fervent gaze.

Those three crystal sources lay peacefully close to them. One of them was emitting intense fluctuations, and like a funnel, it absorbed all of the spiritual energy within the cave.

"It's unexpectedly capable of absorbing such a great quantity of spiritual energy. That crystal source surely contains a precious treasure." Executive Feng was so excited that his whole body started trembling.

He had seen crystal sources before, but not a crystal source that could attract and absorb spiritual energy by itself. What the hell could it be?

Even if he thought about it with his toes and not his head, he would still come to the conclusion that that crystal source contained an extraordinary treasure. But what kind of sealed treasure would be capable of absorbing spiritual energy by itself?

Could the crystal source contain a... divine tool?

Moreover, if it did contain a divine tool, it shouldn't be just an ordinary one.

Executive Feng was so excited that he almost went crazy. If he could obtain that treasure, his status within the Great Barren Sect would surely drastically rise up.

When that happened, the so-called Ten Grand Heirs of Heaven would only be considered trash in front of him, and they would be forced to obediently lower their heads before him.

With the intense suction force still surging outward, Executive Feng let out a long breath.

The Oceanic Species expert widened his eyes, which resembled a dead fish's, and got excited upon noticing the three crystal sources. How could he be incapable of discerning what Executive Feng had noticed? Naturally, he was also capable of arriving at the same conclusion as Executive Feng.

However, unlike Executive Feng, his conclusion wasn't that the crystal source contained a divine tool.

The Oceanic Species' priest had informed him that within the Illusory Spirit Swamp's big crystal mine, one of their race's experts, the Prawn Ancestor, was asleep.

The Prawn Ancestor was the hope of their Oceanic Species. The priest had also told him that if they could awaken the Prawn Ancestor, their area of influence might expand into a bigger ocean.

Those three crystal sources were all extraordinary, and one of them was even absorbing the surrounding spiritual energy. Could that crystal source contain their Oceanic Species' Prawn Ancestor?

As expected of the Prawn Ancestor. Although he was only asleep, he could still cause such a great commotion. While being sealed, he could still absorb such a great quantity of spiritual energy. The kind of terrifying scene that would occur once the Prawn Ancestor woke up was unimaginable.

Since their priest placed such great hopes in him, then the Prawn Ancestor's cultivation would surely be extremely extraordinary. Was he an existence that had surpassed the Divine Physique Echelon?

As these thoughts crossed his mind, the Oceanic Species Divine Physique Echelon expert was so excited that water unceasingly gushed out of his cheeks.

Suddenly, that Oceanic Species' expert abandoned his glee and cast a wary gaze at Executive Feng, and he saw that Executive Feng was also eyeing him warily.

As their gazes collided in mid-air, sparks seemed to erupt at the point where their gazes collided, closely followed by sharp crackles.

"Your Excellency, this crystal source is extremely important to my Oceanic Species. If you let me have it, then you can take the other two pieces of crystal sources with you," the Oceanic Species expert said in a solemn tone.

"Oh... It's truly a coincidence. As a matter of fact, that crystal source is also extremely important to my Great Barren Sect. If Your Excellency can let me have it, then you can take the other two pieces of crystal sources with you," Executive Feng sneered and replied coldly.

Do you take me for a fool?

Two of the three crystal sources were just useless chunks of rocks that weren't hollow. The other crystal source was quite imposing; it had plundered a lot of spiritual energy, so it would surely contain a treasure; thus, the other two crystal sources could only be considered wastes.

They weren't fools, so they would definitely not give up a precious treasure for two pieces of junk.

Great Barren Sect? That Oceanic Species expert's dead fish eyes contracted, and his wariness increased. Naturally, he had already heard about the Great Barren Sect before.

Although their sea area was quite remote, it was still more powerful than the Southern Region, and at least, countless Divine Realm experts appeared in it. There were even some Divine Physique Echelon experts amongst them, who had broken through several Supreme-Being's shackles.

So, how could they not know of one of the Hidden Dragon Continent first-class factions, the Great Barren Sect.

In fact, it was because he already heard about the Great Barren Sect that the Oceanic Species expert became more wary. However, the Shrimp Ancestor was extremely important to the Oceanic Species, so he had to get that crystal source no matter what, so even if his opponent was from the Great Barren Sect, the Oceanic Species' expert would still not yield and let him have it.

"Since this is the case, then let's depend on our skill to obtain it." That Oceanic Species expert proclaimed coldly.

The corners of Executive Feng's mouth curled up. It seemed like this crystal source was really extremely important to the Oceanic Species as he wasn't even deterred by the Great Barren Sect's name.

Thus, Executive Feng snorted coldly and made his move.

Bang! Bang!

The two of them were both Divine Physique Echelon experts who had broken through one of Supreme-Being's shackles, so their true energy and fleshly body were both extremely powerful. Loud rumbles, which rivaled the roar of violent waves smacking a cliff's wall, erupted from their exchange.

The two experts streaked through the air, swinging their fists, and battled each other.

When their fists collided, their true energies surged out and caused a world-defying pressure to spread out.

As they fought recklessly for the treasure within the crystal source, the crystal source itself continued to absorb spirit energy at the same moderate pace it had before.

Crunch...

Suddenly, a liquid began to flow out of a crystal on the ground, and soon, numerous crystals began secreting liquids as well. The secretions coalesced, forming a giant being.

That giant being gradually stood up, and its scarlet eyes locked onto the two Divine Physique Echelon experts who were still fighting.

It was a crystal beast. It was a crystal beast formed by this big crystal mine. Its body was extremely large, and it contained a terrifying energy, which gradually began to surge.

Its aura wasn't weaker than the ones from Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species expert. It was unexpectedly also an existence at the Divine Realm.

Roar!

That crystal beast roared, causing terrifying airwaves to erupt.

It startled the two experts who were fighting. When they looked at it, their pupils involuntarily contracted. It was obvious that they didn't expect a Divine Realm crystal beast to reside in the cave. Its existence wasn't good news for them.

Although they didn't fear the crystal beast, they still needed to guard against each other, and no matter who fought it, they wouldn't be able to defeat it effortlessly.

If whoever decided to battle it got injured in the fight, then they would be incapable of continuing their battle over that crystal source. Therefore, they both grew wary and had their guards up. They didn't dare to make any careless moves and attack.

For a moment, the three of them reached a stalemate in the cave.

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Crack!

Bu Fang stepped on the ground, shot out toward a giant crystal, and hit behind it.

When Bu Fang looked at the huge crystal, his eyes immediately lit up. However, it was truly a pity that even if he collected this huge crystal, the system wouldn't recognize it because of its origin, and it wouldn't be converted into his true energy for his cultivation.

The giant crystal hid Bu Fang from view. He stuck his head out from behind it and gazed into the distance. As he soon as he saw what was there, his pupils immediately contracted, and he sucked in a breath of cold air.

There were three existences over there, and one of them was an extremely large crystal beast. The crystal beast shocked him, and he couldn't help but wonder how many pieces of crystal coalesced just to form that crystal beast.

Bu Fang didn't dare rashly rush out toward them as it was obvious they weren't easy to deal with.

From their auras, Bu Fang could tell that they were existences who surpassed the Supreme-Being Realm, to say, Divine Physique Echelon existences.

Although the current Bu Fang possessed the Black Turtle Constellation Wok and had reached the seventh grade Battle-Saint realm, when he faced Supreme-Beings, he could only depend on his wok to smash them. However, if he confronted them head-on, they would definitely crush him. So, confronting Divine Physique Echelon experts was out of the question.

Suddenly, Bu Fang began to miss the lazy dog, Blacky. Although that dog was lazy, its strength was impressive. Now that he thought about it... where did that lazy dog run off to?

"It just suddenly disappeared. Did it get lost?" Bu Fang muttered inwardly. Suddenly, his gaze grew grave when he caught sight of what was below the three experts, on the lower right side.

There were three resplendent crystal sources there. There were obviously the crystal sources that the system's mission entailed. One of those crystal sources was constantly absorbing spiritual energy, and it was quite dazzling.

Such an impressive crystal source would definitely contain the ingredient required to complete the temporary mission.

Bu Fang squinted his eyes and grew excited at the thought. He knew that he ought to think of some feasible ways to snatch that crystal source from the hands of the three Divine Realm experts.

Chapter 394: The Dog's Paw Extended out of The Crystal Source

In the Light Wind Empire Capital, as the morning sun rays shone upon the roads which were still being constructed, it seemed like they were filled with countless pieces of gold.

A person slowly entered the Imperial Capital and trod on the ground filled with broken rocks, causing the disturbing friction sound to resound. The cold morning breeze increased its intensity for a moment and blew off the bamboo hat and black veil that covered the strange person.

An ice-cold face could be faintly seen beneath that black veil.

As Bei Gongming gazed at the devastated Light Wind Imperial Capital, his complexion didn't experience the slightest change, and his expression remained indifferent. He clasped his hands behind his back and slowly walked into the Imperial Capital.

His objective was clear—Fang Fang's Little Store. From the information that he had gathered, the person who took the Heaven and Earth Obsidian Flames, the Ten Thousand Bestial Flames, was that store's owner.

At the moment he learned such information, he felt like there were countless black dogs galloping in his mind.

He would never have expected that the person who snatched the Ten Thousand Bestial Flames from the hands of countless Supreme-Beings was unexpectedly just an unknown small store's owner and chef.

Such information made the prestigious Great Barren Sect's inner disciple's face flush in shame.

He could see that the surrounding buildings surrounding were still being reconstructed.

Although Bei Gongming walked slowly, he reached the store in just a short while. He leaned on an ice-cold wall as he observed the store calmly.

The store's door opened, and a handsome youth with cherry red lips and fair white teeth came out. His eyes were still drooping, and after he opened the door, he turned around and returned inside.

That handsome youngster wasn't the store's owner he was looking for...

Bei Gongming knew Bu Fang, so he was a bit puzzled. He continued waiting until the day was almost over. The store door was eventually closed up. However, Bei Gongming had yet to see even Bu Fang's shadow.

"What's going on?" Bei Gongming was lightly stupefied. "Am I at the wrong place?"

However, this place was the same location written in the intel that he had received.

Bei Gongming kept quiet and kept his cool. On the second day, he came out once again to stake the store out, and this time when went inside and ordered a dish. However, after waiting for a long time, he still didn't see Bu Fang.

"Where is the store owner?" Bei Gongming couldn't bear to wait any longer, so he asked the little loli who had lazily laid on a chair outside, enjoying a sun bath.

Ouyang Xiaoyi shot a look at Bei Gongming and thought, "This should be another person who wants to taste Owner Bu's handmade dishes."

"Owner Bu went on a trip, and I don't know when he will come back. If you want to taste his dishes, then you should wait for him," Ouyang Xiaoyi replied.

Went on a trip?

Bei Gongming was taken aback, and his expression turned stiff.

"Executive Feng ordered me to monitor Bu Fang, and you are informing me that he has gone on a trip?"

"When will Owner Bu come back?" Bei Gongming asked, trying his best to restrain his grief and indignation.

Ouyang Xiaoyi gazed at him in bewilderment and said, "I don't know. He may come back after two days, ten days, or even half a month. Who knows when he will come back..."

As a matter of fact, every time Bu Fang traveled, he would return at unexpected periods of time, and Ouyang Xiaoyi was already accustomed to it.

However, this news was unacceptable to Bei Gongming.

When he recalled the task that was entrusted to him by Executive Feng, Bei Gongming suddenly felt exhaustion well up in his heart, and he felt like the entire world was against him.

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Rumble!

The Divine Realm crystal beast, which resembled a giant human, waved its fist which was formed by crystals and thrust it at the Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species expert who were in mid-air.

Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species' expert had extremely powerful cultivations, so they were able to make swift maneuvers in mid-air to dodge the crystal beast's fists.

The crystal fist smashed into the ground, causing it to tremble. The heavy tremor caused countless crystals atop the ceiling to rain down to the ground.

The crystal beast roared, and its scarlet eyes locked onto the Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species expert once again. It raised its fists and pounded its own chest before opening its mouth, making evident the surging energy condensing within its maw.

A ray of light flashed as a wave of energy shot out of its mouth.

Executive Feng sucked in a breath of cold air, and he swayed in an irregular manner just to dodge the attack.

The energy blast missed its target and hit the ground, resulting in an explosion which left a big and deep pit, from which black smoke surged, in its wake.

The hearts of both Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species expert shuddered. They knew that if they chose to continue dodging, they were bound to get severely injured by the gigantic crystal beast sooner or later.

After all, it was an existence at the Divine Realm level.

Executive Feng roared, and the cloth covering his torso was ripped open. Every muscle in his body bulged, making them seem like a cluster of little dragons, and a yellow halo encircled him.

At that moment, he had completely used the power of the Divine Realm.

Rumble!

Executive Feng took a single step in mid-air and charged at the crystal beast as if he was some savage giant beast.

When he collided with the crystal beast, Executive Feng was unexpectedly not inferior to the crystal beast. The scene of an expert and a crystal beast clashing continuously was extremely shocking.

A trident that had a dazzling gem embedded on it appeared in the Oceanic Species Divine Realm expert's hand. In comparison with the tridents of the other Oceanic Species experts, this expert's trident was more beautiful and refined. It had countless fine stripes depicted on it.

The Oceanic Species Divine Realm expert waved the trident, and its gem glittered. At that moment, water began gushing out of it, and a winding water dragon came out of the trident and charged toward the crystal beast.

Executive Feng glared at the Oceanic Species Divine Realm expert. He smashed both his feet on the crystal beast and used the recoil to propel himself backward, swiftly lengthening the distance between them.

The water dragon reached the crystal beast and began to engage it, and no matter how much the crystal beast roared, it couldn't throw off the water dragon.

This was a good opportunity. Executive Feng's hair stood on end like a cluster of needles, and he clenched his hand into a fist. The energy within the yellow halo covering his whole body converged on his fist.

A stifling world pressure began to surge of him and permeated the surrounding.

"Grand Barren Fighting Skill: Great Barren Collapse."

Buzz!

The strength that he had repressed in his fist suddenly erupted, closely followed by his fierce roar.

He shot forward like an artillery shell, streaking through the air at a speed which broke through the sound barrier, and landed a heavy punch on the crystal beast's head.

Bang!

Surging airwaves and true energy penetrated the crystal beast's head.

Crack...

Countless fine cracks appeared in the crystal beast's body.

Executive Feng grinned and used his elbow to continuously smash the same spot that he had punched earlier. Those cracks at that spot lengthened amidst loud rumbles. Suddenly, the giant crystal beast shattered and littered the floor with countless pieces of crystal.

A scarlet radiance shot out of the new pile of shattered crystals and soared into the sky. The radiance revolved wildly in the air for a while before it was absorbed by the greatly desired crystal source.

The sight left the Oceanic Species expert quite startled. Why did the crystal source absorb the giant crystal beast's soul essence? Shouldn't it have let the essence converge more crystals and form a new crystal beast?

That crystal source was truly weird and queer.

After the Divine Realm crystal beast was taken care of, Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species expert regarded each other with a wary gaze, realizing that they had become opponents once again.

"Since we already got rid of that crystal beast, then the ownership of the crystal source will be decided by our power." Executive Feng sneered coldly at the Oceanic Species Divine Realm expert.

That Oceanic Species expert waved his trident, and his cheeks opened up to spout out water. His body flickered and he shot forward.

Executive Feng took another step in mid-air and shot forward as well, tearing through the air in his way.

Swoosh!

Their speed was extremely swift, and they had the same objective—the spirit energy absorbing crystal source.

Bu Fang watched the battle attentively and pondered how he could snatch the crystal source from them. However, snatching it right under the noses of the two tenth grade Divine Realm experts would be extremely difficult.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The ground trembled intensely, disrupting Bu Fang's thoughts.

His surrounding darkened as though he was covered by the shadow of something huge.

His body tightened, and he turned his head around to see the ferocious giant Deep Sea Mantis Prawn just behind him, waving its sickles and glaring at him.

Rip!!

It swung its sickles in an attempt to rip into Bu Fang.

Bu Fang's heart lurched, and true energy burst out of his feet. Immediately, he shot out from his hiding place and revealed himself, exposing his presence to Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species Divine Realm expert.

The icy gazes of Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species expert immediately locked onto Bu Fang.

This tiny insect actually dared to come out?

Naturally, with the spiritual forces that they wielded as Divine Realm experts, they had easily discovered Bu Fang long ago, but Divine Physique Echelon experts like them had no interest in a seventh grade Battle-Saint like Bu Fang.

Just a sneeze from them was enough to eradicate such an ant.

So, why would they care about him? Would such an ant be capable of snatching their crystal source? This thought was utterly ridiculous.

Therefore, they had completely ignored him.

However, now that they had been fighting each other, the small ant unexpectedly came out. Such an action was enough to grab their attention.

Bang!

Countless rocks crumbled as the giant supreme Mantis Prawn rushed in with its small legs, crashing to the ground. The impact of its landing gave rise to a storm of dust. It promptly waved its sickles at Bu Fang, who was running from it.

"The Deep Sea Mantis Prawn? Why did it come here?" That Oceanic Species expert was taken aback. However, as he was mulling over it, Executive Feng quickly made a move and tried to take the crystal source.

That Oceanic Species expert didn't have the leisure to worry about Bu Fang and the supreme Mantis Prawn any longer, and he also charged. They collided and began their battle anew. Intense pressure and terrifying true energy surged everytime they collided against each other.

A wisp of green smoke curled around Bu Fang's hand, and the Black Turtle Constellation Wok appeared once more. Bu Fang infused the wok with all his true energy, and the wok grew to an enormous size.

Bu Fang gripped the massive Wok and turned it to face the incoming Deep Sea Mantis Prawn. With a loud rumble, the giant Black Turtle Constellation Wok flipped upside down and covered the supreme Mantis Prawn.

Bu Fang sat atop the wok and gasped for breath. He took some hot Oyster Pancakes from his dimensional storage and started eating it to replenish his true energy.

Bang! Bang! Bang! The Mantis Prawn pounded the wok from within, and Bu Fang could feel the constant rumbles beneath him.

However, Bu Fang wasn't worried. It was impossible for that supreme Mantis Prawn to lift the Black Turtle Constellation Wok off itself in a short while.

Bang!

The true energy that enshrouded Executive Feng began to combust, and he seemed to have gone insane. He began to bombard the Oceanic Species Divine Realm expert, sending the latter flying with an attack from his fist.

The impact of that collision caused Executive Feng's body to tremble and almost split his skin. However, Executive Feng didn't care about it and instead, he burst into a hearty laughter. He reached out and grabbed the oval-shaped crystal source.

As he gazed at the crystal source, which was overflowing with spiritual energy, Executive Feng's face brimmed with excitement.

"Open up. The divine tool within the crystal source is... mine!" Executive Feng eyes were bloodshot as he hollered in excitement.

He covered his hand with true energy, which formed the shape of a fine long blade, and raised it up high, then he swung it down at the crystal source.

That Oceanic Species expert, whose chest now had a deep indent on in, crawled out from the rubbles on the ground. "Executive Feng combusted his True Yuan to forcefully bombard and injure me in order to obtain the crystal source."

Once one broke through one of Supreme-Being's shackles, the true energy within their energy core would turn into a True Yuan vortex. A True Yuan was the source of a Divine Realm experts' strength.

Burning his True Yuan would damage his power source and would leave permanent damage on him.

That Oceanic Species expert didn't expect that Executive Feng would be this crazy.

Crack!

Executive Feng swung his true energy blade and cut a slit on the crystal source. His pupils dilated with excitement when he noticed a golden radiance and fierce spiritual energy overflow from the slit in the crystal source.

It really did contain a treasure.

The mouth of the Oceanic Species expert widened. Would the great Prawn Ancestor awaken and come back to the world?

Bu Fang smacked his lips after eating an Oyster Pancake and gazed at the crystal source in the Executive Feng's hands. What was the ingredient that the system had mentioned?

Crack!

Along with the sounding of a crisp noise, a pitch-black paw extended out from the slit in the crystal source. That paw was small, exquisite and adorned with soft and spotlessly clean... dog's fur.

Chapter 395: This Stinky and Shameless Black Dog!

Crack!

A crisp sound echoed within the spacious interior of the crystal mine as the crack on the crystal source's surface widened. The loud crack was accompanied by the sounds of crystal fragments falling to the floor.

Since the cave was very quiet, everyone was able to hear the crisp sound of the crystal source cracking open.

Bu Fang sat uprightly atop the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, eating another piping hot and fragrant Oyster Pancake. He was also paying rapt attention to the crystal source and the golden radiance it was emitting.

He watched for a while until an exquisite dog paw extended out of the crystal source.

A dog's paw?

Why has a dog's paw come out from the crystal source?

Bu Fang was taken aback, and he wasn't able to think properly for a moment. Didn't the system say that the crystal source contained a food ingredient?

"Could that dog's paw be the food ingredient? Do I have to steam the paw? Has the system really really set me up to prepare dog's meat? Oh my god!"

Bu Fang suddenly found himself excited.

However, he still felt a bit doubtful of his analysis. The more he looked at the protruding dog's paw, the more he found it familiar too. It even seemed similar to the paw of that lazy dog, who Bu Fang was still wondering about.

That Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert's face brimmed with excitement. He was really looking forward to the emergence of whatever was inside the crystal source.

He believed that within the crystal source lay the existence that would surely lead their race into a more vast sea area, the Prawn Ancestor.

When he saw a dog's paw emerge from the slit in the crystal source, his face fell, and his beautiful dreams and fantasies were shattered.

"This... Why does the Prawn Ancestor have fur?" The Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert muttered blankly. Wasn't the appearance of the Prawn Ancestor's appearance slightly weird? What the hell was that black dog fur?

The one who had been shocked the most was none other than Executive Feng.

He was the closest to the crystal source, and it was also him who had cut it open; therefore, it was he who had the greatest expectations for it. He had stuck to the belief that the crystal source contained an ancient divine tool.

The Hidden Dragon Continent was too ancient, so it wasn't strange for crystal sources to contain a divine tool. In some of the continent high-rank crystal sources auctions, there had been people who found precious divine tools inside the crystals.

This crystal source looked imposing, and it had absorbed all the spiritual energy within the cave. Shouldn't such an impressive crystal source contain something like a divine tool?

Why did a dog's paw suddenly come out of it?

Could the crystal source that he had been fighting for, and even combusted his True Yuan to obtain, contain a black dog?

"Where is my divine tool?"

The greater one's expectation was, the greater one's disappointment would be.

At that moment, disappointment was all Executive Feng could feel. His heart thumped like a drum, and he grabbed the dog's paw that had extended out of the slit in the crystal source. His breaths became ragged, and his expression changed from incredulity to madness.

"It's impossible! I'm sure that this black dog has hidden the divine tool."

Executive Feng was so angry that he flew into a rage, He swung the true energy blade downward and shattered the hollow crystal source completely.

Crack!

That crystal source was finally shattered, and countless pieces rained down. The contents of the shattered crystal source were finally revealed.

When they saw what was within the crystal source, Executive Feng and the Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert almost spouted blood.

The crystal source contained a black dog. A plump black dog.

That black dog raised its paw and squinted its drowsy eyes as though it was drunk. It also emitted burps filled with rich spiritual essences.

Executive Feng was so angry that he actually spouted blood. Now that he saw it clearly, he realized that the black dog was familiar.

Wasn't this the black dog that he had seen outside the mine? Back then, he thought that he was just seeing things, but now, that didn't seem to be the case at all.

Since this black dog was the same one he had seen before, then it was obvious that it wasn't the object that was initially within the crystal source.

"Black dog, where have you hidden the object in the crystal source?" Executive Feng roared. He was so angry that he flew into a rage. His chest heaved up and down uncontrollably, and he gripped the black dog by the paw and raised it up.

A strange expression was plastered on Bu Fang's face as he ate the Oyster Pancake noisily.

"Since Blacky has emerged from the crystal source, then... where is... that ingredient that was inside the crystal source? Was it eaten by the dog? My temporary mission, ah!!!"

Claps of thunder erupted in Bu Fang's mind as his expression slowly became expressionless.

Blacky's eyes kept dropping as though it wanted to take a nap. Going to sleep immediately after eating was a routine that the lazy dog was naturally well versed in.

That Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert's dead fish eyes widened. The crystal source contained a dog and not the Prawn Ancestor?

Then what about the Shrimp Ancestor? Was it eaten by that dog?

That was impossible. Isn't the Shrimp Ancestor a great existence? How could it have been eaten by a dog? Dogs aren't even fond of seafood.

"Then, this meant that..." The Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert squinted his eyes.

Since the crystal source that he had been fighting over may not have contained the Prawn Ancestor, after all, the ancestor should be within one of the two remaining crystal sources. As soon as his thoughts reached that point, the Oceanic Species expert's cheeks opened up and water gushed out of them.

His body shot out and sped toward the other two crystal sources as he intended to take them.

Executive Feng was startled by that Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert's sudden movement and why he had suddenly rushed out.

However, as soon as he noticed the Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert's destination, he immediately thought of something. Could it be the other two crystal sources that contained a treasure, instead?

That was surely the case. Otherwise, that Oceanic Species' expert wouldn't display such urgency.

As soon as he arrived at that conclusion, Executive Feng also wanted to quickly get his hands on them. If he couldn't even obtain one crystal source after he had already paid this much of a price for the first one, then he could only crouch beside the restroom wall and weep.

However, when he just wanted to throw away the plump dog in his hands.

The black dog drowsy eyes opened up and locked onto the Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert who was speeding toward the other two crystal sources.

It raised its small and exquisite paw, causing the image of a phantom paw to appear in mid-air.

Bang!

That Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert, who had been rushing forward, was caught off-guard and collided against the phantom paw. The impact sent him stumbling two steps backward.

What was going on?

That Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert's eyes contracted. He looked at the black dog and roared.

A trident appeared in his hands, and he waved it. Countless water dragons immediately erupted out of the trident, roared, and charged towards the phantom paw, in a bid to shatter it.

Black dog, you have already eaten the treasure within one of the crystal sources, and you still want to prevent us from obtaining the other two crystal sources?

Why does such a stingy and shameless black dog exist in this world?

"These crystal sources belong to this Lord Dog. Who permitted you to try to snatch them away?"

A gentle but deep, manly voice echoed out from Lord Dog's mouth.

Executive Feng's pupils dilated. He felt the hand gripping the Lord Dog get scalded, and he swiftly pulled it back.

Blacky body still remained in place, hovering in mid-air.

As it raised its paw again, the corner's of Blacky's lips curled up, revealing a playful smile that was rather human-like. It turned to face the roaring water dragons that were rushing toward the phantom paw.

Blacky calmly waved its paw, slapping these water dragons, which caused them to shatter.

It raised its paw once more, and the Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert was sent flying away from a slap as though he was a rubber ball and heavily collided against the cave's wall.

The entire cave trembled from the impact, and more pieces of crystals rained down.

Bu Fang ate the Oyster Pancake in two mouthfuls and watched the irritated Blacky in silence.

After Executive Feng witnessed that outcome, he jumped in fright.

He didn't expect the black dog that had just emerged from the crystal source would be this powerful. Even a Divine Physique Echelon Oceanic Species' expert was sent flying by a slap from the dog.

He took a deep breath, and his gaze at Blacky turned cold.

"Your Excellency has already taken one crystal source, but now, do you seek to take all the crystals sources for yourself? Aren't you a bit too greedy and insatiable?" Executive Feng asked in anger. He was shrouded by turbulent true energy as a result of suddenly combusting his True Yuan.

A boundless world pressure burst out from his body and oppressed Blacky.

Regardless of what he had seen, Executive Feng still needed to fight to get at least one crystal source.

Blacky yawned. It was having trouble keeping its eyes open because it still felt too sleepy.

It was no longer interested in the aggressive Executive Feng, and instead, it turned its gaze to Bu Fang.

"Bu Fang, kiddo, didn't you come here just for those crystal sources? Take them and go back, so that you quickly finish your mission. This Lord Dog wants to go home and sleep. That thing was truly delicious, and I got sleepy after eating it. It's truly..."

Upon hearing that, Bu Fang was speechless. Delicious? Did this plump dog consume the ingredient?

However, now wasn't the time to ponder about such matters. Bu Fang bounced on the Black Turtle Constellation Wok below him and dashed out.

The Black Turtle Constellation Wok began to rotate and shrank, before returning into Bu Fang's hands.

Hiss!

After he took back the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, the Supreme Mantis Prawn rushed out and waved its sickles. It was already enraged and wanted nothing more than to rip Bu Fang apart.

Blacky squinted its eyes, waved its paw and slapped the Supreme Mantis Prawn.

With a loud bang, the Supreme Mantis Prawn felt like its flesh and shell had been forcefully separated.

It was sent flying away and crashed heavily into the ground. As it had landed on its back, it thrashed its innumerable legs, trying to flip itself over. It had been stupefied for a moment and didn't know what happened.

"Where that seafood came from? Lord Dog hates seafood."

Blacky's nose twitched as it murmured.

Bu Fang didn't care about the Supreme Mantis Prawn, which had been sent flying, and continued rushing forward. Soon, he landed before the two crystal sources.

Upon seeing this, Executive Feng's eyes contracted. Was that human acting in cahoots with the dog?

"Damn! They schemed against me."

There was actually someone who dared to scheme against a person of the Great Barren Sect.

The Executive Feng was enraged, and he combusted his True Yuan once more.

This was unforgivable!

A yellow halo burst out of his body. The halo resembled a yellow dragon; it curled around his body the instant it emerged. His muscles bulged, and his true energy became more turbulent.

"Get lost!"

Executive Feng roared and swung his fist, producing an attack which broke the sound barrier aimed at Blacky.

Blacky, who had almost fallen asleep right there, was taken aback, and he was sent flying, crashing heavily into the cave's wall, giving rise to a huge cloud of dust.

Bu Fang looked in time to see Blacky flying through the air, and his eyelids twitched. He opened his mouth and spouted a golden flame. The small golden flame flickered atop his palm, and under his control, turned into a flame blade.

When Executive Feng saw that flame, he was taken aback for a moment, then he got even more enraged and roared.

"That's the Heaven and Earth Obsidian Flame's 'Ten Thousand Bestial Flame'. Are you the aboriginal human who took the Ten Thousand Bestial Flames?"

Bu Fang furrowed his brows and ignored the Executive Feng. He swung his flame blade and cut the crystal source in his hand.

Since this was his first time opening one, he was excited.

Chapter 396: Where is the Prawn Ancestor You Promised?

Swoosh!

Several pieces of crystals fell from the cave. A person slowly crawled out of the rubble. His head and face were filthy with grime, his complexion was quite ugly.

That expert from the Oceanic Species had dead fish eyes and they were blazing with anger. He was unexpectedly sent flying by a slap from a dog. He would never have expected that the black dog which came out of nowhere would be a Divine Realm existence.

However, even if it was a Divine dog, it would still not be able to stop him from awakening the Prawn Ancestor. No one was able to prevent or stop him.

The expert from the Oceanic Species roared angrily and peculiar sound waves were emitted from its mouth. As those sound waves rippled and resounded in the area, it seemed as though they would shatter the air.

Bang!

At this moment, he erupted with the power of a Divine Physique Echelon expert. His aura was completely unleashed and the broken rocks on the ground were unexpectedly lifted up by an invisible power. The resulting scene was that there were countless pieces of rocks floating in the air.

Crack!

There was a fin which was torn off the back of the Oceanic Species' expert. The moment the fin was torn off, his body started to enlarge at an extremely fast speed.

In just a short a while, he turned into a giant monster whose size rivaled the Supreme Mantis Prawn who was currently lying on the ground. His whole body was filled with bulging muscles. The sharp fin on his back resembled a cluster of iron needles. His head turned into a giant fish's head which was filled with razor-sharp spikes.

With a loud roar, he stomped his feet on the ground. The entire cave trembled the moment his feet landed.

Bu Fang waved his blade which was formed by a Heaven and Earth Obsidian Flame and effortlessly opened the crystal source. Countless beams of light burst out from the crystal source the moment Bu Fang's blade touched it.

In just an instant, a strange aura was emitted from that crystal source. It seemed like a strong wave which blew against Bu Fang. His hair fluttered behind him as the aura blew against him.

Executive Feng stopped in place and his gaze which flickered like lightning stared straight at the crystal source.

The Oceanic Species' expert frantic aura calmed down the moment the aura from the crystal appeared. His dead fish eyes also stared at the crystal source which was in Bu Fang's hand. His eyes were gradually filled with a look of excitement.

An imposing aura which he found familiar came from the crystal. The familiar aura caused the body of the Oceanic Species' expert to tremble involuntarily.

The Prawn Ancestor would awaken and appear in this world again.

Bang!

As the broken rocks flew around, Blacky strolled around leisurely and behaved like a cat as it walked out of the rubble. Its pitch-black fur was still spotlessly clean. However, the gaze which it used to look at Executive Feng became colder.

It was unexpectedly hit and sent flying by someone. Blacky would definitely not forgive that guy. How dare he hit Lord Dog?

After taking several steps, Blacky's nose slightly twitched as it looked at the crystal source in Bu Fang's hand with disgust.

"It's another kind of seafood..." Lord Dog slightly muttered and it opened its mouth to yawn. It was actually quite sleepy. However, it kept its eyes open and continued to stare at Executive Feng.

After Bu Fang opened a crack in it, a turbulent aura was emitted from it. In just a few short moments, some movements came from inside the crystal.

Bu Fang widened his eyes as he looked at the crystal. In the end, he wondered what was actually inside the crystal. Was it the ingredient which the system mentioned?

The crystal source intensely shook. The shaking was so intense that Bu Fang felt as though the crystal source in his hand was about to explode. When the shaking of the crystal source reached the peak, it issued a cracking sound. Along with the cracking sound, the tiny crack on the crystal source started to widen as if it was swallowed by something.

As the crack got bigger and bigger, an object the size of a human hand started to crawl out of the crystal source.

The Oceanic Species' expert had an excited expression on his face until he witnessed this. As for Executive Feng, he had a shocked expression on his face. It was as though he had just seen a ghost.

Bu Fang was startled. His brows rose up and he almost threw the crystal source away.

Shooting a glance at the thing in his hand, Bu Fang groaned with disgust.

That was indeed a mantis prawn. However, it was a small and delicate mantis prawn.

The entire body of the mantis prawn emitted a golden resplendent radiance. It seemed as though it was made out of gold.

That prawn mantis was... too small. The entire mantis prawn was the size of an adult's hand. When it rolled its body up, it resembled a small ball.

"Is this the ingredient? It has no meat on it at all..." Bu Fang twitched his mouth as he muttered expressionlessly to himself.

When he saw the mantis prawn in Bu Fang's hand, the expert from the Oceanic Species almost went crazy. A loud roar escaped his lips and he held onto his head. His dead fish eyes were bloodshot and he seemed to be quite demented.

"Where is my Prawn Ancestor? Where is my dear Prawn Ancestor? Why did it become a small and tiny mantis prawn? Ah!"

Executive Feng spouted a mouthful of blood with a 'plop' sound. He was extremely frustrated and his heart was dripping with blood. It was a miracle that tears did not stream out of his eyes. He used up half a day and combusted his True Yuan just to get a black dog from the first crystal source. Now, the second crystal source contained a small mantis prawn?

What the hell was that golden prawn mantis?

They already opened two out of three crystal sources. The remaining one should be a solid one with nothing inside it. In the end, he got nothing out of this big crystal mine which they found with great difficulty. He even ended up damaging his True Yuan in order to obtain the crystal sources. It was really not worth it.

After Executive Feng spouted a mouthful of blood, he let out an enraged roar. The yellow halo around his body seemed like it would destroy everything around him.

Bu Fang speechlessly looked at that tiny thing. That golden prawn was really small. After it whirled and crawled out of the crystal source, it climbed up his hand. It slightly waved its sickles at Bu Fang and rolled its eyes at him. After that, it stared at Bu Fang with a blank expression.

Bu Fang conveniently picked it up and observed it with an expressionless face. He sighed in his heart. This small thing was the size of a finger and was as tall as his hand... How was this considered an ingredient by the system?

Thinking about it, Bu Fang's face became slightly dark.

He turned his head and looked at the plump black dog who wasn't far from him. That ingredient from the first crystal source was definitely something he needed. However, it was eaten by that black dog. When Bu Fang thought about how Blacky burped with satisfaction just a moment ago, he felt as though his heart started bleeding.

His temporary mission... Ahh!

"Where is my Prawn Ancestor?" The Oceanic Species' expert went crazy and started bombarding the ground with its fist.

Was that golden mantis prawn his Prawn Ancestor?

How was that possible?

According to the ancient records, the body of the Prawn Ancestor was hundreds of feet tall. If it moved even in the slightest, dreadful giant waves would be swept up in the sea. Moreover, the pressure emitted from the body of the Prawn Ancestor should be boundless.

How could the almighty Prawn Ancestor be this tiny golden mantis prawn? It didn't even have the aura of the Divine Realm.

"Bu Fang, kiddo? What are you anxious about? Isn't there still another crystal source? Why don't you try opening it?"

Lord Dog smiled with embarrassment and said to Bu Fang.

Bu Fang shot a look at Lord Dog which made the latter even more embarrassed.

All of a sudden, Bu Fang felt a stabbing pain in his palm. Bu Fang furrowed his brows and looked at the wound. He discovered that the tiny mantis prawn nipped his palm with one of its claws. When Bu Fang's blood flowed out from the wound, the tiny golden mantis prawn sucked it all up.

What the hell?

This thing could suck blood?

When Bu Fang was shocked at the fact that this mantis prawn sucked his blood, it curled up into a ball and nestled on Bu Fang's palm. It stopped moving altogether and it seemed to be fast asleep.

This... This was another lazy creature... It's behaving just like Blacky.

Bang!

When Bu Fang was observing the tiny golden mantis prawn in his palm, Executive Feng went berserk. Raising his head into the air, his eyes were scarlet and his body emitted a berserk aura.

With a strong stomp on the ground, Executive Feng shattered it.

"Not yet! I almost forgot about it. Even if I can't obtain a crystal source, there is still that kid with the Heaven and Earth Metamorphosis Wok. If I can obtain that wok, it will be considered a small compensation for all my troubles. At least the heavens prepared something for me!" Executive Feng's ice-cold voice resounded within the cave and he stared Bu Fang with a greedy gaze.

Bu Fang raised his head and looked at Executive Feng with his lips curled upwards.

"Idiot."

When he heard what Bu Fang said, Executive Feng's pupils contracted. He was completely enraged right now. When he was about to make his move, he realized that a black dog was blocking his way.

Wasn't this the black dog which was sent flying by a punch from me?

"Get lost!"

Executive Feng angrily roared and raised his fist. The yellow halo around him surged forward and covered his fist. When his fist was covered by the yellow halo, it seemed like it transformed into a divine dragon as it shot toward Blacky.

That fist was powerful, imposing, and extremely terrifying. The moment Executive Feng threw the punch, dust and rocks flew everywhere in the cave.

"Was it you who hit me a moment ago? From the moment this Lord Dog came out, I was never hit and sent flying by anyone. You were the first, and the last person who would make Lord Dog fly."

Lord Dog's manly voice came out of its mouth. Although it had a mild tone, there was a trace of anger hidden behind it. Lord Dog had never suffered such a humiliation before.

In the next moment, Lord Dog's body which was in the air transformed. It transformed into a ferocious dog. A tyrannical aura was emitted from its body which oppressed everyone in the cave. The cave started to tremble as Lord Dog aura burst out.

Executive Feng was startled and his entire body started to shake.

Before he even thrust his fist at Blacky, he saw a black shadow shooting towards him. The only thing he felt was a slap and the next thing he knew, he was flying in the air. He collided heavily against the ceiling of the cave.

As crystals tumbled and fell down, Executive Feng didn't come back to his senses. He was grabbed and heavily pounded against the ground.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

He was constantly bombarded and smashed against the ground by that black shadow. Whenever he hit the ground, he rebounded back into the air. He was like a rubber ball being toyed around by that black shadow.

Executive Feng's eyes were gradually filled with fright and panic.

"Was... Was the black shadow a Divine Physique Echelon existence which managed to break through two of the Supreme-Being's shackles?"

He, Executive Feng, was a Divine Realm expert who broke through one of the Supreme-Being's shackles. However, he wasn't even able to fight back when he faced that black dog. Could the black dog be an existence which broke through two... or even three of the Supreme-Being's shackles?

Bang!

He was slapped once again by that frightening black paw. The moment the slap connected, Executive Feng felt as though his divine body was shattered. He pounded against the ground heavily and his head became slightly muddled.

He slightly opened his swollen eyes, and from the small gap, managed to see a giant dog paw moving toward his face.

Bang...

Turbulent airwaves swept through the cave.

Executive Feng was knocked-out.

Lord Dog, whose body was huge, had a malevolent look on its face as it stepped on Executive Feng with its paws. Its scarlet eyes were filled with tyranny and cruelty.

Opening its mouth slightly, sharp fangs could be seen in Lord Dog's mouth. It simply barked while stepping on Executive Feng's body.

Crack! A crisp sound was emitted from Executive Feng's bones before he died.

A Divine Physique Echelon executive of the Great Barren Sect, who broke through one of the Supreme-Being shackles, died.

The expert from the Oceanic Species blankly looked at Executive Feng's corpse. His whole body seemed like it was stripped of all of its strength and its swollen body started to shrink. Its sluggish, dead fish eyes widened when he saw how powerful this black dog was.

It left its gills open and forgot about closing them, making seawater unceasingly pour out of them.

Why... was that black dog this terrifying?

It unexpectedly killed a Divine Physique Echelon expert from the Great Barren Sect.....

That Oceanic Species' expert started to shake like a leaf and he almost wept.

Lord Dog's scarlet eyes swept the surroundings and fell upon the expert from the Oceanic Species.

Plomp!

The moment he felt Lord Dog's gaze on him, the expert from the Oceanic Species knelt down without the slightest hesitation. Tears flowed out of his dead fish eyes.

Lord Dog.... Go easy on me.

Bang!

Blacky's body instantly disappeared from above Executive Feng's body and it appeared beside the Oceanic Species' expert the next moment. It gave him a slap and left a deep indent on his face.

Along with a crisp sound, the expert from the Oceanic Species was directly buried within the cave wall.

Swoosh!

Blacky's body shrank down and turned into a plump black dog again. Its eyes were drowsy and it swayed around as it stumbled for a few steps. Eventually, Blacky lay on the ground and started sleeping soundly.

The cave which was just filled with smoke and dust became quiet and peaceful once again.

Executive Feng was beaten to death by Blacky and no one knew whether the expert from the Oceanic Species was alive. That Supreme Mantis Prawn was lying on the ground as it swayed its feet. It was incapable of flipping itself over and standing up.

Taking a deep breath, Bu Fang placed the tiny golden mantis prawn on his shoulder as he walked towards the last crystal source. Even though he didn't manage to find any ingredient in the first two crystal sources, there was still a third crystal source lying on the ground. Bu Fang held onto his last strand of hope as he raised his blade of flames and opened the last crystal source.

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At this moment, Bu Fang was slightly nervous as he didn't know whether that crystal source truly contained anything inside it.

Usually, there would be one solid crystal among the three. In some unlucky cases, there would be two of them which were solid.

They already opened two crystal sources. As such, the last crystal source in this big crystal mine should be a solid and empty one. If that crystal source didn't have the ingredient which Bu Fang needed, it would mean that he failed the mission given by the system.

Of course, Bu Fang could try to cook or boil that golden mantis shrimp. However, that tiny thing didn't have much meat on its body. It definitely couldn't be counted as an ingredient.

If he had seven or eight of them, then he might probably be able to make a dish with them. However, there was only a single one... Bu Fang felt as though he should forget about it.

Crack!

The Ten Thousand Bestial Flames temperature was extremely high. Since it was turned into a blade by Bu Fang, it was slowly cutting into the crystal source. It gradually opened one of the sides.

"Em?"

The moment he opened it, Bu Fang felt his heart palpitate with fear.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

All of a sudden, several sharp steel needles shot out from that crystal source.

The speed of those needles was extremely swift and they seemed to be able to tear the air apart. Even though Bu Fang dodged them, they continued to fly in a straight line and penetrated the wall behind him.

Bu Fang sucked in a breath of cold air. It was fortunate that he reacted quickly, otherwise, those needles would have already turned him into a human sieve.

What was inside this crystal source?

Bu Fang furrowed his brows and waved his flame blade down toward the crystal source. He sliced the crystal source into two pieces. This crystal source was hollow... If he wasn't attacked just a moment ago, Bu Fang would have been delighted.

After being cut in two, it slowly separated into two pieces. A clear and crisp sound resounded through the whole cave.

Bu Fang squinted his eyes and stared at the location where the crystal source split open. He could see that there was something which resembled a fish on the ground.

In the next moment, the fish swelled up and with a 'swoosh' sound, countless needles tore apart the air. Countless and innumerable needles were shot out once again.

Bu Fang summoned the Black Turtle Constellation Wok and slightly waved it in front of himself. He managed to deflect all those needles.

After some time, the clanking sound in the cave died down.

True energy burst out of Bu Fang's legs and he jumped up into the air. He clearly saw the existence which appeared when he cut apart the crystal source. Strictly speaking, it was a fish.

However, Bu Fang didn't expect that a fish like this would come out of the crystal source.

Green smoke twirled up as the Dragon Bone Kitchen Knife appeared in his hand. Bu Fang slightly waved the knife in his hand before he decided on something and stepped on the ground.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Another mass of needles was shot at Bu Fang once again. The speed of those needles were extremely swift. When they were right in front of his eyes, Bu Fang could see that those needles were completely white. There was a slightly cold glint on the tip of those needles which would cause one's whole body to shudder.

Clank!

He waved his Dragon Bone Kitchen Knife and sent all those needles flying. In the next moment, he walked towards the front of the spirit beast. That spirit beast was a fish and it was rolling its eyes as it glared at Bu Fang. The entire body of the fish was covered with countless spots and stripes. When it swelled up, its body became big and fat. Those needles from before were shot out once again the moment it swelled up.

Bu Fang's Meteor Cutting technique already reached perfection. One could only see knife light flickering around Bu Fang and all those needles were sent flying.

After deflecting all the needles, Bu Fang waved his knife and smashed it against the fat and bulging fish. It was instantly knocked unconscious.

After it was knocked unconscious, its body became small again. It was as though the air was leaking out of its body as it deflated like a balloon.

Only after knocking it unconscious, did Bu Fang relax.

"Who would expect that such a weird fish would be inside the last crystal source. Honestly speaking, this is truly a rare and exceptional ingredient."

Bu Fang picked that fish up by its tail and stood up. He started to observe that plump spotted fish. On Earth, such a fish was known as a pufferfish. Bu Fang had obviously heard of them before. However, it was Bu Fang's first time seeing a pufferfish which could shoot out needles in this Hidden Dragon Continent.

As for the taste of a pufferfish, Bu Fang didn't need to mention how delicious it was. Despite the poison contained in the fish, it was still a delicacy people risked their lives to taste.

"Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish, a seventh grade spirit beast. It was an extremely rare breed of spirit beast and breeding this species was extremely difficult. The Thorny Pufferfish could swiftly condense and form needles under its skin. Every time it swelled up, it would shoot out the needles. Those needles contained a deadly and violent poison which could poison even a ninth grade Supreme-Being."

While Bu Fang was observing that Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish, the system's solemn and earnest voice resounded in his mind. He furrowed his brows when he heard the system's description. After hearing the abilities of the Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish, he couldn't help but suck in a breath of cold air.

The poison in those needles could poison even a Supreme-Being! If he hadn't been careful a moment ago and allowed one of those needles to touch him, he would be dead by now.

As expected of the extremely poisonous pufferfish.

Bu Fang repeatedly sized up that pufferfish which he carried in his hand. He smacked his lips with admiration.

It was obvious that this pufferfish was the ingredient which Bu Fang needed to look for during this trip. When he thought about it, he couldn't help but feel excited.

Lightly patting the pufferfish, Bu Fang was pleasantly surprised.

It was indescribable how delicious pufferfish meat was. It was delicious to the point that one would eat it despite its virulent poison. Just from this point, it was obvious how delicious pufferfish meat was.

Although this Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish wasn't some supreme existence ingredient, Bu Fang was more excited to obtain this Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish compared to some supreme beast's ingredients.

He waved his knife and took a porcelain jar from his dimensional bag. He lightly slashed his knife across the Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish's neck.

The Thorny Pufferfish in Bu Fang's hands immediately started struggling and moving as dark blood slowly flowed into the porcelain jar which was in Bu Fang's hands.

When he finished collecting its blood, he washed that fish with the Heaven Alps Spirit Lake Water. Then, he carefully stored that porcelain jar which was filled with the Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish's blood.

The entire body of the Thorny Pufferfish was poisonous. Even the blood and internal organs had poison in them. As such, Bu Fang had to deal with them properly.

This Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish was a pufferfish from the Hidden Dragon Continent. The poison contained within its body was more powerful than the Earth's pufferfish. Hearing that the poison could take down a Supreme Being, Bu Fang didn't dare to carelessly touch it.

After he washed and cleaned the pufferfish, he placed it in the system dimensional storage and clapped his hands with satisfaction.

Now wasn't a suitable time for Bu Fang to cook the pufferfish. It would be much better if he returned to the Grand Serpentine City before cooking it.

Crack!

Not far from him, the Supreme Mantis Prawn finally managed to turn around. It finally stood up on its legs. It was in quite a sorry state and its shell had a deep indent because of that strike. The aura it emitted was also feeble and weak.

Bu Fang, who planned to leave, immediately stopped in place and he stared at the Supreme Mantis Prawn for a long while.

Bu Fang wasn't a magnanimous person. That fellow was someone who had been hunting him for a long time. There was no way Bu Fang would just forget about it. Moreover, it would be a pity if he missed out on such a good ingredient.

The Supreme Mantis Prawn, whose face was filled with confusion, had just turned itself over and it was still confused. All of a sudden, its eyes widened and it felt as though the surroundings went dark.

Bang!

A loud sound resounded and the whole cave started trembling.

Bu Fang patted the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, which was currently extremely big. He carefully took it out of the rubble.

When he lifted the wok, the Supreme Mantis Prawn was beneath it. Its shell was filled with countless cracks due to Bu Fang's attack.

The Supreme Mantis Prawn slightly raised its sickles and it glared at Bu Fang with its compound eyes.

Bang!

Bu Fang curled up the corners of his mouth as he ruthlessly smashed it with his wok. The ground cracked even more and was filled with countless fissures.

"Weren't you just wishing to become an ingredient... You should have just told me earlier. You wasted half your day chasing me."

Bu Fang curled up the corners of his mouth and raised the Black Turtle Constellation Wok. Under the wok, the Supreme Mantis Prawn was breathing its last breath.

He put that Supreme Mantis Prawn into his system dimensional storage with a satisfied expression on his face. He thought that he wouldn't end up getting any supreme beast meat on his trip. Who would have expected that there would be a Supreme Mantis Prawn pestering him? It delivered itself to Bu Fang's hands.

Bu Fang felt as though he didn't suffer for nothing.

The golden mantis shrimp which was curled up on Bu Fang's shoulder slightly stretched itself before it went back to sleep.

He took a look at that tiny creature before he expressionlessly turned his head to look at Blacky who was sleeping soundly on the ground. It seemed like that black dog was in deep sleep.

Bu Fang could only helplessly carry Blacky before throwing it into the Black Turtle Constellation Wok. He managed to carry the wok with one of his hand. This could also be considered as Bu Fang finding a place for Lord Dog to sleep.

As he stood in the cave, he observed his surroundings for a while before walking out of the cave. He followed the path he took into the cave and eventually reached the crevice where he fell.

He took another look at this cave which was filled with innumerable crystals. Bu Fang sucked in a deep breath and he didn't obsess over the crystals any longer. He directly entered the crevice and left the place.

The moment he left, a rumbling sound came from within the cave.

After making his way out of the broken rocks, a figure who was soaked in blood stumbled out. That Oceanic Species' expert was in a sorry state. It seemed like his whole body was covered by blood and even the luster on his blue skin became dim.

"Damned human... Damned black dog. The priest said that the Prawn Ancestor was in one of those three crystal sources... He must have been hidden in some place by that black dog! The Prawn Ancestor is the hope of our race. Without the ancestor, we can't rise up at all... We must find him!"

Blood trickled from his mouth and unceasingly dripped on the ground.

However, that Oceanic Species' expert wasn't a fool. When he saw how the black dog killed a Divine Physique Echelon expert from the Great Barren Sect, he knew that the black dog was someone who broke through more than one of the Supreme-Being's shackles. That would also explain how the black dog could heavily injure him with one slap.

He wasn't the black dog's match. He knew that he had to return and look for reinforcement from the Oceanic Species.

Cough! Cough! He coughed another mouthful of blood as his aura became more feeble, and slowly staggered out of the cave.

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Outside the mine, there were several factions standing opposite each other.

The ice-cold and metallic warship was floating in the air and it emitted an extremely strong pressure. It oppressed the Oceanic Species' experts, Wu Mu, and the others.

Every single one of them wanted to enter the mine, however, they knew how dangerous it was.

Not to mention the fact that there were two Divine realm existences inside the cave right now. They knew that even if they went in, they would not get anything precious from the cave. As such, Wu Mu and the Serpentine Sovereign didn't move. They stood there and faced the warship and the Oceanic Species' experts.

All of a sudden, a clear and distinct sound of footsteps came from the entrance of the mine. The sound of footsteps caused the grim atmosphere to become intense and strained.

Everyone's gaze was directed at the entrance.

It was especially the case for the Oceanic Species' experts and the Great Barren Sect's experts.

Who would come out of the mine? Who was the one who obtained the treasures?

Everyone was curious about the outcome.

After all, they had a Divine realm expert overseeing them. It was definitely not the seventh grade Battle-Saint. He was hunted by the Supreme Mantis Prawn and forced to enter the mine.

When they thought about how the seventh grade Battle-Saint charged into the mine when he panicked, everyone couldn't help but laugh.

"He is out!"

No one knew who shouted but everyone turned their head to stare at the figure who appeared at the entrance of the mine.

A tall and slim figure slowly walked out of the mine.

Chapter 398: Owner Bu is a Good Man

Outside the mine, everyone's gaze fell upon the entrance and their aura which was once calm became unstable. The breaths of everyone present became rough as they wanted to see who was the one who came out of the big crystal mine.

The experts from the Oceanic Species and the Great Barren Sect were the most eager and anxious out of everyone there. This was because they clearly knew the objective of their trip. It was the object within the mine. Since their leaders were both inside the mine, all of them wanted to know which one of them got the treasure.

When they saw the man who appeared at the entrance, the complexion of everyone became strange.

The eyes of the Great Barren Sect's experts widened. A look of incredulity appeared in the deepest part of their eyes.

As for the Oceanic Species' experts, their dead fish eyes widened. Their mouths opened up wide and their hideous fangs were revealed. They seemed to be dumb wooden chickens when they stared at the figure.

Only Wu Mu was prepared for this outcome. He wasn't too surprised as he knew how terrifying Bu Fang was. He was probably the only person in the area who knew about Bu Fang's power.

Although Wu Mu wasn't surprised, the Serpentine Sovereign who was beside him was utterly dumbstruck. The Serpentine King, Du Mu, was shocked as well.

How was it possible for them to know Bu Fang's true power? In the eyes of the Serpentine Sovereign, Bu Fang was merely a seventh grade Battle-Saint. He obtained the Heaven and Earth Obsidian Flame by pure luck. Even though he had a Heaven and Earth Obsidian Flame, he should be completely incapable of showing off the true power of the flame. How was it possible for such an ant-like person to emerge from the mine? The mine was supposed to be filled with countless experts much stronger than Bu Fang...

Could it be that he didn't enter the deepest part of the mine?

That was the guess in everyone's mind right now.

There were many people who felt as though that should be the case and the gaze which they used to look at Bu Fang contained disdain.

However, there were several experts from the Oceanic Species who squinted their eyes as they looked at Bu Fang with doubtful gazes.

One of them had a cold voice and he shouted at Bu Fang, "You were able to come out alive? Where is the Supreme Mantis Prawn?"

Since the ant was able to leave the mine, the Supreme Mantis Prawn should also be able to leave the mine...

When they looked at Bu Fang's carefree expression, a bad premonition crept up the hearts of the Oceanic Species' experts.

"Where is the Supreme Mantis Prawn?"

Bu Fang, who slowly walked out of the mine while carrying the Black Turtle Constellation Wok in his hands, looked at the Oceanic Species' experts with confusion.

The expert from the Oceanic Species who was standing on top of the sea waves glared at Bu Fang. His aura surged out of his body.

Curling up the corners of his mouth, Bu Fang summoned a giant creature with his thoughts. He grabbed the Supreme Mantis Prawn who had compound eyes and stared at the Oceanic Species' expert. He asked, "Are you talking about this big fellow?"

The Supreme Mantis Prawn was still alive. However, it was already on its last breaths. It slightly raised its sickles and it seemed as though he was begging the experts from the Oceanic Species to save it. However, after slightly raising its sickles, it dropped them.

It had no more strength left in its body.

The moment the Supreme Mantis Prawn appeared, everyone who didn't take Bu Fang seriously became surprised.

That kid.... That kid was able to defeat the Supreme Mantis Prawn?

How did a trifling seventh grade Battle-Saint like him defeat the Supreme Mantis Prawn? Wasn't this kind of unreasonable?

Bu Fang calmly looked at everyone who was in his surroundings. He raised his hand and patted the shell of the Supreme Mantis which was filled with countless cracks. He eventually stored it in his system's dimensional storage.

"This time, I won't cook it in oil... I'll steam it with some broth. Since this is such a big mantis prawn, its flavor can only be brought out by steaming it." Bu Fang murmured.

Although he was talking to himself, most of the people around him heard what he said. They were startled and terrified. This was a madman... He actually wanted to cook and eat the Supreme Mantis Prawn.

That was absolutely preposterous!

After the experts from the Oceanic Species came back to their senses, boundless anger welled up in their hearts. The Supreme Mantis Prawn was one of the Oceanic Species' experts. How could they allow it to be cooked and served to other humans as a dish? This would be a humiliation to all of the Oceanic Species' experts.

The dead fish eyes of the three Supreme-Beings of the Oceanic Species widened and sharp fins protruded out from their body. They stared at Bu Fang with a gaze filled with killing intent.

"You dare to humiliate a supreme beast from our Oceanic Species? You are courting death!"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Three explosion sounds resounded from the waves under their feet. Billowing waves soared into the sky. The three experts from the Oceanic Species seemed to have turned into beams of light as they shot swiftly toward Bu Fang.

Their killing intent was extremely dense and it even slightly shocked the Great Barren Sect's experts.

The expression on both Wu Mu's and the Serpentine Sovereign's face turned grave.

When facing the terrifying attacks of three Supreme-Being of the Oceanic Species, Bu Fang couldn't help but furrow his brows. He looked at the giant waves which almost covered the sky. Water sprinkled down from above and drenched his hair.

Bu Fang took a deep breath and controlled the Black Turtle Constellation Wok with his mind. He quickly sent the wok after the three of them.

The Black Turtle Constellation Wok whistled in the air as it flew toward the three of them. It quickly blocked the path of the three experts from the Oceanic Species.

"Get Lost!"

The three Supreme-Beings shouted at the same time as their killing intent assaulted Bu Fang. They bombarded the Black Turtle Constellation Wok with the giant waves and they tried to break it.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

When the attacks of the three Supreme-Beings fell on the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, a loud sound of impact resounded.

As soon as the three experts from the Oceanic Species saw what happened to their attacks, their pupils contracted.

The Black Turtle Constellation Wok emitted a deafening sound as it shook and trembled.

Bu Fang's complexion was slightly strange when he saw what happened to the Black Turtle Constellation Wok. He couldn't help but pay silent tribute to the Supreme-Beings from the Oceanic Species.

Blacky was sleeping soundly in the Black Turtle Constellation Wok. Inside the wok, it was warm and cozy, a perfect place to take a nap. As Blacky slept in the wok, its nostrils opened and closed as it took deep breaths.

All of a sudden, within the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, a loud noise resounded...

The fur on Blacky's body stood on end when it heard the noise.

It opened its eyes and became so enraged that the fur on its body stood up even more.

"Who's disturbing Lord Dog's sleep?"

Blacky angrily roared and it charged out of the wok. When Blacky was in mid-air, it became bigger.

A terrifying aura was emitted from its body and it shocked the experts from the Oceanic Species. All three Supreme-Beings were completely terrified when they faced Blacky.

With a frightful gaze, they stared at the black dog which appeared from the wok.

Blacky's drowsy eyes, which were filled with anger, swept through the three Supreme-Beings. Their bodies involuntarily trembled when Blacky looked at them.

A resonant bark came out of Blacky's mouth the next moment.

Blacky opened its mouth which became like a sacrificial bowl. Strong gales of wind were swept up. Blacky chomped down on them all of a sudden.

The three Supreme-Beings didn't even get the chance to scream before they were swallowed whole by Lord Dog.

After swallowing the people who disturbed its sleep, Lord Dog gradually calmed down. The fur on its body turned smooth once again.

"Pah! What a heavy taste of seafood..."

Lord Dog twitched its lips in disgust before it gave a proud groan. It returned to the Black Turtle Constellation Wok and resumed its sleep.

This time, Lord Dog went into a deeper sleep compared to before.

When everyone around saw what happened to the three experts from the Oceanic Species, they were scared witless.

It was especially true for the rest of the Oceanic Species' experts. Those seventh and eighth grade experts from the Oceanic Species felt that their legs were trembling. Their gills were all open and water continuously flowed out of them.

They all gazed at the black wok which returned to Bu Fang's hands in fright.

Three Supreme-Beings Commanders... were swallowed by a dog...

At this moment, in their eyes, Bu Fang seemed like a demonic fiend.

Bu Fang curled up the corners of his mouth as he carried the Black Turtle Constellation Wok and slowly walked away. He planned to return to the Grand Serpentine City.

The crystal sources within the big crystal mine were already opened by him. He had also obtained the ingredient in order to complete his mission. He wanted to quickly return to Grand Serpentine City in order to cook the pufferfish.

When Bu Fang approached the experts from the Oceanic Species, they didn't dare to stand in his way. They separated their sea waves and opened up a path for him. They looked at Bu Fang as he slowly walked further and further away.

All of a sudden, Bu Fang, who almost left the sea waves' range, turned his head around. He stared at all the experts from the Oceanic Species and earnestly said:

"Is there still anyone who has any objections about me cooking the Supreme Mantis Prawn?"

After hearing Bu Fang's words, the experts from the Oceanic Species almost wept. What damned objections could they have? Even if they had objections, would he listen to them? Wouldn't he just call out that dog to eat them?

Bu Fang nodded to himself with content and turned around. He eventually left the place. This time, there was no one who dared to stop him.

Wu Mu pulled the Serpentine Sovereign and followed after Bu Fang.

"Don't you want the treasures within the mine?"

"With the two factions here, what treasures can we obtain?" Wu Mu retorted. The beautiful face of the Serpentine Sovereign immediately stiffened as she was at a loss for words.

She could only helplessly follow after Wu Mu and leave.

As for the Oceanic Species and the experts from the Great Barren Sect, they continued to stand there. They wanted to wait for their experts to return from the mine.

After a long time, a rustling sound transmitted from the entrance and someone came out of the mine. The person was soaked in blood and seemed to be in a sorry state. He struggled to walk out of the mine.

The pupils of the Oceanic Species experts contracted and their hearts sank. They lost...

When they saw the miserable state of the expert from the Oceanic Species, they quickly inferred the outcome of the battle. They thought that the expert from the Great Barren Sect was more powerful than him. Everyone thought that the Oceanic Species' expert was beaten by the Great Barren Sect's expert.

"Where are the three Supreme-Being Commanders?"

When he saw that the experts from the Oceanic Species had faces filled with grief, he solemnly asked.

One of the Oceanic Species' expert informed him of what happened while scowling. The Divine-Realm expert who just emerged from the mine had an ugly expression on his face. He sprouted a mouthful of blood and his complexion became worse.

"Let's go... Let's return to the Sea Palace."

Unexpectedly, the Divine-Realm expert from the Oceanic Species didn't want to avenge the three commanders. This was completely out of their expectations. Instead, he ordered them to return to the Sea Palace.

Everyone was taken aback by his order.

The Great Barren Sect's experts were the same. They were shocked as well.

Before leaving, the Oceanic Species' Divine Realm expert strenuously curled up the corners of his lips. He faintly smiled when he looked at the cheerful and delighted expression on the faces of the experts from the Great Barren Sect. The experts from the Great Barren Sect were standing in their warship which was floating in the sky. A trace of derision appeared at the corners of their mouths.

"Laugh for now... When you find the corpse of your Great Barren Sect's Divine Physique Echelon expert, I'll see whether you are all still capable of laughing."

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Bu Fang returned to the Grand Serpentine City at a moderate pace.

Wu Mu and the Serpentine Sovereign reached it first. The moment they arrived in the Grand Serpentine City, all the dangers it faced disappeared. The Oceanic Species' experts were all killed by the angry Wu Mu and Serpentine Sovereign.

The sound of excited cheerings echoed in Grand Serpentine City.

There were also some people who recognized Bu Fang. The only reason why Grand Serpentine City was still standing was because Bu Fang drew the attention of the Supreme Mantis Prawn and led it away.

There were countless people who revealed a thankful look toward Bu Fang.

Bu Fang, who was carrying the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, was shocked when he saw the grateful gazes from everyone. He thought that they were acting weirdly.

Wu Mu, the Serpentine Sovereign, and the others came to look for him after he returned.

The Serpentine King, Du Wei, had a pale complexion. There wasn't the slightest trace of blood on her face. She almost exhausted all her power as she excessively used Grand Serpentine City's protective array cannons. She looked at Bu Fang with a complex look on her face.

"This human... Although he attacked the city before, he was also the savior of the city." Even though there were some conflicts between them in the past, she felt that he should be a good person.

Yu Fu followed behind the Serpentine Sovereign and came over. When she saw Bu Fang, it was as though a heavy stone was lifted from her heart. She was excited to see Bu Fang again.

"Owner Bu... We may have offended you before. However, we can still sit down and slowly discuss the matter between you and the Serpentine Sovereign."

Wu Mu looked at Bu Fang with a warm expression. He had a smile on his face and he wanted to act as a mediator between Bu Fang and the Serpentine Sovereign.

The lips on the Serpentine Sovereign's beautiful face slightly opened. She appeared as though she wanted to say something.

However, Bu Fang waved his hand at her. He prevented her from saying anything.

Bu Fang looked at the Serpentine Sovereign and calmly said, "Don't say anything. The most important thing right now is for you to prepare a kitchen for me. We can discuss everything else later. Yu Fu... Come over and be my assistant."

The Serpentine Sovereign, Wu Mu, and the people around them were taken aback by his words.

What was going on?

Chapter 399: This is a Cursed Fish

Prepare a kitchen?

Were you a comedian invited by that black dog?

The Serpentine Sovereign and the others were all shocked at Bu Fang's sudden request. They stared at him speechlessly.

Wu Mu awkwardly smiled. He didn't expect that Bu Fang would make such a strange request the moment he came back. Even he was slightly caught off guard.

"Owner Bu... We should talk about important matters first..."

A slight trace of embarrassment flashed through the Serpentine Sovereign's beautiful face. Could it be that Bu Fang wanted to carry out their discussion in the kitchen? That would truly be weird, wouldn't it?

"Owner Bu, if you want to have a meal, I will order my imperial chefs to prepare it. First, let's go to the main hall of my imperial palace and have a nice chat about the matter about Yu Fu." The Serpentine Sovereign didn't want to delay their discussion any longer and she kept pestering Bu Fang to enter the imperial palace.

Bu Fang shot a look at the Serpentine Sovereign as the corners of his mouth curled upwards. There was a trace of disdain as he looked at the Serpentine Sovereign.

"Imperial chefs? Are the dishes made by them edible?"

The Serpentine Sovereign slightly furrowed her brows. She felt as though Bu Fang was looking down on her imperial chefs. No matter what, she was the Serpentine Sovereign. Although she was already a peak Supreme-Being expert and seldom ate, the imperial chefs in the imperial palace were the best of the best. They had been meticulously chosen from the countless serpent-men.

"Owner Bu, you can be at ease. The imperial chefs are people who were carefully chosen out of all the serpent-men. Their culinary skills won't disappoint you in the slightest."

"Oh? If they are as amazing as you claim them to be, can they cook this ingredient?"

Bu Fang calmly said and covered his hand with true energy. He took out a plump and big fish which was covered in countless stripes.

When Wu Mu and the others looked at the hideous fish in Bu Fang's hand, they were astonished.

"What kind of spirit beast is that?"

"It seems like a breed of fish. However, I have never seen anything like it."

"That fish is too ugly! I'm pretty sure it tastes nasty as well..."

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Everyone around Bu Fang started to whisper among themselves. When they were all discussing the fish in Bu Fang's hand, the Serpentine Sovereign's complexion became slightly ugly. That was because even she was incapable of recognizing the spirit beast in Bu Fang's hand.

Yu Fu was also astonished. Even though she had been his apprentice for a long time and practiced the culinary arts with him for quite some time now, she was unable to identify the fish. If even Yu Fu was not able to recognize the ingredient in Bu Fang's hand, the Serpentine Sovereign would definitely not be able to.

"The most important thing right now is to take me into the kitchen. I want to cook a dish using this ingredient. After I'm done cooking it, you can have a taste. After tasting the dish, you'll know that the imperial chefs in your palace are nothing compared to me." Bu Fang grabbed the Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish and he said with barely concealed arrogance.

The golden mantis shrimp on his shoulder slightly moved and its compound eyes stole a glance at the pufferfish in Bu Fang's hand. It felt as though it had seen it somewhere before.

Bu Fang naturally didn't care about the golden mantis shrimp. Instead, he fixed his gaze on the Serpentine Sovereign.

In the end, the Serpentine Sovereign and the others gave in and brought him to a kitchen.

Yu Fu cheerfully followed behind them. As she was confined to her own home by the Serpentine Sovereign for a month, she wasn't able to cook. There was no opportunity for her to come into contact with a kitchen knife. She was extremely eager to be able to cook again.

When they entered the kitchen, the Grand Serpentine City's imperial chefs respectfully greeted the Serpentine Sovereign.

"Can anyone of you recognize what ingredient this is?"

The Serpentine Sovereign had a cold voice as she asked the imperial chefs about the ingredient in Bu Fang's hand. She didn't believe Bu Fang and she also didn't believe that none of the chefs would be able to identify the fish.

However, she was bound to be disappointed. After all of the imperial chefs looked at the fish in Bu Fang's hand, they were unable to identify it. Although some of them found it familiar, none of them were able to accurately identify the fish.

"This... This ingredient looks like it came from the northern region of the Grand Serpentine City. It looks like that demonic fish which lived in the river there."

A young imperial chef said in a grave tone "However, that fish contains a deadly poison and there is no way to eat it without getting poisoned. It can't be considered an ingredient."

Bu Fang was slightly startled as he didn't expect that there would truly be someone who recognized it. Although he was surprised that there would be someone who made a correct guess, Bu Fang didn't reveal the name of the fish to everyone. Were there really different kinds of pufferfish living in the area?

"You are right. This ingredient contains a deadly poison. This Thorny Pufferfish has a poison which can kill even a Supreme-Being," said Bu Fang.

When everyone heard Bu Fang, chaos broke out. He actually wanted to cook an ingredient which could poison a Supreme-Being to death?

"This... This is a cursed fish! Even if it was cooked, the dish would be poisonous. It can't be eaten..."

That young imperial chef was trembling and shaking his head as he cried out.

"This is because all of you have no idea on how to cook a fish like this. Now, tell me where is that river." Bu Fang looked at that young serpent-man and asked with excitement in his voice.

If there was really such a river, Bu Fang would take a trip there and capture lots of pufferfish. He would bring them back to his store and create a new dish out of them.

"That is a cursed river... All of the demonic fishes in it were killed by the experts from our serpent-men race. However, the blood of those demonic fishes contaminated the water and they could only seal the place up. The experts filled the river in order to stop the poison from spreading." That young imperial chef proudly raised his head in the air and proclaimed.

Bu Fang had an expressionless face when he looked at the young imperial chef. When he saw that the young imperial chef raised his head with pride, Bu Fang felt like smashing his face with the Black Turtle Constellation Wok.

Those demonic fishes were pufferfish! They were all excellent ingredients...

Bu Fang restrained himself and he pulled Yu Fu into the kitchen.

The Serpentine Sovereign and Wu Mu were startled by Bu Fang's actions. The imperial chefs wanted to follow Bu Fang into the kitchen and watch him cook the demonic fish.

Before they could enter, Bu Fang who was carrying the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, blocked the kitchen. He looked at the imperial chefs calmly.

"What do you think you are doing? All of you should distance yourselves from the kitchen. Other than my apprentice, no one is allowed to take half a step into the kitchen when I'm cooking. Anyone who disobeys will be battered to death by my wok."

After Bu Fang was done speaking, he closed the door of the kitchen with a loud "bang".

A trace of embarrassment appeared on the Serpentine Sovereign's face. This was really embarrassing. She snorted at Bu Fang in her mind and she swayed her tail toward the kitchen door. She really wanted to see how Bu Fang prepared his so-called exceptional delicacy.

Wu Mu warmly smiled and said, "Owner Bu is a capable and talented person. He has exceptional culinary arts. It isn't strange for him to have a weird temper."

The Serpentine Sovereign shot a gaze at Wu Mu before snorting coldly. She eventually turned her head sideways.

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The kitchen was pretty decent and it was quite magnificent. It was tidy and spotlessly clean. There were countless ingredients inside the kitchen, waiting for the chefs to cook them. There were even some spirit beasts in a cage staring at Bu Fang.

Those were spirit beast ingredients which would be butchered shortly.

Bu Fang didn't pay attention to them. After he entered the kitchen, he started to make changes to the entire place.

He conveniently took a kitchen knife which was lying on a table and he waved it around. After some consideration, he threw the knife at Yu Fu.

"Wield this kitchen knife. Since you haven't touched a knife for a month, you should familiarise yourself with it. Watch how I cook carefully and you should be able to learn many things." Bu Fang advised Yu Fu.

After Yu Fu took the knife from Bu Fang, she nodded her head earnestly. She was extremely happy that she finally got the chance to cook again.

Bu Fang nodded his head at her and he replaced the wok in the kitchen. Of course, Bu Fang wanted to use his Black Turtle Constellation Wok compared to the random wok used by the imperial chefs.

Carrying Blacky who was sound asleep, Bu Fang threw it into a random corner of the kitchen. After getting rid of Blacky, he poured Heaven Alps Spirit Lake Water on the wok. Then, he took a step back and he opened his mouth. A ball of golden flames emerged from his mouth.

Yu Fu, who was observing him, stared at Bu Fang in shock. As it turned out, spitting fire had its uses.

After the Ten Thousand Bestial Flame made its way to the bottom of the wok, it started heating up the wok. In just a short while, the Heaven Alps Spirit Lake Water within the wok started boiling.

Bu Fang earnestly washed the Black Turtle Constellation Wok before putting it aside. Afterwards, he started to process the Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish.

If Lord Dog saw that Bu Fang cleaned the wok, it would definitely slap Bu Fang till he died. This Bu Fang actually cleaned the wok because Lord Dog slept there.

It was just a nap! Why would you need to clean it with Heaven Alps Spirit Lake Water?

However, despite everything, Bu Fang's earnest attitude affected Yu Fu. Even her hair white skin on her arm had goosebumps on it. Bu Fang could see that she was extremely nervous. It was her first time seeing Bu Fang this earnest and serious.

After taking out the Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish, green smoke twirled around Bu Fang's hand. He summoned the Golden Dragon Bone Knife and waved it in the air once. Afterwards, he started to cut up the Thorny Pufferfish.

Although the Thorny Pufferfish's skin was tough and hard, it was easily sliced apart by the Dragon Bone Kitchen Knife. The knife went through the skin like it was tofu.

With a wave of his hand, a fine line appeared on the Thorny Pufferfish's body. He turned his knife over and raised the skin of the Thorny Pufferfish.

His hand slightly trembled as he pushed the knife deeper into the Thorny Pufferfish. He lightly severed the joints which were between the skin and the meat.

When Yu Fu saw how Bu Fang processed the Thorny Pufferfish, her eyes couldn't help but widen. She felt as though there was a ray of light coming from Bu Fang which lit up the dim kitchen.

The skin on the Thorny Pufferfish was quickly opened up and Bu Fang peeled it off.

Owner Bu's cutting skill advanced to a greater level and it was reaching perfection.

As his chef's apprentice, Yu Fu was practicing her cutting technique daily. However, it was inferior and lacking compared to Bu Fang's Meteor Cutting Technique.

Therefore, Yu Fu was astonished when she saw Bu Fang's cutting skills. Every time she saw him cook. It was like he was making a piece of art. It was truly pleasing to watch Bu Fang cook.

Bu Fang slightly shook his kitchen knife and he placed the skin on a porcelain tray which was located above the kitchen stove.

After the skin was taken care of, Bu Fang focused on the rest of the fish in front of him.

Bu Fang held on firmly to his knife and he slightly squinted his eyes. In the next moment, his knife flickered like lightning as he slashed down toward the Thorny Pufferfish. His movements were so swift that it would be able to dazzle everyone.

Every time he lifted his knife, some fine poison sacs would be removed. Those sacs were capable of creating the poisonous needles which it used to attack Bu Fang. Those sacs contained deadly poison as well as a strange liquid substance. Bu Fang knew that if the liquid contaminated the meat, the entire Thorny Pufferfish would become inedible.

This was a task which required patience as well as precision. Bu Fang knew that there was no room for mistake.

Splat! Splat! Splat!

After he took out each poison sac, he would throw it in a porcelain tray. It would make a 'splat' sound which caused Yu Fu to hold her breath as she was becoming more and more nervous. Her face started to flush and beads of sweat flowed down her forehead.

She widened her big eyes until they become round, which made her look really adorable.

However, Bu Fang was too busy right now and didn't have the time to admire how adorable and lovable she was.

"Process those poison sacs. Bear in mind that you can't come into contact with them, otherwise, you'll be infected," Bu Fang said calmly.

After Yu Fu came back to her sense, she nodded at him. She carefully took the porcelain tray which was filled with poison sacs. She looked at the tray and found out that there was some yellow liquid flowing inside those sacs.

Bu Fang only started the next step after he inspected the Thorny Pufferfish and found out that there weren't any others poison sacs on it.

He gouged out the Thorny Pufferfish's eyes as even the eyes of this creature had a virulent poison.

He waved his kitchen knife and scraped off some fine spikes from the surface of the meat. Those spikes were not big nor sharp. They didn't even contain poison. However, Bu Fang took them off as they would numb one's mouth and affect the taste of the dish.

He opened up the Thorny Pufferfish's and carefully gouged out its heart. He also took out its air bladder before washing them with Heaven Alps Spirit Lake Water. He carefully processed the fine membranes which were inside the Thorny Pufferfish.

It took him a long time to completely process every single part of this Thorny Pufferfish, as it was extremely poisonous.

He waved his knife and started slicing the remaining meat which had no poison in it. The meat of the Thorny Pufferfish was quite soft. Just by lightly drawing his knife across the meat, the meat opened up.

After he was done processing the meat, Bu Fang started to prepare to cook it.

He was slightly excited as in his previous world, pufferfish meat was considered the most delicious food in the world. Although it was slightly exaggerated, it was enough to prove that pufferfish meat was extremely delicious.

Since he was about to cook such a delicacy with his own hands, Bu Fang was naturally quite excited. However, he was still prudent and careful when cooking the Thorny Pufferfish.

With a wave of his hand, the Ten Thousand Bestial Flames became stronger. The temperature of the Black Turtle Constellation Wok instantly rose.

Chapter 400: Shrimpy, What Are You Doing?

Bu Fang once cooked the pufferfish in his previous world, and although he couldn't be considered extremely well versed in its preparation, he still knew several things about it. The pufferfish tasted fresh and delicious, and its meat was extremely soft and tender, resembling the meat of a crab. However, it was more pleasant to chew than the meat of a crab, and its taste was unforgettable.

In ancient times, there was a saying about those who risked their lives by eating the meat of a pufferfish. It stated that even if one did indeed get killed by the pufferfish's poison after they had eaten its meat, their death would have been worth it.

However, the reason why people died from poisoning after eating a pufferfish was that the fish wasn't processed properly.

For example, they didn't completely extract its blood or didn't completely process its internal organs, which would cause its poison to seep into its meat and kill its consumers.

After getting properly processed by Bu Fang, the Darkmoon Thorny Pufferfish no longer had any poison within it, and thus he could begin to prepare it, feeling at ease.

He put all of the Thorny Pufferfish's meat on a porcelain tray, took out a bottle of the Ice Heart Jade Urn Wine and sprayed it on the meat in the tray. Afterwards, he left the meat to marinate in the wine. The Ice Heart Jade Urn Wine was sparkling, limpid, and colorless, and after it was sprayed on the meat, the Ice Heart Jade Urn Wine slowly started to seep into it. This step was necessary because after the Thorny Pufferfish's meat was soaked in wine, its aroma would become richer, and its taste would be better.

While he let it soak in the wine, Bu Fang started preparing other things.

He poured the Heaven Alps Spirit Lake Water into the wok once again and increased the Ten Thousand Bestial Flame's intensity, causing it to grow brighter, and it swiftly boiled the water in the wok.

Dense steam began rising up out of the Black Turtle Constellation Wok. This steam was capable of refreshing one's mind, causing them to feel comfortable all over.

While the water boiled, Bu Fang went to the ingredients area and took out some spirit herbs. He crushed the herbs and squeezed their juice onto the Thorny Pufferfish's meat.

As soon the green juice was sprayed into the tray filled with the Ice Heart Jade Urn Wine, it immediately began to seep into the fish.

Bu Fang put his palm above that porcelain tray, and his true energy slowly surged out, controlling the juices. Once the juices had seeped into the Thorny Pufferfish's meat, it caused the fish to slightly lose its luster.

After he had done all that, Bu Fang took the Thorny Pufferfish's meat out of the porcelain tray which was filled with the Ice Heart Jade Urn Wine.

He proceeded to wash the Thorny Pufferfish with Heaven Alps Spirit Lake Water, and after he had done that, the water in the wok was already boiling.

As Yu Fu, who stood close by, watched Bu Fang's natural and effortless actions, her eyes widened, and they became filled with admiration.

Owner Bu had an accurate grasp of the time required to process each ingredient, and this was something which Yu Fu wanted to learn, because if an ingredient was processed excessively, the ingredient would be adversely affected, ruining its taste; however, if an ingredient isn't processed enough, then its taste wouldn't be completely exhibited. Therefore, being able to grasp the required timing was also a skill.

As Bu Fang was engrossed in the cooking, Yu Fu's gaze shifted to the skin of the Thorny Pufferfish that was on the stove, and she moved to take it away.

However, as soon as she just picked it up, Bu Fang turned to face her and strictly said, "Put that down."

Yu Fu was taken aback by his words. Was this fish skin useful?

"Don't arbitrarily handle matters that I didn't instruct you to..." said Bu Fang calmly with a slightly severe tone.

Yu Fu was startled but she still nodded, realizing that she had made a mistake.

Was the Thorny Pufferfish's skin useful? Of course, it was useful, and it was an extremely important part of the dish.

The water in the wok had already started bubbling, so Bu Fang took the Thorny Pufferfish and carefully placed it into the wok. He waited until the fish had boiled, causing it to glitter slightly, before he took it out and put it back on the tray.

Afterward, he dumped all the boiled water.

Yu Fu carefully observed every part and details of Bu Fang's cooking with wide eyes.

Bu Fang began to heat the Black Turtle Constellation Wok again. As Bu Fang's mind was telepathically linked to the wok, he knew its current temperature. He poured some oil into the wok, and soon after, he tipped in the powder of some spirit herbs that he had just prepared and started stir-frying it.

A loud sizzle rang out as the spirit herbs were stir-fried until they began emitting a fragrant aroma.

Their aroma wasn't rich, but it had a comforting, sweet scent.

The properties of the spirit herbs had been completely stimulated by Bu Fang.

Bu Fang placed the boiled Thorny Pufferfish's meat back into the wok, and as soon as it made contact with the scalding wok, it immediately began to emit a rich fragrance.

That fragrance was so unique, it seemed like it would drill into one's heart, causing them to never forget about it.

Yu Fu took a deep breath, and her face brimmed with infatuation.

Bu Fang poured the soup he had prepared into the wok, and it completely engulfed the Thorny Pufferfish's meat. He took out the Blood Crown from the system's storage space, sliced a part of it off, chopped that part into several pieces, grounded the pieces, and tipped it into the wok.

The Blood Crowns were top-notch seasonings, and Bu Fang was fond of using them. Not only were they capable of forcing out the fragrance of the dish, but they would also provide it with rich spirit essence which improved its taste and aroma.

While the contents of the wok were being cooked, Bu Fang's true energy turned into countless silk-like thread which drilled into the Black Turtle Constellation Wok and began sensing and observing every change that occurred to the ingredients within it.

This dish required him to pay close attention and not slack off, because if he lowered his concentration, the meat of the Thorny Pufferfish may end up tough, which would negatively affect its texture. Once its texture turned bad, this dish's taste would also turn nasty. One misstep could adversely affect everything.

However, if Bu Fang cooked the dish properly, it would become a peerless delicacy, but if he didn't manage to cook it well enough, it would end up being an ordinary dish.

Bu Fang didn't dare to lower his concentration for even a moment, and his complexion remained serious.

Even Yu Fu didn't dare to breathe loudly; she remained silent and observed Bu Fang attentively.

At that moment, the golden mantis shrimp, which had been quiet atop Bu Fang's shoulder, rolled its compound eyes, raised its sickles slightly and started moving its innumerable little feet.

Bu Fang's complete attention was on the dish, so he didn't notice its actions.

The golden mantis shrimp stared at the soup within the wok, which was gradually taking on a red luster, and a trace of confusion flashed through its eyes. It started moving down Bu Fang's shoulder.

Suddenly, it jumped. Its golden body glittered within the dense steam, and while it was airborne, it waved its sickles and rolled its compound eyes.

A sharp "plump" resounded in the kitchen.

The fragrant soup immediately splattered its immediate surrounding, causing Bu Fang, who had been completely focused on it, to jump in fright.

"What the hell? Shrimpy, what are you doing?"

Bu Fang's complexion became grave. He never expected the golden mantis shrimp, which had been extremely peaceful all along, would cause trouble for him at such a moment.

When it leaped off Bu Fang's shoulders, the golden mantis shrimp rotated a full 360 degrees in the air before diving gracefully into the soup... Did it took it for a swimming pool?

Bu Fang's face darkened.

Yu Fu widely opened her mouth in astonishment at the scene she had just witnessed.

It was her first time seeing an ingredient jump into the wok of its own accord. It was truly astounding.

Shrimpy's body glittered, and it waved its sickles and squinted its compound eyes. Its face was brimming with satisfaction as it swam around and proceeded to dive deeper into the soup.

Bu Fang was perplexed. Was this shrimp really taking a warm and relaxing bath in the soup?

Suddenly, Bu Fang, whose mind was still telepathically linked to the Black Turtle Constellation Wok, squinted his eyes.

He felt a strange and peculiar fluctuation emanating from Shrimpy's body. A golden luster surged from the golden mantis shrimp. It flowed into the soup and seeped into the meat of the Thorny Pufferfish's meat, tenderizing the meat of the Thorny Pufferfish, causing it to unexpectedly soften.

Bu Fang's complexion became slightly strange. Did this golden shrimp mantis have such an ability?

Bu Fang didn't let it bath in the wok for too long. The longer the golden mantis shrimp bathed in the soup, the more golden energy it emitted.

Too much of the golden energy... wasn't good.

Hence, Bu Fang used his true energy and scooped out the fellow from the soup.

The golden mantis shrimp seemed slightly displeased by the unceremonious act, and it bent its body and moved its small feet around.

"Don't cause any more trouble. If you cause trouble again, I won't just use you as an auxiliary ingredient, I will directly make you the main ingredient."

Bu Fang lifted the small creature and calmly said.

Shrimpy seemed to understand Bu Fang's words, and its body immediately stiffened as it started feigning death.

Bu Fang threw Shrimpy, who was still feigning death, onto his shoulder and resumed observing the ingredients in the wok. The unexpected benefits caused him to nod his head in satisfaction.

He took the Thorny Pufferfish's skin and waved his knife, cutting it up nicely before tossing it into the soup.

With a resounding rumble, the intensity of the flames seemed to surge, bathing the immediate surrounding with the intense light from its bright flames.

In just a short while, the soup started boiling and emitted an alluring fragrance.

Its aroma was rich, fragrant, and mellow. The fragrance contained the faint scent of wine, an overflowing spirit essence, and the aroma of the Thorny Pufferfish. It was only after all these elements had coalesced that an extremely intoxicating fragrance, which could captivate anyone's heart, came into being.

The rich fragrance wafted out of the kitchen, and the serpent-men who were in the immediate vicinity stiffened and twitched their noses, sniffing the alluring fragrance.

"It's so fragrant, ah!"

"What is this aroma? Why is it this fragrant?"

"I have lived for so long, yet I have never once smelled such a remarkable fragrance. It seems capable of drilling into your heart and cause you to yearn intensely for it."

"Ah! I can't bear it!"

The stimulation caused by fragrance made the people around start tweaking their ears and kneading their cheeks. Even a peak Supreme-Being expert like the Serpentine Sovereign was affected; She smacked her lips and looked expectantly at the kitchen.

She never expected that such a fragrance could waft out of the kitchen.

It was no surprise that Wu Mu praised the human kid's culinary arts, it was... truly and excessively exceptional.

Faced with such a fragrance, the imperial chefs of her Grand Serpentine City were all utterly defeated. They didn't even need to taste this dish. Only it's aroma was enough to defeat countless imperial chefs.

Countless expectant gazes immediately locked onto the kitchen.

Eventually, the long-awaited moment arrived, and the tightly shut kitchen door began to open. As it opened, the fragrance, which had been constrained within it, seemed to perceive a way out, and it burst out of the kitchen.

The sudden fragrance eruption caused whistling gales, and countless people were even incapable of opening their eyes.

However, they were delighted, joyful and almost went crazy sniffing the complete fragrance.